

more generally and more liberally supported as it is most difficult to carry it on as it should be while we are so constantly crippled for funds.

I would like to refer for a moment to one or two objections that have been raised in some quarters against my work. It has been charged that my work is wholly of an educational and philanthropic nature and not

EVANGELISTIC IN ITS CHARACTER.

I claim that my work is evangelistic, distinctly evangelistic in its aim and object. If it were not evangelistic I would not wish to continue it. Did not our Saviour say to His disciples, "Go ye and *teach* all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost"? Is not the very essence of evangelization the teaching of all nations, the taking of young, ignorant children and teaching them and bringing them up in the nurture and fear of the Lord? Are we merely to baptize these native Indians and then leave them to themselves in dirt, ignorance and squalor? True, a large proportion of the Indian children we receive into our Homes are nominal Christians and the offspring of nominal Christians; but are we, on that account to refuse them admission? Let the missionary go first in among the heathen, preach the Gospel to them and baptize them, and then let the children of these newly baptized converts come to such Institutions as our Shingwauk and Washakada Homes. It is almost in vain to attempt to induce the wild heathen Indians, while still in heathenism, to give up their children to us. If only we could get them we should be most glad to receive them. I have frequently visited the camps of these wild Indians and tried to get their children, but almost always without success. Directly the Chief of the Band becomes aware of our purpose he sends round his crier who shouts into every teepee: "Hide your children, man come to steal them"! "Hide your children, man come to steal them"! and as often as not a whole camp will in a few hours have folded their tepees and moved away simply owing to the dread they feel of having their children taken away to school. No! the only way is to do as we have done; take the children of those who have already, through the result of missionary effort, accepted Christianity and have begun to feel some confidence in the white teacher. And in doing this we believe we are doing a Christ-like work, an evangelistic work, quite as evangelistic a work as are those doing who pick up the waifs and strays from the streets of London and other great cities and try to train them up to a noble, useful, Christian life.

Another objection that has often been raised is that