

and the Bishop raising his hand said "In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, I declare these Homes for Indian children to be now open." Then followed God Save the Queen, and cheering; and a few minutes later, luncheon was announced in the dining hall. Quite a sumptuous repast had been served, and all seemed well-pleased with their reception. White people, Indian visitors, and Indian pupils all came in for their share; and then, when that was over, seventeen teams stood at the door, and a long procession of well-filled vehicles escorted by a number of Indians on their ponies, drove four miles out to visit the farm land, 640 acres in extent, which has been secured for the use of the Indian Homes. So soon as funds will admit of it, a house will be built on the farm land for a farm man and wife, and the boys will be sent out, five or six at a time, to do the farm work and stay at the farm three or four weeks at a time; this will be a nice change for them, and make them all the more inclined for school work when they return. After playing Base-ball and other games for an hour or two, the large party returned to Elkhorn, all well-satisfied and pleased with their day's enjoyment.

The present staff at the Washakada Home consists of Mr. C. D. Mackenzie, local superintendent; Mrs. Vidal, matron; Miss Vidal, school teacher; Mr. J. A. Maggrah, assistant teacher; Miss Riddle, matron's assistant; Mr. Hambly, shoemaker. There are sixteen boys and six girls, and twelve or fifteen more pupils are expected shortly.

MR. and MRS. DEWDNEY beg to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the invitation extended to them by the Rev. E. F. Wilson and staff, to be present at the opening of the Indian Homes, at Elkhorn, on Tuesday, the 6th August, and to express their great regret that it has been out of their power to accept the invitation. They also beg to return thanks for the programme so kindly enclosed, and to express the hope that the occasion will prove a very pleasant one in every sense.

OTTAWA, 3rd August, 1889.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, REGINA }
August 5th, 1889. }

DEAR MR. WILSON,—I have to express sincere regret at my inability to attend the opening ceremonies of the Elkhorn Institution with which you have so closely allied yourself. Nevertheless let me hope that the success which has attended your efforts in connection with Institutions of a kindred nature, may be equalled in this; and that your fondest hopes may be realized, is the wish of yours very faithfully,

HAYTER REED.

REV. E. F. WILSON, Elkhorn.

Medicine Hat.

MR. WILSON has paid another visit this summer to Medicine Hat, with a view to making arrangements for the erection of an Indian Institution at that place.

After looking well over the land adjoining the town, he selected a spot which appeared to be in every way well adapted for the purpose; it is a tri-angular piece of ground, about 15 acres in extent, having high gravelly hills at the back, the river Saskatchewan in front; and on the other side the C. P. R. railway track. The soil is excellent, and the water in the river clear and good. Crops on a neighboring farm looked very flourishing; and if only the land can be secured at a reasonable rate, probably no better spot could be found for an Indian Institution. The townspeople of Medicine Hat, on hearing of the prospect of an Institution being built, at once took the matter up in a practical manner, and in a short time had filled a subscription list to the amount of \$400. Mr. Wilson has already a little over \$1,000 on hand, and if further help comes in, he hopes to begin at once and put up one of the intended buildings. He has good hopes of receiving a Government grant towards these projected Homes, in the spring.

QU'APPELLE, N.W.T., July 31st, 1889.

DEAR MR. WILSON,—I am glad to hear that you have definitely decided to commence a school for Indian, in this Diocese, in connection with your schools at Sault Ste. Marie. It seems to me that there are many advantages in having several schools in different parts of the country under one central organization. All the experience gained in the earlier schools can be made use of at once, in subsequent institutions of the same kind. Besides which Funds for their support are more easily obtained by one effort on a large scale than by several small ones. Of course I don't mean that your schools ought to swallow up all others, or prevent others being established. There is plenty of room for many schools, and a large variety of methods of working. Our Church has not yet at all adequately realized her responsibility in this matter, I speak especially, of course, of this Dioceses, and I regret to have to acknowledge it; but the claims of the settlers, who seemed to be our first care, were so great, and our Funds so small for the work to be done, that we have not been able to grapple with the work among the native population as I feel we ought to have done.

I therefore welcome most heartily and thankfully the independent work that you are proposing to commence. Medicine Hat, the site you have chosen, seems to be a place excellently suited for the work, being within reach of several large Reserves, though not too near them, and having an abundant water supply.

Trusting that you may have every success in raising the money required soon, believe me yours sincerely

ADELBERT,
Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

Clothing for Our Indian Homes.

SAULT STE. MARIE, JULY, 1889.

Mrs. Wilson begs to acknowledge with many thanks the following bales and boxes of clothing:

From Miss L. Betts' S.S. Class, St. John's Church, Portsmouth: dresses, petticoats, mitts, stockings, aprons and girls' underwear; also some handkerchiefs from a member of another class.

By mail (doner's name unknown), one quilt, four shirts.

Parcel by express containing a large number of aprons and girls' underwear, also a doll from the Church Ascension S.S., per Miss McLaren, Hamilton.