

*Extract from the Annual Report 1882, of the Shingwauk Home for Boys, opened 1875.
and The Wawanosh Home for Girls, opened 1879 at Sault Ste. Marie Ontario.*

OUR INDIAN HOMES.

Our Indian Homes have met with a very great loss in the removal, by death, first, of Mrs. Fauquier, the first lady manager of the Wawanosh Home, on the 4th of November last; and then on the 7th of December, of her husband, the beloved and esteemed Bishop of Algoma, who was patron of the Shingwauk Home and provided for the maintenance of one of the pupils.

The Bishop, during his lifetime, always took the greatest interest in both institutions, he was well known and loved by the pupils, and always warmly advocated the cause of the Homes wherever he travelled in Canada. Mrs. Fauquier, though a great invalid and confined to the sofa for many of the latter years of her life, was indefatigable in promoting the interests of the Wawanosh Home for girls, and many are the little niceties in the furnishing and arrangements which will long remain as mementoes of her kindness and wise management.

In consequence of Mr. Fauquier's death, and the removal from Sault Ste. Marie of others who helped in the work, it has become impracticable to continue the ladies committee, which formerly assisted Mr. Wilson in the care and management of the Girl's Home, but Miss Bennetts kindly consents to continue her work as local corresponding Secretary, and in England we have Mrs. Halson, who most kindly has accepted the post of Secretary-Treasurer, and undertakes to collect a hundred (£100) pounds a year towards the general maintenance of the Wawanosh Home.

Thus we trust that both of these homes for Indian children may, through the blessing of Almighty God, be enabled to continue the work which, now nearly ten years ago, was commenced in a spirit of simple faith and dependence in Him, and which has been so wonderfully supported and blessed from that time to the present. At times we have been discouraged—yea, almost de-ponding—through the lack of interest which has seemed to be taken in the work; at times we have met with opposition and unkind, unchristianlike attacks; but we may, we believe, say with all truth and sincerity, that our blessings have been greater—far greater—than our troubles, and that God has done for us more—far more—than we have either asked or deserved.

Beginning with a frame building and some 17 or 18 children in the autumn of 1873, we have now, January, 1882, two large stone buildings and 76 pupils under our care. The Wawanosh Home, for Indian girls, stands on 15 acres of land, 12 of which are under cultivation, and is surrounded by four outbuildings, viz., laundry, laundress' cottage, girls' play-house and stables. The Shingwauk Home stands on 90 acres of land, about 18 of which are under cultivation, and is surrounded by five out-buildings, viz.:—carpenter's shop and cottage, printing office, boot shop and tailor shop in one, farm buildings, dairy and storehouse. During the past year \$1,6.3 has been expended in building operations. The west wing of the Shingwauk Home, now occupied by Mr. Wilson's family, has been completed, an entrance Hall for visitors has been erected at the other end of the building, and at the Wawanosh, a laundry and laundress' cottage have been provided. The Homes are both now in a very complete state, and have accommodation for 26 girls and 70 boys. The only addition that we require now is a chapel. Our beloved Bishop last summer selected the site and dedicated it to the purpose. About \$550 have so far been contributed, and the Indian boys have during their play time piled some 40 cords of stone as their contribution. We propose that it should be built in memory of him who has departed from our midst, and should be called the "BISHOP FAUQUIER MEMORIAL CHAPEL." The cost will probably be about \$3,000. and it is hoped that this sum may be collected without a single name of any doner being published. Every gift is to be made in secret, on the scripture principle of not letting the left hand know what the right hand doeth.