



GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MISS CAIRNS' REPORT.

To the constant readers of our reports we can say nothing very new, each year seems to pass by with the same even flow. Our trials and hopes our discouragements and successes are about the same.

Ours is a life of routine, yet each year we have new material to work upon and mould into shape. Ours is foundation work, the material to be used up is raw, and in some cases worse than that, for bad habits have been formed which have to be eradicated before anything can be done. Yet there is great pleasure in instructing these minds. Almost everything to them is new, their curiosity is excited, their attention attracted, they drink in instruction greedily, as far as their capacities permit them. A few each year come here who have enjoyed the advantages of early training; these study more advanced subjects, e. g.—: Two of our girls took Diplomas as Teachers last spring and commenced teaching right away in our Mission Stations. We have now several others studying with the same intention.

Our roll at present numbers thirty-three, fourteen came to us unable to read, while many others read with great difficulty. A still greater number were unable to write, while their knowledge of other things was very limited. As a general rule they are six years behind the children found in most of our common English schools.

All our children receive lessons in the Bible, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Singing, and English; those most advanced, have in addition to this Grammar and History, while those preparing for Teachers study the Art of Teaching.