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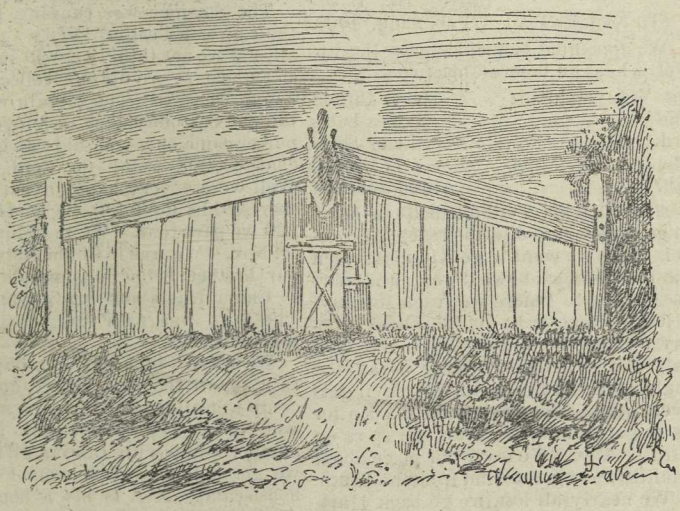
OR

DAWN ON THE NORTHWEST COAST.

No. 10. KITAMAAT B. C. APRIL. 1900



CHIEF JESSEA'S OLD TRIBAL HOUSE.

There are two Kitamaat villages, the old and the new, the summer and winter. At the new or winter village the houses are neat, modern, built of lumber. The old village is four miles distant from the mission and one mile up from the mouth of the Kitamaat river, there the houses are all of the above type, they are all of cedar, varying in size.

Jessea's house was built 30 years ago by Walter (Lahdouh) of the beaver crest. All the friendly totemic clans were employed preparing the material and building. The women leveled the ground and dug the post holes. When all was completed the men were paid from 10 to 15 blankets, according to work done, and the women received for their labor print and calico from Towahwhisilax sister of Lahdouh. After occupying the house for two years, according to ancient usage he deeded it to Jessea the chief of the beavers who is also head chief of all the Kitamaats. Chief Jessea has another house more recently built and of modern appearance, which was built by Mark Morrison (Nokamoih) who also occupied it then deeded it according to the custom of the people to head chief Jessea. Jeremiah (Weyarkey) is the son of Mark Morrison and successor to the chieftain ship of Jessea.

## E. L. HARTLEY BAY.

(The following interesting account of a trip has just been received.)

The Epworth League.
Methodist Church.
E. T. Patlass – Secretary.
6 North Water Street.
Hartley Bay B. C.
(To Nanakwa). Feb. 22nd. 1900.

We appointed new officers for the Epworth League before Christmas.

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| 1st. Vice-president | Heber Clifton |
| 2nd. ... ... | James Bates |
| 3rd. ... ... | Peter Bates |
| 4th. ... .. | E. Patlass |
| 5th. ... ... | Alfred Johnson |

After that the Lord touched our heart to go somewhere else, to preach the Gospel. Now we want to go Kitamaat, then the president said "we'll wait, and start on Monday'. Before we reach Monday, a letter came from our brother Timothy Buxton, he was in China Hat, and call us down there, telling us all the souls were die in sin, the old devil gets over them. The way seems to open for us to go China Hat. Now we start on 23rd. of Nov. We leave our place about 2 miles, was a great wind from the South.

We nearly all lost, we go back Hartley Bay. Our president give us cup of tea, and he tell all the League that they will pray more and more to ask God that he will open the way, the next morning come, and we start again no wind but little rain.

About five miles from our place, we saw the steamer "Willapa" came from the North. We are on our way to go down. We want to go with that boat, but can't help it, "Willapa" went the other way where the mines. About one hour she came on the right way behind us. All of us wait the steamer, we take one canoe an go on the steamer line, we put up a flag on the pole, and soon as we put up our red and white and blue flag the steamer was whistle; thank the Lord for that. The steamer coming where we are. We tell the captain we going China Hat, purser wants $30 for three canoe and sixteen people. We ask the purser to help us, we told him we going to visit our brothers at China Hat.

And soon the sailors see our drum and sing their own song using drum.

The Steamer was running 10 miles, the Epworth League have no money at all, yet we not think we will meet some steamboat so we did not collect money before we start. The captain went into the purser's office, they talk together the purser came out, and said 'alright boys charge $20", thank the Lord for that. Well we are very happy about our brother Arthur Robinson, he lends League $20 we give that. We in China Hat 25 th. Nov. We was in China Hat 12 days, our brother Bella Bella people coming to China Hat about grave yard stone. The Lord was with us, we win some souls to Christ.

We leave China Hat 6 th. day of Dec. raining all the day till we got to our camp wet all through, no one save from wet. Next day we start again and take another camp with raining all the time, we got help in our Kitamaat friend's house-camp, if it is not a house-camp there, we surely all sick or die for cold, safe in his house, our Kitamaat friend's name was Bob. We take next camp in Fisherman Cove. Nice weather, next morning we leave Fisherman Cove. We were very happy. Before we reach the Hartley Bay, we take our dinner at the last point towards our place, the president he ask the blessing, as soon we open our eyes one of the president's saw the deer swimming in the water, we take one canoe and go after and kill it, we stay one hour and cook the deer meat. We got home on the 9th. day of December. Soon as we came in our home from China Hat we start working we building new road for our church. And we have good time all this winter,

not by helping ourself, or making ourselves higher than the others, no, no, but by helping God. We ask God to help our faith and we feel he was help us very much. Our brother Henry Fawcet came from Metlahkahtla, Alaska. He went up to Kitamaat before Xmas. After New Year he came back from Kitamaat he visit us and give us good preach he preach one hour, from St. Matthew 7 th. chapter 9, 10, 11, verses we had a good time, the next day all the people went away.

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## KITAMAAT HOME LETTER.

Six months have passed since I wrote for Nanakwa, they have been anxious and busy ones. Mr. and Mrs. Raley being away most of the time, responsibility has been much greater. Though we did not like being alone at Xmas everything passed off successfully. The firemen decorated the church they put up some nice drawings behind the pulpit and a large program of the anthems to be sung. We had service in the church on Xmas morning the members of the band were there in full uniform, and as we were going up the path to the church, they played "In the sweet bye and bye." In the evening we gave the old people soup buns and tea, then we had Xmas tree and singing by the choir and children. On Tuesday evening the children gave their entertainment which consisted of choruses, quartettes, duets, calisthenies, posing and recitations. Of course there was a great deal of extra work the girls did well, especially Flora who was never tired, she was useful in every way, from acting as interpreter to cleaning stove pipes, I could not begin to tell what she did. The young men of the village learnt and sang several quartettes this winter, they have good voices. The children have been very well with the exception of a few weeks when several of them had a rash which we thought must be chicken pox.

Elizabeth Cross sister to Mary the little girl who was so ill last year has been ill for some times. Mr. and Mrs. Raley have been home nearly two weeks, I was so delighted and relieved to see them. Dr and Mrs Large were on the boat they spent two hours with us, the Dr prescribed for Elizabeth and some others who are not very strong. Among other pleasures of the home coming were the gifts brought from friends, the King's Daughter circle to which I belong sent a lovely picture, "The New Madonna", for our sitting room, it is hanging opposite the door, and the children always give a glance in passing, they love pictures. At first I was disappointed because the associate matron did not come but when Mr. Raley explained how it was, I said, I could wait with patience, knowing it would not be for long. I have great hope in my little girls, this week Annie one of the little ones is promoted to dinning room girl, she is delighted and goes round with an air of importance at the table, and asks the children with great dignity, if they want more, then runs to the kitchen and laughs, she is very quick in movement. One day I went home with her to see a sick baby, she was able to tell her mother every thing I said, the mother laughed, nodded her head and looked pleased. It is very gratifying to hear how much interest is taken in the home I sincerely hope our anticipations with regard to it will be realized. I must not forget to express thanks for the useful bales that have been sent this winter, we still need yarn and towels, the girls do a lot of knitting and it is hard to keep up the supply of yarn. In closing I would like to say how grateful I am to the ladies of the W. M. S. for the confidence they have placed in me, and that I feel it an honour to be one of their recognized missionaries.

E. E. Long

## PORT SIMPSON HOSPITAL.

A young man from Hartley Bay gives an account of his treatment and cure.

"It has long been my desire to make a statement of my cure. Early in the winter of 1892 I had some trouble with joints disease. I suffered terribly with that dreadful disease and thought my case a hopeless one. I expended on my case few sums of money for different remedies guaranteed to cure the joints disease in its worst form, but received no benefit therefrom. At last the mission yacht "Glad Tidings" was called at Hartley Bay on Dec. 9th. 1894 Dr. Bolton was aboard, he came ashore while the boat remained and told me to go with him up to the hospital, its a good chance for me, so bid my friends a sad farewell, (not one of them ever expected to see me again alive,) and was taken aboard. I was so weak scarcely able to move, I expect my complaint would be the death of me. We reached Port Simpson the following night safely. I was taken to the Hospital all things were ready, the rooms are nice and pleasant, the best of food is served. Miss Spence had been the only nurse in the hospital until another kind hearted lady comes as nurse too, every thing possible is done by the physician and nurses to render the visits of the afflicted pleasant and desirable. The hospital was filled up. I had been treated with much kindness by Dr Bolton and nurses for over three months and receiving a little better, the medicines was helped me which the Dr. gave me, the kind care that all gave me was something that could not be paid for with money, it was like being at home. I have both Dr and Mrs Bolton's sympathy. Early in March 1895 I went aboard the staunch little vessel for home as the Doctor told me to do so, it seems I won't get worse any more till winter time. (Again I was taken sick) Mr. and Mrs. Edgar doing their best in taking care of me. The opportunity again came for me to find relief. It was the 2nd. of Dec. Dr. Bolton was returning from Kitamaat and Kitlope on the "Glad Tidings". They had been treating many patients. Mrs Bolton was on board that trip. We arrived at the hospital the gentle nurses who tried so patiently and kindly to minister to my wants received me with their warm hand clasp. The Doctor told me it would be useless again to give medicines but that he would be obliged to make an incision in my leg (take out knee joint) and treat it till it got well. On the 17 th. day of Dec. 1895 the Doctor undertook the surgical operation, the method employed was their new and painless one of cutting, just three days my leg pained me, and afterwards I felt no pain and no fever. The kind and assiduous nurses were all around me every night watching me, and I imagine I see that they hope so much that I should get well very soon. Kind and comforting words were given to me by visitors just a few of their names I'll mention here, Revd. T. Crosby, Mr. C. M. Richard, the missionary women of the girl's home, Revd. F. L. Stevenson (C. M. S.), and many others. And in February 1896 I was able to sit up, and as my leg was getting stronger I was dress myself every morning. I was getting more and more strong, most of the night were spent bible reading, good singing with the nurses, sometimes with Mr. Richards. Its a great and good time I have while I was there, I saw many poor sufferers from various diseases made well and happy, and I too with the other happy ones. I would wish all poor sufferers it matters not what the trouble may be to go to Dr. Bolton's hospital and be cured. If it had not been for Dr. Bolton's care and good attention of the kindest nurses, I would have been in my grave to-day. To them I owe a thousand thanks".

C. A. G. Robinson.

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While detained here during a heavy snow storm early in March Messrs Cuppage and Mansell mining engineers very kindly set up the new press. It runs like a charm.

THE CANOE OUR BUGGY. — Engraved for Nanakwa.

The above is a cut from a photograph. Mr. Raley and his crew of three good men, Philip Mckay (Winaht), Tommy Smith (Kwulthdielth), and Joe Brown (Hoolk), are on their way to Hartley Bay 50 miles distant. The island passed on the left is named Alstum, so called because the dead were placed there in caverns. The island hides the entrance to the Kildahlah Arm. The missionary has a comfortable seat where the canoe is widest, close at his hand are his blankets and provisions. The scenery was grand almost incomparable. It is not always as smooth a sea as appears in the picture, not a breath of wind all day. The following day however the musical dip and plash of paddles ceased. A sheet was soon hung out to a stiff breeze which quickly increased to a gale the hammer-wind from the mountain gulches struck us, angry white horses hissed around and would have overwhelmed us, had not the men displayed superb skill in shortening sail and bringing the canoe into the shelter of a neighbouring cove. The third day we arrived at our destination in safety.

The Kitamaat canoes are hewn out of cedar trees. The above is an ordinary travelling canoe about 30 feet long and 4 feet wide, they vary in size, sometimes being 60 feet in length. They are very easily propelled by one or more paddles, have a trim appearance on the water, are light, but when ribbed, strong. If manned by natives are safe, and stand a heavy sea. The fine lines and graceful curves are obtained by filling the canoe half full of water and red-hot stones, the canoe is covered with mats and blankets, the steam retained till the wood is soft and pliable, when the sides are spread and braced with sticks the required width. Canoe making is an art of which the Kitamaats are masters, their work is excellent and in demand. These cedar canoes require great care and should always by covering be protected from the wind and sun.

## HOME AGAIN.

By Mrs. Raley.

Be it ever so isolated there is no place like home!!! On the 7th. of March our feet touched again the Kitamaat shore, and while we found many of the people away yet there were sufficient to bid us welcome. Even the elements seemed to greet us, for a few hours after our arrival, a terrific snow storm came on and a strong wind blew, then the rain descended, and finally a glad glorious sunshine burst forth and we were able to throw open windows and relieve the house some what of that peculiar mustiness which pervades a long-closed dwelling. Our trip westward had been very delightful until Mr. Raley fell ill of lagrippe at Vancouver. We will not soon forget the pleasant days in Winnipeg and Brandon. There were plenty of entertanting people on the "Queen City" during the four days and a half we were aboard, and we ought forever to feel grateful to the captain who landed us at mid-day rather than at mid-night. It is restful to be settled down, and we are content, but we think much and often of the loved ones in the home land, and of the many many kind friends whose sympathy and attention gave us exceeding pleasure when in the East.

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## A HOME GIRL'S LETTER.

(Alice is from Hartley Bay, she has been with us about a year. Her conduct is very satisfactory, and we consider her progress in English excellent.)

Kitamaat. B C
March 21st 1900

My Dear Friend

I will try to write a few words to tell you as far as I can and all about my time in this new home, when we finished school we learn how to do our work well. In the home we try to do it nicely and when we finished our tea Miss Long give the crochet to the girls four girls made mats for the tabl e and Miss Long is going to show it at the closing on the 15 June. We have a very nice songs at christmas we had our christmas dinner in the home we call Jessie and Esther for dinner and after dinner we set in the girls room and the big girls playing in the girls room for a while and we all go home for tea and when we go back to the home we told Miss Long about the people playing on christmas day, one day the people saw the steamer coming it was Mrs. Raley and Mr. Raley and Baby and all the girls were so pleased when we saw them and Mr. Raley shake hands with us all and they come up for dinner and the steam boat whistled and they went down to the church a little while and Mr. Raley ask baby if he know the girls and he said no and when he first came back and sometimes I like to be one of the cooks with the girls, and I want my cousin to come in this home and I have nothing more to say.

I am your friend,
Alice Bates (Nohsdahmtk).
Kitamaat Home.

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## "THE RALEY CLASS."

Great was my surprise, when after addressing the Douglas Church Sunday School Montreal in the winter, to be introduced to a class named as above. The class consists of 15 young ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Allingham. I know their resolve to so name the class cannot have emanated from any personal feelings toward myself, who at the time was a perfect stranger; but feel rather it is a tribute to the work I have chosen. Let me however express my pleasure at being associated with such devotion to missions.

G. H. R.

A species of small bird called Dsookwa has been telling us in bird language that the summer is nearly here.

## WINGHAM DISTRICT.

The Kitamaat missionary is the representative of the Wingham District. While in the East just before returning he had the pleasure of visiting several central points on that District and of personally coming into touch with the Leaguers. He will not soon forget the heartiness of his welcome, in spite of stormy weather and drifted roads. It was gratifying indeed to see the leagues actively doing intelligent work for the Master, on the PRAY, STUDY, GIVE, plan. One thing most cheering, was in several places, to hear an expression of this nature, "We have prayed for you every day since you became our missionary."

## WELL DONE, CHINA HAT.

China Hat is an appointment of the Bella Bella mission. For a long time the converts felt they needed a new church. Under the able leadership of Mr. Edgar missionary, one was built costing in material $525, subscribed by the people; of this amount, the women of the mission gave $200 which they earned by scrubbing and cleaning fish at the canneries last summer. On the first Sunday of the New Year, this neat solidly built church (seating capacity 150) was dedicated in a delightful service, by Dr. Large the superintendent of the mission.

Well done China Hat, your example is worthy of imitation. It must be most encouraging to the Missionary Society to know how you are striving to help yourselves.

## THE MARTHAS.

The Marthas and other ladies of the Sherbourne St. Methodist Church, Toronto, presented Mr. Raley with a tent and sail, both are much appreciated. The outfit of a missionary on the Coast is not complete without these adjuncts.

## LOCAL NOTES.

Last month mails arrived on the 7th. and were despatched on 13th.

A large salmon cannery is being put up near China Hat.

The str. "Queen City" Captn. McCoskrie was here on the 7th. ult.

The Kitamaats have had a very good catch of halibut this year.

Twenty five houses have been built at the Bella Bella new town site.

The beach here above high water mark looks like a ship-yard, several fine canoes are being built by experts.

Two salmon canneries are being built at Bella Coola, as a result the Bella Coolas will probably find local employment.

A large resevoir branching lamp has been purchased in Toronto by the Kitamaat Epworth League, this is intended for meetings on the street and gives a powerful light.

The Kitamaat Caledonia Co. is anxious to build a much needed wagon road from Kitamaat to Hazleton. Kitamaat is the natural gateway to the Omineca and the vast territory to the North and East.

## A NEW PRESS.

Through the kindness of friends in the East, I have been able to purchase a Gordon foot power printing press. We have used a hand press on the mission for over five years, of its usefulness we are assured.

Would my friends in Toronto, Brockville, Athens, Billings Bridge, Belleville, Tweed, Lodge Room, accept my sincerest thanks for their gift. I might say that before my plant is sufficient for the work undertaken, it is necessary to have a font of accented type.

## THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

We would like to make special mention of the King's Daughters' Circle of Sherbourne St. Church Toronto, of which Miss Long is a member. The Circle have from time to time sent gifts, not only to Miss Long, but donations to the Home, their kindly remembrance is one of the bright spots in the matron's experience.

# NANAKWA

or Dawn on the North West Coast.

A QUARTERLY LETTER EXPLANATORY OF SOME PHASES OF MISSION WORK AMONGST THE NATIVE TRIBES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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THIRD YEAR. NO. 10. APRIL, 1900.


## BAPTISMS.

*"One LORD, One Faith, One Baptism."*

At the Mission Church Kitamaat.

Mar. 25th.—Edward, son of John and Susy Ryan

## BURIALS.

*"Cover them which are asleep, . . sorrow not."*

Nov. 30th.—Emily Paul, aged 6 months.
Dec. 15th.—Silas Bolton, aged 83 years.
Jan. 10th.—Dorcas, aged 86 years.
Feb. 1st. —Charles Tate, aged 80 years.
Mar. 12th.—Lucy Spalding, aged 17 years.

## PERSONALS.

The Revd. Mr. Raley with his family arrived the 7th. of March on the "Queen City".

Dr Wrinch representative of the Belleville District Leagues has been appointed to the Upper Skeena.

As Philip Williams was sailing to his camp in a gale of wind in small boat capsized and after a narrow escape from drowning was rescued by Dan Morrison.

Messrs Cuppage and Mansell mining engineers arrived on the "Queen City", and are inspecting claims on Princess Royal Island and in the vicinity of Kitamaat.

Dr. Large accompanied by Mrs Large visited several missions on the Coast to the north of Bella Bella in March. The Doctor prescribed for hundreds of sick, at Kitamaat his visit, far too short, was much appreciated by both people and missionaries and we need the visitation of a Doctor here at least every three months.

Mr. Hall with Peter Jones and his wife crossed from Kitselass Canyon to Kitamaat in the middle of March. Not following the old trail they took a long circuitous route. Their food supply ran out and they reached Kitamaat in a famished condition, the party having lived for three days on a piece of bread half the size of an orange, a handful of rice, 3 pieces of baron each an inch square, and tea made from a weed found by the side of the trail.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH MANY THANKS, THE FOLLOWING KIND GIFTS WHICH HAVE REACHED US DURING THE QUARTER:—

Bale, Iriquois Auxiliary.
Knives and spoons, Mrs. Hutchinson. Toronto.
Bale, "Marthas" Sherbourne Street, Toronto
Parcel, King's Daughters " " "
Hardware, Mr. Taylor. Lucknow.
Drugs, Mr. W. Lloyd Wood Toronto.
Fancy buttons, Mr Dods "
Present for Head-chief Jessea, W. Lloyd. Wood Jr. Toronto
Spectacles for Head-chief Jessea, Mr. W. R. Teskey Toronto.
Medicine case, Mr. Burton Philadelphia.
Periodicals, Miss Hardy, Eng.
" M. C. C. James Toronto.
Parcel, Miss Lloyd Wingham.
" Elizabethtown Auxiliary.
$5 40 Per Mrs. Green, Holmesville, blinds.
Yarn Per Mrs. Jones, Tweed.

## NANAKWA FUND!

THE FUND IS NOT ONLY TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THIS QUARTERLY LETTER, BUT ALSO TO ASSIST IN THE RUNNING EXPENSES PERTAINING TO THE PRINTING OF THE MISSION WEEK AFTER WEEK OVER 200 SHEETS WITH THE TEXT OR A PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE IN BOTH THE KITAMAAT AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES ARE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED AT WHAT IS CALLED "SCHOOLUM TEXT" WHICH IS HELD AT THE CLOSE OF THE MORNING SERVICE WHEN THE TEXT IS TAUGHT IN BOTH LANGUAGES; QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE SUBJECT ARE ALSO ASKED BY THE PEOPLE. HYMNS HAVE BEEN PRINTED IN THE VERNACULAR, AND AS TIME IS FOUND MORE WILL BE PRODUCED.

WITH MANY THANKS, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING, RECEIVED DURING THE QUARTER.

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## THE E. L. BANNER.

We are greatly indebted to the E. L. of Central Methodist Church Toronto for the gift of a beautiful banner. As a league we are really grateful and highly appreciate the gift.

Errata—In January Number 1st page for 1883 read 1893. For cerneded read commended.