

From John Stacey, Shingwauk Home, to Miss Lizzie Hyde, Huntingdon, P.Q.

" School opened to-day after the Christmas Holidays. We decorated the school-room, dining-hall and chapel on Christmas morning. We went to Church in town. In the afternoon quite a number of the boys went skating. In the evening we had all kinds of games with the Superintendent, in the dining-hall. We had our Christmas tree last night, and all got very nice presents. The Bishop of Algoma was present and distributed the prizes to those who stood highest in their classes at the December examinations. He and our Principal gave us very nice addresses, after which Santa Claus appeared on the scene. The boys welcomed the New Year by marching through the Home blowing horns, and ringing bells. Many of them were dressed like clowns. They kept it up till about one o'clock, ending with a scramble for candies, so we had a very happy Christmas and New Year. In closing I wish you all a very Happy New Year."

[Editor's note—The writing of this letter quite equals its spelling and style.]

### Diocesan Branch Notes and News.

[QUEBEC]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"Ye have done it unto Me."

The members of the Auxiliary have rested from their regular labors for a season. We trust we shall all begin our work with renewed energy and spirit. The keeping up interest in good works, and carrying it on year after year and making it successful, is far more difficult than rousing people to undertake some new thing. Interest will flag, members become tired of the monotony of our humble endeavours to serve our Master according to our abilities. The simple routine is often very wearisome to the best of us, and ever and anon some new call is made upon us, while our means do not increase or even diminish. What can we do? Must we retrograde? Let us always remember that all we are asked to do is *our best*, no one can do more than that, and let us not grow faint hearted. Let us hope for a bright prosperous year.

Regarding the future of the Indian girls, now being trained in the Homes, the following extract from a letter from Mrs. Doak, Sec. W. A., Coaticook, is very forcible. "The idea of training the Indian girls as