

Protestant Institutions in the North-west.

SINCE we made our first move in the matter of establishing Protestant institutions for Indian children in Manitoba and the North-west, we are thankful to note a great change for the better. A few years ago it seemed as though the Roman Catholics were going to have it all their own way, but now things are changed. Not only have several minor institutions been started at various points through the zeal and liberality of the Protestant churches, but Government has begun to dole out her gifts and to assist Protestant enterprises among the Indians in a way that we had scarcely dared to hope. In addition to the large Government institution, under Church of England auspices, at Battleford, there are now three more large institutions for Indian children, either being built or about to be built, and to be supported either entirely or largely by the Government,—one for the Presbyterians at Regina; a Church of England institution at St. Paul, about four miles north of Winnipeg; and our Church of England institution at Elkhorn. We have also the prospect of another institution, similar to the Elkhorn one, at Medicine Hat; and we hear that the Methodists are to have one at Norway House, North of Lake Winnipeg. Besides these Government (or partly Government) schools, are the following minor institutions, which we visited either last summer or this:

THE MACDOUGALL ORPHANAGE

at Morley, in Alberta, under the charge of the Rev. John Macdougall, of the Methodist Church, has 21 pupils, mostly Crees and Stonies, and is doing a good work, though cramped for funds.

THE MACKAY INSTITUTE

at Round Lake, 20 miles North of Broadview, Assiniboia, was built by the Presbyterian Church, at a cost of \$5000. The Rev. Mr. Mackay came to this spot as a missionary in June, 1884, and pitched his tent. For three months he tried taking Indian children into his own house. In 1885-86 he had 20 pupils. The present building was erected in 1887. The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church gave \$3000. It is free of debt, and Mr. Mackay has \$700 in hand towards enlarging. Last winter he had 43 pupils, but during summer a great many of them are enticed away by their parents. Government has been giving him \$30 a head towards support of pupils, and has now raised the grant to \$60 a head.

MR. MOORE'S SCHOOL.

The Rev. W. S. Moore, of the Presbyterian Church, is a very zealous and devoted young missionary. In the face of many and great difficulties and often with

a less than empty purse he has succeeded in establishing a small boarding school for Indian children on the borders of Mushkoveetung's Reserve, North of Regina. The building cost \$1200, most of which was paid out of his own pocket. He began with 10 pupils the 20th of December last, and now has 23 on his roll, mostly Crees and Saulteaux, from the neighborhood. Some of the boys recognized us when we went in to visit them, and said 'Puhgukahbun' (Mr. Wilson's Indian name).

MISS WRIGHT'S SCHOOL.

Some good ladies of Portage la Prairie three years ago began visiting the Indians in their teepees on the outskirts of the town, and after a while opened a school among them. At first it was conducted in one of the teepees. Then, after a time, they purchased a house and took boarders, and Miss Wright was placed in charge. When our train passed Portage la Prairie going East, June 27, several bright-faced, well-dressed little Indian girls came on board, carrying parcels and packages for a lady, and then having deposited them said good-bye to her and jumped off again. We soon found that the lady was Miss Wright, and as she must necessarily pass the Sault on her way down to Toronto, we asked her to stay off a day or two and visit the Shingwauk and Wawanosh, and she did so, and seemed greatly pleased and encouraged by what she saw.

Archdeacon Cowley's Mission.

IT was with great interest that we paid a visit to this well-known, old-established, mission of St. Peter's. The good old Archdeacon has gone to his rest, but his widow and daughter still live in the old stone house on the banks of the Red River (25 miles from Winnipeg), and assist in the services of the fine old church; and the Rev. B. McKenzie, who is partly Indian, conducts the mission. It was sad to see the extensive burial ground, graves of all sizes, so thickly clustered together. Evidently these untutored Indians have not been educated in the vexed question of high church and low church, as the cemetery, although a C.M.S. one, was literally bristling with crosses. There are said to be about 1200 Indians now in the mission, all nominal Christians, and all members of the Church of England. The mission was first established in the year 1827.

IF Sunday School teachers would collect 10 cents from each of their pupils and send an order for so many copies of O.F.C. to be distributed among them, it would greatly increase their interest in our work, and the children would think more of the papers if they paid for them than if they got them for nothing. Ten cents from each individual is very little, but for us to supply them free to all the Sunday School children would cost a fortune.