

Home in which they can receive and board Indian children. I have great pleasure in heartily endorsing the application. St. Peter's offers a good central point for a work so essential, and the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are in every way qualified to have the care and oversight of it. If any of the Auxiliaries see their way to sending out and maintaining an efficient helper, who can either set Mrs. Holmes free from household duties or herself acting as matron, would not hesitate to cook or wash, duties which fall upon nearly every lady who is in the North, it would be very helpful.

"We hope next year to commence building operations at a point far in the interior, called 'Wahskaw.' The Indians have shown themselves ready for Christian instruction, several have been baptized, and they have now been looking for a resident missionary for two years. One of their number has prepared a small log shanty for the expected missionary, but we shall need a proper mission house, one room of which can be used for services. This will cost, from the difficulty of gathering in building material, provisions, etc., about \$1,000. For this we have not any grant. Should the Church in Canada, through the Auxiliaries, help us in this it will indeed be a good work. Then on account of the difficulty of superintending the work of the Diocese from Vermillion, on account of decreasing mail facilities, I am transferring my residence to the Athabasca landing. In doing so I have had to give up my house at Vermillion, which I have handed over to the Indian School. As I have no grant or available funds for this, I shall feel most thankful for help. As the conditions of the country are so liable to change, I intend putting up a very modest building, which will be useful as a mission house, should the changing circumstance of the country necessitate my moving again. I expect about \$800 will cover the present outlay. I shall only be too thankful if these present and pressing needs of my Diocese may be brought before the several Auxiliaries."

Rev. J. Holmes, asks for help to pay for the new Home which is now completed. "I am not aware that there is a single cent forthcoming, and I wonder sometimes if I will have to sell my horses and dogs to pay the contractor. As far as the Home and the Indians are concerned we have much to encourage us, but, from a financial point of view, the cloud of discouragement is dark and thick." Mr. Holmes also needs help to raise the vegetables upon which they are so largely dependent. The Indians at Lesser Slave Lake have not any Government rations, and live on fish and vegetables. If a small salary could be raised Mr. Holmes knows of a man who would relieve him of all this farm work.

Mr. J. Stocken, Sarcee Reserve, is endeavoring to build a hospital, \$600 is required, and there still remains a large debt on the Boys' Home opened in May last.