

KITAMAAT HOME LETTER.

THE NEW HOME.

The children and teachers left together for the holidays, and returned thus, though I did not stay with them. All the girls who were old enough helped their parents in the cannery; some were quite pleased to tell me they had filled cans. I am gratified at the accounts I have heard of the children's behaviour, especially concerning their English, one father was congratulated because his daughter talked English well. While at the cannery, some of the girls whom I had been anxious about were able to see Dr Spencer who prescribed a course of treatment for them, which I hope will make them stronger. I am losing two of my best girls this year, I hoped to have kept them a little longer but realized it was not to be when I went with one to buy her wedding dress. I am sure what they have learnt in the "Home" will be useful to them in their married life. Now I will tell you a little about my own holidays. My first stopping place was Bella Bella, where I spent ten very pleasant days with Dr. and Mrs. Large, from there I went to Victoria. I enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Walkley.

From Victoria I went to Port Simpson on the Princess Louise. We had quite an eventful trip, she was very heavily laden with freight, which made her hard to steer, we were turning in to a cove just past Cape Mudge when she struck on a rock however the tide was still rising and a big wave took us off, the boat was examined but no damage done. Twice we were delayed in fog. After a nine days trip we arrived at Port Simpson where I spent another pleasant week. I had been so desirous of seeing the place and getting to know the Missionaries, I staid with the ladies at the Girls' Home and they did all in their power to give me a good time. The days flew by what with receiving visitors and going out to tea, to say nothing of a splendid picnic. From there I took the Str. Horowitz to Rivers Inlet and I waited till the "Edith" returned to Kitimat with the people. I consider myself very fortunate in my first holiday trip, having met all the missionaries on the coast. Though I have returned strengthened and better fitted for my work, there is so much to be done I feel bewildered to know what to do for the best. One pleasant surprise awaited me, a bale of useful goods from Brockville.

I am starting this year with a better supply of material and made up clothing than I have ever had, I am still in great need of Blankets, Yarn, Stockings, Gingham, Towels and Dish-towels.

In my last letter I wished to have written more about the clothing but space would not allow, now I am thinking about the Xmas entertainment. Through the kindness of friends we were able to give the children a good Xmas tree last year, I hope they will be kind enough to remember us this year so that we may be able to repeat the treat. E.E. Long.

The "Home" has 34 windows but no blinds, a donation will be thankfully received.

For six years our "Home" motto has been JEHOVAH-JIREH, and we see no reason why we should change it.

Last quarter I spoke of the dimensions of the home. This quarter I believe the friends of the home would like to hear of the cost, which in a condensed statement is given below.

Cash outlay.	\$	\$
Lumber.	467	23
Work, one skilled carpenter.	285	80
4 Chimneys with freight.	45	50
Shingles.	38	50
Doors, windows and freight.	118	00
Hardware, nails &c.	50	85
Paint and oil.	45	03
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Given by the people.		
Work.	150	00
Packing 40000 ft. of lumber.	40	00
Sills, 8@ 5.00	40	00
Posts, 44@25	11	00
241	00	
Total	\$1286	88

Though this amount is not fully provided for. The W. M. S. has made a large donation and practically owns the building.

It will be seen from the above figures the greatest economy has been exercised.

A civil engineer, a cannery manager, a saw mill manager all have estimated the building in its position, worth at a low figure between 2000 and 2500 dollars.

It would have been impossible for us to build as we have done, had it not been for one hundred strong hands, ready when called to give free labour in the work of excavating, packing 40,000 ft. of lumber: a distance of 200 yards up a hill from sea-shore to building site, hewing, rafting and packing sills, setting the foundation, shingling &c.

The building is quite unpretentious, but we have had a single eye to strength, usefulness, and warmth.

Six years ago we began work amongst the children using as a home, a dilapidated school house, and a small building of rough boards made from borrowed lumber, only one thickness of board to keep out the winter's frost.