

monthly, and others fortnightly, it is the intention of the rev. gentleman to work no less than *ten* of these, as Sunday stations. With the exception of three, none of the congregations will have a place of their own, in fact the majority of meeting places will be the settler's houses, or the lumber-

men's shanties. To meet the *positive wants* for bare necessities, (*i. e.*, buildings) in this part of our missionary diocese, would call for at least \$700. More or less every week Mr. Crompton is met by the cry "Do come and give us a service, my house is quite at your call at any time."

Two Homes to support Instead of one.

Dec. 20th, 1877.

DEAR FRIENDS:—Already have the Reports of our two Homes appeared—the third annual report of the *Shingwauk Home* in the *ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS* for last November, and the first report of the *Wawanosh Home* in the December number.

Our finances are now at a low ebb, and our work, I need scarcely assure you is largely on the increase. This time last year we were supporting forty boys only, whereas now, boys and girls together, we have to find maintenance for fifty-five.

The opening of the new home for girls causes an additional annual expenditure of \$1000, independent of the support of individual children. This \$1000 meets the salary and board of the Lady Superintendent, the wages of a man and his wife, the cost of fuel, insurance, and other general expenses. I had intended to look *entirely to Canada* for this extra \$1000, and during my tour through the provinces last summer solicited the smaller Sunday Schools to take this matter up and raise the amount among them by ten dollar subscriptions. Of this \$1000 about \$550 only has been promised, by forty Sunday-schools and subscribers, and of these forty subscribers, eighteen, only have as yet paid us anything. Of the supporters of girls, also, *one only* has as yet paid us anything on account of the support of their protege, although the first quarterly subscription in advance was due the 1st September last. Many of the supporters of boys are also very much in arrear with their payments, some still owing us for last June, and we have *three boys* in the institution without any support at all. We have called in vain for more Sunday Schools to come forward and take our Indian boys as their proteges. The fire of St. John has also told upon us; we still have, we feel persuaded, the warm interest of our friends in that stricken city, but their contributions are necessarily withheld. Just this period of the year is generally, of all others, the most trying to us, as we have to lay in all the stores required for the winter—2000 lbs. of beef and 60 barrels of flour, besides sugar, meal, groceries, &c., makes

a large hole in one's pocket.

But not only is there the annual support of our Home to think about, but the *Wawanosh Building* is at present only about one-third built. The back wing is completed and occupied, but the main building, fronting the road has at present only its foundations appearing just above the ground level. And in order to complete and furnish this we still require *two thousand dollars more*.

Perhaps some people will be inclined to say that we are undertaking more than we ought, and that, having already helped our work, they cannot do anything more for us at present. It does not seem to me that we are undertaking too much; indeed I do not see how we can do too much in labouring for God and seeking the welfare of our fellow creatures. I have endeavored to set forth a plain statement of our position, and now I pray God earnestly to put it into the hearts of His people to increase their efforts on behalf of our work. I desire, ever, by the grace of God, to maintain the position which we have endeavored from the first to hold, in regard to the support of these Homes for Indian children, *i. e.*, to have them supported, not by endowment, but by *voluntary contributions*. So long as I have life and strength and am permitted by God to occupy the place which I at present fill, I hope to keep to this principle. Amid much weakness and many personal shortcomings, I am satisfied that the work is of God, and this gives me strength. God has blessed us. God has poured His holy Spirit upon us. Many of our boys are already bearing fruit to his glory. We may have difficulties to humble us, and may thank God for them, but assuredly, if God bless us, we shall be blessed, if for a time we sink we shall rise again renewed and refreshed.

Yours faithfully,

E. F. WILSON.

In no way, perhaps, can those who have not money to contribute help our work better than by canvassing for our little *Algoma Paper*, and procuring fresh subscribers. People can neither pray for us or contribute to our wants unless *they know about us*.