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IN the year 1896, eventful in its bearing upon the future history of the Kitamaat people, I had the privilege of attending a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society held in Grace Church, Brampton, Ontario, on which occasion it was laid upon me to plead on behalf of the Indian children. The plea was effective in obtaining the sympathetic ear of the ladies, with the result an appropriation was made for the purpose of providing a matron for the Children's Home at Kitamaat, when in its infancy. I was commissioned to obtan the most suitable person available for this work and it was but the thought of a moment to ask a

lady whom I had known many years in England and in Canada, whose whole life and training pre-eminently adapted for this class of work, to accept the position.—Miss Elizabeth Emsley Long. To my telegram asking if she were willing to engage in this work at Kitamaat, British Columbia, she replied in a brief but characteristic manner "I will." From that day to the day of her departure wherever there was a request for her assistance in advancing by any means, directly or indirectly, the great work of the Women's Missionary Society or the still greater work of the church at large, help and sympathy were never withheld. Her answers to such requests were invariably "I will" or "I can."

Her coming to Kitamaat encouraged us greatly and was the signal for a fresh outbreak of energetic service. Our great lack had been help for the caring of the children and in Miss Long we secured one who cherished deep and enlightened solicitude for their welfare and who was willing to devote her whole time to them.

The work at that time was in a crude state ; the children not too far advanced in any branches of training. It was possible for us to give them only a divided attention.

Hitherto they had been sheltered under our own roof-tree, the Mission House—and so continued until the permanent home was erected. I well remember the day, the 25th of January 1897, the Home was ready to be occupied ; though the weather was rough and snowy Miss Long, not willing to dissapoint the girls, took her little flock up the hill to the new quarters, delightfully situated in a little nook hewn out of the primeval forest by the Missionary and his helpers, each girl carrying her bedding wrapped in a quilt and covered with a shawl.

Those were pioneer days in earnest, intensely busy, yet amongst the happiest of Miss Long's missionary career. Her health was good, she used to remark how much better life at the seacoast agreed with her than life in an Eastern city.

Her love for Nature was very great. She would often stand at the Mission House window, gaze around and feast her eyes on a picture of surpassing grandeur noting in quick succession the striking features of the incomparable scene. To the South the islands, shimmering with an indescribable haze, to the North, the wide spreading valley ever playful with the changes of light and shade, to the West, across the Inlet, rising in endless billows the sea of mountains whose slopes are covered with deep forests of evergreen far up to the virgin snow which crowns their summits.

The calm in nature answered to the peaceful depths of her own soul. The placid sea, broken only by the ripple caused by the diving of a gull or the dip of a paddle of some passing canoe, the setting sun behind the sea of hills most glorious scene of the Pacific Coast entranced her and found sympathetic answer in the tranquility of her nature.

While quiet and calm in everything she undertook, her life was very active and day by day she was "kept for the Master's use," and in busy service her life work among the children was the Christ appeal "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

A feature of Miss Long's work was the unwearied and conscientious manner in which it was always performed, the simplest duties were done as thoroughly and with as much care as the most difficult, the most important as unobstrusively as the most insignificent. In fact there was nothing small or ordinary in her eyes. It matters not whether in the sewing room or at "Dorcas" work—in the kitchen superintending the making of large batches of bread—in the church playing the organ leading the congregation in the service of song she was always the same, earnest and thorough in everything she undertook.

In her administration of discipline in the Home she was always calm and deliberate and severity in any form was entirely foreign to her nature. She ruled the girls effectively by the force of her beautiful spiritual character. Her sweet, devoted, consistent life will endure as a fragrant memory not only with the children but with the chiefs and the people of Kitamaat.

Eighteen months ago symptoms of a painful disease developed. Medical advice was immediately sought and an operation considered necessary. This was successfully performed and we fervently hoped with good reason that permanent recovery would result.

The work which had been her constant thought for years still possessed her but though restlessly anxious for its progress she was not permitted to engage actively in the daily routine. She appeared to be in good health. Her happiness and freedom from care, facts remarked by all, were very apparent. We never enjoyed her more than the last month spent with us at Kitamaat.

We were quite pleased to receive from her at the close of her earthly career messages of tender affection and also to learn from her and her friends that she considered her years of service at Kitamaat had not shortened but rather prolonged her days.

It is all over and I look upon the past with the firm conviction that her work was nobly done. Her life continues as a memory which soothes and yet strengthens, inspiring the hope that our course may be as well and fairly run and that all may be as safe and secure with us in the end as it is with her.

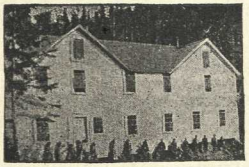
G. H. RALEY.

The Burning of the Home

ON the 20th of May, 1906, the cry of "Fire"! from the lips of the Home Watchman startled the worshippers just assembled for morning service in the Mission church at Kitamaat.

Immediately the church was emptied of its occupants and the excitement increased, as the watchman shouted again "The House!" what a shock it gave us.

A race down the street brought teachers, pupils, and people to the foot of the hill where they saw the middle section of the roof already a mass of



THE BURNED HOME.

cloud and flame. It was apparent to all that the building was doomed any efforts to save it would be feeble so all united to rescue the movable affects.

The first two upon the scene were Willie Grant and little Emsley Raley, followed quickly by W. Kyall, a white man who was staying at the Mission House, Isaac Wood, Edward Gray and others. Then came the contingent from the church. All the village was there and all worked with frantic task, as long as it was possible to stay in the doomed building.

The scene was pathetic as the exhausted company reluctantly withdrew, Wm. Kyall being the last one to leave the building. Then when nothing else could be done, many of the women sat down upon the hillside, sobbing aloud and wringing their hands. In the meantime Mrs. Raley and some men went to protect the Mission House the Missionary, Mr. Raley being absent at Conference. This they did by saturating blankets and covering the roof. Mr. Robinson's house also was protected in the same way.

The roof fell in within twenty minutes from the time the fire was first seen.

The house was well built, braced solidly in every direction and, as a Girls' House, would, with a little enlarging, have lasted for many years.

We wonder and question, yet believe implicitly that there is in it all a Providence, for out of the ruins there is to rise a building of greater comfort and better adaptability to the needs of the staff and the children of our Kitamaat people.

It is needless to say the loss was felt with keenest sorrows, especially by the Missionary and his wife who had labored, sparing neither time, strength nor money to build it, and by the Matron who already has entered into her reward and the teachers, so faithful in the training of the children.

The Mission House and the school house were immediately placed at the disposal of the teachers and the girls.

The Kitamaats did splendid work and

I take this opportunity of placing on record an acknowledgement of their ever readiness to help in an emergency of this character.

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

We are are all exceedingly grateful for the letters which have been a source of cheer in some rather dark moments.

The bales which were sent helped very materially in making the girls comfortable while the work of the Home continued in temporary quarters.

The first assistance we received was from the ladies of the Girl's Home.

Port Simpson who, on hearing of the fire at once shipped us two bales of mattrasses.

Auxiliaries hearing of the disaster, quickly followed suit sending quilts, blankets, pillows and other things considered necessary.

We have much cause for gratitude from the fact that no one was injured in the fire and that it did not happen at night when it might have been difficult to rescue all the children.

The Passing of a Daughter of the Home

"Oh, death, where is thy sting ?
Oh, grave, where is thy victory ?"

WE regret that it becomes our duty to chronicle the death of Minnie Amos, one of our Home girls who had just completed her course with great credit to herself and much satisfaction to her teachers.

Minnie was one of our brightest and most promising girls. She had made rapid progress in housekeeping, the duties of which she performed with a daintiness and skill surpassed by very few white girls of her age and experience. In music and fancy work she was very apt while in her school work she had attained a proficiency much above the average. Her knowledge of English made her a most useful interpreter.

She had for some time sought to live a Christian life. Her conversion was very bright, no one who witnessed it could doubt its genuineness. She was most conscientious and was respected by all who knew her as one who endeavored earnestly to live the Christ life.

During the past Winter, though not strong she was always glad to attend the means of grace, especially the Evangelistic services and seldom missed an opportunity of testifying for her Master.

She had been in poor health for some time and the fact that she could not recover was apparent both to herself and her friends for some weeks before her death.

One of the strongest proofs of the power of Christianity over these people is the calmness with which those who have embraced its truths face death. Minnie was perfectly resigned. She repeatedly told her friends not to sorrow for her, that she was not afraid to die Her face always brightened whenever she heard the name of Jesus.

It was on August 19th during the quiet of the Sabbath evening hour that the end came and her spirit freed from its earthly tenement, took its flight to the God who gave it. We thought as we heard the church bell tolling forth her knell, how fitting and how beautiful that she should pass at the close of the earthly Sabbath into the morning of that greater Sabbath which shall have no end.

Minnie's life and death were a strong proof that Missionary effort among these people is not in vain.

We had looked forward with expectancy to the beneficial results of her influence among the people when, having completed her training, she she should go to live and move daily among them again. But God saw fit to take her and the influence for good which has already emanated from her young life, will, we believe, bring forth much fruit for the Master, for "being dead she yet speaketh."

It was on a beautiful morning when the sun shed its glory over mountain and sea and scarcely a leaf stirred that we carried her up the hill to the little Indian cemetery, overlooking the sea, where we laid her quietly to rest sorrowing, but not as those without hope, for as we turned from the grave our hearts said, "Yea, verily, in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection."

A. F. MARTIN.

Sad Death of the Head Chief of the Kitamaats

ONE of the mighty men of the the Coast has fallen. For Kitamaat this truly has been a year of calamity. The last trial is the death of the head Chief, Mr. Jessea Morrison.

On March the 6th Jessea and his youngest son Bruce were on their way to the inner harbor. Quoting from

CHIEF JESSEA MORRISON

Dr. Bowers' letter these are the particulars :—"When he and Bruce reached the mouth of the river he took his pole to get off a grassy spot. He lost his balance and fell over backwards. His feet caught in something in the canoe. Just as he was going he called to Bruce not to let the canoe tip. He could not get free and Bruce could not free him in time to save his life. Poor little Bruce worked hard and at last suceeded in getting his father into the canoe."

When the news of his death reached us at Port Simpson we were greatly shocked and immediately the Missionaries with the chiefs and people dispatched a message of condolence to their friends at Kitamaat.

Chief Jessea occupied a unique position amongst the Coast tribes. He was one of the strong men of the Kwagulth nation. Living on the Northern boundary which is also the Southern boundary of the Tsimpshean nation and being friendly with all he was well known from Cape Mudge to Alaska. The interior of the Northern country also knew him. He was acknowledged a great man and a good Chief.

In the early days his gifts to the tribes were liberal, his feasts most famous and his hospitality without stint. In later years his powers were weakened by a stroke of paralysis so that he did not join as actively in tribal affairs as formerly, nevertheless he was to the last acknowledged head Chief of the Kitamaats.

Even before Christianity was adopted at Kitamaat, he was a friend of the Missionaries who visited that point. I have often heard Mr. Crosby speak of him as a kind hearted and thoughtful man. When Mr. and Mrs. Raley went to Kitamaat, he received them in a kindly manner and became their firm friend which friendship continued to the end. All teachers were welcomed in like manner.

When he embraced Christianity he was zealous for the cause and frequently expressed his strong desire that all people should be true Christians.

Requiescat in Pace.

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Leaving Kitamaat

LAST Conference Mr. Raley and his family received the marching orders of the church to leave Kitamaat and proceed to Port Simpson to carry on the work of the church at that point.

For thirteen years, Mr. and Mrs. Raley had labored at Kitamaat. They had watched the place develop. The old fashioned houses had been pulled down and replaced by others built after the white man's model. Trails had been made, and we can safely say that Kitamaat is now one of the most progressive villages on the coast.

Great advancement has been made along moral, intellectual and material lines, so it can readily be imagined it

was not without a wrench of the heart strings that the Missionary left this community of people to whom he had become deeply attached.

The Missionary's children however had reached an age when to neglect their intellectual development would be criminal. Emsley already ten years of age, had no opportunity for elementary education, Edith nearly six had also to be thought of. It was found necessary to move in order that they receive the very important primary education before they were too old. At Port Simpson this advantage offered itself, the place having an exceptionally good public school.

Two months elapsed between the time we received our appointment and the coming in of a steamer to move us.

This interval was fully occupied with efforts to put everything around the Mission into ship-shape and leave the buildings and the garden in an orderly condition for his successor. Packing had to be undertaken, cases had to be made and while we did not move furniture we found personal effects which required moving had accumulated during the thirteen years, so packing securely for shipment took some time.

Then the exterior of the Mission House and other out buildings were painted, fences were whitewashed, extensive work about the gardens was done, the greater part of the Mission House roof was re shingled. The days flow swiftly enough and this work was just complete when early one morning we saw the curl of the black smoke far down the inlet, then the vessel came in sight and we knew that at last the steamer was coming to take us away. We said good bye to the people, trusting that our labor amongst them had been blessed to their highest interests.

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Kitamaat Notes

Mrs. Robinson went to Rivers Inlet and returned with a fine baby boy.

The Mission House has been repainted white trimmed with maroon.

Dr Bower spent holidays in the South at Vancouver with his sister during June and July.

The strawberries were an excellent crop. We had the pleasure of reaping before leaving for Port Simpson.

Dr. Whittington made his official visit during the year. These visits are always helpful and encouraging.

Mr. Morrow, Indian agent, paid a visit to Kitamaat on August 30th, remaining until Sept. 2nd. He came in the interests of the Home and the public school building.

We are pleased to know that through the sympathy and generosity of the Woman's Missionary Society the Home at Kitamaat will be re-built on a larger scale and include boys as well as girls.

Bob Wright, whose leg was severely crushed while he was logging last Winter, died at Bella Bella Hospital on Sept. 10th. His body was brought to Kitamaat by S. S. Venture and was buried here on Saturday, Sept. 13th.

In the garden a bed of orchid flowered planted by Mr. Raley, were exceptionally fine. Double petunias, sweet peas, nasturtiums, morning glories, carnaryienses, sweet allysium. All made a fine showing.

Mr. Nicholas, of Victorla, arrived on Saturday, Sept. 16th by S. S. Venture, to take charge of the Mission until a permanent appointment can be made by the Missionary Society. Mr. Nicholas is experienced in this work and has done good service on the Mission during the year.

Thomas Amos, appointed native missionary to Kitlope by the last B. C. Conference, left on Tuesday Sept. 11th to take charge of his work there. Two of his children, Helen and Heber accompanied him. We wish our brother abundant success in his good work.

The broad valley of the Kitamaat is a splendid field to be explored by the timber cruiser. We are told by experts that there is enough timber in the valley to keep a mill cutting 250,000 feet a day for 50 years. River driving would be easy and there is a quantity of good spruce, cedar and hemlock.

The huntresss Sarah Legaic and Agnes Robinson on the morning of July 24th saw on the surface an unusual commotion. Taking a skiff 8 feet long they paddled to the middle of the inlet and found two seals in deadly combat. They fought like goats, charging each other. A shot was fired but missed and the seals disappeared beneath the surface of the water. They were fighting for the possession of a baby seal.

The people returned from the R. I. cannery, River's Inlet, on August 4th in good spirits, having had a successful fishing season. One week later all except a few sick, moved to the old town to get their Winter's supply of salmon. During this season the men fish at night and sleep in the day time while the women prepare the salmon and hang them up to dry. Thus no time is lost. These people are industrious.

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Our Welcome at Port Simpson

WE travelled from Kitamaat to Port Simpson on the S. S. "Venture." Captain Huston with his officers and crew made us very comfortable.

The time aboard passed pleasantly. We arrived at Port Simpson on Aug. 6th in the rain and were met on the wharf by an oldfriend Mr. Abbot, who gave us a hearty welcome. The place appeared deserted, the people being away at the cannery.

All the Missionaries were very kind and thoughtful in extending their hospitality to us until we got the Mission house in a habitable condition. Busy days followed Mr. Butchart, the principal of the Boy's House and Mr. Anderson, the teacher of the Mission Day School, lent kindly assistance packing up freight from the wharf.

On August 20th the people began to arrive in large numbers from the canneries. Many called upon us. No pastor in the East undertaking a new charge could have felt the heartiness and genuineness of the expressions for his comfort and success amongst his people more sincerely than we felt them coming amongst the people of Port Simpson. They were not strangers to us. We knew many of them by name for during our earlier years at the coast, we used to spend annually from two to three weeks attending District meetings at Port Simpson.

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FROM PORT SIMPSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Our Port Simpson Institutions

The Church

THE church with its spire 140 ft. in height, is a landmark for when the sun is shining, before aught else is visible, far out on the Pacific, the glittering metal at the apex attracts the eye.

It is an immense building having floor space to seat eight hundred people. It was built in the early days of Rev. G. Crosby and it was largely due to his untiring efforts together with the hearty co-operation of the people that such an edifice was erected.

The timbers are massive, especially in the roof and spire. In this climate, however, so wet that the ground is never dry, the years have told upon the foundation which now should be renewed before another Winter. On the East side especially many of the posts are decayed. The stringers have sunk away in some places from the joists, so that in a moderate gale this old temple will creak and sway like a ship in a storm and the ceiling swing like pendulums.

In frosty weather accompanying the strain is heard a sound as of cracking timbers, which rivets the attention of the congregation and one wonders whether the braces will stand or whether the end will come.

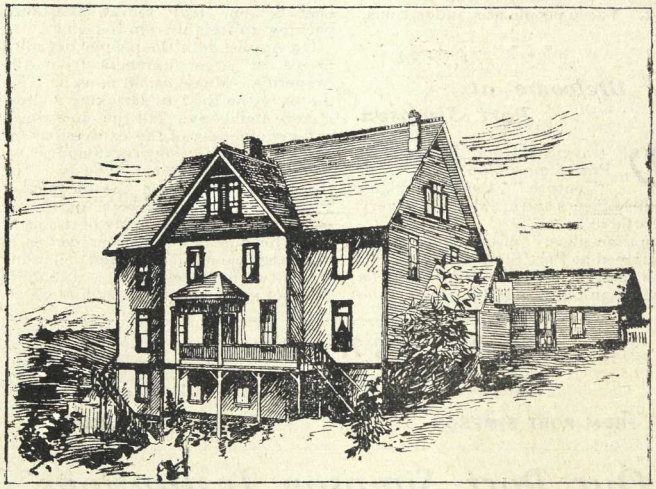
Knowing the condition of the foundation and the timbers which have long since lost their elasticity and their power to regain equilibrium, it is necessary to protect the congregation and in windy weather hold service in the church hall which will not nearly accommodate the large congregations which gather for worship when the people are at home. This is food for thought and action.

The Crosby Girl's Home

This is an imposing building and fitting as a monument to the labors of Rev. T. and Mrs. Crosby whose name it bears.

This work was commenced many years ago by Mr. Crosby and is carried by the Women's Missionary Society.

There is a devoted staff of able workers. The Home is filled to its utmost capacity, and the instruction imparted is such as is calculated to develop all that is good and noble in the girls who look healthy and happy in their surroundings.



CROSBY GIRLS' HOME

The Boys' Home

This institution was also founded by Mr. Crosby and carried by him for many years.

Until recently it has been much crippled for want of funds.

The building, which is old and inconvenient, has a capacity for twenty-five.

The roof needs re-shingling. The floors which are worn through in places need to be renewed. The rooms should be enlarged. The fact is it is like the old gun which needed to put it in good going order, "new lock stock and barrel." Good work is being done. The boys are making rapid progress. It is filled to its utmost capacity. If it were double the size it would still be filled with boys. It is a popular school. How to meet the demand for increased accommodation is also food for thought and immediate action.

The Mission House

The Mission House is a low building one and a half stories, roomy downstairs, low upstairs, just the kind of building, however, for this country where it is exposed to violent winds. It is old, the foundation at the back has partially decayed so that walking from the front to the back door there is a perceptible down grade.

The General Hospital

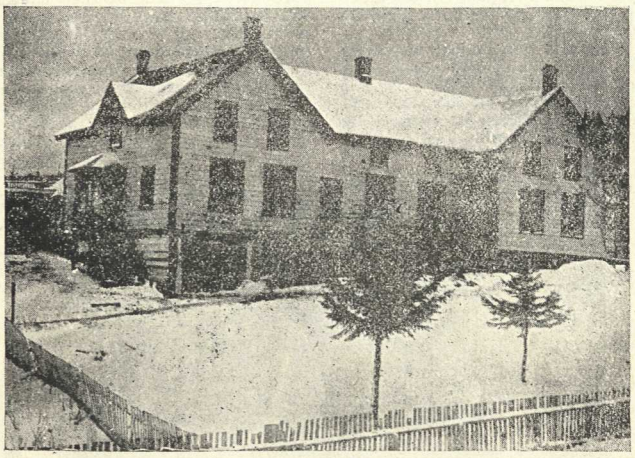
While this is not a Methodist Institution, we understand our Missionary society has the nominating of the Doctor and the Woman's Missionary Society, on acconnt of the Mission work done among the Indians provides the nurses.

This is a popular Hospital commanding as magnificant a view as any Sanitarium in Canada. The building is

now too small to accommodate the rapidly increasing population of the North. It is proposed to build an annex. This when completed will place at Port Simpson a thoroughly equipped and commodious hospital and it is recommended as an object worthy of endowment. A large expense will be entailed in remodelling. This will be met mainly by private donations and we believe that we shall not look in vain for substantial help from the East.

The Mission Day School

This is a commodious two storey building, is new strongly built and well adapted for its purpose. The lower storey is divided into two large well furnished school rooms with cloak and wash rooms attached. Up stairs is the church hall in which services are held when many of the people are away. This will seat comfortably 250 and is used for all Epworth League meetings, prayer meetings, Mission entertainments and general church purposes.



BOYS' HOME, PORT SIMPSON

CHURCH NOTES

Mr. Ernest Dudoward is organist for the church services.

On January 10th the new Council in a body attended divine service.

New stoves have been provided for our appointments at Work's Canal and Naas River.

The church collections for the year have been subscribed to liberally meeting all expenses.

Service has been held at intervals during the year at Georgetown, Work's Canal and during the oolachan fishing at the Naas river.

During the past year the Port Simpson people have given us large congregations. They are earnest worshippers and ready at all times to take an active part in the services.

Mrs. Alfred Dudoward is Mr. Raley's interpreter and teacher of the Tsimpshean language. She is the wife of the chief of the Tsimpshean nation, Mr. Alfred Dudoward and has a family so talented and entertaining that visitors are pleased to receive an invitation to spend an evening in their home, "The Eagle House."

On Thanksgiving day a union service was held. The altar was tastefully decorated by Mrs. Ernest Dudoward.

The W. M. S. Auxiliary of Port Simpson held regular meetings during the year. Upon Mrs. Grenfell's departure, which was very much regretted, Miss Baker took charge and filled the position of President with much acceptability. The amount raised for the year was $47.

Thanks to some donations, from Port Simpson friends and ladies elsewhere, and gifts of dolls, toys and books from friends in the East, we were able to furnish a Christmas tree so that every child attending the Sunday School received a bag of candies and a present. The Xmas tree was an experiment so successful we are prompted to use it again as a Sunday School entertainment next Christmas.

The Epworth League occupies a prominent place in church work at Port Simpson. The work done is of a very worthy character. The earnestness of the officers and many of the members is most commendable. Conversions have recently taken place in the League meetings.

In every branch of the church's activity there has been a forward movement. The Sunday School especially has made rapid strides. Before the people went to their camps the attendance was larger than at any previous time of which we have been able to find record. We need more teachers, the classes nearly all being too large. Mrs. Raley undertook, with the help of her friends in the East to furnish a library for the Sunday School. She wrote her sister,

AN INDIAN MEDICINE-MAN.

Miss Giles, of Brockville, Ont., who interested herself in the movement with the result that three hundred well selected volumes are on their way to the Coast for our Port Simpson Sunday School.

A new Epworth League banner, a beautiful piece of work, was secured from Kent & Sons, of Toronto. It is made of scarlet satin fringed with gold with the Epworth League symbols and lettering in blue and gold. The League gave a substantial donation towards the seating of the church hall.

The Xmas choir, under the leadership of Mr. Albert Wellington, furnished excellent music during the Christmas season and the midnight hours of Christmas eve were filled with carol singing. The singing of the church choir was pronounced splendid. Mrs. Raley entertained the choir at supper in the Mission House after which they started on their round of carol singing which continued until nearly 3 o'clock on Christmas morning.

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GIRLS' HOME NOTES.

The capacity of the Crosby Girl's Home is taxed to its utmost, 46 girls being in attendance. The W. M. S. has here stationed four very capable women :—Miss Hannah Paul, principal and teacher ; Miss Clarke, matron ; Miss Baker, assistant matron and Miss Schofield, sewing teacher.

A new dam and water pipes furnish a sufficiency of water for the institution.

The fire apparatus has been tested and found efficient ; occasional fire drills will be undertaken. In these wooden buildings this is essential.

Several pleasant social evenings have been enjoyed at the Home.

There was some good skating and coasting during the Winter. Both were much enjoyed

The Advisory Board met several times. The year has been a very successful one.

There is a movement on foot to unify the work. We believe this has the sympathy of all concerned.

We understand Miss Baker is soon to have a furlough. This she has faithfully earned and we are sure friends in the East will give her a very good time.

Basket-ball is a favorite game with the girls.

The Mission Band gave an entertainment and raised $21.60. During the year they have raised $41.60. They are a fine lot of bright, intelligent girls and add much to the interest of the services by their singing. They are splendid givers having subscribed $22 00 to the funds of the General Missionary Society during the year.

The Port Simpson Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society meets each month in the parlor of the Girl's Home. Miss Schofield is the newly elected President. She fills the position in a most capable manner and the prospects for a succesful year are very bright.

The Mission Band, under the superintendency of Miss Clark, is studying the boys and girls of Africa.

The girls are doing well in their day school studies. Six have been promoted to standard V, nine to standard IV, twelve to standard III and five to standard II. They have worked well and cheerfully

The girls are very neatly and comfortably dressed. Their appearance does much credit to Miss Schofield who has the dress-making and sewing department in charge.

Miss Blake besides her duties as matron has taught the girls music and assisted in the church choir.

Miss Baker teaches physical culture, cooking, etc. Excellent work has been done in this department during the year.

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BOYS' HOME NOTES.

Mr. Butchart, Principal of the Boys' Home, owing to the continued ill health of his wife, resigned his position last December and left for the South early in January.

Mr. Butchart was a most estimable man, a graduate in arts and one with whom duty ever held the first place.

We trust Mrs. Butchart's health may improve in the South and that they will find a wider sphere of usefulness for which they are both well qualified.

During the month of January there was a slight epidemic of chicken pox. We are thankful to say not very serious. Mrs. Phair, the capable matron, who

fills her position well, was most assiduous in her attention to the sick ones.

There has been a large increase in the number of pupils during the last three months. Our Home is now filled to its utmost capacity. There can be no further growth in numbers, although there are several applications, until a suitable building is placed at our disposal.

What is considered an essential for the better and fuller development of these boys is instruction in carpentry, &c.

This Northern country is developing very rapidly indeed and with every boom in building, carpenters are at a premium. For many years to come such labor will be required and this kind of mechanical work is admirably suited to this people. They are not an agricultural people. Nearly every one of them has a mechanical turn.

The homes at Port Simpson, creditable to any town in the Dominion were most of them if not all built by Indian carpenters.

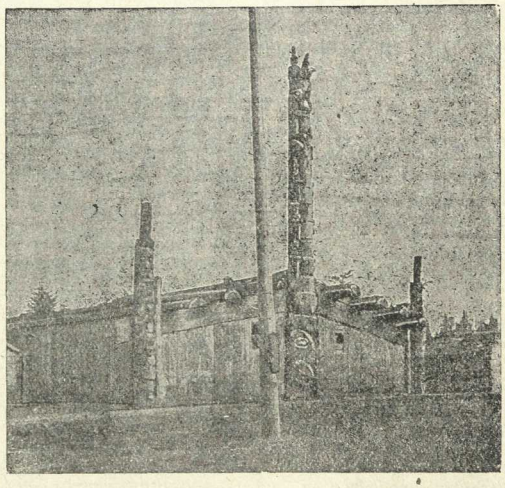
The iron bedsteads received from the East have improved the appearance of the dormitories. All the old ones have been dispensed with.

The boys have calisthenics and with a semi-military discipline good order is maintained amongst them.

The baby of the Home is Paul Price a bright child seven years of age, who lately lost his mother.

Our eldest son is Geoffrey Nelson, of Port Essington, a good boy. In fact we have in residence in the Home one of the finest and brightest lots of boys in the country.

We are expecting a drum and fife band from Toronto. The instruments are being paid for by private subscription, the boys making and selling small Indian curios to assist. Messrs Whaley, Royce & Co., Toronto, are giving the matter special attention and selecting good instruments. We should be pleased to receive any help toward the band fund.



AN INDIAN HOUSE.

For outdoor amusements foot-ball seems to be the favorite with the boys.

The Home is open to visitors who wish to look through. We are always pleased to see them and do not find it irksome in any degree to let them know what is being done. The Home being one of the public institutions of the church can be seen at any convenient time. We believe when people

visit such institutions as these Homes established for the training of Indian boys and girls and thus come face to face with what is actually being done, a broader sympathy and more intelligent interests is developed in regard to Indian Missions.

Mr. Sharp, Manager of the Hudson's Bay Co. at Port Simpson, has very kindly lent us the green, the only available plot of any size in the place. Lately a lot of young Davids have developed who with sling and stone are constantly slaying imaginary Goliaths.

The visits of the Government Inspector, Rev. A. E. Greene, are helpful. On his last official visit in February he commended the boys on their smart appearance and general progress.

Gardening is now the order of the day. The season being late the work has to be pushed rapidly ahead. A large vegetable garden will be planted, flowers also are not to be forgotten. Each boy has his package of seed with which he is bound to make as good a showing as possible.

Perhaps some people criticise us for paying so much attention to the children and would say "Give more attention to the adults, preach more to them." That is very good yet experience at the Coast has taught us and indeed many others that if children got double or treble of the means and education of the church which they are now getting, they would not be getting too much. Working with the children is purifying the source.

Considerable work in the shape of permanent repairs has been done this quarter. The Matron's room has been repainted throughout. The kitchen and dining-room floors patched, woodshed partially re-shingled, new stairway built to the playground lattice work renewed on the verandah, backyard fence rebuilt, other fences overhauled and repaired, gravel drawn and roads repaired. Amongst our workers are Geoffrey Nelson, David Green, Charles Sankey, Paul Scott, Joshua Morrison, Walter Gosnell, George Ryan, Walter Ryan and Walter Brown.

What We Need

We have been much encouraged by receiving the promise of some things which will add much to the comfort of the boys next Winter. The underclothing is already provided for. We require at once however strong nailed boots suitable for out-door work. The parents of the boys provide Sunday boots when able. The institution as far as possible helps securing every day boots. Wet feet are a source of anxiety to the teachers, and it is difficult to keep the boys well shod. The sizes required are boys' nailed shoes, Nos., 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. I think I know of fifty boys whose eye this note may catch who would each like to forward a pair for a less fortunate brother. We require also twenty-five pairs of blankets before next Winter. All the readers will know that blankets are not a luxury, they are a necessity. We are glad to get quilts but after all they do not take the place of blankets in this damp Northern climate and the openly built unplastered Home. We are not extravagant. Indeed we could show our readers blankets so thoroughly darned that the original is nearly lost. Blue jean over-alls are wearing apparel of which we use large quantities. It is not long since we ordered a supply yet the last was given out some time ago and we cannot afford more at present. The sizes required are from 28 to 32 inches. In this regard I might say we have often been asked to specify what was needed. Freight paid on articles of this kind will be money in pocket but that which is paid on tight-fitting ladies' jackets is lost.

We who are stationed at outlying points are ready to work for the church till we drop. Those who send us and "tarry behind with the stuff" are ever ready to see that the sinews of war are forwarded when we do not express it until we are forced to.

There is a mistaken idea in the minds of some on the Coast and also in the East that Indian children must be treated differently from children in white schools. This is not the case. The diversities of character to be studied in our Mission School are as many as are to be found in any public school of the same size. It is our object in discipline and correction to reduce corporal and degrading punishments to a minimum. While there are a few, and very few, ready to take advantage of lemiency by far the large majority appreciate it. The actual result in the long run will we are assured more than counterbalance any good results that may come from extreme penalties.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

The Board of Directors have decided to publish the annual report.

Drs. McDonald and Henderson have been assisting Dr. Kergin this Spring.

Several of our old friends from the South have been successfully treated at the Hospital during the year.

Mrs. Phair, matron of the Boys' Home, was in the hospital for three weeks this Spring for treatment.

By an arrangement with the Brown Alaska Mining Co. the employees receive treatment at the Hospital.

Two new nurses are in training, Miss Longhurst, from Toronto, and Miss Cunningham, from New Westminster.

There is required for the Hospital three dozen sheets, three dozen pairs of towels and two dozen white spreads for institutional beds. It would be of great assistance if some of our friends in the East could furnish these articles.

Miss Paul, of Newburg, Ont. came from the East last Fall to fill the position of matron at the Hospital. She has not had good health and intends going South for a holiday. She is an acquisition to our Port Simpson work and has been a source of encouragement to us by reason of her sympathy and activity in the church services.

Dr. Kergin, who is deservedly popular in Skeena District, was the successful Liberal candidate at the recent Provincial elections. He carried the constituency by a large majority. Dr. Kergin in our opinion is not a strong party man but what is better, rather inclined to be independent in judgment. He is broad in his sympathies and most upright in character. We shall all be glad to see him on his return from his first session in the House.

A most pleasing function took place at the hospital last August when Miss Minnie Burpee, who had been in training for three years, graduated and received her diploma. Miss Burpee's work has been of a high order throughout her training. Both Dr. Kergin and Miss Knox, the lady Superintendent and gold medalist spoke in complimentary terms of her skill, her cheerfulness and her sympathy. We understand she is continuing her profession in Vancouver. She was very popular and is greatly missed at Port Simpson. A pleasant evening was spent and refreshments were served. Mr. Jno. Flewin, President of the Hospital Board, presided.

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Port Simpson Exhibition.

ON Thanksgiving Day an industrial and horticultural exhibition was held in the new school building, Port Simpson. The exhibit of vegetable products, Indian and domestic manufactures, flowers, fancy work, etc., was very fine considering that it was a new departure in the North. Prizes were given by way of encouragement and we believe that the success of future exhibitions is assured. A tea-room kept open during the day added considerably to the comfort of the visitors. This was presided over by Mrs. Raley, Mrs. Hogan, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Ernest Dudoward, Miss Minnie Alexander and Miss Brentzen.

The exhibits from the Girls' and Boys' Homes were excellent. Both did great credit to the instructors of these institutions. Exhibits of home-made quilts, fancy work, plants, native foods and carving were a display much appreciated. There will be more time this year to prepare for the exhibition as notice is longer, though it is thought it would be better to hold it earlier in the season when the people are all at home. About the 20th of August is the time proposed. The prizes this year will be more in number and value.

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Mr. Major Mrahee and Mrs. Pierson, of New Westminster, visited Port Simpson in the Fall.

Mr. Morgan and his two sons spent the Winter at Port Simpson and left in March for Carcross where they have excellent copper properties.

Mr. Morrow the popular Indian agent for the W. W. Coast has been at Simpson several times during the past few months on important business conducting Council Elections, &c.

Coqualeetza Institute.

WE are indebted to R. H. Cairns, Esq., Principal of Coqualeetza Institute, for this group of intelligent looking young men who represent the graduating class of the Institute for 1906. They will make good and useful citizens and will bring credit to the Institution in which they have been trained.

Educational work amongst the Indians is being brought more and more into prominence. Experiments seem to justify the present methods. Patience, however, is needed. It is unwise and unfair to expect too much considering the short time such work has been in progress. The policy of the Government in supplying a good education to the native races is a wise and farseeing one and speaks volumes for the statesmanship of the country. The church and the Government are endeavoring to see that the children get a square deal so that if they do not receive an education the blame must rest on the shoulders of the parents and guardians alone. It speaks well for the high character of the industrial training of this Institute and for the ability of these young men to appreciate the privilege of a good training when one stops to consider the fact that each of the graduates whose picture appears in the group with two exceptions travelled between five and seven hundred miles to obtain it.

Graduating Class of the Institute for 1906.

HENRY GREEN, Skidegate — JACOB WESLEY, Skidegate

GEORGE BROOKS, Port Simpson — PETER WELLS, Port Simpson — JOHN WESLEY, Clo-ose

JOSHUA STEVENS, Port Essington — FRED. MARKS, Skidegate — GEO. OSACK, Chilliwack — ROBERT STEWART, Kitamaat — JASPER RUSS, Naas River

MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS.

The Rev. Jas. Grenfell, who has labored at Port Simpson the last two years, left for the East last May. Mr. Grenfell was highly appreciated and much respected at Port Simpson where he did excellent work. At the District meeting held in Victoria the evening before Mr. Grenfell's departure a resolution was unanimously passed complimenting him and regretting his departure. He left many warm friends who remember him in the most kindly manner.

Dr. Large, the genial doctor and Missionary at Bella Bella, is on furlough in the East.

The Rev. R. Whittington, M. A., D. D., has had a busy year. His superintending is a great influence for good on our Indian Missions. His visits are helpful and appreciated. We hope he may continue his connection with the Indian work on this coast for many years.

The Rev. C. Roddick, of the Bay of Quinte Conference, is transferred to British Columbia Conference and will succeed Rev. Mr. Raley at Kitamaat. He is expected at the Coast in May.

There have been several changes on the District this year :—Mr. Edgar to Kitsequkla ; Mr. L. Gray to Rivers' Inlet ; Mr. Bromwick to Hartley Bay ; Mr. Raley to Port Simpson ; Mr. Reid to China Hat ; Mr. Tait to Kitselass.

Bro. Simon Ellis, native candidate for our mission work, passed away last Fall. The Rev. B. C. Freeman speaks very highly of Bro. Ellis as a close student and a devoted Christian worker.

Early in January Miss Martin, of Kitamaat, arrived at Port Simpson on a visit to the Mission House. After a short visit she was prevailed upon, with the consent of the W. M. S., to take charge of the boys in the Home. Since her advent the Home has grown in favor with the people and the boys.

All the Mission workers at Kitamaat felt much sympathy for Miss Jackson returning from a very pleasant furlough in the East only to hear with keenest dissapointment of the burning of the Home which was the object of so much of her thought and care.

LOCALS

On the 9th of January a new Council was elected with Mr. Wm. Kelly as Chief Councillor.

Mr. Geo. Kelly was selected and installed Chief of the Gispatians tribe of the Tsimpshean nation.

Several new houses have been built in a style and with a finish that would do credit to any town in Canada.

Mr. Charlie Dudoward is doing some fine specimens of carving and burnt work. His paintings are admired.

Labor Day was celebrated by athletic sports of which Captain Watson and Mr. Martinson were instrumental in getting up.

Owing to the severity of the weather for a few weeks during the Winter there was a scarcity of water and owing to a fuel famine, famine prices had to be paid.

Several of our boys have recently returned from the Coqualeetza Institute at Chiliwack B. C. and are showing good results of their four years training there.

Mr. Gideon Hicks, of Vancouver and Victoria, visited Simpson in September and assisted at a concert to help pay for a new organ for the Girl's Home.

Hundreds of Hydahs from Masset and Skidgate camped on the beach in front of the Hudson Bay Co's store in August waiting for favorable weather to cross the island.

A new store was opened in Sept. by Mr. Wm. Young, an enterprising trader from Alaska and a nephew of the Rev. John Young, who was one of the first Missionaries to Alaska.

We have an excellent Public School here although small. A splendid percentage tried the Entrance last year and passed well. Mrs. Harding is the teacher and the scholars are all devoted to her.

We occasionally see some familiar faces from the Kitamaat country. Mr. Geo. Robinson, Mr. John Dunn, Messrs. Dan and Lindeborg who have interests at different points on the Coast are among those who have called on us.

REV G. H. RALEY.

Rev. Mr. Raley's Removal Regretted.

THE people of Kitamaat sincerely regret the removal of Na Na-Kwa, and its editor, Rev. G. H. Raley, to Port Simpson. Mr. Raley has for thirteen years performed the duties of Missionary on the Kitamaat Mission and through his earnest devotion to the work has accomplished untold good among the people here. In this work Mrs. Raley has been a strong helpmeet. Her heart has ever been open to give of her time, talents, sympathy and substance to help the people among whom it has been her lot to labor. Their home was always open to any travellers who chanced to land on the shores of Kitamaat and their warm hospitality was much appreciated both by these and by the white people resident here. Before leaving Mr. Raley was presented by the white community with a Morris chair, and Mrs. Raley with a cabinet secretary as slight tokens of the esteem in which they are held by their Kitamaat friends. We wish them abundant success in their new field of labor and pray the God may make them as great a help and blessing to the people of Port Simpson as they have been to those of Kitamaat.

KITAMAAT CORRESPONDENT.