

OUR FOREST CHILDREN.

able it is that this nominally protestant country should be swayed so much by Roman Catholic influence. We wrote to him "If you will go ahead we will," and he wrote back "It won't do to stop!" and so, with barely enough money to put up the building, and without a cent promised towards its future maintenance, resting on God, and believing that He in his own good time will find us the means we have commenced the work. The site is right in the village of Elkhorn close to the Railway track and has been donated to us by the C. P. R. The land will be deeded to the church, provision being made that no part of it can be sold leased mortgaged except with the consent and approval of the Rev. E. F. Wilson or his successor. The building it is expected will be completed before winter sets in, but it must remain closed until funds are forthcoming for the annual maintenance.

Our New Magazine.

In our last issue of OUR FOREST CHILDREN we spoke of setting on foot a new monthly illustrated Magazine, to be called the "*Indian Canadian*." We have received many warm and encouraging letters from friends and persons hold high official position to whom we wrote on the subject, among them the Lieut. Governor Dewdney, Dr. Wilson, of University College, Toronto, Horatio Hale, Dr. Rand of Halifax, and others. We thank these friends for their kind words and promises of assistance, and are now waiting to hear from others to whom we wrote before taking any further steps.

The Blackfeet Boys.

The two Blackfeet boys from Alberta are doing splendidly, one is learning carpentering, the other bootmaking. They still have their hair in long plaits, but are becoming gradually civilized in

their habits. Neither of them can as yet read or write intelligibly. When they want to send a letter home, they dictate to Mr. Wilson what they have to say in the Blackfeet language, and he takes it down as nearly as possible according to the sound, without understanding beyond an occasional word or two what it is they are saying. The letter is sent to Mr. Tims, the Missionary, and he has to decipher it and read it to the parents. We are glad to hear that the Blackfeet people are not angry at these two boys being taken away from their Reserve, and if God spare them to return strong and well to their people next summer, we trust that the year they have spent at our Institution may be the beginning of a new and important work among those interesting people.

Clothing for the Indian Homes.

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The following gifts are very gratefully acknowledged:

Two boxes from England per Mrs. Marten containing a large and useful supply of clothing for the boys and girls of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, a parcel for Mrs. Renison from Miss Peache, Christmas tree gifts from the children of the late Rev'd Basil Woodd, and Mrs. Halson, Clothing from Miss Wells, Miss Pender the Missionary working party and Girl's National School Bath, Texts in Cree from Miss Hadden, besides many presents from kind friends to the Missionary and his family. For Nancy Warner a new and complete outfit from the Ladies of Kingston per Mrs. Buxton Smith. For Bella Naudee a large supply of new clothing, prayer book and Testament etc. from New Liverpool, P. 2. per Mrs. Davenport. Two boxes from Picton from the Guild of St. M. M. containing quilts, cloth-