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TO THOSE WHO WILL INTEREST THEMSELVES IN THE WORK.

In Great Need.

 OUR Indian Homes are in great need of increased help. My own time is now so entirely occupied that I find it really impossible to write as I would do, and keep up the interest in our work; but it does seem hard when sometimes two or three weeks pass with only an average of \$25 or \$30 a week receipts, and all the expense of keeping up three Indian Homes to meet. It seems to me it is all organization now, and no money. The contributions go away on their long, tedious, unsatisfactory journey through the hands of so many appointed officers, instead of coming to us direct as they used to do; and by the time they get to us we are all mystified as to where they come from, and do not know whom to thank. And, in the meantime, there is a great deal of anxiety how to provide the ways and means for carrying on the work. Applications come to us for the admission of pupils, and we don't know whether to accept them or not, because the means of support are so precarious. I don't know whether it is that the recent Government grant we received the promise of for our new Elkhorn school has given people the idea that our coffers are now so overflowing that we need no further help. If this is the

idea, it is indeed a fallacious one. When Government made this grant, it was conditional that I should raise a proportionate sum from outside. "If we give you \$8,000 a year towards support of eighty pupils at Elkhorn, what will you raise among your friends?" they asked me, and I said \$2,000. This is how the matter stands; and yet nothing whatever is at present coming in for Elkhorn; and far, far short of what we require for the support of our old institutions—the Shingwauk and the Wawanosh. I have never asked for money for an object when I did not really need it; my friends know that. Every cent as it comes in is employed; none is put by; we live from day to day like the birds; I publish full reports in detail of all receipts and all expenditures; and when I have money sufficient to complete some object in hand, I at once make it known. I have always done this. Just now we are really in great need. We had to borrow money for draining our land last year; and now we have to borrow again to build a barn. The Washakada Home at Elkhorn is running up a bill which we have no funds to meet. I need an assistant superintendent, but cannot pay his salary. I can only go on my knees and pray God to raise up friends to help us at this critical time. Please send soon, and send *direct*.
E. F. W.

Among the Blackfeet Indians.

 I MUST now tell you about my visit to Crowfoot; his camp is ten or twelve miles from Gleichen, so I drove there with Mr. Tims in his light wagon and two ponies right across the prairie without any trail. All the Indians are moving now to Crowfoot's