

Niagara Diocese.

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DIOCESAN MOTTO.—“*Lo! I am with you alway.*”

Subject for Reading and Prayer: September—Qu'Appelle, Chinese in America.

In the course of our summer trip we stayed over a day at Sault St Marie to visit the Shingwauk Home hoping that a personal account of it might be interesting to our reader.

The Home is beautifully situated on the St. Mary river about a mile and a half from the town and is reached by a pretty road running along the side of the river; opposite the Home are several Islands one of which, connected with the mainland by a bridge, is used as a picnic ground for the children. The Institution now accommodates both boys and girls as it was found more convenient and economical to combine them, besides the inconvenience of distance the Wawanosh having been a mile and a half the other side of the town, compelling the girls to walk three miles each way to Chapel. The buildings consist of a large stone one (partly covered with creepers) containing dormitories etc., a small one for a Hospital (which fortunately has not been used for more than a year and a half), drill hall and schoolroom, laundry and workshops. There is also a very pretty little Chapel large enough to accommodate all the pupils, decorated over the windows with texts carved by the boys with the help of their instructor. Mr. Irvine was kind enough to show us all over the buildings but owing to the holidays only thirty-five children are at the Home. They seem bright and happy working away; the matron told us that they often say to her “sit down and let us do that for you” whatever it may be and that when they go into town if they only have five cents to spend they are sure to bring her something however small. They sleep in good sized dormitories and the beds are covered with patch work quilts which would be recognized by many of the Auxiliaries, as they were all sent in the different bales. One in particular that we noticed had a number of names worked upon it. The captain of the school one of the bigger boys has a room opening off the dormitories to himself (except for one companion) and he is expected to keep order among the younger boys.

We saw the children at their work so far as it was in operation, several girls helping in the laundry while others were washing dishes and boys cutting wood with a machine and doing other things. As a letter from Mr. Irvine, appeared in August LEAFLET it is unnecessary to go into further particulars except to say that we join heartily in his wish that more people could visit the Home and see for themselves the good work done.