

two Indian Chiefs, Bukwujjenene (who went to England) and Augustin Shingwauk (Little Pine) were present, and a large concourse of Indians. Six days after this came the terrible fire, the whole place was burnt down and reduced to a heap of ashes. The eight Sarnia children (who appear in the picture) came with us to Collingwood, where we engaged a house for the winter, and we had thoughts of arranging to carry on the institution there temporarily until a new building could be provided. But the house we had engaged was too small and not convenient for the purpose, and so we were obliged, though reluctantly, to break up our establishment, and send John and his seven companions back to their homes at Sarnia. The following summer, (1874), a large amount of money having been contributed we commenced to build our new institution at Sault Ste Marie; the walls were up, and the roof on, when the advent of winter put a stop to further operations. However we had made up our minds to re open at once. Two frame buildings connected with the establishment were already completed and fit for occupation, one as a laundry, the other as a carpenter's residence and shop; so by the 1st October 1874, 14 children had been brought together—eight girls and six boys, and a matron was engaged to superintend and teach them. The matron with her girls occupied one cottage, and the boys slept in the other, coming over to the matron's cottage for school and meals. On the 2nd of August 1875, our large new building, called the Shingwauk Home, was opened for use, and John was one of the forty boys and girls who became inmates of the establishment. One trade after another was added to the industries which we teach the boys: carpentering, boot-making, tinsmithing, tailoring and, finally, printing. About \$500 was expended in establishing the printing office, and John was one of the four boys whose hands were destined to be blackened with the printer's ink. He worked well at his trade and proved himself to be one of the most reliable boys in the office. After last summer holidays two of the printer boys, William and Riley, began to prepare for teachers, so were obliged to give up their connection with the printing office, and a third boy, David, not having returned to the institution John was the only boy left with any experience in the business, and he was forthwith installed as apprentice, to work full hours and to receive 50cts.

a week in addition to his board and clothing.

We have now only to add a short account of his sickness and death. It was on the 27th of October that John together with some five or six other boys accompanied Mr. Wilson in his boat to Garden River; it was a cold, blustering day, head wind and heavy rain, and all got drenched to the skin. John caught cold at this time, and was ailing more or less till the 10th of November, when he took to his bed with symptoms of a severe attack of illness coming on. It was not, however, until the 22nd of November that dangerous symptoms shewed themselves, and the doctor was sent for in the middle of the night. His case was pronounced to be one of cerebro-spinal meningitis, and at ten o'clock, on the morning of Wednesday Nov. 28th, he breathed his last. Though mourning his loss, we have a good hope and confidence that John was prepared for the great change. He was one of the boys, who, last spring, voluntarily dedicated himself to Christ, shortly before his confirmation, and, though unconscious during the last few days of his illness, we feel sure that he had given his heart to the Saviour and is now safe in heaven. The night before he died all the boys came in to see him, as he lay in a sort of stupor, and to bid him farewell. We sang "sweet by and bye," "Safe in the arms of Jesus," and "There is a fountain filled with blood," and several earnest prayers were offered up. The funeral took place on the afternoon of Friday. We have a quiet little cemetery with a wall around it; laid out nicely with grass, gravel walks, and flower-beds. Already are there two graves of Indian children—a boy and a girl—who died about 18 months since. Six boys acted as pall-bearers, each with a white sash crossing his breast. The chief mourner was his younger brother, Pilate, with crape round his cap and on his arm. Then followed the rest of the Sarnia boys, each with a white badge and a crape bow on his arm, and then the rest of the boys. And so we committed John's body to the ground, "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," in sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life. The children of St. Peter's Sunday School were much grieved to hear of the death of their protege, whom they had been supporting for so long, and they talk of providing a headstone for his grave, on which we would like to put the words, "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."