

We Need more Help.

IN order to accomplish all the work that we have now before us, every dollar that we receive needs to be increased to ten dollars.

Ever since the Shingwauk Home was opened in 1875 we have had one long struggle for existence. Look through our Annual Reports, published from year to year. Where are the large sums and legacies which most Institutions of this kind receive? Just to go back a few years: Apart from English subscriptions and Government grant, we received in 1884, \$2362.52; in 1885, \$2,480.55; in 1886, \$4,370.47; and in 1887, \$4,333.49. These amounts were toward the maintenance of our Sault Ste. Marie Institutions. Then, towards building, we received in 1884, \$250; in 1885, \$120; in 1886, \$1,816; in 1887, \$270; these amounts went toward completing our chapel, building and furnishing our hospital, improvements to the Shingwauk, &c.; and towards establishment of Branch Homes we received in 1886, \$1,382, and in 1887, \$730. With this we have built the Institution at Elkhorn and have \$800 on hand towards Medicine Hat.

Now against this—What is our work? What have we before us? An Institution called the Shingwauk Home, with accommodation for 60 boys, which, if filled, could not be maintained (apart from necessary repairs) at a less cost than \$7,500; and the Wawanosh Home, with accommodation for 28 girls, which, if filled, could not be maintained for less than \$3,000;—that is \$10,500 per annum for the two, which is a far lower rate of expenditure than that allowed at any of the Government Institutions for Indian children in the North-west, whether Roman Catholic or Protestant. We want to see our Homes here filled. We want to see our annual deficit swept away. We want funds sufficient to keep up the necessary repairs. We want money to enable us to extend our work here, to erect new buildings and to take more pupils. We want about \$2,000 per annum towards the maintenance of the Elkhorn Institution in addition to the promised Government grant. We want about \$5,000 to make a start at Medicine Hat. We have the will, the desire, to accomplish all this great work, and with God's help we believe it can be done, but we cannot do it single handed. We need more help.

Another Letter from the Blackfeet Boy.

JULY 23rd, 1888.

MR. WILSON,—And said my brother can no go you more Mr. Wilson home, and said my mother very much. Still I'm Tim's house, and Mr. Wilson said my mother

ask him can you go more. Now Mr. Wilson this my brother said no can go you Appikokia, and give me something because you love me. I like to see you, think next summer you come see me, very much good come back. Suyexin sayes, yes, very good; Mr. Wilson me love you. Mr. Wilson think can see me if you come now to see me. My dear Wilson, my things (carpenter tools) very good, and two my horse. Love you Wilson. My friend who loves you.

JAMES APPIKOKIA

The Washakada Home.

MISS ROBINSON writes cheerfully of her work. "Miss H.," she says, "came last night with one child—a Sioux, aged 14; and two were sent from Oak Lake last week; they are nice children, but quite untamed. Miss H. expects to send a number from Oak Lake when she returns. People have been very kind to us. Last week a woman from the country sent in some vegetables and eggs." Miss Pigot, who has been staying a few weeks with Miss Robinson helping, writes to us at a later date, telling of the running away of some of these little wild pupils and the great chase that was made after them. At last accounts the runaways had not been got back, but we hear from the Indian agent at Birtle that the parents were displeased with their children for absconding, and he thinks they will restore them. This running away of pupils is a thing that has to be taken into account in the management of an Indian Institution, the children readily become homesick, especially those taken straight from the teepees, and the parents are only too ready to listen to their complaints and take their part. Anticipating trouble of this kind we took the precaution of transferring four tame pupils (two boys and two girls) from the Sault Ste. Marie Home to the Washakada, so that there is no fear of the new Home becoming tenantless; and we hope in a little while to gather in all the little wild children we need to fill the building.

Shingwauk Notes.

THE Shingwauk must be getting old, for we are already beginning to receive pupils of the second generation. The first Indian pupil that entered our new Shingwauk Home in 1874 was Adam Kujoshk, and now in 1888 we have received Adam Kujoshk's son and heir, Arthur Llewelyn Kujoshk, aged 9; and the mother of the boy is also an old pupil, Alice Wawanosh.

THE captain of our school is now Thomas Johnson, David Minominee having completed his term and left. Johnson was very ill about 15 months ago and had to