

or community of feeling can be established among different peoples unless they are brought to speak the same language, and thus become imbued with like ideas of duty. The orders issued in regard to this matter do not, as has been urged, touch the question of the preaching of the Gospel in the churches, nor in anywise hamper the efforts of the missionaries to bring the various tribes to a knowledge of the Christian religion. All he insists upon is that in the schools established for the rising generation of Indians shall be taught the language of the Republic of which they are to become citizens.

Editor's Question Box.

1. WE estimate the Esquimaux roughly at 10,000. Can anyone correct this?
2. The Blackfeet, Bloods and Piegans are nearly related, and speak the same language. They say that they came originally from the South; and, as far as we could gather from conversation with their old men, there are a people speaking nearly the same language in Arizona. Is this true? If so, what tribe is it that is alluded to?
3. Will some one tell us where the Slave Indians are to be found, and in what numbers?
4. Can anyone account for there being such a large number of *small tribes* of Indians on the Pacific Coast, —the larger tribes being all in the Interior?
5. We believe the Sioux, or Dakota Indians, to be the largest existing tribe on the continent, about 31,700 in number. Are we right?

Willie Adams' Composition on "Rats."

(Willie is an Ojibway pupil at the Shingwauk Home, aged 13.)

WILL try and say something about rats. Well, they make their nests under a pile of wood, and they make them out of paper and pieces of rags. Rats eat just anything that they can get hold of; even they try to get at Mrs. Seal's bread, that she gives to the boys. I wish they were not any rats in this Home, because they are teaching the boys to take things that does not belong to them. They live by stealing, and that is the only work they do. I believe they are more rats in Shingwauk than are boys. I think the Shingwauk constables ought to put all the rats in the gaol, because they steal every day.

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