

people often complain of this, but I think it does not injure them in the least, as one of us always goes with them to see that they do not carry too heavy a load.

We are now busy preparing for our Christmas entertainment. We are trying to make it the best yet given, and the people seem to be anxiously looking forward to it. The children are very diligent in their preparations; four of the girls expect to do the playing for the entertainment, and the parents are very proud of their skill. Our girls learn music very quickly, and in the other branches of the work we feel that they are doing well, much better than some white girls of their age. One who left the Home last year (her time being up) is now doing housework for Miss Bolton, who says, "Fanny is the best worker I have ever had in British Columbia." In the summer we let Matilda McKay help Mrs. Pierce for three weeks, and Mrs. Pierce said she had no idea any of the girls could do so well. She kept her in preference to a white woman of forty years' experience. If we do have little trials we also have much to encourage us, but we are not as fortunate as Chilliwack in having an occasional visitor to speak for us. We have twenty-five girls at present, and four or five mothers have asked to put their children in the Home, but they seem to be waiting for the Christmas festivities. Possibly our Father, in whose hands is all our work, sees that the greatest good is not in greatest numbers just now. I know it is best for those who are in the Home, but I often think of those who might be here; our work would be no more difficult for thirty-five than for twenty-five. We will do our best for all who come.

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