

I shall open the schools again in a few days, now that the intense heat is past. I wrote to a number of friends in Ontario pleading for dolls for Christmas. Have been promised some by the Woodstock Mission Band, Goderich Auxiliary and Avonbank, but we can't get too many, as even though more were sent than would do for all the girls' schools in the Mission those remaining would not be dead stock. There is so little to induce the girls to attend regularly, especially where one cannot manage to spend a little time every day in school. If anything will bring them out it will be the hope of getting a doll.

I told you that I am housekeeper at present, and now that the rains have come and the dust is all gone I am going to have all the curtains taken down and washed, so that everything may be in apple pie order to welcome Miss Rodger home. I wish you could peep in and see our cosy bungalow, and drink a cup of tea with us.

### Girls' School.

TAMSUI, FORMOSA.

MRS. MCKAY.—Your very kind letter to hand, and I will not delay in trying to answer.

1. During 1887 there were several girls all the time, but other work was still more important, and we had to leave the Matron often attending to the girls. Just now there are ten girls in the school.

2. All are doing better than I ever saw before. Dr. McKay proposed what should be taught, and all agreed, for he knows best.

(a) Salvation through Christ alone.

(b) Bible truths.

(c) Reading the Bible in Romanized colloquial.

(d) Writing the Romanized colloquial.

(e) Making, mending and washing their own clothes.

A very clever Chinese woman lives in the school with the Matron, and teaches them these things:

(f) Cooking and preparing food, etc. One takes turn every day at this; also salt and preserve vegetables.

Dr. McKay feels very strong on these points, because they go home to be wives and mothers, and especially the *Pi-po-hoan*, never knew how to make their own clothes. I am sure they are taught the right and useful things, *Bible first*.

Nice things like piano, etc., just now, we are quite sure would be out of place. Little by little, when the people see girls going home so well prepared to help fathers and mothers, etc., and