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advantage. I should think that such a school might be easily filled, and from it would radiate beneficial results - spiritually, mentally, and physically - not merely to the pupil but to the parents and to the whole community.

(10) You state - "I am afraid you have an exaggerated idea of the wealth of our people at the Soo, Port William, and Port Arthur". I have some knowledge of the standing of the people in these localities and also in other portions of the Diocese of Algoma. If they really desire to sustain this home there should be no difficulty in a few of them supplying the necessary money to make good any deficiency. If you could only get them to take an interest in the undertaking instead of passing it by without assistance, the needed amount could easily and shortly be obtained.

While writing this I am reminded of a statement made when first I went to Ottawa in connection with Indian matters, which was -- "I wonder why you trouble your head about Indian schools when you see the little interest that is taken in them by those who are in the immediate neighbourhood and who are primarily responsible for the well-being of their neighbours, the red man. Do you not see that this matter does not interest them in the least, then, why should it be taken up by others, who have plenty of work, educative and philanthropic, near at hand?" This has been driven home to me very frequently in the last five years.

I hope we shall have time to think over these and all other kindred matters so that we may have a wise and judicious utterance as the result of the proposed meeting next month.

Faithfully yours,

