

what they must be called, so I tell them they are maids of all work. The washing is the most troublesome part, but we get through very well. I only have them in school three hours each day, owing to the days being so short; but they are progressing very nicely."

A later communication (14th Nov. 1854) gives also a pleasing view of these poor children, whilst the appeal of the writer for the sympathy and prayers of friends at home must find a response in every Christian's heart:—

"Our orphans are progressing very nicely. I had intended that Eliza should have written to you this time, but she has not confidence enough to do so; she has made several attempts, but cannot finish one to her own satisfaction. I wish you could hear them read at our morning prayers, I am sure you would feel so happy; you would feel well repaid for all the trouble and anxiety you have had concerning them. If you have not yet done so, will you, my very dear friend, make them the subjects of earnest prayer at your working parties. Oh! pray that our efforts may be blessed to their souls' eternal good. May they all receive spiritual life through our instrumentality. May they all have to rejoice that we have been placed over them. And may they all, in the last great day, be our crown of rejoicing. I have a great deal of anxiety on their account; I feel the responsibility to be very great. Should I shrink from it on account of its greatness? Oh, no; but I would beg of you, and all friends, to help me all you can by your prayers and alms."

On the same subject the teacher, in her last communication, remarks: "In school they are progressing very nicely. The only thing they seem to have any difficulty in acquiring is arithmetic; they manage very well with the ball-frame, but it seems as if they could not manage it in the abstract. They read and write, and sew and knit very well; are very fond of geography. The next opportunity we have of sending anything home, I hope to have a good supply for your Missionary basket; will you tell me, when you write, what you think would sell best."

The children of the school in general were improving also; but the habits of the parents, roving about in quest of food by fishing or the chase, militate greatly against their progress. The books and the clothing sent out to them have proved of great value, and it must be gratifying to those whose kind hands fabricated