

when we learned that a Black-coat was on board. We knew who it was, for he had already visited us before in passing. His English name was Wilson, but the Chipeways of Ahmujewuhnoong [Sarnia], with whom he has lived as their minister, call

him Puhkukabun [Clear Daylight.] He landed, and our young men helped him to carry up his things to the house. His wife was with him, and at this we were glad also.

(To be continued.)

Preparations for opening the Wawanosh Home.

WE think it desirable in this number of our Algoma paper to introduce to our readers the lady who has offered us her services as Superintendent of our new home for Indian Girls.

Madame Capelle is a German by birth, but has resided several years in England, and at one time conducted a mission school at Zanzibar in Africa under Bishop Steere.

We welcome her among us, feeling sure that her way has been directed of God to come, and that she will give her whole heart to the great and important work of caring for the poor Indian girls of Canada.

The wing of the new home is now advancing towards completion, and of the \$1000 per ann. required towards the general support of the Home, about \$600 is, we hope, already guaranteed. So with God's blessing and depending on His gracious support we shall hope to make a beginning next October.

MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE INDIANS.

BY MADAME CAPELLE.

My experience among the Indian boys is short, nevertheless I having had entirely to do with them during the last six weeks—in which Mr. Wilson was upon his yearly round and Mr. Bennetts had left for the holidays—and given my whole interest in the matter, I want to express the impressions the Indians made upon me, and to mention some of their striking features. Of course every one is impressed by different objects as well as qualities, but does not a picture, a landscape or a book gain by finding out its different beauties and originalities? the more so a human character in its individuality as well as in a whole race in general.

What was most striking to me, is a great

mixture of truthfulness and deceit in them; whenever I had any suspicion of one or other of the boys, after having seen something wrong or missing, and I asked them who was the culprit, they always, though slowly, confessed their fault. On the other side it is an easy thing for them to be hypocritical in religious things and to deceive for years their very much beloved clergyman, who has constantly to deal with them, and would, I am sure, be willing to shed his very heart's blood for them. But such an experience must not lead us to doubt all of them, we all know that the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, and God is the Ruler over every heart; I found several among them who can entirely be trusted, as well in doing their work faithfully, or in leaving them before the open stores and filled dishes, when you turn your back.

They are in general very lazy, even more so than the negroes, who have the great heat as their excuse; but the Indians living in the most healthy climate of the world, in a bracing air, have only neglected their mental as well as their bodily powers, and a good discipline is wanted to change them in a lapse of time to really useful working people.

Esquimau, one of the Indians, (I wish you could see his picture) who wishes to become a clergyman, and who went in our large boat called "The Missionary," up the Lake Superior, to fetch from among the wild Indians some more boys to be taught and trained in our institute, brought back two very bright little fellows, very pretty but savage-looking Indians.

They were dressed, or rather, not dressed, in some scanty remains of clothing, which showed everywhere their dark red-brown skin, the eyes danced in their heads, and the half-open, when smiling, mouth, showed a beautiful set of teeth.

The first and most necessary thing I did, was to make a hot bath for them, and let another boy soap them thoroughly, their rags had to be burnt and I dressed them afresh, but the stores of clothing were very scanty, so for want of an over-