

are at least two more needed immediately for the schools at Birch Island and Sucker Creek. There are five ordained men at present ministering to Indian congregations, though three of them have also white congregations within their charge. There are no hospitals for Indians; they have to be sent to the nearest hospitals along the line. There is a small infirmary for the use of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes.

The day schools are Government schools in charge of Church of England teachers. These are the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, with 64 children, 37 boys and 27 girls. These are now cut off from the M.S.C.C., receiving no grant whatever. The Government does not increase the per capita grant, which is about half the sum paid to smaller schools in the West. It is very sad to say that they may have to be closed, because they are running behind financially so rapidly. It should be known that these schools not only afford education to the Indian children of Algoma, but that many Indians from other outside reserves send their children to these industrial schools. It will be a lamentable setback to missionary work if these schools are not supported. The Romanists have a strong grip on the Indian population, and owing to their numbers and resources, compete advantageously with the Church of England. The Indians in these regions are hunters and it is not easy to induce them to join the Missions. The W. A. in the Diocese completes the support of a boy and girl in the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes. Some of the girls are married and are living well as citizens; some have become domestic servants and give satisfaction. Of the Shingwauk pupils, the larger number of those who pass through the Home, take ordinary positions; yet a few have risen above others. Two are doing good work to-day as priests of the Church, several have taught school, one was a bank messenger for a time and then obtained employment with a transportation company. Several are in the Sault, engaged successfully in trade. One is a plumber, another a carpenter, yet another is working in the factory of the Sault Lumber Co. Thus the great work of the Home is to turn these rough, wild young creatures into quiet, industrious, law-abiding