

Home, which has been struggling upward through many difficulties, during the past 14 years?

10.—Is it the will of this country that the Indians whose land we are now occupying should be given over into the hands of the Roman Catholic priests? Is it a matter of indifference to Protestants in Canada and in England, whether the Indians are brought up to the Romish faith, under Roman and French influence, or whether they be taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

11.—I have my own views—and strong views—on the subject, but, with the government refusing help, English contributions diminishing, the Canadian Church so indifferent, apparently about the whole question. What am I to do?

I commit my cause into God's hands, and pray for patience to await His time.

E. F. WILSON.

Sault Ste. Marie, July 27th, 1887.

### Letter to the Queen.

Our Indian pupils sent the following letter to her Majesty to congratulate her on her Jubilee; it was written on two sheets of gilt edged cardboard by one of the boys and headed with a water-color sketch, by Mr. Wilson, shewing the two Institutions, the hospital, chapel, and some Indian wigwams in the back ground.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

June 21st, 1887.

May it please your Majesty:

We the pupils of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes desire to congratulate our Queen on her Jubilee. We wish to relate your Majesty about our procession this morn'g; we took your picture, and above it the bible to indicate that always to put first God whatever we do in this world; our teacher had told us before you gave

a present to a prince from Africa, and you said "This the secret of England's greatness." You so love the bible and we love you. When we got the town we all turned to the people and singing the Jubilee hymn. In 1874, Lord Dufferin laid the foundation stone of our Institution. The Marquis of Lorne and suite visited us on their way to the North West.

We are your humble Indian subjects  
 D. Minominee for the Ojibway pupils.  
 J. A. Maggrah " Ottawa "  
 J. Thunder " Sioux "  
 Joseph Soney " Pottowatamie "  
 Appikokia " Blackfeet "  
 Dora Jacobs " Delaware "

The following reply has been received from the Queen's private secretary—

"The Private Secretary has received the Queen's commands to thank the pupils of Shingwauk for the kind and loyal expressions conveyed in their communication of the 21st June."

15th July, 1887,

Privy Purse Office,

Buckingham Palace, S.W.

### The Branch Home at Elkhorn.

Just before going to press we have received a letter from our friend Mr. Rowswell at Elkhorn saying that building operations are now actually commenced. For some time past we have had \$2000 in hand towards the erection of this Branch Home at Elkhorn in Manitoba, but a letter from the Indian Department saying that no aid could be given from Indian Funds placed us for the time somewhat in a dilemma. We have decided however now to go on and build. We have a man on the spot, in the person of Mr. Rowswell, who we feel sure will do everything in his power to make the Institution a success, and it is with his advice and promise of co-operation that we have commenced the work. He feels with us how lament-