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## OUR INDIAN HOMES.

IN my last Annual Report I gave letters from our Bishop, our Assistant Superintendent, our Schoolmaster, the employers of our boys in the Village, Missionaries, and Indian Agents at the places from which our pupils come, all testifying to the good work done by our Institutions. Some of these Reports are still on hand, and can be had on application. This time I propose to give a brief history of our work from the beginning: Our Institutions have been about eleven years in operation, and there are many of our kind helpers who have only very recently become acquainted with our work; it will be interesting, therefore, for them to know a little of our early history, and to hear how, with God's blessing, we have, from small beginnings, brought our Institutions to what they now are. And then I want to speak about the future. We want to *remodel*—to *extend*—to *enlarge*. There are 130,000 Indians now in Canada; of these certainly 25,000 must be children of schoolable age. A great responsibility rests upon us in regard to them. Our little Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, with their 80 or so pupils, seem a mere nothing in comparison with what is required. In the United States they are spending over a million dollars a year in the education of the children of their 260,000 Indians; we in Canada are as yet doing hardly anything. We hope that this year of 1887, this year of our beloved Queen's jubilee, whom the Indians call their "Mother," will see a long stride made in advance in the matter of educating and training in God's ways of "our forest children."