



SCHOOL ROOM AT ELKHORN.

up our work, both in Canada and in England. Some of the Canadian Sunday Schools have been helping us for eighteen years and still do not tire. We appeal to the clergy, and to the superintendents of the Sunday Schools to help in this matter, for it depends mainly on them whether or not the children keep up their interest in the work. We have been appealing a long time for 40 more Sunday Schools to take up our work and undertake the annual support of a child at \$50 (£10) per annum, but the responses have been very few, and in too many cases have been "set off" by some other Sunday School, for one cause or another, withdrawing its aid. But we must not grumble. Others have their difficulties as well as we. And in God's good time no doubt the needed help will come.

At our Elkhorn Schools, my brother, Mr. Wilberforce Wilson, who has spent most of his life in China and Italy as a civil engineer, and is eight years my senior, is now the superintendent. At last report they had forty-eight children in residence, and all seemed to be going on satisfactorily.

And here I give you the portrait of John Maggrah, one of my old boys at the Shingwauk Home—an Ottawa Indian, from Manitoulin Island, and now twenty-two years of age. When Johnny left the Shingwauk, two or three years ago, he was employed for some time as an assistant teacher at our Elkhorn school. There the Bishop of Rupert's Land saw him, and kindly made arrangements to receive him into St. John's College, Winnipeg; and he is now preparing for the ministry as a C. M. S. student. Johnny is a thoughtful, studious boy, and I hear is a general favourite at the College. Last summer he was doing a little missionary work among his own people at Rainy River during the vacation. At our SHINGWAUK and WAWA-

NOSH HOMES our numbers are still small—only thirty boys and sixteen girls (instead of sixty boys and twenty-six girls.) Want of funds! Want of funds! is the sad cry. But we are hoping for better times. With the assistance of the Government we are busy adding to our buildings, and our hope is, that by July 1st, next, we will be filling up again; indeed we hope to have 100 pupils, and then our brass band instruments will be brought out again; our chapel choir will be re-organized; trades started on again, and everything will, we hope, with God's blessing, be moving once more "merrily as a marriage bell."

And now one more subject before I close. In addition to my other work, a very considerable part of my time has been taken up with the "Canadian Indian Research and Aid Society," of which I am secretary, and with our monthly periodical, the *Canadian Indian*, of which Mr. H. B. Small, of Ottawa and myself are editors. I am glad to say that our Society is gaining ground; we have already 266 members belonging to the Society, and about 500 subscribers to the magazine. The annual meeting is to be held in Toronto some day next September, and on the following day there is to be an "Indian Conference," to which the most intelligent and best educated of the Indians from the various Indian Reserves in Ontario will be invited to come as delegates, to meet their white brethren and express their own views—from an Indian stand point—as to the various schemes and plans which good people have been devising for their benefit. This idea of a Conference is a new one, and we believe it will create a great deal of interest and may result in much good. And now as a friend of the Indians myself I would earnestly appeal to *all other friends of the Indians*, and especially to those resident in Toronto, to try and make this "Indian Conference" a success. Let these Indian delegates, when they arrive in our fair Central City from their various distant homes, be greeted with kindness and hospitality, so that they may bear back with them a good impression, and feel that the great Brotherhood of Christianity, into which they have been received, is indeed a Brotherhood which takes into its embrace all people of whatever colour or nationality.

SAID Pascal, "I love poverty because Jesus Christ loved it. I love wealth because it gives me the means of assisting the wretched."