

INDIAN WORK.

From Miss Paul.

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We have had rather an eventful year, with many discouragements and many encouragements. The time has passed quickly and we have enjoyed our work. I can see a great improvement in some of the girls this year; they are becoming more trustworthy and seem to take more interest in their work in every department. We are having vacation in school now, and have been camping since last Friday at Whiskey Bay. We have two tents, a large one for the girls and a smaller one for ourselves. It is a lovely beach, and the girls find pretty flowers, shells, star fish and sea eggs, and bring them to us.

They will stay until next week if the weather is fine. It seems to do them good to have a couple of weeks free in the open air. These people camp so much in the summer that we think it well for us all to have a little of it. I am going for a vacation trip on the *Glad Tidings* with Mr. Crosby and family to Essington and the various canneries on the Skeena, also down as far as River's Inlet. It will be a new experience, as this is my first trip. Mrs. Redner mentioned in her last letter that some of the girls were sick with grippe. One little girl, Mary Maxwell, aged eight years, died, the others have recovered.

We enjoyed District Meeting very much this year. All the ministers and their wives were here except Mrs. Pierce, who bravely stayed up the Skeena alone and took charge of the people while her husband came down to District Meeting. Dr. Carman and Mr. Woodsworth cheered and encouraged us during their visit. We all appreciated Dr. Carman's addresses very much. We were sorry that they could not stay longer with us.

The village is almost deserted now. Everyone who is able to work is away. Dr. Bolton and the nurses are at Essington. We sympathize with the Dr. and Mrs. Bolton in their bereavement; their sweet little baby, Marjory, 8 months old, was laid to rest a few weeks ago in this far away land.