

and damp, and with so many girls we are sure to have some coughing.

Before Christmas I was often in the school practising with the children. I could not help noticing the difference, how much better and more healthy the "Home" girls looked than those from the village; the regular food and attention soon tell on the outward appearance.

I was sick at the Mission House for two weeks and believe that prompt and proper treatment saved me from a serious illness. Mr. Raley is a splendid doctor. I had every attention from both him and Mrs. Raley, who did everything they could for me. I am feeling quite myself again, and ready, to start regular work, some of which, principally sewing, has had to be neglected.

We have two great difficulties to contend against in the way of house-keeping. One is that the water has all to be carried from a stream which is at the foot of a steep hill. In the summer this stream runs dry and the girls have to go quite a distance to a small spring. We are hoping that the day may soon come when we shall be able to get water laid on both in the Home and Mission House.

Our other difficulty is wet wood, which is very hard to burn and ruins the stove. When we can get a large shed and have the wood cut and packed one year before we need to use it, that difficulty will be remedied.

We are very thankful for the grant that was allowed for building. Already we are much more comfortable; the girls' work-room has been lined and the dormitory is nearly finished.

We have several new little girls this year who are bright and getting on nicely. At prayers in the morning the girls are learning the books of the Bible; they all repeat them together first, then the little ones by themselves. They know all the Old Testament books and most of the New. They also learn a text every week in English and Kitamaat, and can remember them for a number of weeks back. Miss Walker, the new school-teacher, takes a great interest in the "Home."

The old year closed and the new year started with a terrific wind-storm. On Saturday a number of the people had to vacate their houses, they shook so much and were