

The boys in this school appear more cheerful than any others I have seen in this group; all of them look remarkably healthy, and, indeed, robust for these islands. They are fed upon *poe*, one of the most nutritious articles of food, and thrive proportionately; they were, in fact, the largest boys of their respective ages that I saw on the islands.

Through the kindness of Mr. Lyman, I was present at an examination of the scholars: sacred geography and arithmetic were the two branches most dwelt upon; the exercises in mental arithmetic would have done credit to our own country, for they were quite as proficient in them as could possibly have been expected. I was much pleased with the arrangements of the dormitory, eating-rooms, hospital, and with the appearance of the "farm," or few acres they had under cultivation. It was very evident that system and good order prevailed throughout. The dormitory, particularly, appeared to me well calculated to promote health, and give notions of comfort foreign to the ideas of a native.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman seem quite competent to the charge, particularly the latter; for one cannot but perceive the hand of the mistress pervading throughout. This and Mrs. Coan's school for girls, are decidedly the best-conducted establishments, I saw in the Pacific. I cannot pass by the latter without adding a few words.

Mrs. Coan had been kind enough to ask me to appoint an hour to attend the examination of her pupils, or to come when I could. My employments placed it out of my power to select a time, and I took advantage of her general invitation to drop in when I was quite unexpected. I was very kindly received, and found her with all her scholars seated around, some hard at work with the needle, and some reading. My entrance occasioned little or no disturbance, either to the lady or her scholars; and the regular routine of the school went on. It gave me great pleasure to see what the industry, talent, and zeal of my countrywoman had accomplished; for by her untiring assiduity this school had been established, and is kept up. The whole care devolves upon her of maintaining, clothing, and educating these children; and the only aid she receives is through the donations of parents and strangers, and what little the girls can earn by sewing for the storekeeper.

The accommodations for this school are far inferior to those for the boys; and I must say, I felt some astonishment that the Board of Managers had not given it a helping hand. When it is stated that Mrs. Coan has young children of her own, without servants to whom she can trust them, it will be seen that the task of taking under her