

SHINGWAUK HOME, SAULT STE. MARIE,

December 30th, 1890.

"WE, the boys and girls of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, having heard of the death of the celebrated Chief Augustin Shingwauk, during the past week, at Garden River, who was one of the originators of these Indian Institutions, desire to raise sufficient money, by subscription, to purchase a monument, to be placed on the chief's grave as a remembrance both to us and to the coming generations of the good work which he did towards us, in getting these Homes built, by which we may obtain an education and be taught the ways of white people. As a result of these institutes here at Sault Ste. Marie, there are now many other institutions throughout Canada and the North-west Territories. Having done what we can ourselves towards the above object, we now ask those who are interested in this laudable work to aid us by your subscriptions.

Signed on behalf of the Indian boys and girls.

ARTHUR MISKOKOMAN, CAPTAIN.

CHRISTMAS ON THE BLACKFOOT RESERVE.

SATURDAY, the 27th December, was a busy day at the Blackfoot Mission. Three bales of clothing, toys, etc., arrived late the night before, with news that six more bales were waiting at the station. At sunrise all were hard at work, in fact someone must have been up all night for beef was cooking all the time. At 11 a.m. the school bell was rung, and 115 children took their seats and were served with boiled beef, bread, buns and stewed apples with tea. "Oh, come all ye faithful," was sung in Blackfoot before commencing, and "Oh, let us be joyful," when all had finished. The Rev. J. W. Tims then gave a short address in Blackfoot, explaining what Christmas Day was, and how Jesus came into the world to save *all* Blackfoot Indians, as well as white people. On leaving, every child received some warm article of clothing, provided by kind friends in England and eastern Canada. Then the Indians were admitted in two detachments of 100 each; all were fed in the same way and left with warm clothing. Altogether, it was 8 p.m. before all was finished. On the following Monday, Mr. Tims started at noon for Eagle Ribs Camp, with a waggon laden with warm clothing, beef, biscuits, stewed apples, tea and sweeties. We arrived about 2 p.m., and in an hour had boiling water and all ready. The school-house was soon full, sixty-five people being crowded into a room 18 ft. x 17 ft. 6 in. All much enjoyed their good fare, and when all were satisfied, tobacco was given out and clothing was distributed. All listened most attentively to one of Mr. Tims' telling addresses—apparently, he speaks Blackfoot as easily as English.