

Jottings.

ONE Wawanosh girl has gone into service in a doctor's family in the Sault, and gives every satisfaction.

WE have advice from Ottawa that the Indian Department will give aid to the Elkhorn Institution.

TWO or three of our Wawanosh girls expect to get places in Kingston as household servants in the Spring.

APPLICATION has been made for Willie and Sylvester, as pages in the House of Commons.

WE hope to get half-a-dozen more Blackfeet boys to the Shingauk Home next summer.

WE expect to be able to take 25 new boys and 10 new girls at our Homes next summer. Application may be made at once.

THE Annual Report of the Indian Homes will shortly be out, and will contain a little account of each Indian pupil. Price, 5 cents.

THE present number of subscribers to O. F. C. is 541, and we send 613 copies free to supporters of our work. The price is only 10 cents a year, or 12 copies for \$1.

WHEN Appikokia and Etukitsiniua, the two Blackfeet boys, go back to their home next summer, we would like each to take a kit of tools with him; the former has learned carpentering, the latter shoemaking. Will anyone assist in this?

OUR Chapel Organ Fund stands now at \$151. Will some of the churches give us an Easter offering towards this? Our lonesome little chapel ought to have an organ suitable to it. One Sunday School, that of St. Mary's Church, Como, has been contributing regularly towards this fund for several years.

THOMAS WAGIMAH, aged 16, has completed his course with us, and learned the bootmaking trade. He is about to set up a little shop at his home at Garden River, and mend and make boots for the Indians. The Indian Department has kindly undertaken to render him some assistance.

TEN copies of O. F. C. are sent gratis every month to every Sunday School supporting a pupil at our Indian Homes. These should be distributed to the teachers. Please don't let them be wasted. Teachers might get a few subscriptions among their scholars, and so give us a helping hand.

DAVID MINOMINEE, on his return from England, would like to get some situation in Toronto, where he could work and make his living, half his time, and attend the public school the other half; he wants to improve himself, and separate himself entirely for a time from intercourse with his own people. We can give him the very highest recommendations.

Indian Youth Wanting Work.

THE notion has gained a decided foothold in both Our Homes that the best thing for our pupils to do, on leaving us, is to get work among the white people instead of going back to the Indian Reserves. We wish to foster this notion: and we ask those good people, who for many years have taken an interest in Our Homes, to help us. We propose to have a thorough cleaning-out this summer of our old pupils; to distribute them, with the consent of their parents, broadcast through the land. The seed has been buried long enough, and we believe it is time for it to sprout up and bear fruit. For many years past, we have been trying to impress upon people that the Indians are good for something; that the Indians are not all lazy; that they have their good points as well as their bad ones; and now we want our friends to TAKE OUR BOYS AND GIRLS AND TRY THEM. We "will warrant them good for one year." We will undertake to receive them back if found wanting. All we want is for them to be given a fair trial. Let those who wish to try our Indian pupils communicate with us, specifying the work to be performed and the terms they offer, and we will then see if the parents are willing to let them go. For children under 14 years of age we would ask the privilege of attending the public school part of each day, at any rate, during the winter months.

Not Willing to Give Him Up.

SOME Sunday Schools that have undertaken to support our Indian pupils become very much attached to their red-skinned proteges. A lady writing from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, to one of our boys, says: "All the boys and girls in our Sunday School, said: 'No! No!' when Mr. Wilson wrote to ask if we would give you up and take another boy. They said: 'We want Albert Sahgij, and nobody else;' so you see they all think a great deal of you and are glad to hear that you are doing so well and getting on so nicely with your studies. We all enjoyed your last letter very much indeed."