

The total amount distributed amongst the Indians of this Superintendency during the year, was \$10,332.62.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

JAS. C. PHIPPS,
Visiting Superintendent.

WIKWEMIKONG, 29th September, 1881.

OUR INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

By this time last year we were hard at work anxious to prepare better accommodations for the children of our Industrial Schools, our boys were yet in the old house, so much crowded that, besides other inconveniences, there was no room for more pupils.

The new house though well finished outside had not yet inside the necessary partitions; it was only by the middle of November that the arrangements were completed for the more pressing wants.

The kitchen, dining rooms and recreation rooms occupied the whole first story. In the second story one large room only was provisionally arranged for a dormitory; the two upper stories were left unfinished.

The classes and studies continued in the old building. There were also left the weavers and shoemakers shops.

The female department had for years better accommodations, but there also these had become insufficient. A large addition connecting the boarding and school houses was commenced in July, 1880, and so far advanced in the fall as to have its first story occupied by the community. Early in the summer this year, the work was resumed; it might be said to be now completed to the great convenience of the Institution.

There was much more to do in the other departments,—a great deal had been done since last spring, but after the many partitions being made for the various requirements of the Institution, and the lathing all over, the plasterer (an Indian) is yet at work, and in all probability will not do more this fall than finish the two large rooms in the uppermost story intended for a dormitory, and we hope, the half of another story, where will be the new study rooms and shops for the weavers and shoemakers trades.

These two trades are the only ones that have been taken up yet; none except one of the boys was strong enough for the carpenters or blacksmiths trades. Shops had been erected, but were not much used. They have been lately better arranged by a practical tradesman, some of our boys will soon commence their apprenticeship.

The number of boarders in the Industrial Schools has been floating between 80 and 100, both departments included.

No binding engagement prevents the parents from taking their children to themselves, when they prefer to have them at home.

The health of the children has been generally good, except sometime last winter, when a certain number among the little girls had the measles; all happily recovered. None of the boys got the disease.

Much has been done to improve their play ground, they enjoy it much at the recreation hours.

Besides Indians, some white children have been admitted; as they speak English their intercourse with the others will help very much in introducing more and more among all the use of that language.

The progress of each child in the various branches of instruction is encouraging for the teachers, as is also the docility and general good conduct of the children.

D. DUROUQUET, S. J.