

doxology. But oh! after this was over—one would think bedlam was let loose—every bell in the place was ringing, and every drum was drumming, and every tin pot was being beaten.

O.I.H.

WE propose to adopt the above initials—O.I.H., “Our Indian Homes”—as a symbol which will represent our now greatly extended work in all its branches, both present and future. We have two Homes in Algoma, the old Shingwauk and the Wawanosh; we shall have two in Manitoba—at Elkhorn, the Washakada Home for girls, and the Kasota Home for boys—separate buildings, but near together, and pupils all attending the one school; and we hope to have two Homes, one for boys and one for girls, at Medicine Hat, on the western border of Assiniboia. The Bishop of Algoma is President of the Algoma Homes; the Metropolitan of the Northwest is Visitor of the Elkhorn Homes; and the Bishop of Qu’Appelle has consented to be president of the Western Homes, when established. Mr. Wilson will be Chief Manager, or “Chief,” as he proposes to call himself, of all. He is preparing a set of six papers, containing general rules which are to govern all the Homes. A local Superintendent will be placed over each, who will send monthly reports and financial statements to the head office at Sault Ste. Marie. One uniform of dark navy blue, trimmed with scarlet, and with bright brass buttons, with O.I.H. stamped on them, will be worn by all the pupils. An extensive tailor shop is to be started at the Shingwauk, where all winter uniforms and pants will be made. For the summer uniforms, which are of serge, and easier to make, and also for girls’ clothing, we depend on ladies’ working parties; and Mrs. Wilson will gladly send patterns, particulars, etc., to any who will make. Besides O.I.H. on their buttons, we propose to have a dark blue ribbon with white edge and O.I.H. woven in white for our boys’ hats. And our school flag must also have O.I.H. on it. In a little time we hope it will become quite a common thing to see our Indian pupils moving from place to place, both on the steamboat lines which connect with Sault Ste. Marie, and with the whole line of C.P.R. from the Sault to Calgary, and they will always be known by their dark blue uniforms and the O.I.H.

The Elkhorn Schools.

THE Elkhorn Schools are progressing. The *Washakada Home*, which is for girls, and has a laundry attachment, is already completed. The central building, which has a tin roof and cupola, and contains

dining hall and kitchens on ground floor and school-rooms above, is already roofed in. The *Kasota Home* for boys will be commenced first thing in the spring. When completed, the building will have accommodation for eighty pupils. Over and above the Government grant, we shall require \$2,000 per annum for carrying on the work. We are glad to hear that the Woman’s Auxiliary in Montreal are intending to assist in defraying this. We hope also some Sunday Schools will undertake the partial support of pupils. As the Government grant is *per capita*, we require larger proportionate assistance now at the start, than we shall require by-and-by. Just at present we ask Sunday Schools to give \$75 or \$50 per annum towards support of pupils, the same as at the Shingwauk; but when the Elkhorn home is full or nearly full, we shall only ask \$25 per annum for each. We have been a little disappointed in our efforts to get pupils to the Elkhorn Home just at the outset, but they are beginning to come now. The Indian agents say that the Home is not yet sufficiently known by the Indians—they think there will be no difficulty about it after a little. The Indian agent at Moose Mountain, sending two little boys the other day, said in a note which accompanied them, “The best looking little boy is eight years old, and his guardian wishes him called George. He is a grandchild of the late Chief, ‘Little Child,’ and adopted child of the late Chief, ‘Red Ears.’ The other is ten years old, and he is son of ‘Papamas,’ head man of ‘White Bear’s’ band, but has been given to ‘Wachahwagin,’ head man of ‘Striped Blanket’s’ band. The blankets should be returned to me, and, I hope, will serve to wrap up some more children for the Home.” About the first of February, Mr. Wilson will send up Mr. McKenzie, his foreman at the Shingwauk, to act temporarily as superintendent; also, two big, useful Shingwauk boys to work under him as carpenters. Miss Robinson will continue to teach and to superintend the girls’ department; and Mr. McKenzie will superintend the boys, keep accounts, and superintend the progress of the new buildings.

Indian Police.

IN the United States it is the plan to employ from eight to thirty native police on each Indian Reserve. The policemen wear a uniform, have POLICE on their hats, and receive \$8 or \$10 a month. If a pupil runs away from school, the police bring him back. They also arrest whiskey pedlars. If a white man resists arrest, they will knock him down. We hope the Indian Department will adopt the same system in Canada.