

the boarding-house again, nor go on the street alone." Constant contact with this kind of work makes the heart sick, and there are times at night when one's overcharged brain refuses to yield to nature's sleep.

The girls keep up their interest in the Mission Band. They have worked well this year. Last summer it was decided that each would try and earn special money for our Mission Band. To-day the earnings were brought in amounting to over eleven dollars. This money, together with membership fees, monthly collections, and the result of our sale last December, with one life membership, has made our offering for the year over fifty dollars. The delegate to the Branch meeting was also chosen to-day. The lot fell on Katie, (Mrs. Ah Tou). She is very much delighted at the thought of going. We want our girls to take turns in representing us at the annual meeting.

God grant that the hearts of our girls may go out in loving sympathy to their less favored and benighted sisters.

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## Tidings from the Indian Work.

*From W. T. Rush, M.D., Lak-Kalzap, Naas River, B.C.*

LAST week witnessed quite an important event in our village. The chief of the whole river, a very old man, was laid away in the Lak-Kalzap cemetery. On the morning of his death the cannon was brought into requisition and thundered forth the announcement that a chief had died. Report after report sounded up and down the river, bringing to Lak-Kalzap the people from the neighboring villages, of which there are three within close call. The body lay in state for a few days, and friends gathered to pay their last respects to the old chief. The funeral procession was led by the village brass band, which played the "Dead March," and played it well. (Music is the one branch of study that seems to be no trouble to these people.) Two men, presumably the tolulas, were dressed in conspicuous uniform and marched next to the band. A tolula is one whose duty it is to care for the sick person previous to death, and pay all expenses connected with the sickness and funeral. In return for his services he receives a certain sum varying according to the circumstances of the family of the deceased. Although honor is paid to the chiefs now, the position does not signify all that it did in heathen days. In the Christian village one man is about as good as another so long as he behaves himself. Rank is of secondary importance, and the motto of our village is "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none."