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THE WRITER IS THE CHIEF WHOSE APPEAL IN 1871 SUGGESTED THE SHINGWAUK HOME.

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WE hoped he had come to stop with us altogether, but he said No, he could not promise to do that; he was only travelling from place to place among the Indians, so he could not stay long. He would remain with us for two weeks. We were again sorry when we heard this. We felt perplexed and did not know what to do. While this Black-coat was with us, we talked to him frequently; and tried to learn all we could from him as to what was to become of our church and people. He told us he was willing himself to come and live with us but had no power to make any promise without permission from the great chiefs in the old country. Thus things went on for many days. This Black-coat said that he intended to go up the Great Chippeway Lake (Lake Superior), and visit all the heathen Indians there during the summer; but as he had found us without a teacher, he had now changed his mind, and would stay among us for two months. After that he said he must return to his children at Ahmujewuhnoong (Sarnia). At length the time drew near for him to leave us. Rasp-

berry moon had already risen, and was now fifteen days old (July 15th), and Wilson said he must go at once, for the Great Black-coat in Pakkatequayaug—that is “The place where the river divides into two forks,” as the Indians term the Canadian City of London—had summoned all the Black-coats together to meet in council, and elect a new Great Black-coat to be their teacher and chief.* The reason of this was that the Great Black-coat is now an old man, and often ill, and he feels the care of the churches press heavy on him and desires another Great Black-coat to help him.

One day while I was working in the bush, preparing bark troughs for next year's sugarmaking, many thoughts were in my breast. I was thinking of my people, and of our religion, and about our having lost our Black-coat, who for so many years had been a father to us. I recalled to my mind the time when I accompanied my

* The election of a coadjutor to the late Bishop of Huron.