

Wesley in his Oxford days, or could take a leaf out of Xavier's (Japan) Book of Denials. I am getting tired waiting for sympathy. We are all in the same state. Oh, brethren in the Church arise! Help our bishop. Take up our work and let us go forward, or in pity's sake let us retire altogether. Whom are you going to help? Your sons and daughters. When I prepared for burial three men drowned in the early spring, did I help persons from my own home? No. I am a stranger. They were all Canadians. Had Mr. Tooke and myself not been in this neighborhood, the friends of these churchmen could not have the "parson" to comfort them. No. They might go for sympathy where they pleased, as far as the Church in Canada was concerned. It fell to the Church in England chiefly to minister to the orphan and widow, while the home Church folded her hands and did nothing.

Dear readers, remember the backwoods. When you come to settle here you would like to see schools and churches, and to find civilization. You must help us then if you want to benefit yourself. The backwoods would not be half so bad if we only had more people and a little more money to keep things going. It is hard to see little ones knowing next to nothing, secular or religious. I am, however, confident we shall soon see a great change in Algoma as well as elsewhere.

FROM the London Bible House, 30,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures are sent out each week, or about 5,000 every day.

ARCHDEACON Earl in a speech in England recently solved the vexed question concerning "Archidiaconal functions." He said his eldest boy was once asked, "What is your father?" to which he replied, "An archdeacon," "What is an archdeacon?" was the next question put, and he answered, "Sort of chap that does work for the bishop."

BUDDHISM in Japan has been virtually disestablished since 1874. While there were 393,087 Buddhist temples in 1714, there are now but 57,824. Few new temples are built and many are going to ruin. One of the most distinguished temples in the country is now in such need of repairs that a call has been made to raise a fund of \$17,000 for this purpose.

A MERCHANT, once asked by a clergyman for help, gave him a cheque for £10. Then came in the post with news of a large merchantman having gone down, and the merchant, having told the poor clergyman of his loss, said, "I must ask you for that cheque back." The poor man returned it ruefully, and then the merchant gave him another, but for £50, saying, "I must give while I can, for God is warning me that some day I may not have it to give." That merchant was Mr. Thornton, the first treasurer of the Church Missionary Society.

GIFTS FOR INDIAN HOMES.

For Our MISSION NEWS.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson, who is at present travelling through the eastern part of Ontario, in company with two little Indian Boys from the Shingwauk Home, is meeting with considerable encouragement. Several kind gifts have been bestowed, and promises have been made for the support of additional pupils. A gentleman met him on the street in Montreal and said: "I heard your address last night and I like your plan of not asking for collections after meetings. I am not a member of your church, but would like to contribute my mite," and he handed a cheque for \$25. After another meeting a lady followed Mr. Wilson out and gave him a gold chain, valued at \$25. Another lady, after listening to Mr. Wilson's address, undertook to collect \$50 a year from her own boys and their companions for the support of a pupil. Next door lived a lady and gentleman, who, on hearing of this venture of faith on their friend's part, said that they too would contribute a like sum. While in Ottawa, Mr. Wilson was invited to bring his little Indian boys to the house of Sir John and Lady Macdonald. The result of the visit was a kind donation of \$25 and some nice presents for the two boys. Sir John also promised to bring up the subject of these Indian Homes before Parliament at the next session, and propose a grant towards the projected extension of the work and future maintenance.

Mr. Wilson's intention is, if God will open the way for him, to enlarge and refit the present Shingwauk Home, at a cost of \$7,000, so as to enable him to take 100 pupils and prepare some young men as teachers and missionaries,—and also to erect four branch homes, at a cost of \$5,000 each; one in Assiniboia, one in Manitoba, and two within the limits of Ontario. He has already \$2,000 in hand towards the proposed enlargement, and the work is already commenced,—and towards the two North-western Homes, he has at present about \$1,300, which includes the magnificent gift of \$1,000 from a gentleman in Manitoba. Two Sunday Schools have undertaken to contribute \$50 a year for three years, towards the Home in Assiniboia. Mr. Wilson, while travelling, pays his own travelling expenses, unless special gifts are made for the purpose.

IN SOME interesting tours with Mr. Simmons and Mr. Dowbiggin, of the C. M. S., I have lately seen much that was encouraging among the immigrant Tamil coolies and among the Native Shinghalese respectively. The former set a very good example by the zeal and liberality with which they support their own churches. In one planting district, while the English masters were waiting, and wishing, and wondering how they should get a church, their Tamil laborers built one.—Bishop of Colombo, (Ceylon.)