



SHINGWAUK HOME.

NOVEMBER.—The boys celebrated Guy Fawkes' day in the usual style with a bonfire and fireworks. To put a stop to petty thieving, to which a few of the boys seem addicted, we have appointed three constables among the boys, the schoolmaster and foreman act as magistrates and Mr. Wilson as judge, and 6 boys form the jury. The jury not only present their verdict but also recommend the punishment. If a boy is suspected of stealing, or other serious offence, the magistrate issues a warrant, the constable arrests the offender and lodges him in the lock-up; jury and witnesses are summoned, and a time is appointed (generally within a few hours), for the trial. On the 28th inst. the railway reached the Shingwauk Home on its way westward, and a half holiday was given to celebrate the event.

DECEMBER.—Bible class is held every Wednesday and Friday evening. And in addition, and this during winter, we have "twenty minutes Bible study," from 8.55 to 9.15 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday nights. The attendance at this is voluntary. A little box is kept, in which questions on Bible subjects are dropped by any who wish to do so, and when we meet we examine these slips, one at a time, and try to search out the answers. There is generally an attendance of 15 or 16 at these meetings. CHRISTMAS DAY being on Sunday, we had all the fun and feasting on Saturday. The day passed off very happily and the children had a "big feed;" but we are rather inclined to covet the turkeys and oranges which seem to be piled up on the tables of the Girls' and Boys' Homes and other such institutions in Toronto, Montreal and elsewhere. Our boys and girls have never yet even tasted the drumstick of a turkey, and an orange is to them almost an unknown fruit. Our Christmas Tree was on the 30th inst., and was a great success. A number of nice presents were sent to individual children by their kind supporters. On NEW YEAR'S EVE we had a delightful little service in our chapel at 11.30 p.m., and when the old year had sped and the new year was come, there was a great handshaking and ringing of bells and drum-beating. All the boys were weighed and measured as usual on New Year's eve. Willie took the prize for greatest increase in weight, and Paul for increase in stature.