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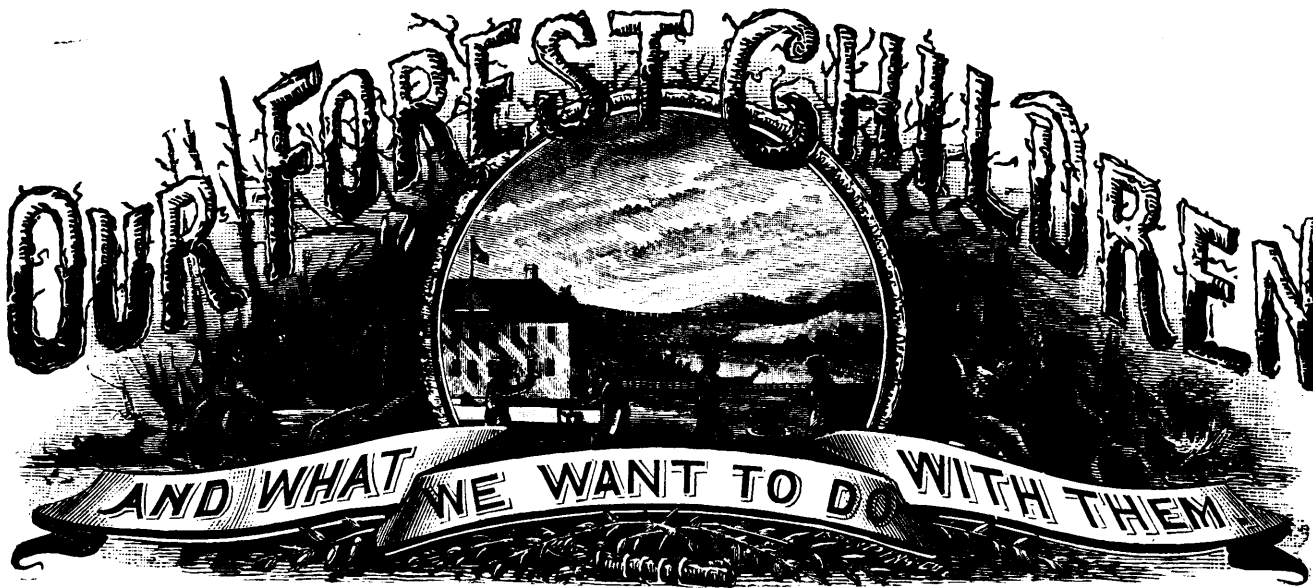
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HAVE you seen the Summer Number of OUR FOREST CHILDREN? If not, send for a copy before they are all sold. It is very prettily got up, illustrated, 20 pages and cover, 9 by 12 inches in size, full of interesting matter about the Indians, and price only 15 cts.; seven copies for \$1; 50 copies for \$6.50.

BE it understood that there are ten issues of OUR FOREST CHILDREN, this size, in the year, for which the annual subscription is ten cents; and that instead of the December and June numbers we issue a twenty-page illustrated Christmas Number and Summer Number, at an additional cost each of 15 cents. Our Subscribers, therefore, having the option of paying (1) 10 cents for the 10 monthly papers; or (2) 25 cents for the 10 monthlies and the Christmas Number; or (3) 25 cents for the 10 monthlies and the Summer Number; or (4) 40 cents for both the Summer and Christmas Numbers as well as the ten monthly issues. For \$1.50 per annum we will send 12 copies of the 10 monthlies and two each of the Summer and Christmas Numbers.

Home Again.

AFTER a very pleasant trip, lasting nearly six weeks, during which upwards of 3000 miles of country were traversed, Mr. Wilson arrived back at the Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie, on Sunday afternoon, July 1st. The principal things accomplished during his outing were (1) a visit to the Blackfoot Indians, to restore the boy James Edward to his home; (2) a visit to the Sarcee Indians near Calgary, and the preparation of a report on those people for the British Association; (3) the opening of the Washakada Home at Elkhorn, in Manitoba; (4) the selection of a site for another Institution at Medicine Hat.

It is a cause for great thankfulness that the Blackfoot Indians received the tidings of the death of one of their number at the Shingwauk Home in such a kindly spirit. Much was due, no doubt, to the good common sense of their head chief, Crowfoot. On hearing of the death of the boy, Crowfoot made due enquiries. First and foremost was the question: "Did Mr. Wilson use any pressure in getting the boy to go to his school, or did he go with his parents' free consent?" Then he asked was the boy in good health when he went to the Shingwauk Home, or had he been sick before? And finally, he wished to know whether the boy had been well treated and cared for during his illness. These questions having been all satisfactorily answered, the Chief gave his verdict that the white people who had taken the boy away to school were not in any way to blame. When Mr. Wilson was coming away, two more boys were offered him as pupils, and James Edward expressed an earnest wish that he might be taken again the following year. An uncle of the deceased lad brought Mr. Wilson a very handsome present, saying: "I give you this to show that we have no ill feeling towards you on account of the boy's death."

Letter from the Blackfoot Boy.

THE following letter has been received by Mr. Wilson from James Edward, the Blackfoot boy, since his return home, evidently written quite by himself:—

MR. WILSON,—this littlet and my mother said can go Shingwauk Home. and too my brother said can

go more I took old good can go. and me still Im Tims house and sleep and can work me. I will taken God askes becuse me loves Jesus Mr. Wilson and vrey good you home. I know God and Jesus died for us. Some time I make house vrey pretty this summer. Next summer I thank you come, and vrey much you seeme and Mr. Wilson friend. I thank nuts (much?) me some time becuse can make house my brother I make him good house. Mr. Wilson home said my brother yes can go Natusiasamiu (Mr. Wilson's name) home. give me my brother horse vrey good.

JAMES.

Encouraging.

DURING our stay among the Blackfeet, preparations were being made for the great annual "Sun Dance," and it was said that eleven young men were going to undergo the usual torture. Both Mr. Tims and ourselves were anxious about our Shingwauk pupil, James. Would he go to the dance, or would he not? James had one great friend, (a heathen like the rest), by name Mianami; they seemed inseparable, and were about together from morning to night. Would Mianami persuade James to go to the heathen dance, or would James persuade Mianami to keep away from it? Day by day the preparations kept on, day by day the teepees about the Mission grew less in number—all were going away to the locality of Chief Crowfoot's tent, some ten miles off, where the festivities were to take place. But James did not go. And not only did he remain, but he persuaded Mianami and two other young fellows to remain too. They all stayed with Mr. Tims in the Mission House; and on the Sunday after we left, we heard that these four young fellows mounted their ponies and rode off to attend a service of the whitemen's church, some four miles off. May we not hope that the seed of God's word has found a resting place in some good ground, and if that be the case, who can say what may not the fruit be.

Opening of the Washakada Home.

THE Washakada Home at Elkhorn, in Manitoba, was opened for use on Thursday, June 21st. The large school-room was tastefully decorated with flags, Indian bead-work, weapons, etc., and mottoes, and a good representation of the residents of Elkhorn filled the room. Mr. Wilson held an opening service of hymns, prayer, and scripture readings, appropriate to the occasion. After this he gave an address, stating what had led to the beginning of the work at Garden River, how it had grown, the gradual development of the present work for the Indians in

the North-west, and how the present institution had been brought into existence. Afterward, Mr. Geo. H. Rowswell, who has taken great interest and contributed largely to the undertaking, spoke. Councillor Cushing, Dr. Rolston and Mr. Fortune made short addresses, and promised, that for their parts, as residents of the place, they would do all they could to make the work successful. The Institution was then named the *Washakada Home*, and was declared to be open "In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost." After this, the assembly roamed through the building inspecting it, and partook of the refreshments provided in the dining room. The present building will accommodate eighteen children. A few were present at the opening, and others, it was expected, would be gathered in from the surrounding Reserves. Within a radius of about a hundred miles there are as many as 800 Indian children of various ages. The Lady Superintendent now in charge of the school is Miss Robinson, a daughter of Judge Robinson, and neice of the late Bishop Fauquierre of Algoma. Steps will at once be taken to utilise the Government grant by the purchase of 12 more village lots contiguous to the present property and the erection of three more buildings. One of these, the central one, will contain dining hall, kitchen and superintendent's apartments on the ground floor, and school-rooms overhead; another one will be the Boys' Home; and the present building, with a new building attached to it in the rear, will be the Girls' Home. Boys and girls will meet in the same building for meals and school. There will be workshops erected for the boys, and a farm of 640 acres will eventually be brought under cultivation. When all is completed it is hoped that, with the aid of the Government grant, eighty pupils will be maintained; but, for this to be accomplished, about \$2000 must be raised among friends to supplement the Government building grant, and about \$2000 per annum must be raised also for maintenance. It is hoped that Sunday Schools will take up the work and assist in the support of pupils at the Washakada Home as they have been doing so kindly at the Shingwauk and Wawanosh. Bales and boxes of nice warm clothing will also be most thankfully received. Money contributions should be sent to Mr. Wilson at Sault Ste. Marie; and clothing to Miss Robinson, Washakada Home, Elkhorn, Manitoba. The Bishop of Rupert's I. and has been asked to be President of the Washakada Home in the same way as the Bishop of Algoma is President of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh. Several ladies in Winnipeg, members of the Women's Auxiliary, have kindly offered to assist in supplying clothing, etc.

Protestant Institutions in the North-west.

SINCE we made our first move in the matter of establishing Protestant institutions for Indian children in Manitoba and the North-west, we are thankful to note a great change for the better. A few years ago it seemed as though the Roman Catholics were going to have it all their own way, but now things are changed. Not only have several minor institutions been started at various points through the zeal and liberality of the Protestant churches, but Government has begun to dole out her gifts and to assist Protestant enterprises among the Indians in a way that we had scarcely dared to hope. In addition to the large Government institution, under Church of England auspices, at Battleford, there are now three more large institutions for Indian children, either being built or about to be built, and to be supported either entirely or largely by the Government,—one for the Presbyterians at Regina; a Church of England institution at St. Paul, about four miles north of Winnipeg; and our Church of England institution at Elkhorn. We have also the prospect of another institution, similar to the Elkhorn one, at Medicine Hat; and we hear that the Methodists are to have one at Norway House, North of Lake Winnipeg. Besides these Government (or partly Government) schools, are the following minor institutions, which we visited either last summer or this:

THE MACDOUGALL ORPHANAGE

at Morley, in Alberta, under the charge of the Rev. John Macdougall, of the Methodist Church, has 21 pupils, mostly Crees and Stonies, and is doing a good work, though cramped for funds.

THE MACKAY INSTITUTE

at Round Lake, 20 miles North of Broadview, Assiniboia, was built by the Presbyterian Church, at a cost of \$5000. The Rev. Mr. Mackay came to this spot as a missionary in June, 1884, and pitched his tent. For three months he tried taking Indian children into his own house. In 1885-86 he had 20 pupils. The present building was erected in 1887. The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church gave \$3000. It is free of debt, and Mr. Mackay has \$700 in hand towards enlarging. Last winter he had 43 pupils, but during summer a great many of them are enticed away by their parents. Government has been giving him \$30 a head towards support of pupils, and has now raised the grant to \$60 a head.

MR. MOORE'S SCHOOL.

The Rev. W. S. Moore, of the Presbyterian Church, is a very zealous and devoted young missionary. In the face of many and great difficulties and often with

a less than empty purse he has succeeded in establishing a small boarding school for Indian children on the borders of Mushkovepeetungs' Reserve, North of Regina. The building cost \$1200, most of which was paid out of his own pocket. He began with 10 pupils the 20th of December last, and now has 23 on his roll, mostly Crees and Saulteaux, from the neighborhood. Some of the boys recognized us when we went in to visit them, and said 'Puhgukahbun' (Mr. Wilson's Indian name).

MISS WRIGHT'S SCHOOL.

Some good ladies of Portage la Prairie three years ago began visiting the Indians in their teepees on the outskirts of the town, and after a while opened a school among them. At first it was conducted in one of the teepees. Then, after a time, they purchased a house and took boarders, and Miss Wright was placed in charge. When our train passed Portage la Prairie going East, June 27, several bright-faced, well-dressed little Indian girls came on board, carrying parcels and packages for a lady, and then having deposited them said good-bye to her and jumped off again. We soon found that the lady was Miss Wright, and as she must necessarily pass the Sault on her way down to Toronto, we asked her to stay off a day or two and visit the Shingwauk and Wawanosh, and she did so, and seemed greatly pleased and encouraged by what she saw.

Archdeacon Cowley's Mission.

IT was with great interest that we paid a visit to this well-known, old-established, mission of St. Peter's. The good old Archdeacon has gone to his rest, but his widow and daughter still live in the old stone house on the banks of the Red River (25 miles from Winnipeg), and assist in the services of the fine old church; and the Rev. B. McKenzie, who is partly Indian, conducts the mission. It was sad to see the extensive burial ground, graves of all sizes, so thickly clustered together. Evidently these untutored Indians have not been educated in the vexed question of high church and low church, as the cemetery, although a C.M.S. one, was literally bristling with crosses. There are said to be about 1200 Indians now in the mission, all nominal Christians, and all members of the Church of England. The mission was first established in the year 1827.

IF Sunday School teachers would collect 10 cents from each of their pupils and send an order for so many copies of O.F.C. to be distributed among them, it would greatly increase their interest in our work, and the children would think more of the papers if they paid for them than if they got them for nothing. Ten cents from each individual is very little, but for us to supply them free to all the Sunday School children would cost a fortune.

Another Church of England School.

WE are glad to hear that the Rev. Mr. Owens of Touchwood Hills is making preparations to open a small Institution for some 15 or 20 Indian children, and has hopes of receiving a grant in aid from the Government towards the annual support.

The Church of England Institution north of Winnipeg, is to be placed in charge of the Rev. W. A. Burman, late of the Sioux Mission, near Griswold. He expects to have 80 pupils, and we bespeak for him all the help and sympathy that Christian people can and ought to give. Few know the anxieties and trials attending this Indian work.

Prize Giving at the Shingwauk.

THE annual prize giving at the Shingwauk Home took place on Friday, July 13. In the absence of the Bishop, Mr. Wilson gave away the prizes, and he was supported by the Rev. F. W. Greene, who addressed the pupils in a lively, interesting manner. The Victors (*i.e.* those who gained upwards of 400 marks for each year they had been in the Institution) were John Maggrah, Albert Sahgij, David Minominee, and Joseph Soney, in the fourth class; Dora Jacobs, Matthew Sampson and Samuel Wasi, in the third class; Francis Baker in the second class; and William Soney and Sebastian Brant in the first class. The Aspirants (*i.e.* those who received not less than 300 marks for each year at the Institution) were: 3rd class—Riley, Joe, Oshkahboos, Smart, Abram, Maria, Caroline Wankay; 2nd class—Cromarty, Solomon, Elijah, Sharpe, Louisa, Gracie; 1st class—Edward, James, Lily, Philamine.

School reports showing the marks received at the eight examinations during the year, will shortly be sent to Sunday Schools that support Indian pupils.

Jottings.

THERE are at present 868 subscribers to O.F.C. We want to increase the number to 5000. 670 copies are sent out gratis to Sunday Schools and other helpers. Subscription only TEN CENTS.

HOLIDAYS have begun at the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, and a number of the pupils have gone to their Homes. School recommences Thursday, September, 6th.

WE are expecting a visit from the Rev. W. A. Burman, of the Sioux Indian Mission, Manitoba, the end of this month.

THE Rev. J. Irvine, of Lac Seul, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Burman at the Sioux Mission.

THE Rev. H. W. G. Stocken is now missionary to the Sarcee Indians, near Calgary.

THE only Diocese that takes copies of our *Algoma Missionary News* and *OUR FOREST CHILDREN*, in bulk and distributes them, is the Diocese of Toronto.

Clothing Received for the Indian Homes.

JUNE, 1888.

PER Rev. M. N. Fothergill, 1 bale of clothing and quilt, from the Children's Auxiliary, Quebec.

PER Mrs. Nevin, Montreal, a box of clothing for boys and girls, also some very nice Xmas gifts.

JULY.

PER Ladies' Aid Society, Kingston, outfit for Nancy Warner, curtains, and several other gifts. Also from the Children's Miss. Guild, a nice bundle of small garments.

OUR yearly English box, sent by Mrs. Martin, contained parcels of clothing from the following kind friends: Miss Pinder, Bath, clothing, texts, etc., Mrs. Bookes, Miss A. Wilson, Mrs. Corrie, all of Guildford, clothing for boys and girls.

FOR Mrs. Renison, a bale from Miss Peache.

FROM Mrs. Leakey's Working Party, clothing.

FROM the members of the G.F.S., Cornwall, Ont., per Mrs. Gault, a large box, containing a good outfit for their Indian girl; several kind presents for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson; also clothing for distribution.

Receipts—Indian Homes.

RECEIPTS SINCE 10TH JUNE, 1888.

Mrs. Nivin, Montreal, for boy	\$14 50
Miss A. C. Day,	6 15
Chapter House S. School, London, for boy	30 00
St John's S. School, Strathroy, for boy	6 25
Rev. W. G. Thompson, Children's Miss. Society, Levis, P.Q.	50 00
St. James' Sunday School, Dundas	10 00
All Saints' S. School, Toronto, for girl	25 00
Girls' Friendly Society, Cornwall, for girl	6 50
Miss Crouch	3 40
St. Martin's Sunday School, Montreal, for girl	12 50
St. Paul's S. School, Port Dover, for boy	12 50
Mrs. McWilliams, Berthier en Haut, for boy	15 00
St. James, Carleton Place, for boy	18 75
Rev. G. M. Armstrong	5 00
Anonymous, per Dr. Lovejoy	10 00
S. John's, London Tp., per Ven. Archdeacon Marsh	7 00
St. Peter's Guild, Sherbrooke, for girl	18 75
Rev. W. H. Wood, Beckenham Branch C.S.U. (less O.F.C.)	2 65
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Beaumont (less O.F.C.)	2 00
Women's Auxiliary, St. John's, Peterboro., (less O.F.C.)	5 20
Visitors to Shingwauk	10 00
St. John's S. School, York Mills (less O.F.C.)	2 00

Receipts—Our Forest Children.

Miss Crouch, \$1.10; Mrs. McWilliams, 15c.; John B. Lash, \$1; Miss Brown, 40c.; Miss Rose, 10c.; Miss Wright, 50c.; Rev. Canon Matheson, 10c.; W. R. Blachford, 25c.; Miss Wallis, \$1; Rev. Dr. Beaumont, \$1; Rev. W. H. Wood, \$1; Mrs. Osler, \$1; Miss Bacon, \$1.

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