

and cold weather there is seldom a night that we do not entertain some of the friends of the children, but now in the long days (for the days are very long here) and beautiful evenings they can quite easily come, see the children, hear of all their joys and grievances, notice how they are clothed and treated, get a little tea and return the same day. One proud father likes, each time he comes, to hear his only and much-loved child play on the organ and sing. They are very fond of music, but from their own ignorant, easy, careless, happy life I cannot wonder that they hesitate at first to give their children out of their homes away from their mothers into the care and under the control of a people so entirely different from themselves, and whose motives they naturally and reasonably question. Surely it is really a great trust committed to us. I do not mean to the missionaries, but to you who send us, and keep us, and support the work, and call down the blessing of God and His Son, to whom is given all power in heaven and on earth.

The Inspector spoke very encouragingly of our school and of the demeanour and progress of our pupils, and said that they are, according to the Government standard, well advanced. In marking he gave some of them a hundred per cent. But I must not forget to tell you that when he asked to see their needlework we asked him to look at the dresses they, the girls, wore. He was pleased to notice that a number of the dresses bore many, many patches, also the work of their own hands. They are getting to take an especial delight in keeping their clothes mended, and do not like to have them "broken." All the girls over eight years old wear their own make of stockings. Mrs. Hockley takes great interest in teaching them knitting, mending, etc., and the largest girls washing, ironing and general housework. I teach them their dressmaking, fancy work and school-room work. Two little girls can use the sewing machine, and three, during the last quarter, have cut out, fitted and made dresses without assistance. This they did in competition for a prize offered by Miss Elsie Lash.

Our quarterly examination was also interesting. Prizes were given by Mr. Moore for attendance and good conduct, by Mr. Lash for English speaking, by Miss Lash for the most perfect repeating of the Beatitudes; also by Miss Lash for needlework. Mrs. Lash handed out the prizes, asked the children to receive them politely, and although some who had worked hard for prizes and were defeated felt a little disappointed, yet all went to