Jan. 19th 1880

Dear Mr. Pope — I was much pleased with the contents of your letter — I think it is a wise step on the part of the Department to place your superintendent of the Indian reserves — educated & civilized Indians are capable of taking care of themselves & managing their own affairs — & not always depend on white people — As for myself I consider myself an Indian & identify myself entirely with the Indian cause — & I want all who really feel the true good of the Indians to join with me in improving the condition of the Indians in every way. I see that the head Indians through Ontario are still in the idea of establishing Branch Homes — & placing them on a better footing — I don't want to interfere at all with the Nuncey — Mr. Stephens & myself — a good understanding between us & after correspondence & discussion have any idea of establishing a new protection society — I will place name somewhere — but I do not hear of their doing anything of the sort — & I think we have the field clear before us —

am much pleased with the first copies of the Indian
[illegible] has just reached me & I think it will do much
[illegible] have sent the little account of our work.
I feel very much encouraged about my own work this
winter. I think getting rid of 2 or 3 boys who had a
bad influence has done good. There is a nice earnest
[illegible] among the boys now. Many of them trying to love &
serve the Saviour. A few of us meet for reading &
prayer 3 evenings in the week, besides the other regular
[illegible] We have an excellent teacher
Mr Wilson. He is very musical. & the boys are beginning
to be beautiful in parts. I wish you could have
heard them sing 'Rock of ages' in the Chapel after our
[illegible] tea was over. A number of the people from
Lault were present & they were all delighted. I
[illegible] probably make a change in School teachers at
[illegible] next Spring. Miss C. is a good teacher
but does not care as much for the spiritual advancement
the girls as I would wish.

Will you kindly — direct you get this — send me a letter
for publication in our Annual Report (which I am now getting
ready) saying what you think of our work so far — whether the Children
are benefitted — (you might refer to the happy deaths of Joseph Kabsang
& Jackson) — also what you think of the proposal for establishing
a new Station — about 3 or 4 miles
[illegible] Yours sincerely S. H. Wilson

Jan. 19 1886

Robert Coulter –

I think it will be for the benefit of our Institution to keep you on if we can come to terms about your pay – I have been well satisfied with the way you have worked & am glad that you seem to take an interest in the place & like the Indian boys –

My offer is to give you $15 a month for the 5 winter months Nov. & March, and $18 a month for the 7 summer months April & October – on condition you remain with us for three years – and if there is any profit at the end of that time you shall receive a share of it –

If you agree to this please write in reply –

Yrs truly –

T. L. Miles

I am sure you will like to hear about Chief Bukkewujjenene's visit to us this evening. He is the Garden River Chief who accompanied Wilson to England nearly fourteen years ago. When he first received his appointment we were all at Choir practice in the Chapel, & he said he had sent his team home & that he was going to stay in town tonight. While sitting waiting for tea after we had all left he told us a story connected with his experiences while in England. A gentleman he said who claimed to think he knew a great deal about the Indians was speaking to his friends about the Crees & the Ojibways & mentioned the disparagement of the latter. The Bukkewujjenene could not understand all that was said as he knows little English, but he understood enough to see that the Crees were wild and worth the trouble of teaching but the Ojibways' heads were just like stone & that it was no use to build schools for them as he would not send his children to them. In charge of this, continued Bukkewujjenene, while I was still in the Chapel listening to the Indian boys' hearty singing and responding & I do not think the Ojibways' heads are all stone! Bukkewujjenene had tea with Mr & Mrs Wilson, & after a stroll in the office he was taken for a walk round the Chapel. The Chapel looked very pretty lighted up with its bright chandelier & all the Christmas decorations. As some one remarked lately "it makes one feel good to go to service in the Chapel", the service is conducted reverently and heartily, everybody & boys all joining distinctly in the responses on the monotone. The chants sung by all on alternate sides, & the hymns heartily joined in. We know not if high Church or Low Church is the Shinpawatt Chapel, Christ

[illegible] reached in all his [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] boys are [illegible] [illegible] upon their
[illegible] for the [illegible] & [illegible] correctly with every part of a service.
[illegible] Mr. Nichol are all present to the School room, & Mr. Nichols
[illegible] Mr. Chairperson & Home had first come in
[illegible], & [illegible] Home that Chief Buckwaquenene had
[illegible] found out. Then the Chief stepped forward
[illegible] & he kept all the boys almost in a state of
[illegible] him in his free pleasant way in the [illegible]

[illegible] age, describing the very different condition that he was in
[illegible] boy, urging them to be diligent in their studies & to seek after
[illegible] comes from above, & as they grew up to
[illegible] spirit of what they had learned, to keep away from the fire & also
[illegible] bad companions, & to do good among their fellow
[illegible] dians.
The next thing after this was to confer
Indian names upon certain of the White people present, &
[illegible] upon some of the Native boys who had never had distinctive
Indian names given them by their parents. The first Pre-
[illegible] upon was our Assistant Superintendent, Mr. McDonald.
The Chief held him by the hand & talked with his face haranguing
[illegible] Indian for four or five minutes not a word of which
[illegible] understood, & finally conferred on him the name
of "Reeje" [illegible] Then Mr. Walton, the School master, received
[illegible] the very honorable title of Nah-wah-quash-keum
[illegible] light.
Mr. McDonald & Mr. Walton
then [illegible] were introduced to all the boys in their
new [illegible], & then there was a rush — all the boys letting
shoulders were on a-duty to shake hands with them as fast as they
Boozoo Reeje, boozoo Reeje, how do you Nah-wah-quash-keum, boozoo
boozoo Reeje, how do you Nah-wah-quash-keum!
[illegible] the comical [illegible]

Jan. 22d 1856

Dear Joseph -

I have received yr letter & enclosure of $100 - Your wife & children are all quite well - & yr wife is I hope making a little progress in her lessons - but it is a mistake getting married before receiving education. She cannot apply herself to her work now that she has her children to see after - I will keep her for the half year - for $25 - & then she must go back to you. Please send the balance of the $12.50 for the 3 months as soon as you can. Yrs truly

S. H. Parker

Mr Joseph Smith
Nauvoo
Hancock Co Illinois

January 26th 1856.

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Dec. 22d 1886 –

Dear Jim –

I shall be glad to hear from you and know how you are getting along with your school & Nervous Debt – I hope that you are doing well & that God's blessing will rest upon your work – We have had a very happy Christmas here – All the children & both the Homes & are thankful & they are quite well – We held a Hundred Christmas tree in the School room on the 8th of January – & a number of the people from the Fault came out – When it was over about 9 p.m. we all went over to the Chapel & had a short service which was very nice – All the boys join well now in the service – the responding is loud & all on one tone – & they sang the hymn "Book of Kings" in parts – It was very sweet singing

[illegible] every one was delighted — Two days ago we had Chief Pushkowiggiwene here for the night — He made a nice speech & gave Indian names to several of the boys who had been to school — also to Mr Wotton & Mr Pitcher.

I wonder if you have heard that Peter Joseph's wife & 2 little children of the Wawanosh — He asked me to take them for the winter — so that his wife might receive a little education & is paying for them —

I want you to let me know all you can about Riley — Who he was living with when he died — What was done with his robes & books — & how it was that he was buried by the Roman Catholics — I can hardly believe that he died a Roman Catholic in heart — as I think he really loved the Saviour Bible & the thing want & would not have given up the teaching of the bible.

Write to me soon — Remember

Your sincere friend

E. Wilson

A gentleman in Manitoba — has promised me $1000 towards establishing a Branch Home in that Province.

Jan. 22/86

My dear Archdeacon

Very many thanks for your kind letter. I am very sorry we have only about 50 copies left of the January issue — and of Year. Am send you 25 — (50 cts).

I have just written to the Mail to see if they will put that article in so that it may have a wider circulation — if not I will see what can be done about a reprint.

I wish there were many who took as much interest in our work as you do kindly do — Yrs very sincerely

C. H. Wilson

Rev. Dr. Maurice

Jan. 24/86

Dear Sir

I think that I have to you very paid off a/c of $25 twice — the cheque I sent you Nov. 28? was I think for Brockville one signed by H. MacDonald — the error was caused by my accountant charging each top name in my private ledger instead of Institution Lectures. Kindly return me the second cheque. I will let you know as soon as I am about hiring to town. Respectfully yours

C. H. Wilson

Jany 30th 1861

W. H. Plummer Esq.

Dear Sir

I see by the Pioneer that you are expected for Ottawa to-morrow. Possibly you may be calling on the Indian Department & could kindly assist me, urging on the Department the importance of the steps which I am proposing to take towards erection of some permanent building here & establishment of several Branch Homes.

I wrote the Dept. fully on the subject Nov. 25th last & letter was laid over until the return of Sir J. Ross expected. & I am now awaiting reply.

My proposal as I think you know is to spend $7000 on the enlargement & improvement of the present Orphan Home & about $5000 on each of the Branch Homes.

I think it would be only fair if the Department would give $2000 towards improvement of the Orphan Home & $1000 towards each of the Branch Homes. I do not mention any sum but leave it

it with the — you will by think right —
Of the $2000 which I was like grant to the Hospital
proposes that $1000 be expended entirely on the
farm for fencing & draining — You yourself know I
think the Indian farm is in — Instead of being
a means of support to the Institution it is simply a
dead loss every year — because we have never had
capital sufficient to make it fit for cultivation — Coulter
[illegible] who seems a very practical
fellow says that $1000 or $1200 ought to be expended
on it — & he believes then that the Institution could
be mainly supported by it — It has also a bad
effect on the boys & the Indians who come to visit us
to see the farm in the State it is — It ought to be a
model farm, for the boys who leave us to copy — but
it is impossible this can be done without capital — &
this is not the sort of thing we can ask Sunday Schools
& general subscribers & contributors to —

I am starting for another trip to the West in
May to choose sites for the Manitoba & Assiniboine Home
& will be glad if the Dept. will give me a small grant
say $50 — towards expenses — Yours sincerely —

J. F. Wilson

Would you kindly put me next on Forbes handle to
[illegible] in a set of a Communion Cup —

Feby 1/86

Dear Oliver —

I have decided not to go to England this Spring — as the Society in England is unwilling to pay expenses & I cannot afford it myself. About the middle of May I expect to start on another trip up the North West — A gentleman in Manitoba has promised me $1000 towards establishing a Branch Home in that Province — I shall try to choose good sites both for that Home & the one in Cariboo. What do the Indians say about having a Branch Home on the St Clair River — Have you yet asked them about it —? Go to your boy — When he is a little older — I hope you will give him to me to bring up in the Christian Home — It is not likely they would take him into any White family unless he was first trained & taught English —

Yours sincerely —

T. L. Wilson

We have got Geo. Sequanah's wife & little boy at the Rawnsley.

Feb. 1/86

My dear Mrs Polston

Very many thanks for your long kind letter which Mr Wilson & myself read over several times with much pleasure — It seems indeed as though God were opening up our way for a more extended work — I have been much disappointed to hear both from Bishop McKim & himself that there is at present no training institution of any kind for Indian children in Diocese — It will be a very great pleasure to me if by God's help I can succeed in doing anything to assist in this way — I wonder if you heard that a neighbor of yours had promised me $1000 towards the Church Institute in Manitoba — I do not mention his name as perhaps you may not wish it. I hope to start westward

but they take accompanied by an Indian boy (Ojibway) aged
about twenty — & a lady (about 60 yrs of age) named Miss
Ross to assist & Indian work & most energetic
kind my last plan will be to make 3 stoppages
on the line — (1) to visit Rev Peal missions where I
understand there are Ojibway Indians (2) get off at
Kenora for Mr Cole (3) some place in Assiniboia
I shall be able to pass about a fortnight each of
these — during which time I wd like to travel
about & see as much as possible — My chief expense
last summer was horse hire — as I had to pay $3 a day
I hope Dr Colston will kindly manage for me to
get a horse & buckboard cheaper than that —
Will you kindly think over this proposed
trip — & if there are any suggestions you can kindly
give as to best way of getting about — I shall be
very glad to hear. I wd also like to take 3 or
4 yr boys back with me from Home as
well if their parents wd let them go — as it may
be a — 3 years before we can establish the Boys Home
proper — My idea is little fellows 10 or 11 years old — & then
parents sign agreement (if they will) to keep them for 3 years —
yrs very sincerely
W. Mccan

(Mr Cole & Geo will look in a little)

Toronto Wednesday – Feb. 1/86

My dear Sir

I fear I must be reduced upon about a boy William. I cannot call to mind having asked you to support him. Could you mind let me know when it was & on what terms? I write by post on your behalf to him – He was formerly ½ supported (Mr. Green's Class St. James's Toronto – last Autumn) attended at S. School if they would undertake his entire support – This they have not yet decided on. In the meantime I am sending you the Sad Annual Report. If Whitten not attended up by St. Jas's Toronto – I shall be very glad if you will take in his support – Shewman can give you another boy. Yrs Sincerely

C. F. Wilson

Feb. 1/86

Dear Mr. McWilliams –

Many thanks for your kind letter with $22.00 just received – It is really very kind of you to do so much to help us. Last evening I was having a talk with Mr. Little just again – Johnny Cedabin – He said he wd like to stay at school & study to be a school teacher – He is going at present – but if you care him – & he sticks to his purpose – he may yet turn out a useful man – Which I am sure you will be glad of. I expect to make another trip to the N. West in May – Yrs Sincerely

C. F. Wilson

Land Office
Feb 2d 1886

Dear Sir

Please just receive
yrs of the 16th with covering cheque
for $45 on account support Lad-
dy apprentice — for which my thanks —
I understood from Mr. Spaldwood
that the S. School would undertake the
entire support of the boy — dating from
the time of my visit. I should be
glad to understand clearly about this so
that I may set it right on our ledger.
There is also $90 — contributed during the
last 3 years still in the hands of Mr. A H
Campbell. Mr. Campbell said he would
hand it over to me as soon as he received
an order from you to that effect —

Yrs faithfully
T. H. Wilson

Feb. 2d 1886

The Treasurer
Board of Commerce
Collingwood

Dear Sir

Please credit my
Savings Bk acct with enclosed
Cheque $150 — & enter interest
before entering the book —

Yrs truly
T. H. Wilson

No. 24319 — Ind Dep Cheque $150

Garden River
Feb. 3rd 1886

Dear Abbott Esq.

Sir — I have received your reply to my last communication, in which you mention having received a letter from J. C. Dawson Esq. M.P. who has promised to forward my matter with the Ind. Department & if possible bring it to a settlement.

Here in the meantime I address a few more words to you so as to make plain what I have already said.

We Indians are not happy as matters are at present. We feel all the time that we are not justly dealt with, and that the treaties made with our forefathers have faithfully kept by the White people.

When Columbus first landed in America there were Indians all over the Country in great numbers. At that time they were all well off, there was plenty of game of all kinds, the rivers were full of fish, old people lived to a great age, as there was scarcely any sickness. The White people who came with Columbus made treaties with the Indians & made them presents. These treaties were faithfully kept for a number of years: — but in time the White people grew strong & the Indians became weak. Small pox & other kinds of diseases which had never troubled our forefathers came in amongst us. Our people died. They became reduced in numbers. And the White people all the time became more numerous & strong. And now, in the present day, we see the White people spread all over the Country. All the great parts of the Country are being by the White people, & all the great towns & cities. We Indians cannot but remember that this land is ours, in my opinion, we

buildings which the White people build belong to the Indians. All the wood they use is taken out of the land which the great Spirit gave to the Indians. When we think of these things our hearts are sad. We know also that there is money locked away somewhere which belongs to us, — which was promised to us, & which we ought to have. We don't know where it is, but we know it is somewhere. You who know about these things, all know that there is money somewhere which by right belongs to us. We have known this for the last 20 years. We think we ought not to be left in our present state of poverty. Our hearts are heavy about it. We remember the promises of friendship which your ancestors made with our ancestors, — and we want these promises renewed, we want those treaties renewed, — we want to receive the money which we know ought to come to us — so that there may be once more a firm friendship established between ourselves & the White men.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Quequetin X Shipwa

I have read over the above carefully to the Chief, & keep it as exactly what he wished to say —

R. C. Wilson

Feb. 6th/86

Geo. H. Roswell Esq.

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter of the 3rd inst. & am as you may imagine a little disappointed that the Archdeacon should be opposing, (it is clear) on our scheme. I think it a decided mistake to ask the Prd. Department to pay the whole cost of erection & maintenance. It defeats entirely my own idea. Which is to arouse the Church to action in the matter & to teach people that it is their bounden duty before God to care for these poor neglected creatures. My idea in the establishment of these Branch Homes is to monopolize the Sunday Schools throughout Canada & let the Sunday School Children support all the individual children. (20 there will be altogether) as they for the most part are supporting now the children that we have. I am not surprised at this 'hitch'. 'Hitches' always come

& we must expect them. I am satisfied that God has called me to extend my work — just as you believe God has put it into your heart to give that £1000. We have now only to wait to see how God will open the way for us. Your £1000 must be expended in Manitoba — not elsewhere. & if we bought my instrumentality then though it of some one else. I am quite satisfied to leave it all in God's hands. God has opened my way for me in the past & he will continue to do so. I have just written to the Bishop of Rupert's Land. & have let him that I want to do for the Indians of Canada what Barnardo is doing for the waifs & strays of London. If he wishes me to extend my work into his Diocese I'll do so, & if not I will go elsewhere. I am arranging for another trip to the North west — to start about May 15th & bring one Indian boy with me. It will be best for Pigeon Crow & the other little boy (if you find one) to wait & come back with me then. Dr Watson — a neighbour I think of yours — has kindly asked me to go there & see the Indians in that neighborhood. How is it that two prominent Oranges — living so near to you & the Rolston do not have written to me on the same subject just at the same time. So we God's hand in this.

Yours sincerely
E. J. Dickson

May God in his kindness & mercy fill & facilitate me in this work.

Feb: 6th 1886.

The Rt. Revd the
Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land
My dear Lord

I have just heard from Mr. Fitzwilliam at Beulah who has so kindly promised $1000 towards a Branch Home in your Diocese. He says he has had a visit from Archdeacon Pinkham. Has been informed by him that steps are being taken to induce the Indian Department to build & entirely support an Institution in some part of Manitoba. I imagine from what he says that the Archdeacon is not in favor of my scheme to establish a Branch Home. This probably also has to do with your delay in sending the bills. Which you said we'd follow two weeks after you first one. Although I

my address & letter to me as favorable to my scheme & wd
encourage & hope on — I knew that it was unofficial
on your & do so — and it as in the least biding you
any line of action — If you prefer that no further
steps be taken towards the establishment of a Branch
here in your Diocese I am quite ready to withdraw —
At the same time my own impression is that it is a
mistake to ask the Government to concentrate all its efforts
in particular Dist — When the Indian work is so
wide & it would surely be better to have several
institutions dotted about — each of them partly supported
Government — but mainly kept up as we ours here
at the Lake by the Contributions of Sunday Schools —
whether or not I am permitted to place a Branch
Home in Manitoba — I intend if possible to monopolize
the Sunday Schools throughout Canada on behalf of
Indian work — & I think I have a good chance
of doing this as the 50 or so Sunday Schools which
really we take very great interest in their Indian
protégés — I look forward to God's help to do
the same kind of work among the Indian children
in Canada in carrying on so successfully among

the Waifs & Strays of London — I feel sure of two
things in regard to this work (1) that a work of
this kind can be carried on more economically &
successfully by a number of Homes all linked
together — than by several Institutions working entirely distinct
one from the other (2) that unless you get a man
thoroughly devoted to Indian work — & ready to meet &
overcome the many difficulties & trials with which such
a work is necessarily attended it is not likely to be
a success.

I feel convinced that Almighty God has put it
upon my heart to extend this work among the Indians —
I cannot but regard this munificent offer of Mr
Roswell & your Grace towards the establishment of
a Branch Home in Manitoba as an indication of
Providence. The way will doubtless open
in the Lord's time. Shall I look forward
to make another trip to the North West about the
middle of May — & I would like very much to

have an interview with you. Should you be in Toronto about that time.

I think one thing ought to be understood about our Indian Homes here — They are not distinctively Diocesan. The work was begun before any Diocese of Algoma was in existence — & we have always taken pupils from the Dioceses of Huron & Toronto as well as from Algoma. I think it is a mistake to confine such a work as this to one Diocese. Mr. Rowswell says that if our proposed Branch in Manitoba is not established he will give the $1000 to our Homes here. At the least — but this I would not wish. The desire of my heart is that the poor Indians of the North West — for whom so little at present seems to be done — should be benefitted — Western Canada is a humble instrumentality on that of Mens —

Hoping soon to hear from you —

I remain my Lord

Yours sincerely —

S. D. Wilson

Feb. 1878.

Messrs Powell & Hutchison

Dear Sirs —

As my Report is ready I am sending it to you without awaiting the [illegible] of my last — It will be I suppose 8 — 10 pages more than the last one — & I would like it for use in the same style —

I wish — like to know what you will print me 1500 copies full & 1000 copies abridged — Please get it out as speedily as possible — & send me proof as soon as ever you can get it ready —

Yrs truly

Edward T. Wilson

Mr. Wm. Hallam

Sir

I enclose you a Cheque for $100 — (No. 4261, Falls, C. Bk of Canada) with which please credit my acc.

Yrs. Resp.

R. L. Wilson

Feb. 10/86

Mr. H. W. Lennon

Sir

I enclose you three Cheques to cover amt. of yr. acct.

No. 80 —	Imperial Bk —	15-00
No. 295 —	Imperial Bk —	10-00
No. [illegible]	Bk of Montreal —	7-60
		$32-60

Kindly acknowledge —

Yrs. Resp.

R. L. Wilson

business — & I may not be able to get a musical man in his place.

If you think the idea a feasible one — will you kindly tell me what would be the wages — & about what the cost wd be of starting the industry

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

If you happen to know of a good schoolmaster who would go — we will be kind advise me — he must be Church of England & able to teach singing & play harmonium & hold 2d class certificate — salary at present is $250 & board — but I fell probably have to raise it to $300 hereafter

Feb. 11 1871

Jas. C. Wells Esq.
Dear Sir

Your letter received some time since — I should have answered it before but I was in the Country (apart from my office) in Kalamazoo with my family & not with my books in the Store & not with the Post Office Address & time to write.

In the Spring — Some time in June I will endeavour to write more fully — I will interest Mr. Jas. Langworthy of N. Y. & Mr. Williams of Pittsburgh & perhaps others in the enterprise — I am sanguine of success — but I will talk with my friends & interest them also — I am very busy now in the Office & Post Office business & have not time to write more at present

Yrs Truly
S. H. Wilson

Feb. 20th/86

R. H. Raymond Esq.

Dear Sir -

Iought before this to have let you know that Mary Williams for whom I had a [illegible] for admission to the Institution is dead -

I am with now to ask your opinion as to the desirability of employing a blind person at our Institution here to teach basket making -

It has struck me that the Indians have a natural aptitude for that kind of work & that it might be well to try & establish basket making as an industry - Another thing is we want to have a good musician on the spot - able to teach singing - & to play an organ or harmonium in our Chapel. Our School master I have at present is a good musician but he leaves us in the

Ontario

Feb. 22/86

Dr Barnardo —

Dear Sir —

I have been reading Rifle Day which you so kindly sent me — & the thought has struck me that perhaps you could help me in my work out here. I have active Christian lads about 19 or 20 years of age — one as a Blacksmith & another as a Carpenter. We have blacksmith & carpentering establishments in connection with my institution & at present the places are vacant. We cannot afford to employ a first class hand to teach — & indeed there is not work enough to keep a regular mechanic constantly at work. So the best way I have employed young Indians who have been trained in our Home. They make but clever workmen & fellows to put well to do the work needed on a farm.

[illegible] — but I am now working [illegible] at [illegible] as cheap as I can give.

If you can send me out two such lads as I want I will wish them bound to me for 3 years — & I will give £15 a-year and pay board for them for the first year £18 the second & £20 the third — that is on condition that they have been at the trade at least 3 years before coming to me, — also I shall require them when trade was slack to be willing to do chores &c — in summer to garden & in winter to chopping in the bush. also to obey the rules of the institution such as not being out at night — attending church regularly. & to attend evening classes &c so as to keep up their school education. I would not offer to pay their way across the Atlantic as our funds are very low — but I will pay their way from Toronto up — the work will be chiefly job work for the Institution & trade, and stores — we do not as a rule take in outside work.

I should be glad also to hear of a good schoolmaster — I know of one — he must be Church of England & able to teach singing & playing the harmonium well. well up in English, Grammar & arithmetic — wit a little Algebra. Salary £50 & board — & half passage paid if stay for 3 years — I must have an answer soon — you too much

Yours sincerely
S. T. Wilson

Embarkation on or before by May 18th.

Feb. 22/86

Mr. Wm. Abbott Esq.
Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 16th
inst. I think you are doing right in giving Mr.
Jaillen notice for March 31st. as altho' he is a
highly educated man he evidently has not the qualification
necessary for a schoolmaster & has failed in obtaining a
satisfactory attendance. I know of no one
just now to fill the place except Mrs. Seaman,
residing at present with Mr. Cunningham who has
applied to me for the post. After next July
we may have one or two young Indians available
that is if they succeed in passing the examination.

Yrs faithfully
J. L. Wilson

Benjamin Pine holds a permit from Mr. Pocock last year
& taught a school near Lorne for 6 months. At present doing a job.

No 7896

Peel 22d 1887

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs -

Sir

I have to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 9th inst. (No 38.844½) in reply to mine of 25th last - the unsatisfactory attendance of pupils at the Shingwauk Home &c.

You express surprise at the despondent tone of my letter of that date in comparison with the hopeful tone of my Report to June 30th last - I may mention that at the time of writing my Report there were only 6 absentees from the Home, & that number was soon reduced by the parents of the children, & when pressure was brought to bear upon them by your agent at Manitowaning sent back has the missing children - but when I arrived in November there were 17 absentees, which was exceedingly disappointing - especially as 3 of that number had stolen things and absconded. I the only feeling about the matter has been the same throughout

ing that in the education of the Indian children there is every cause for encouragement, but that there being no means to compel the parents to keep to an agreement for their children to remain a suitable time at the Institution is very discouraging, and I wish the latter could in some manner be remedied.

I receive thanks from you for compliance with my request and instructions to the Indian agents at Walpole Island & Sarnia in regard to articles stolen from this neighborhood by the 3 boys who absconded, & I may mention that there is a report among the boys here that the sail boat stolen from the American side here is now at Walpole Island, this I think ought to be enquired into.

I hope the Dept will instruct the Indian Agents to enforce the payment of Indians of Cl[illegible] taken away by children who have left the Institution contrary to agreement as the Dept has already in several cases had a salutary effect.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient Servant
S. H. Wilson

No 7897

Feb. 22 / 81

The Supt General
Indian Affairs.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge with thanks your communication of Feb. 18th (No 64314) in reply to mine of Nov. 25th last - re - Shingwauk Extension & proposed Branch Homes in Ontario and the North West. You say at the close of that letter - "Industrial Schools or Homes are now being established in the North West". May I ask the information as to whether it is the intention of the Department to at once erect and maintain one or more Industrial Schools for Indians in the Provinces of Manitoba & Assiniboia, - if so when they are likely to be completed & in whose charge they will be placed. Alas, - if in the mean time I should succeed in establishing an Industrial School in either or both of those Provinces, at a reasonable distance, say 200 miles, from the School

establishing the Department, might I expect any assistance from the Department towards building and maintenance. I have already advised Department that I have received promise of $1000 towards the establishment of a Branch Institution in Manitoba and I propose making a visit there early in Spring with the view of choosing a suitable site.

If the Department has not finally determined on undertaking the entire expense of establishing & maintaining one or more Industrial Schools for Indian children — I would like to suggest that in my opinion grant in aid say of $1000 per annum to each of separate Industrial School, scattered 200 or 300 miles apart from each other over that vast territory would do more good than $5000 expended by the Department on the maintenance of one — it would enable the denominations, who already have missionary work among the Indians, each to try & establish one more Industrial School. For myself I am prepared & willing all my energies to the work, but I want some encouragement from Department — I will have more to say in Ind. Report

S. H. Wilson

Feb. 23 1886

Dear Mr. Hale

I am returning N. Dakota Grammar today — as you said you would want it by the 1st of March. I am afraid the edges are a little soiled but I tried to keep it as clean as I could. I have written most of the grammar out twice, once in Smithsonian style & once my own way — & have also got out a full vocabulary of accented words so am now pretty well set up & I think could go among the Sioux people & make myself understood. I am exceedingly obliged to you for the use of the grammar — these words I begin at Cree. Very many thanks for writing so fully in reply to my last. I am afraid you will think me rather doggish that I still hold to the opinion that our English orthography will be of more practical use both to Indians & English people than an scientific one founded on the Italian basis. Forgiving the Indians I think we must remember that they

have literally no literature of their own & are a scattered & dying out people. Their only object in learning to read must be with a view to making use of English literature. For that reason I propose to give to the vowels whether single or double the sound that they most commonly have in English. & to spell words in the way that common English people without any knowledge of Italian or scientific systems would be most likely to spell the words as pronounced by them by the Indians. 'Qu' at your suggestion I erase entirely, certainly there is no need for it.

I think, altho' you may entirely differ with me in my views on this subject, you will acknowledge the common sense in my proposal. Nevertheless I will say that if once one common orthography can be agreed upon and adopted for all the Indian languages in Canada — on whatever basis it is framed — I will most gladly adopt it. In the meantime I shall do my own private work on the plan I have given you for the next year or two. I do not expect to publish anything fresh for some time to come. & hope that an orthography may be decided on before I do so. Many thanks for your use of the Standard Alphabet which I shall much like to see —

Yrs sincerely S. F. Wilson

Feby 25th/86

Dear Miss Cunningham -

I am very much distressed about the fillies running away - & only trust that they may not have come by serious harm. I think it will be best if you will kindly this morning - drive out to Swarbrooke & visit all the half breed houses in the place & see if you can hear any thing of them - Mr. M. will in the mean time drive out as far as Pleasant - & this afternoon I will go again to the American side - You can perhaps send me word by Mr. Mitchell what the result is of yr visits. As it is so near the first of March it may be well for me at once to say that I propose nearly a change the 1st of June as I think it will be better for the girls to have an older and more matured & experienced person to take charge of them - You must not think that I have any fault to find in yr management - indeed I feel grateful to you for the care you have taken of the girls - Yrs sincerely -

S. H. Wilson

Dear Dr. Anderson & Bishop

I pray you the Bell fitted by the able to come & come understand as to what is to be done for Lower India & Ceylon & horses & stock in India – have written out a grammar & vocabulary in Manuscript – & I think know enough of the language now to make my way. Next week I hope to begin at Cross.

We had all the Jaffna Rein deers here to tea & evening service the other night. You will I think like our Annual Report this year. I was obliged to condense a little but it all in – it is now for the Printer – get very tired

Yours affy
J. H. Wyckoff

Dear Lord

I enclose you one of my circulars which I have just got out – I have sent in form of receipts & contributors. We have about $700 out for Lower the proceed thing now Conversion – There is a little hitch about the Manistee Home – as Archdeacon Pitt

is trying to get the Indian Department to take the whole expense of establishing an Institution in that Province — in which case my humble services may not be required. My only desire is to be led & guided by God in the matter. If God has work for me to do there I will try by his grace to do it — if it be this will that others should do the work — I am glad that it would be so. The only question is what is to be done with the funds which that gentleman has provided — as I guess I shall have them if for my work here if the Manitoba scheme falls through but I do not think that will be right. It ought to be employed I think in the North West.

I am really arranging for another trip to the N. West this Summer — if Mrs Pick possibly goes with me — indeed she is quite willing about it. I shall look for interviews with both

Feb. 26th/86

Dear Dad

Since writing you last I have been giving my leisure hours to acquiring a knowledge of the Cree language. I have written out a grammar & vocabulary in manuscript. I still hope to be able, way among the Cree Indians next week I begin (D.V.) with Cree. I shall hope before many months time to speak language as I have given to Cree & it will not be so difficult as Cree is of the same family as Ojibway, whereas Cree is totally different but this is with the view of making another trip to the North West if God will, this summer. I propose this time taking one Indian boy off with me who will be a companion & help me when camping. but I expect to be accompanied by a spirited lad with grey hair

deessa [illegible] work by name Chas Pipot. [illegible] he is [illegible] the Rev. Sam Jacobs, native Priest of Saskatchewan Diocese.

Could you kindly suggest how I may most hospitably fill my time while in your Diocese. My only aim & object is with you know how to visit & try to do some little good among the Indians — & let them know that I want to be their friend — & help them — where opportunity offers — after the Lord in His has done for us — If any of them are willing to give up their children and be taking back 2 or 3 of them to our Institution (I have already promise of 2 young boys from Manitoba) — this is my first opens — we may perhaps decide on a site for a Proposed Branch Home. You will see by enclosed Circular how far, by God's blessing, we have progressed up to the present.

I think of leaving home about May 20th — & must get back to Manitoba by the first week in July — I will like to spend half the time in your Diocese & half in Manitoba — & you think it would be best to come to you first or Manitoba first —? Would it be better to make Qu'Appelle a centre this time or Regina as last summer — Lastly my kind friend Miss Pigot is for a little while — I find her a very pleasant companion — & will be to put up with any — but as I am going at her own private expense I like to have as little as possible — Miss Pigot has been used to a cottage where was all private — & I do want to be with the Indians —

Yours devotedly & sincerely — Edward F. Wilson

Feb 27th/86

J. McKelvey Esq
Indian Agent Wallaceburg

Dear Sir

I enclose you an extract from our Rules which have been approved by the Indian Department having regard to the attendance of pupils at our Industrial School — & trust we may be able to rely upon your kindly keeping them in your Office — & endeavoring to induce the Indians who send children here — to abide by them.

I also enclose a list of children belonging to your Reserve who are either with us or ought to be here, their parents having signed agreement to that effect.

The following are at present absent from our Institute & against their names I put the amount to be collected from the parents for their taking away.

If you the parents of these children over more than four weeks the children back. Will you please see each of them upon the alternative of sending their child

[illegible] immediately on opening of Navigation or by [illegible] changes. If they prefer doing the matter, the names of the children will be removed from our books & I should be open to receive new applications (on the new rules) to fill their places.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly ask the visiting School Inspector to name to you such children as he thinks may be so to be Protitute — either over or Truancy School — & then ascertain from the parents whether they wish to send them — & so keep a list of applicants on hand —

Following is a list of the children who are away at present contrary to agreement signed by the parents —

Alexr Braid	aged	15	Value of clothing	4-80
Edward "	"	11	"	4-50
Joseph Sampson	"	14	"	5-50
McKenzie Naudee	"	14	"	3-50

The two last boys together with Jackson Kalgary of Lanark have also been for the following stolen articles. Canoe $5, and [illegible] new pair of pants $2.25 — There was also a rail boat taken from the Americanse side valued at $30 —

Yours truly

Edward O. Wilson

No 7898

Brantford 7 Feb

To the Hon
the Minister of
Indian Affairs

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 28th ult. (No 38.824) relating to minute of August 25th 1882 & the subsequent letters having reference to Government of Industrial Indian Schools.

Since your letter bearing of Feby 6th approving of my proposal to enlist the services of the Indian Agents in selecting suitable pupils for our Homes & keeping to their returning punctually after the holidays — I have drawn out the ~~forming~~ enclosed rules — & have furnished a copy to each Indian Superintendent from whom Reserves we have been receiving children.

I am afraid from what Mr. W. H. Plummer (who has just been to Ottawa) says — that I have been hoodwinked by the Department too much & almost notifying the Department when pupils have absented themselves from Institution or have failed to return (as satisfactorily) — My object in doing so was with

[illegible] of remedying an evil — & I hope that the steps which I have proposed taking & to which the Department has consented will have the desired effect.

I have in frequent communication both with the Revd. W. Shepherd of the Mount Elgin Institute, & with the Revd. W. Ashton of the Mohawk Institute — & have found that they have the same troubles as we have — I learned this morning (without having it at the time) the number of pupils who had absconded from or left before time the Mt. Elgin Institute — but now I have an understanding with Mr. Shepherd that I will not admit any of his runaways & he will not admit any of mine —

I think if the matter be looked at fairly & a comparison be made between the Institution at Wikwemikong & our two Homes here at Sault Ste Marie for the past 10 or 15 years — it will be found that we have had a larger number of pupils boarded & educated in proportion to the Government grant than either of the above named Institutions — I feel therefore disappointed that the Department seems so little disposed to support me now but I am proceeding to extend my work —

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedt. Servant
Edward F. Wilson

I am much obliged if you will send the paper for the past year

March 10th/86

Sir

Will you please send me a Catalogue & let me know what you can supply a peal of 6 or 8 light weight bells — the heaviest say 300 lbs — for country places — If we could get such a peal laid here & put up for a sum not exceeding $500 I think I could raise the money for it — Our Chapel which is a very pretty one — is on the banks of the head of Mary River — & I think a peal of bells on which a few tunes could be played — would be very pretty just over the river bank — We should have to put up a separate belfry — as there is only a small bell turret over the Chapel — Would let me hear and oblige —

Yours
Rev Edward J. Wilson
Principal

To Manager Bk. Com.
Sir
Remove cheque
Can Bk. Com. St. John N.B.
No 168 for $75.00 which
is credit Lunge
Bank acct.
Yours truly
T. L. Wilson

Sent to Main
May 12/81

No. N.B. Lumber
Sir
enclosed find
cheques 37-50
54-75
$92.25
which credit Institution acct.
also $60 for which please
send Cash by bearer.
Yours truly
T. L. Wilson

March 18/86

Dear Bro. Colston.

I have just received your letters of the 5th & 8th inst. & have given Bro. Ogden the one you enclosed to me. My thanks for Br. Williamson's address. I am a little doubtful at present about my trip to the N. West as I hear the Government contemplates erecting one or more Institutions

help for our work. Will not some Sunday Schools who have not yet helped our work deny themselves in this manner during Lent?— I have about $750 so far towards the proposed enlargement of our Shingwauk Home, & want $6250 more. We are also taking steps towards the establishment of several Branch Homes at different points. It seems a great work, but it is only a little thing with God. The Gold & the Silver belong to him & He can put it into the hearts of his people to give. I do not want Bazaar money or Concert money but money given with a pure motive for God's service.

Yrs. truly

E. F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
March 16th 1886.

N.B. If talented persons wish to present what they may gain by their talents to God — why shd. not the money taken at the concerts be divided between them & then each one could if he wished [illegible] from them. The same rule might be applied

Lac la Biche
March 18/86

Mr. Hon. Wallace

Dear Sir

I wrote to you Feb. 18th enclosing cheque for $5.00 to be placed to my credit – kindly let me know if you have received it also balance of $1.00 now due – which I will remit for to

Yr. Wilson

for Indian children at their own expense – in this case my services may prove, not be needed. I am waiting to hear from the Bp. of Rupert Land & Bp. Anson before deciding on my movements. I will write again regarding the time – If I come into your neighborhood as we had thought of doing – I shall certainly avail myself of yr. so kindly offered hospitality. I had thought of bringing back 3 or 4 little Indian children to our Homes here – And the parents be willing to let them come – I have already promise of one little boy – Elijah Cross whom Mr. Roswell of Brandon takes an interest in – If you hear of any others – girls or boys – about 10 or 11 years of age will you kindly let me know.

Yours sincerely
E. Wilson

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March 18th/86

Dear Sir

I rec'd your letter of the 10th inst. just received yr son Jacob is quite well & is fond of Priests - He is learning waffer making & is getting on well - He told me the other day he was not at all home sick now - & liked being here.

S. Walbooze - has been a little sick with boils in his neck - but has not been obliged to keep his bed - & is now nearly well -

Sylvester Keeling is well & strong & seems very happy.

Maria Jackson is as well & fat as ever & gets on well with her lessons -

Mary Ann & Alice are also doing well - Mary Ann seems to be picking up & getting along much better -

We have had a very healthy winter. The sick room has been empty all winter. All the children are well & strong & happy - I will tell Jacob I write -

Yrs sincerely
S. F. Wilson

March 18/88

Henry Beckwith Esq.
Dear Sir

I wrote you some time ago (Feb 6th) saying that I purposed making a trip again to the North West this summer as I did last summer & visit the Indians & do missionary work among them –

I propose making journey at Red Portage – Manitoba – Elkhorn – & Broadview – my extreme point being Qu'Appelle.

The party will be –

Myself – Miss Pigott – & Thomas Jackson (an Indian boy aged (15) –

The trip to be done within 2 months (May 20 – July 20)

You will very greatly oblige me – if you can give me a special ticket at reduced fare for this expedition – or alter an "Explorer's ticket" so that it will cover what I want –

and yours will greatly oblige yours truly

Rev. Edward F. Wilson

March 18/96

My dear Joseph —

Your letter has been a long time coming and only reached me today — Thanks for the $25 — I will give Annie $5 & credit her with $20. Annie never gave me any of the money which she brought with her — I will tell her that you want her for this month — Since the little baby died she has been able to attend much better to her school & work & is now getting on well. I have just moved her into a higher class — her — if month is having so little English — but she is beginning to pick up a little. As you will it I will agree to keep her & the little boy until the Fall — $50 for the year is all that I asked you to pay — but I think the entire expense will practically run about $130 for the two of them — So of course it will help us if you can manage to pay more than the $50 — I'd be glad to take the little boy into the things for a boy when he is older —

Yrs ever truly
S. L. Wilson

P.S. you will from Bridie how greatly I'm tired?

Rev. T. J. Radcliffe

Dear Sir

I am wanting a School-master here May 1st. You will see advertisement in mail.

We have lately begun entoning service & have Capital Chanting. The Indian boys such nice voices. We must entirely depend on School master for all this. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly interest yourself in this matter & try & get us the right man. Must be able to play harmonium & teach singing. & hold 2d. or 3d. class certificate. Salary $300 & all found.

Yrs very sincerely

T. Nelson

Sault Ste Marie
March 19/71

My dear Mr. Ashton

Our School master leaves us May 1st. & I am to day sending an advt. to the "Mail". We have been repeating the service on monitorial & have excellent chanting. So it is a time of rejoicing. Not the lads Mr. can play harmonium & teach singing & a member of Ch. of England. Can you kindly help me in getting the right man. Salary $300 & all found. Must be 2d. or 3d. Cl. Certificate.

Our school is in Capital order now & I am very anxious to keep it up. I feel sure you will do what you can for me. Our present teacher has got an offer of $400 as lay reader on the American side.

Yrs sincerely

T. Nelson

The Lawanock ales will be vacant Michaelmas next. I want to find a steady young earnest lad to undertake it. Good & Sober. Salary & rent & $300 & board yr.

Schoolmaster Wanted:

at the Shingwauk Home - May 1st. Must hold second or third class Certificate - Church of England - Able to teach singing & play harmonium. Salary $300 with board & washing. Testimonials from Clergy required.

Address - Rev. E. F. Wilson
Sault Ste Marie, Ont.

33 words -
4 insertions - $1.32
endorsed.

Mr Chamberlain

I would be exceedingly glad if you would undertake to republish the Shingwauk hymn book - we are sinking out - we are at present using Bateman's yellow book - Methodist I think it is - you might perhaps revise - & put in a few additional hymns - also revise notice of our Homes (using Red Hot Shot which I enclose) - I wd take 200 copies if you put it printed - There are 2 or 3 other Sund. Schools that had the books but I have no record of them. The only Mr. News you receive are for free distrib.n -

Yrs sincerely
E. F. Wilson

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March 23/86

A. McKelvey Esq.

Dear Sir

The following boys from yr Superintendent are to remain here this summer for the holidays —

Thomas Johnson. — Albert Lahey
Wm Riley — Chas. Randee
Edwd William — Smart Altman

~~Charlie~~ & the following girls —

Maria Thomas — Nancy Henry

The Misses will go home Sat 16th provid the parents send money as required by the rules.

Should any of the parents of the above especially desire their children home this summer — they must find out stations among the Misses. but it will be best not to notify any day.

I shall leave it with you to do as you think best about these 3 runaways —

Yrs sincerely
J. H. Wilson

with a by-the-way of the boy that was stolen.

March 23/86

Messrs Meneely & Co.

Gentlemen

I have received your favor of the 16th inst & catalogue —

Kindly write me in reply — What would be the objection to your getting up No 12 on list of chimes supplied in 1856 to Grace Church, Baltimore. — 6 bells — heaviest 411 lbs — total weight 1425. Total cost of this lot with mountings I estimate would be about $480. Which is just about what I would like to do. You say in your letter you do not supply chimes of bells for less sum than $3000. Is it that these light weight chimes have proved unsatisfactory or what is the reason? I see also a peal of 3 bells bought by the Marquis of Lorne 1184 lbs —

Yrs faithfully
J. H. Wilson

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March 23rd, 86

E. English Esq.

Dear Sir

The following boys from yr superintendency are remain here this summer for the holidays -

Thomas Jackson
John Pedabitty
Leslie Rood

The Misses will go home July 16th provided the parents send money as required by the rules -

You will I hope have Jackson Kalgey & the other absentees sent up as soon as navigation opens -

Yrs truly
S. H. Wilson

March 28/86

Dear Mr. Lullwin

Miss Pitt's friend in England - has fallen through - The list of applicants now for the Wawanosh are the Misses Thompson from your neck of the & Miss Lodge of Manitoulin. My chief doubt about Miss Thompson is whether she speaks English well & could teach well - We want a teacher who will be capable of preparing pupils (if required) for teachers exams. - Will you kindly let me hear from you further about her -

Yrs very truly S. H. Wilson

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March 28 1861

Dear Lord

Dear Madam —

I am sorry that my first letter failed to reach you — it was written said 16th — The Wawanosh will be vacant June 1st. At present I am in correspondence with a lady in Toronto about taking the place — but I shall be glad in the mean time to receive further particulars from yourself — what Certificate you hold etc. & particularly whether you feel any special interest in the Indians — & would act in a kind motherly way towards the Indian girls under your charge seeking for their temporal & spiritual advancement. Yours faithfully

E. Wilson

March 3 1861

Drs Cornwall & Hatton

Sirs

I received yesterday proof of Indian Homes Wed. this morning & am sorry it & your Corrected this afternoon — I sent it off without further delay — I enclose with proof a list of addresses which have sent 445 full Reports & 262 of the Abridged — leaving a balance to send of two by first boat of 55 full Reports 738 Abridged — I am will understand this that I wish for 500 full Reports & 1000 Abridged & the figures I am name —

I remain Yours Truly

Edward E. Wilson

I send also 200 Red Ho & Ho that in the whole it will allow [illegible] the smaller packets.

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March 30, 86

Dear Sir

I have long been at a loss to know how I came here & from England but my eldest sister is very ill and I feel like a lost boy — & she being the only one at home my Father who is away so much — alone — I think therefore I must go to England this Spring instead of going to the North West as I had intended — If I go I propose to fill up part of my time giving lectures with a view to raising money for the Branch Home & I want you to ask Solomon Adams if he has any objection to my taking his little boy Willie with me — Willie will like boys & I think he will be a good representative of the Indian Race as he is a sharp little fellow — Kindly let me hear as soon as possible — I am willing to take John Lewis on condition that he joins the Ch. of England & parents give their consent for him to remain 3 years — I must also insist on the rules of the Institution the same as to other boys — If you have I think three forms of consent. How can come up in May — Yrs sincerely R. P. Wilson

April 2d - 186

Dear Father -

I have today drawn on you for the following:

For the Home - -	79 - 13 - 0
" Olly's news -	12 - 3
" Crache for 3 children -	12 - 10 - 0
	£ 92 - 15 - 3

This is about £10 less than the usual amt but I am afraid that you may not have funds on hand to make up what we need to draw for - Since receiving Louisa's last letter - March 13th - giving such a very serious account of dear Lucy's illness - we have been talking over the dependency of my going to England this Spring instead of going up to the North West - If I do come I think it is probable I shall be in town about the first week in June & tell

April 3rd 1861

The Manager
Bank of Montreal
Toronto

Sir

Enclose draft of
Exchange on Rev D. Wilson
for the sum of £92-15-3 — which please credit to Rev
Mr Wilson's acct — & advise me
of the amount so credited —

Yrs faithfully

Edward Wilson

April 2nd

The Rt Rev:
the Lord Bishop of Rupertsland

My dear Lord

I have just received
your kind letter of the 26th ult — and
beg leave to state that for my part I am perfectly
satisfied with the conditions you have proposed — namely
that neither yourself or any other official in
your Diocese shall be in any way responsible
either legally or morally for the maintenance
of the Branch Home if established. I
was only afraid that some of your clergy
might look upon the proposed extension
of my work beyond the bounds of Algoma
as an act of impertinence on my part & find
your object so kindly about it that I feel
quite relieved on this score — & shall now

to see her. It might God may further direct me in the w. I think it is so helpful to look above remember that the work is not ours but God's — we cannot always see the way before us — but he will make it all clear if we walk humbly in it. "If the work be of God it cannot be overthrown". I was just now turning to that passage in Isaiah — "I will make all my mountains a way" — I have had several great trials in the past, — but the remembrance of how God has led me through them & opened a way for me then I c. see none makes me feel bold in regard the future. It is at present doubtful whether I can pay my intended visit to the West West this spring — as the dangerous illness of my eldest sister & the feeble health of my father who is now over 80 will I think call me to England. If I go to England I shall, if God will, try to do something toward staff the Branch Homes. Believe me my dear Lord

Yours in Christ
Howard E. Wilson

Rev. Mr. Donald

April 5/88

Dr. Sir

I have received your letter with enclosure & thing — I think it will be best not to send Johnny to Port Hope — even if Dr. Stewart approved of the step — I think you wd still be feel uncomfortable about it & there is no real need to do it — it may be better for the boy after all — to remain with us. Very many thanks for your kind offer & increase the cost for answer. Oh it have been necessary —

Yours sincerely
E. E. Wilson

April 5/85

P. M. Lenwill

Dear Sir

I have received your Application together with a number of others & have endorsed it favor it - provided you understand that this is an Indian School & that the Sch. master is expected to have a general oversight of the boys out of school hours - & help a little in general ways - in setting garden &c.

The Staff consists of myself, my assistant Supt. in charge Mr. Mitchell - who keeps the books & superintends the boys & their work &c - Matron - & 1 servant. Asst. Supt. Schoolmaster & matron have meals in the office room - Sch master has his own bedroom & use of the office as a sitting room.

I have written to the Bishop of Algoma
Grange Road, Toronto, & if he is kind
I have an interview with you. So will
you kindly call on him. Should he
not be in town, you had better write again
[illegible]. I would like to receive the
testimonial you speak of from a Toronto
Clergyman. also to know why you left
England 2 years ago, & at what place
you have been employed in the neighbourhood
of Lake Superior. And you see the
Bishop you can explain all. Tell his
Lordship instead of writing to me.

If it be decided on yr coming I will be
[illegible] you to arrange to arrive here by the
1st of May if navigation is then open. If not
as soon after as possible.

Yrs faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

April 5th/86

My dear Lad

Wilton leaves us May 1st – & in reply to my adv. in the Mail – I have a number of Applications – the most suitable is a Mr. Thos Watt Lerwill – 40 years of age – been teach. 20 years – strong – robust – splendid testimonials – was a Coin master in England – 2 years out. address 92 Adelaide St. West – Toronto He seems to be just the man for us – Still one must be cautious – & if still in Toronto – I wd be very much obliged if you wd see him & sift him – & if satisfactory arrange for him to come up here May 1st or as soon thereafter as there is a boat – I am offering $300 (an increase of $50) as I think ought not to have to pay aught towards passage up – especially as our friends are still a good lot behind.

Should Lerwill fail – the next in order is

Mr. R. H. Lindale – who has taught in Newburgh
near Rahway for 6 or 7 years. besides being
brought up in the Church. – He is recommended
by Archdeacon Rev. Mr. Elliott, Camden, Esq.
N.J. – Should the first fail will
you kindly ascertain about the second – so
it will save so much time. I hope
you too much trouble – Also
– if Mrs. Thompson is not satisfactory & you do
not think Miss Foster will do for us – Will
you kindly put following adv. in the Mail – or
something like it –

Lady Superintendent wanted – At the Wawanosh
Home – Jersey City. To teach Indian girls &
superintend the Home. Must hold third class
Certificate. Must be – Church of England –
Musical. Salary $200 with board & washing –
Testimonials from Clergy required.
Address – Rev. S. H. W. – or yourself –

Yours ever
Edward H. Wilson

April 5th/86

Prof. F. Jewell

Dear Sir -

Being tired of news from England I may have boys to England this Spring - in that case I wd wish my eldest son who is at present at Phillips School to come home at Easter instead of waiting for the summer holidays - I have been thinking I wd be glad if you could take Brambegis down there as my boys' substitute for the Spring term - provided Dr. Bellows would receive him - He is a very clever boy, & I wd like them how he wd get on - If he did well - we might make an effort to get him in there for a year or two - The expense of him for the one term wd be no additional cost to ourselves - but of course I wd not do it without yr consent - Kindly let me hear as soon as possible - Yrs truly

Edward K. Wilson

April 67

Mr. Robert Coulter

In reply to your enquiries – the hire for single horse is 50 cts for 2½ hours, 10 cts an hour over that, $1.25 for the day. My own pony chaise, cutter, harness & rugs are not to be used by any one except myself & family – but are to be kept clean & in good order. (2) Double team with man $3 a day or 35 cts per hour. (3) Full load of 10 bbls flour from up town, including load & unload at store – $1. Part load 75 cts or 50 cts. Beef, mutton, veal, pork, butter at market value. That is I expect to buy as cheap from the farm as I can get elsewhere. (7) One fifth of a girl's wages & board will be charged to the farm while doing work

is going on - viz $3.60 a month. She will give 2 or 2½ hours a day as needed - Farm boy is to do the Churning. Milk in winter 8 cts a quart for new, in summer 5 or 6 cents for new according as it is selling & 2 cents for skim.

(8) Clearing Land. The first chopping I let by the acre about $8 an acre or what can I can get it done for. For stumping $3 to $7 according to what is required. The Institution pays for half the boundary fence, but farm must keep it in repair.

(9) The Institution will employ the team each winter for hauling wood, stones &c. If any building is done, there will be lumber, stone &c & land.

(10) If I am satisfied by personal inspection (either myself or someone appointed by me) that the farm is doing well & steadily improving. I shall be very glad at the end of each year if funds will allow it to give you a small bonus, & at the end of three years if all is satisfactory & the farm in good condition I will allow you one third of the profits.

(11) Should you wish to occupy the farm cottage I will allow you £8 a month the cottage rent free in the place of board.

(12) The stumping & clearing is to be undertaken without myself or Mr. Mitchell. first marking out the land & setting the price, & no stock

to be purchased at anytime except by myself.

13. I agree to purchase a plough, set of spring tooth harrows, & a gang plough.

Edward P. Wilson

For any money that can be borrowed to carry out the work, pay 5 per cent per annum.

E. P. W.

Sault Ste Marie
April 7/86

Mr. Jos. Hallam

Sir

Please send me your receipt for the $100 which I sent you Feb. 10th last & will then remit bal of $ each. This is the second time I have written ask. for receipt

Yours truly
S. J. Wilson

April 6/86

Sir

I am glad to hear from my Pots. Walker Smith has agreed to pay the $6 for his boy's clothing without further trouble.

In order to withdraw any unpleasant feeling in regard to the Parry Sound Indians. I will cancel the debts of Eliza J. Walker's father & Walker Smith. But the Indians at that place must understand that if they send their children here they must let them remain for the period for which an agreement is made.

I shall expect Joseph Chebesa up in May. David Mirominie is not going home for the summer vacation. If any new ones to come - please let them come up with Joseph. You will kindly inform the $2 to Walker Smith with my compliments.

Yours truly S. J. Wilson

April 7th 1846

Sir

I enclose you an extract from our rules which have been adopted by the Indian Department having regard to the attendance of pupils at our Institution & will be much obliged if you will keep them in your office & endeavour to induce the Indians to send children to us to abide by them.

I also enclose a list of children belonging to Christian Island who are with us & might be sent back. Their parents have signed agreements to that effect. The following are the pupils absent from our Institution - against their names I put the amounts to be collected from the parents for clothes taken away. If the parents will avoid paying the imposed amount they must send their children back here directly

Navigation Opens -

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly ask the nis if School Inspector to name to you such children as he thinks ought to go to our Institution (or Nancy Lore) & then ascertain from the parents whether they wish to send them - & so keep a list of applicants on hand.

Following is a list of children who are away at present contrary to agreement - - -

Ewan Chapman	aged	7	charge	3	00
Samuel Cousins	"	11	"	5	00
Jonas H. Mark	"	10	"	4	90

If any new children to come - please send names at once. Alexander & Nancy will not go home this summer -.

Yrs faithfully
T. L. Wilson

April 8th 1886

Mess. T. Hodson & Co.

Dear Sirs –

Will you please send me the following by first boat up –

2 quarts Rectif. Spirits of wine
3 lbs Epsom Salts –
25 lbs Linseed meal –
6 oz prepared Storax
2 oz Balsam of Tolu
8 oz Benzoin (gum)
4 oz Oxide of Zinc
4 oz Camphor
4 oz Calomel
8 oz Liquor perchloride of iron –
4 oz Iodide of potassium –
6 oz Borax
2 oz Magnesia
2 oz Carbolic Acid –
a small glass syringe & nozzle –

Yrs truly
Edward T. Bi

April 8th 1886

The Bearer
Mr Edward T. Bennett brought
this
Cheque on Oxford Bank – Bankers
£75 – 0 – 0 London & Conf. Bank Co. Ltd
£1. 5. 0 London & Conf. Bank Co. Ltd
Will Mr Hodson please credit by Cheque
Yours ever – also advise me if
E. H. Cunningham Esq has made arrangt
with by a cheque.

Yrs truly

April 8th 70

Arnold Burrows Esq.

Dear Sir

It is long since I have written to you — I hope you have not lost all interest in our work among the Indians — Our boys are getting on splendid at their studies & labors — We have had delightful services in the little chapel —

We are collecting the fund for a bell — & have about $60 in hand so far — I find from Meneely & Co. in the States — that a peal of 3 bells (400 — 400 — & 265 lbs) could be purchased for $459. It would sound very pretty on the waters here if we could have them — So I throw out the suggestion — If we can raise many for one bell will the Sanguin family — furnish the other two? — instead of the windows. I did think Mrs Prins legacy & this would help — It is possible I may visit England in June —

Yrs faithfully Edward F. Wilson

April 8th/86

R. N. Hayes Esq.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 3rd ult. just received – will gain little girls begin and help a nice little Indian girl named Gracie Jacobs. She is a pretty gentle little thing & only came to us last Autumn. Gracie is I think about 8 years old – but I will ask Miss Cunningham & write – & send measurement &c. It is wonderful how much little children can do & help in God's work. I often think they do much more in proportion than do grown people –

Yours sincerely –

Edward F. Wilson

April 8th 98.

Dear John

Many thanks for your last letter - also to the Chief for his letter, I am very glad to hear that you are getting on well - & I was extremely glad to hear that you decided about William Riley. I cd not believe that a boy who had found the Lavinia as I think William Riley did cd have turned round & become a Roman Catholic -

Owing to the illness of one of my sisters - & my father being in very feeble health - I think it is likely I shall go to England in June - & if so - I shall try & raise money for building the proposed Branch Homes -

All is going on well here - We have had no sickness all winter - The boys are learning to sing & chant splendidly - far ahead of anything we ever used to have - Mean such Roos ukpana have been leaving behind them this winter.

Yours ever
Edward T. Wilkes

Washington

My Dear Sir:

I enclose you herewith a check for $16 to cover two return tickets from here to Winipeg. I shall be much obliged if you will send me letter to Mr. Ross as soon as you have time & good to do.

I have decided not to take the Indians to Washington myself & will (M.E.) if I do so without destination will be known. I do not think the tickets would extend over 3 months. May 1st to August 1st & allow for stopping over at Winipeg, Red River, & St. Paul.

If there is any objection to the tickets being more than 2 months, would Feb. 1st do from May 7th to Feb. 7th.

Yours truly

Edward F. Wilson

Cincinnati Oct 8/86

Mrs. H. & Rev. W. L. Gage

Dear Sir

Your favor just received & kind letter of the 27th ult. I was in a dangerous illness & so in feeble health of body, and fatigued & unfit for business & was afraid that I would not be able to render the task as well as I wish to.

However, I now can & will do it as follows:

There is an elderly lady here name Mrs. [illegible] who has been six years on a visit, near us & winter & takes a very greatest interest in the Indians. She is bent on going with me to see the Indians up in the north west. If she can get board at a moderate cost either with a farmer or at a hotel or boarding house, say $2 or $2.25 a week. She would like to stay up there 8 or 10 weeks & visit around among the Indians. She is a lady of good health, little of means & very pleasant

[illegible] made for the Rev. Wilson to come and see them minister to them.

The next Sabbath the old Chief of this tribe was taken sick and died. "The day with I was dying," in the words, "he called his people from their sugar making, and [illegible] in my hand. I was thinking of my people and of our religion, and about our having lost our Black Coat. We [illegible] Black Coat was a father to us; — he taught our fathers to love Christ, who first taught us the Christian religion, and [illegible]

THE SHINGWAUK HOME

How the Work originated.

There is a fine old Indian Chief now living at Garden River, near Sault Ste Marie, Lake Superior, named **SHINGWAUK**. He was baptized nearly 40 years ago by the ~~present~~ venerable Archdeacon of Niagara. In the year 1871 the Garden River Indians were all in great distress because their missionary, the Rev. James Chance, had been removed from them & there seemed to be no prospect of any one coming to take his place. Under God's providence, the Rev. E. F. Wilson, at that time missionary at Sarnia was led to pay them a visit and he made great friends with Chief Shingwauk and his young Sister Chief Pauchkowesseneng, & finally an arrangement

[illegible] Still and the great Black coat who blessed
were taken to the Home of the Chiefs
Lake (Lake Superior), for they wished me my
[illegible] left us to go in a canoe and
in darkness, with no one to minister to them.

Back to this old Chief without days or months
[illegible] one, North of 54 in his footsteps
[illegible] to 'Fort Wilson' to accompany Mr Wilson
on his journey South.

By & by he made
known that was his object in coming;
then arranged & take him with to
the chief cities & towns of Canada so that
he might have an opportunity of hearing for
himself & tell the wants of his people.

The old man was a great orator, thought
he could not speak a word of English, he kept
the large audience which he addressed in rapt
attention (Mr. M. interpreting for him) which he
described the journey & separation that in
which he & his people had been before the Great
Spirit brought them, & how he desired that

hastened many days. And then I thought how
sad & gloomy was our present condition. We
were left alone as sheep without a shepherd.
The black coat Wilson had paid us a visit
but he was now going away and we should be
left alone & uncared for. Then
suddenly, like the lightning darting across the
sky there came a thought into my breast. I
thought, — I also will go with him, I will journey
with the black coat Wilson. Where he is going,
I will see the great Black coat (the Bishop) and

dioceses, and with two weeks £300 had been subscribed towards the rebuilding.

The Pleasant Home

This was subscribed in England & Canada towards the rebuilding of the Mission House, the Pleasant Home, which was a blessing. We have now a very substantial stone building with accommodation for 60 Indian boys. The foundation stone of the new building, which is situated at Sault Ste Marie, 2 miles from Garden River, was laid by the Earl of Dufferin

The Garden River Fire

In the Spring of 1872 Mr Wilson took Chief Buhkwujjenene with him to England. A number of meetings were addressed and about £800 collected. With this sum the first Pleasant Home was erected. It was a log frame building & had accommodation for 40 Indian children. It was opened for use on Monday the 22nd of September 1873. But a sad calamity befel it. It was only in existence six days. On Wed. Sept 28th it was burned to the ground & all its contents destroyed. A telegram was sent to England telling of the sad

See the White man's religion." So on and increasing so that the wild Indians up in the North & West might be taught as they had been. He said too that he would like to see a "big teaching wigwam" built at Garden River where Indian children might be received & brought up as Christians & be educated in the ways of White people.

This Institution is for Indian girls. It is about 2½ miles distant from the Shingwauk, & both Homes are under the Charge of the Rev. E. F. Wilson. It is called 'Wawanosh' after an old Indian Chief who formerly lived at Sarnia. There is accommodation in the building for 20 pupils. The girls receive a good education, & are also taught Knitting, housework, & laundry work. The cost of the building was about £1000.

How the Children are supported.

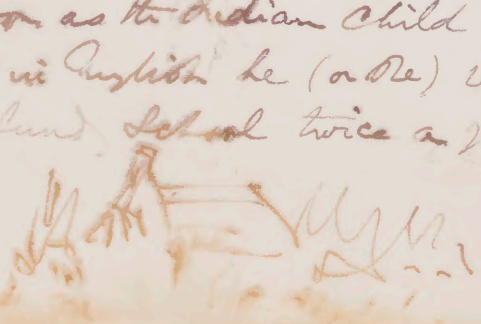
We desire to make this work of caring for & supporting the Indian Children whose ancestors were the owners of the soil, the special work of Sunday School Children both in England and in Canada. The Canadian Government makes us an annual grant towards the general support of the two Homes & we also receive help from England towards payment of Teachers' salaries, — but for the support of Individual Indian Children we look mainly to Sunday Schools.

In 1873 & Sept 1874, the Institution was provided with Pupils on August 2nd 1875. The boys are taught various trades, such as Carpenters, Tailors, Blacksmiths, Shoemakers, &c — & some are prepared as School teachers. There is also a farm of about 80 acres which is partially fenced & cleared with a comfortable Cattle Shed.

The Mohawk Home.

Our Chapel is a handsome little stone building; it was built at a cost of $800 in the name of our late beloved Bishop Hauqueur. This is a Methodist Church, and we have all our Sunday services in it. We have indeed an interesting people here. We have about 40 Indian children, many of them so South Pottawatomie, & we have Paganism, ignorance, and filth combined to make life irksome; - and for those the most, well dressed, clean, & obedient children, & unlikely gifts with their voices in the Choir, & unlikely gifts with their voices in the House of the Lord, in spite of Pagan & filth.

The cost of an Indian child for one year is £10 ($50) for board, & £5 ($25) for cloth. or, if a box of cloth is sent it will do just as well as paying the £5. When a Sunday School signifies to us its intention of undertaking the support or half support of an Indian child we select the most promising one that we have unprovided for - & send full particulars - name - age - measurements &c; perhaps the name is Shah-wa-nah-se-wa (thunder in the South), or Na-bu-na-gwum (one winged bird), or Zha-go-na-be (bending feathers). They have of course Christian names as well, but the Sunday School children always like & know their Indian names; - and they take great interest in their Indian protegés, and as soon as the Indian child can write fairly well in English he (or she) will write a letter to the Sunday School twice a year.



Proposed Extension of our Work.

We want now if God will to extend our work to the Regions beyond, — to spread out north, west, south, & establish several Branch Homes, all to be supported as at present by the Sunday Schools.

We propose enlarging the present Shingwauk Home, at Sault Ste Marie, so as to make it capable of accommodating a hundred pupils. We want this to be the central Institution, and in addition to our Indian pupils to have three or four young White fellows whose hearts have been drawn by God to the work training as missionaries.

Then we propose to establish FOUR BRANCH HOMES.

1st Branch Home - in the Qu'Appelle Diocese, 1000 miles west of the Shingwauk, among the Sioux & Cree Indians. It is to be called the Katapwa Home & will cost £1000 ($5000). Bishop Anson writes:- "our only hope of doing permanent good to the native race is by the instruction of the children away from the influence of their homes. I very earnestly hope you will be able

to commence your work in our midst before long.

2d. Branch Home in Manitoba, 600 miles west of the Shingwauk, to be called the "Wachakada Home". The Bishop of Rupert's Land writes:- "I feel, be very thankful, and I am sure the members of the Church will be very thankful, if you should be able to establish in this Diocese such an Institution as the Shingwauk Home." A gentleman in Manitoba has already donated $1000 towards the Branch Home. The whole cost will be $5000.

3d. Branch Home on the St. Clair River, South of Lake Huron, 300 miles from the Shingwauk, to be called the "Kijoshk Home", to cost $5000

4th. Branch Home near Lake Simcoe, 300 miles S.E. of the Shingwauk, to be called the "Pugwakwanong Home", to cost $5000.

There are 130,000 Indians in Canada, of whom 17,000 are located in Algoma (where the present Homes are) and Ontario, 10,000 in Manitoba, and 5000 in the Qu'Appelle Diocese.

[illegible] the Rev. [illegible] Money we will not accept

to happiness, or to Concerts, or Bazaars, or Meetings, or to Collections after Prayers. The work is God's, God has blessed it, God has kindled in our children a spirit of prayer for God's people, God has raised up friends to this work in his own people, God has given us his own house and in his own way.

May the hearts of God's people be stirred to do "works" on behalf of these poor Indian Wandering Children of the forest. We are not occupying the Indians are God's poor in Canada, and God will not be "Remember the poor".

April 20/86

Dear Mr. Sullivan

Will you kindly tell the Bishop that I have heard again from Mr. Rosswell in the North West - & it seems desirable that I should run up there before going to England in order to secure 2 little Sioux boys whom he has for me - & 1 of whom he offers to support. I propose therefore starting May 7th - just for a

Address in England - for the Shingwauk Home or Branch Homes

Revd. Prebendary Wilson, Islington N.

or Mr. William Martin, 27 Bloomsbury Square W.C.

for the Wawanosh Home

Mrs Halson, Stickworth Hall, Arreton, Isle of Wight

In Canada Revd. E. F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie

Ontario.

May. 1886.

Mrs Rossell & Wife Indian

Dear Sir -

If you will print the

Rules of the Society on

two sides of one sheet

of letter paper - we will be

glad to have the enclosed

copy of Red Wilson as possible

work & attractive as possible

We cost of the Shingwauk -

We are very anxious to send

them a copy with the Reports also

the Stories - & a bill for the

Wawanosh Home - But any careful attention

Canada & the Indian work will be very

April 8 86

Paul's Mission - Ont.
April 1st 1886

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter - The Chief at Serpent River definitely promised that Paul Pahuchwabumik should come here in Spring - Kindly tell him that I am expecting to go to England 1st of June & wd. like the little boy here in Mary before I start - also 2 or 3 more boys if they want to come - Have you forms of agreement or shall I send you some?

Yrs truly C. H. Wilson

April 1st 1886

Mr - Dear Dr Rae

Dear Sir

I send you a duplicate cheque for $10 for Mrs Hill - the receipt for which you have sent me.

Please tell Mrs Hill that her little boy Pascoe is perfectly well & happy - He is a nice intelligent little fellow, has a good head, & I think will be a clever boy - I also like her brother Peter Oshkabtoose very much - He is a very nice well behaved boy & gets along very nicely. Louis Kezhegun is also well behaved & does well. The Chief at Serpent River promised to send me little Paul Pahuchwabumik in the Spring - Will you tell him that I expect to start for England the first of June & wd. be glad for the child to come here before I go away - Also 2 or 3 more boys if there are any to come - but they must sign agreements before Mr Phillips for 5 years - Yrs truly C. H. Wilson

Calgary April 11/89

When will the Church be aroused?

To the Editor of the Evangelical Churchman.

Dear Sir

In your issue of the 6th inst. I see an appeal from the Rev. J. W. Tims, pleading for the Blackfeet Indians out west on the C.P.R., and I note that he says there is no church building between Medicine Hat and Calgary, a distance of 200 miles. I suppose hundreds of people will see this appeal in your columns, but how many will respond to it? How many will feel that this is a call from God to them personally to deny themselves for his work's sake?

Again I see in the last number of the Canadian Missionary a letter from the Rev. Chas Quinney from Fort Pitt. That brave missionary has gone back with his brave wife to the post of danger, to resume that work which the outbreak & massacre of last Spring interrupted — and yet he has to build for himself a small shanty of a house at a cost of $230 & this shanty out of his own small

[illegible] Bishop [illegible] will [illegible] for a lady to the Warrior — & I will say [illegible] I know [illegible] it is:

I have had a number of applications for deaconesses for work in Saint Paul's Parish — the following might be [illegible] — Miss Gray, Coredale, P.E.I. or A. M. Beall, Queen's Coll. Kingston

Yours faithfully
C. H. Wilson

Will the Bishop [illegible] kindly by return end of May — & could the Commencement hold confirmation in our Church on Sunday May 30? — I have 6 boys & 7 girls prepared for Confirmation. I will pay your Clerks

[illegible]

[illegible] Bishop [illegible] unfortunately.

(2)

income. "What troubles me most now is", ~~I am prevented~~ (he says in his letter of March 3?) I am prevented from re-erecting Mission buildings at Onion Lake owing to lack of funds".

I know nothing either of Mr. Finnis or Mr. Quinney except that I have read of them in the papers, but I believe it is my duty before God to help them in their hour of need just as much as it was the duty of the good Samaritan to help that poor man who was in distress on the road side. I enclose a dwell note and shall be much obliged if you will apply half of it to Mr. Finnis's Mission and half that of Mr. Quinney - Perhaps you may see fit way to open a subscription list towards both these worthy objects.

~~Later on the first page of the same issue of your paper~~ - that 27 million dollars has been spent the past year in Canada on strong drink. I am not a teetotaler or an advocate of teetotalism, but I cry shame on those who thus abuse God's gifts & drink themselves drunk with the things of this world while the Church is left to bray on a decidedly lively existence.

We shall pray and labor & offering at our Chapel here for Mr. Quinney's mission. Will any Mission Churches do the same?

Yrs faithfully E. H. Wilson

April 12th/86

To Secretaries
Col. & Cor. Church Missy
Dear Sirs -

I have been waiting for the Revd R. Renison's report - but do not like to wait any longer - so am sending you the forms filled in - today - & will send you the particulars of Mr. Renison's mission separately as soon as I hear from him -

In regard to our work I have to report that all is under God's blessing going on most favorably - We have had no serious sickness at either of our Homes - & the pupils are all making capital progress in their studies. It is the wish of the foreman that institutions such as ours should

assumes the Character of High Schools – & that we shd prepare School teachers for the Indian Day Schools as far as possible – We are now regularly inspected twice a year –

I have already I think notified you that I propose – if God will – a considerable extension of our work – We propose to lay out about $1400 in the enlargement of the Oneida Work Home so as to make it capable of receiving 100 pupils. & I am anxious to establish 4 Branch Homes at various distant points.

I expect to make a quick trip to Manitoba as soon as navigation opens – A gentleman in that Region has promised me £200 towards the establishment of a Branch Home in that neighborhood –

On my return from the North West – it is quite possible I may pay a visit to England – that is the dream –

Remain dear Sir –
Yours faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

April 12/88

Alex. McKelvey Esq.
Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 5th inst I am quite willing to undertake any reasonable expense connected with bringing back those three runaway boys - I wd not wish either of them to be imprisoned - as after all it was more a freak (tho' a bad one) than actual dishonesty - If you can so arrange it - I think the best way will be to have them sent up here under arrest & delivered by the Constable into my custody - I will then examine them about the whole matter & see in what mind they are - & punish them or not as may seem advisable.

The cost of the things they stole will be charged against them & they will receive no pocketmoney until they are paid for either by their own earnings or by their parents.

This term will be estimated one year additional

Samuel - Jackson Kabyay ~~to stay~~ till Sept 189
Joseph Lampson " Oct 190
Mackenzie N. " June 187

My mistake I think be made understand - and their parents also, that if they misbehave or try to run away again before their time is up - they will be liable to be arrested again & proceeded against for having stolen the boat &c.

Perhaps you can kindly ascertain whether or not such a course as I propose above can be legally adopted.

If I find the boys sullen & unyielding it may be best to keep them.

You understand I think that Jackson had nothing to do with stealing the sail boat - He borrowed it to cause &c.

I think the man from the boat belongs to might pay the cost of getting it back if he wants it - I will see him as soon as possible - but it seems the train is impassable -

Yrs faithfully
Edward P. Wilson

After the boys are sent P - you may think it well that the Indians know the contents of this letter -

April 19 / 86

Dear Mr. Richardson

Yr. letter just received. I am sorry there should be any misunderstanding about support of yr. boy. You have been charged as tho' you commenced to send the boy from Sept. 1st. It was the question in letter you wd. expect to support from that date or Dec. 1st. & I do not think you have given me any decided answer to the point either in a former letter or in the one received to day. If you commence Sept. 1st. our circ. reminding you of $18 75 due for 3 mos. in advance from March 1st. is correct. If you commence Dec. 1st. the $18 75 is due until June 1st. Unless I hear from you again I shall judge that you intend this letter arrangement will alter our bills accordingly. Yr. friend

S. H. Wells

As the boy was sent us from Sept. & many months of course I find that you do support him for.

April 9th/86

Dear Dr Wilson

Your very liberal & acceptable gift of Bibles for our Sunday School is just received. It was quite a surprise to us to receive so large a number & amount in one envelope. It comes very opportunely as we have so plans in prospect. I enclose circulars with Mr Jones & in future visiting our work should it pass well, several Branch Homes. I am also sending you a bundle of Reports &c. One special object we have in prospect is the conversion of a shop which Pitts has been making a bookshop & carpenter's work shop into a hospital for any of our children that get sick &c. Pitts is responsible for rent & for my

Indians living around us - who get any ill or meet with an accident. There is not one of the kind of friend in Alpena either Indians or White people. The chief reason why I want to start first this town is that we have a most excellent elderly lady who has been staying with us this winter is devoted to the Indians & wd like to give her free services for such a work as this. I have thought that if you & the authorities connected with yr. Indian School were willing I wd like to devote yr. remittance (of $18.17) toward this special work. It is a thing that is very much needed - as our present sick room is only a little room about 12 x 14 very well ventilated.

Yrs very sincerely

J. H. Wilson

You may like to know that our Indian children are teachers doing a fair work. I support an orphan boy in Jerusalem of $60 pr annum. I mostly raised by the boy's sister by ... yr.

April 28 1886

Dear Lord

In letter about Bradin just received – & letter of [illegible] in my [illegible] you were able to be in Norwill – in testimonials were so good – & I was afraid we were [illegible] in engaging him –

Will be quite satisfied if Archdeacon B. Jones will kindly see Teachers – & if satisfied – engage him to come up – on or about May 1st –

Should he fail – the following are next in order – if not yet engaged –

S. Lyons – Roseville P.O., Victoria Co., Ont – Holds 2nd. certif – been teach. 15 years – able & pleasing – recommended by his Clergyman Rev. J. S. Cooper, Cambray, Ont. (Cameron & Cobourg Tpr. Dis.)

& Rev. W. H. C. [illegible] Cobourg Ont –

Dr Harwood – says (in rather brusque style)
'Can fill the bill in every particular' – 10 years
teach. – Testimonials from
Canon Worrell, Oakville, Ont.
Rev. J. Langtry, Toronto –
Address – Sandwich, Ont.

I sent you post card that J. McDonald
the organist wants $60 & board – do suppose
you will not take him – I have asked W.
Brown to look out for some one –
Mr Greene has just told me of a Mr.
Irwin, Lac Seul, Man. He was ordained
with him – been working among Ojibways – knows
a great deal of the language – & wd like to take
Garden River – He expects him here in the
Spring to see us.
How wd it be to put Archie to G. R. School for
a year or two ?!?!?!
Yr enclosure I shall be put into C.M.N. & I will
do my best to have it correct – Yours sincerely
Lads for W.H. – if a lad, & a good
practical teacher – and not hold certif. – T. E. Wilson