

A Brief Statement of the present position
of the Indian Homes at Sault Ste Marie.

I make no fresh appeal for funds.

But I ask you kindly to spare a few moments to read
through carefully, and I hope sympathetically, the accompanying
Report of our work for the past year, ~~also to note~~ the following

1.	In June 1884	we had	32 boys	-	22 girls	-	total	54
	1885	"	43	"	21	"	"	64
	1886	"	47	"	23	"	"	70
	1887	"	53	"	27	"	"	80

Our Homes were never in a more hopeful & prosperous
condition than in the summer of 1887.

The location of Branch or Receiving Homes is not yet
definitely decided on, so many different contingencies having
to be considered, but we hope if the way opens to have two
or more of them. Towards the Receiving Home at
Sault Ste Marie, we have \$2000 in hand & the offer of a free grant
of land. We want to build another at Prairie, among the
Rocky Mountains, and another one in the neighborhood of
Serris.

3. We had very much hoped that ere this something would have
been done towards enlarging the Shipwreck Home. Our increasing
numbers require it, and we desire to carry out our plan
of making it a large central Protestant Institution for Indian
children.

4. Every thing just now as regards Our Homes is at a complete
standstill.

5. We have been overdrawing our resources, relying in the hope
of a government grant & liberal gifts from our friends to meet
all this new work on foot, & these hopes having failed, we are
obliged to retrench.

6. I am obliged to part with my assist. Superintendent, being
unable to pay his salary, and must reduce the number of

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 my pupils to about 40 boys & 20 girls. At the beginning
 the year our maintenance fund was overdrawn \$687-
 & now shows a deficit of \$1100.

The Indian Department has written me word - that it
 will be unable to make a rec. arrangement for further
 assistance towards the Shipwrecked Home or towards the
 establishment of branch institutions in connection therewith.

We therefore sink back into the position we were in
 about 5 years ago; and all our projects of enlargement
 and extension seem to be for the present blighted.

A question forces itself on my mind - How is it that in
 the United States, notwithstanding all that has been said
 of the cruel & unjust treatment of the Indians, they have
 some 32 large institutions for Indian children, including
 the Carlisle Institution in Pennsylvania for 600 pupils,
 which receives \$80,000 a year from the United States
 government and \$10,000 a year from the United States
 public?

- 10 And another question forces itself upon me - How is it
 that our Canadian government has within the last few
 years erected an ^{Indian} Institution at a cost of \$25,000 near
 Cobourg in the N.W. for the Roman Catholics, and another
 Institution at a cost of \$25,000 at Fort Qui'Appelle for the
 Roman Catholics, & is about to build another Institution for
 Indian girls at the same place for the Roman Catholics, and
 last year gave \$10,000 towards rebuilding the Roman Catholic
 Institution on Manitoulin Island, and yet has no money
 to spare for the Shipwrecked Home, which has been struggling
 against so many difficulties during the past 14 years?
 Is it the will of this country that the Indians show land we are

Dear Mr. Matthews -

I enclose you - a brief
statement of a weekly magazine
which I am going to bring out in
the interest of Indian education and
civilization. Some faint fault will
be for which as I do, recognize the
work of the Protestant bodies - but
unless we agree to work together - the
is recognized each body's work, & give
against one common foe - the Church
of Rome - I feel sure we are in
great danger of losing the Indian altogether -
The Indian Dept seems to me to be
already under R.C. Control -

Now unless you are opposed by
protest - would you be willing to work
with me to the extent - for a magazine
to be published at the same office as the
one now referred to in the change to

will suit us - I have already
written from a publisher in New York -
if you approve as like a teacher
from N. publisher on the above subject

- the magazine is the Bostonian
I would like to see a publication
'Saver of day' - At first I
intended to put out a double copy
circulate it - & try to get a substitute
list filled before long now - the
object of the magazine is to carry
division from press - & by interest
for the denomination beside the

Church - I think will not in any way
check with you - The Ag. M.
how I am going to - as I must to
lead all my energies towards Indian
work -

Yours sincerely

E. H. Miller

Sheepscote House
 Lambeth, Surrey
 July 25/87

The Editor of the Mail -

Sir
 You have already several times
 very kindly befriended our work here among the Indian
 Children - & are aware that I have been trying to induce
 our Government - to do more to help us - which after
 the years hard work I think I ought to do - but they
 seem to be giving all to the Roman Catholics.

Will you be so good as to read through the
 enclosed circular which I have just had printed & am
 distributing widely enclosed with our Annual Report -

And will you also glance through our Annual
 Report -

Then - if you are willing to notice the matter in
 your columns - I need scarcely say how indebted
 I shall feel to you - as in no other way - could I
 make the position in which we are now placed
 widely known.

Trusting I am not depending too much on your
 generosity -

Yours truly

James Smith

Edward F. Wilson

Aug 5th 7

Dr. Craig W. Nichols

Dear Sir

I would like to hear from you
 whether you are still desirous of joining me in my
 work - & if so whether you would be willing to commence
 on a very small salary with prospect of increase as
 our funds may admit. Of late we have been over-
 drawn on resources real & hypothetical of an increased labor
 cost - this has failed us, & we are now obliged to
 retrench. I am obliged to part with my assistant
 Supp. who has been receiving \$300 and board - as I am
 unable for the present to meet his salary. We are also
 reducing the number of our pupils. It will be very
 hard for me to manage alone as there is such a multiplication
 of duties - my wife & boys work, clothing, accounts, letters,
 correspondence, mail, A.M. work &c. - An earnest
 desire is at my right hand to assist in all the
 above is what I want - but unfortunately I cannot at present
 guarantee any definite salary. Our Olds work is in
 his hands & I feel sure that he will see the way for
 me. Please write freely in return.

Yrs sincerely
 S. P. Wilson

My dear Mr. Roswell -

Kindly excuse my writing on the first
sheet of our new letter paper. I thought perhaps
you would like to see it.

Your letter of August 7th has just reached me
- & gives me entire satisfaction. I think the
ideas are very much the same as my own. There
are times I believe when it is necessary to stand
still - & this is precisely a case in point. It
is no rate as you say we are not likely to lose
anything by putting up the house.

I wonder if the Bishop would agree for Mr.
Irwin to move in the fall. What it would be
used as the ground for - with an eye to our
predecessor's intention of doing

responsible for the whole thing.
I don't want you to get a
me to "i" he has been talking
I don't know how long he
let me in "I" can be done it
I'm sure his reasons I shall explain
investigation

The clause in your letter "why
should be allowed to go through our
rooms & do just as they like" reflects
on my rules but on your own part
if you had attended to your duty
in regard to the boys - neither the
St. Mary's which have been
could have happened.

Yours truly
E. A. Mendenhall

Aug 15/89

- regard to funds. I have a deposit receipt for
 300 in the Bank of Montreal at 2 per cent. & can
 get this out any time - but it is the only resource
 we have to fall back upon - Our funds will I like
 pick up - but as doubtless you know it is sometimes
 convenient to have a second fund to borrow from sometimes
 in case of need. If I send you the note \$900 -
 you should by any chance get into a fix with our
 maintenance fund - you would I expect let me
 draw temporarily on the balance of your \$1000 which
 would remain in your hands.

As to form for deed. if it is the Church property &
 I supported - the form must be got from the Bishop of
 Rupert Land. As I suppose we act as trustee - It
 should be provided that no part may be leased sold or
 with the approval & consent of Rev. G. F. Wilson or his successor
 & that the money resulting from rent or sale be employed
 for educational work among the Indians. I should
 think that would be sufficient security. Your letter
 seems to imply that the land is to be deeded to me personally -
 this seems is not necessary - Better to deed it right over
 to the Diocese - with the above provisions.

I am sorry Jesse is not coming back. After deducting
 the value of Institute cloth which he took away I have
 \$7⁵⁰ standing to his credit - for which I enclose you a
 cheque - also \$4²⁵ order for tools - I think a line
 from you to Robert Kerr (see pass. of - Winnipeg) would bring order for a
 fare ticket for Ben - He promised always to let me know - or if you can
 see him ticket does -
 your sincere friend
 G. F. Wilson

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Chief Justice
 Court in Session

Aug 15/87

Rev. J. H. Upson
 Dear Sir

In reply to yours received a few days since - my anxiety for that that the U.S. Govt. contribute \$167 per capita for support of pupils in Indian Institutions is the Indian Department Report published in Washington - I was also told so by the authorities in charge of the Institution, which I visited.

I was surprised & rather amused that you have fallen in with my little paper "Our Forest Children" - You will have no doubt that I am aiming right & mean to bring the Indians under Protestant influence.

Your missionaries have done nobly - have been far more self sacrificing than any of ours on this continent - & as men I respect them - but I abhor the teaching of your Church - & would be glad that a thousand of your priests would follow in the footsteps of Melancthon & refuse to be any longer tyrannized over by Rome - then might we united join hands in endeavoring humbly & faithfully to do not the Pope's work - but the work of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ - You will kindly excuse my writ this & believe that though a Protestant Minister I have within me a very earnest desire to do God's work.

Yours faithfully
 J. H. Wilson

By the Black... in...

Sault Ste Marie.

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Dear Mr. Brown

I am very sorry that I missed seeing you when you were here - I am sure the 3 boys must have been delighted to see you.

You will be glad I think to hear that we have already commenced building the Elk Horn Institution - I expect I have it ready before winter.

Until however the poor place is a grant toward the maintenance it will be impossible to commence with any Indian children - I am sorry I have also from the Bd^{rs} of Rupert Land & others had a great deal of trouble.

I have just written Mr. Ross with suggests that the building might be used for the present simply as a parsonage.

It will do well for you with the Bishop to appoint you that mission - as a first step - & then as the way

opens up I will be glad to see you in person - I am sure you will find it well worth your while to see me - I am sure you will find it well worth your while to see me - I am sure you will find it well worth your while to see me -

I am sure you will find it well worth your while to see me - I am sure you will find it well worth your while to see me - I am sure you will find it well worth your while to see me -

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Sault Ste. Marie
August 19 1887

The Managers Bank of Montreal
Srore
Sir

I return you deposit
Receipt for \$800 - which please credit
with int. to my Indian Home acct &
advise me -

Yrs truly
Edward J. Wilson

Ed. J. Wilson Esq
Sault Ste. Marie

The enclosed ticket
is for Money Peter's and J
William's Island - I pay for the
fare on boat from Sault Ste. Marie
to Pointe - Will you kindly
advise if it is to be paid
by the public - Also receive
and what Kabogah - I'll pay
for the ticket - Will you kindly
advise if all returns on same -

Yrs truly
E. J. Wilson

Shirleybank House
 Lamb. - Pt. Maria
 Aug 19/87

Mr. P. Roper & Co.

Dear Sir

The Medicines &c ordered from
 you which you have sent me account
 of - were unpacked & put away & I
 was about in the night week - & I have only
 just had time to look them over - I find
 the following items missing - Surgeon's scissors,
 2 pair of forceps, 2 needles - Your packer
 I think must have omitted to put them in
 as they were unpacked to case - & says they were not
 sent - Please send at once as I am in

Yours truly -
 S. L. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Ontario

August 25th 1887

The Secretaries of the
Col. & Cons. Church Society

Dear Sirs -

You are aware from my
former Communications & Reports which have
been sent to you - that I have for some time
contemplated, if it should please God, the extension
of my work among the Indian Children - &
the establishment of Boarding Houses in connection
with our Shipwreck Home at various distant
points. With a view to do this I have
during the last 3 summers travelled a good deal
in the North West & visited among the Wild Indians
of the Slave Cree, Athabasca, Blackfoot & other
tribes. It was the result of these travels - how
little is being done for these people of the Churches
of England - or indeed of any Protestant Denomination
- Protestants seem so poor & tired of Indian work
- with a spirit I suppose of selfishness - seem to
lack the energies & provide means of grace for
the poor Indians - while leaving the poor Indians

with
from England
of the same
of a couple of
Indians and
at present to
them?

uncared for. The result is that the Romanists
 seem to be having it all their own way - & have
 gained such influence with the Dominion Government
 - that large Institutions for Indian Children have
 several points in the North West been built entirely
 at the expense of the Govt. & placed in charge of
 the Romanists. One near Blackfoot crossing,
 where the Rev. J. W. Lewis, C. M. S. is laboring, cost
 \$25,000, and yet there is not a Blackfoot child
 in it. The Blackfoot nation 6000 in number
 are all heathen - & will not send their children
 to the Roman Catholics to be educated. There
 there is another Govt. Institution near Two Appelles
 which also cost \$25,000 & is in the hands of the
 Roman Catholics. I think there ought
 to be a protest made against government money
 being lavished as largely on Roman Catholic
 Institutions for Indian Children. While old
 established Institutions like the Wesleyan & others
 receive scarcely any support. But the best
 protest & belief would be for Church people to
 arouse themselves to action & to determine that the
 poor Indians shall not be allowed to turn from

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Hepanism. & Romanism - but shall be taught
 the truth as it is in Jesus. It is of no use
 I feel to approach the Government or to ask help
 towards a Protestant work - which Protestants continue
 so cold & apathetic as regards the Indians.

It seems to me that I almost stand alone
 in Canada - as regards Indian work. I
 cannot feel that any of the Bishops are really
 deeply interested in Indian work. Most of them
 are so short of funds for carrying on work among
 the scattered white settlers that they feel they can
 do very little for Indian Missions. We have
 no Bishop Whipple or Bishop Hare in Canada
 - no Champion of the Indian Cause. Hence
 the work is allowed to dwindle - & I feel at
 times almost hopeless. It has been a
 hard struggle for me keeping up the work of
 my two Homes - just now as you will see
 in the printed statement enclosed our Maintenance
 fund is so low that we have reduced our
 numbers & economize in every way possible.
 As it is I am determined, God helping me, to
 carry out my plans for extension, - We are even now

Commeing to build a Branch Home at Elkhorn, Manitoba. It will be a small Institution for about 16 pupils. We have money enough to build it, but not ~~enough~~ towards maintenance & no promise of help from Government.

Now - I desire to ask whether your Society will take this up - Whether you will give an Annual grant of say £100 towards the support of the Elkhorn Institution - The Rev. Mr. Irvine who until now has been in charge of the C.M.S. Station at Lac Seul, Manitoba, - is ready to take the post of Superintendent & give the Home if only I can get support. The Bishop ^{of Rupert Land} approves, but can guarantee no help. The people in Elkhorn will assist in the salary - as Mr. I. would act also as their pastor.

I desire also to suggest that your Society should take up "the Indian work in Canada" as a special object, & that you should establish a special fund for prosecuting it - just as the C.M.S. has a special fund for the Central African work &c.

Will your Committee think it over - You see that my position is - what are difficulties are - what the objects is - & how great is the work which if God help me I want to do - Yours faithfully
J. Wilson

I am bound to say that the Rev. Mr. Blackford has been in the same position, & that the Bishop of Rupert Land has been in the same position, & that the people in Elkhorn will assist in the salary - as Mr. I. would act also as their pastor.

Dear John

Your engagement with
her was from June 1873 & she
1873. No re-engagement
has been made. I think it
best to decide at once - Not
you know me at that date
viz - Sept 1873.

Yrs friend
S. J. Wilson

Sept 12 1873
Aug 22/73

W. H. Plummer & Co

Dear Sir

Enclosed you

P. O. O. -	1 - 10
"	12 - 50
"	18 - 75
Clears -	68 - 20
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	\$ 100 - 55

Please credit "John's Money"

Yrs Obedt
S. J. Wilson

Sept 12
Aug 22/73

Dear Mr. Wilson,
Chy 22/87

Mr. Walton

Sr. Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of \$7 due from Mr. Chubina for the winter 1887 - detained by her son Joseph.

As you say Mr. Chubina is so poor I send you \$2 as a gift - then from myself - I shall be happy to help her again at some future time if she is really in want - but I do not want a big fellow like Joseph to get the able now I work for her.

The \$10 Mr. \$87 would have been cancelled if Joseph had been sent back & fill out his terms as per agreement -

Yrs. faithfully

E. H. Wilson

Dear Mr. Wilson

Many thanks for the

remittance of \$10 for A. M. S.

I am afraid that notes of

confidence from Pappy stand - &

Mr. W. Swindle will not be long

to forward them

I do not mind. The A. M. S. notes

if certain will not be before the

12 days - and I do not see

how I could improve it even to

with some alterations from

clergy & from clubs - as Mr. Lloyd

writes -

Yours truly

E. H. Wilson

Resincerely

E. H. Wilson

Chy 22/87

Amherst Mass
 Dec 22 1847

J. W. Berners Esq
 Dear Sir

A letter was received from you dated May 7th while I was away in the North West - enclosing a statement of Jacob Waukey - I have not had time to attend to it before -

The statement that Jacob Waukey makes in regard to work 3 months on farm & receiving insufficient food are not true. During the 2 months vacation he was working on farm most of the time & received pay on doing so - & at a higher rate than is given to pupils for their work in the American Institute which I have visited. The sum of \$9 80 was charged against Jacob Waukey for cloth which he took with him when he ran away - & I consider that we have full claim on him for that amount considering that he broke the agreement by absconding.

I find however that we have in our books \$8 25 stand. This credit is in Savings Bank acct. Mr. Mitchell failed to call by attention to this when he gave me Jacob's cloth acct. & I also overlooked it. As the amounts are so nearly the same I am willing to set one against the other - & do cancel Jacob's account

your cloth -

As Mr. Habbos not having returned I must ask you to collect \$5³⁵ from his parent or guardian & remit me as soon as possible.

Miss David Macpeter - paid us a visit here while I was absent from home. & took her two daughters Mary Ann & Alice home for vacation - the price was however been sent when the holidays began but as chief had only sent in the money required - I enclose you tickets for their return journey - which Mr. Macpeter has paid me for - & there will be 50 cents more which I shall pay to the party when they return.

William Bolson also paid us a visit - having said as he said that his boy Wesley was going about without a shirt on his back. I enquired into this - & found that another boy one day (while I was away) took Wesley's shirt while playing - & it seems Wesley took it off & used it away. As soon as Mr. Mitchell found the boy without a shirt & he of course gave him another. The boy also had a new suit of clothes given him for his birthday.

I told Mr. Bolson plainly that I thought it was best for the boys & ungrateful for parents to come & look round at an Institution & pick out little faults which are liable to be corrected at a school - without blinding their eyes to all the good that we are trying to do for their children. While I have become disgusted with the Indians on account of their attitude. I shall be obliged if you will read this to the Indian friends. S. A. Wilson

Leah's name
 Aug 27/07

My dear Mr. Lewis

I have had very little time this fore
 of me to the Blackfoot language - but have made
 an incomplete dictionary from the words I gathered
 from you - & the R.C. school books. Which I
 use when trying to talk with the two boys. What I
 want very much - is a few texts of scripture -
 Would you kindly give me the translations of
 John 3. 16, Rom 5. 8, 2 Cor 5. 21, 1 John 1. 7 (last part)
 I would try then to get the boys to learn these verses both in
 Blackfoot & English - Also if you can
 find time - will you send me translation of the
 following -

Do you want to learn about God?

It is bad to steal, to lie, to swear, to be angry, to commit fornication.
 God hates sin.

If we love God we shall hate sin.

God loves us. God wants you to love Him.

Jesus Christ died to save us.

They put nails through his hands & feet.

They put a crown of thorns on his head.

Jesus was quite good but he died for our sins.

If you love Jesus you will always be happy.

I want all your people to become Christians.

I want you to love God in your heart.

A Christian is not afraid to die.

If we love God we shall be quite happy after we die.

All the people in heaven are quite happy.

No one is sick or poor or wicked in heaven.

If you love Jesus you will go to heaven.

The devil is all the time tempting us to sin.

We must fight against the devil.

Jesus will help us if we look to Him.

These or similar sentences -

also very short accounts of

Jesus making the blind see

" raising the widow's son

" Lazarus

" receiving little children.

" healing the sick of the palsy

" Crucifixion

" Resurrection

" Ascension.

Peter walking on the sea.

I am afraid I am asking a great deal - but
remember it is for your boys - so in one way
a part of your legitimate work -

Yours sincerely

V. J. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Aug 25/09

The Manager
Fronts Express Co.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 20th
ult. I shall probably defer bringing out the magazine
issue of it 'Our Forest Children' for the present.

I would like to hear from you at what rate
you could supply me cuts of 'pioneer work' of
2 1/2 of my water color sketches say of 8 1/2 inches
in size to be published in sketch book form.

I am sending a number of them to Mrs. Stone,
of Jameson Ave., Parkdale, & will ask her to
let you see them before returning them to me.

I would like also your opinion whether such a
publication would be acceptable. I shall have cuts
also of our Indian Homes - & short descriptions of
each sketch on the alternate leaves.

Could you handle the sketches as if an owner, or would
you send the copies in boxes?

Yrs faithfully
L. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Aug 25/87

My dear Mr. Stone

I am sending you sketches as follows:-
as I have no time to make copies - Please return
them - flat as sent - when done with. Also
kindly let the Managers of the Toronto Literary Co.
Cor. King & York Streets see them, as I have written
to him about printing some of my sketches & "process
work" for publication.

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|-----|---------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 1 | Old Sun's tepees - | 9 | Rev. J. Macdonnell Mission |
| 2 | Mr. Linn's house & school | 10 | Cats River - Lewis Indian |
| ✓ 3 | Ration day (Blackfeet) | 11 | " (Rev. Mr. Duxman) |
| 4 | " " | | part of Pitt Rivers. |
| ✓ 5 | Blackfeet moving camp. | 12 | Fort Du'Appelle |
| 6 | Cree Indians. | 13 | Elkhorn ✓ |
| 7 | Crowfoot & Old Sun ✓ | 14 | Wauwanochee pits |
| ✓ 8 | Saulteaux Camp | 15 | Lewis River, Elkhorn ✓ |
| | | 16 | One of Mr. Renison's Indians |

Yours very sincerely

Edward G. Wilson

August 26 7

Dear Jacks-

I am sending you some of our Annual Reports & copies of Forest Children - in hope that you will kindly send them out to friends -

Our funds are very low at present - & our work consequently crippled which seems a pity. The strength was going on as well -

It would help me very much if you could kindly give me a list of people written in England or Canada to whom I might send Reports & Circulars. We must try & get our work more widely known & then we shall get more help -

You will be glad I think to hear that we have already commenced building the Branch Home at Elkhorn in Manitoba. It will be finished I think before winter - & will accommodate 16 pupils - but we cannot open it till we get more funds -

Yrs sincerely
E. J. Williams

How do you like the paper?

Aug 26th

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Rev. N. P. Yates

Dear Sir

Your post card received - Above
 you will see my correct address - & I shall
 have pleasure in sending you the "Oly. for Missions"
 news - also a little paper which we publish specially
 on behalf of our Home - called "Our Home Children".
 The price of the former is 25cts a year the second
 10cts - but ^{we} distribute a large number of each gratis -

I enclose you one of our 'Oly' papers - & am sending
 you also our last Annual Report & printed Statement -

Our funds are low at present & our work consequently
 crippled but with your blessing we hope we find you,
 we would be glad to help us. If you could give me a
 few new addresses to whom I might send reports &
 circulars it would help us.

Yours or faithfully

C. F. Wilson

Sept 26th 7

P. H. Buchanan Esq
 Detroit

I have already written to C. W.

Spencer of the C. P. R. asking for his lowest rates
 to convey myself & 10 Indian boys from Arizona Mills
 to Montreal & back - to reach Montreal Friday night or
 Saturday morning (Oct 1) - & to leave again on Tuesday.

I am afraid I can make no definite promise
 yet as to our coming. Our pupils are all away for
 holidays & school does not reassemble until Sept 5 -
 Several of our good singers & speakers have left - & the
 whole thing will have to be reorganized. My assist^t supt
 also is leaving me Oct 1st & I shall be single handed
 with all the management, as yet & to attend to. Still I

do ^{not} like to miss this opportunity - I will make an effort to
 come. I write it once so that you may know
 it is my intention, if possible - to bring 10 boys - &
 remain for a week or Monday night Oct 3. I
 will let you know more definitely after our pupils
 are all back & the call comes from the C. P. R. Can
 you arrange to accommodate the 10 boys?

Yrs sincerely
 S. J. Wilson

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C. W. Spencer Esq.

Dear Sir

I have been invited to bring a detachment
of my soldiers to Montreal to attend "the Children's
jubilee Mission service & parade" on the first of October
next.

The low state of our funds will prevent my accepting the
invitation unless special facilities for travel are afforded
us.

It would be a great benefit & kindness if you could
allow myself & 10 of my Indian boys of various ages
to travel over your line from Alyona Mills to Montreal
& back at as low a rate as you can possibly
allow.

We should want to reach Montreal Friday night Sept 30th
or early Saturday morning - & to leave again for home the
following Tuesday, Oct 4th.

I trust you will give the matter your kind consideration
& let me hear as soon as possible.

Yours very truly

Edward Wilson

Aug^m 26th 7

Dear Mr. Lewis -

The 2 boys yesterday - had a pretty
 deal to say to me which I could not make out -
 at least in a last resort I got a prescription
 which tells me the enclosed letter to you - I am
 very doubtful that you will understand it -
 as I could not tell what they were driving at - I
 hope it is not that they are home sick & want to
 go home - If it ~~is~~ be this I hope you will
 write & cheer them up - & tell them to wait
 make up their minds to remain till Spring - The
 boys will be all returning from holidays next week &
 school will be beginning again - Perhaps if I think
 there is not room for any more school. They
 is not so at all in case of money - so I hope
 it is all right - I have been surprised that they
 seem to be so happy & contented - they are both of
 them perfectly well - & I hope will keep so. We are
 expecting Mr. Brown to call & see us on his way up to you -
 (Mr. Brown)

C. J. Wilson

Aug 26th 7

Mr Augustin Bessons

My dear friend

I am sending your boy Ned home to you with this letter - so that he may have a talk with you. I am very fond of Ned - & would like to see him stay 2 or 3 year more - & perhaps get work in some office or store - but he has been very troublesome in many ways of late - We have had keys taken out of doors - & cupboards broken open - & several things stolen - I cannot tell whether it is Ned that does them things, but it seems to me that he is mixed up with it. Also he does not do his work well - he keeps running away to play instead of working. I think that now he has been 5 years with us he ought to be a better boy - & to set the other smaller boys a good example. I wish you to talk with him and advise him. If you wish me to take him back I will make up his mind to be a good obedient boy I will take him again - but I do not wish to have him here if he is going to be a bad boy. I may perhaps come down on the Steam Yacht next week. If I don't come send the children on the Steam boat.

If I come - I shall come
to Rod's Mills.

Yrs sincerely
S. B. Wilson

August 27 ?

J. J. Mason Esq
Dear Sir

Law being traced up - some money
sent to our homes - through Mr. Keen of Toronto - &
yourself. & Rev. L. H. Kirby of Collingwood -

viz - amount last winter ——— 9/18-75

April 19/87 ——— 18-75

Easter offering ——— 17-26

When you remit money to us - you name only the direction
from which it comes - Consequently it is impossible for
us to know whether or not we receive the amounts due from
our regular subscribers - I don't think we have received
either of the last 2 items - I have no proof that we received
even the first -

Yours truly

S. H. Wilton

Augth 27 7

Mr. Peter Jacobs

Dear Sir

I have been expecting to hear from you - with money to pay for your little girl's share of her home for holidays - but now it is nearly the end of the vacation so I suppose you do not want her to go home -

I enclose you a ticket for Riggins to return to us on the Parnia boat - Friday evening Sept 27. I think it will be the "Ontario" - & all the Parnia & Walpole girls will be coming back then -

I am afraid I will not be able to take your little boy whom you wrote to me about at present. Perhaps I may be able to take him next spring.

Dora & Caroline & Miss Anthony are all quite well -

Yours truly

S. A. Milner

Aug 29 7

My dear Madam

You were speaking about French leaving
 of the Revue. It strikes me that Irwine
 might be available for this winter. I propose to put
 him in charge of our Elk Horn Institution which
 is now building as soon as we can secure
 funds for its maintenance - but that cannot be
 at present. It may necessitate my going to
 the bank in the Spring. For my part I would
 like to have Irwine as resident at Garden Revue so
 as to be somewhat of him. & I thought it might perhaps
 suit you to get him there as a stop gap.

Yours sincerely
 G. F. Wilson

Irwin is still I think at Lac Seul
 but determines on leaving that mission
 on acct of his no medical aid near.

Aug 29th 7

My dear Mr. Rowwell

Enclose you a cheque for \$900
for the Elkhan Home - also 2 notes for
\$1000 as requested - Please let me have
a full note for the bal. after paying for the
build.

Mr. March has just sent me \$25 to send
Saut. Wasi home. It is disappointing that
taking the boys away like this - but I have experienced
this sort of thing before.

If any of them make statements that they have not been
squarely dealt with about money sent them from
this home - please let me know - & I will send
a full statement of what was received for each & what
paid to them - I will not suffer false reports to
be circulated without proving their falsity - The boys
were well fed well clothed well cared for kindly treated -
all the time they were with us - & I don't think any of them
- unless I misunderstand - really wished to leave till their parents
persuaded them

Yrs sincerely
S. E. Wilson

Aug^r 29 7

For Mr. March Esq.
Dear Sir

I have received yr letter enclosing
\$25 to pay for Francis' return home -

On another sheet you will find a full statement
of John Thwaites, Aunt Francis, Joseph Bens, & Luqaman
acts - showing what has been received & what paid to them.

I shall be much obliged if either you or Mr. Burgess
can see the parents, & explain the whole matter to them - as
it is both amazing & wrong that the boys sh^d make statements
showing that they have been in any way unjustly dealt with.

They may have received the money which I did not
know about. I think some of them did receive a registered
letter before Nov 1846 - but I did not assume control
of any of their money before that time. My intention for
taking the control is that of boys get large amounts to do as they please
with them, & squander it, to buy forbidden things, & ac-
cidentally about have it stolen from one another.

As to the Savings Bank of - the parents must understand
that boys are allowed to earn money while here depends on
their good conduct - keep the Rules. If boys behave
well they may get from 10 to 20 cts a week each & 30, 40, &

to a work put in to Savio Bank for him accord-
 ing to value of his work. This Savio bank money
 is laid out for them in tools suitable for their trade when
 they leave. If they leave the Institution before the stipulated
 time it is forfeited.

Don Thumbar having remained his full term - one year -
 received his Savio Bank money (the two at leaving a trade)
Srayamani - it has been explained to me that his mother
 is agreed for him to remain one year - I gave him order
 for tools for his Savio Bank of -

Ben - will forfeit his S.B. money if he does not
 return - & will also forfeit cost of return journey -
 as his father is agreed with me for him to stay 3 years.

Wasi - if he ~~perishes~~ ^{perishes} this fall & will forfeit his S.B.
 money - & will also have ^{to forfeit cost of return} ~~to forfeit cost of return~~ train ticket 9.35
 steamboat ticket 2.50 total \$12.35 out of the \$25
 sent - as his mother is agreed for him to stay 3
 years.

The balance of Jesso's money I have already sent
 to Mr. Roswell.

I shall wait to hear from you in reply to this before
 sending Wasi home - I think it is exceedingly foolish
 of the parents to take their children away - All the boys
 were making good progress at school & getting on well
 at their trades - But I will be fair & square
 with them - & if they prefer to leave the Institution & have their
 children home instead of letting them stay the 3 years
 they can do so.

Yours faithfully
 E. H. Wilson

Annal Wasi

To credit in Savings Bank - being money
received as wages on machine - besides
what was paid him - Cash - \$6.25

Boy's ledger

To cash from home - Nov 8/86 6.00
Pay cash drawn Nov 15 1.00
" " 22 1.50
" " 31 1.
Feb 14/87 1.00
" " 1.50
Mar 7 1.00 6.00

To cash from home - May 27/87 9.00
Pay cash drawn May 16 - 2.00
June 27 3.
" order paid David Jul 11 1.
" paid Howard " 2.
" cash " Jul 18 1. 9.00

John Shewster will also have money from ... 5.09
To credit Savings Bank - work done for ... 5.09

Boy's ledger

To cash from home. Nov 8/88 15.00
Pay cash drawn Nov 15 3.00
" " 22 2.
" " 29 2.
Dec 31 2.50
Feb 14/89 1.
" collection - April 4. - 50
" " 18 - 4. 15.00

To cash from home - May 18/89 10.00
Savings Bank a/c - transferred 5.09
lent by Wasi (as above) 2.00
Pay cash drawn June 4 3.00
" ticket at home 2.50
" " " " Jul 10 - 11.50 17.09

Mayamari

To carrying in Paris Bank as Carpenter
besides about 25 cts a week bank cash - \$ 4 - 25
Paid on Mr Rowwell for Carpenter tools - 4 - 25

Boys' ledger

To cash from home	Nov. 17 / 86			20 - 00
By cash drawn	Nov. 22 -	4 - 00		
" "	" 29 -	2 -		
" "	Dec. 31 -	2 -		
" ticket -	Feb. 7 / 87 -		50	
" cash	" 14	1 -		
" "	Mar. 14 -	2 -		
" "	April 11 -	8 - 50		<u>20 - 00</u>
To cash from home	May 16 / 87 -		10 -	
" "	June 27 "		13 -	
				<u>23 - 00</u>
By cash drawn -	May 16 -	3 - 00		
" "	" 30 -	1 -		
ticket Steamboat -		2 - 50		
" cash paid him	July 11 -	16 - 50		<u>28 - 00</u>

4) Joseph Brown

To carrying in Paris Bank, besides
cash - as Black, milk - # 4 - 00

Boys' ledger

To cash from home -	Nov. 8 / 86			15 - 00
By cash drawn -	Nov. 15 -	1 - 00		
" "	22 -	1 - 50		
" "	29 -	2 -		
" "	Dec. 31 -	2 - 50		
" "	Mar. 27 / 87	1 -		
" "	April 18	7 -		<u>15 - 00</u>
To cash from home -	June 27			20 - 00
By ret. ticket Steamboat -		5 - 00		
" credit Mr. Rowwell & boy for his train ticket returning		9 - 85		<u>14 - 85</u>
" cash paid him	July 11 -			<u>5 - 15</u>

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Aug 29th 7

The Secretaries of the
Col. F. C. ... Ch. Society
Dear Sir

The thought suggested in
the report of the ... has been pressing upon me - and
it seems to me now most, indeed of leaving of ...
merely to consider the fundamental ideas suggested in that
... it would be to ... me at once to furnish
you with a ... full & comprehensive description of
the work ... to the ...
... to take the ... matter into your earnest
... consideration.

I would remind you first that your Committee has
... aided me in my work ever since 1872,
the year in which I visited ... with the ... Chief
... & that but for your kind aid I
... to keep on. I would remind
you how under God's blessing our work among the ...
... has ... in ... steps ...
... We began in 1873 with a ... building
... which was burned
... after it was read. In 1874 we built
... Indian boys & opened

to the ... of the ... the ...
has gradually increased

in 1885 ... in 1887 ...

In April I took up my bed in the Spring of 1885. I was
... by my old friend Chief, Pakkwijjenana. The
rebellion in the North West under Louis Riel was about
... I said to Chief Pakkwijjenana, "If you
... me & give me strength I will go & visit them with
... in the North West & see for myself what their
... for the education of their
children."

August 1885 found me in the
neighborhood of Regina 400 miles west of Winnipeg
... the wild Indians who had taken part
in the Rebellion.

In 1886 I paid another visit
... & 10 July, to the ...

This spring (1887) I went again, - travelled
... miles westward to the Rocky Mountains - I brought
... with Blackfoot boys, the first two of that tribe
... to be educated at my school. On the course of these
... visits to the North West I found ...
... that very little education is being done
... the Indians by our agents, but the Indians are
... to be educated & are ready for

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or else are still pagans. The Bishops of these new wide straggling dioceses seem to have enough to do to provide ministers & churches for the white settlers, & there is also jealousy among these white settlers in regard to the Indians. Whatever Indian work is done seems to be undertaken by the Church Brethren Society, the work of course is very limited & I don't think the Society expects a ray on the education & training of the young Indians; your committee will remember that it was an attempt to establish an institution for Indian children at Jordan River that led to my separation from the C. M. in 1872. The Comtee of that Society not considering that the work should be done within its sphere.

Now I am satisfied, after long experience, & the Bishop of Alberta is satisfied, & those who have witnessed the progress of our work are satisfied, that the course we have taken is the right one, & that the one thing needed to reclaim these poor Indians from their present savage & degraded life, is to take their children white & bring them in Christian & civilized habits.

But the question is - Who is to do it? Sent to the hands of Protestants or of Romanists? There are 100,000 Indians in the Dominion of Canada as shown by the Indian Department Report. Are there 100,000 dollars to be brought in by Protestant & French influence to do this?

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a menace to the quietude & safety of this Protestant
English Country - a shall an effort be made while there
is yet time to bring them - & especially their children - under
the influence of Protestant teaching?

You see now by what I have stated what the work before
me is - you see that the work is not I am burning only
in which I humbly trust & believe Almighty God is calling
me to do.

While visiting the Blackfoot Indians - born
in number - & all heathen - the spring - I was surprised
to pick up a little Blackfoot school book published by the
Indian Department at Ottawa partly in Blackfoot & partly
in the English language - & I find in it the 10 commandments
reduced to nine, the 2^d Commandment entirely left out. What
right has the Indian Department to expend public money in
publishing a Roman Catholic book to be used in public schools
by Roman Catholics & Protestants alike among the Indians?

This book was shown me by a C.M.S. missionary & it had
been sent there by the Indian Dept. for his use in his
school.

The fact is the Roman Catholics seem
already to have gained a complete hold over the Indian Dept.
at Ottawa & by govern things as regards the Indians just
as they please.

Just within the last 7 years, the
Indian Department has expended \$25000 in building an
Institution for Indian Children near the Blackfoot Reserve
& placed it in charge of the Roman Catholics, & they have

* note - But not Blackfoot children included by the Dept.

built on the site of the old mission, at a cost of \$25,000. It was the gift of the Rev. of La'Appelle & placed it in charge of the R. Catholic
 and he was about to build a school for Indian girls in the same
 locality & hand it over to the nuns. Also on the Manitowish
 about 50 miles from us, the Government has given the Roman
 Catholics \$24,000 towards rebuilding an institution which was
 burned.

Now why is the Government thus lavishing
 its funds on Roman Catholic institutions among the Indians
 while refusing any increased aid towards erecting Protestant
 institutions? I believe it is simply because Protestants
 are so apathetic; - simply because Protestants really do not
 care whether the Indians are taught the bible or taught popery.

I believe it is no use to try to get government help - unless
 we are first willing to show - something of proof that we are
 really in earnest in our work among the Indians & so deserving
 of help.

It seems to me that I stand almost alone in
 the matter - and I earnestly desire now some Society to call
 on the Government of the West to take it up - & take
 it up, & really give it the best help.

3) In order to make myself thoroughly acquainted with the question
 in all its phases I early in the Spring made a trip into the
 States to see what was being done there towards the education
 & training of young Indians. In the States they have
 250,000 Indians, just double the number that we have

in Canada. And what are they doing for the children of
 two 250,000 Indians? Why they have 32 large institutions
 (nearly all Protestant) & 10,000 Indian children are
 well educated & trained within them.

In Canada,
 R Catholic & Protestant institutions put together, we are only
 training 400 young Indians, while in the States they are training
 10,000. I visited 3 of these large institutions myself,
 & was delighted with all I saw.

At the Carlisle Institute
 in Pennsylvania there were 600 pupils - taken from 40
 different tribes - many of them coming from 1500 to 2000
 miles - all in uniform - & all well cared for & trained,
 & know & love the Indian.

It was an interesting sight
 to see these 600 faces assembled in their clean
 bright assembly room for evening prayer - & I longed that
 we might do something of the same kind in Canada.

This one Institute alone costs \$90,000 a year to support
 & of that amount \$80,000 is paid by the United States
 Government & \$10,000 raised by subscriptions.

Now if
 we could induce a few good people who have the
 means to take up this work - ^{then in Canada} & take the lead in it -
 we want another William Penn. We want a
 Bishop Whipple in Canada - someone with influence
 who will stand up for the cause of these poor down-trodden
 neglected Indian men, women & children, from whom
 we have nearly torn every fibre from them - I will say
 that if this is a work you think very well taken
 up & if instead of proving an additional burden to you

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it may be the means of causing people to see the value of your great work & to support you more warmly and liberally than before. The prosperity of the CMS I believe has been largely due to his striking out boldly & fearlessly in new fields where he felt that God was calling him - & believe that of way to divert pecuniary money from the Roman Catholic & to bring it to ourselves for building up the Indian work is to at once make a determined & resolute beginning, so as to compel their respect & oblige them in common fairness to aid us.

1. But you will say - What is it you have been asking of the Government & what has Government refused you?

My scheme was as follows:- To establish a large Central Protestant Institution for 300 Indian children on the site of our present Home here at Fault St. Marie; and to establish 3 Branch or Receiving Homes, one at Ukhoron in Manitoba, one at Beauport in Alberta (near the Rocky Mountains) and one near Sarnia in Ontario. For building the Central Institution, I should require about 900,000 dollars, & for each of the Branch or Receiving Homes, 200,000.

Some time since, reports I received personally from Mr. Macdonnell (who is the head of the British at as well as the Province) a verbal promise of help, but it came to nothing.

After waiting a long time - I received the very unexpected communication from Ottawa that the Department was unable to recommend either an increased grant towards the maintenance of our present Homes or to entertain any plan for enlarging and establishing Branch Homes.

Thus, in the month of August 1887, instead of enlarging our present building as we had hoped to do & establishing Branch Homes - we find ourselves at a complete stand still. Indeed our funds are so low, - having squandered our resources in the expectation of Government aid - that we have broken. I have to part with my assistant Superintendent - & to reduce the number of our pupils.

But we have been in straits like these before. And I am not disheartened. I believe that God is calling me to a greater & more important work than any I have hitherto attempted, - & I think that God is preparing the way in His own manner for it -

I have then I think set before you now the whole subject, & I trust your Committee will give it your earnest & prayerful consideration - & that you may see some way to entertain the proposal contained in my last letter - viz to take up the Indian work in Canada as a special object & establish a special fund for carrying it on.

I remain dear Sir -

Yours very faithfully
Edward A. Wilson

Aug 3rd 7

My dear Aunt -

I am sending Burtie & Miss to combine pleasure with usefulness - in riding round about up your back board - if you will kindly direct them what to do.

Will you kindly look through the enclosed letter to the CCs. I fancy you will be too busy to read it all - but the 1st & last page show what it is about - & if you approve of the scheme - will you scratch off just a few commendatory lines which I may send with it -

Indeed I am thinking of asking all the Bishops to back the matter if they will. This plan you see will bring us into better contact with the Church & give again instead of being off into an uncommunicative affair as I hope will command itself.

Mr. Fowler wrote me last night that he had received your Conference papers. Could you let me have them this morning - as as to start scrippings on with part of them before I leave.

The Indian boy Gilbert will call for your reply in an hour.

Yours sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Aug^r 30 7

Alce. Mactela Esq:

Dear Sir

Your said David Merriam
 Captain of our school to bring back the Sarnia & Walpole
 Children -

The Walpole pupils are 10 boys 5 girls.

names - Jos. Loney - W^m Loney - Smart A. - William Kn.
 A. Sabuj - W^m Pily - Ch. Naudie - Amos S. - Charles J.
 John Solomon -

Nancy W. Jane W. Nancy H. Fanny J. Pracie J.

I did not get the Money yet for Nancy Henry. You said
 I think it would be sent in 3 weeks.

Yours
 S^t

S. H. Prilom

Mr. Johnson can also come up if he wishes.

Parents must supply food for the children on the way up.
 David Prilom is broken to Port Hope for 1 more year. If
 difficultly about town. exp. let me know.

Aug 30 7

A. English Copy

Dear Sir

I am sending David Meinomin
 - Captain of our School - to bring up the Walford S.
 & Sarnia children

The Sarnia pupils are Willie Adams, Leslie
 Rold, John Petakki, Mary Peter, & Lizzie
 Jacks from Moravia town. - 2 boys - 3 girls.

Abraham Isaac & Neely Jackson ought to have
 returned to us by first boat in S. P. - As they failed
 to do so I cannot now take them - their parents
 must pay the account for cloth already charged.

Yours truly

S. H. Wilson

David Meinomin is on his way, &

Aug 26th 7

Dear Mr. Brewster
 Dr Sir

I enclose you checks for
 \$53⁰⁰ & \$53³⁵ to cover Bertie's & Desires
 acct.

I am very glad that Bertie passed the
 exam for the military so satisfactorily. It
 certainly does give school credit for so many to
 have passed & taken such high places.

I suppose it will be 3 years now before I
 shall trouble you with any more of my boys. At the
 end of that time - if on live - I hope you will be
 able to let me have a more bursear - for
 Lewellyn & Norman.

Yrs sincerely
 E. H. Milner

I expect David better to you for some more yrs.

Aug 30th 7

R. H. Buchanan Esq.
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst has
crossed mine. I think we had better
of big 10 boys. But if you still advise the
20 boys \$70 pits & can provide for them & can
get me cheap rates for them by the C.P.R. from Algona
Mills & Montreal - let me hear at once - & I will
prepare them & bring them - either in two times & then
- I have no arrangements as yet about Ottawa but
will write at once & see what can be done.
As I told you in my last - I have applied to the
Agency for a pass for 10 boys myself - but I desire
you can do better than I can - do please make
personal application -

Yours sincerely
R. H. Wilson

I am sending you photo of my 2 Blackfoot boys
- Shall I bring them?

Aug^r 30 7

Rev. H. Pollard

Dear Sir

I am now making definite
 arrangements to take a number of my Indian pupils
 to Montreal for the great Sunday School demonstration
 Oct 1st. It will be a pity to go all that
 distance & not take full advantage. Will you put
 your shoulder to the wheel & see what you can do
 for us. Mr. Bell has a meeting in ~~Montreal~~ Montreal
 Monday evening Oct 3rd. - I could come to Ottawa
 for Sunday evening - on our way homeward to Algona
 Wis. Could you arrange for a big public meeting
 that evening. Work up the ladies & the other clergy &
 see what can be done. It will be a great expense
 & I wd. not care to risk it - unless we are going to welcome.
 Can you arrange for the pupils board out in? They are
 going to do it in Montreal. I am not sure of present
 numbers on being 10, 20, or 30 pupils. Am waiting to
 hear again from Montreal how many to expect.

Yrs sincerely
 S. H. Wilson

Aug 30 7

My dear Mr. Irvine

How would it suit you - if you don't
go to Kelowna - to take Jordan River this winter?
Mr French is leaving Oct 2nd & it will then be
vacant -

The Bishop tells me to write & suggest it to you -
- Salary \$300 as Chapman & \$300 to teach the
School -

I am just off on the Steam yacht 100 miles to Ahousa
Mills - to pick up pupils - I am taking Gilbert &
Sharpe with me & they are very pleased to go. Cromarty
Starts off on his own account for a little expedition out
another boy - for 3 days - on Steamboat - air part
of his \$5 -

Gilbert has had an attack of Canadian Cholera but is
now well again -

The salary for P.R. is small but I wd like to have you
as rector for the winter - I wd try to get the Bishop
to add another \$100

Yours sincerely

S. H. Wilson

If I go to England in Spring - you
might take my place here for a
few months.

Sept 5th 7

R. H. Buchanan Esq

Dear Sir

I got your letter at noon today & have been busy ever since trying to make arrangements for the Montreal trip -

Difficultly No 1 - & this is of no train a week each way from Algona Mills to Montreal - Happily it fits in for our arrival.

Train leaves Alg. Mills 3 a.m. Friday; arr. Montreal 9 a.m. Saturday. To return - leaves Montreal 2 a.m. Tuesday; arr. Alg. Mills 10 p.m. Wednesday.

This arrangement precludes our visiting Ottawa - unless we stay over a week.

Query - If we come so far - would it not be best to try & do it with a week's stay?

Query No 2 - Could our time be filled up with the following

Leaves - Say a general meeting in Montreal Monday -

one of the Sunday schools plus up a social or something - Tuesday -

Sunday of the same kind - Wednesday -

Ottawa - visit Parliament building - Friday meeting in

Ottawa - Saturday afternoon school festival - Sunday -

at home - Sunday - Monday Carleton Place.

Can you make any arrangements for us -

and let me know if you can take any letters or press

It is under it difficult for me to arrange here -
 could communicate by with the Woman's Association at Ottawa
 then they can then make all arrangements for seating
 & boarding us.

I think it must be either the one of the two.

Then we must come just to Montreal for Saturday Sunday &
 Monday & then go straight back - or else we must fall
 out a week as above proposed.

I think the only way is to leave it entirely in your hands -
 if it is too much for you to undertake - it will be best to drop
 it - even will come of Montreal.

The Bishop's agent will I believe bring us from Paul to
 the Mills 96 miles & take us back.

I must depend on you to arrange with the C.P.R. for
 a ^{from 24 miles of Montreal} ~~pass~~ ^{at} ~~rate~~ ^{as} ~~low~~ ^{as} ~~possible~~ - stops of
 will allow us at Ottawa & Carleton Place. (I have not
 heard from Mr. Spurgeon - will tell you what he says as
 soon as I hear.)

I have selected as you suggest 30 pupils -
 having 20 boys & 10 girls.

The list of names & ages - together with program
 are in another sheet - do let you know if you
 desire send it to Ottawa & Carleton Place.

I have no personal objection to addressing a Presbyterian
 or Methodist girls or Sunday School - if thought desirable -
 but some might think it unwise.

Yrs sincerely
 J. Wilson

I shall try also to bring specimens
 of your pupils' work.

I would like to bring with me my
 daughter Winnie - age 14 - who is a
 Capital manager & would look after the
 girls. Could she be included in the
 special rates?

Try to get the CPR. to give us a
 special equipment case - through from
 Algonquin Mills & Montreal. We could then take
 all our baggage & food for the journey in with us.

1. Introduction by Chairman about 5 min.
2. 10 Boys working to the trades 8 min.
3. Speech by Johnny McGrade of Manitowish Lake 7 min.
4. Tableau No 2. 10 Boys at chore work & singing 10 min.
5. Introduction of pupils to all this time replace of above
6. Devotion & Gabyway hymns. 8 min.
7. Speech by David MacIntyre of Parry Island. 7 min.
8. Tableau No 3. 10 girls at work & singing. 8 min.
9. School leaf with the black board. 2 min.
10. Address by myself (if time permits) of our work, & the foundation
11. Sacred music by the Indian children. 3 min.
12. Let them to dinner. (about 2 hours)

List of pupils who are old & come.

- | | | | | | |
|----|-----------|--------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Riley | age 15 | Ojibwa | Compuer | from Walpole Island |
| 2 | Aspicaria | 18 | Blackfoot | " | Rocky Mountains |
| 3 | Wankittin | 16 | " | botaniker | " |
| 4 | Jelbert | 18 | Ojibwa | St. Lawrence | N. West |
| 5 | Masi | 16 | Seneca | St. Lawrence | " |
| 6 | Wankittin | 14 | Ojibwa | botaniker | N. W. L. Wankittin |
| 7 | Wankittin | 13 | " | Sailor | Cape Breton |
| 8 | Jelbert | 17 | " | Sea-Teacher | Manitowish Lake |
| 9 | Wankittin | 14 | " | " | Parry Island |
| 10 | Wankittin | 14 | " | " | Manitowish Lake |

2^d Tableau

1	Joseph	ay 14	Pottowatami	from Walpole I.
2	Pharpe	" 13	Ojibway	" N. West
3	Dolkahocoo	" 13	Ojibway	" N. Shore L. Huron
4	Sahquij	" 15	Ojibway	" Walpole I.
5	Matthew	" 16	Ottawa	" Manitowish I.
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9	Lily	" 10	"	"
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Sept 4 7

A. A. Davis Esq

Dear Sir

Very many thanks for your kind
letter & promise of \$75 toward support
one of our pupils. There is a new boy just come
a very nice intelligent little fellow and is named
William Poney. & I shall have much pleasure
in attending to him & your. Perhaps for support
our bank here is the Central Bank of Canada.

I may say that the \$500 requested for the late
office was being expended in the erection
of our hospital - a gift of Rich. Leckie.

At Judge McDouall's suggestion I suggested a
packet of my "Plain Talk to Thomas Keyes, McCarter
for debauchery among Quakers."

Could you send for an abstract of names and
addresses to whom I might send reports & circulars

I am never I state 30 of my pupils & Mr. Leckie
to the Protestant Demonstration Club. My friend
C. H. Wilson

Dear Mr. Donald

Dear Sir

My many thanks for replying so promptly & so fully - also for the list of names -

You will be glad I am sure I hear that there is a prospect of \$2500 from the Ind. Dept. towards a man - Home or Elshorn, Mass. & \$500 a head towards support of 400 pupils. This has been owing I believe thro the influence of Mr. Crosswell, the pastor who donated \$1000.

I hear also the Presbyterians are to have an Indian Institution somewhere north of Rappahannock.

It can excite the public as doubtless better means as a consequence - for the Indians the best under English Protestant hands & not under French hands. And I want all Protestant institutions on Indian children to work together & prosper - as a

I fear that the Government one of us considered it cannot do good if well started - No giving of money what

Jan 20th 30
C. Wilson

Sept 6th 7

Dear Mr. Roswell

The news contained in your letter of
 the 28th ult. just received is very encouraging. I
 hope the Bishop will decide on doing as you say. I
 shall wait to hear from him before writing again.

I think it would strengthen the work very much if in
 some way all Protestant Institutions for Indian Children
 could be affiliated with each other on one common basis.
 This is already the case at the Church of Eng. Inst. at Marblehead - &
 at the Indian School at Long Lake.

When does the Bishop propose to put his second
 plan? It is better to build the considerably
 larger of the Elkhorn one.

I shall leave the rest in your hands so as to build the
 one you have in the original plan - or in anticipation
 of the Government grant to put up a larger building. I
 should incline to think it is better to keep on as we had
 in mind. We might perhaps get a couple of additional lots
 to put up a main building with the for. money of our own
 one for boys & one for girls. Ben ought to hear
 about this. I suppose he will not come back. Could you
 send me a list of names of people I can send our Report to
 about this. I have 30 of our people to Montreal
 Oct 15th.

Sept 20

Mr. Craig

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the matter of the school room at the school house in the town of ...

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend school at present. I hope you will be able to do so in the future.

I have no objection to your using the school room for the purpose of ...

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. B. ...

already this day - you know I am a poor
 man - I am doing a great deal of work
 for you - I would try to get you more as much as
 possible by yourself except Wednesday - I wish to write
 to you - In the evening you would have to let the boys
 go to bed - I would like to have you look the papers - &
 see how they are - I don't think you would find the work very hard or tiresome -
 I would allow you as much time as possible for
 study - As I shall be here - I will do my best -
 to have my letters to you - I believe you
 can manage by yourself with my little assistance
 from me - Latin & Greek - I will help you with
 any amount of the things you wish - but some more for
 things which I have -

Dr. Mitchell has a cover from (nominal)
 his bill - but at the low rate of salary you
 pay - I would allow you all the time possible for
 your studies - I would certainly hold
 you to the point of view - with me and your
 ordinary - provided you can get along happily
 by the way - I am yours truly

Your sincere
 friend
 J. H. Adams

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Dear Sir
 Dear Sir

Will you kindly look
 over the Report of our Mission Work which
 I am sending you by this mail - ~~also~~
 with the enclosed statement - ~~which~~
 in which the Ind. Department is being favored
 to Roman Catholic institutions ~~and~~
 Protestants -

Could you distribute some of these Reports
 & statements among friends if I send you a
 packet - or wd. you furnish me with a list
 address. I am with you

Yours truly

J. W. Wilson

J. W. Wilson

Sept 7th 7

Rev. Mr. S. [unclear]
Dear Sir

I enclose some views in
 regard to the reception of pupils at our Institution.
 We have made finally here which you are comparing
 perhaps with a view to your own Institution and
 the return of some pupils back their homes.
 I can hardly or possibly take a child away to another
 school at that time nor do I intend to do so.
 I have reported that after being out some little
 time he has leaked out that he had been pupils at
 some other school, & if necessary will have not liked
 them to send him away. I have a large number
 of a disease now & I expect you have too, - the
 children are quite beginning to appreciate education
 more than they used to do.

As you ask for suggestions I may mention that our
 plan is for the parent to give an agreement for pupil to
 remain 5 years - and if child does not return after
 holidays we strike name off - & charge parents with
 cost of Institution till taken away - The Deacons
 supports this claim - it has a good effect.
 In some holidays along in Institution till it take some
 value.

Yours truly
 Edward [unclear]

Sept 7th - 7

Dear Mr. Lewis -

We are expecting Miss Brown to arrive on Am. side this evening - & I shall try & drive her out to the Wauwaukeon tomorrow morning before the boat leaves - but the time will be very short. I am

sorry to hear a pair of shoes for the children's mother - he did all the heavy & pepping himself & I think is very proud of it. I read your letter

& the two boys & I quite understood it - I wish I could tell them not to cut their hair - as I don't know how to say it. They are both ashamed of their places & I think I must tell them so. I must have

sent him a word from his parents saying if you will cut their hair it will matter so. They are quite sorry now - all the boys are coming back after holidays & school begins again. I took him for a 4 days trip on the "Wauwaukeon" two miles - I pick up pupils & I am very sorry to hear of it.

Yrs sincerely
P. H. Wilson

Sept 22

Col. C. C. David, D.D.

Dear Sir

I refer to you some weeks ago in
 regard to a small magazine which I proposed to publish in
 connection with Indian Education - You called the "Indian
 Canadian". The expense was a very small
 amount - but I was prevented from attempting it
 by the fact that a certain quantity of recent little sheet "Our Forest
 Children" was published - & of the way, I was - well practically
 prevented from doing so. I am very anxious that
 the North-west part of the Church of England should all
 be interested in the Indians - both
 as regards the children for training Indian children.
 I have also a special Christmas number of
 "Our Forest Children" - 16 pages - as attractive as possible
 well illustrated. I will you kindly write me
 an account of the Indians at Edmonton - & of the new
 Indian's school - and send to the Indian Department
 a report to enable you to do Lake. I want to
 know the total value of Indian work if in all the
 Dominion, can not you tell me? I have at my
 disposal a large amount of money - as I will show you some time &
 when I have a chance to see you in my office
 I am, Sir, yours faithfully
 W. H. Wilson

Sept 28 7

Rev. John Macdougall.

Dear Sir

I have just seen Mrs. Brown who
 goes to the Rev. Mr. Lewis to start a girl's school among
 blind & deaf Indians. I hope you will make her
 acquaintance & co-operate with her in her work.

I wrote you several weeks ago about the "Indian
 Canadian" - the letter being addressed Morley - Alta - but
 it has come back to me "dead". I don't know
 what your address can be of old Morley, Alta - I
 hope this will reach you.

I am afraid for the present to attempt the "Indian
 Canadian" as a 16 page magazine - on account of the
 expense & the risk of failure.

It seems to me best for the present to stick on with our
 little sheet "Our Poor Children" - but I am going to enlarge
 it a little and improve it.

I propose also to issue a Christmas number of our
 "Our Poor Children" - 16 pages - illustrated - & as attractive as
 possible - & to advertise it widely beforehand.

I want this Christmas number to contain an account
 of my Protestant ^{for Indians} ~~mission~~ in Canada - with illustrations.

Particulars of Grand of Husband. Now will you
 kindly write me as soon as possible an account of
 your visit among the Tories - your satisfaction - &
 what you are proposing to do in the future. I would
 be glad to hear it as soon as possible as it will cheer
 me some time of the Christmas number and
 my time is very limited. An original letter
 or two by your children would also be acceptable.
 If all is possible please my sketch of your
 build's printed & introduced

Yours sincerely
 W. H. Wilson

Sept 24 7

Dr. John R. Keightley
Dear Sir,

I am far from satisfied as to my
ability to give you a satisfactory answer
but the difficulty is the distance & I am afraid it would
take too long to go to you & back & also the matter
we were to get done elsewhere.

At present we are issuing the A. M. News & page
sheet every second month.

I want to begin and issue it on 8 pages sheet every 4th
month (Jan. April July Oct) & 4 pages sheet the intervening
months.

It is possible we could undertake to publish for me without the
necessity of sending you proof for correction. Of course I
will have to be very particular to make all names of places
& places & all figures in the accounts very correct
then as for the rest I will select those readers
of the paper who are known to me & I will make a good use of
them.

I am as to writing - If I find time I will
send you a copy of our all the papers & I will
try to give you a full account of our business & of

to each first issue - send you a list of names to
erase & a list of new names to add - how would
 it do? Would it work?

Then once in a while - once a year or so - we
 get reminded how in arrears of their subscriptions - I
 think the best way for this - would be to send the reminders
 say in May & October when the books are coming - &
 see two issues - send me a whole issue by express
 here & I would mail from here & make in blue
 pencil on each the amount due. Would this do,
 can you suggest a better plan?

If you can see your way & undertake the publication
 of the A.S. M. News as above proposed - let me
 have your detailed estimate of cost for printing &
 mailing as soon as possible. I am sending you a
 sample copy of the paper in case you have not got
 one.

"Our Forest Children" - This is a little paper
 of 4 pages which I am publishing monthly in the
 interest of my Indian Homes. I think I told
 you about it when I wrote about the "Indian Canadian".
 If you undertake the work I think you had better
 under the A.S. M. also. I sent it better for our
 than it has been -

My idea is to drop the "Indian Canadian" for the present

Suggest about this? Would it be inconvenient
 to you - to print both papers at the same time? Would
 it be better to keep the address lists quite distinct or
 to have one address list with two columns - & mark
 one column Ann. against all Ann. subscribers
 O.K.C. against O.K.C. subscribers - & both Ann. & O.K.C.
 & then do take both? I have had no experience
 in these things beyond our own office - Perhaps you
 could suggest the best plan to adopt.

If you undertake the O.K.C. I want your estimate
 also for that - a 4 page sheet of the size mentioned
 to be issued every month. You to be responsible for
 correct proof - & both the mailing. Also your
 estimate for Christmas number of O.K.C.

I wish also to know at what date you would
 require copy in order to issue either or both of these
 papers so as to reach Canadian subscribers by the
 first of each month.

Also as to postage - How we pay nothing. I will
 do so free from the O.P. Post Office or would there be
 anything there.

Lastly - would it be for little local items from
 Montreal & elsewhere to be sent to you direct at the
 last moment without coming into my hands.

At present we are carrying
 100 of Ann. & 100 of O.K.C.

Yours sincerely
 J. C. Wilson



And what we want to do with them

Mr. Geo Rutter jun
S- hi

Aft- writ^{ing} to you yesterday I
designed + drew the enclosed heads for "Our
Forest Children" - also (1) morning ablutions (2) a night
with a kip (3) a visit to Piapit (4) Chief "Old Sun".

Have an all to come in the Christmas Number of "Our
Forest Children" - I believe also some ladies in
Toronto - intend having some of my sketches engraved
- in which case we may get the use of the cuts -

Please get the Rev. Gray Co to get these all done at
once - either engraved or by the photographic process as you
think best - You might use the heads for Vol No of
S.F. - if ready in time -

What has become of the medal? - It has not yet got
back here -

Yours faithfully

G. J. Wilson

Sent me proofs of all the cuts
When you get them.

Dr. R. P.

Sir

Will you please send a cheque
for \$71⁶⁰ to E. A. Taylor, London, Ont.
& put it into enclosed envelope -

Accept the enclosed P. O. Order for \$76⁷⁰
& send me the balance \$5⁰⁰ -

Yrs truly

S. J. Wilson

Sept 9th 7

Mr. E. A. Taylor & Co.

Sir -

Enclosed you are requested

the sum of \$90³⁵ to meet the note due

Sept 15th -

Yrs truly

S. J. Wilson

Enclosed R. P. P. cheque 71-60

W. H. Lister's " 18-75

90.35

Sept 20 7

Rev. A. Jarvis
Dear Sir

I am arranging to take 20 of
our boys & to take to attend the Sunday School
at the C. & M. M. (Oct 10).

Our train being only one train a week from
Montreal to N. Y. via. Mills (then via Lake train) - I
could either come back on Tuesday morning after having a
meeting in Montreal Monday evening Oct 3rd - or else
(if I visit Ottawa, must fill up another week).

Rev. W. Buchanan, 650 Craig St. Montreal, is making
the arrangements & I am writing him, proposing that we stay
Monday & Tuesday 3rd & 4th - then take 5th for Ottawa - meet
there 6th & 7th & stay over Sunday & come to Carlton Place
for our meeting Monday evening Oct 10th - taking train thence
by Tuesday for home.

This will involve the
cost of a good meeting place in Montreal - & arranging
for our sleeping accommodations. Do you think you
could manage it? If so, please check up on it &
make all necessary arrangements with Mr. Buchanan - as
letters take so long to reach us here it is impossible to write
frequently - I should hope you will give me an idea
of what you do.

Yours sincerely
J. M. [unclear]

Sept-18th 7

Rev. J. J. Boyce
Dear Sir

I have already written to Mr. Pollard
 of my projected visit to Montreal with
 a view to attend the Jubilee. I am writing
 Oct. 10th. & that I would like if possible to take in
 Ottawa as well. If we take Ottawa - we shall
 come thither I think Wednesday the 5th - & would like
 to get our "trousers" put up until the following Monday - &
 during that interim would attend as many meetings
 & also gettings &c. as could be arranged. The
 chief difficulty I suppose would be the accommodation
 - In Montreal they are going to have as all I believe, it is
 I am too far off here - & our
 is irregular to make me definite - say that will be
 necessary - so if you & Mr. Pollard & the other Clergy think
 it would be desirable to have us - will you please
 communicate to Mr. R. H. Burdman, 653 St. Clair Street
 as he will take all the arrangements for us in

Sept 12th 7

Mr. R. Coulter

D. Sir

I have considered your suggestion made to me this morn^g in regard to taking after the boys.

If you will undertake to be in the school room punctually at 6.30 a.m. each morn^g ^{call the roll} & do all the duties required of asst^d Superintendent, & again in the evening see that all required work is properly finished, books put away &c. - & will attend to the wood & water supply - garden & drainage work &c. - keep the boys of their work & report them to me if they do not behave. I will allow you \$7 extra pay for one month - Sept 19th - Oct 19th.

When I offered Maker \$9.60 for the month then was not of the duties connected with the clothing, books &c. - which I do not ask you to attend to.

I cannot make you any offer beyond the one month as it must depend on whether a young man whom I am in correspondence with agrees to come on.

Yrs truly
S. J. Wilson

Sept 12th 9

The Managers Central Bank

Sir

Lend me you as follows -

P. 0 - overdraft (Londn)	75 - 00
" " (Londn)	18 - 75
" " (Over Id)	16 - 30
" " (Part Down)	4 -
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" Super - £1-6-0

Charge " $\frac{1-}{2-6-0}$

With which please credit by act
will call for book tomorrow -

Yours truly

S. H. Milani

The State to Dominion Churchman
L:

Have just read a letter signed
"your friend" in your last issue touching the work at our
Indian Homes. Thank him for his kind words in
regard to my poor efforts. I would like to remind
you & our readers that I have myself in public print
expressed the desire that such a Council or Board of
Directors as he describes should be appointed, I have
expressed this both in private letters & in printed circulars that
the burden is too great for me - & that I would like especially
to have a Treasurer in Canada to receive our funds as
the Bishop does for the Diocese. But I maintain
as I have maintained before that these Homes were brought
into operation before there was any Diocese of Algoma, that
they are not intended solely for the benefit of Algoma Indians,
but we have always from the first taken pupils from outside
the diocese, & of late years have done so from long
distances in the North West. I consider that no
Board or Committee has a right to take the work out of
my hands & change it from its original purpose. My
aim & object is to establish a large Central Protestant

some 200
 Indian children - drawn from all parts - here at
 St. Mary's + 3 or 4 Branch or Receiving Homes
 from various distant points. If a Committee can
 be found who will back me in this work - a Committee
 of men who have faith in the work & believe in the capabilities
 of the Indians I will gladly have them to cooperate with me.
 And if the Church of England will take this work up & do
 it in the thorough, liberal manner that I want to see
 done - then the Home shall remain as if have been
 distinctly Church of England. But I doubt if the first
 10 men better lay or clerical can be
 found in this country who believe in the Indian & in his
 capability of becoming a self-sustaining prosperous individual.
 There are plenty of people who are ready to help the Indians as
 long as they are kept at arms length, as long as they are confined
 to their Reserves, they will give them blankets & cast off old
 beads & tobacco, - but this sort of thing is far from
 helping me simply and so my work. I want no beads &
 tobacco & blankets for Indians. I want kind sympathy
 & patient dealing & a 'lend a hand' to help them up to a
 higher & better position in every way than they at present
 occupy. And as to the Church of England doing it
 I must confess I have little faith in Church of England literally.
 We are a grand old Church with a grand line of Bishops
 right back from St. Peter & a grand old liturgy which we
 all love - & yet with all our grandness & all our
 address these new mushroom Churches & Societies are
 cutting us out - & leaving us behind in the race. If
 the Church of England will rise to the emergency & lay
 down a few thousand dollars - now - before it is too late -

before some of the same - One claimant of the
 government is now - & the few that remain become
 Catholics or Presbyterians - then I will accept
 of the & gladly work with a Committee or Board
 of Managers - & gladly hand over my books (deficit &
 all) to a Treasurer who may be found to relieve
 me of his burden & responsibility - But if not - if
 the Church of England will not do the work - if 10 men
 cannot be found to believe in the Indians - then
 leave me to myself - I would rather work on alone
 with all the odds against me, than have associated with
 me those who regard the Indians as paupers incapable of
 improvement & the kept always at arms length.

Yrs &c
 Edward W. Wilson

Sept 12/07

P. S. Our Branch Home at Elkhorn, Manitoba, is now
 being built, and we have at least some prospect of help
 from Government.

I am going to take 30 of our pupils to attend the
 Celebration in Montreal Oct 1st if I can manage it.

Sept 12th ?

Dr. A. Luker -

Oblige by sending me 30 lbs
 of flour - of same quality as you supplied
 me before - I shall be away
 from home till 15th Oct^r - will send
 you Cheque as soon as I get home

Yours truly
 W. F. Wilson

Send me word at once that you are shipping
 it - enclose bill -

Sept 12th 7

Mr. P. Buchanan Esq
 100 St. James St
 Montreal
 Dear Sir
 I have just received from Mr. G. K. G. G.
 your letter of the 10th inst. crossed two of mine.
 I am sorry to hear that you have 30 children to

Mr. G. K. G. G. - I would estimate as follows:

7 boys - 7 by boys - 5 by girls = 14 @ 12.50	175.00
10 boys + 5 girls @ 6.75	74.25
7 boys at \$10 -	70.00
3 boys meals with travel @ \$10 each	30.00
1 " " " " " " (Oct 5 (pay 10 hours)	10.00
4 " " " " " " return journey -	40.00
1 " " " " " " " " " "	20.75
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	\$2434.00

Of course I would put any money received at my disposal in Montreal Ottawa or Carleton place against this - but I don't know if you should make any like that amt. And this is taking for granted that we shall be bound free in Ottawa & Carleton as well as in Montreal.

How wd it be to apply to the GTR. (Mr. Hickson) - The railway journey from Sarnia to Montreal - is no further than from Algona Mills to Montreal - tho' I see there wd be extra expense of steambark from Sault to Sarnia & back - \$4.50
 I am
 S. H. Wilson

You shall want the following articles for our tableaus
on the moraine - I imagine there will be no great difficulty
in getting the loan of them -

a real or imitation of - Carpenter's bench with screws.

An anvil & blacksmith's hammer & tongs.

a small square table 3 or 4 feet long.

A kneading trough or tub & some dough.

2 or 3 chairs.

a footstool's seat & pair of clamps.

a saw horse & some wood (log) - & a few short pieces of wood.

a & cut saw

an axe

a pail & some potatoes.

a spade

a broom.

2 wash tubs & bucket for dirt.

2 wash boards

a small tray & tea set for child bearing.

a sewing machine.

a clothes basket.

Can a couple of square black boards or castles be
had - or must we buy them?

Going to Montreal -

The Little Review

Dear Sir

I have been invited to take 30 of my Indian pupils to attend the Protestant School Demonstration in Montreal which is to take place in the great Stadium at 11 A.M. Some 12000 Sunday School children are to take part in the exercises; and on the Monday following we shall give an Entertainment far better than we had here in the Spring in Dawson's Hall. We are undecided whether to go by Alberta or by C.P.R. or by Seaside & the Grand Junction. If we depend on Seaside line will pay us the lowest rates. In any case I fear the trip is going to cost us upwards of \$400 and I don't know where the money is to come from. Still I feel it to be of such importance to accept the invitation & let the Montreal & Ottawa people see our Indian pupils & judge for themselves of our work that I am determined to go. Some ^{of our} private costs for our boys to year would be very acceptable & if any of our friends in the South are disposed to offer a little help towards travel expenses I shall be very thankful.

Yours
S. H. Wilson

Shiprock Home. Sept 13.

Sept 13th 7

Dr. Aca Wassaune

Dear Sir

I am sorry that you missed David. He started rather early as he had to go to Sarnia for me - & got the Sarnia & Walpole School Children.

Your grandson has his ticket for the boat from Collingwood to the Sault. So you can send him at once if you think he can travel alone.

If you don't like to send him alone - you can keep him at home till next Spring & send him up with Alexander Aspinice.

Yrs truly

S. F. Wilson

Sept 13th 7
3Sept. 13th Indian Affairs

Dear Sir,

I believe it is your rule now
that pupils belong to one Institution should not leave &
go to another - Institution - unless sent by you.

I would therefore to advise you that Louis Keshquah
aged 14 of Lac Seul Reservation, Mr. Phipps' dependency,
has failed to return here after vacation - & the other
pupils from that place inform me that his parents either
have sent him or are about to send him to Wikeewauk
Institution on Manitowish Island.

Louis Keshquah is bound by agreement until
August 1890.

The value of Institution cloth taken away - & for
which we will charge his parents if he does not return
is \$6.50.

If not back within one month from
his date we will refuse to take the boy - & he will
be taken into any other school -

I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient servant -

S. H. Wilson

Sept 15th 7

W. Charles Assenier.

Dear Sir

I am willing for you to keep Alexander at home until next Spring as he is not well. Indeed it is best for you to do so.

Alexander cost me a great deal for medicine and doctors' bills. As the wastelick for a great many weeks the end of the winter & fall through the winter. I had to pack it & might say it was just like a million of them.

I think Alexander is a very naughty boy to say such things about the way he was treated. He never did the feet frozen & he has never made to do any work at all. Little boys never have hard work to do ^{here} & they never work at all when they are sick.

I'll Alexander that God will punish him if he tells of this & that he ought to be very thankful for having been raised so kindly when he was sick.

Yours truly

S. J. Wilson

Alexander sickness to caused by
 the fever - the winter is in his blood -
 never more to be taken to America.

Sept 13th - 7

B. McNeill Esq
P. Box 424. C.P.R.
Dear Sir

Your letter (47051) just received.
\$10 + \$5 ahead is certainly a moderate rate for
considering the distance - but for our party of 32 it amounts
to \$265 - & I hope you will see your way under our
Special circumstances to still further reduction - The
party of our Home are very low & it is a great relief on
my part making the expedition at all -

Names & ages are as follows -
above 12. Rev. E. L. Nelson -

Miss Winnie Nelson - age 13.

- David 20, Gilbert 18, Smart 14, Riley 15, Sherpe 15,
- Oskhalbos 13, Selvig 15, ^{William} Paul 16, ^{John} Brown 19, Mattie 16.
- Wasi 16, Appikstein 18, Etukitim 16. Joseph 14.
- Mary 15, Maria 16, Nancy 15, Harriet 15,
- Phelanine 14.

- under 12 - Sylvester 12, Paul 8, Beaud 10, Conrad 11,
- Frank 10, Elijah 9, Solly 11, Mary 7, 9, Francis 11
- Dora 10, Lily 10.

would you not stretch a point for once - crediting the
Indians - & allow all of 16 & under to travel to price -

Will we have an equipage sleigh ^{Yrs faithfully} E. L. Wilson
-- from Ojibwa Hills ^{we did want a stop over}
^{at Ottawa Monday night Oct 3.}

Sept 13th

Dear Mr. Pollard -

I wrote to you Aug^r 30 - about our proposed
 visit to Montreal & Ottawa - & there has scarcely been
 time yet to get your answers - In the meantime
 we have decided I think definitely to be in Montreal
 Oct 1st to 3rd - Myself - my daughter Winnie and 13 - 20
 Indian boys & 10 Indian girls - Our meeting in
 Montreal will be Monday afternoon - Oct 3rd - & I want
 to leave early & come by C. P. R. to Ottawa - &
 have a meeting in Ottawa about 7 p.m. Sunday evening
 24th - Then at 11.45 we shall take the train west for
 home. The time is short now - & there is no time
 to hear in answer to this and visit again - so if anything
 to be done it must be done at once. Will you please
 at once credit with the clergy (I have with Mr. Bossert)
 & with the ladies of the Women's auxiliary. In Montreal
 the Sunday school children are going to take our Indian
 children to their homes & care for them - Could the
 same be done in Ottawa just for the one night - Monday
 night Oct 3rd? We should have all day Sunday for
 visiting the Parliament building & the meeting in the evening -

Please try arrange if possible for our visit - It
 would be necessary by all the way to Montreal and visit
 Ottawa - The expense bus even for travel is
 going to be heavy - I am afraid quite \$400 - so we
 must try & get recouped - by charging admission to
 the entertainment - Will you & the friends
 make all necessary arrangement - advertise in papers -
 put out bills &c - Enclosed programme (which we
 used last spring, will give you sufficient idea of
 what it is to be.

In sincerity -
 S. F. Wilson

Sept 15th 7

R. H. Buchanan Esq.
Dear Sir

Just received yr letter - Am not
unwilling to back down now. Have made all arrangements
- it would be more trouble to alter programme now
than to carry it out.

20 boys 10 girls myself & daughter Mervin - hope to
reach Montreal (Dr) 8.20 am train from the West
Saturday Morn Oct 1st - We shall form up & march
through the Street - (carry flags if you think well) to
the place where you want us. Each child will carry
a pack.

I hope you will arrange to meet us at
Station & tell us where to go & what to do.

Also arrange how our time is to be employed Sunday -
Also please arrange definitely for a public meeting
Monday afternoon (say 2 pm) - & have the things required
for carrying out our programme.

Also have due notice given of meeting.

I am sure you must be overdone with work &
anxiety - but doubt^{ed} you have plenty of helpers who will
see to all this.

Yr sincere
S. H. Wilson

Sept-15th 7

Dear Mr. Pollard

Your letter just received - We have arranged now definitely - to reach Ottawa (D.V.) on our way west from Montreal at 11.35 p.m. Monday night Oct 3rd - & to leave Ottawa again for the West at 11.45 p.m. Tuesday 4th.

I think my letter of yesterday explained everything. I may say that among our children are 17 Ojibwas - 4 Ottawa 2 Potowatamies 2 Sioux 2 Delaware 2 Blackfeet.

We are arranged for a meeting either at 7 p.m. or 2 p.m. - it is as you think best.

It will not hurt the children to sleep on the floor for one night - if they can each have a blanket.

The pupils can march thro' the streets with flags - &c &c as you may see.

I hope you will kindly adv. our cases as widely as possible. It is I do not like giving you so much trouble.

My daughter Winnie aged 13 comes with us.

Yours sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Sept 15 7

Rev. J. W. Dr. Bartlett

Dear Sir

I am very desirous for the renewal of
 my regular subscriptions to our work. If we had
 a couple of hundred such annual subscriptions we
 should be well off - but as it is I don't think there are
 more than 8 or 10 regular subscribers like yourself -
 of course the S. Sch. subscribers pay only for board & staff
 of individual pupils. For 3 years I have had an
 extra help which has cost me nearly \$500 a year for board
 & board. I have not had a cent to meet this - so am now
 forced to pick him up - & take all the details on my own
 shoulders again. I am very much overpressed just now
 with nearly 30 children to go to Montreal & Ottawa - so
 kindly excuse a short letter. The books will be very
 welcome when they arrive. Could you kindly at your
 leisure - let me have a list of names of friends & friends in
 England or Canada whom I might send Reports and
 Circulars -

Yrs sincerely

S. A. Wilson

Mrs Ball
 Chatham N.H.

Sept 15th

Dear Madame Ball

In reply to yours just received
 - We have no pills at the present of the Waiwani
 fitted to go out to service. but there are several
 nice pills who have left us - & are now at their own
 homes - You might apply to Rev. Geo Jacobs,
 Larnia - who knows all the pills from that
 Reserve & from Wallah Island who have been
 at our homes. If you succeed in getting one
 I shall be glad to hear by & by how she is getting
 on.

Yours truly

S. J. Wilson

(Among the names are - Susan Radd - Susanna White -
 Alice Thompson -

Sept 15th 7

Dr. Bro Rutherford
Dear Sir

Please let the Rev. Canon
Mockridge - Editor of 'Our Mission News' have
the use of the cuts employed in the last edition
of our Annual Report - & send them to him as
he may direct.

I shall probably want you to use them in the
Christmas Number of 'Our Foreign Children' but Dr.
Mockridge will return them by post in time for
you -

Yrs truly

S. F. Wilson

Dear Dr. M

Excuse my not writing - I am somewhat out
work - preparing to take 30 children to Market

S. F. W.

Sept 16 /

Dr. H. Plummer Esq.

Dear Sir

I failed to meet you the other day is true - & am too pressed with work to come up again.

- 1) I am arranging to take 20 Indian Children (boys & girls) to Montreal & Ottawa for the Jubilee celebration Oct 12 - Had thought of using the Bishop's yacht to Alg. Mills - but it will be cold & uncomfor^{able}table. Could you do anyth for me with the North Belle, ^{or one boat}? We must reach Algona Mills not later than Thursday evening Sept 29. Ages of children from 18, five 16, four 15, three 14, two 13, twelve or under. Also myself & daughter Wenina aged 13. We shall be back again to Alg. Mills Thursday morning Oct 6.
- 2) Can you lend me \$200 or \$300 cash - till I get back. It is answered leave just at ^{the} end of quarter. I may have enough. It depends on what comes in between this & end of next week. Do not want to run short.
- 3) Can you do anyth about coal for me? - We want about 4 tons hard & 2 tons soft.
- 4) Please you can be sure of getting the caps I ordered in time for us. as our boys have a lot to wear & to us -

Yours sincerely

S. J. Wilson

Sept 16th 9

Dear Mr. Pelissier -

We are having black calico bags made for the boys on our job + Montreal - which will be placed as packs + sent to their Doulton. I would like something of the same kind made for the girls - but instead of bags on their backs they should hang to their sides in the way - all ought to be exactly alike - & no girl will be allowed to take a volume. I am sending you some black calico to make the 10 bags + a pattern such as the boys have. The straps to go round them + to pass round the Doulton might be made of factory cotton doubled - i.e. bands about 1 1/2 wide.

Each girl should have in her bag - under linen + stockings for change - night gown - white apron - collars - ^{brush} comb - ~~two~~ 2 ^{blouses} blouses and then in 2^d + 3^d class she has bible - prayer book - hymn book. If you would put these things together you will see how large the bag will need to be.

Mary Peter must also take in her bag - needles - cotton - needlework - Philimon - towels + soap for all also box of black + white brush - scissors - needles - cotton + sewing. Louisa + Harriet - each a working apron + an article to wash -