

Rev. W. H. Pierce arrived to-day from his mission on the Upper Skeena. He, with seven strong men, were a week in making the journey of 180 miles down the Skeena to Essington, and experienced considerable hardship and danger in doing so. For long distances the ice is still firm on the river, and over those parts the canoe had to be dragged on sleighs, having first been unloaded and the cargo left on the ice to be returned for when open water was reached. During the trip this had to be done forty-seven times.

Mr. Pierce reports that he was without mail for seven months, and Mrs. Pierce, who remains at the mission, will have to wait for news from the outside world until a steamer goes up in May.

Mrs. Pierce is the only white woman at Kish-pi-ax, and is at present alone with the Indians. Truly the days of missionary heroism are not yet past, and there are not lacking women among us who are willing to endure isolation for Christ's sake.

INDIAN WORK.

From Mrs. Redner.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C., *June 7th, 1897.*

We hope to keep our thirty girls, and, if possible, add to the number in the fall. Miss Clarke thinks we cannot do justice to more than thirty with our present staff, but I am willing to try. A few of the large girls will go with their parents for the holidays. The looking forward to this has certainly given us a more quiet spring than we have had formerly. What the result may be is yet to be seen, but we hope it may have a good effect on the school.