

would not let him return to us after the holidays, and they have now removed to another place. This spring we determined to make a fresh effort to bring some of these North Shore boys to our Institution, so on the 16th of May an expedition was dispatched. Five of our Shingwauk boys started in our sail-boat, "The Missionary," taking with them tent, camping apparatus, and provisions for six weeks, and they had instructions to go, if possible, as far as Pic River, 225 miles distant, where we expected they would find a considerable number of Indians from the interior come out to trade their furs at the Hudson Bay company Post.

The boys who went on this expedition were John Esquimau, a young man of twenty-two, preparing for the ministry, who took charge as captain, James Naliwegezhik, James Kezhegud, Joseph Esquimau, each about fifteen years of age, and Johnny Daniel, about twelve years old. They were well provided with bibles, prayer books, hymn books, pictures &c, and we hoped that they would do as much good as they could among the Indians. Their first stopping-place was Batchewauning, where they passed a Sunday, and gathered a few Indians round them for reading and prayer. From there they proceeded on about eighty miles further to Michipicoten. The coast in this part is very dangerous, high precipitous rocks coming straight down into the water, and often no place to take in a boat for many miles together. Just as they were nearing Michipicoten bay a severe storm overtook them very suddenly, and they were very nearly wrecked, the centre-board of the boat being broken, together with other damages, and they lost a good part of their provisions. They put in at Michipicoten and got their boat repaired at the Hudson Bay Company post, and near here they met with a band of Indians, who had come out from

the interior, to sell their furs at the post; there were ten wigwams, each probably containing eight or ten individuals, and the boys held a meeting with them each day, and read the Scriptures. Two boys were offered for the Institution, one a lad of fourteen named Uhwuswa-deens (little man over there) and the other about eleven years old named Chegauns (little man close by). As these Indians were shortly to return to their hunting-grounds, they asked our party to take these boys on with them upon their expedition instead of calling for them on the way back. So this they did, and bidding farewell to the Michipicoten Indians, started for another 100 miles onward to Pic River. They had head winds every day, and it took them just a week to reach this next place. However they were fortunate in finding a large number of Bush Indians, gathered together at the Hudson Bay Company post to trade their furs, and although the most of them were pagans, they still succeeded in gathering a few people around them for service. They could not however prevail on them to give up any of their children for our Institution, so after staying two or three days, and replenishing their stock of provisions at the post, they started to return home, and without meeting with any further mishap got back safely to the Shingwauk Home, the 19th of June, bringing the two Michipicoten boys with them. Although many of the Indians at Michipicoten profess to be Christians, having been visited before at times by Christian teachers, it seems very uncertain whether these two boys have ever been baptized, especially as they have neither of them any knowledge of their Christian names, so it seems best, under the circumstances to administer to them the hypothetical form of baptism, and this will probably be done after they have received proper instruction.

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We regret that we have received nothing from the Muskoka District in time for

this month's publication, and would remind our friends there that for the quarter months, *July, October, January and*