

Young People's Department.



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INDIANS are found now chiefly in the North-West. A few may be seen in Ontario on some of the Reserves, but in their wild state they are to be found only in the great hunting grounds of North-West Canada. Some people have very little regard for the Indians, but others believe that, as they have souls, they ought to be cared for and converted to Christianity. They hold their councils as seen in the picture, and make speeches, and sometimes what they say is very pretty and like poetry. But if they can do that they can be taught to speak about better things, and to tell one another about Jesus our Lord, and His love. The best time to teach Indians is when they are young, and Indian homes are built in different places so that they may be taught. The following is a brief account of some of these homes:

In the summer of 1871, Chief Augustine Shingwauk, of Garden River, went with Rev.

E. F. Wilson, to Toronto, and other places, and addressed the white people, urging that a "Big Teaching Wigwam" might be built for the young Indians belonging to his tribe. This was the beginning of the Shingwauk Home. The following summer, 1872, Chief Buhkwujjenene accompanied Mr. Wilson to England to plead the cause of his people. During this visit to England, about \$4,000 was collected, and with this sum the first Shingwauk Home was built at Garden River. It was called the Shingwauk Home, after the Garden River Chief Shingwauk, and was opened for use with an attendance of sixteen pupils, some of whom were from Sarnia and Walpole Island, on the 22nd of September, 1873. But the Shingwauk Home only lived six days. It was opened on Monday, and the following Sunday it was burned to the ground. A fire broke out in the middle of the night, and before morning dawned nothing was left of the building but a heap of smoking ashes. This was very discouraging and disheartening, —but God's ways are not our ways. Almighty