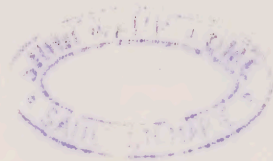


April 21/86

The Rev. Mr. Archdeacon
Bedford Jones -
Dear Sir -

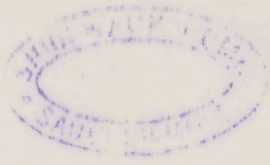
I advertised in the 'mail' some
little notice for a school master for some time
from & come I may say - among the applications
have one from a Mr. R. H. Linsdale who has taught
in Newburg near Napanee for 6 or 7 years - & was
organist in the Church there - As the first
applicant whom I communicated with does not
seem satisfactory - & the time is past to hear - I wd
like to secure Linsdale if suited for us - He is
well recommended by the Rev. Arch. Elliott - Our
Bishop has I believe written to you about him - It
wd be a great favour to me if you wd kindly let him
call on you - if you judge him satisfactory - engage
him for me that he come up by first boat - if
necessary & telegraph - He wd do so at my expense -
Yrs faithfully
W. H. Wood



April 21/86

The Rev. Archd. Elliott
 Dear Sir

As the teacher with whom I
 was communicating about the matter here
 does not seem altogether satisfied - I
 wd like now to secure Mr. R. H. Linsdale
 New-gamut & the book - if he is still
 disengaged - & you judge him fit for our
 work - I write the Bishop ^{of Exeter} about him
 & he - and understanding that he was near Napton
 wrote to Archdeacon B. Jones asking him
 to see him & report - but I do not know
 whether he has done so - I am very
 glad to yourself & to Archdeacon B. Jones - If
 Linsdale is within easy reach of you & you
 consider him fitted for us - will you kindly engage
 him for us - & let him come up by first boat - as in
 an answer to May 12. If necessary, I will
 do as my express. My faithful
 Q. D. Wilson



April 21/83

Friend R. Leidean,

My dear Sir

Many thanks for yr kind

letter & offer of help - I will your
Sunday School undertaker - Fannie Jacobs
- about 11 years old - She only came to
Kali - & at present has no support -

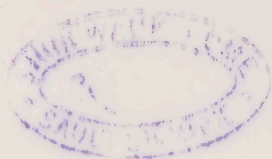
The cost is \$50 per annum - & a ton
of cloth - I will ask Miss Coughlin

to send you the little girls measurements.

I am also sending you a packet of
Pillars -

Yrs sincerely -

S. J. Mc...



April 20/86

The Manager
Bank of Montreal - Toronto -

Dear Sir

I am sending

you my Bank Book —

Also enclose cheques —

No. 3887 - 5th Avenue Bank, New York. 218-17

- P. 218. Imperial - Toronto. 75-

\$293-17

Please credit my Ind. Home acct.

And Mine

Yours truly

Edward J. Wilson



April 22/86

Mr. R. H. Lindale

Dear Sir

I have a little delay in replying to your application of March 31 - as I was in communication with the schoolmaster. Your application came in earlier than mine. The Bishop has had an interview with the applicant & is not favorably impressed - Therefore, if still unemployed I think it is likely I will accept your application - I have written to Archdeacon Bedford Jones of Napton saying that I will ask you to call on him & if he is satisfied - he will engage you to come on - If convenient to do this will you kindly do so - as it will be a great satisfaction for me to hear from one who has been so long in my service - I am however very glad to hear that you are of

yourself & the testimonials with which you
 have furnished me - so, if you have not
 accepted any other engagement, I think it will
 be best - as the time is so short - to decide
 on accepting you - & I shall be glad if
 you can arrange to arrive here in the first
 week in May - Our present master - who
 has been with me nearly 3 years leaves May
 1st to take a place as lay reader on the
 Am. Side - We shall keep the boys at
 outdoor work until the new master arrives -

Boats run direct here both from
 Collingwood & Parua - Cabin passage
 being \$8. or \$9. - We have a beautiful
 little Chapel - & a harmonium which the school
 uses for services -

Yrs faithfully

Edward D. Wilson

If you do not accept kindly let me hear
 at an early date -



Cipuel 20/100

Dear Mr. Betheune

I am afraid you will think
I have been long in answering your kind
letter about Henry Maynard - but there
has been a little hitch about it. The party
suggested Henry's portrait - his leaving the
slight home & going to Port Hope - As
soon as I had this I wrote to Mr. Jewell
rector of St. Paul's School London who
suggested "Waubesaegis" - I suggested a
kit boy in Johnson's place - Waubesaegis
is a full blooded Indian - & I think
a better boy - Of the two I would much
prefer the Indian - Johnson is very
poorly - but not nearly as
poor as the Indian - Won't

you - your masters - or pupils - object to a
 full-blooded Indian? - Mr. is the boy
 I told you of Canada in the last fall. He
 is very good natured & sociable - & made great
 friends with the White boys at all the places
 we stopped at - You will understand that
 I did not like one of my boys to go to school
 if he could be delighted by his companions -

You will probably be able to judge how this
 will be - Mr. Jewell writes very kindly
 about it - & says that both he & Canon Jones
 will very much like to see him & protect him & Port
 Hope - Of course at present it will be
 out of your power to see him - how he gets
 on.

If you agree to accept him in place
 of Johnny - kindly write or telegraph at
 once - & write to him off - As soon as
 as your decision is made - please (if favorable)
 send Archie home - You will have the
 choice of names - David - Oshagee - Waukeganis.
 I have also written to Mr. Wilson

April 26/86

Dear Mr. McKenzie

I have no desire to antedate
 my claim for yr. support of the boy Amos -
 It is simply that we ask all Sunday Schools
 to keep some date for their remittances viz
 June 1st Sept 1st Dec 1st & March 1st - This is
 explained I think in the circular - I ask
 you I think if you can begin from Sept 1st
 as the little fellow was with us at that time &
 had no support - As you did not reply
 (as far as I remember) to this - we put you down
 for Sept 1st - subject of course to any subsequent
 correction - As you object to this - we will
 be quite satisfied for you to begin from Dec 1st
 1st - & will alter our books accordingly - It is
 indeed very kind of you to take up our work
 at all as there are so many claims on all sides -
 Yrs sincerely
 C. H. Wilson

April 23, 41

Rev. Home Richardson.

Dr. Sir The Contents of yr kind

in just received are most gratifying -
Indeed we have been greatly encouraged
of late by so many new friends coming to our
help -

The Cost of an Indian Child (boy or girl)
for one year is \$75 - or, if cloth is sent
\$50. Some Sunday Schools join together &
pay \$37⁵⁰ or \$25 each per annum - We do
not like to more than halve a child - as it
becomes confusing & involves so much correspondence
I do not count on \$25 per annum - finally
contribute to our general fund.

I will ask of Mr. Cunningham at the
Waukesha Mass. to write you full particulars about
the girls' dresses &c - I am also sending you
some reports &c -

Yrs faithfully
E. F. Wilson

April 1894

W. P. Carr

Dear Sir

In reply by letter just
 received regarding your contract for
 our farm land - I am willing to
 accept your tender & to abide by the conditions
 required in the Specification - with an
 exception that I can only offer you \$1
 a rod where there is no hard pan - &
 \$1.10 per rod where there is hard pan - I
 can also only advance 85 cents per rod
 as the work advances - If you agree
 to this modification of your offer I shall be
 glad for you to take the contract -

Yours truly
 S. V. Wilson

April 27th 86

My dear Lord

I have now settled definitely - but
to make a short trip to the North West sales &
post-royalty for the summer -

If trains are not altered since last year - I
shall leave to reach Winnipeg at 8 pm on
Saturday evening May 15th - spend a quiet Sunday
here & on to Elkton (for Beulah) at 8.30
a.m. Monday morning.

On the way up - I stop 2 or 3 days at Beulah &
2 or 3 days at Beak Portage to visit the Indians -

If you have missionaries at those points wd you
kindly send me a note of introduction there -

I shall be accompanied by Miss Pight an elderly lady
about 60 years of age - who is devoted to Indian work - &
will probably stay a month or two at Beulah - & one
Indian boy from my home -

Will you kindly drop me a line to care of Judge
Hamilton, Post-Office.

Yrs very sincerely
C. L. Wilson



April 29/88

Res. H. Roosevelt Esq.

Dear Sir

I have just completed my plans (S.K.) for the summer - They are as follows:

Leave here May 6th -

Stop at Beulah & visit the Indians May 8 - 11

" at Rat Portage " " " 12 - 15

Spend Sunday in Winnipeg - " 16.

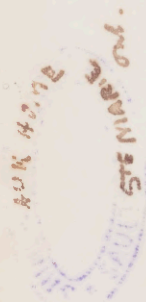
Reach Elkhorn - Monday 17th p.m.

Take up stay at Beulah - Tuesday 18th a.m.

Leave Elkhorn to return " 25th a.m.

During the week at Beulah - I wd like if possible to visit Fambles Reserve 25 miles or so north - as well as the Sioux Reserve near you - and shall be prepared to take back 2 or 3 boys with me - provided the parents are willing to let them go - I think it best to bring an Indian boy with me - both as a help while travelling & also as a companion to my boys when I may get to my back.

Miss Pigg - whom I have already spoken of will
also be with me. + she wd like very much to stay
6 or 8 weeks. if she wd stay board and lodging with
some farmer - or Indian instructor.



April 27/81

Rev. Charles Dewing

Seneca

I send you a small
contribution towards rebuilding the Mission house,
this the 'Evangelical Church' a week or two
ago - there much pleasure now in sending
you a cheque for \$9.07 the amt of efforts
collected in our little Chapel on Sutherland.

I hope that you will soon visit God's blessing
over the wilderness once more blessing as the
rose - I have been 18 years now and
among the Indians - we have two large settlements
for Indian boys - girls - + I am taking steps
to erect (2 or 3) Branch Homes - One of them
is the in Manitoba + one in Assiniboia -
I started on a short trip to the N. West coast and
- but shall not go further west than Beulah in Mont.

Yrs very sincerely

April 27/46

Mr. J. J. Morton

Dear Sir

I have been in communication
 during the winter with Mr. Rowsewell of Beulah
 & Mr. Rolston - both of whom you probably know.
 They are about to pay a visit to your neighborhood -
 with a view to seeing the Indians - & taking steps toward
 the establishment of a Branch Institute in connection
 with our Shingwauk Home. Mr. Rowsewell has
 also one or two little Indian boys for me to take
 back with me to Anaktapuk Mania. I hope
 all will reach Beulah May 18th & to stay a
 week in that neighborhood. An elderly lady
 named Miss Pight - who takes deep in Indian work
 is coming with me - & if I can get a lady for her
 lodgings she will stay several weeks. An Indian
 boy from our home will also accompany me.

Should you have any thing in reply - will you kindly
 address me to c/o Judge Hamilton
 Pat. Arthur
 or.

Yrs faithfully
 S. J. Dickson

18/5/46

See under one

mineral water

April 29 / 86

Jos. H. Roswell Esq.

Dear Sir

Had just written
to you when yr. letter arrived. I am
afraid I cannot reach Elk Horn before
Monday May 17th as my plans are
all made & several parties with to
however very much hope you will not have
started before I arrive. It wd be a great
disappointment not to get the little Cross bag
after all - & I am very glad to hear
there is prospect of 2 more. Miss
Piper has decided not to accompany me
beyond Winaipey - which I am rather glad
of.

Yours sincerely
S. P. Wilson



April 30/86

E. W. Luke

D. Sir

You will oblige by
 sending me at once 30 barrels
 of Best Family Roller flour at the
 price you quote - \$40 - for which
 I will pay cash - Thank you
 for moderate & v. figures in favour of
 our Inst. -

Yrs truly

Edward P. Wilson



April 30/86

My dear Mr. Crawford

Very many thanks for visit
so full, - your personal is quite acceptable.

Of course we regard all Sunday School
offerings as entirely voluntary - all we want
to know is - how much we may depend on
from year to year - All that we have received
from yr. Sunday School since '82 on Mrs. A's acct
has been \$25 per Mr. Kirkp. April 16/83, \$40
ditto May, 1884, \$27 per Mr. Rogers April 27/85, &
\$10 per ditto Jan. 25/86. Dad is a nice
little fellow & getting on well - he is now quite
high in the school. The \$40 you are
now sending we will count as clearing you & June
if that is satisfactory - that is another \$37 ⁵⁰ will
be due for the year ending June 1st/87.

I am, Sir, Mr. W. myself
not much for 3 weeks - I hope
you will be able to hold in & pay us a visit.

Yrs sincerely -

S. J. Wilson

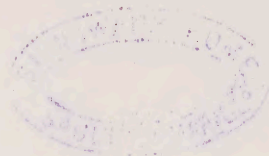


April 30/77

Miss L. G. Catty
Dear Madam -

I shall be very glad to receive
3 or 4 pupils from Rama if there are some
who wish to come to our Institution - Louisa
& Sarah were very good girls & I am very
niced them & so on. Will you kindly
send me names & ages of any wishing to come
- they should not be more than 11 or 12 years
old - & the parents must sign an
agreement for them to remain with us 5 years -
Any who come should be here not later than
the 1st of June as that is now our rule -
We have more room for boys than for girls -
On hearing from you - I will send you an
extract of our rules & forms of agreement -

The parents are expected to deposit *Rs 10* as trust *S. P. Wilson*
with the Indian Agent - as a
guarantee that they will keep the children, to be forfeited if they break it.



May 3/85.

Dear Mr. [unclear] [unclear] Jones
 Dear Sir

Very many thanks for your
 kindness in being engaged Mr. [unclear]
 for me - He arrived here yesterday afternoon
 & tomorrow will begin teaching -

I am to start on Friday - on a short
 trip up to the North West - as far as Beulah
 - where I have promise of 3 little Sioux
 boys to come to our home - You will

be glad to hear that our prospects for extending
 our work seem encouraging - I have just
 heard of a bequest of \$4000 from Dubuc -
 We shall soon I think have \$2000 - our
 Home is in Capital Rep. nos - & I will
 see you - I could see them -

Yours faithfully
 S. J. Wilson



Bishop of Quebec

May 27 1887

The things contained in your letter
 of the 26th ult. was a surprise - & a
 reason for much thankfulness - I can't
 remember either I was at all acquainted
 with you had any communication with the
 Cath. Miss. Davidson who so kindly thought
 of us & our work -
 Will you kindly pay in the \$400 to
 credit of my Indian Homes acct. in the
 Bank of Montreal - & will sign
 the necessary receipts when you send
 them to me.

Yrs faithfully
 Edward G. Wilson



Nov, 3/86

The Managers of
the Bank of Montreal, Louis-
Lévesque

I am expecting the
Bishop of Albany to pay in \$500 to my
Indian Homes acct. and the Bishop
of Quebec to pay in \$400 to the same
account. As soon as both these
amounts are received - I shall be
obliged to you to send me a deposit
receipt for \$900 - At a certain rate
of interest you are now allowing -

Yours truly
Edward P. Wilson

May 3/86

My dear Lord -

My plans have been slightly altered since last writ - I start this week - the 6th or 7th - for the N. West - taking Mrs Wilson & Kattie as far as Port Arthur - & Miss Pidd as far as Winnipeg - & then on with me to British - where I have promise of 3 Indian boys - I expect only to be away 3 weeks - to visit 7 or 8 Reserves on the C. P. R. line & get back in time for confirmation in our Chapel (if that day will suit you) Sunday May 30th -

Then after ^{reads} a couple of weeks at home I expect to start June 3rd for England - & to get back by the 1st Sept^r - Dr. still remains in your care of my sister - & I fear

She is gradually failing - indeed it scarcely seems possible that she can live.

Did you hear of Merton's fire - his place all burnt down & every thing lost - I have engaged him for 2 months as our Carpenter - & we are going to convert the Cottage into a hospital -

Money for the extension has been coming in pretty freely - & with the \$500 from the Kyffin Estate we shall soon be up to \$2000 - The establishment of a hospital was a part of the plan for extension & we had you doing that first - Will you

kindly pay in the \$500 to credit of my Indian Homes acct in the Bank of Montreal - I have written them to send me a deposit receipt

When they receive it - Mr. Linsdale arrived yesterday - he is not very pleased & I fear cannot do much in the way of singing - However I hope we shall see him - I am glad to get rid of Mr. Weston - he was beginning to get troublesome again - Mitchell goes on first rate & is the greatest help in every way -

Yrs very sincerely
 J. P. Wilson

I have not been able to find analogies.



July 3/88

Rev. J. Jacobs -

Dear Jacobs -

My thoughts are all
about Willie Adams for me - I think it is
likely I shall start for England June 12th &
shall in all probability take Willie with me - but
I am waiting for letters from England before
deciding.

Mr. McKelvey has written to me - that
will send up three two boys who are a very
good ball - Mackey - & Joe Sampson -
& also two other boys - Alask ^{at fair} & Redie.

Mr. Mackey seems to be the best & interest in
the Indians & does all he can to help
our homes -

Why is it that Mr.
Sampson is so different? I hardly ever writes
home? I have written to him several times
but he has not yet replied.

back after last holidays - giving him a full
 list of names - ages - dates of assessments &c - but
 he has answered my letter which is very
 uncivil - & I cannot hear that he is doing
 anything to get the children sent back. I shall
 write to him about Jackson Kahgany - who is
 liable to arrest for having stolen several things
 which he ran away last fall. I think
 all the Indian agents should do their best to help
 us in our work on behalf of the Indian
 children. Perhaps you can speak to him
 & ascertain from him what he is going to do
 about it.

We have just got a new school master here - a
 Mr. Trisdale, he is a former teacher & holds a
 2^d cl. Certificate. I used to give \$200 a board
 to a master - but now am giving \$300 - Our school
 are all in splendid order now - & I have a large
 number of applications for admission - but I
 want to get those now parents signed a parent book
 first - & it is very tiresome Mr. English being so long
 in answering - all the other agents have answered long ago

to the
 will be sent immediately

Yours sincerely
 R. J. Widen

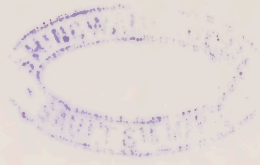
Swanbank Hospital

Specification - May 3186.

- 1) The present brick shop cottage to be raised to a 1 1/2 storey; to build with a pediment as shown in ^{the} sketch on N. & S. side.
- 2) 3 x 6 plan. The pannels & nailed on the outside to form a pattern as shown in sketch. To be filled in with a veneer of stone work the stone to be kept in place by a sufficient number of 6 in. spikes driven into the woodwork.
- 3) The build to be sufficiently raised in height to allow of a 10 foot eill; in the upper story except at the angles of the roof.
- 4) The upper storey flat the partition off as shown in plan with 2 x 4 scantling latted & plastered, also the ceiling.
- 5) Two ornamental chimneys to be built as shown of red & white bricks. The west chimney the stone already in existence curved so as to come up above shown - the other a new chimney rest on partition as shown in plan.
- 6) The lower as well as the upper flat to have a new ^{top} & proved floor.
- 7) Doors to be small & tall door to be panelled. Window porch door green bay - the other doors to be latten.
- 8) A single bond partition to be run across the upper flat.

- 9) The whole of the front face to remain to be veneered with planks & stone work - to be worked to the limit as shown.
- 10) Joists & studs to be placed at sufficient distance to make a good solid job.
- 11) Outside joints to be covered with the Chapel - inside walls to be wainscotted & the painting to correspond with the interior of the Shipwright House.
- 12) Windows frames to be altered as necessary to allow for increased thickness of the walls.
- 13) The lumber of which carriage house is constructed to be taken down & erected elsewhere where Mr. Pittell may direct - fresh lumber to be used for construction of back kitchen - Back kitchen to have rough floor & up & down board on outside bottom.
- 14) The sole the well shiplap - & ornamental wood work placed upon shown. Windows frames with the painted white - all to be cast work.
- 15) The note the well & substantially complete.

S. P. Miles



Ms. 4716

I recd. J. B. ...
a little call in on
eye last night.
if any reply
to the attorney
has been made
I will
I will
I will

I recd. J. B. ...

D. Sir I received yr. telegram

last night & am this morn'g despatching
Wambegis for local boat - He will I
suppose reach Port Hope late Thursday
night. I am giving him ticket for the
boat & \$6 for expenses. Please let him

give you any of the money that is left & allow
him 15 cts a week pocketing - He takes
with him from here one new suit of clothes - 4
shirts - 4 p. socks - collars & pocket handkerchiefs.

I have no right hints to give him - If he needs
these & a second suit of clothes will you kindly
purchase & charge - also books etc. - He is rather
a careless boy about clothes - but I hope will keep
himself decent. Of course I do not wish to spend
more on him than is necessary, to make him decent
with the money. I hope you will not be disappointed
with the boy. Yr. sincere friend
S. P. Wilson

Handwritten notes in the left margin, including "I recd. J. B. ..." and other illegible text.



May 27/86

Miss Schneigau
 D. Madam -

I have just received
 yr. letter of the 27th ult. - & reply at once -
 Miss Cunningham leaves the last day of
 May - & I shall be glad therefore if you
 could be so good as to take the Saturday boat
 "Atlantic" May 29th from Coll. wood - which
 makes her Monday evening the 31st - It has
 not been usual to pay expenses up - except
 under special circumstances - but as you
 say you have had a good deal of expense of
 late I have pleasure in sending you \$10
 which will nearly cover the cost from Toronto
 - I am going on a short trip this week to
 the North West - but shall be back (I hope) before
 you arrive -

Yrs faithfully
 S. P. Wilson



May 4 786

Rev. Dr. Prothman
D. R.

Enclosed you have

for \$100 and \$37 67 in attempt

of account. Wambeseris left his

money by the "Atlantic" - & I expect

will reach Port Hope Thursday evening - I

sent you a letter by him -

Yours faithfully
S. V. Wilson

I shall be glad to hear in the course of a
few weeks if you can spare time for a few
lines that of impression of the boy is - I
expect to see you in England some time.



May 20/88

Dear Jack - I have just got back from a most interesting journey by the N. West - & have brought back 6 Sioux boys & 1 Ojibway - You will see all about it in the Church Register. I have also selected sites for two of the Branch Homes - 1 at Moore Mountain 200 miles west of Winnipeg & 1 near Rat Portage -

I am surprised that none of the missing puppets have been returned to us either from Malahide Island or Larnia - I hope that both you & the Indian Agents will do all you can to make the Indian parents keep to their agreements when they sign them - It is a constant trouble & disappointment to us when they don't keep them - I am always willing to listen to any reasonable - A Xian Island Indian wrote me a nice letter asking me to allow his children to stay at home for the present as they had lost 2 children by death & feel very sad - I will get the children's names & write you of the

Which time I would like him to come over again
 & fill up his time - I think you know the
 names of those who ought to be back here -

Malpohs. Joe Sampson
 McKenjin Naudie
 Aleck Parid
 Edward Bird

Sarnia. David Rodd
 John Neumannsgott
 Jackson Katsang.
 also several girls - the agents have the lists.

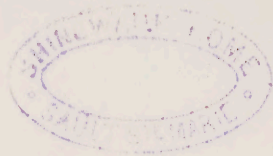
The boys that ran away Joe - McKenjin - or Jackson
 Neumannsgott were to be sent back first thing in
 Spring. The parents will certainly be charged with
 all the things that the state if they do not send them
 back. The best way is to send them at once.

I think they know me well enough to trust me - &
 that I only want to try & do what is best for their
 children. We have 47 boys now & 21

girls - & all are in good health - except 1 girl
 Maria Thomas whom I am going to send home -

I am willing to take Mollie & Johnny Jacob -
 they must sign agreements for 5 years & can come
 at once. I will send you a dozen forms - I
 am also willing to take John Lewis in Sept -

Yrs sincerely
 S. J. Wilson



May 28/76

Mr. Solomon Mark

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the
14th inst. I am quite will'g under the circumstances
to allow your little boy Jones to remain at home
with you for two years - by that time he will be
older & you may be more will'g to spare him - &
I hope you will let him return to us and fill
his time - In that case I will make no
charge on you for his cloth' - & you can show
this letter to Mr. Shempson - I think the
Indians should always keep their agreements
with us unless there is some special reason.
I hope your wife is quite well - & that God
may bless you both -

Yours sincerely -

S. F. Wilson

Alexander's service is quite well - & laugh' all the
time - all the other children are quite well - I have just got 6
silver boys from the N. W.

No. 9899

Sault Ste Marie, Ont.
May 28th /86The Sup^t General
Indian Affairs -

Sir

My assistant telegraphed you stating that the two last quarterly cheques for Shigwanak and Nawawosh - \$600 - unendorsed - are lost - I hoped that said cheques would have reached me before I left home for the North West May 6th - as I had parties depending on them for their payment - & I fear it caused great inconvenience to those parties by not being able to pay them before I left - The cheques followed me to Post Arthur - where I received them on my return trip - May 25th - I put the letters containing them into a hand valise - & my valise was stolen while lying for a few minutes on Plummer's wharf on the Canadian side - I have detectives on the track & have put out bills offering a reward - but fear there is little chance of getting the valise back - I hope the Department will as soon as it is safe to do so - send me duplicate cheques to replace those that are lost -

I remain Sir - your obed^t servant

Edward P. Wilson

May 28th/86.

W. Lane: Lukas -

Dr. Sir

Enclose you cheque

Can. Bank Com^{ms} No 1078 - for \$80-

" " No 1084 - " 30 -

\$110

in settlement of yr account for 30 bands
flour -

Yrs truly
S. D. Wilson

May 28 1886

Mrs. Mersely vt:

Dr. Sir

I shall be much obliged by
yr sending it once a 70 lb Plantation bell to
the following address -

Rev. W. A. Burman

Griswold Station C.P.R.

Manitoba -

Yr price as per yr letter this spring I understand
is 25 cts per lb + mounting \$4 - I will

send you my cheque for \$21⁵⁰ directly I
hear from you that this is correct - The party
receiving the bell will pay carriage -

Yrs truly

S. D. Wilson



May 30/86

Dear Facts -

How would it suit you to pay
us a few days visit soon - I cannot
tell how soon I may be going away again
perhaps in 3 or 4 weeks - & I think it wd.
do good to our homes if you cd. see it all
& be present at our Sunday Service - & then
tell Mr. Inders & others all about it - I
also think you might bring back most of
the absentees with you if you were to come
up - I will undertake to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of your travel
expenses - & you will be our guest while
here - try & give us a Sunday if you
can -

Yrs sincerely
S. F. Wilson

I have sent you a Report & etc.

Wm. Jones said he had written a letter to you
if you are going.

June 1st 1886

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Miss Russell & Hutchinson

D. Aris -

The Reports & circular
are d. of received - but you have not sent
the blocks of the 3 wood cuts which I asked
you to enclose & which I require for use
immediately -

I shall be obliged if you send me another
'Russell's Diary & last Remembrance' - as
mine has been stolen & is hardly

My thanks for your donation of \$100 towards
work

Yrs faithfully



E. J. Wilson

London Jan. 4th 1886 for \$65 on ~~June 1st 1886~~

~~The Bank of Montreal~~
Toronto

I shall be

obliged if you send me a deposit Receipt

for the enclosed - (Indian Honor acct) \$ 2

(May 22)	Mercantile Bank of Canada - A. L. Davis -	500-00
(May 22)	Bank of Montreal (Quebec) - H. Matthews acct.	400-00
		<hr/>
		\$ 900-00

Yrs faithfully
Edward J. Wilson

June 8th 1886

Dear Mr. Kellogg, Sir:

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 27th ult just received - I am back from the N. West & have brought back 6 Sioux boys & 1 Ojibway - we have now 27 boys in the Home & 21 girls. I am very glad that you are so determined to use all possible means to make the Indian parents keep to our rules in regard to their children. I feel sure it is the only way to make our work really successful & of benefit to them - I can generally get plenty of new children - but the difficulty has always been to get them to stay with us to remain the appointed time. I think the Indian Agents at each Reserve can do more to help us in this way than any one else - And I only wish the Govt would be as active about it as you are - I am sure you have some of your new Reports & circulars - I have suggested to Mr. Jacobs that he should pay us a visit - from that corner perhaps he will be able to bring back the Linnæus Aborigines - He \$2 for Mr. Riley, received -

Yrs sincerely
E. J. Wilson



June 3-7-50

Dear Jacks-

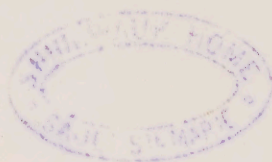
Since writ^g to you a day or two ago you have had a sad accident at the Hawaiian. The new Lad Superintendent Miss Schuepans had just arrived - and stepping from my backboard she fell and a part of her umbrella pierced her eye - I fear she will lose it altogether - & it must be some weeks before she will be able to do anything. She is a kind loving Christian lady - most anxious to come & take charge of our Indian girls, so it is a great disappointment for all - Under these circumstances it seems best to send all the girls home for their holidays at once ~~until~~ instead of waiting until July 15. Could you not come as I proposed & pay us a little visit & take the girls back with you - that is - if the parents are ready with their money - of course we could send any off them until

The joining money is paid \$4.50 for the return
 ticket + Samia - + 25 cts additional + Walpole
 Island. Will you kindly inform Mr. English
 + Mr. [unclear] of our wish to send the children
 as soon as possible + ask them to collect + send
 the money. Mr. Bell will send any of them until
 the money is received for all who are to go. And
 Miss Cunningham has kindly consented to stay + keep
 on with school until we are ready to send them.
 I have already received the money for Cape
 Cod + as soon as I get the Samia
 + Walpole Island money I can all start.

Yrs sincerely
 S. P. Wilson

The girls are

~~Samia~~ Maria Jones - Eliza Porey - Charlotte Knapp
 Samia Jacobs - Anne Jacobs.

June 3rd 788

O. C. Chipps Esq.

Dear Sir -

In reply to yr of the 24th

ult. the charge against Paul Jahnke was \$5.50. When Jahnke's mother promised to send the boy back this Spring - I cancelled that amount - but if he now refuses to send him of course he must be charged with it. There is no need for him to sign a new agreement, as the old agreement will hold good - all he has to do is to send the boy & let him make up his train. If he does this he need not pay the money.

Please inform Peter Jahnke's mother that the boy will not be allowed to leave here in Institution City. If she wishes him to leave altogether she must provide a home for him before he leaves. If she wants him home for holidays she must sign the agreement. This is our invariable rule. The boy is a nice little fellow of 17 years of age capital -

Yours sincerely
D. F. Wilson

June 4 1786

Rev. Mr. Murray

Dear Sir -

I had intended going to England for 3 months this summer - but have decided now to put off my visit till next year - & I want if the way so opens to plan a tour of Nova Scotia New Brunswick & Quebec with a view to stirring up increased interest in our work among the Indians - As you have so kindly & voluntarily taken up our cause in N.S. - I hope you will not mind my looking to you to give a start to the idea in your Province - If you think favorably of it - would you kindly as soon as you can find time let me have a list of the principal towns which it wd be desirable to visit (including P.S.I. if you think well) together with names of clergy - & I will send you a form for hand bills or posters - which it might be well to have all printed at one time leaving blank for the place where such is the - I propose being attended by a young man named Pa-zhe-gee-zick (his name is in the Indian language) who will dress up in feathers &c.

at the meeting - also 16 large pictures 6 foot square illustrating our work which I have prepared during the winter & had intended taking to England.

I would like to know whether you think the Indian boy wd be any hindrance to my hospitable reception at the Clergy's & other persons houses - some people seem to have such a horror of Indians. Would it be desirable to bring two boys or only one? 2 wd be surer to happen - but would cost more - If one only he cd sleep with me where accommodations were limited.

My plan at present is to leave here about July 20 & go straight through to N. S. - then N. B. - then Quebec - then home. Giving up about 2 months of the whole trip.

Could you do anything for me about reduced railway fare? Last time I visited N. S. in 1879 - I took 2 boys through on the inter colonial for 25% - myself I think half.

You will see about my recent trip to the North West in the Chinook Guardian - It was in every way very satisfactory.

Yrs sincerely -

S. F. Wilson

It is a pity that the money which you can send, but it is in the hands of some one else will. I am also writing to Mr. Bishop, Mission.

Circular ^{of Sunday} Schools -Tingoway's Home
Sault Ste MarieJune 10th 1886

Dear Sir

I enclose you a little illustrated prospectus
of our work here among the Indian children &
am very anxious to extend your sympathy &
that of your Sunday School children in our behalf.
I feel sure that if once you could be induced
to take it up you will find the children would
become increasingly interested in it. Children
naturally like to help children. They like to have
some definite towards which to give their
contributions, - and it surely seems a right
principle that the children of Canada should
help the Indians whose lands we are now
occupying. You will see by our
prospectus that we are proposing to erect four
Branch Homes at various distant points,
and that I think your Sunday School boys is to
take up one of them Branch Home - which one
to give - & let their contributions for 3 years go
towards the building & after that to the support
of an Indian pupil. The full cost of a pupil is \$75

per annum for board & clothing, or if clothing is sent
 \$50. Small Sunday Schools take in a child at
 \$3⁵⁰ or \$25 per annum. Those that support
 a whole child receive 6 copies of *Algona Miss. News*
 every issue gratis, those that support $\frac{1}{2}$ a child
 3 copies. Exam^r Reports are sent to show
 the progress the child is making, - and as soon as
 the child is capable of doing so, he (or she) will write
 a letter twice a year to the Sunday School.

Twenty Sunday Schools giving \$50 per ann. for 3
 years will produce \$3000. We desire to get 20 Schools
 attached to each of these proposed Branch Homes, & we
 believe this that with government & other help it can be
 erected in that time. At present we have 45
 Sunday Schools either wholly or in part supporting Indian
 Children in our Homes, - viz Heron Dio. 14, Niagara
 4, Leavitts 13, Ontario 3, Montreal 5, Quebec 2,
 Fredericton 2, Nova Scotia 2. Several of the Sunday
 Schools contribute smaller sums to our Gen^l Fund.

When our Home is enlarged & these Branch Homes
 built we shall require support for 280 Indian Children.

I very earnestly request you to consider this proposal
 thoughtfully & prayerfully - & kindly let me know definitely as
 soon as practicable whether or not you can accede to my request.

I am, Sir, very faithfully,
 Edward R. Wilson

June 12 1886

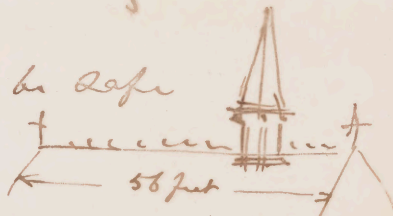
Meredy & Co

D. Rio Lendore you my cheque
 \$20⁵⁰ for the bell which you have sent for
 me to Brimbold Brantforda.

I shall be obliged to you by your furnishing
 me a bell for our Chapel here 200lb weight.
 - but if you can do so - I wd like it to be a
 bell of a particular note which could be used
 with others either for a peal or a chime when
 we get money enough to get them.

The cost of the bell with mounting will I
 believe be \$70.

Please say whether it will be safe
 to hang this bell in the
 little frame belfry in our
 Chapel - height of belfry from floor to eaves 5ft 6ins distance
 between posts (4) 2ft ~~2ft~~, thus ^{with 11 posts} Do not delay send
 the bell - If belfry not strong enough we will have it altered.



address to bell
 Rev. S. H. Wilson
 St. James Home
 Brantford Ontario

Yours truly
 S. H. Wilson

June 15/86

Dear Jacobs -

I am sorry you cannot come perhaps
you will be able to come later in the fall -
I am quite willing to let Alice Thompson &
Mary Thompson go - but they must come
with me - I enclose tickets which the parent
must pay for & send the money to me - We do
not pay passage now except for my poor Indian.
I wd like to take Charles' children also & come
at once & enclose your tickets for them via
Collingwood - He can pay the money to the agent
Mr. H. H. Thompson I think it is - I am and
you in a day forms of a present & book post.

I will let I may come home if Jacoby Jackson
send me money for a return ticket \$4.50. If
the Anderson must please send \$4.75 for each of
his 2 children - the 25 cts pays the boat to Malaga. All
the parent must send money for return tickets also want
the children home - The agents have lists of them who are
to remain here just now. Mr. Johnson has obtained his
Ample body but is still better - If my friend J. S. Wilson

June 15/88

Dear Mr. Pringstoke

Since writing you - our Bishop has
 told me that he had already partly arranged
 for a tour in N.B. after the Provincial Synod -
 & thinks it a pity we sh^d not go - as near
 the same time - I propose therefore to defer
 my visit until next year - & hope you have
 not already made any definite arrangements -

I shall be very much obliged if you
 could kindly & send furnish me with a
 Synod Report of the Diocese showing the
 present addresses of the clergy - I shall
 probably take up Quebec & Montreal this summer
 instead of N.B. & N.S.

Yrs sincerely
 S. D. Wilson

June 16/87

My dear Miss Schneegans

It is the greatest relief to my mind
 to hear that you are so comfortably cared
 for in the 'Home of St. John the Divine' - Had
 I thought of it before you left I should certainly
 have recommended it - I did
 not think a private boarding house would
 have suited you under the circumstances -
 but the Home is just the thing - & I am
 so very glad that you were not obliged
 to stay at the Lourid hospital. I thought
 Dr. O'Reilly was at the head of it & prided
 himself on being everything so very perfect - but
 it does not seem to be so from Miss Mitchell's
 description - Dr. O'Reilly saw fit to criticize
 my arrangement here at the Shipwreck when
 on a visit some few years ago - I am
 very sorry that you should have had to undergo
 any such a trial - as I know how much

you dreaded it - still it was a comfort &
 I am glad kind sympathetic friends around
 you - & I hope the worse is now over - & that
 you will be looking forward if it please God, to
 gradual restoration to health & strength - We
 shall all welcome you back very gladly to
 Wawaah - I presume you are able to come -
 which I suppose will be in a few weeks - &
 you will have a nice quiet rest until the
 first return after the holiday - We shall I
 expect have quite a number as we have
 several fresh applications for admission -

We are just begining to build our hospital here
 - & are using a part of the cottage as a temporary
 one - Little Amos, & Johnson who sprained his
 foot the day of the picnic have been the in patients
 - Miss Pigt is in charge. Amos is nearly quite
 well & has left today - Johnson is not yet able to
 rest his weight on his foot - but goes over this
 week in the footstep every day in a wheelbarrow -
 I am applyg electricity by Dr. Reid's direction -
 Please give my best thanks to all who have been
 kind to you -
 Yrs very sincerely
 S. L. Wilson

R. P. 1850
 N. P. 1850
 N. P. 1850

January 16 1861

My dear Mr. Cary,

I desire to thank you - & through you
 Miss Mitchell - most warmly for yr kindness
 & for Miss Schaefer's. What you did was
 exactly what I would have wished - indeed
 had I thought of the Sisterhood before, Miss
 A. left I should certainly have recommended her
 being entrusted to their care - I did not at all
 like the thought of sending her to the hospital -
 but could not think what better to do - Will
 you please thank for me most warmly all
 the kind friends whose hearts have been
 drawn out in sympathy towards her - Almight
 God uses such sad occasions as these to draw
 out our better feelings & make us helpful &
 assisting one to the other - & I doubt not many
 good effects will follow - though the count itself
 was so very bad & distressing - Of course all
 expenses must be charged for the present to myself -
 I trust a few kind friends will be led to lend us
 help & aid -
 Yours very sincerely
 S. L. Wilson

June 1, 4th

Dear friends -

I received yr. letter yesterday with \$13 on account passage of children - but I cannot send any of them home until they pay me for the return tickets as that is now our rule. I sent a full list of our rules which have been approved by the Indian Dept. - both to Mr. McKelvey & Mr. English - both 27th last. I think it will be best to leave this matter in the Indian Agents hands as I know from experience it is best for a missionary not to have any unpleasantness with his people - so I will write again both to Mr. McKelvey & Mr. English. It is I think my little that we ask the Indians to do - just to pay the fare both ways for their children - they have no other expense - & they keep their childrens among money.

I am sorry from what you say in yr. letter that the parents of the runaway boys are not going back home - I had they would have come home - we had intended not to punish them - further than to make them pay for what they had

Stolen - I have now put the matter into Lawry's hands & it will be proceeded against & I expect will be sent to the Reformatory. I expect the parents will also be held responsible for detaining the boat which was stolen. The only chance for the boys is to come up here by the first boat - before the Constable comes down after them.

I am writing also to Mr. McKelvey & Mr. Squire that having waited since the Spring of navigation for the return of their children who failed to return to us after summer holidays - I can now wait no longer - & have today taken their names off the books - & the amounts charged against them for Institution cloth taken away - must be collected (as anticipated by the Department) at the next payment.

The children are -

Larnia - John Nequampepik - David Rodd - Thomas Adams - Susanna White - Mary A. Menaes - Julia Kapek.
Mary Nequampepik.

Maipik - Alick Penades - Edward Penades.

I am very sorry you cannot pay us a visit - We have everything in splendid working order now & both the boys & I have a number of applications -

Yours very sincerely
S. J. Wilson

June 19 488

Alex. McKelvey Esq
Dear Sir

Rev. J. Jacobs has just written to me that the parents of those runaway boys do not intend sending them back. Consequently I have seen Messrs. Kahoe & Hamilton - lawyers - on the subject & they are writing you - I am sorry it did come to this but I think we have waited long enough & the only thing now is for the boys to be arrested & proceeded against - I expect also the parents will get into trouble for detaining the boat - The only chance for the boys now is to come up at once by the first boat that leaves before the Constable comes down after them.

I also think ^{perhaps you would} want also long change for ^{David Redd - He is} Albert & Edward Bird - & I have today written them to run off on a box - & shall be obliged to you coming from the parents the amount charged for clothes taken away - without further delay.

Rev. W. Jacobs I enclose you the following amounts to be paid to the care of children who are to go

home for holidays - viz - Wilson Knapps \$3, Charlotte
 Knapp \$3, Nancy Jacobs \$2.50, Grace Jacobs \$2.50.
 Maria Thomas \$5.

He also has sent me \$2 for Nancy Henry, but she
 is not on the list to go home this summer.

As I notified you Feb. 27 last - the parents are
 required to send us money to cover return ticket
 money \$5 each before the children will be permitted
 to go home for holidays - Consequently some of the
 above amounts except Maria Thomas is sufficient -
 & the balance must be sent to me before the children
 will leave. I think it is very little that we
 ask the Indians to do - to pay fare both ways for their
 children - to have no other expense - & to keep
 their children's amount money.

I wish you could pay us a visit & see our
 Homes - Everything now is in splendid working order at
 both the Homes - & I have a number of applications

Yrs sincerely -
 S. J. Wilson

June 19th 86

Mr. J. W. Garrison

D. Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of yr. letter containing \$2⁵⁰ on of Sampson
Wabboom's fare - I have also received the following
from Mr. Lamorandine - \$3 for Maria Jackson,
+ \$5 for the 2 Misses girls.

I think I wrote you Feb. 27th last - that
parents wd. be required to send money sufficient
to cover return tickets. This is very little back
of the Indians as they are put to no other expense +
retain their children's annuity money - The children
therefore will not be sent home until the full
amount is paid viz \$4⁵⁰ for each one.

Mr. Lamorandine has sent me \$1 for two
Indian Dictionaries. Will you please tell him that
the price is \$1.25 each, but let Indians have them at \$1
I can send him 1000.

Yrs faithfully
S. D. Wilson

June 19/86

A. Supt. 84/86

Dear Sir.

I write to you Feb. 27th last
 enclosing you extract from our Rules which had
 been approved by the Ind. Department - giving
 you a list of Larnia pupils who had failed to
 return after vacation -

I also write to
 you March 23rd giving you names of boys who
 would remain here for the holidays. Not long

heard from you since. I cannot tell what you
 received by letter. I quite expected

that Jackson Kalgany who stole a canoe from my
 boat house & decamped last fall would have
 been sent up ere this. Also that the other

absentees would either have been sent up - or
 money collected from them to pay for the
 Institute's debt which he took away.

As this has not been done & I hear from the Rev.
 Mr. Smith that the boys who decamped are not
 being treated - I have put the matter into lawyers'

Hands + the boys must take the consequences -
 If Jackson Kahgay wishes to avoid arrest he
 had better come up by the next boat that leaves.

I shall refuse now to take back the children
 who failed to return after vacation - & must
 ask you to once collect from the parents the
 value of cloth taken away - viz -

John Regannepeyik	age 13 -	\$6.80
David Radd	- 12 -	5.00
Francis Adams	- 14 -	6.00
Susanna White	- 14	4.10
Mary A. Menass	- 10	2.30
Julia Kahgayak	- 11	3.30
Mary Regannepeyik	- 16	1.90

I have consented for Stone Jackson to go home
 this su - provided his father sends \$4⁵⁰ for
 a return ticket -; \$4⁵⁰ also must be sent
 for Abraham Isaac. Mr. Jacobs has sent me \$2⁴⁵
 for Wesley Jackson, but \$2.05 must be sent before
 he will be allowed to leave.

Yours truly
 Edward P. Wilson

Dr. W. A. Murray & Co.

Sir - Please make me 1¹/₂ dozen
of the collars as per pattern at once - You
can surely get them done in less time
than 3 weeks - I am waiting for some

ms

Jan 22 / 88

My dear Mr. Housman

Many thanks for your long kind
letter - I did not thought so much of hold-
ing meetings in Quebec itself as trying to walk up
some of the outlying parishes - as I think you
know - when I got word in this way I do not
ask for any collection at meetings or in churches -
I simply want to make it known
to the poor of the land, and children - I do
not see how my Serjeant can object to my
doing this - I met with a warm reception all
through the winter & the last fall - my visit
with a great deal of good - Would you mind
sending me a list of places say of not less than 1000
inhabitants to the name of Serjeant - as that I
can visit them personally & see how they feel
about the matter - I am sure I will give
you a great deal of help to me - or

if you wd take a Quebec Synod Report - & put a
 & again in 'the likely places' it would be the
 same thing - In order to enlarge my work as
 I propose it is indispensable that I shd have
 some quantity of ready to more extensively
 known - & then each parish can decide whether
 or not they will help us - I had particularly
 wished to do a little in Quebec diocese the
last part of August - so as to be at the Prov.
 Synod when it meets - & then take Montreal
 diocese in the same way before going home - It
 is a great expense for all the way from here
 & when I go I want to have work to do -

May thank you for your promise of \$5 -

Yrs very sincerely
 S. J. Wilson

June 22 1886

Mr. Geo. Claxton

Sir: Please find me the
 follows -

2 fifes (E. flat) — No 456 at 75¢ each.

10 mouth pieces No 312 at 25¢ each.

1 drum leather No 198

12 bottles of simple music + air for
 fife + drum band.

Yrs truly

Rev. S. P. Wilson

Kindly let me know the cheapest rate at
 which we could get the brass instruments (2' band)
 for a brass band for boys — now ahead
 Sam Wilson

June 30th 86

Genl. Reed Esq., Asst. Commisr. Ind. Aff.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 19th inst No. 900 - asking my opinion as to the propriety or otherwise of receiving White pupils into an Indian Institution - I incline to think favorably of doing so - provided the White Children so introduced are of good character & not in the habit of using profane language which last I fear is only too common a practice in schools attended by White children.

At the present time I am often receiving ^{or send} White Children of respectable parents into our Springwank Home on condition that the parent or guardian pay \$20 per ann. toward expenses & provides the child with cloth. We have had two white boys in the Home this past winter & they are good friends with the Indian boys. My idea is that a few White boys is not merely

on account of their help; the Indian boys to acquire
 good English - but with the view of imbuing the
 Indian boy with a little more ^{of that} spirit & perseverance
 which generally characterizes the Anglo Saxon race
 & enables them to make their way in the world. I
 think the more the Indians can amalgamate
 with their white neighbors the better. They are
 so much in the minority in this country as to
 members that I think it is unwise to treat them
 as a distinct race, they must learn to adopt
 our language & customs & in fact in time
 become Canadians, & I think they themselves in
 a great measure desire this.

In our homes here no Indian is allowed to
 be spoken except for one hour after tea each
 day & on holidays.

I remain dear Sir
 yours faithfully
 S. P. Wilson

June 30/88

- Mr. Reed Esq.
 Ass. Con. Ind. Affairs
 Dear Sir

In reply to your letter
 of June 24, No. 1191, suggesting the site
 as a site for a proposed Branch Home
 in Assiniboia, I had - with the advice of
 the Bishop of Du'Appelle - selected that spot
 for the Home, - but hearing afterwards from
 the Indian Department at Ottawa that it was
 (as I understood) their intention to put up
 an institution there under the auspices of
 the Presbyterian Church - & there being
 already a Roman Catholic Institution at
 Du'Appelle - I thought it better to choose
 a site further East - & for that reason after
 consulting with various persons do know the

location - I have for the present fixed on
Eroose Mountain.

The Indian Department ~~at~~ Ottawa - has
not as yet given me any encouragement to proceed
with my work - & until they do so I am afraid
it must remain rather at a standstill.

We have at present \$600 on hand at present
towards the establishment of a Home at Eroose
Mountain - I have asked the Indian Department
to give me \$1000, - & to give a train \$3400 so
as to make up the sum available for building &
furnishing to \$5000. I have also asked the
Indian Department to grant me \$1000 a year
towards the maintenance. Unless these
requests are acceded to I fear there must be
considerable delay before the scheme is
carried into effect.

I take the liberty of sending you a copy of my
last Annual Report - I remain dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
A. H. Wilson

July 10th 1888

Dear Mr. Ross well

I delay answering yr letter of June 6th to avoid an Communication Crisis - & have now yr 2^d one of June 19th & an enclosure to Archie - My thanks for them both.

I am very much pleased with all the Le Louis boys - they are nice fellows - & seem very intelligent. With the exception of Shunder, they know scarcely any English at present. I am teaching them English twice a week - & also take them for my class twice on Sundays - I am gradually picking up the Louis & can now make them understand me without Shunder's help.

Last Monday eve - I took them - & a number of the other boys on the Bishop's yacht down to the Indian village at Fort in River & had a picnic supper & hymn singing round a camp fire under the trees. The Louis boys sang a couple of hymns in Louis very sweetly & we

all enjoyed it greatly. Sragamani has begun
learning Carpentry - the others help in the farm &
I am - I am not at school. Little Elijah is as
strong as a cricket.

I am very glad that there is a prospect of
V. being Archie - she is very much pleased
about it - & quite looking forward to joining you
in Sept. - if you find you can take him.

I have been thinking over this most best scheme
& the question arises which wd be the wisest
course.

- (1) To wait till we get \$5000, & erect a permanent
Institution -
- (2) or - to begin in a small way - buy or hire
a small house - & take about 10 boys to begin
with & work our way up.

I think my experience in the past is that the
latter is of the two the best course. All great
things must begin with small beginnings - & the
more the difficulties at the start the stronger is
the work likely to be afterward. One scheme

that I have in my brain is to come up & spend
 the winter in the neighborhood - or offer to take
 charge of Mr. Burman's mission during his absence -
 - bring 3 or 4 Ojibway boys for a nucleus - & try
 & start an embryo Institution - I generally
 find that to rouse people to give money & aid
 my work I have to go in for it with determination
 myself - & let them see that I mean to do it. People
 are more ready to give when they see this - than
 if it is mere talk about what we are going to
 do when the money comes. My principle is
 "If the work is right & you believe yourself called
 of God to do it - go in & do it - & God will find
 you the way & means."

I do not say at present that I am prepared
 to carry out the scheme - there may be unforeseen
 things to prevent it - but I wd like to hear from
 you - let you think about it - I certainly shd
 not bring the Lewis boys back - the best thing for them is
 certainly to remain at the Shingwauk - & have a capital assist
 man - Mr. Mitchell - who wd look well after them.

Yours very sincerely
 S. J. Wilson
 (over)

Jul 27 88

Dear Mr. Murray,

Many thanks for yr kind letter
 just received - It is a great disappointment
 to me not to go - but I think it will be best
 for me to wait until after our Bristol has been
 - as I wd not like to interfere with his arrangements.
 It is my kind of you to say that you will speak
 to Mr. Clergy about our work when they meet
 for Synod - We have a large number
 of pupils now - the boys & girls - the Colored
 boys I brought down with me from the North West
 are doing very satisfactorily - they seem quite happy
 & contented & very intelligent - I teach them
 English twice a week & also take them for my
 class on Sunday - as I know a little Latin & am
 gradually picking it up - I have just received
 applications to admit 5 more boys from the North
 West - It says there is quite a strong work being
 done there since my visit - What am I to do - our
 maintenance fund is already \$500 behind -
 Yours sincerely
 S. F. Wilson

Callison - quite well -
 the school is doing
 well.

July 1st 1888

Rev. Mr. Ambrose

Dear Sir. Many thanks for the additional contribution from N. S. School of \$3.70 towards the extension of our work to the North West. The 6 boys I brought down with me this Spring are doing most satisfactorily - They are very intelligent & seem to be a superior people to the Ojibwas. - I have just received application for the admission of 5 more North West boys. What am I to do? - ~~Our~~ Homes are both pretty well filled up - & funds for maintenance \$200 behind - I think however I shall send for them - God doubt not will open the way for us.

Yours very sincerely
S. J. Wilson

I had intended visiting N. S. this summer, but find our Bishop is going - & he thinks it will not do to take boys, so must wait.

July 1/86

Dear Mr. Irvine -

Our Homes are well filled up now - & I am expecting several more pupils from various quarters - Still - with the view of establishing these proposed Branch Homes I think it is particularly desirable to receive a few boys from the neighborhood - so that after 3 years education here they may form the nucleus of a Branch Home either at Port Portage or in that neighborhood.

I will therefore receive the 5 boys you mention on condition that they agree to remain here (without going home) for 3 years - & that the parents pay the rail way fare to Port Arthur & back will I think only be about \$3 each. If the General Passenger Agent at Winnipeg be applied to & told that these pupils for the Shigwank Home he will furnish the free tickets & provisions of the boys also. We of course want healthy boys - &

prefer them about 11 or 12 years of age - but if
 some of them are older & you particularly wish
 me to take them I will do so -

I brought down 6 Lewis lads from Bantah -
 & they are getting along very nicely - & likes being here.
 I also brought one boy from Rat Pater.

I enclose you steam boat tickets for 5
 boys from Port Arthur to the South. Our
 vacation begins July 16 - but I think it would
 be just as well for them to come at once - There
 will be about 20 boys remaining here for vacation.
 Working on the farm, garden, Carpenter work &c.
 & we give them pocket money if they behave well.

Yours sincerely -
 S. J. Wilson

I am and I am a Report & Circular -

Jul 6 1888

Dear Mr. Wilson
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the above named case.

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I enclose you a bill of exchange for £108 = 15 6 - with draft on London Bank (Williams, Deacon, & Co) for £12 of which also advise me -

Yours truly
Edward Wilson

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by dot the arrow
slight from the vehicle
Cane + the full forward
the straight wing handle
umbrella which being
eye - she is at present
medical treatment

Handwritten notes on the left margin, partially cut off.

my full - We have 200 lbs
 of powder in the store
 store is 200 lbs. of the
 powder. It is all in one
 is the largest number in town
 same kind. Just now
 we are two, building a small
 hospital close to the store.
 It will be of stone - It
 is to a frame of timber, like
 the Chapel. When complete
 it will be a landing, with
 landing, with 3 or 4 wards,
 & 6 beds. Ship Surgeon

about 300 miles from here
 from about the establishment of
 Grand Haven & Grand
 down with me to boys of the
 various tribes - their appearance
 & language - very different from
 the other people - they seem
 to be particularly intelligent &
 have quite settled in it as
 a day or two ago - (revised)
 appropriated for the administration
 of 5 more boys from the
 North West as they shall be

Journal of the
1852

Robert B. Peckham

My dear friends,
 I have just received
 your kind letter of the 10th inst.
 and am glad to hear from
 you. I am well and hope
 these few lines will find
 you the same. I have not
 much news to write at present.
 I am still in the same
 place and hope to remain
 so for some time. I have
 not much to do at present
 but I shall be glad to hear
 from you again. I am
 your affectionate friend,
 Robert B. Peckham

No. 7900

Shingwauk Home
Shingwauk Home
Shingwauk Home

Superintendent General of
Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

I am glad to hear from you and
I will forward you with a report of my work among
the Indian children during the past year.
I do not know perhaps in the history of America have we
had more reason to feel encouraged than at the present time.
All work among Indians is now done with labour and
often troubles & disappointment, as I believe the missionaries
of both the Catholic & Protestant faith will testify, but
with many difficulties & multitudes of causes for the
encouragement, we have by the grace of God persevered, & can
be glad that every year our work is becoming more firmly
established & in giving promise of doing some permanent good
among these people for whose benefit it has been inaugurated.

It is a cause for much thankfulness that both our Homes
have been almost wholly free from sickness during the past
year. We have at the present time at the Shingwauk Home
47 Indian boys & one Vite boy & at the Mawanoth Home
23 Indian girls. Total 71 which is the largest number we
ever had. Our staff consists of Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Marshall, School master, Mr. Simonds; Matron, Sami back, &
& Carpenter, and, at the Mawanoth Home, - Lady Supr Miss
Annastham, Matrons, & gardeners. We have no bookkeeper
at the Shingwauk Home, but a pupil who has learned the
trade does all the book & mending for both Institutions, besides.

Even; the scholars. Our pupils are making more
 progress in their studies, owing I think in great measure to
 our having adopted the plan of holding an examination every
 6 weeks instead of twice only in the year as formerly. We
 have also acted on the suggestions offered by the vicinity
 government Inspector - in giving the pupils less work & a
 more thorough knowledge of what they do learn. They have also
 made great progress in music during the year.
 About the first week in May, I sent our senior pupil, David
 Sambaepo, to Trinity College School, Port Hope. This I did
 at my own expense just for one term as an experiment &
 in order to prove to those who are so sceptical about the intellectual
 powers of Indians that an Indian boy is as capable of acquiring
 knowledge as a white boy. Dr. Pethum, the head master of
 Trin. Coll. School, writes to me June 29th - "We are all much
 pleased with him in every respect - He seems to be a most
 industrious & very sensible boy, never from any trouble & always
 taking himself thoroughly well.... I shall be very glad if you
 can manage to have David sent back to us. I take a very
 great interest in him, & should be greatly pleased to see him
 again & take a good position hereafter." The boy himself
 writes to me (June 29th) - "I am trying hard to get a prize - I hope
 the boy N. is. Yes, we are studying hard too - the boys here
 are studying till 10 o'clock at night. I think I will be head in
 class for I am always ahead in our form, and the boys
 are so stupid they cant tell between nouns & adjectives, they
 decline nouns the same as adjectives, I am the only one
 that declines them right this morning."

Extension of our work.

I have written several times to the Department about the
 proposed extension of our work, & the Department

aware that I made a list of names for the West
 Spring & collected letters for the same. Among
 names - Moose Mountain in Saskatchewan & an
 Island on Lake of the Woods in Manitoba. Of course
 nothing further can be done about these Branch Homes
 until we see our way, raising the necessary funds.
 At present we have about \$600 toward the Assiniboine
 Home & \$550 toward the Home in Manitoba. The
 Department has not at present given me any encouragement
 to proceed in the matter, but I doubt not my way
 will be opened for me in God's providence as it has
 been in the past.

In the enlargement & improvement of the Central
 Institution, i.e. the Shingwauk Home, at South St. Marie,
 we have \$2000, contributed within the past 5 months.

This is encouraging & we are already proceeding
 with two long needed improvements - (1) the draining of
 the farm land in order to make it capable of cultivation
 & profitable to the Institution (2) the erection of a small
 hospital - separate from the Institution - in which to
 place our pupils at either of our Homes who may fall
 sick & require medical care. The hospital is now
 in course of erection it is being built like the Chapel,
 stone work set in a framework of timber; when complete
 it will be a handsome little building & will have
 accommodations for 6 patients. It is possible
 we may receive sick cases from the Garden River
 Indian Reserve if provision is made for their maintenance
 & medical attendance. Dr. Reid recommends this.

Boys from the North West.

I brought 7 boys down with me from the North West.

List of names of Indian boys from the ... and ...
 near ... & ... on ... from ...
 boys have from ... since ...
 have made good friends with our ... boys.
 A few days ago I received application for me to take
 5 more boys ... from the ...
 altho we have no money, & our ... fund
 \$800 behind I have written for them to come.

Absentees

One of things that really causes me trouble & dissatisfaction
 is that the Indian parents are not obliged to keep their
 commitments when signed for their children to remain with
 us a term of years, & that they can with impunity keep
 back their children after vacation, retain Indian
 cloth, & harbor runaways. I think the sooner
 the state of things can be remedied the better.

Increased funds.

None of any use to do so I would renew my request
 embodied in Report a year ago for an increase of
 Grant to ... of our Institution. I
 hope also that the Department will see their way to
 assist our Board of ... in the ...

I have the honor to be
 Your obedient servant
 Edward H. Wilson

July 10/88

Dear Mr. Burman

I am very much surprised
that you have not yet received the bell -
It was sent June 7th as shown by enclosed -
As it arrived then you got this you had
better write to Merrill & Co., Troy, N. Y.

At what date do you propose going to England?
As you know I really have thoughts of coming
to spend the winter in yr. neighborhood - bring 3
or 4 of my Ojibway boys - & start an embryo
Institution taking say 15 pupils altogether - I
fancy to work up this from the root & to be
better than to wait for money to build a \$5000
affair. Do there are houses in yr. neighborhood
or about Beulah suitable for the purpose
that I could rent for the winter? If I did this
I should be able to block after yr. Indians become
extinct while you were away. but at present
it is only an idea & I am not at all sure that
I can carry it out.

Yrs sincerely -

S. J. Wilson

July 10/88

Mr. McKelvey Esq.

Dr. Sir As the boys did not arrive on the Ontario - I presume to have again backed out of town - We have decided therefore to have McKenzie arrested at once - & the warrant is already out - Joe Laremy the owner of the boat will prosecute him & he will be arrested by an Algonac Constable - You will have to do something to fix the him over to Algonac for the purpose - I wish to see 2 boys Jackson & Joe to understand that we intend to arrest them also for stealing the canoe unless they are sent up at once. I am in hopes that the arrests of McKenzie will have the needful effect - I shall be glad if you will telegraph me directly the boys is taken - as it will have a good effect on the boys here to hear it before they go away for holidays - I would like to see least might be that he would prefer remaining here for the holidays - so if his mother will tell him not better stay - If she wants him I will send him for the 12th
 Yr friend
 J. P. Wilson

Shirleybank Home
 July 15th 1886

Dear Father

I find it impossible to come
 away from home just now - so Mr.
 Mitchell is going in my place - & I think
 it is just as well for him to make acquaintance
 with yourself & the Indian Agents & the Indians.
 There is my active in our work & a great
 help to me. There was no need
 for Amos' mother to send another \$2.50
 as we only charge it for widows. If Amos
 returns punctually after holidays I will
 send the second \$2⁵⁰ back. We are
 sending all the children home in uniform
 this time - so let both they & the parents
 may understand that they belong home without
 until their uniforms are up. The parents must

find cloth for them while they are at
 home - & they can if they wish wear their
 uniforms on Sunday - at any rate they must
 bring the things back in as good condition
 as they take them. If any Indians who
 are well off like to give their children colored
 cloth to bring back with them I shall be very
 glad for them to do so - & cloth so sent
 will be kept for the use of the children that
 they belong to. I think Indians who are
 well off ought to help us in this way as
 much as possible as it is very expensive
 cloth to send a large number of children

We have 70 now & more still to come.

I do like Mr. Mitchell to have an
 opportunity of speaking to the Indians about the
 proposed Branch Home if you can
 manage it. No money has come yet for
 some time & I have to go to the bank -
 P. L. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie

Jan 15/55

Wm. Mackelvey Esq.

Dear Sir

I have received 25 l/6
 from A. Sampson & 20/0 from
 Mrs. Johnson - I had already sent you
 back Mrs. Johnson's money, 25/- This 25/-
 sent now will give them. I had
 intended coming down with the children -
 but am unable to do so - as Mr. Mitchell
 is going in my place - He will tell you what
 we have done about the runaways - Mrs
 Sampson will also come back with him -
 Alect. Ordway's child I cannot receive
 as he is not yet come down he had the
 chance & he must pay for clothing - All the
 children are going home in uniform - & the parents
 not supply them clothing during vacation - & send
 our clothing in as good order as it comes.

Yours sincerely
 R. V. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Jul 10 1888

W. Webb's

Sir

I accept your tender
to build the two Chimneys at the
Hospital - yourself to find (or pay me for)
all bricks used - also lime sand &
for the sum of ~~thirty~~ dollars & fifty cents.

I also accept your tender to erect
the new fire place, provided the bricks
for the floor are laid on edge, & the parts
in contact with the fire are laid with fire
brick & mortar - yourself to find (or pay
me for) all material. for the sum of
Sixty dollars.

As there are other parties wanting the
job - I will like to hear at once whether you
accept these terms - & can begin at once

at the Hospital Chiminiers - The first plan
will not be read to begin for about
three weeks.

Yrs truly
S. J. Wilson



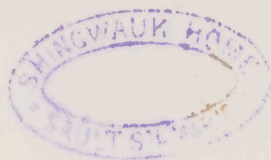
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Prof. John Fisher & Mrs
Sir -

I accept your tender
& plaster our hospital - good two coat
work, yourselves supply all material
at 23 cents per square yard.

We shall be ready for you in about
3 weeks.

Yrs truly
S. J. Wilson



July 17 1886

Dear Joseph -

I have received of letter of the
 25th inst. Since I saw you at Port
 Arthur I have heard it reported that you
 drink. If that is true I am afraid I
 cannot receive you back here at the Shingwauk.
 We have not had any drinking here among the
 boys for several years - & I would be very
 sorry for it to begin again. Your
 wife has been suffering a good deal from
 the sores on her face since the hot weather
 & she is home sick & wants to go back to
 her father & Neepigon. So I have decided
 to let her go - she is now waiting for a
 boat. She has got on very well since
 she came to us - & I think can read &
 talk English a good deal better than when

The first came - she has \$8 & she says that
will be enough to take her - I would give her
more if she needed it.

I am in correspondence about the island
on Lake of the woods - but nothing is settled
yet so we cannot begin work there this
winter.

We have 40 boys here
& 27 girls - 71 altogether. Waubesaquin
is gone to school at Port Hope & will be
splendidly.

Neen and Koo

S. H. Wilson

July 17 1871

The Manager, DeLoraine
Collingwood

As I have paid you
for \$87.50 - it which I have
credit is good to \$2000
but has been overdrawn
from return it - the entire
balance - also I am bank
book for it. the address -

July 17 1871

S. H. Wilson



July 07 1886

Mr. Messerly & Co

Dear Sir -

The bill has arrived
It is a very nice toned one - If you
write again - kindly tell me what note
it is - & whether there can at a future
time be added for a full or change -

I enclose cheque to cover yr acct
67 83

The Rev. Mr. Burman wrote me a few
days ago - saying that the bill sent to him would
had not arrived - I hope it has not gone
astray - I told him to write to you direct -

Yrs truly
S. H. Wilson



July 25/86

The Ed. Dominion Chronicle

Dear Sir

Indicate that you have not inserted one or two of my late Communications - also that you take no notice of my book a copy of which I sent you "Missionary work among the Ojibway Indians" - I should be glad to know whether it is simply that you have not had room or any other cause - as the last long paper I sent - I wrote on purpose for you - different to what I write to other papers. If you are not going to take any notice of the book will you kindly return it to me as I have only a few copies -

Yours truly
S. P. Wilson



Jul 23/88

Mr. McQuerry -
 Sheriff & Ret. Portage -
 De Sir

I am in communication
 with Government in regard to an island
 near Ret. Portage - which I selected last
 Spring thinking it wd be a suitable spot
 for a branch Institution - The Government
 has just communicated with me - requiring
 a more exact description of the position of
 the island so that they may know whether or
 not it is in the disputed territory.

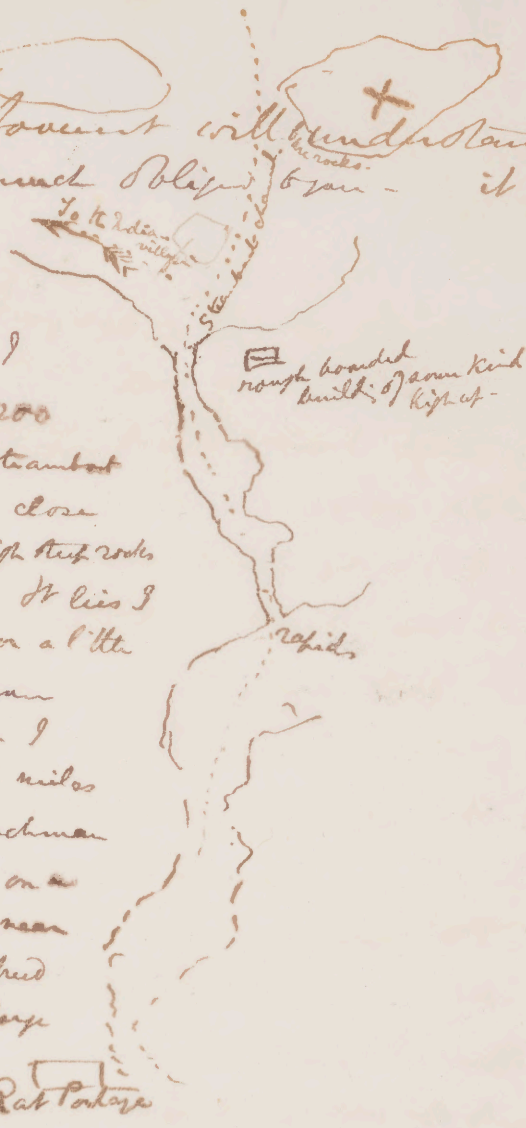
Unfortunately - I had my vision stolen
 which contained tracing & description - so
 that it is almost impossible for me to
 describe the island it is - If from
 any description you can understand which
 it is - please kindly describe the position

So the Government will understand I shall
 be very much obliged to you - it is the one
 with the
 Cross - X -

+ contains I
 think about 200
 acres. The steamboat
 channel runs close
 along side - high steep rocks
 + deep water - It lies I
 think South or a little
 South east from
 Rat Portage - I
 think 2 1/2 or 3 miles
 off - a Frenchman
 who was working on a
 small island near
 which a half breed
 was building a large
 house
 Log house Rat Portage
 S. from Rat
 Portage house

with me + showed me the island -

Yrs sincerely
 S. J. Wilson



Dear Sir



July 20 1888

Very many thanks for y^r kind and
 encouraging letter just received. I am so
 glad that y^r Sunday School will undertake
 the support of $\frac{1}{2}$ a boy. Our plan is for
 the contributions to be made quarterly in
 advance. Will it suit you to date y^r
 contributions from the 1st June last - or would
 it suit you better to begin Sept 1st? Dec 1,
 March 1, June 1, & Sept 1 - are the days that
 the quarterly payments are due. I think I
 will give you $\frac{1}{2}$ of a Sioux boy whom I brought
 down from the N. West this Spring. His age is
 about 13 & his name is Jesse Eastman. As
 boys generally grow so fast & alter in size we
 find it is best now we send measure. Clothing
 to suit fit. White boy of 13 or 14 will do very well
 for him - if all a pair fit they can be exchanged for that
 of another.

Yours truly
 S. A. Wilson

I think I had
 better come by train
 if his home is there
 of Rev. J. Jacob's work
 meet him & send
 him on to
 would you like to
 have pictures -
 Calico 6 x 6 feet
 Photo with 1 - 1
 I will send them myself.



Handwritten note: "Handwritten note" (faint)

July 27/86

My dear Mr. Hessemer

I have spoken to Willie - & he
 would like to go with you - He is a dear
 little fellow with very bright eyes - about 12 years
 old - & we shall give him a good outfit of
 clothing - & full paraphernalia to dress up as a
 Wild Indian - He is a capital little fellow
 & not at all shy - I will send you
 \$50 towards his expenses - directly I
 hear from you that you will take him - either
 by letter or telegraph - Also please tell
 plainly about the trains for him to get to you
 - Had he better come by Prairie or Colf. wood?
 S.P.P. is doing well for our homes - perhaps
 you will be able to induce them to help us - CCCS
 contributes to my salary as one of the missionaries of
 A.G. Dis. but no direct money sent from the homes -
 I do not get the photos the man is too slow - but will send
 them to you & Report to L. Willie - Yours as ever, S. J. Wilson

July 28/88

Dear Mr. Warner

I will take your two girls
 aged 13 & 10 - provided you sign
 an agreement for them to stay five years -
 & you must pay for their ticket coming
 up here \$2.25 each - You can
 show this letter to Mr. Mackelvey - &
 he will see you sign the agreement - If
 the girls are to come they must come at
 once - I cannot keep the place open
 for them -

Yrs truly

S. J. Wilson



July 29 1886

A. M. Mason
 Bank of Montreal, Toronto
 Sir

London you please

as follows -

Ad. Departmt No 26460 -	\$150.00
Bank Comm -	1150 - 88-93
Union Bank L.C. -	4625 - 25-00
	<hr/>
	\$261.93

at which please credit of Indian
 Homes acct.

Yours truly
 S. J. Wilson



July 31/83

The Managers Bank of Montreal
 Sir

I have just received you of the 27th inst. notifying me that my bill on London Exp. for £:08.15.6 is protested owing to my father's death.

As there may be a little delay about it - I send you deposit Receipt for \$600 (with int.) No. 66507 of date March 27th 1883. which please turn over to my Account (Indian Money) acct.

As I have already drawn several cheques on the above bill of Exchange - I hope the bill will all be paid as it comes in.

Yrs truly
 S. J. Wilson

Mr. D. C. ...
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August 7/88

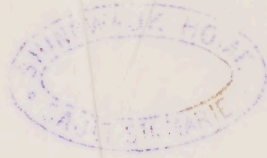
Mr. Kellogg, Esq.
 Dear Sir

Your letter of the 4th is just received. Isaac Lar... has said nothing to me about having received any money direct. The vacation is too far advanced now for any more pupils to go home.

Will you kindly ascertain for me from David Osage - whether he is anxious to return again to Genief Coll: School Port Hope - & if so - whether I can rely on him to meet the cost of clothing & travel expenses - as it is only on this condition that I can send him back for another term.

The way it stands is this - the cost for board & tuition is \$200 - against which I have a balance of my disbursements for \$120 - My eldest boy has left school - the question is whether I should send another boy of my own age 10 or David Osage who has been a boarder school in London boys

\$75 per annum for D. Osabun education at the
 Shigwank. This amt is available for him at
 Port Hope - leaving me \$45 to pay out of my own
 pocket. As my own boy is so young - I am
 willing to do this - but cannot undertake any further
 expense. D. Bettman has charged
 me \$8 for D. Osabun trav. exp. - This should
 not have been done - as I told D. O. distinctly he
 must get money from home to pay his trav. expenses -
 and he must refund me this \$8 before I do
 any more. I would not to Board do himself
 & assist D. O. in paying his education. D. Bettman
 makes any help of him - & he came out well in
 the examination so that it is a pity he should
 go off back. However you will understand
 that I wish to secure myself from incurring any
 expense in the matter beyond the \$45. Will
 you kindly see about this for me - & I wd like to
 hear definitely as soon as possible. as if it can
 be arranged for David to go - I will send my boy -
 we have to go him ready. I am very glad
 to have got Joe & Meluzin back. I have had Mel. looked up
 2 weeks - & find him - I am (waiting) my will.
 Yrs sincerely
 S. P. Wilson



Aug 27/88

Dear Jacks.

I am writing to Mr. Beckelung
 about David Oberly - He has been at Fair,
 Coll: School Port Hope. I am willing to
 have him again in place of one of our own
 children - provided he find his own clothes &
 pay his own trans. expenses. Can he do this? -
 or will the Band do something towards it? It will
 cost me as it is about \$45 out of my own
 pocket. David was prepared for
 confinement just before he left here - He said
 the father would have him confined as I prepared
 him - & he would have been confined here at our
 Chapel - but left for Port Hope just before - Will
 you kindly see him & talk with him. I hope
 to go to keep with the Methodists. I scarcely felt
 justified in sending him back to Port Hope - but
 kept on & I did - & Dr. Pethum is anxious for
 him to come back - Kindly see about this as soon
 as possible that we know - yours truly
 R. J. Wilson