

# NA-NA-KWA

OR

DAWN ON THE NORTHWEST COAST.

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KITAMAAT. B. C.

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THE above cut was made a few years ago of a Bella Coola girl. In our christian villages the people call her costume, or talk of it, the "old fashion". The "new fashion" means, at any rate, some of the upward symbols of civilization; so we see a few Indians at present wearing the blanket in many villages. At Kitamaat the older women continue to use the lip-button, it is an insignia of rank, if large the pret, the rank and the honour great proportionately.

In non christian villages the girls are neglected and often ill-treated and tormented. They are not considered equals of men when married become literally slaves. Since the advent of the missionary a great change has taken place, and a good step made towards christian civilization. We cannot reasonably expect in a few years to bring into perfect cultivation large tracts of territory which are covered

with weeds, noxious herbs, giant trees representing the growth of centuries. Neither can we reasonably expect in a few short years to uproot all customs, all superstitions, habits, antipathies, tempers, the growth of centuries of paganism.

Marriage law even in some christian villages is not too highly esteemed. Marriages often take place between 12 and 14 years of age of course we discourage them.

Marriage dower instead of being given by the bride's father, is generally given by the bridegroom to the bride's friends, we do not call this the purchase of the bride, but readers must draw their own conclusion.

## ESSAY.

### ABOUT THE KITAMAAT HOME.

We have a large home at Kitamaat we learn the bible and we learn much how to bake bread we learn how to sew and we have a good large home and the girls want to come to it we have kitlope girls and we have some of the hartly bay girls and some of the hydies want to come to it two of our girls is going to get married when I first came to the home the home was very cold time at the home the little girls sew afternoon and they go out before tea to play and before the big girls go to bed they always read the bible I love Miss Long well and Miss Walker to and we make the beds after breakfast

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## OUR MISSION.

"Christ for the world, we sing;  
The world to Christ we bring  
With one accord  
With us the work to share,  
With us reproach to dare,  
With us the cross to bear,  
For Christ our Lord."