



INDIANS AND THEIR CANOE.

OUR INDIAN HOMES.

REV. E. F. WILSON'S QUARTERLY LETTER.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Since writing last I have been away on a journey of more than 3,000 miles. Thanks to the C.P.R., we can now travel from Ontario to the Rockies and back within a short space of time, and at comparatively small expense. Only a few weeks ago I was in and out among the Blood and Piegan Indians in Mr. Trivitt's and Mr. Bourne's missions in Alberta. I took in Medicine Hat, where our new school is being established, both going and returning, and all in trim now for proceeding with the work, directly the expected government grant becomes available. At each of my centres now I have an "Advisory Council," consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese and several of the clergy, and the laity living in the neighbourhood. At Medicine Hat, the Bishop of Qu' Appelle is President, Rev. E. N. Dobie, Secretary; and Rev. J. W. Tims, Judge McLeod, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Sanderson, Rev. H. W. Sacken, and myself members of Council. At Lethbridge, the Bishop of Rupert's Land is Visitor, Ven. Archdeacon Phair, President; Rev. R. G. Stevenson, Secretary; Rev. C. Quinney, Dr. Rolston, Rev. H. L. Watts, Rev. Rural Dean Rogers, Mr. W. Wilson and myself members of Council. Here in Algoma, the Bishop of Algoma is President, Rev. E. A. Vesey, Secretary; Judge Johnson, W. G. McNeil Thompson and myself members of Council.

To take now, my Homes in order, beginning with

the most distant—viz. Medicine Hat. There are to be three buildings, a home for girls, a home for boys, and a central building where all will come together for meals and school. The central building is already up, the concrete walls completed, timbers between the concrete painted, and roof finished; but *inside* nothing is yet done. It will take \$2,000 to complete the building, and \$1,000 or so to furnish it. Towards this we are expecting \$5,000 from government. What is over after completing and furnishing the central building, will go towards erecting laundry, out buildings, cattle stable, fencing, etc. Towards first year's maintenance government will give \$2,000. Beyond that we have no absolute promise at present of any help. My present idea is to remove to Medicine Hat myself with two of my daughters about September 1st, remain there for the winter, and set to work on foot in a sort of family way at as little expense as possible. We could not afford to pay a superintendent at present, but I have already made arrangements with a man and wife—both highly recommended, the man to look after the outside work and the wife to cook, bake and wash for us, with the help of the Indian children. They will come to us September 1st if I am able to carry out my plans. God has given me a big work and a big family, and it has been on my mind lately that perhaps it is His will that the big family, now that they are growing up, should lend a helping hand in the big work. We have eight acres and a half of good land at Medicine Hat on the banks of the River Saskatchewan. It will have to be irri-