

## JOTTINGS.

THE new Chief at Garden River (near Sault Ste. Marie), in the place of the late Augustin Shingwauk, is Buh-kwuj-je-ne-ne. He is a younger brother of Augustin, has been in England, and is now nearly 70 years of age.

MEDICINE HAT.—Mr. Wm. Rainsford, of Fort Erie, has offered \$50 towards the erection of the new Medicine Hat Home, provided eighteen others will join, so as to make up, with Rev. J. Davenport's offer, \$1,000. Will not others join, and so have the schools in operation this summer? Address Rev. E. F. Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

A VAST fortune has just been devoted to a new religious order. The "Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament" is the name chosen for the new religious order founded by Miss Kate Drexel, otherwise known as Sister Catherine. Miss Drexel was to make her final vows in February, and the ceremony to take place in the Chapel of Mercy Convent, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when she would formally renounce her immense fortune, estimated at £1,600,000. This sum she gives to the new order, making it, possibly, the wealthiest religious order in the world, excepting that of the Jesuits. The special objects of the Order will be to ameliorate the condition of the North-American Indians and negroes.

MANKIND'S DEBT TO THE REDSKIN FARMER.—It is more considerable than might be supposed. Long before the first white foot made its impress on the shores of the new world, the American Indians, especially in the eastern parts of what are now the United States, in Mexico, and in many parts of South and Central America, had made progress in the art of agriculture. Maize, or Indian corn, is the Redskin's gift to civilization. But it is not his only gift. It was he who taught the rest of mankind to cultivate the potato; and he was the discoverer of that other agricultural product, tobacco.

ANOTHER WORD ABOUT THE RED INDIAN.—And let it be to say that he is less a savage than he is supposed to be, and much less than novelists and others are wont to represent him as being. We referred, the other day, to the excellent discourse on the American Indians, which Mr. Henshaw has been delivering in the National Museum at Washington. He refutes as false, "the commonly presented picture of the Indians as they appeared at the time of their discovery by Columbus, as that of a horde of wandering savages, half or wholly naked, living on roots or herbs, or existing by the capture of wild animals scarcely more savage than themselves; and the chief object of whose existence was to enslave, to torture, and to kill each other." The truth is, the Indian "had progressed far beyond and above the lowest state in which man is known to live." In short, he had learned to till the soil, as we have seen; and he