

the baby had croup, consequently we were up all night with him ; this morning ne is quite relieved. Our children at the home have a much brighter appearance. Seven of them, how-ver, were unable to get up to breakfast—quite a hospital. I hope in a few days all will be around again. Miss Long is patience itself with them, and an excellent nurse. I have shared the burden with her as much as I could, taking my turn to watch at night. We have been obliged to have a native woman in occasionally, as the children were unable to do their work, being so weak.

Other mission work is progressing favorably, and the meetings are well attended, the Christians taking part with an enthusiasm that would astonish you. Last Friday night a chief, whose little boy is dying, came to the meeting in anguish, feeling the burden of sin and seeking help. He was tortured with the idea of his sinfulness, and also that he was going to be separated from his little boy. Before he left the meeting he was a new man, he found forgiveness and help, and was reconciled to his loss, stating in his language, which is very expressive, "God lent me my boy for a little while, and now He is calling in 'His lend.'"

Another man, who was a slave, has given me many an anxious hour. He is so wild. The Indian agent threatened to put him in the chain gang at Nanaimo if he heard further complaint. He threatened to shoot a man a short time ago; and he got his head cut with a knife in a row. Poor fellow, it is hardly all his fault. To-day he came and asked me to write down his promise to live a different life with the help of God. He said he must have broken all God's laws and man's laws as well. He cried when I explained to him how enormous crime was in the sight of God. He is quite anxious, and I expect him at the meeting to-night. There is so much to encourage, that a missionary's lot in the Divine call of duty is a happy one.

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Mrs. Raley writes, Dec. 11th, 1898.

"It is needless to tell you we are gratified by the action of the Board; we are deeply grateful, and most heartily thank the ladies.

"Just after hearing from you a steamer came in with