

We had a good Branch Meeting; I attended in the interests of the Kitamaat Home, the members were interested in, and sympathetic with our work. Five years previously I had attended a Branch Meeting in Vancouver and ladies who had not seen me in the mean time, greeted me with "how you have changed."

When Conference closed Mr. Raley joined us, and we proceeded to Victoria. Having only a week there, every hour was full; there was such a lot of shopping, and as many social engagements as we could possibly manage. The city as usual had a prolonged celebration of the Queen's Birthday. When the B. coast steamed out 20th. May, we were aboard, after having an hour or two of happy converse with several friends who came to see us off.

Poor Emley celebrated our departure by an attack of croup. Dr. Spencer and Dr. Rush were passengers. I wondered if baby thought it a safe time to indulge in the malady. Saturday we called at Steveston and Vancouver, and then we were homeward bound.

We arrived at Kitamaat the 31st. May. As we bade good-bye to the officers of the boat, and expressed a hope to take another trip with them we felt they were men who wished us success in our work, and the Captain and Passenger in a material manner expressed their sympathy.

We found Miss Long and Miss Walker and the Home children generally well. They are a large family to have on one's mind when absent.

Was the trip a success? Yes. Were we refreshed? Socially. Were we rested? Not exactly. Mr. Raley looked a trifle better, for he had been thoroughly run down, but I was told I looked more fagged than when I went away. However these are incidents in our lives. Miss Long and Miss Walker are now away, enjoying fully I hope, not only a trip but a holiday.

KITAMAAT HOME LETTER.

Another quarter has gone and brought us to the annual holiday. Before sketching the closing exercises I would like to glance over the past year. It began with the measles and for months or until Christmas there was continual sickness. Sometimes I felt discouraged, we accomplished little needle work, and the house work did not satisfy me either, my time being much taken up with the sick children. After the New Year we were for weeks hindered by building operations. I must say, especially the large girls, praise for sewing worked well, the home is no place for idling, and the regular daily routine of the bread making, and the large things were done as faithfully and well as I could expect from young girls. It is to be taken into consideration that one person has to superintend the domestic work and sewing besides.

I would like to say there has been gradual, and yet very noticeable improvement in the character of many of the girls.

Miss Walker looked after the department of the boys, she saw they kept their rooms in order. The boys got wood ready, and carried the water, also this spring cleaned up the grounds, and helped in the garden.

Now for the closing. June 11th. was Home Sunday. Special sermons were preached to parents and children, and at the Sunday School Mrs. Raley and Miss Walker gave addresses, the singing of the girls added to the interest. Tuesday afternoon was the public school examination. At 6 o'clock the old boys and girls had a reunion at the home, we had a nice tea of soup, buns, tarts, cake and tea and the tables were pretty, decorated with ferns and wild flowers; refreshments over we repaired to the school house for games. This annual reunion of the married boys, girls and babies is one way whereby we keep in touch with them.

On Wednesday we had the examination of girls' industries. They had been equally anxious with me to have a good exhibit and had worked hard, I think we succeeded, the parents appeared pleased. We were very much rushed the last two weeks, one of the middle girls brought in some print for a dress. I said she might make it herself for examination, and remarked it would be nice if the big girls could each make a dress. They told their parents and seven were sent in, so with the work I had planned they had all they could do to finish.

Mrs. Raley tells me the ladies like details so I am giving a list of the articles made: Grace, Amelia, and Flora cut and made their dresses, each made a suit of infants' clothes, which were much admired, being nicely made and pretty, included in the sets were fine flannel jackets worked round with wool, in fancy work they made sofa pillows from samples sent by Mrs. Briggs. Amelia made a cushion for a seat from canton flannel samples, she and Grace crocheted mats, Flora a collar, and their knitting consisted of stockings and mittens. Flora made a pair of moccasins from cloth samples, I would be glad to get more samples, as all the children wear them in winter. Rosa and Mary Ann made dresses and night dresses, Rosa made a cushion for a seat and crocheted a table mat, Mary Ann a brush and comb bag of holland outlined in red cotton, and crocheted part of an afghan, their knitting was similar to the others.

The middle girls made their dresses and under wear brush and comb bags, stockings and all worked on the afghan. The little girls made chemises, petticoats, stockings and boy's braces.

The exhibit was in the school house, a table also held bread, buns, cakes, and tarts made by the prize cooks. When the parents had seen the work, the older girls handed them tea and some of the prize baking. On Thursday the 15th. the red letter day, we held the entertainment and prize giving in the Temperance Hall. The program was a lengthy one and consisted of solos, quartettes choruses and recitations, the people did so enjoy them. I wish for the children a very happy holiday, all are going away but three one of these remains with her parents who are sick, the other two being orphans, remain with Mrs. Raley. —E. E. LOSO.