

INDIAN WORK.

From Mrs. Walker (Miss Knight).

S.S. "B. Boscowitz," July 16th, 1890.

The time for my last quarterly letter has passed, but I thought it better to wait till my work was done at the Home, and report it as I left it. The building is, of course, a little more dilapidated than when last I wrote, the floors and stairs more shaky, and the roof a little more leaky, the furniture a little more worn and shabby-looking; but they all bear these things cheerfully and uncomplainingly, as their hopes are brighter and stronger of having a new Home and nice, strong, good furniture before long. The children were all well, with the exception of a little cold in the case of one or two. Our new child is a little girl, not quite six. Her father died last winter, leaving a large family, and the mother was desirous of putting little Hannah (or Nannie, as we call her) with us, in accordance with the father's dying wish. She is a bright, nice child, and makes a nice playmate for our other two wee ones, Johnnie and Dollie, and the three mites make the house lively very often with their play and laughter. Their work is usually to play and *be good*, though all three go to school at least once a day. Nannie is only in for five years, too short a period by half. I do not approve of taking very young ones for such a short time. In five years the hardest part of training the child will be done, and yet she will not be old enough to have fixed principles, nor fitted for anything useful in future. Ellen Wesley left us (I think I wrote you before about it). Since then, her mother wished to send her back to the Home, but as they have constantly troubled us about the girl, we thought it better not. Sarah Williams is with me on board the steamer. I am taking her south to live with Mrs. Green, as she was very desirous of going, and we felt it would be better to place her out to service than force her to remain in the Home, now that she has really learned all she could learn there. Annie Thorne, whom we sent to Mrs. Tate eighteen months ago, has been very well and happy, and is now married to a farmer in comfortable circumstances, living either at Chilliwhack or in Washington Territory. Of all the girls who have left us since I took charge of the Home, I feel most satisfied about Annie. It was hard to part with my baby Dollie, although she has known for a long time that "mamma" was going away, and