



THE SHINGWAUK HOME.

adjoining (2) The other building at present in progress we call "the hall." It is a fine looking frame structure, standing a little to the east of the Shingwauk Home,—is 30 by 60 feet in size and two storeys high,—and the gable end, with large entrance door and flight of steps, faces the river. The upper storey with a fifteen foot ceiling, extending partly into the roof, is to be used for meetings, etc., and may quite possibly be utilized also as a school room, as our present accommodation in the old building is becoming too limited, and the lower flat, about four feet above the ground, with four posts supporting its ceiling, is to be used as a drill hall and recreation room for the boys.

Both these new buildings are being erected by our Indian boys under the superintendence of Mr. Madden, our carpenter foreman, and will be paid for nearly—we hope almost entirely—by the Government grant of \$2,500, which we received this spring.

Our shoemaker boys, under the superintendence of Mr. Stark, have been quite as busy all summer as have our carpenter boys, for early in the Spring we received an order from the Government to make 240 pairs of boots for another Institution up in the Northwest. We had to have half of the number ordered ready by the 1st of July, and the remainder by the 15th of Sept., and this, in addition to making for our Elkhorn Institution and making and mending for the Shingwauk and Wawanosh has kept us very busy. Shoe maker, weaver, and tailor trades, are all carried on now in our new Industrial building. At the Wawanosh no changes of any importance have taken place this summer, indeed no additions have been made to the building since it was first erected in 1879. It has accommodation for 26

Indian girls, and is nearly always full; indeed we might take a great many more than that number if we could only find room for them. Several of the girls have gone out to domestic service and have given much satisfaction to their employers. They are rather slow in their movements, but they get through their work steadily and quietly. We think it desirable, as soon as funds will admit of it, to erect a new Wawanosh Home in closer proximity to the Shingwauk and chapel, and to dispose of the present building. It is a long way for the girls to come to church on Sundays and to send sick cases to the hospital, and the distance (nearly three miles) precludes them also from attending any services, meetings or entertainments that may be held on weekday evenings at the Shingwauk Home. But we have so many things on which to spend all the money that becomes available that we are afraid there is little hope of any change being made about the Wawanosh for the present. At Medicine Hat, the new Institution is already in progress of erection, or, at least, one of the three proposed new buildings is being erected. It is to be called the Sokitahpe Home—Sokitahpe being the Blackfoot word for Prairie Indians—and will cost about \$4,000. Towards this we have at present only \$2,100 in hand, and \$500 promised by the S. P. C. K. when the building is finished, so there is \$1,400 still to raise. Unless money comes in from some unexpected quarter to meet this we shall have to cease operations as soon as the \$2,100 is expended.

Our Elkhorn Homes are at present attended by about 46 pupils, boys and girls, and every thing is going on very satisfactorily. About three miles from this Institution we have a prairie farm of 640 acres, we have done a little cultivating and cut a quantity of hay on it this summer, but we