

and other tribes to enjoy the abundant provision made for them. Many of the adult members of the tribes will spend years of hard toil, live in poverty, denying themselves the necessaries of life, that they may be able to save a sum sufficient to hold a Potlach. At these festivals a single Indian has been known to distribute, in money and various kinds of articles, to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars. At the beginning of the Potlach, the names of the persons to receive the gifts are called aloud, and they come forward in a very indifferent manner, to receive a blanket or a gun, but when nearing the end of the distribution, there is a general scramble for the property to be given away.—

MacLean.

(3) When Peter Jones had his audience with the Queen, he presented a petition and some wampum from the Ojibways of Canada. In speaking of Her Majesty in his journal, he records, "I then proceeded to give her the meaning of the wampum, and told her that the white wampum signified the loyal and good feeling which prevails amongst the Indians toward Her Majesty and her government; but that the black wampum was designed to tell Her Majesty that their hearts were troubled on account of their having no title-deeds to their lands; and that they had sent their petition and wampum that Her Majesty might be pleased to take out all the black wampum, so that the string might be all white."—*MacLean.*

(4) It seems strange to a pale-face that when an Indian is asked his name, generally he will appeal to his Indian friend to answer for him. The reason for this lies either in shame or modesty, as the names given them relate to honor or dishonor. Some Indians have two or three names. Among some tribes the name of a deceased person is never mentioned.

The Naming of Our Kittens.

SATURDAY evening, October 19, one of the girls brought up the Winona kittens in her apron and stood in the hall with them.

Soon a large crowd gathered around them; then began the grand task of naming our beloved kittens. Their names are as follows:

Pasapa (Sioux) meaning Black Head, falling to the cunning little black and white one.

Cheeldauski (Cherokee) meaning Falling Blossom, to the little white one.

Katsidsi (Oneida) Pretty Rose, to the grey and white one.

Babakwa (Shawnee) Flower, to the one that has grey bangs and is quite cunning.

Hinunkwacheck (Winnebago) Young Girl. It is almost all white, with one grey spot on its side.

Their mother has an Omaha name, Englunga, meaning Cat. The girls call her Mrs. Englunga. We think they all have very fine names.—*Etta Pilcher, in Talks and Thoughts.*

Jottings.

CADET F. B. Wilson, of the Royal Military College, Kingston, has returned home to spend his summer vacation.

We are glad to be able to state that the Hospital is at last empty, Miss Pigot having only a few out patients.

MR. WILSON and the two little boys, Soney and Zosie, returned on the 9th, all in good spirits and well pleased with their trip.

ADDITIONS are being made to the Shingwauk Home in the shape of a drill shed, bath room and back kitchen, and building is rapidly progressing.

THE summer vacation commenced on the 27th of June, prize-giving being held on that day. His Lordship the Bishop of Algoma kindly consented to give away the prizes.

MRS. CUMMINS and Miss Patterson, the two deputies from the W.A., Toronto, paid the Homes a visit last month, and seemed much interested in the work generally.

MR. WILSON expects to leave for the North-west somewhere about the fifteenth of August. He will visit the Elkhorn institutions, and then go on to Medicine Hat.

Two of the Shingwauk pupils, Sahguy and Joseph, have been trying to pass the examination for entrance into the High School, and they are now anxiously awaiting the results.

MISS CHAMPION, the Lady Superintendent of the Wawanosh Home, has left for Collingwood, where she intends spending part of her vacation. We hope she will enjoy a very pleasant summer.

MISS MARY BERGER, who has been an inmate of the Home for nearly nine years, was married in the Memorial Chapel, to Mr. W. Wilson, of the American Sault. The ceremony was performed by his Lordship the Bishop of Algoma.