

OUR FOREST CHILDREN

little Swiss village up among the Rocky Mountains and is noted for its hot springs which attract numbers of invalids and other visitors. I have thought that an Institution on a small scale established in this picturesque spot might prove both attractive to visitors and also help to dispel the false ideas that people have as to the uselessness of attempting to educate Indians. It would also be an excellent centre, as we should have the Blackfeet Indians on one side of us, the British Columbia Indians on the other side and a number of other tribes to the north. I have opened correspondence with the Indian Department in regard to the scheme and have some reason to hope that my proposals will be acceded to. In that case I shall try probably to place my present Homes at Sault Ste. Marie in other hands, at any rate for a time, and move my quarters to Banff to try and inaugurate this new work.

A Branch Home at Elkhorn.

Our readers are aware that I have for some time past been desirous of establishing a Branch Home either in Manitoba or Assiniboia, and the way seems now to be opening towards the accomplishment of this purpose. During my recent trip to the North West, I was offered a free grant of land in an excellent position on the outskirts of the village of Elkhorn, close to the railway, and in one of the few spots on the prairies where good water is abundant. We have about \$2,000 in hand and it is not unlikely that we may commence building operations this season. Our idea is to put up a small Institution with accommodation for about 15 pupils, and to place a clergyman in charge, who will also undertake the duty at the village church. There are numbers of Indian Reserves all around in the neighborhood, and if after a year or two the school seems likely to

succeed we shall be able to enlarge and to take more pupils.

A Monthly Magazine.

We are sending round the following circular letter to the heads of all existing Protestant Institutions for Indian children in Canada, and would solicit also the kind attention to the subject of all interested in the Indian cause:—

The Indian Canadian.

DEAR SIR:—Above is the title of a 16 page monthly magazine which with your cooperation and help I propose to publish in the interests of Indian education and advancement. I have long felt that the number, position, needs and capabilities of our young Indian population is not yet known or understood by the people of Canada, and I propose, by God's help, to make the above magazine a medium for such information. I also feel that in order to stem the rapid progress of Romanism, we who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, whether belonging to the Church of England, or the Presbyterian, or Methodist, or other protestant denominations, must band together and aim to bring the whole Indian population under our Christian influence. I think a magazine such as I propose, supported by us in common, will form a pleasant means of intercommunication between us and may also become a power for good. The title of the magazine will, I hope, commend itself to you. As we have French Canadians, Irish Canadians &c. in the country, so our aim is to convert the Indians into Indian Canadians, and offer to their children all the advantages of education and civilization which we ourselves possess.

I may mention that I have lately been travelling in the States, and have formed a connection with several of the largest Institutions for Indian children in that country. Our magazine will