

The following are a few specimens of the questions given to the senior boys, and the answers they gave:—

(a) Describe the Tabernacle. *Ans.* (Esquimau.) The Tabernacle was a church made something like a tent. This is the church which the Jews had while journeying through the wilderness. It was 30 cubits long, 10 cubits wide, and 10 cubits high. It was divided into two parts, the larger part was called the Holy Place, and the smaller part Holy of Holies. In the Holy Place priests used to go every day to perform the services, but into the Holy of Holies only the High Priest was allowed to go once a year. In the Holy Place the altar of incense, the table of shew bread and the golden candlesticks were kept. In the Holy of Holies the Ark of the Covenant was kept.

(b) Tell what you know about Melchisedek. Where is he mentioned in the New Testament? *Ans.* (Benjamin.) He blessed Abram when he came from the battle after he got Lot, for he was made prisoner. He was king of Salem and also a High Priest, and no one knew who he was. He is mentioned in Hebrews viii.

(c) Where are Ader, Pondicherry, and Singapore? *Ans.* (Kahguag.) Aden is at the mouth of the Red Sea. Pondicherry is in India, on the Coromandel coast. Singapore is on the Straits of Malacca.

(d) What is told of Edward VI? *Ans.* (William.) He became king when he was 10 years old. Quick and intelligent. Somerset managed the kingdom when he was a boy. He built schools at Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Macclesfield. Also hospitals of St. Bartholomew and St. Thomas.

The marks gained by the pupils included those given for good conduct, punctuality, etc., as well as for progress in their trades, so that the apprentice boys (who only study at night) had an equal chance with the rest.

The following is a letter written, during the examination, by one of the apprentices:—

SHINGWAUK HOME,

SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 15th, '81.

DEAR SIR,—I thought I would write to you this evening and tell you what work I am doing. We are very busy indeed, lots of work ironing of sleighs, we have ironed already six sleighs since last fall, and we got to iron two more, one cutter and one long sleigh. One day last week we put forty-eight shoes on the horses, we commenced about 10 o'clock and Frank put the shoes on and I clenched, and Mr. Brown fit the shoes, and we done shoeing about 4 o'clock, and we commenced again at sleighs. That is all I have to say to you this evening.

I am your friend

JOSEPH SAHGEJEWH.

The Apprentices

One of the great objects of the Institution is to fit the Indian children for gaining their livelihood when they grow up after the manner of white people. So, with this object in view, the girls are thoroughly trained in house work, cooking, baking and laundry work, and the boys, after spending about two years steadily at school, in their third year commence learning a trade, and during the last two years of residence rank as apprentices.

The system has been found to answer exceedingly well, and the expense of instructing the boys in trades has been but trivial. Carpentering and printing are taught within the precincts of the Institution, but for instruction in other branches of trade the boys are sent to the village of Sault Ste. Marie, a distance of about one and a half miles. Every morning at about 7 a m., the boys may be seen starting from the Shingwauk Home with their dinner cans, they are away the whole day and return to the home about 6 o'clock in the evening. There are at present two boys—