

received some ten or twelve pupils. In the meantime I had applied to the Indian Department for a grant. The answer came the following spring. Mr. Vankoughnet, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian affairs, wrote to me privately and said, "You will probably be a little surprised at the amount of grant which the Department is prepared to place at your disposal. The Department approves your scheme and will give you \$12,000.00 (£2,400) for building and equipment and also an annual grant towards maintenance. Thus, in the providence of God, we were enabled to erect substantial, well equipped buildings at Elkhorn, the Washakada Home for girls, the Kasota Home for boys, and in the middle, between them, a Central Building, in which the pupils all meet for their meals and for school. At present we have 37 pupils at our Elkhorn Homes.

OUR TOTAL NUMBER OF PUPILS

at all our Homes at the present time is 126—126 Indian children to care for, clothe, feed, educate and train for a useful Christian life. We estimate that the annual cost of each child, covering all expenses, is about \$125.00 (£25). Of this amount Government gives us \$60.00 (£12) a year each for a limited number of pupils at our Sault St. Marie Schools, and \$100 (£20) a year each for a limited number of pupils at our Elkhorn Schools; the Colonial and Continental Church Society, England, gives us £110 a year to our Shingwauk Home, and £40 a year to our Elkhorn Homes; the Diocese of Algoma gives us \$200.00 (£40) a year to our Shingwauk Home. All the rest of the money needed for the support of our Institutions and for building purposes has to be raised by general contributions in England and in Canada. Our total expenditure for the year 1889 was \$15,500.00 (£3,100) for maintenance, and \$11,400 (£2,280) for building. Our weekly expenditure at the present time is about \$300.00 (£60). It is a great responsibility for one man to have to raise this large amount and to keep all this extensive work in operation. I have felt forced to complain sometimes that this work of mine, in which it has pleased God for me to engage during the past twenty years or so of my life, has been looked upon too much as

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rather than as a work meriting the sympathy and the support of the church at large. During the year 1889 the Canadian church contributed towards the maintenance of our Homes, the sum of \$4800.00, rather a small proportion of our total expenditure. At the close of the year our Maintenance Fund was about \$1000.00 (£200) in debt. We have no Endowment and no Reserve Fund to fall back upon. I am very anxious that our work should be