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Dear Mr Seal

I purposed to speak to you yesterday about the board expenses being too high in the presence of the gentlemen & David & John - because I consider it as well as yourself, should help save that food is not wasted -

I am not asking you to give the boys less than they have always had - but simply to keep them as they were kept all last winter & all last summer -

It is of course the first of October that the accounts have been so high. I cannot afford to spend \$6 a week more than what is allowed for the board.

I know that I never make any complaints without reason, & am very sorry ever to have to make them.

If I thought the boys could not be kept for the amount allowed I might think about raising it. but I believe the 40 cents each a week if economy is used.

The boys seemed to have got by best all the Spring & Summer - then there were 53 of them, now there are 43. & yet you have been having nearly the same quantity of stores. All that I say is that the stores must be reduced in proportion to the number of boys.

Yours truly

J. H. [unclear]

The board was raised 90¢.

June 1st to 1st

The Editor of "Our Forest Children" offers ~~to~~ for a good number of not less than ~~five~~ pages of local giving particulars has hereafter specified in regard to either of the following Indian Tribes - viz. the Delawares, Micmacs, Apaches, Oneidas, Pawnees, Iroquoians, Munsees, Creeks, Chippewyan, Cherokees, Osages, Pueblos.

The above tribes are purposely not put in any particular order. The object is to collect particulars about each known tribe & to give a little account of each in the pages of "Our Forest Children". ~~If two or more contributors send us in papers about one tribe, the best filled paper will be entitled to the \$3 and the others will be sent back.~~

Should any of our subscribers be in a position to fill in particulars about some other Indian tribe not mentioned above, they will please notify us to that effect.

- 1 Name of tribe. What call themselves. Any other name attached to them
- 2 Approximate number. Where most located. What part of Canada or the United States. To what stock does the tribe belong? To what other tribes related? What other tribes speak the same or nearly the same language?
- 3 What condition? poor or well off - Style of dwelling. Style of dress. How get their living. Wandering or keep to one spot. any schools? appreciate education or not? any children go to an institution?
- 4 Manufactures. Describe what they make - materials used - where get.
- 5 Food - medicine.
- 6 Religion. Members of what churches - or still heathen. How long since accepted Christianity? Hopeful or the reverse? State of morality. Heathen customs or dances still kept up?
- 7 Marriage family life - children, parents.
- 8 Provincial Customs.
- 9 Traditions, legends &c.

10 Any books published in the language? Anythg been written about them? Where may the books be procured?

11 Grammar.

Give some idea of the grammar of the language. Is there a distinction ~~made~~ made between animate & inanimate objects. Does this distinction affect the verb as well as the noun? Are there two first persons plural in the verb? Are there distinct adjectives, or are participles used as adjectives? Is there an historical tense? Is the objective pronoun embodied in the verb - thus He loves me. In many Indian languages this is but one word both the pronouns being embodied in the verb. How is the negative formed? How is the interrogative formed? Is there a dubitative form of the verb, throwing a doubt on what is spoken? Can a noun be transformed into a verb? Are there any special peculiarities about the grammar not alluded to above?

Note - Little short answers to the above queries would be of little use. The questions are intended merely as a guide. & what is wanted is as clear an explanation as possible of the chief grammatical rules connected with the language.

12 Vocabulary Give the Indian for the following: -

Numerals - 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 19. 20. 21. 30. 40.  
50. 100. 101. 121. 1000.

man<sup>men</sup> - woman<sup>women</sup> - day<sup>days</sup> - house<sup>houses</sup> - boat<sup>boats</sup> - water - fire - river - tree - horse - dog - ox - fish - town - knife - blanket - kettle - pipe - money - yes - no - God - Devil - Heaven - Hell - Indian - white man - American<sup>tobacco</sup> - book - red - blue - white - black - boat - steamboat - bread - meat - my head - my hand - my leg - your leg - his leg - his arm - his arms - Come here! Sit down: give it to me! It is good. It is bad. Is it good? It is big. It is small. My father. My mother. My son. Sun - moon - star - day - night - today - tomorrow. I am hungry - I am sick. I don't know. Do you understand?

I see you - you see me - he sees me - he sees you - I see him.

I love you - you love me - he loves me - he loves you - I love him.

I tell you - I told you - you told me - he told me.

I don't see you - you don't love me - he did not tell me.

Do you see me? Does he love me - Did you tell him?

I go - you go - he goes - we go - they go.

I went - you went - he went - you will go - he will go.

you will see me if I go. If he goes he will see you.

He will tell you when he comes. I shall not go if I see him.

Come in! Tell me! Don't be afraid! What is that?

Where have you been? Where are you going? How far is it?

Where is your house? It is raining? It is cold. It is

warm. Be quick. I have none. What is the matter?

near - far off. Three days - two weeks - four months -

six years - next spring - last winter. What is your name?

Note - It is requested that the following rules for pronunciation be followed. a as in father, e as in they, i as in pique, o as in note, u as in fool, j as in the french word jamais, ch as in Church, dj as in judge. If this pronunciation is not followed, please state how the letters, especially the vowels are to be pronounced.

Also please put accent (') on the syllable on which most stress is laid in repeating the word.

It is not expected that all the questions can be fully answered, neither perhaps can all the words & sentences given be translated. Whoever reads in a paper must do his best, & answer all he can.

To save labor for nothing it might be well first to send a post card stating what tribe you propose writing about & what proportion of the questions you think you can answer.

Address Rev. S. J. Wilson  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Ontario.

Dec 1/87

W. Rutherford

Dear Sir

I want <sup>200 of</sup> the enclosed

~~to appear at the end of the~~  
to appear with some of the  
Christmas Numbers as a fly leaf.

Will you please have them printed  
for me - send me 50 as soon  
as ready.

When I send you  
list of addresses for the Christmas  
Number - I will mark x against  
those - I want the fly leaf put into.

If you think it will be better - you  
can bind the fly leaf in with 150  
copies - & keep them separate

Yours truly  
W. Rutherford

Dec 3<sup>d</sup> 7

Dear Dr. McMorris

In reply to yours just received  
I shall be very glad to get not only Mary Pate,  
- but the pills into kind Christian families in  
Kingston & elsewhere. I have our Irawanok  
Home - I think that this may be one of the good  
results following our visit - as it has led the ladies  
see our pills & let the pills see the ladies - as that  
any of them do want out and we are so to complete  
them.

I think if you could find two or  
three families in Kingston who would take our pills  
next summer - I would try & get them (if provided  
their parents would allow them. The parents are  
always the chief trouble. Could you not  
induce some people to take the Christmas Number of  
O. F. C. - I want to get them as widely disseminated  
as possible. 50 copies for \$6.

Resincerely -  
J. C. Wilson

Our pill Charlotte went a month ago  
to our doctor's family at \$6 a box. &  
I was great satisfaction.

I am thinking of  
 going to England in  
 February - or later  
 about 5 days -  
 would you like  
 to go.

Sault Ste Marie

Dec. 6 1897

My dear David

I have just got your letter -  
 I was very much pleased with your  
 last school report & glad that you are  
 getting on so well. I sent yr school  
 Report to Hon. Thomas White who is at  
 the head of the Indian Dept. asking him if  
 he would give you a position as a Clerk  
 in one of the Forecount Offices somewhere  
 next Spring. Of course this must depend  
 on whether there is any office vacant. Try  
 & do your very best in every way - & at the same  
 time be humble. Remember God gives grace to  
 the humble. I enclose a cheque for \$10 which  
 St. Peter's will cash for you toward paying  
 your travel expenses home for Xmas.

Yrs sincerely  
 J. Wilson

Dec 7 7

Rev. R. Astor

Dear Sir

Many thanks for visit  
at Mr. Mrs. Braut. I am very sorry that  
I have not present as being - the wife  
I should have been very glad to have received  
her - Would you kindly do me  
a favor to say when she wd. be capable of  
undertaking the superintendence of our first school  
as well as teaching - that is - that which  
she would teach - I have no objection  
at present - but must leave to you.

I am with a desire of your kind wishes  
a sister member of S. S. C. Pattern from N. S. C.

As my best

Wm. C. Wilson



Dec 7 7

My dear Mr. Nixon -

My many thanks for your kind  
 note to Mr. Wilson - & the enclosed \$3.10  
 (which she has handed over to me - The  
 \$3 shall be expended as you say in a pair of  
 boots for Wokkabbos. He was out in this morning  
 asking me for a new pair - his old ones being quite  
 worn out - so I shall give him the money (let him  
 buy them for himself). I am very glad you  
 liked the photos - It is I think a very good one.

I mean to keep up the idea of forming the boys  
 associations by referring out from their names in  
 O.V.C. I have not got proof of course of  
 the Christmas Number O.V.C. & I think paper will  
 cost about the 15 cents when I see it. I  
 want to distribute a 1000. Would some of you  
 act as agents - It could earn a little money by  
 commission. I would send 100 boy addresses  
 at cost price - about 11½ cents each. (Yours sincerely  
 J. Wilson)

Decr 8<sup>th</sup> 7

The Secretaries  
 the Col. West. Church Society

Dear Sirs -

I have for 2 months past been considering the advisability of going on a visit to England this Spring & bring some of my Indian boys with me - I assist at meetings. Some few years ago we were receiving upwards of £400 in aid from friends in England towards the support of our work - Now the outside amount that we receive is £360, and yet our work is extending & our expenses are much higher than they used to be. It is nearly 8 years now since I was in England & I think in order to keep up the interest among our friends & to obtain assistance towards the proposed extension of our work it is necessary that I sh<sup>d</sup> not delay longer to pay a visit.

I wish to ask therefore, as a first step, whether your Committee would visit me & act under your auspices - or would prefer my acting quite independently. The chief items to be considered are (1) the cost of crossing the Atlantic with my boys - & then (2) the funds accommodation for them while in England.

I have thought at first of being in London & then at table - seeing them at

at their work &c. - as we did recently with much  
 success in Ottawa + Montreal. - but I think now  
 the expense & risk will be too great & that it will be  
 better to bring in 6 - The boys I have selected are  
 as follows :-

- 1 David Minoninee - age 20 - Ojibway - formerly a teacher.
- 2 Samuel Wasi - 17 - Sisseton - having way on making
- 3 David Waukegan - 18 - Ojibway - well educated & expects  
 to go to office.
- 4 Joseph Jones - 14 - Pottawatomie - formerly a teacher
- 5 Willie Adams - 13 - Ojibway - having time with trade.
- 6 Etukitoin - 16 - Blackfoot - a teacher, with boy flatted  
 hair - 9 yrs with us - having good training.

I think my great interest would be elicited by these  
 boys - the 5 first are good singers & would be prepared  
 to sing in parts &c. & meet; - the 2 Davids can each make  
 a speech in public either in Indian or English. - They would  
 also answer questions on school work or the bible  
 either viva voce or on the Blackboard. - No. 6 would  
 bring specimens of his work, & his learned words put  
 on the blackboard.

Having stated my case, I would like to ask

- (1) Is your Committee in favor of my coming?
- (2) Would you wish me to act the whole time or just  
 a part - your Committee must make all the arrangements - taking  
 the receipts & bearing the expenses.
- (3) Without incurring responsibility as above (2) would  
 you assist me in procuring accommodations for the boys  
 & in getting meetings, myself taking the risk of expenses.

- (4) Would you vote me a fixed sum - say for one month's services in London during which time you would make all the necessary arrangements for us & your responsibility would cease at the end of a month?
- (5) Could you make any special terms for us - either with the same Pass or other Steam Ship Line, so as to cross the Atlantic as cheaply as possible - myself (& perhaps a child of 7 with me) cabin & the 6 Indian boy's stowage.

I should mention that I have in communication with my sister, Mrs. Martin, sister-in-law of Mr. Malaka of Compton Terrace, & with Mrs. Halton, daughter of Mr. ... in latter lady who has been helping us for a long time writes very warmly. And I am inclined to think that if we come it would be well (as as to save her expenses) to confine ourselves to London & the Isle of Wight.

My idea is to reach England about the 15<sup>th</sup> of March & to remain in England 2 months.

As a preparatory step - I am about to write three successive letters to the "Record". The 1<sup>st</sup> will draw attention to the Indians of Canada, the need that exists for more to be done for them & the 2<sup>d</sup> will compare the extensive work now going on in the States compared to the little done in Canada. The 3<sup>d</sup> will offer plans for the extension of our work & announce my intended visit & request that 6 of my boys ask for meetings to be arranged & before sending the No 3 I would like to hear from you whether or not you will undertake the arrangements for me. If the Committee be inclined to assist by coming it might be

well to telegraph - If - on the other hand - you  
approve of the scheme, would you kindly write  
to the parties I have named - so that all may be  
arranged in concert.

I remain

Yours faithfully -

Edward G. Wilson

I am sending you a photo of the party I took at  
Montreal - with the names of 5 boys marked -  
The other was not in the group.

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text follows, appearing to be a continuation of the letter or a separate note.]*

Dec 28 7

Dear Lois -

I have read & weighed your letter -  
 & the result is the enclosed - which will explain  
 itself. Mr. Malahon & Mrs. Malahon have both  
 written very encouragingly -

If it can be arranged for me to come -  
 upon being Keith as cabin companion - the  
 will be 8 year old in February. I imagine your  
 friends will like to have him between you - & for  
 myself I suppose I shall be moving about with my box.  
 & shall not be burdensome to you. The whole matter  
 now rests with the C.C.S. If they send an unfavorable  
 reply - I shall decide not to come.

I am sending Mr. Malahon & Mrs. Malahon copies of the  
 enclosed so that all may act in concert.

We are very sorry to hear that for account of dear  
 Lucy. I hope she may be spared for me to see her again  
 should the day open for me to come to Ireland.

My kindly regards of nature, anxious - a whole  
 holiday for boys & girls & picnics & games in the evening.  
 The railway is now a 'fait accompli' - & the bridge across the  
 river nearly completed -

In love & affection  
 E. H. Wilson

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 7

My dear Mrs Nelson -

I have received your kind letter - I am now trying to make arrangements for a visit to England - to arrive about March 15 - stay 2 months - & bring with me my young son Keith nearly 8 years old - & six Indian boys.

Enclosed is an abstract from a letter which I wish to address to the Secretaries of the C.C.C.S.

I am also sending copies of it to Mr Malcom of the 'New Dawn Assoc.' & my sister Mrs Martin, so that all may act in concert.

I would not mind risking the expense of crossing the Atlantic with the 6 boys. if only I could be sure of accommodations for them & meet's reward for us.

It must depend I think on this matter I decide to come or to give up the idea.

Yours very sincerely  
S. G. Wilson

I am sending you a photo of the 30 Indian children I took to Montreal & Ottawa. In the center are myself & daughter Winnie (stands) - & I have marked the boys & placed their names.

Subscribers to O.C. 5 Dec. 7/47 — 323  
 Entitled to copies — " — } 5583  
 as in list already sent } now- 253  
 Send to Mr. Wilson — 50  
 Keep in Reserve — 44  
 Print — 1000

Mr. Jas. Rutherford D:hi I am sending you these  
 lists at once - so that you may have leisure to enter  
 them in your address book. I hope I am making  
 it all sufficiently clear for you -  
 All gratis copies of O.C. now cease - & you divide  
 the 1000 as above 323 to subscribers, 583 to supporters  
 of our work who are entitled to them, 50 to myself, 44 to keep  
 in Reserve. 1000 will be enough to print for January. After  
 that we must expect to print more. Yrs truly  
 Geo. J. Wilson  
 Dec 9/87

165 Above is list of those who have paid for Christmas  
 No. O.C. & you will please mail them as soon as  
 possible. To those marked \* please send also the flyleaf  
 containing questions on Indian tribes. In a day or two I will  
 send you 350 names below head These numbers gratis. I wd like  
 1000 printed - Yrs truly  
 Geo. J. Wilson

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Dear Mr. Malah

I am enclosing you abstract of  
 a letter I have written to the secretaries  
 of the C.C.C.P. in regard to my proposed visit to  
 England - I am also enclosing you my sister  
 Mrs. Martin, & to our friend Mr. Malcom in the  
 of Wright. The latter has written me warmly wishing  
 our visit. Can you kindly when you have  
 time communicate with Mrs. Martin & the C.C.C.P.  
 & see what can be done about arrangement for meeting  
 board etc. I would not mind paying the expense  
 of crossing the Atlantic with the 6 boys. If only I could  
 be sure of accommodation for them & meeting secured  
 for us in ready London - If these things cannot be  
 arranged it will be better to give up the idea of  
 coming.

Yrs sincerely

S. P. Wilson

The Editor of the Record  
 Sir

Will you kindly allow me a little  
 space in your columns to bring the matter of Indian  
 civilisation and education before your readers very  
 many of whom I believe are possessed with a spirit of  
 philanthropy. It must I think be very generally  
 known now in England that a comparatively new country  
 for settlers has been opened up during the last year or  
 so in the West our great North West through the completion  
 of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The natural  
 consequence of the invasion of the prairie & wild lands  
 by white settlers is the driving back of the aborigines, the  
 original owners of the soil, on the shabby narrow  
 narrow confines known as 'Indian Reserves'. The Railway  
 in its progress westward cuts first of all through those  
 barren sterile parts of Lake Superior which have long  
 been the home of the Ojibway, the lake being called by them  
 the 'great Ojibway lake'; then it skirts along Rainy  
 River & Lake of the Woods on towards Winnipeg  
 passing numerous Ojibway camps & old established  
 C.M.S. mission stations on either side. On its way  
 through Manitoba it disturbs the homes & banishes for ever

(2)

The old time way of living of 10,000 Indians, — Cree,  
 Saulteaux & Ojibwas, — when it arrives in the  
 Great North West Territory, the great prairie region,  
 stretch from the western boundary of Manitoba,  
 eight hundred miles to the Rocky Mountains, — here,  
 though the vast region, are scattered some 20,000  
 Indians, — Cree, Saulteaux, Assiniboines, & Sioux;  
 and as <sup>it</sup> approaches the mountains <sup>it</sup> drives right  
 through the <sup>land</sup> of the <sup>Indians</sup> ~~Indians~~, — 50,000 in  
 number & all sections, <sup>while</sup> and a little to the North are bands  
 of the Sareses and Stonies. When crossing the Rockies,  
 it invades the territory of some 38,000 Indians in  
 British Columbia, & reaches the Pacific Coast.

In the whole of Canada there are estimated to be 129,000  
 Indians, of whom 18,000 are found in Ontario, 12,000  
 in Quebec, 4,000 in New Brunswick & Nova Scotia, 38,000  
 in British Columbia & the Territories in Manitoba & the  
 North West.

I suppose there are no nations living in any other part of the  
 world that have created more interest among civilized people  
 than the North American Indians; & both of romance &  
 children's story books are generally filled with tales of their  
 exploits, & such words as wigwam, moccasin, tomahawk,  
 & wampum I suppose are well known in every English

their household; the tall little figures of the men, their keenness as hunters, their stoical indifference to suffering, their fantastic yet graceful style of dress, their powers of oratory, - all these things have been written & spoken about so often, that the Noble red man of the North American Forest has come to be better known than probably any other aboriginal nation.

But the advance of civilization, sad to say, is working great havoc among these poor untutored people. Instead of their condition becoming bettered, as it ought to be, by the advance of a Christian people nation, it is being sadly lowered & corrupted in every way. Not only have we deprived them of their homes & hunting grounds & left them in an almost starving condition, so that the Government has been obliged to issue rations to them to keep them alive, but we have introduced our civilized vices among them, - made prostitutes of their women & drunkards of their men. In the Indian villages where formerly quietness & contentment reigned the peace is too often broken now by drunken brawls & English curses, there is card playing & gambling with English cards & English coin.

I do not wish to imply that no efforts have been put forth to Christianize & educate these poor people. There are I know many self-denying missionaries laboring hard in their midst, many a winding little mission station dotted here & there through the country. Many I know of these poor people have been factored into Christi-  
and & become earnest consistent members of his Church, but apart from the regular work of the missionary, I believe there is a conscience in the breast of the English nation which needs to be aroused, I feel that there is a need

to point out the SIN & the SHAME of a  
 nation as ours is depriving these poor Indians of their  
 homes & hunting grounds, shutt'g them up into the narrow  
 confines of the Indian Reserves, & NOT TAKING STEPS  
 to put them in the way of gaining an honest living & becoming  
 useful members of society if they are capable of so doing.

The work that I want to see inaugurated in this country is  
 a work similar to that which has so successfully carried  
 on in many parts of England on behalf of the waifs & strays  
 of your great over-crowded cities. For these poor little waifs  
 & strays you build comfortable homes & schools & put them  
 where they may be taught & cared for & as they grow up you  
 instruct them in trades & put them in the way of gaining their  
 own livelihood; & all this is done by earnest Christian people  
 who will caring for the bodies of these poor little outcasts  
 care also for their souls & instruct them in God's truth.  
 Now this is exactly what we want to see done for the Indian  
 children of Canada. Already a little commencement  
 has been made, - but it is hard uphill work. So few  
 are there who seem to care for the Indians. In Canada  
 people are impatient with them, & envy them the little bits  
 of land which they still possess, & probably, if the truth were  
 told would in many instances be glad to see every Indian  
 swept away out of the country, - and in England - well  
 in England - people say there are too many Champs - &  
 they say that a prosperous young country like Canada  
 ought to be able to provide for its own poor. And then  
 the poor Indian is in danger of being left to wander  
 on still - a hopeless aimless being - because there is not  
 a good Samaritan ready to turn aside from the beaten

track & give him a helping hand in his hour of  
 distress. I must not take up more of your space  
 now. In another letter I will if you will allow  
 me point out how our neighbors across the border are  
 crossing themselves to do far more for the Indians than  
 we are doing in Canada - & have already some 30 or  
 more large institutions where the young Indians are received  
 & clothed & educated & fitted for leading a <sup>useful</sup> Christian  
 life. It is just such a state as this that I am desirous  
 of seeing inaugurated here in Canada.

Yours faithfully.

Edward J. Wilson

The Editor of the Record

Dear Sir

I trust you will kindly give  
 insertion to the above - & I intend to follow it  
 if you will allow me with two more letters -  
 allowing about a fortnight between each - the  
 last one to contain the announcement that I  
 hope to visit England about the middle of March  
 & bring with me 5 or 6 educated Indian boys from  
 my Sheshautek Home. I am at present in  
 communication with the C.C.C.S. on the subject - &  
 cannot decide about it, until I hear from  
 them.

Yours very faithfully

E. J. Wilson

Will you kindly refer to Mr. [unclear] & Mr. [unclear]  
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Dec-9 7

W. M. J. Woman Esq.  
Dear Sir

I was very thankful to receive  
your letter & enclosure of \$12.50 & to learn that  
that you had not forgotten us - I thought some  
ladies expressed a wish to have Maggie Causley  
a young sister of Harriet Causley (one of the best girls  
also went with us to Montreal) - Maggie is a  
good little girl about 11 years old - particularly attentive  
at Sunday school lessons & tries to sew - Her  
home is at Blind River on the North Shore of Lake  
Huron - Your pay mts for her will date  
from Dec 1st each quarter being payable in  
advance.

Yrs as usual

Edw. H. Wilson

I hope Mr. Luker & family intend to follow in your  
steps & undertake support of children - If you meet  
any below in their schools will you kindly remind them.

Decr 13<sup>th</sup> 7Mr. Geo Taylor  
S. P.

Have you carefull thought  
your account - & also made full enquiries  
of how the received the meat during my absence -  
in Montreal -

Before I went away as you know we  
were having from \$7 to \$8 worth of meat  
each week. While I was away with 20 boys  
I expected it would be less -

but week ending	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> p. tickets came to	\$14 <sup>28</sup>
	Oct 8 " " "	7 <sup>00</sup>
	Oct 15 " " "	10 <sup>90</sup>
	Oct 22 " " "	10 <sup>63</sup>

And you also have charged me \$7<sup>00</sup> over and above  
what is on the tickets. Mr. Seal & Mary both say  
that we never had any such quantity of meat - & I do not  
see how you can expect me to pay it. I have always said that  
I would only pay for what was on the tickets.

Yrs truly  
G. P. Williams



Mr. S. Mahon  
 Dr. Sir

I am not intending  
 to buy any new stock for the bookshop - we  
 always buy in all we need before winter  
 begins -

I also give you notice that I shall not  
 require your services after February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Yrs truly  
 S. J. Wilson

Mr. James Butcher  
 Dr. Sir

I must ask you to remit the amt of  
 yr account which has been so long over due for  
 number #17<sup>10</sup> deducting your charge for making  
 a screen -

If not paid at once I shall put it into a lawyers  
 hands for collection -

Yrs truly  
 S. J. Wilson

Decr. 13 7

The Editor of the Evangelical Churchman  
Dear Sir

I have just received your issue of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. and have read the Bishop of Saskatchewan's condemnation of my scheme for an Indian Home at Banff. I think any one reading that letter would imagine that I was trying to force my way in where I was not wanted & to interfere with <sup>the</sup> work that is being carried on by other missionaries. Let me briefly refer to the circumstances which under God's providence led me first to think of establishing Branch Homes in the North West. (1) It was at the time of the Red rebellion that my thoughts were led thither, & I was under the impression that there were no institutions of any kind for Indian children in those regions at that time except under the Romanists (2) Encouraging letters from missionaries in the field & a desire bestowed by own knowledge of the Indian question & to visit different tribes led me to journey thitherward (3) I took with me letters of introduction to various missionaries from the Bishop of Rupert's Land & the Bishop of La' Assiniboia (4) All at the first outset seemed to be favorable & encouraging (5) A gentleman living in Manitoba offered me \$1000 towards establishing a Branch Home in his neighborhood. Thus it seemed to me that all mighty

hand was distinctly paid me to extend my work among the Indian children to the regions beyond.

Two things just now seem to me to be militating against the immediate carrying out of my plans. (1) The government ~~is at present engaged in~~ <sup>is at present engaged</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~last few months~~ <sup>in</sup> drawing up a new scheme for the extension of educational work among the Indians & the establishment of several new institutions (2) There seems to be a secret combination antagonistic to the ~~progress~~ <sup>extension</sup> of my work.

As to the first - I am in communication with the heads of the Indian Department both at Ottawa & at Regina & am prepared to modify my plans as may seem best, but I am strongly urging a point which has proved itself to be of great importance in the States, & that is that institutions should not be built in close contiguity to the Indian Reserves from which the children are taken, but a ~~great~~ <sup>long distance away</sup> ~~distance away~~.

As to the second - If there are a number of devout men who honestly in their hearts believe that ~~my plan for extending~~ <sup>my plan for extending</sup> ~~my work among~~ <sup>my work among</sup> the Indian children is neither wise or good or likely to improve their welfare <sup>or</sup> believe that they are doing God's work by trying to thwart ~~my plans~~ <sup>me</sup> & to discourage me from carrying ~~them~~ <sup>my plans</sup> out, then I thank God for the timely interference, & trust that I may be led clearly to see my mistake, - but I want to understand first the motive for this antagonism before withdrawing from my position.

I would like just to add that all the Missionaries - laboring among the Indians whether in Toronto Diocese, Ontario Diocese, Huron, Alpena, Rupert's Land, Qu'Appelle or Saskatchewan, so far as I have had the pleasure of making their acquaintance, are my firm friends, & have given me every encouragement to take pupils from their missions to my Homes & <sup>Laurel St. Marie & also</sup> ~~also~~ <sup>extended</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>work</sup> & our strength I believe must lie in united effort <sup>Yours faithfully</sup>  
Edw. W. Wilson

is to that end that I am working.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 14 7

Dear Mr. Henderson -

Our Branch Home at Elkton in  
Manitota - which cost  $\$1300$  - with accommodations for  
Superintendent & wife & 16 Indian children - is now  
almost-completed & can be used to some early in Spring.  
We also have I think sufficient or nearly sufficient  
money on hand to furnish it.

Will the Women's Auxiliary of Montreal now take it in  
hand & send and pay a lady to take charge - just in the  
same way as the Lauro Auxiliary sent Miss Brown to  
Blackfoot crossing.

We have no funds at present for maintenance. and until  
some one will see it up in the way I do not see how we can  
make a begining.

I believe in small beginings with prayer for God's blessing - & then  
practical upward progress.

If you will find a lady - & raise  $\$500$  a year I think we can  
make a begining. I should suggest sending 2 big beds from  
our Warehouse Home & take day to girls & 12 little boys under 12  
from the Reserve in the neighborhood. For the support of the  
individual children I wd ask help from Sunday schools. I  
will answer any questions you ladies want to know -

Yrs very sincerely  
S. H. Wilson

Dec. 15/87

W. No. Rutherford -

Dear Sir,  
I am sending you

8 the most copy for A. M. now  
O. H. C. for January.

The Bishop tells me he is sending

you some other matter for A. M.

& also the Diocesan Receipts - so

I think you will have enough.

I am also sending you an envelope  
full of clippings for A. M. & another  
one ditto for O. H. C. - keep them separate.

Let me know when you want more.

Please print 1200 O. H. C. for  
January & subscribers 337. (with)

5000 588. now per list 100. = 1020.

of those copy - send 50 to me - & keep  
150 in Reserve.

The new free list contains 100 names  
is in the packet of O. H. C. copy - It is  
intended for this issue only. Then put  
it by till I want it again.

Write to A. M. N. copy you will

find a list of 13 new subscribers -

5 addresses to be altered -

15 bills to be cancelled.

6 ceased subscribers -

Please print 2900 for Mr. A. M.

Subscribers - 1028

gratis - 1800

Mr. Wilson - 22

Keep in reserve - 50 = 2900.

In the Dehraun No. 1100 of will be  
wanted as no copies will be sent  
gratis. & it will be only 24 boxes.

Yours truly  
G. F. Wilson

Decr 14<sup>th</sup> 7

Mrs B. Jones

Dear Madam

I was very pleased to receive  
your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. enclosing 25 cts for  
"Our Native Children" -

I am anxious to spread this little paper as widely  
as possible among all who are interested in  
Protestant Indian work. As that we may work  
together & know what each other are doing.

The Christmas Number will be out in a few  
days - & you will receive one copy of that - & the  
monthly for the year.

I had a pleasant visit to the Rev. Geo. Macdonnell's  
mission at Morley last Spring - & he & his employees  
subscribe to our paper.

I shall be very glad if when you can find time  
you will send me an account of your school -  
how it originated &c - & print in O.L.C. just  
a simple homely account -

Yrs sincerely

G. L. Wilson

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> ?

My dear Mr. Murray,

Your kind letter enclosing \$23.50 on Caroline Walker's account just received. I am so sorry to hear of your ill health & that you are on that account leaving the Cathedral.

I am with friends in England with views of taking 5 or 6 Indian boys over there on a 3 mo. trip to the end of next February. It is uncertain whether I shall be able to do it, - but if I do - I had thought of taking in Nova Scotia & New Brunswick on the way - & sailing from Halifax.

Will you talk it over with some of your friends - would a visit at that time be acceptable - & could the party be put up - ? In Montreal & Ottawa our pupils were taken into people's houses & this seemed to be no prejudice. I think we might spend a week in N.B. & a week in N.S. - but at present I only want to know what your feelings would be about it.

Yr sincere

S. J. Wilson

The train has actually reached us now  
& there is no obstacle to forward's freight.

Decr 17<sup>th</sup> 7

My dear Mr. P. -

Lane wife & Grinnells is England with view  
 of taking 5 or 6 Indian boys over here on a 3 months  
 trip towards the end of February. It is uncertain whether  
 I shall be able to do it - but if I do - I had thought  
 of taking in New Brunswick & Nova Scotia - & sailing for  
 Halifax.

Will you talk it over with some of our friends - Would  
 a visit at that time be acceptable? & could the party be  
 put up? - In Montreal & Ottawa our pupils were  
 taken into people's houses & there did not seem to be any  
 prejudice. I think we might spend a week in  
 N. B. & a week in N. S. - but at present I only want to  
 know what the feeling wd be about it.

Yours sincerely -  
 W. H. Wilson



Decr 17 7

My dear Dr. Beattie

Learned Mr. & Mrs. Beattie in England with view  
to taking 5 or 6 Indian boys over there in a 3 months  
trip towards the end of February.

Should I decide on going - would you advise my  
taking David as a specimen - Has he had any practice  
in speaking in public - reciting - or singing at any of your  
festivals? - And if I were to take him should I  
have to pay in full for the current term or would any  
reduction be allowed? - Kindly let me know  
when you have time -

Yr. Obedient -  
S. H. Wilson

Dec-19 7

J. A. Macrae Esq

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. (now received today) - I am sending you 2 more of the photos - one for yourself & one for the Governor. So that he can forward the one already sent to be kept at the Blackfoot Agency -

I would like to get 10 or 12 more Blackfoot boys to our home next summer & if the parents will let them come. The only difficulty is the expense - about \$30 a head.

The 2 I have now I intend to take back there next June as I promised to do so. They have got an splendid & seem quite happy here.

"Our Forest Children" is the only paper we publish in behalf of the Indians, the other one "Algonquin Review" is of about Merain work in Algonia.

Yrs sincerely  
S. J. Wilson

Dec<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 7

Dear Mr: Rowwell

The Bd<sup>r</sup> of Report<sup>r</sup> Land has just written to me privately in regard to the Elk Horn Haven.

I think I may tell you, with great confidence, that the post<sup>r</sup> huts, is not to be at Lake Rennie - Ind. Dept. District (my property) but to be near an Indian Reserve.

I am now with the Board - they are saying - that he should induce his Committee to join with us - & that we should all jointly recommend the post<sup>r</sup> & place the settlement at Elk Horn.

In that case (if thought desirable) a new site might be selected, or additional land added to the lands already secured. I would not contend for its being a branch of the Shigwank - or exercising any authority - & I wd suggest Mr: Burman as the most proper person to be selected to do our Shigwank.

I hope the Board will be satisfied with your views.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant - I shall continue to be at the Board of Report<sup>r</sup> Land in a small boat - as a

feeders to the Plymouth - and I am applying to  
 the W. M. M. auxiliary, to find us a lot of plates  
 change & make a beginning. I suggest sending out  
 two trained girls from the W. M. M. & plates  
 of girls & boys (under 12) from the neighborhood  
 by way of making a beginning. The women's auxiliary  
 raises \$500 a year towards salary & general  
 expenses.

This is how matters stand at present -  
 I am sure you will be interested in the  
 progress of the work. I am, dear  
 S. J. Wilson

I trust Elizabeth will be quite well - & that  
 everything is going on in every way.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 7

Dear Dad

I have just received yr letter & thank you very much for writ<sup>ing</sup> so fully when I know your time is more than occupied.

I am afraid from the Bishop of Saskatchewan's letter in the Evangelical Union that my relations in establishing branch churches in the North West have been misunderstood. He looks upon me evidently as an intruder & interfering with existing work. But you will remember how careful I was at the outset to communicate with the Bishop of Anam & yourself before I took any step at all. And I received kind letters from both you & the Bishop of Anam - commending my work & introducing me to some of your missionaries.

You also, in your letter, laid special stress on the fact that you wd wish<sup>ed</sup> to take all responsibility in the matter, - your own diocese being so overburdened with work.

Actg on this - I have been try<sup>ing</sup> to collect funds with a view to establishing a Branch Church in your diocese. I have got so far as to collect in a small building capable of tak<sup>ing</sup> about 16 people and completed.

I have applied to you for financial assistance towards supporting the same. I have also applied to the Synod under consideration. I had also writ<sup>ten</sup> to the Synod for help, but they are unable to assist.

I am now applying for one of the Branches of the Women's  
 Auxiliary - to give a lady who was very unwell the use  
 in the Spring - with 2 trained girls from the Traversack to  
 help her - & take about 6 girls or boys (under one)  
 from the neighborhood by way of making a beginning - the  
 Women's Auxiliary to receive \$500 a year towards  
 salary & personal support. For support of Indian  
 children - <sup>will</sup> give extra for paint (if given) on the Sunday  
 Schools.

I think it would be disappointing to Mr. Rowell to  
 raise up the Elk Horn Home - as he is giving so much towards  
 it & will no doubt do much to help in the future.

If you don't have the post Institution at Lake Ream - the  
 difficulty that I explained of in my last letter is I  
 think removed.

My idea need not be a small institution - indeed as it  
 present constituted I regard it simply as a feeder to  
 our Higwank Home - & I don't think it would interfere  
 with any other institution you might establish provided  
 they were not too near to each other -

I would however throw out the suggestion - that your  
 Committee & yourself should unite with me in recommending  
 Elk Horn to the Department as the most desirable site  
 for the proposed institution - In that case a new site  
 might (if thought desirable) be selected - or just lots

... - & a large Institution each.  
The advantages would simply be -

- (1) You would have Mr. Rowwell's cooperation - & this (considering how few laymen there are who take active interest in the Indians) is I think not to be despised.
- (2) ~~Control~~ You would bring all my existing machinery - connect with Sunday Schools - publications &c - into a bag - in connection with the work.

If your Committee agreed to this - I would very strongly recommend that Mr. Barman be made the Principal of the Institution - and I would not ask for it to be called a Branch of the Synagogue - or for myself to have any authority whatever in its management -

All that I really desire is that any Church of England Institution that is established in Manitoba or the North West should co-operate with the Synagogue - & that the little paper I have published "Our Orphan Children" - should be a medium of communication - a means of keeping up interest in each other's work - & of stirring up interest among outsiders.

- (3) That I should be permitted about once a year to visit & stay a few days at any of these Institutions & compare notes.
- (4) That a few pupils should be occasionally drafted from these Institutions to our Shingwanke Home.

The first is I am looking upon in an especial manner the Old Indian question - trying to trace the early history of every tribe - & collect material about the language of each - & compare one with another. And that is mainly the reason why I want to gather a few of each tribe into the Shingwanke Home. I do not seek authority or responsibility unless it will be without cost of you carrying out above plan - I will do all I can to help you -  
I am sending you 2 photos of the park I took to  
Thank you & I for myself - I for Mr. Barman (I am sure you can find him)  
C. J. Wilson

Dec 19 7

The Editor 'Church parsoniam' -

W<sup>th</sup> kind regards let me have  
 your acct. for Advertising "Our Forest Children" -  
 I think I send 3 insertions only -

I have ordered a copy of the Christmas number  
 to be sent you - & shall esteem it a favor if  
 you will make some notice of it -

Yours truly

S. F. Wilson



Dec 20

N. W. Hayes Esq.

Dear Sir

Your letter tells me that Dr. H. W. Hayes has most kindly contributed \$20 to our work this year - has just reached me. Please thank him very much for his kindness. Of this amount \$100 will be applied as you direct to our Branch Home fund. We have also completed (or nearly so) the first Little Branch Home at Elk Horn in Manitoba. I am very glad one of the Branches of the Women's auxiliary to take it up & provide for its maintenance. My idea is to start in a small way with a lady as teacher & supt. - about 8 girls & 4 boys (under 12) - 2 of the girls might be trained ones from the Wawanosh. Assist the lady.

The copies of O. V. C. & other numbers I understand are for yourself - I shall be sent by your address -

Yours sincerely -

S. F. Wilson

Decr 20<sup>th</sup> 7

My dear Mr. Almon

Very many thanks for your kind  
 letter - enclosing \$50 for our 3 orphan Homes collect  
 at the annual service of S. P. Children & Leaders of  
 the people. It is ever our wish of you & take  
 as much interest in our work & to be so ready to help  
 us. I am just now in the midst of examinations  
 & single handed as cannot write as full as I would  
 wish but I will send you a packet of our papers for  
 your review. I will send some Christmas numbers  
 of "Our Orphan Children" as soon as published - I  
 wrote a day or two ago to W. Murray - telling him that  
 I had some thought of going to England with 5 Indian boys  
 in February - & if so would probably come by way of  
 Halifax & might spend a week in Nova Scotia. I  
 should like there where such a visit would be acceptable -  
 whether there will be any difficulty in getting the party assembled  
 at the time & place - I hold a few more

Yours very sincerely

S. P. Wilson

Decr 20 ?

Rev. R. C. Lamb  
Dear Sir

I have received your letter  
of Decr 14<sup>th</sup>. with a kind contribution to our work  
from your interesting Children's League. Your letter  
contained \$1 bill & 30 cents in stamps. I think  
there must be some error about this - as you mention  
#2. I have not your design your letter & fancy  
our young friends will take more interest in reading  
our new little paper "Our Christ Children" which is  
all about Indians. - I am sure that instead of  
Alabama news news. The latter paper is 35 cents  
per annum. O.C. 10 cents. Christmas number of O.C.  
15 cts. I am sure you own Christmas number & 2 copies  
O.C. for the year. If you wish for Ala. news as  
well - kindly send 35 cents.

Yours sincerely  
R. C. Lamb

Decr 22 7

Thanks for the \$1  
You will receive the  
number shortly

My dear Mr. Weston  
With your strong recommendation I

Should be very sorry before Mr. Osborne - & would  
be quite willing to pay the salary you mention - altho  
\$50 is excessive what we have been paying - but  
we shall certainly have no objection for this before the  
spring, & be quite willing to do what he could find  
any thing to do till then.

The thing here will depend on one of the two following:

(1) To take entire charge of a small institution at Elk Horn  
in Manitoba. I propose to send 2 trained girls  
from the New York - & to take 6 girls & 4 boys (under  
12) - Sioux - a Cree Indian - from the neighborhood.  
That will be 12 pupils in all. I have in communication  
with the Women's Auxiliary in Ottawa & Montreal (in regard  
to salary).

(2) But I am thinking of offering the post of Miss Blake our  
present lady left at the Wawaanish - & if Mrs. Blake can  
accept it, then the Wawaanish will be vacant.  
I cannot at present pledge myself to offer either of these  
posts - as of course it must depend on circumstances - but  
I would like to know which of the 2 posts Miss O. wd prefer - & whether  
it is likely she will still be engaged in the Spring. Yrs sincerely

Dec: 22

My dear Mr. Wilton

Your letter just received. Mr. Gibson I think will give you a few lines a day or two ago - we all felt much for you in the past over those which you had been called to pass.

I am most anxious that some strong Branch of the Women's association should take up our Branch Home in Elkton in Manitoba - which is now almost completed - & will be ready to give land in Spring.

I have written Mr. Henderson of Montreal & asked him to lay the matter before the Montreal Branch & would be glad if you will do the same in Ottawa.

The Elkton Home cost \$1350 - & has accommodations for a Superintendent & wife & 16 Indian children - We have many applicants - i.e. nearly sufficient - in bank for furnishing.

It was built mainly through the munificence of Geo. H. Rosewell a merchant - & I have as you will remember \$1000 towards it. Mr. P. also supports a little Liona boy - at \$75 per year in our Highgate Home. Mr. P. will I believe be the manager of the work there - once we get it started to 2. & the interest is to be paid.

What I propose then to do is as follows -

1) To secure the services of a lady who is of undoubted ability to do the work - & to see that the building is ready.

(2) To send with him 2 trained girls from the Wawanda Home to his help.

(3) To receive 6 girls + 4 boys (under 12) from the neighborhood.

And then make at once a small beginning.

For support - I would ask the Womans Association to raise \$500 per ann. which wd pay the lady's salary (\$250) + board - fuel - gas - & for support of individual children. I wd depend on the Sunday Schools + Government grant - as we do here at the Home work.

The Question now arises - What does the Bishop of Rupert Land say about it? Is he in favor? To this I wd reply that it has been entirely with the Bishop's concurrence + approval that I have been act - & course I presume that it is now going on between us.

The Bishop is at present in a rather little prospect owing to the Government having proposed to build a school + hospital + part of the site - & the difficulty in finding a suitable site. I am trying to induce them to combine with my work - that it be at St. Blaise - that the site is uncertain - & to maintain the best thing is to go on jointly with the Catholic school which is already built - & I think it will be quite feasible to carry it on in the way I have suggested. In a wide diocese like Manitoba there is plenty of room for 2 or more Protestant Institutions for Indian children - indeed I wd think there were 10 of them. In the United

States there are 70 Institutions, & the majority of  
them larger than our Springfield Home.

There are two lady & take charge.

You enclose a letter from a Mrs. Thompson -

Perhaps it would be well to tell her that I have  
said in the letter about the Elk Horn School - that she  
she will seem capable of undertaking the charge. She  
would have entire control & have to manage, & run the  
besides the school work.

By almost the same mail I received a letter from  
Rev. R. Ashton of Brentford recommending me  
and the lady, who I think will be in every way qualified.

Again - I have thought how well it be to suggest to the  
recent lady of the Worcester Home Mr. Blake to  
undertake the job. She is a widow - a capital  
manager - & I think could well undertake it - if  
wished to do so. (I have seen the applicants & take the names)  
But to put this in to give the papers - so before doing  
anything more I would like to ascertain whether or not  
the Worcester Committee is Obsolete or whether in the

two combined - will take up the work - If they  
will - the next step will be to go into the details  
& select our lady.

Yrs very sincerely  
G. F. Wilson

I have asked the Indian Department - to  
grant \$60 a head for ammunition for 8 boys <sup>with the company</sup>  
& \$40 a head for 6 girls from the 1st April next.

Would Major Selton try & pass this with Mr.  
White. When I applied for this grant  
(Oct 20 last) it was with the idea of having a scout  
& wife placed in charge & to take more boys than  
girls. If the Dept. make the full grant as a head  
for, it would probably be best to do this, but I am  
afraid there is no such chance of it. The best  
way I think will I think be as I have suggested  
with a lady in charge - I will try to get  
If you think of joining to the scout would you send the  
letter on to Mr. Henderson as near this was as a scout is.



Decr 22<sup>d</sup> 7

The Editor of the Record  
Sir

With your kind permission I would like to address a few more words to your readers on behalf of the poor down trodden Indians of Canada. And in this letter (as I said in my last) I will try to show how far more generous & wiser the Indians are now being dealt with across the border, in the United States, than they are with us.

In the States - President Cleveland has taken up their cause. These are memorable words spoken recently by the President of the United States - "The conscience of the people demands that the Indians, within our boundaries, shall be fairly and honestly treated as wards of the government, and their education and civilization promoted with a view to their ultimate citizenship." I know there has long existed an idea that the Indians were infinitely better treated on Canadian soil than in the State; the idea probably in England even now is that the Indians after being hunted from place to place & shot down like wild animals by the cruel Americans seek a harbor of refuge for themselves in Canada. This state of things may have existed & probably did exist in the past, but it is no longer so. The American Government

... of the ... the protector of it.  
 40,000 Indian people - The President, on behalf of  
 the American people, demanded that it shall be fairly and honestly  
 dealt with & that steps be taken to educate & civilize <sup>them</sup> &  
 fit them for being citizens of the United States. And  
 to effect all this the necessary machinery has been set  
 in motion. The Government is at work. The people are  
 at work. The Churches are at work. The heart of the American  
 people has been aroused on behalf of this down trodden ill used  
 race. They are no longer to be driven away, as savages from the  
 homes of the settlers. They are no longer to be forced to remain  
 by themselves in those great prison houses called Indian Reserves.  
 They are no longer to be an alien people their hand against every  
 man & every man's hand against them. They are no longer  
 to retain their own languages & to be visited only by missionaries.  
 The American President, the American Government, the American  
 people have decreed that the Indian shall no longer exist as a  
 separate people but shall be absorbed into the Common wealth,  
 that all the advantages hitherto monopolized by his white brethren  
 shall now be his, that he shall be welcomed as a brother &  
 become a part of the American Nation. To effect this  
 great and various important steps have already been  
 taken. First of all numerous large industrial schools  
 have been built & are maintained, partly by the Government,  
 partly by religious Societies. In my last letter I spoke of  
 there being some 30 or so large Institutions for Indian  
 children in the States, but when I said so I meant  
 of those with a capacity for 150 or more pupils. There  
 are in all 104 Indian Institutions, the smallest of them  
 having accommodation for 20 boarders & the largest for

600. I have myself visited some of these large institutions, and it indeed stirred my soul to see these dusky children of the forest clad in neat uniform, their faces all so bright & clean, & so intelligent looking. No expense seemed to be spared to meet the desired end; - the class rooms all so well equipped, - the teachers kind & zealous & devoted to their work, comfortable bedrooms heated by steam, meals well cooked & nice, <sup>second</sup> ~~second~~ every facility for teaching from 10 or 12 grades: - And the things made, the boys not shipped off to some whole sale house, but made to do double duty, by being furnished to the Indians on the Reservation, thus serving as a strong incentive to the old people to send their children to the place. How so many useful things would be taught them. And then when the children leave these institutions they are encouraged to go out & live with the white people rather than to return to their old homes. One noted Institution, the Carnegie School in Pennsylvania, during the past year shut out as many as 300 children to live with the white farmers in the neighborhood. Thus the race prejudice is put in down; the Indian children learn from the white people, and warm their hearts & are ready to help them along. The white people regard that their little Indians, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ are capital help, both in the house & on the farm & ranch. <sup>They</sup> ~~They~~ make friends with them, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ the school authorities are in constant communication with the white people. No home taken their pupils & receive monthly cards reporting their behavior. With very few exceptions the reports are very favorable. Of a sort the report is - <sup>He</sup> ~~He~~ is ambitious to be a good head maker; spends his spare time reading and improving himself; - and of a boy - <sup>He</sup> ~~He~~ does very well, and capable of doing any work on a farm; a good

industrious boy". Such & such like are the reports usually received of the profits first and foremost.

Now why may we not have such a work as this in Canada? Why may we not aim to make Canadians of our 129,000 Indians even as they are now aiming to make Americans of them in the United States? If Indian children after receiving a few years training at an industrial school are acceptable as work men & maid servants at the farm houses in the States why may they not be made to be equally acceptable among the farming population in Canada? A few years ago they were treated as an alien people, a people incapable of improvement, a people scarcely human by the Americans; now all is changed, & every effort is being made to fit them for citizenship. How did this work begin? What brought about this great change? It began with a few earnest, determined individuals who, with almost the whole nation against them, pressed on & persevered knowing that the cause they were advocating was a just one & a right one. and at length they found the ear of the people and at length they touched the conscience of the people; the great American heart was touched & the President from his high eminence declared that the Indians must be treated with justice & honesty that his education & civilization must be promoted with a view to his ultimate citizenship. Thus the government machinery was set in motion, & now upwards of a million dollars per annum of public money is being expended solely on the elevating and educating of the American Indians.

I appeal through your columns to the philanthropic both in England & Canada on behalf of the Canadian Indians. So long as the people do not care what becomes of them it is not they

But the Government will do so. The Government is but the  
 voice of the people. We want a Lord Shaftesbury to stir the  
 people's conscience on behalf of this down trodden race. We  
 want to hear from <sup>our</sup> English courts as was heard from the White  
 House at Washington - "The conscience of the nation demands  
 that Indians on English soil shall be fairly & honestly treated &  
 that education & civilization be promoted with a view to their  
 ultimate citizenship." I am afraid I must  
 crave space for one more letter in which to tell what little  
 has already been accomplished towards the desired end, &  
 to define more plainly what are the plans that ~~it~~ would like to  
 be carried out -

I remain

Yours faithfully

Edward P. Wilson

Dec. 23 7

L. J. Gilkison Esq  
Dear Sir

I am engaged in preparing a map showing the location & present occupancy of every Indian tribe in North America - together with Statistics as to their numbers &c. -

Can you kindly give me correct information as to the number of Menomonee, Menominee, Ojibwa, Sisseton, Seneca, Susquehanna & any other tribe living in your Superintendent's territory. The Indian Department Report lumps them altogether as Six Nation Indians - without specifying how many of each tribe.

Yours faithfully  
L. J. Gilkison

Would any of your Indians subscribe themselves -

Dec: 20 7

My dear Dad -

We all wish yourself & Mrs. Sullivan a  
 joyful Christmas & happy new year - All things  
 are going along pretty & happy I am glad to hear  
 from you - I am very sorry to hear of your  
 funds being so low, but in your last letter to me &  
 also in your published letter in the Church paper -  
 I have no doubt however that when it is known there  
 will be a reaction - & more will come in - In the  
 meantime you may have to reduce some of us a little  
 till things straighten out - I have come thought  
 of going Bristol towards the end of February & get  
 back to the first of May - but it must depend on  
 the answers I get to some letters - It is 8 years now  
 since I crossed.

If you should happen to be in Queen Street wd you  
 kindly enquire at Mr. Cross - No 123 w - about the  
 sheep head - It has never come yet.

If you have time will you kindly send a few lines for  
 our children because we are all so -  
 Well & I am sure have settled in to your house - we are all  
 at the Cameron

I have sent you a few lines -  
 but no reply yet -

Yr very sincere  
 J. P. Wilson

Dec. 27 7

My dear Dad

My letter to the Christian Church  
 just received - but I know a usual with a  
 warm heart & kind wishes - I wrote to you  
 yesterday - but am not so again with the good  
 news - that in response to my application on behalf  
 of David Traubeger to the Indian Department  
 agrees to accept him as a third class clerk - provided  
 he passes the Civil Service Examination - the  
 salary, the \$4000 per annum & the increased \$50  
 per annum - till it reaches \$4000 - provided he  
 gives satisfaction -

I enclose you his school reports - that you may  
 take use of - when speaking of our work at  
 meetings -

Respectfully  
 S. H. Wilson



Dec. 27 7

The Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs -

I have acknowledged  
with much gratitude your letter of the 22. inst -  
in which you say that a place will be found for  
David Osage as Trade Class Clerk in the  
Department provided he can pass the Civil  
Service Examination -

I have written to D. B. Thomas & Osage telling  
them of the favorable reply received & it will  
give them great satisfaction besides acting  
as a new source of our Indian boys who are at  
present very few -

I remain Sir

Your obedient servant

David C. Wilson

Dec 27 7

My dear Mr. Jewell

You will be glad I am sure to hear that in response to my application to the Indian Dept. I have agreed to accept David Waubegis as a third class clerk - provided he passes the civil service examination. The salary to be \$400 per annum & he increased \$50 per annum till it reaches \$1000 - provided he continues to be satisfactory.

I enclose you his school report - which speaks volumes for his ability. I have also enclosed with it a letter from the Commissioner of the Indian Affairs.

I am sure you will accept him as a clerk. I have also enclosed with this letter a letter from the Commissioner of the Indian Affairs.

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Dec. 27 7

John Rowland Esq.

Dear Mr. Rowland

I return you the letter which was closed in naming mistake.

There is no fear as I said in the last of the first letter being Mr. Pivonani's missing. I hope the end of it will be that he will join in with the other of the Bishop could not alone.

I am certain he would not be in the mean time and my business to other in all ways early in spring with a lady in chief of our community.

I have just received some good news from the Dept. of the Interior which says well as respects the rest for all the different branches of our work.

I had applied for a clerkship for a boy of the name of Rodriguez - who (Pascasio Kolora) has been 2 years at Pinar del Rio and by the will accept him as a 3rd class clerk as soon as he has passed the civil service examination.

— Along with it to be understood \$500 a year till it reaches \$1000.

It wd. be well to let some of your country Indians have the better piece of news. -

Yours truly  
J. Nelson

Handwritten note at the bottom of the page, partially obscured by tape.

Dec 27 7

C. M. Kelley Esq.

Dear Sir

As David Quabba may not be at home - I write to you to convey to him in some possible - the following message -

In reply to my application for him - Mr. Vanhook has just written that he has conferred on the subject with Mr. White - & that they have agreed to take him into the Department as a third class clerk so soon as he has passed the Civil Service examination. The salary will be \$1400, to be increased \$50 a year till it reaches \$1000, provided he continues to give satisfaction.

This will be good news to David - as indeed it is - & I hope when the Indians hear it it will make them more anxious to have their children educated.

David will have to prepare to pass the C. S. examination - I have written to D. Pettine about it.

Yrs sincerely  
J. H. Wilson

Dec. 27

My dear Mr. Belknap

I have just received a favorable  
 reply from Ottawa about David O'Leary.  
 "On Messrs. Hall he made for him a room as  
 he shall have passed the Civil Service Examination  
 will then receive \$3000 per annum salary as a  
 third class clerk to be increased \$50 per annum  
 till it reaches \$4000 provided he proves himself  
 deserving."

Will you kindly let me know what the Civil  
 Service Exam is & what prospect you think there is  
 after passing it - & when.

I suppose his preparing for the Exam. will  
 preclude his going to England -

Yours sincerely  
 W. Wilson

Dec 27 7

The Managers  
Bank of Montreal - Toronto  
Sir

Enclosed find cheque  
of amount of \$36.10.0 for  
credit of Indian Homes acct - & advise  
me -

Yours truly

W. H. Wilson

Let me have pass book as soon as convenient

The Editor of the Dominion Churchman

Decr 28<sup>th</sup> 7

Dear Sir -

In reply to the Bishop of  
 Saskatchewan's letter objecting to my proposed Branch Home  
 at Banff - & implying that I am leaving my own sphere in  
 Alberta to interfere with the work of Missionaries in  
 other Dioceses - I have simply to say that the work in  
 which I have been engaged for <sup>nineteen</sup> years & in which  
 friends both in England & in Canada have so kindly helped  
 me has never been confined to one Diocese. In 1889 I was  
 living in Sarnia & yet itinerating among the Indians North of  
 Lake Huron & Lake Superior. Soon since our Agency Branch  
 Home was established at Sault Ste Marie we have drawn  
 our pupils in large measure from other Dioceses, the Indians  
 in Alberta being chiefly Roman Catholics. The Bishops of  
 Rupert's Land and Qu'Appelle have given me leave, encour-  
 -agement & prosecute my work within the limits of their dioceses,  
 & all the Missionaries working among the Indians from here to  
 the Rockies are my warm friends & ready to aid me in every  
 way. My great object in trying to establish a small branch  
 Home at Banff as I have said plainly enough - perhaps too  
 plainly - in the papers was to counteract Romish influence. My  
 object is not to promote discord - but unity - in our Christian Mission.

Yours truly  
 J. H. P.

Joseph Lea Esq.

Dec. 28 7

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> just received. The particulars about the Indian by the N. S. School supports in part have usually been sent to Trinity in the expectation that they would pass them on to you. We frequently do send two S. Schools join in supporting a child - as it is impossible to make duplicates of every thing. It however is your school to have more for us than for Trinity we shall now remove the order of the same to you first. The reason why you have Braant instead of your former boy Alexander, is that Alexander went down in the summer with Peck's eye & will not return home till next Spring. Braant is a dear little fellow - a Mohawk - of 7 years old - a lineal descendant of the first Captain Braant. He is very quick & sharp for his age. Your remittance of \$25 pays for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  year just ended. With  
 Any thanks & best wishes for the New Year -  
 Yours sincerely  
 J. M. Wilson



Dec 31 7

C. Judge Esq  
Dear Sir

Many thanks for yr letter &  
enclosure of \$50 one year maintenance  
for your boy - Charles Johnson. Next  
week the boys will all write to their Sunday  
schools - We have had a gay happy Christmas  
& all have greatly enjoyed themselves - To night  
we have midnight service in our Chapel -

I do not see that the objection is that people receive  
any proposals for extension - Query - Is it best  
to have 80 pupils under Church influence & obliged to  
attend Church of England service & observe their parents  
faith may be - or to have 300 pupils under Church  
influence - & such as express a wish to do so - to be  
allowed to attend their own place of worship on Sundays -?

I believe that the Church will increase her influence  
in Indian Missions by doing this - as it always will be  
as long as I have to do with it - a Church of Deaf Institution.

Yr very sincere  
Q. J. Wilson

Mr. Geo. Rutledge

Dec. 31/07

Dear Sir

I am much disappointed that the Christmas Number O.V.C. has not yet reached me - I hoped it would have been up here a week before Christmas - There will be little chance of selling any more than once the Christmas season is passed - I had hoped that the first ones going out would act as an advertisement for the rest - The fault I expect rests with the Engraving Co. in Toronto. I enclose you a fresh address list - Christmas No. & monthly copies of O.V.C.

Yrs sincerely

G. F. Wilson

Total subscribers	415
Unfilled copies	578
Mr. Wilson	50
Reserve	140
& gratis	1200

Jan. No.

Star No. - fine	275
Jan. No.	219
Mr. W.	50
Reserve	266.00

Jan 2 /

St Pauls Church St.

Dear Sir

I am forwarding to you  
 by this mail a copy of the Christmas Number  
 of "Our Poor Children" - 1875 that you will  
 kindly accept it -

And will you kindly let me know - whether  
 of I may send you 50 copies - you would be  
 will have them judiciously distributed among  
 the Protestant members of Parliament when the  
 House meets -

With best wishes for the New Year -

Yrs very faithfully

S. P. Wilson

Jan. 3 8

The Manager  
Bank of Montreal  
Toronto

In Inclosed find  
Bill of Exchange for £80 —  
Cheque (Quebec) — \$50 —  
" Empire Loan Co. — \$25 —

With which please credit my Indian  
Homes &c. & advise me —

Yours truly

E. H. Wilson

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 8

Thomas Rutt Esq. -

Dear Sir

I received Mrs. Halem's  
 cheque from you a few days ago - & acknowledged it  
 by post card. And today I am drawing ~~from~~ you  
 at 35 days after sight for the usual £50 - as I  
 understand from you that you have sufficient funds  
 on hand to meet it.

I wish to say sister Mrs. Martin some little time  
 ago that I had some thought of going to England about  
 the beginning of March - being with me 5 or 6 of  
 my Indian pupils to address meetings &c. - This  
 however is as yet definitely decided on -

With best wishes for the New Year -

Yrs very faithfully

Edward P. Wilson

The Editor of the Record.  
Sir

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 8

In my last letter I craved of you a little more space for just one more letter about the Canadian Indians. For 20 years I have been engaged in this work to which I believe the great Master called me, and He has seen 20 years of great happenings, for I love the people, I love their children, I love the work which I am trying feebly to accomplish. My own children have grown up among these people, and we have become as it were one with them. But Oh! I do long to see more done for them than has yet been done. I long to see someone with influence coming forward to the front to speak on their behalf. As I said in my last there are missionaries working among them here & there, undergoing in many cases great hardship & privation in their labors of love, - but it is not so much for missionary work that I am now pleading, I am not urging on your readers to send teachers & ministers to a heathen race because they are heathen, - but a plea is one of JUSTICE and HUMANITY. I want to touch not only the hearts of those few good people who take interest in missionary work, but the heart of the Nation the conscience of the people. The heart & conscience of the American people has already been touched. Already, in the States are great efforts

being put forth to wipe away the shame & dishonor which  
 has disgraced them as a Nation for the past 100 years in  
 their dealings with the Indians; but in Canada and in England  
 I see no sign as yet of any such movement. In England  
 people know nothing about the Indians further than that they are  
 a half-barbarous people - keen hunters - & daring riders -  
 as exemplified by Buffalo Bill's exhibition, - and in  
 Canada people know the Indians only to despise them and  
 to begrudge them the little portions of territory which they still  
 cling to. Neither English or Canadians seem either to  
 know or to care whether these people are capable of elevation  
 - capable of becoming one with us as Citizens of this vast  
 country. It is a matter of indifference seemingly whether  
 they be fitted by Christian education to become useful members  
 of our civilized Society or whether they continue to be shut up  
 as prisoners on their Reserve lands, a separate people, hated  
 - despised - down trodden - & left to dwindle away & die.  
 Surely if it is right to take the children of our own poor off  
 the streets of our great cities & clothe & feed & educate & fit  
 them for gaining their own livelihood it were only right to take  
 the children of these poor Indians whose lands & hunting grounds  
 are now appropriated and give them the same opportunity of  
 earning an honest living.

I began this work as I have said 20 years ago. Soon after  
 that period I brought an Indian Chief named Buk-kwoj-je-ne-ne  
 to England. He held meetings & collected about £100. With  
 this sum my first Institution for Indian children called the  
 Phinparuk Home was built. That Institution was burned  
 to the ground six days after it was opened. But God saw  
 us through before the year was over & we built again. God

really our work has increased. We have now our  
 Sanguin Home for boys and Wawanosh Home for  
 girls, Chapel, and Hospital - all of stone - & all situated  
 at Sault Ste Marie, in Ontario; and we have a small  
 Branch ~~Home~~ Institution, called the Washakada Home -  
 just built - but with no means of support at present - in  
 Manitoba. There has also been established within the  
 last two or three years an Institution for Indian Children at  
 Battleford in Saskatchewan which though quite independent  
 is still we feel working with us. ~~There~~ ~~is~~ ~~an~~ ~~Home~~ ~~at~~  
 Sault Ste Marie we receive £360 per annum from friends in  
 England, also an annual grant from the Col. & Cont. Church  
 Society. With the view of trying to increase the interest in our  
 work among English friends I had thought of paying a visit  
 to England this Spring & bringing 5 or 6 of my Indian pupils  
 with me, but the difficulty about lodging them & the expense of  
 the Ocean journey have deterred me. The Canadian  
 Government will I hope render us some assistance towards  
 the extension of our present Homes & the establishment of fresh  
 ones at distant points; but we cannot expect the Gov-  
 ernment to do much until the people, whose voice the Govern-  
 -ment is, are aroused. We want to hear it proclaimed  
 in Canada as has already been proclaimed in the United  
 States "the conscience of the people nations demand that Indians  
 on English soil shall be fairly & honestly treated and their  
 education & civilization promoted with a view to their  
 ultimate citizenship".

I remain A

Yours faithfully

Edward J. Wilson



Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 8

Rev. G. Pollard

Dear Sir

Cannt I induce your Sunday School to recommend the support of an Indian pupil in one of our Homes - Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston are all supporting us largely - but we seem to appeal in vain to Ottawa -

I will gladly send you a name if either a boy or a girl - if you will undertake him.

Will you please give kindly let me know how <sup>much</sup> you sent the \$50 towards the Branch Home - I cannot remember receiving it - If it came it must have been enclosed with other unspecified amounts forwarded by Treasurer

Yours sincerely

G. H. Wilson

I am sending you a copy of Christian No. of Oct. Will you not order a few for circulation?

Jan-7-8

Rev. S. Edmonds  
Dear Sir

I have been a long time  
receiving your kind letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ult - but  
have been waiting - hoping that in some way or other  
the barrel of MSS from Miss Smith might reach us.

It has not yet done so - but I think if you were  
to try again you wd find that it <sup>or</sup> come us - If  
there is any difficulty - have it addressed to Charles  
J. W. Ramsay (Chief Engineer) Ludbury Junction &  
he will send it on to us. I am sorry it is too  
late for Christmas, but that cannot be helped.

Your very liberal donation to the Harvard Festival  
has been an immense help to us. & we shall close  
this past year I think with only a small deficit.

I have just told you that the post will tell us best  
our work next summer, & have promise of a clerkship  
for one of our ex-pupils (in Ottawa) at \$400 a year.

I will send a Xmas No O.S.C. to Miss Smith, & will  
write to her from the Clerk to receive -

Yrs sincerely  
S. K. Wilson

Jan 7 8

Dear Mr. Bliss

In reply to your note just received (which is private matter & I think better in an envelope) I am quite aware that I spoke of a possible increase of salary, from £200 to £250 per annum at the end of six months - but it was not to be on the ground of Competency.

When I engaged you I knew that you were a perfectly competent teacher - & my only doubt was whether you would give your heart & the work & care for these poor Indian children.

I think if you refer to my letter you will find that I did not say a word about Competency but that I spoke of your settling in & identifying yourself with us & trying to make the work a success.

If I had intended to raise your salary I should have given you notice of my intention in a business like way when your first 6 mos. were ended. My not giving such notice or in any way leading you to expect that I was going to do so I think was sufficient evidence that I was not going to make any change - & I am sorry that you should have thought otherwise.

Yours sincerely -  
Edward L. Wilson

Dear Mr. Lewis,

I began teaching the two boys yesterday in Sunday School - from the Blackfoot texts & sentences which you so kindly sent me. It is very gratifying to see them

I hope you will like the Christmas No. of O. P. C. which I sent you - It has a number of sketches in it which I took while teaching last summer. I have not yet decided about going to England. The difficulty is the great expense & I don't want to put the pupils up. If I do not go to England I shall probably be with you again towards the end of May or beginning of June. I am rather thinking of putting the boys on the train at Port Arthur to go by themselves to Pleichen - then go on myself to Duluth - travel through Minnesota - Dakota - & Montana visiting the Indian Reserves, then north to the C. P. R. & so on to you - That would give the boys about 3 weeks holiday at home - so that if they wished to return again with me they might do so. I am going back for help with travel expenses - & in that case would like to bring 10 boys back with me if their parents will let them go. The authorities at Regina - are very much in favor of my work - & advocate assistance being given me to take boys East - but I don't know whether the Ottawa people will agree to it. However they seem

indented to be my civil - I have just offered one of  
my best pupils a clerkship in the Ind. Dep. at \$4000  
a year with prospect of gradual increase till it reaches  
\$7000.

Alphonsia & Etukitvina are both perfectly well  
now - looks fat & hearty. App. is the most forward in  
lessons & my good also at Carpentry. but Etukitvina beats  
the other boys in the boat shop. I am giving them each  
25 cts. a week pocketing. They are well men &  
good boys & have never been the slightest trouble since  
they came. App. has learned baking as well as  
Carpenter work. They are very shy still - but talking English.

We had a splendid Christmas tree here - 4 or 5 pounds  
besides Candies & such things.

Will you tell me how many better there is any way  
of getting across from the Blackfoot Reserve in Montana  
to the C.P.R. - by 20 - there is the route - how long will it  
take & what sort of a horse to the expense. I think the men  
of the H.B.C. people or Mounted Police could tell you.

Will you please thank Miss Brown very much  
for her long interesting letter. - I hope whenever she  
can spare a little time she will write again.

With kindest regards to your sister - & to the 3 Mr  
Stockings

Yr. sincerely  
S. P. Wilson

I can't decide on going to England - kindly enquire  
for a. some as convenient. as I want to have all  
plans made before leaving.

Recd from Macdonnell

Dear Sir

May I thank you for yours of 13<sup>th</sup> ult. I have sent printed circular asking information about Indian tribes to the gentlemen you mentioned -

I hope you have since this received the Christmas no. of O.C. & you will see it has in it some letters from your Indian children. I shall be glad to hear what you & they think of it.

I think it is quite likely you may have the pleasure of seeing you again about next June - as I shall be bringing back the 2 Blackfoot boys to their home.

I shall hear from Mr. Lewis that there are quite a number more want to come. If I can induce the foot board towards travel expenses - I wd like to try 10 Indian children back with me - the cost is about 30 dollars a head - (1/2 price). Would you care to send me or two Stony children of the same with - I think 'going East' is a help - them even apart from the education they receive. I could not take any for less than

2 years - & wd prefer them to agree to 3. Can you tell me is there any way of getting from the Blackfoot Reserve in Montana on to the C.P.R. or if so what wd be the expense & distance. I think of going through Drummond's Lake & Montana

I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

Jan 9 8

My dear Dr. Hale -

Forwarded one dozen copies of  
Christmas No. O.C. I have sent down - & I think  
you have seen this received item.

I also added in the slips containing illustrations of  
Indian tattoos & he enclosed with them - & shall  
be glad of your criticisms of these letters.

I have prepared a short article on the (Ojibwa)  
Indians (founded on the question list) which  
will appear in February, I think.

People seem to like the Christmas numbers as far  
as I have heard. Your article you will  
see appeared in full - & I don't think there was  
any error worth mentioning. Rutherford is a careful  
proof reader.

I shall be very glad if at any time you can  
send me a short article.

Yrs sincerely  
Wm. Nelson

Jan 10 8

The Toronto Graphic Co.

Ans -

I enclose you as requested  
 cheque to cover your account \$53.75 - The cuts  
 were nicely executed & the price I think moderate.

You wish me some time ago - about another process  
 which you said was still cheaper

You still I think have 7 of my sketches - namely  
 (1) Old Sun's teepee, (2) Mr. Linn's house & school (3) Ration day  
 (wagon with meat) (4) Cree Indians (5) 'Crowfoot' (6) Fort Du'Appelle  
 (7) Tramaanok girls.

Kindly let me know what it would cost to <sup>prepare</sup> ~~print~~  
 them by the cheap process.

Yrs faithfully  
 S. J. Wilson



Jan 10 8

Dear S. McKridge

Yours of the 3<sup>d</sup> received today -  
I have sent a post card + Rutherford asking  
him to send you the two blocks - Please  
return them to him as soon as you have made  
use of them -

I am very glad you like the Christmas Number -  
people seem generally pleased with it - I hope  
it may do some good.

In referring to it in your next issue you might  
please mention that I have still copies on hand  
for sale -

With very thanks for your kind wishes & etc.  
Yours have all happenings this new year -

Yours sincerely

S. F. Wilson

I enclose you a set of questions which I am sending  
round to missionaries & others -

Jan 11 8

My dear Dad

Your 2 letters received with endurance. I have sent receipts to Mr. Campbell.

I am undecided at present about my English trip. I had applied to the CPCT to undertake expenses if I came with 4 or 5 Indian boys & take the proceeds of meetings. I asked them to help me up. I have just received it. They cannot undertake the responsibility. On the other hand I have many letters from 5 or 6 different characters urging me to come & bring the boys.

How would the following plan suit you - ?  
I or me to go with my boys at the same time you do - you arrange the meetings & take all the proceeds for the all-India mission (excepting any such contributions as might be given especially by individuals to the Indian Mission) - and allow me out of the proceeds such fair proportions towards meeting our travelling expenses as might seem right. I am willing to pay my own individual expenses, but if I take the boys we will take care that expenses refunded as far as possible. The benefit for our work would be still it more widely known - & some additional boys would be recruited. I don't care about collections at meetings provided our expenses are met.

The boy I propose taking is David, Navi

to I cover by), Joseph Long (the son), & Ellis Adams  
(who has been about with me before) & perhaps one of the two  
Blackfeet. The first is an all choice surgeon.

As to the time - if you approve the plan I will  
try & make my time fit in with yours. I suppose the  
end of June. I had intended to take the  
2 Blackfeet boys home the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May - but  
if one goes to England this must be deferred.

Will you kindly let me know as soon as  
possible what you think about it.

If it does not suit you - I'll all defer my visit  
till next year.

Wish you a very happy new year -  
Yours very sincerely,

Edward L. Wilson

I am glad to say Mr McKenzie, (Whom I engaged  
last summer as carpenter) is doing splendidly - He  
is settling into Mr. Mitchell's place, superintending the  
boys at work, & helping me with the accounts inside  
the Carpenter's. He is quite a religious man - knows  
his bible well - & has the excellent influence over  
the boys.

We have commenced the plan of trial by jury in case  
of stealing &c. - McKenzie & McCallum act with me  
as magistrates. 4 boys are constables - & the jury 20  
consisted of 16 boys - the jury met on the 1<sup>st</sup> of last  
week & commenced to transact business.

Dear Sir  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of school desks. I have the pleasure to inform you that I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of school desks. I have the pleasure to inform you that I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of school desks.

R. Buchanan  
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 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of school desks. I have the pleasure to inform you that I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of school desks.

I am ready to supply you with school desks  
 6 feet long by 12 inches wide  
 and 12 school desks - desk 3 ft 6 long by 15 inches wide to seat 2 pupils. seat on hinges.

Could you procure these for me - would have to freight them. Of course I will take but them at as a

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Henry  
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 writes a very good  
 letter - you  
 don't know  
 not sure

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 8

Suhyahseenaun Nungwis -

I was very pleased to receive your letter yesterday - & to hear that you were getting well & strong & tall & fat. And I was very glad to receive your photographs & to see your face again. I hope you will soon be able to come back to us. I would like to come for 3 years more & study to be a school teacher like David & Johnny.

We had our 'Onward & Upward Club' meeting yesterday in the Dining Hall. We have it regularly every week. This time David is president, W. Lee Wilson vice president, Mr. McKenzie secretary, & Joseph Soney Treasurer. Mr. McKenzie is our Carpenter & he also assists in supervising the boys at work. He is a very nice man. At the meet. last evening - Johnny & 5 other boys sang 'The Canadian Boat Song' & David, Joseph, Wasi & Willie sang a nice piece of sacred music.

I am thinking of going to England this summer & taking about 5 Indian boys with me. Would you like to go with me? I cannot promise to take you, but I would like to know if you wish very much to go. If you do you will have to come up here as soon as possible so as to practice singing with the other boys.

Yours truly  
 W. Lee Wilson

I am glad to hear that you are getting well & strong & tall & fat.

Jan- 13<sup>th</sup> &

Dear Tommy

I have been wanting to get a letter from you & know how you are. Johnson has written to me several times but you have not written once. I want to hear whether you are better & if that nasty sore place has healed up.

I suppose you heard about my job at Ottawa & Montreal & that 20 Indian boys & 10 Indian girls with me. We had a splendid time.

We had a meet of our "Onward & Upward Club" last night & it passed off very well. Johnny & 5 boys sang "The Canadian Boat Song". & David & 3 others sang another piece very nicely. and David dressed up like a Navajo Indian from Arizona & Joseph like an Esquimaux from the North Pole & they met & had a talk. It was very amusing.

I am sending you a book with a picture of the 2 boys Willie & Etahkitim on horse back on the Jubilee day - & a picture of the two Blackfeet boys.

Neen sub koo, Subyahjeerann

S. J. Wilson

Jan. 13 8

A. H. Campbell Esq.

Dear Sir

Enclosed you are charged  
for \$53.75 as follows -

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of 6 times as formerly.

J. H.  
S. J. Wilson

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 8

Rev. H. N. Almon

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst  
 received with enclosure of \$40<sup>00</sup> for  
 children's services at Trinity Church. - for  
 which many thanks -

My movements are uncertain at present -  
 C.C.C.S. to whom I applied for assistance of I  
 crossed the Atlantic with boys - are unable  
 to help - & I do not like to risk the great  
 expense personally.

Possibly I may go later with the Bishop - but  
 not can be decided at present.

I will let Dr. Hale know in good time if  
 I decide on going - Please thank him for his  
 kind offer of help.

Yrs sincerely  
 S. O. Wilson

I hope you received the Xmas No. S.V.C.



Jan. 10 8

Mr. Geo. Putnam.  
Dear Sir

Please send 50 copies *Ann. No.*  
O.F.C. to L. Pankoughent Esq., Ind. Dept., Ottawa.

I am disappointed that neither the *Journal*  
No. of *Ann.* or O.F.C. have yet reached me.

Hope that in future you will manage for them  
to be handed by the first of the month.

It has put me back in preparing my annual  
Report of the *Ann.* as I have to get our  
receipts published in O.F.C. with our books.

I wish you would please always acknowledge  
receipt of copy by post card. I have not had  
a word from you since that you ever received  
the copy for O.F.C. & *Ann.* both of which I  
sent you as agreed - Decr. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Let me hear that you account talked with me  
as to copies sent out since in Decem. of *Ann.*  
O.F.C. & *Ann. No.*

Yrs truly  
G. F. Wilson

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 8

Mr. Geo. Butterford

Dear Sir

I am sending you by  
this mail copy for Volume No. 10. &c.

Please acknowledge receipt by R.C. direct  
you receive it.

Some No. 10 reached me yesterday. It  
looks very well - but you have made a  
serious mistake in putting in a lot of A.M.N.  
matter - I have also left out a considerable  
portion of the copy which I sent you for O.C.

Please explain this - as it looks like carelessness.  
No A.M.N. matter numbers to enter O.C. - the two  
are the kept quite distinct.

I am expecting three from you in reply to my  
2 or 3 last letters -

Yours truly

G. F. Wilson

I hope Mr. 10. will be out as  
as much as the 2. or 3. of Feb.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 8

Dear Mr. Davidson

My thanks for your letter - we are at present in want of a Lady Superintendent of the Drawing Room - but I don't like to find a respectable man & wife - the man to attend to garden house & chaise work & the wife to make & mender attend to cooking & housework sewing &c. with help of the girls.

The man & wife I at present have are both over 60 - pretty well too old for the work - & leave end of March. Salary \$30 & lodging - but provide for themselves. They need to know a little about accounts - as they have to provide for the girls & charge account each week.

We keep pretty good accounts from our 2 boys. Archie is at N. W. & Bester at Kingston - Sam sends you the New York & O. F. C.

Yrs sincerely -

C. J. Wilson

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 8

My dear W. Roswell

Yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> of received & also one from the Bishop of Rupert's Land - in which he says that the Gov. Institution is to be at Winnipeg - consequently he does not wish to have anything to do with the Elkhorn one & leaves me to my own resources -

I had been waiting for this matter to be settled one way or the other - before doing any further about the deed. Now our coast is clear. The Gov. Inst. is 200 miles away, & we can go on independently.

The land cannot now be Church property as I had originally intended - but I think the best way will be for you & me to hold it as trustees - the use always for the purposes of an Indian Home - or if sold at any time - the money, from sale to be used for Indian education in some other place.

Will you get out the deed in the way that seems best to you. I have entire confidence in you - & shall agree to any way you like to have it. It had better not be longer delayed. I have received civil letters from the Ind. Dep<sup>t</sup>. who not at all despair

the help of the Gov. And the Indian Association in Montreal  
Yours &c  
J. A. Wilson

vertical text in left margin: ... to letters - ...

If you think well to put the place furnished  
before I come up in Ohio - I am willing to  
expend \$300 - just on water is most  
necessary. Perhaps you could employ Carpenter  
work; tables - Cupboards - Dressers & dining  
writing.

I will guarantee \$50 a year for 2 years  
towards annual support if you will do the  
same - This as a nucleus - towards \$500  
a year - for general expenses.

If I can get a suitable lady to take charge  
of \$500 a year guaranteed - I will transfer  
3 or 4 pupils from here by way of making  
a beginning, & I think we can start <sup>in this</sup> - If  
we fail for want of funds - let me help  
to get people on - There is no real failure  
in God's work if carried on in God's way.  
Let me hear as soon as possible about  
above -

Q. M.

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1

L. Van Koughnet Esq.  
Dear Sir

Many thanks for your Courtesy  
& Kindness - I have ordered the 50 copies of  
Christmas 2<sup>d</sup> O.T.C. to be sent to your address.

I hear from the Bishop of Rupert, and that  
you propose building an Institution at Winnipeg -  
This I am very glad to hear -

I hope however the Dept. will consent to giving  
a little assistance to my little Branch Home already  
built at Elkton; - being 200 miles away it cannot  
interfere with the Winnipeg Institution. I have  
sent orders for the Elkton Home to be furnished  
& am looking out for a lady to take charge. I  
think of transferring 2 big girls & 2 boys under 12 from  
our Home here as a nucleus to begin with. We shall  
of take small boys - so long as a lady only is in charge.

I hope the Dept. will look favourably also on my  
scheme for a Branch Home at Osage. I went in  
this way to form connection with different Tribes all along the  
line; - as you know I am deeply interested in - & am studying  
the habits & languages of all the different Tribes -

Yours faithfully  
S. P. Wilson

Jan<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 87

The Manager  
Bank of Montreal, Toronto

Sir I enclose a cheque & credit  
of \$1000.00 - which I understand by  
the rules of the R.M.C. requires to be marked  
"good" before it will be accepted.

Please either forward it for me & Kingston  
or return it to me - whichever is your  
usual custom -

Yours truly  
S. L. Wilson

I enclose also a cheque for £2 which I mean  
credit to Indian Stores account - S. L. W.

Jan. 20. 8

I have been thinking of writing you  
 some time but have been so busy  
 with my work that I could not find  
 time. I am glad to hear that you  
 are well and hope you are  
 enjoying your vacation. I will  
 write you again soon.  
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 busy with my work that I could not  
 find time. I am glad to hear that  
 you are well and hope you are  
 enjoying your vacation. I will  
 write you again soon.

(Faint handwritten notes on the left margin, partially obscured and illegible)



Jan. 20

Dear Mr. Bliss

I know what

you know how in <sup>Jan.</sup> Jan.

I don't see his name.

I don't think the little girls

hope to have come - especially

I don't provide with

I don't think I find that

some of them are very

scarcely clothed - Mr.

Wilson examined them for

me. I hope he will all

fit back safely without being

frozen. My girl is I am

I don't think I wear cloth in

the winter.

S. D. Wilson

Jan. 21

P

Mr. Jane Arquette.

In reply to your letter. if you wish to  
 apply for position of Gardener & mason at the  
 Wawanda Home please let me know.

1. What age
2. What religion
3. Whether your husband can keep - garden - milk  
 cow - cut wood - & keep a horse.
4. Whether you can cook & bake well - sew  
 on the sewing machine - & cut out dresses &c.
5. Who knows you & can recommend you.
6. What wages do you expect & receive.
7. Are you able to keep accounts.

As per  
 S. D. Wilson

How old are the children? are the boys or girls.

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 8

Mr. Childs

Dear Madam

Looking over last years Correspondence  
 I find a letter of yours of May 7<sup>th</sup> /87. in which  
 you say you enclose \$20 from the Childrens Church  
 Miss. Child Ottawa. Our Cash book shows  
 the receipt of \$50 from you at the same day. I was  
 away in the N.W. at the time - & the entry was  
 made by my assistant Mr. Mitchell. Will you  
 kindly tell me whether it was \$20 or \$50 that you  
 sent. Also had it any of the \$50  
 promised to me by Rev Mr. Pollard from St. Johns  
 S. School. Which letter I never received  
 Kindly excuse me for troubling you.  
 I am send you a Xmas No. of V.K.C. by the mail.

Yr. servant  
 S. J. Wilson

Dr. W. N. Plummer M.  
D. D.

Please credit my

private acct - enclosed cheque - \$96<sup>50</sup>

- I am wanting 2 tons more of  
hard coal - Is there any on this side  
or can it be procured.

I am not at all satisfied with the  
way they have been going on the last 3 months.  
There has been a carelessness in the way  
of doing things - and you have seemed unwilling  
to attend to my directions and wish to do only  
just what pleases you.

For this reason I do not think it will for the  
Institution retain your services, and give  
you notice to leave April 1st.

I have no wish to part with you if you will  
attend to your work as follows my directions as  
you used to do - but I cannot have things go on  
any longer as they have been lately.

Yours truly  
Edward Wilson

Jan. 23

Dear Mr. Davidson

Many thanks for yr kind letter enclosing \$1.75 towards support of boy - & \$1.25 for which you will receive two Christmas numbers - & 12 copies of C. Monthly.

The reason I changed yr boy - was that all Saints Collingwood do support in the half asked me to do so; the thought David was getting too old for the children to take interest in him - so I thought it would awaken fresh interest for them to have a Blackfoot boy -

Do you know of a nice man & wife who could do for maintenance of a boy at the Wawaunton Home - wages \$30 & supply their own board. An oldish couple would do - the man has out & tinkered round cut wood - milk cow - garden &c. - the wife & cook take attend to sewing & housework with help of girls.

Or do you know of a working matron - single woman or widow - to do as above - of with boys under her - here at the Shigwauk. \$12 & board.

Yrs. sincerely

P. H. Wilson