

go more I took old good can go. and me still Im Tims house and sleep and can work me. I will taken God askes becuse me loves Jesus Mr. Wilson and vrey good you home. I know God and Jesus died for us. Some time I make house vrey pretty this summer. Next summer I thank you come, and vrey much you seeme and Mr. Wilson friend. I thank nuts (much?) me some time becuse can make house my brother I make him good house. Mr. Wilson home said my brother yes can go Natusiasamiu (Mr. Wilson's name) home. give me my brother horse vrey good.

JAMES.

Encouraging.

DURING our stay among the Blackfeet, preparations were being made for the great annual "Sun Dance," and it was said that eleven young men were going to undergo the usual torture. Both Mr. Tims and ourselves were anxious about our Shingwauk pupil, James. Would he go to the dance, or would he not? James had one great friend, (a heathen like the rest), by name Mianami; they seemed inseparable, and were about together from morning to night. Would Mianami persuade James to go to the heathen dance, or would James persuade Mianami to keep away from it? Day by day the preparations kept on, day by day the teepees about the Mission grew less in number—all were going away to the locality of Chief Crowfoot's tent, some ten miles off, where the festivities were to take place. But James did not go. And not only did he remain, but he persuaded Mianami and two other young fellows to remain too. They all stayed with Mr. Tims in the Mission House; and on the Sunday after we left, we heard that these four young fellows mounted their ponies and rode off to attend a service of the whitemen's church, some four miles off. May we not hope that the seed of God's word has found a resting place in some good ground, and if that be the case, who can say what may not the fruit be.

Opening of the Washakada Home.

THE Washakada Home at Elkhorn, in Manitoba, was opened for use on Thursday, June 21st. The large school-room was tastefully decorated with flags, Indian bead-work, weapons, etc., and mottoes, and a good representation of the residents of Elkhorn filled the room. Mr. Wilson held an opening service of hymns, prayer, and scripture readings, appropriate to the occasion. After this he gave an address, stating what had led to the beginning of the work at Garden River, how it had grown, the gradual development of the present work for the Indians in

the North-west, and how the present institution had been brought into existence. Afterward, Mr. Geo. H. Rowswell, who has taken great interest and contributed largely to the undertaking, spoke. Councillor Cushing, Dr. Rolston and Mr. Fortune made short addresses, and promised, that for their parts, as residents of the place, they would do all they could to make the work successful. The Institution was then named the *Washakada Home*, and was declared to be open "In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost." After this, the assembly roamed through the building inspecting it, and partook of the refreshments provided in the dining room. The present building will accommodate eighteen children. A few were present at the opening, and others, it was expected, would be gathered in from the surrounding Reserves. Within a radius of about a hundred miles there are as many as 800 Indian children of various ages. The Lady Superintendent now in charge of the school is Miss Robinson, a daughter of Judge Robinson, and neice of the late Bishop Fauquierre of Algoma. Steps will at once be taken to utilise the Government grant by the purchase of 12 more village lots contiguous to the present property and the erection of three more buildings. One of these, the central one, will contain dining hall, kitchen and superintendent's apartments on the ground floor, and school-rooms overhead; another one will be the Boys' Home; and the present building, with a new building attached to it in the rear, will be the Girls' Home. Boys and girls will meet in the same building for meals and school. There will be workshops erected for the boys, and a farm of 640 acres will eventually be brought under cultivation. When all is completed it is hoped that, with the aid of the Government grant, eighty pupils will be maintained; but, for this to be accomplished, about \$2000 must be raised among friends to supplement the Government building grant, and about \$2000 per annum must be raised also for maintenance. It is hoped that Sunday Schools will take up the work and assist in the support of pupils at the Washakada Home as they have been doing so kindly at the Shingwauk and Wawanosh. Bales and boxes of nice warm clothing will also be most thankfully received. Money contributions should be sent to Mr. Wilson at Sault Ste. Marie; and clothing to Miss Robinson, Washakada Home, Elkhorn, Manitoba. The Bishop of Rupert's Land has been asked to be President of the Washakada Home in the same way as the Bishop of Algoma is President of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh. Several ladies in Winnipeg, members of the Women's Auxiliary, have kindly offered to assist in supplying clothing, etc.