

BEFORE THE GIRLS COME BACK I WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO GET SOME FACTORY COTTON, YARN, SPOOLS STONE BUTTONS WE ALSO NEED A FEW PILLOWS, and SHEETS.— *E. E. Long.*

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## KITAMAAT HOME CLOSING EXERCISES.

On Sunday, the 12th. of June the missionary preached a special sermon to the children in the morning, and Bro. Sam Amos an exhorter preached to the parents in the evening. In the afternoon Mr. Anderson gave an address; all the services were well attended. On Monday the Missionary held an examination in the school, the scholars did excellently in reading and writing, and creditably in other subjects. On Tuesday we had a reunion of "our old boys and girls," a very pleasant evening was spent. Several of our girls are married, also one boy: we want to keep in touch with them at all times. On Wednesday the examination of industries, such as sowing, knitting, cooking, was held. In the evening the entertainment and prize giving. For the entertainment, the children furnished a programme consisting of 48 numbers, which were rendered in a manner very creditable to themselves, and all who had drilled them. We hope all the children will not forget Miss Long's parting words of advice, have a pleasant holiday, keep in good health, and be ready to return when the Home re-opens on the 15th. of August.

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## KITAMAAT VALLEY.

### To the Missionary.

Having just returned from an exploring trip up the Kitamaat River and its tributaries with Mr. D. Stevens I thought it might be of interest to you and your readers to know of some of the resources and possibilities of the above hence the liberty of addressing you. We find that the Kitamaat River is navigable for about 20 miles up for light draft vessels of about 15 inches draft; that there is abundance of fish; that there are some large tracts of land that could be brought under culti-

vation very easily; and that the Valley is capable of sustaining quite a large population; and that intending settlers would do well to turn their attention thitherward.

Traces of minerals were found by us, which indicate that the mountain chains on both sides of the Valley would bear prospecting. There are three large rivers flowing into the Kitamaat from the East side, and one from the West side which has a large branch; there are also a number of small streams that flow into the main river, if space would allow a fuller description could be given.

Respectfully yours,  
A. Walkley.

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## CONFERENCE.

The high esteem in which Rev. J. F. Betts is held by his brethren was shown by his election to the Presidency of the B. C. Conference, a position he has filled before. The well tried secretary Rev. J. P. Bowell was re-elected.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland; and the Rev. Jas. Woodsworth accompanied by his wife were with us. The counsels and instructions of these General Conference Officers regarding various phases of mission work were helpful and profitable, both to Indian and Domestic missionaries. Much inspiration and comfort was derived from Dr. Sutherland's sermons and addresses.

The General Conference representatives are most welcome visitors, not only because of the very important interests they represent; but they are a strong link in the girdle of Methodism binding that of the East to that of the West.

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Rev. G. H. Raley, Mrs. Raley and the baby went South on the Str. "Boscowitz" to attend Conference, and the Branch Meeting of the W. M. S. Mrs. Raley had not been away from the Mission for 17 months. The baby took quite kindly to civilization excepting the ladies; steamboats, cars, horses and cows, were much more after his heart. Unfortunately he was not well half the time. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Maynard, whose hospitality they much enjoyed.