

I have written this, expecting any moment to hear some one call out, "The canoe is coming." I will write you again for the next mail. I thank you for your kindly interest and sympathy, and for your prayers in our behalf.

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*From Miss Long, Kitamaat, March 13th, 1900.*

THE greetings and your letter with such kind appreciation of my endeavours were a great comfort and help to me. Mr. and Mrs. Raley arrived last Wednesday, just at the limit of the time I had given them. I was so anxious about a little girl who was sick I felt I could not bear the responsibility any longer. Dr. and Mrs. Large were on the boat. I was so thankful to see the doctor, who prescribed for Elizabeth and some of the others. Elizabeth is sister to Mary Cross, the child who was so ill last year; she is very much the same as Mary was. She came to the "Home" last September and was improving wonderfully in every way until she was taken sick. Before entering she was such an ungainly child both in manner and appearance I almost dreaded having her. One of her eyes is crossed; poor child, she feels very badly about it. One day Flora was showing her a picture of Mary and Elizabeth; she pointed to Elizabeth and said, "Do you think her eye is like mine." If the girls want to tease her they tell her she has a funny eye; I am trying to break them of talking like that to each other. At first they used to cry, now they tell me, they will say, "Miss Long, Annie says I have a long neck," or "Miss Long, Lillie says I have little eyes." The worst thing they can say to each other is, "Your mother is dead," or "Your father is dead," or somebody belonging to them is dead.

I read that part of your letter to the girls in which you mentioned the names of those who had obtained "G," and your message to them; they were delighted. I have great hopes for some of the middle girls, who, I expect, will be my big girls next year. There are four the same size--Angelina, Martha, Nancy and Alice; they are all doing well. In watching the girls I often think of the resolution regarding the effort being made to train some selected girls for direct work in harmony with the aims of the "Home." Having so many little girls that are not able to do for themselves, all the big girls work hard and are willing; they are very fond of the little ones, and good to them, but as yet I only know of one girl, Martha Ross, who could be trained to take any responsibility. She is a good worker, very neat, steady, and has an influence for good over the other girls, and can make the little girls mind