

SCOTTISH ORPHANAGE, March 5, 1877.

To the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church, KINGSTON.

DEAR FRIENDS,—I think you will be pleased to get a letter from me, because it will show you that I am getting on with my English. I was about seven years old when I came to School, six years ago, and did not know how to write at all. I am now in the second class, and like to learn my lessons, but I am fonder of play, and I make the girls laugh a great deal. The second-class girls take it in turns, week about, to teach in one of the Hindu Day Schools, called the Badha Bagan School. My sister Helon is the head teacher there, and we walk to the School, as it is so near ours. Some of the children who attend there, are only three years old. They like to learn, and are very fond of singing. Besides learning our lessons, we also learn to do household work; and this is my week for cooking. I can make very nice curries, and cook *dhol* and rice. Sometimes my teacher tastes our curries and says they are very nice. We sit to cook, as our fire-places are built on the floor. I like to be in school, and am very happy here.

Last Friday, we all went to the General Assembly's Institution, to get our prizes. Lady Lytton kindly distributed our prizes. The children of the Hindu Day-School were also present. They were dressed in very gay colours, and had jewels on their legs, hands, neck, ears, nose and head. We sang two English hymns, and a Bangali one; and my sister's school-children sang very nicely in English, "There is a Happy Land," and after, we sang, "God Save the Queen." Lady Lytton came to us and said we had sang very nicely; and that when next she wrote to Her Majesty, she would tell her about our Orphanage, and how nicely we sang.

I am, yours gratefully,

MINNIE.

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To Miss McLeod :

DEAR MADAM,—I have much pleasure in writing to you for the first time, and hope you will answer my letter, as I should like to get one from you. You will be glad to learn that I am in the second class in English, and the first class in Bengali. I try very hard to learn my lessons, and to give my teacher satisfaction. I got a Bengali Testament for a prize, which pleased me much. I have been nearly eleven years in School, and did not know anything when I first came, for I was so small that I do not even remember coming. I was brought by our Minister, the Rev. B. C. Chuckerbutty, from Crissa, during the famine of 1866. I am thankful that God has placed me here, where I have learnt to know Him. We learn to cook and do other household duties; and for the last three weeks the second-class girls have been going to help the teachers in one of our Hindu Day Schools. I like it very much. Some of the children are very smart, only three years old. They like to go to school, and are very fond of singing. On Sunday, we go twice

to the Bengali Chapel—in the morning at half-past 7, and at half-past 4 in the afternoon. After morning service, we have Sunday School. It is conducted by our Minister, the Rev. B. C. Chuckerbutty. Some other children attend besides ourselves. During the day we go up stairs to our Superintendent, and she explains the Bible to us. Last Friday, Lady Lytton honoured us by distributing our prizes. The children of our Hindu Day-School were present, and they were very gaily dressed, with jewels on their head, neck, ears, arms, and feet. Altogether, there was about 350 of them,

Yours gratefully,

SEETAH.

The Dayspring.

THE following graphic sketch of this Mission Ship, of which our church is part owner, is from the pen of Rev. J. Inglis, one of the New Hebrides' Presbyterian Missionaries. Though somewhat lengthily we feel confident it will be perused with interest by all who read it:—

The Dayspring is a three-masted schooner of about 160 tons burden. She was built in Sydney four years ago. She cost us, as presently fitted up, about £4,000. She costs annually about £1,800 for her ordinary expenditure. She has on board ten white men all told, viz., a captain, two mates, (one of whom is also ship's carpenter), a steward, and a cook, four able-bodied seamen and an apprentice; she has also three natives as boatmen. While among the islands she has generally four or five natives as a boat's crew.

Her income has hitherto been obtained as follows. The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, now united with the other Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion, holds itself pledged for £250 a year. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, now united with the Free Church of Scotland, holds itself also pledged for £250 a year. The Presbyterian Church of Victoria holds itself pledged for £500. The Presbyterian Church of New South Wales pays annually £200. The Synod of Otago about £200, and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand £100. The Presbyterian Churches in Tasmania generally about £100 a year; and the Presbyterian Church of South Australia about £100. The Presbyterian Church of Queensland has done something, but not much, as it has been very little visited by any of the missionaries. We also obtain nearly £200 a year from the interest of the Dayspring Insurance Fund of £3,000, which our friends in New Zealand assisted