

freight, and Mr. Raley having to visit Hartley Bay, availed himself of the chance to go out by steamer rather than by canoe. He expected to return some days ago, but is still away; the boat is to bring him back with lumber. The people were much pleased to know that he was going to enlarge and improve the home buildings.

When I wrote last the girls were sick. Soon afterwards they began to improve, all but little Mary, who was ill for weeks, wasted to skin and bone; we do not yet know what was the matter. We thought she would die, but she pulled through and gained so that she was able to return to school last week.

Three weeks ago Miss Long was one night taken suddenly ill. She managed to get down to the mission house next morning, and was confined to bed for eight or nine days. We feared that typhoid fever was setting in, but she providentially escaped. For about two weeks she was unable to go to the Home, and we had to get our former teacher to look after it. Of course Mr. Raley was about, but he had the school as well, and we were so anxious about Miss Long. I never sat down for days, save at meals. Miss Long is considerably thinner, and not strong yet, but she is improving and her spirits are better. We tell her she worries too much, but she is very conscientious and feels everything keenly. She must go away next summer for a change. She sees now that she missed it in not doing so last holidays.

"We are preparing for Christmas.

"The boat on which Mr. Raley left, brought us a new teacher, Miss Walker. We like her, but she is wishing Mr. Raley would return, and get things in running order. She is much interested in the 'Home'."

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From Miss Morgan.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 14th, 1898.

You will be sorry I am sure when you hear that I cannot return to Japan, but from what the doctor told me I am afraid it is not possible. All things considered, perhaps it is all for the best that I am to stay here. During the past four