

with their own work again. When we had the timbers all ready, then we began to prepare to raise the bents with windlass, as they were very heavy. It would be quite difficult to raise them without any kind of machinery. However we had the first one up all right, but when we moved the gin-pole back, a boy by the name of Crain, climbed up to loosen one of the ropes. When he was reaching the rope, the pole began to fall over a little toward the south. I tell you, he came down in a hurry. When we had the bents all up, then we began to put up the plates and rafters. But the barn is not quite finished yet, for we have not been all working at it through the summer. Some of us went home during the holidays. This is about all I have to say about the barn.


Some of the boys have been running away without any reason, but they were soon brought back again. Some of us are learning the carpenter trade, some are making shoes, others are working on the farm.

There are boys here that are quite smart in school, but it seems they don't care much about studying. I think we all ought to work hard when we have such a good chance to learn.


JOHN CASE.

Mt. Elgin Institution.

O.F.C.

 OUR annual report of the Indian Homes, which we are now preparing, will show \$148.95 as the total receipts of subscriptions to O.F.C., and \$344.16 as the cost of printing the monthly numbers and getting out the Christmas and Summer numbers, cost of engraving cuts, etc. The expense to us therefore has been about \$200. We do not regard this \$200 as a loss. We believe the O.F.C. has done great things, not only in making our work more widely known, but also in bringing down Government grants. Still, it would be a great relief if more people would subscribe, instead of getting their copies gratis. The cost is a mere trifle. For \$8 a year we will send 100 copies every month, except June and December, to a Sunday School. At present we have 952 subscribers and send out 718 gratis. If any one will send us a dollar, we will send a good dollar's worth of back publications.

O.I.H. Jottings.

 WE have \$817 on hand towards the proposed Indian Homes at Medicine Hat. The Bishop of Qu'Appelle has consented readily to be President. A site has been examined and will soon be determined on. Government aid is next thing to secure.

No ROOM this time for continuation of Mr. Wilson's travels. Will be continued in March number.

FIRE AT CARLISLE.—The little girls' quarters at the Carlisle Indian School, Pennsylvania, were very nearly burned down a few weeks ago, a fire having broken out in one of the clothing closets. Happily it was promptly extinguished by the Carlisle Fire Brigade.

NEW BOOK.—Mr. Wilson is trying, in his spare

moments, which are very few and far between, to get out a book describing his adventures in company with Mrs. Wilson, while travelling in the States. It is to be called "My Wife and I," and will be illustrated with a dozen of his sketches and about five dozen little comic pictures.

Receipts—Our Indian Homes.

Memorial Church S.S., London, \$18.75; M. A. Yarker, Montreal, \$5.00; Trinity Church S.S., Halifax, \$4.57; St. Paul's Juvenile Missionary Society, Halifax, \$77.75; All Saints' S.S., Toronto, \$25; Aaron Robinson, \$2; Mrs. Harris' class, St. Philip's, Weston, \$1; E. R. R., \$5; St. Paul's S.S., Uxbridge, \$13; Rev. W. H. Wood, \$5; Trinity S.S., Aylmer, \$6.25; H. C. Harris, \$4; St. John's S.S., Strathroy, \$6.25; Rev. L. DesBrisay, Strathroy, \$8.07; C. F. Kinnear, \$5; C. A. Kinnear, \$5; H. D. Kinnear, \$2; B. A. Kinnear, \$1; A. M., \$5; Little Girls' Society, St. Mark's, Orangeville, \$10; Rev. J. Farncomb, S.S., Lakefield, \$10.78; St. John's S.S., Portsmouth, \$15; St. Mark's S.S., Longueuil, \$13.62; St. Matthias S.S., Que., \$50; Ven. Archd. Marsh St. John's Township, \$6; St. James' S.S., Kingston, \$41.25; St. Thomas S.S., Walkerton, \$6.10; Christ Church S.S., Aylmer, \$3; St. George's S.S., St. Catharines, for Shingwauk, \$7.50; St. George's S.S., St. Catharines, for Wawanosh, \$7.50; Miss Pigot (ann. subs.), \$5; Cathedral, Kingston, \$25; St. Paul's S.S., Port Dover, \$12.50; St. George's S.S., Toronto, \$37.50; All Saint's S.S., Collingwood, \$9.38; S.S., Ashburn, Ont., \$5.32; Boys' Branch, No. 1, W. A., Mont., \$12; St. Mary's S.S., Como, P.Q., \$10; Mrs. Reed, \$0 40; Rev. M. Maarg, Waltham, Mass, U.S. \$10.00.

DECEMBER.

CARDS for Xmas, and S.S. from Mrs. V. McWilliams; Mr. W. H. Plummer, a large bag of nuts; from Mr. Graham, a box of candies and sugar clocks; two pair socks and mits by post.

Receipts—O.F.C.

DECEMBER 29TH.

Miss B. Billing, 40c.; R. V. Rogers, \$1; K. M. Holmes, \$1; Selby Gillum, 25c.; Miss Gaviller, 30c.; H. Boldrick, 4c.; Miss Beaven, \$1; Miss Peebles, 50c.; Rev. R. Lindsay, \$1; Miss Bacon, 8c.

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