

meaning of the festive season—Such a difference to the way their parents were brought up. This morning, at prayers, the children answered my questions just as well as white children would have done.” Yours sincerely, J. W. TIMS.

Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 9th, 1897.

“DEAR MISS SEWELL—Many thanks for your splendid box of Christmas gifts, and more especially for the woollen socks and mitts, which we so greatly needed. Mrs. King and I, who had visions of your Christmas gifts, had no idea that they would be so completely realized. There is already a restlessness among the boys, which visibly increases the nearer we draw to the festive season. We have close upon 70 boys. Mrs. King has 21 of the younger ones in her charge, who sleep in a large dormitory, and every night for the past two weeks it has always been the same question before getting into bed—‘Mrs. King how many more days is it until Santa Claus comes;’ so you see what an important season Christmas is at ‘Shingwauk.’ Our latest addition is a little Oneida boy, ten years of age, named ‘Nicholas,’ his father is dead, and his mother deserted him; he came to us from jail, where the Indian agent had put him for safe keeping.”

Yours faithfully, GEO. LEY KING.

LANSDOWNE MISSION,
Fort Alexander, Jan. 29th, 1898.

DEAR MRS. DOAK—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the bale mentioned in your post card. I can assure you that you are doing much good in the way of strengthening my hands in my work amongst these poor people. I never like to ask help, but I thank God, that he has prompted you, by His Spirit, to send us such nice clothing. All our people join with me in thanking you. I should be glad if some kind lady would undertake to send something occasionally to two poor old widows whom I am supporting; they lived in a birch bark tent all the winter, and last summer I built a small house for them on the Mission property, at my own expense; and of course I