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A Visit to the Shingwauk.

A RECENT visitor to the SHINGWAUK HOME, says: "One day last week, in company with a lady who takes great interest in Missionary work, I visited the Indian boys' school here, or Shing-

wauk Home—which means a Pine Tree, and was so named in honor of an old Indian Chief. The Home is about two miles east of the Sault, and is one of the prettiest spots in the world. On the way down we passed a group of small picturesque islands, near the shore, covered with tamarac, spruce and birch, and looking like so many large bouquets in the clear blue river. A little further on, we reached the Home,—a massive stone building,

a rustic archway is built, with a gabled roof; and the church-yard has a very neat dry stone wall around it. The Church itself has fine stained-glass windows, a hardwood floor, excellent pews, chancel, vestry, and baptismal font—the latter made of grey granite—base,

pedestal and bowl out of one block.—The walls are decorated with scripture mottoes, cut in wood scrolls. Too many of our grand city churches have become mere social clubs for the higher classes to spend a pleasant hour or two on Sunday in, and see each other; but in this



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modest little chapel half hid in the tall trees, like a Druid temple, a strangely devout feeling comes irresistibly over one, excluding all worldly thoughts, and you

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