

out. Oh, the wind did blow while we were on Lakgul, which is as you know an island in the Pacific Ocean. It has a white sandy beach and the woods around are very pretty.

The Indians put up a very large tent in which to hold services. They did not do very well seal hunting, the weather was so rough, and they can only go out on warm fine days. The seals go to sleep on warm days and then the Indians shoot them.

Nearly all the Indians have returned to Kitkatla now, and are getting ready to go to the canneries.

I expect we shall start in a week, we have never been so late before in going to the Skeena.

Last Saturday I received ALL HALLOWS' IN THE WEST, I don't know who sent it, but it was very kind and I was delighted to have it. Goodbye, and love to all.

Yours faithfully,

S. F.

June 12th.

Kitkatla.

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DEAR SISTER:—By this time you have received my letter written on the Pacific and posted when landing. You will be disappointed about the palms when I tell you that the American Government will not allow at present, the removal to any part of America, of any living plant or shrub, under penalty of a heavy fine; because at this time there is a plague of Japanese bug on all plants, which destroys them, and the Government is afraid of its entering America.

The *Bongainvillea* will not flower until the *warm* month of January. It lasts three or four months so I will try to press and send you some.

This is not a pretty town, it is dirty and dusty, with ugly Chinese shops, narrow streets, and horse cars. The tropical foliage smells rank to me and it is much blighted by the "bug." Every tree has a bright flower, and some of the trees are immense, viz. the banian, coconut palm, bread-fruit—others are pomegranate, guavas, popei, mangoes and date palms. There are no apples, pears, peaches, apricots, or any of our small fruit, all is imported from San Francisco. The pine-apples are very fine. I had a guava yesterday, and some popei, it tasted something like a musk melon. The coffee is excellent and the sugar much sweeter than what we get in America, the syrup made from it is delicious. I have seen rice-fields all half under water. Milk is very poor and very expensive.

As for the people I never saw such a mixed multitude, all shades of color, half Chinese and Hawaii, Japanese, Dutch, German, Irish, English, Portugese all half-caste. They can learn English easily. There are 16 children who have no home, to stay here. We have a Maltese child, the very image of your dear four year old Syrian.

There will be 80 pupils when we begin on Sep. 1st., boarders and day-pupils. Our hours are, rise at 5:50, mattins at 7, in the Cathedral, breakfast at 7:30, school at 9, recess at 11 for 15 minutes, lunch at 12, school at 1, day-school over at 2:30, recess until 3, then preparation for juniors, recess at 4:30, dinner at 5:30, compline at 6. All juniors go to bed at 6:30, intermediates at 7:30, seniors at 8, and we retire at 9, first tucking net mosquito curtains all round, which nearly smothers me. The heat is intense, 80 to 90 degrees always,