

## A NEW WORKER'S LETTER.

Through the kindness of friends I have been acquainted with Nanakwa for sometime as a reader. And since coming to the Home I have become acquainted more particularly, with one branch of its usefulness, that is letting the friends at home know of some of the needs of this, the youngest Home, for Indian girls which the W. M. S. has, in charge, and giving them the pleasure of contributing to our need. If the friends at home could see how nicely the girls look in their gingham aprons, and what a comfort it is to have nice warm underclothing and stockings for these girls when they come into the Home, and a great many other things I could mention they would be thankful to Nanakwa for letting them know.

For the first time I am to make my acquaintance as one of its contributors, although I do not pretend to write, yet at Mr. Raley's request I am pleased to let the home friends, who may be readers of Nanakwa, know of my safe arrival, just five weeks from the time I left home. I enjoyed the trip out very much although I did not prove as good a traveller as I had hoped, but the pleasant stop overs with friends at Winnipeg, Morley, Banff and Vancouver, were enjoyable breaks in the journey and my necessary delays at Victoria and Rivers Inlet, were not without a pleasure to meet the missionaries Miss Morgan, and Mrs. Snyder, and learn something of that part of our mission work. At Rivers Inlet, I saw something of the life at salmon canneries of which I had read so often; it was all so new and novel to me, yet not without its sad side too because of the evils practised there. Here I met Miss Long and Miss Markland for the first time, also Mr. and Mrs. Raley whom I had met in Toronto, and after a week's delay waiting for a boat, we all started for

our home at Kitamaat. On our arrival we were welcomed in a hearty way, the band turned out in full force and played several selections in good style.

I was very pleasantly impressed with the village as I caught sight of it from the boat, I think it is one of the prettiest villages that I have seen up the coast. On landing the first thing I noticed was a large board with the word,—"NOTICE!"—written in large letters, I thought it would be safest for me to read it for fear I might transgress some of their laws ignorantly and it was to this effect,—“Any person found guilty of smoking on the sidewalk of this village will be fined \$2.50” —I thought some of the Eastern towns and villages could take a leaf out of the Kitamaat code of laws.

I was delighted with the appearance of the Home it was so much better than I expected in an isolated place like Kitamaat where building material and labour is so expensive, this means that a great deal has been done by Mr. Raley himself and through his influence with the people in getting them to contribute to it as well.

From what I have seen since I came I think that the Home has had a great influence on the people of this place for good. It is remarkable what Miss Long has done in teaching and training the girls, I find them in advance on all lines of those with whom I have worked previously, and altogether the prospect of work in the Home among the girls is very pleasing to me. I believe more firmly than ever in the Home influence in helping the people to a higher mode of living.

They are great imitators and there is no greater force of teaching than example. I fear I will exceed my space, at some future time I may have the privilege of writing more fully of the work here as I become better acquainted.

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