

CORRESPONDENCE.

Kitamaat B. C.

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To the Rev. G. H. Raley,
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Kitamaat.

I have an opportunity to write and let you know how sadly I feel some times when I remember how disobedient I was. When sended to school, I used to hide myself in the bush with some other boys of my age spending the day in idleness. Some times I and them taken to the teacher (by the watch man) and punished for being a bad boy in a day or two it is forgotten.

When you first began the home work on 1893 I was up there to study books and arithmetic principally which are the most necessary for me I was remain through the winter and part of the spring season. From that time I am of much desire to know little more every day as I know what its use.

On the year following I was up on your "Home" as the first year but was in late on the winter season and was remain three months and took a second holiday which was on April. The year following the children was taken to the "Home" as usual but I was not taken as I was too old for that Home, age 16. by that time I was begin to be in the day school but that was not quite as good as in the "Home" as I always forgot the things which I learned when I just leave the school house. In 1897 my cousin John Amos told me that he has to go some where for a school and so he did went down to Alert Bay and found an "Industrial School" there as soon as he arrived there he wrote a note for me telling me all about the school and call me down to be with him, of which I was very pleased to hear of. I was prepare and down on the first boat which came here str. Nell of Victoria we travel two days and one

night and reach the place I was wonder what the place looks like as we were going towards it and on arrival saw it was the same old Indian houses as we used to have here 15 years ago. I went up on the Wharf wondering where the "Home" is which was soon pointed for me by one of the natives and it was 7 o'clock in the evening. I was gladly received by the teacher, and was start school the day following 14th. of Sept. 1897 and was studying all the things which are necessary for me in this present and for the future use until the holiday was come June for my holiday. I went up to Rivers Inlet and was remain their one month and a half.

Before I left the school I was asked by Rev. A. J. Hall to bring some other boys with me on the coming year and so I did bring four other boys with me, I was left Rivers Inlet on the 14th. of August 1898 for Alert Bay by str. Coquitlam of Vancouver we reached in the mid-night 11 o'clock and was remain there learning the same thing.

I was up here on April 2nd. but with sorrowfully mind as I did not get all that is necessary for me tho' I was glad to see all my friends which are gladly received me.

Please if you have an opportunity could you begin the "night school" again? I shall be glad to be one of your scholars.

I remain yours truly.

Heber Gray.

[We are glad to have such interest shown by a most promising young man; and at the close of the salmon season upon the return of the people, the missionaries with the Epworth League will most gladly re-open the night school. G. H. R.]

Rev W. H. Pierce has returned from the East.