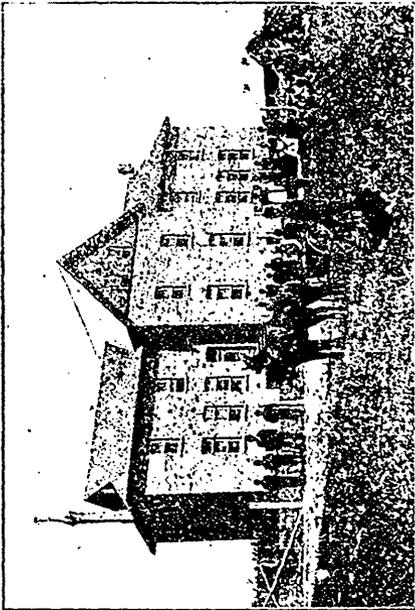


INDIAN CHILDREN IN THE NORTH WEST.

The Indians of the North West are heathen, and they are lazy and dirty as well, and they need to be taught the Gospel and also to be taught to work.

The old people do not learn readily. Their habits are formed. The hope for the Indians is in the young.

But if the young were gathered in schools for a few hours and then allowed to spend their nights at home, the dirt and sin of heathenism would take away the good of the school hours, and they would grow up largely as their fathers have done.



Indian School at Birtle.

The Government of Canada tries to help the Indians, and as the best way to do this is to educate the young, the Government has built school houses in different places where the young Indians are taken to live for a time away from the wild idle life of their tribes and are taught to be good citizens. The way that Government sometimes does this is to provide a building and then to pay some of the missions so much per child for teaching the Indians.

Here is a picture of the school at Birtle in the North West. It is a large stone building, erected by the Government, four years ago, and there are now forty Indian children there, taught by our own mission teachers.

They are taught all manner of useful work for house or farm. Some of them also learn trades. They are taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, and other things, and they are well taught in the Bible for the aim of our missionaries is to make them not only good citizens but good Christians.

HIS WORD IS TRUE.

A miserable-looking man went into a grocer's shop and begged for bread. The grocer thought that he knew the man, and asked him if his name was not—, who had once a good fortune and houses of his own. Yes; it was the same man. The grocer spoke kindly to him, and inquired how he had become so poor.

"Ah, sir," he replied, "I am suffering for my bad conduct to my widowed mother. I used to wish her dead that I might have her property; but when I got my desire I never prospered; the money was soon squandered, and now I am reduced to want."

God has said that he will *bless* those children who love and obey their parents; but his *curse* shall be upon the disobedient.

SHOW YOUR COLORS.

Do not be ashamed of the best thing you have. If you are ashamed of anything let it be of meanness, foolishness and sin. But ashamed of Christ? Never. Do you want to be a man? Well, the manliest thing a boy can do is to stand up for Jesus.

When James Abram Garfield was a boy at Williams College he climbed up Mount Greylock one day with a lot of his companions, and spent the night on the mountain top. Seated around the camp fire they sang college songs and told stories all the evening. At length young Garfield took a Testament out of his pocket and said:

"Boys, it is my custom to read a chapter in the Bible and have a prayer before going to bed. Shall we have it together?"

And they did. We all admire a boy who serves the Lord, and isn't afraid to say so.
--E.r.