

Young People's Department.



THE WAWANOSH HOME.

A HOME FOR INDIAN GIRLS.

LAST month we gave a short account and a picture of Rev. E. F. Wilson's Home for Indian Boys, called the Shingwauk Home, and this month we wish to say something about his Home for Indian Girls. Above there is a picture of it. It is called the Wawanosh Home. It is, as you observe, a fine substantial building, and is situated about two miles and a half away from the Shingwauk Home. It is on the bank of the river a short distance below Sault Ste Marie.

Mr. Wilson has taken great pains in educating Indian children, and for this he will get his reward. Not long after the Shingwauk Home was built he thought it was not fair that boys should be educated and not girls, so he determined with God's blessing to establish another Home. For this purpose he crossed the Atlantic again, and collected some money, but not enough for any great work. A small building was erected, and a lady was engaged to teach. Ten little Indian girls were received within its walls; but no more money came in and the work was stopped. The teacher was dismissed and the ten little Indian girls were sent home. This was a great grief to Mr. Wilson. One day, shortly after the work was stopped, a sail boat with an Indian and five little Indian girls arrived at Sault Ste Marie. The Indian said he had brought these children 100 miles in an open sail boat hoping to find the school ready for them, and it would be a great disappointment to be obliged to take them all the way back again. So Mr. Wilson kept the children and engaged the lady again at half pay. Then God put it into the

heart of a lady in England to send out a cheque for £250, or about \$1,200, for this work, and the Indian Department at Ottawa sent \$600, and promised a grant every year. These gifts were joyfully received and the little building was enlarged to its present form and opened for use on the 19th of August, 1879.

There is room in the Wawanosh Home for twenty-six girls. There is a laundry and laundress' cottage on the other side of the road, together with stables and playhouse.

This Home is a blessing for Indian girls, as the Shingwauk is for Indian boys. There are Sunday Schools, Associations and Guilds in many parts of Canada that are supporting these Homes, and we hope that every help will be given them in the noble work they are doing.

"NEARLY every evening in a Bombay bazaar may be seen two blind Christians reading from a Hindustani New Testament, in raised letters, to a large audience of Hindus and Mohammedans, who marvel at the strange sight.

SOME years before the good Bishop Patteson was murdered by savages when he was trying to do them good, he was on one of the islands, and a savage who met him was about to kill him when he knelt down, and looking up to heaven, prayed that God would forgive the poor man. This so surprised the savage that he changed his mind and let the good Bishop go.

REMEMBER the happiness of making others happy, and especially at the glad season when we hail the birth of the Saviour of mankind.