

you & so receive a little further help toward  
travel expenses - which would be very acceptable.

As to the work by acceptance condition & the  
possibility of my having to wait at any moment - I would  
like to ~~leave~~ <sup>be</sup> as soon as possible. I think if I go I  
will not hurry back - but try to accomplish a little  
useful work with you. I will try to see Mr.  
Deardre & see if possibly may be able to make some  
progress with my scheme for an Institute at Bang.

I don't fancy 'the Mail' will put my article  
in - as it has not appeared yet - but I am hoping  
it is April No. of O.R.C. - My printer I see has  
opened with a fundamental error in the first sentence  
- viz the distance I have that thin & correct  
proof.

Yours very sincerely  
J. F. Wilson

Very many thanks for allowing me to retain the  
Dated Dec 18th 1850

May the by - But do you think of the following ideas - has it  
entered any the brain besides mine? - viz - (1) the idea of the  
Indians having entered America by Behring's Strait a drift across the Pacific  
is unlikely (2) that the dispersion of man is by sea (3) that the N.A. Indians  
were deposited by divine agents at the time of the continent (4) that while Indian nations  
having intercommunication have gradually advanced in civilization & become assimilated to some  
degree in this idea - the Bible has been cited as long reference has the primitive sources  
of Genesis (5) that the tower of Babel was intended to be a barrier for the final occupation of the land  
inhabitants - (6) that in connection with the dispersion of the race is the migration of N.A. Indians from the  
as shown in Mexico & Central American series. (7) inquiry of the language of N.A. Indians known in this way  
with the account of Nimrod with several cities.

March 31 8

My dear Sir  
 I have received your letter of  
 the 26<sup>th</sup> with enclosure - I like your  
 success with the Indians in getting more money  
 & more men to carry on the work of the Mission.  
 We have had sickness here - the little girl  
 Jane Warner died yesterday - good friends  
 at 2 p.m. while we were at service - Elizabeth  
 the Blackfoot boy has been sick 3 weeks -  
 doctor examined him yesterday & says Consumption  
 set in - I shall take him home in a week when  
 the boats begin - I shall have a proportion of  
 may have a proportion of goods -

Yours sincerely  
 Edward A. Wilson

March 30<sup>th</sup> 8

Rev. Dr. Rand

Dear Sir:

I have received & have been  
 pursuing with great interest your paper on the  
 Micmacs. I shall hope by & by when I have  
 collected sufficient information about the Indian  
 Lakes to publish it in extenso. For the present  
 I hope you will allow me to reduce it to the capacity  
 of "Our Board Children" which as you know is  
 only a little in size but published monthly. You  
 do not say whether you expect remuneration for the  
 trouble you have taken. I will gladly forward the  
 amount if you wish. The object in publishing "Our Board Children" is two fold - (1) to  
 write up the history & language of each Indian tribe (2) to advance  
 the cause of Christian education & civilization among the Indians.  
 It is an important little sheet but I fancy for the present it  
 is best not to attempt to enlarge it. I am doing to wrap this  
 up in my personal risk. Now would it be best a  
 couple of Micmac boys with our school here. I like best a few  
 from each tribe so as to pick up a little of the various languages. I  
 am sure you are not around Repulse. I will gladly send you a copy of  
 my opening list: if you can show me  
 Y<sup>rs</sup> or S<sup>rs</sup> J. S. Wilson

March 29, 1881

W. Mrs Rutherford

Dear Sir

The Los Angeles Co. adorns me  
It have sent you 7 more cuts of my sketches - I  
have not yet received your copy of them - Please send  
me a dozen proofs of every picture you have as I want  
one or two at least kept by me - & then cut up with yours &  
put out a part illustrated account of our work - I have  
also an idea of writing a "Summary number" of O.S.C.

like the Christian one  
Will you please also write to Rev. Canon Mockridge - and  
ask if he has any more of my cuts by him to send them to  
you - I sent him a number about a year ago & I believe he  
still has them - I want a dozen proofs of all.

I am very well satisfied with April 2nd O.S.C. - but am  
sorry you have started the first sentence with a grammatical  
error - instead of "Not people did they find" it should be "Not  
people did the find" - I have a copy of my MS.

I send you an attached check for \$40 on account.

Very truly yours,  
S. D. Wilson

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April 22 8

My dear Mr. Remison

You will think I have been a long  
 long time without writing you - but you know  
 how busy I am from morning to night - and  
 just now - in addition to my Institute work - I am  
 working up the history languages of all the different  
 Indian tribes in the Continent. I find it most  
 interesting work but it of course takes up an immense  
 amount of time.

You will be sorry I am sure to hear that we have  
 just had a death in the home - a dear little girl  
 named Jennie - about 10 years old - from Walpole  
 Island. She was sick in our hospital under Mrs's  
 Piff's care for nearly a month - & died at 4 pm  
 on good Friday. The good Samaritan took her & buried  
 her & about the time of his own death - and we  
 buried her in our little cemetery on Saturday at 2.30  
 pm. Being rather short a white coffin. - we put as  
 many cut flowers as we could get around her.

I am sorry to say that one of my blackfoot boys -  
 Stukitain - is settling in - Consumption. He has been sick  
 2 weeks - & I want to get him home as soon as possible.

If it does not feel tedious. I shall wait till the boats run - & by way of Port Arthur. But I may have to wait soon. I would like very much to visit you on my way back if it all possible. but must not promise - I have so much on my hands.

Our new building at Ullhorn, Manitoba, is now completed & we hope (St.) to open it this summer.

I have just given in you as a missionary - & a certain book that you were pleased to want could work better - Perhaps sooner than we will go off together & break up new ground in some place where there are thousands of heathen Indians & so on to teach them. I am gradually picking up a great deal of information as to the local languages & words of various Indian tribes.

Your last letter, which I have printed in A.M., is very most interesting - I will send it to Mr. Reardon - Yours sincerely -

S. H. Wilson

I hope you will be regular. There is much to be said all interesting you. I am sorry I have no Indian books left - You may say as I think for two Indian dicts. so I put to you that also forward you the following

- Dr. Miller's Name - 10.00
- His Name - 4.00
- W. R. Blackford - 1.00
- Dr. Maclean's Name - 1.00
- 2 Indian dicts - 10.00
- 2.00
- 12.00
- Close end. 8.00

I have been thinking of writing you for some time but  
 have been so busy that I could not find time to do so.  
 I am by way of saying that I am all yours as usual.  
 I am sure to reach you by land if  
 you are in the States & I shall be  
 glad to see you when you are in New York.

Yours truly,  
 Dear Sir,  
 Thomas Russell Esq.

It is a difficult matter to obtain  
 accommodation for an Indian boy if I possibly  
 can sit me to London & have him with me to  
 stay for the present - as had no occasion to  
 draw on you for funds earlier than usual -

I have only drawn on you as follows  
 Bank Quarterly bill \_\_\_\_\_ £30-0-0.  
 Special for Mr. Saunders \_\_\_\_\_ 10.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 10.  
 £100-0-0.

Mr. Martin told me that you were some way on the  
 "Reception account" - Yes, will you kindly say it  
 to the Bishop of Algona. He will be in London shortly. It  
 ought not to be mixed up with our Indian North acct.

As ever,  
 Yours truly,  
Edward H. Wilson

Copy of our Annual Report has been sent you.

April 2<sup>d</sup> 8

The Manager

Bank of Montreal

Montreal

Sir -

Enclosed you will find

cash on the Ritz for

one hundred & ten pounds Sterling (£100)

with which please credit my Indian Name

& advise me of the amount credited

Yours truly

S. H. Wilson

*[Faint, illegible handwriting at the bottom of the page]*



Apr 3

Mr. Yount

My dear Dad -

I write to you Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> last  
 relative to the change in price of the Algona  
 Ohio News - asking whether you wd. continue to take  
 275 as formerly at the advanced price - or take  
 a less number of A.M.N. & some of "Our West  
 Edition" instead which is only 10 cts - per.

I suggest yr. choice between the following -

(1)	275 copies A.M.N. (at price 35 cts)	@ 15		\$41.25	per ann.
(2)	{ 200 "	@ 20	40.00		
	{ 200 " O.F.C.	@ 8	16	\$56.00	"
(3)	150 " A.M.N.	@ 15	37.50		
	100 " O.F.C.	@ 8	8	\$45.50	"

Thinking you were too busy to attend to the matter I have  
 written twice since to D. Kemp - but have had no reply  
 In the mean time we have been sending you the 275 copies  
 of A.M.N. regularly.

There is \$440<sup>25</sup> arrears for A.M.N. during 1887 due to us -  
 Will you kindly give directions to have the arrears paid & let  
 me know if you wish any change made -  
 Yr. very faithful  
 S. H. Wilson



April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7

Dear Capt. Pratt -

Please thank Mr. Stacey very much for his kindness in offering to join with me & assist me if I must descend - but I am compelled for the present to give up the trip. One of the Blackfoot boys I brought from the Rockies has been ill 3 weeks - evidently consumption setting in - & I must get him home speedily directly the boats begin running. His trip will take up as a 5 weeks as I was told about a little among the Indians out West.

I think I shall try before the year is out to pay you another visit & perhaps bring one or two of my boys to see your establishment - as I think it would do them good. The idea has struck me whether you might be willing to change 2 of your boys for - of mine for 6 months or a year. My object is simply that I am deep in the study of the various Indian languages & dialects - & by getting 2 boys of 2 different nationalities for a time I could pick up a good deal from them - & I think also it would do our institution good if a couple of our boys were to visit yours a time. Possibly your present might object - there will be some risk in change of climate - I merely throw out the idea - With very thanks for your letter which always do me good. Yrs. as usual Edward O. Wilson

April 5<sup>th</sup>

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. has been received  
In reply by your self received following  
is a list of what I have published - or on hand.

- 1) Manual of the Ojibway Language  
with a Grammar - dictionary - dialogues  
price 75¢ 25¢ but can send you on free
- 2) Missionary work among the Ojibway Indians.  
Published by S.P.C.K. - 3 parts - probably can be for S. Rowell.
- 3) "Our Orphan Children" - a 4 page monthly - on hand here - 70 cts per an  
ditto - Christmas number - illustrated. 20 pp. - price 15 cts.
- 4) Indian prayer book - by S.P.C.K. - price 60 cts.
- 5) Indian Testament - by S.P.C.K. - follow how numbers, 60 cts

I am to present work of the history of all the Indian Tribes both  
of the States & Canada. - British Assoc will publish a Report  
of some of the Polack's books the summer.

S. Wilson

L. R. Knight Esq.

... my many times former for one volume  
 ... and I find them constantly interchangeable  
 ... the work between that of ...  
 ... the same will ...

... my submit ...  
 ... (1) to get the ...

Hyden W. Hale

Your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. just received

My thanks for the photo of Mr. Coon will certainly  
 be taken.  
 I was with all day yesterday trying to finish up forms  
 for putting statistics about the Indian tribes. Language  
 ... and am now sending them to you for your inspection approval  
 or correction before I proceed any further. I shall be  
 very much obliged if you can find time to look them  
 carefully through and if you think they cover the principal  
 points let me know in investigation.

My plan as you will see is to take the largest tribes first  
 irrespective of linguistic stock. is those of 10,000 and  
 upwards & in number. Then will follow those numbering between  
 5000 + 10,000 also & in number - + so on down to  
 till I come to those of 100 or less in number.

It seems to me impossible to arrange the tribes in more  
 scientific form until after the statistics are gathered.  
 Each set of papers will be pinned together with a paper folder,  
 & by undocking them & letting the 8 papers slip one over the other - the  
 whole history of one complete tribe so far as gathered language &c  
 is before you.

I hope you will kindly look at my plan for pronunciation  
 - intended to apply as far as possible to every Indian language. You

may object they having two forms for one sound  
 as in but, but I find them to be constantly interchangeable  
 by misdirection & thus the words believe that it seems  
 to be best to leave it so. The same with i & th - Most  
 Dakota words use i & Ojibwa words th.  
 In N.E. (dialect) - as seen for full 'my rabbit' in  
 paper may the animal is (i) to get to associate possession  
 (ii) before is part of agreement word & then is a verbal language  
 (iii) started from with the possession which means either been a dog  
 (iv) I imagine rabbit are full all over the continent.

The way in which I propose to collect the information is  
 as follows:

- (1) To try & get addresses of some reliable persons who would either  
 prefer a moderate remuneration full of the papers for me  
 relating to each separate tribe. Could you tell me  
 where I could get information about the Cherokees, Shawees,  
 Choctaws, Creeks, & Seminoles.
- (2) Having got the addresses - I propose to write personally, explain  
 my plans, object &c. - & if they agree to undertake it I will  
 then send the set of papers to be filled in. These papers  
 will contain particulars about several other tribes besides  
 the one asked about. Dick will probably interest the writer  
 & give him an idea of what is wanted. You remember, I believe.

I have thoughts of making a visit to the Carlisle school this  
 summer & pick up what I can from the pupils. Perhaps  
 also to Washington to arrange the tribes.

Probably you may like to send these papers on to Dr. Wilson  
 & let him decide before returning them to me.

Yours very truly  
 J. W. Wilson

I have managed a collection of about  
 200 Indian tribes this year. The  
 Pacific slope will seem to be the hardest to handle. Some have to come but a little further.  
 These papers are intended to respond to my friend's question. Some have to come but a little further.

... my name, like yours for one sound  
 ... but, and I find them constantly interchanging  
 ... the words between that it seems  
 ... the best to have it so. The same will be true of  
 ... books, and I ...  
 ... as reason for putting my subject  
 ... in (1) to get the general impression

James C. O'Neil, Esq.

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> ult.  
 I have sent you copies of the Christian R. O. F. C. as requested.  
 I had already sent you a copy last January, but it never came  
 lost in the mail. Do not trouble to return any. I will gladly  
 furnish as many copies as you can make use of at any time.

If there is any one in your Dept. who can find time to  
 answer the following, I shall be exceedingly obliged.

- 1) Is the Stockholm a tribe in regard to the Sioux?
- 2) Are the Osages of Iowa or Oklahoma speak the same as the Osages?
- 3) How many Zuni are there? In Indian reports of them included in the  
 4) Who are the 4000 "Old Town" Indians in Maine?
- 5) Who are the "St. Regis" Indians in New York State?
- 6) How could I have a list of the N. Am. Indian languages, books, etc.  
 for as at present know of the list of the printed books belonging  
 to each.
- 7) To what language do the Algonquian, Navajo, Cherokee, & Creek  
 belong?
- 8) Could you kindly give me addresses of any persons to whom I might write  
 for information as to the languages of the 14 above tribes.

If possibly you be much obliged say so

Yours as faithfully  
 Edward S. Miley

April 9 8-

Mr. Wm. Hallam

J. L.

Kindly fill the following order -

To Shipper  
Boston

2 sides Spanish Sole. 3 sides Cow hide  
 3 skins Canada Calf. 2 col. linings.  
 1 side upper. 12 curved sewing awls.  
 2 doz lasty tacks. 2 packs toe tacks.  
 2 boxes lumps. 20 balls harness wax.  
 2 boxes eyelets. 1 doz histles. 10 packets  
 iron nails P.S. 1 doz N. Steel Shank.  
 1 quart ink. 1 can shoe varnish.

Kit for a pupil  
No. 2 leather  
(sent up separate)

1 pr Claws. 1 punch. 1 Hammer. 1 pinners.  
 1 eyelet set. 1 knife. 1 heel iron. 1 rasp.  
 1 kit iron. 1 seg. stick. 1 heel plane. 1 melt knife  
 2 awl lefth. 2 claw lefth. 2 doz peg awls.  
 1 doz sewing awls. 5 doz lasty tacks. 1 last book.  
 1 N. rollers. 1 emery strap. 2 boxes paper 4/8 6/8.  
 2 pts iron nail 5/8 7/8 2 pkts zinc nail 3/8 5/8  
 1 lb lumps. 2 doz wax. 1 box eyelets. 1 qt ink.  
 1 doz histles. 10 pr last 13. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.  
 1 side sole last. 1 cow hide. 1 Can. calf.  
 1 kip.

I enclose you cheque for \$31.20 on acct -

yrs truly -

G. J. Wilson

(Please send by first boat)



April 9

My dear Mr. Lewis,

I am well & anxious to hear again about Quakerism. It is now a decided case of consumption & it is I should think impossible that he can recover. We however hope that he will rally when the weather becomes warm sufficiently to return home - He dresses every day for a few hours sits in an easy chair propped up with pillows - he has every thing for him that can be done. We lay in Cod Liver oil - light meats - jelly - oranges &c. It is sad to see him - poor boy - but these things are in God's hands & our faith must not waver. No doubt the Almighty has some secret purpose in it all. The paper boy I bought for Deepison 10 years ago died 6 months after he entered our home. It led to the conversion of nearly all his people. Appostolia is as bright & happy as ever - His sunny face does our good. I believe he is accepting the truth. With his help I have written out a prayer which I read every day now by Quakerism's bed. If it please God I hope this little boy may sail in May. There is no passenger traffic now on the railroad. It has been stopped.

I think of this as a "Success number" of C.F.C. Will you write me shortly for it?

Yours sincerely  
J. Milton

April 25

The Mayor of Lowell Mass

Dear Sir  
I am of the opinion that gravel is  
likely to be wanted for the roads.

I shall be  
glad to enter into an agreement to supply you. The  
whole of the slope in front of the Shimpworth from the  
road to the river is gravel. I propose to haul  
it off - removing an average of a foot & a half or  
two feet from the surface. I could deliver  
the gravel at any point desired within the town limits  
or lay it out ready for carting away on any land  
here.

Edward C. Wilson

I have been doing a good deal of work  
in all the town & have been  
very busy and cannot  
be out on the road.

April 7 8

Dr. Dear Mr. Dalton

I would like to hear from you rather the  
 lady you write to me about as a teacher is still  
 disengaged & whether she would be willing to  
 undertake the new institution at Elk Horn in  
 Manitoba.

I hope you received the Christmas No. of C.T.C.  
 which I sent you & which contained a little account  
 of the Mother. If not I will send you another.

I think of bringing out a "Summer number" of our  
 "Orphan Children" to correspond with the Christmas number  
 & would like very much to receive something either from  
 yourself or one of your pupils. Could not see of  
 the latter with a description of "life at the Mother's"  
 would interest many.

Yrs sincerely

Edward A. Wilson

April 9<sup>th</sup> 8

D. Medical Ex.

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge with  
thanks your favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. - I want to  
as I understand  $\frac{1}{2}$  fare first class passage  
for myself & 2 Indian boys from here to  
Winnipeg.

My time of start depends entirely on Detroit  
advice in regard to the sick bay. If possible  
I shall wait for the "first boat" & go via Port  
Arthur as to avoid the long R.R. journey.

I presume you will grant me the same favor  
when I go by Sault Ste. Marie - Port Arthur - and  
will reply you as soon as I know how I can  
start.

Yours faithfully  
V. H. Wilson

W. Wilson

April 9<sup>th</sup> 84

Chief Peter Mejis

Dear Sir

David Minominee

tells me there are quite a number of boys at Parry Island & other places up the shore who want to come to Shingwauk Home. So I am sending you  $\frac{1}{2}$  a dozen forms of application which please let the parents fill in and send one if they want their children to come.

Yours sincerely -

W. Wilson

W. Wilson

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April 17<sup>th</sup> 89

D. Kemp Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 6<sup>th</sup> received  
Covering Cheque for \$41.75 in payment for 275  
Copies A.M.N. due 1887. and ordy 150 copies  
Ann. + 100 cop. in O.S.C. from this date.

I find you herewith a statement of what you  
will owe me from present date to April 1889 - but  
there is no hurry about paying - unless you like to  
square the account + present date.

275 copies AMN. 4 months to	April 1888 at 25cts as stipulated -	\$23.00
150 copies Ann. 1 year to April 1889	copy	37.50
100 " O.S.C. 1 year "	"	8.00

I would like to get an idea of your  
present health by your faithful  
S. C. Wilson

S. C. Wilson

April 10<sup>th</sup> 85

Dear Sir

I have a sail boat 3 or 4 years old  
which of course is not very expensive  
I have fitted it with a small engine -  
The size is as follows - length over all - 32 1/2 feet  
Beam - (max width) 7 1/2 feet  
Depth - 2 feet.

I see by the Circular that you can put a No 1 HP  
into a boat for \$175. I don't think I could will  
go beyond that but am afraid that will be too much  
than engine for the size of the boat.

If an engine was put in could the still carry sail  
or must the masts be removed -

I would like to try an idea of the expense of  
heat light the launch by steam or electric light -  
Main hull is 75 x 40 3 stories high & a wing  
20 x 30. 2 stories high.

Yours faithfully  
S. C. Wilson

Dear Mr. Anderson--

I am sorry you got this mail  
is a dozen forms of application for admission  
from home. But there has been some of your  
people withy haste. Little Biant has kept  
as well as possible all winter & is just in  
for with his lessons.

I am very anxious to pick up a few particulars  
about the Mohawk language. Did you receive the  
Christmas Number of "Our Best Children" which I  
sent you - containing a list of questions addressed to  
missionaries & others. If not please let me know

I will send you another. Could you get  
just subscribers to I. & C. among your people. It is of 10  
cts a year.

Can you kindly tell me do  
there are specimens of the Mohawk language. Could any  
of your people lend me or sell me one? I was  
also to know whether all your people are Mohawks or if  
there are any other tribes with you.

Write me a little history of the story of Quainta Indians for I. & C.?

I hope I am not asking too much

Yours truly

C. J. Wilson

When the Chief Priest is a paper for detaching.







April 11<sup>th</sup> 8

Rev. N. P. Yates  
Dear Sir

Many thanks for your enclosed  
Contributions - \$3<sup>50</sup> from Franklin + \$6<sup>00</sup>  
from Havelock - + our Indian Homes.

Your Amn. Subscrip<sup>n</sup> - 35cts. - is already paid to Sept '88

Therefore send you 2 Copies of O.P.C. instead your  
first Subscrip<sup>n</sup> to O.P.C. 1 copy runs out this month.

I am also send<sup>g</sup> you 2 Christmas Numbers by this  
mail - I purpose bring out a 'Summer Number' in  
the same style - with new Illustrations - same price.

Your children will be sorry to hear that we have just  
lost a little Indian girl - 10 yrs old - named Jamie - by  
Consumption - She died on Good Friday - & was buried here  
- a white coffin & flowers - on Easter Sunday.

I am sorry to say one of my 2 Blackfoot boys is also  
ill with Consumption -

Yours sincerely -  
S. H. Wilson

April 12 8

W. A. Ramsey Esq  
Dear Sir

One of the Blackfoot boys I got last summer from the Rocky mountains is ill with Consumption - & I want to get him home as soon as possible - I wrote to Mr. McNeill by P.O. & he has kindly offered me special rate from Lumber, for myself & the two Indian boys - The difficulty is about getting to Lumber now that passenger traffic is stopped - Can you kindly help me in this - Possibly yourself or one of the other officials may happen to be running your Caboose from here to Lumber one day short - if so - might I under the circumstances ask passage for myself & the 2 boys as a special favor - Any time would do for me to start provided I get a few days notice -

Yrs very truly  
W. J. Wilson

April 13<sup>o</sup> 8

D. Mc Nicoll Esq.

Dear Sir

The boy I spoke of has rallied a little & I would like to start soon if there is any way of getting from here to Sudbury. but I understand that passenger traffic has been wholly stopped. I have written tonight to Mr Ramsay at Algoma Mills - asking if his Caboose is likely to be made to trip & if he could kindly accommodate me.

Your letter received tonight names \$66<sup>50</sup> (3 mos) return ticket for myself, to <sup>Sudbury</sup> fleichen, & \$26<sup>50</sup> each single tickets for the boys. Last season I paid \$15 ret. ticket on the boat Sault to Port Arthur & \$47<sup>10</sup> Port Arthur to Calgary & return. Your figures to you seem a little higher but I am in your hands. I should be obliged if you would make my ticket to Calgary instead of fleichen as I shall probably have to go on there. I am ready to start any time (unless the boy gets worse) if I can make passage from here to Sudbury.

Yours truly

E. J. Wilson

Can you allow me any for enclosed -  
the boy I bought it for said to return.

April 13<sup>th</sup> 8

Rev. Dr. Rand

My dear Sir:

I have now been carefully through the papers you so kindly sent me about the Micmacs & am exceedingly interested in them. I hope to publish a

"Summer Number of 'Our Native Children' in June - & shall then introduce your paper - or as much of it as I can find room for.

If you have any small publication in the language & you kindly let me have a copy & I will send you the price.

If not trouble you too much - wd you kindly fill in the Micmacs for some additional words & sentences on enclosed paper. I have got out a complete form now - consisting of eight pages - tabulated - & am trying to procure exactly similar information about 100 Indian languages. It will be a work of some years to accomplish.

Yours very faithfully

Edward S. Wilson

Could you kindly give me addresses of any other persons in Canada who would be interested in my scheme & render me assistance - in the N. W. or elsewhere.

Circular Letter to  
 U. S. Indian Agents  
 School Superintendents  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> 8

Oliver A. Howard Esq.  
 U. S. Indian Agent  
 Dear Sir

I am collecting material for a comparative history of the various Indian Tribes both in the United States & in Canada to embrace both their customs mode of living & also their language. Could you kindly refer me to any one who could give me information about the language spoken by the Ojibwa Indians or is there any small grammar or other books printed in their language? I shall esteem it a great favor if you will kindly assist me in the matter. I prepare all the questions myself in tabular form & will send them to any one who is both capable & willing to fill in the answers.

I am sending you with this a copy of the Christmas Number of "Our Forest Children". Should there be any interest in published in your agency, I would be glad to exchange.

Yrs faithfully

Edward G. Wilson

April 16 8.

Rev. W. W. Shepard  
Dear Sir

Arthur Miskokomon of Walpole  
aged 15 has applied to me for admission here. You  
wrote to me some time ago about one boy - & I forgot of  
this is there & cannot just lay hand on your letter  
Will you kindly let me have a line - of any objection  
to my taking him -

I am intending to bring out a "summer number" of  
D. T. C. - similar to the Christmas Number. Would  
some one write me a "little chatty account" about the  
New Algonquian Institution - a letter written by a visitor would  
do nicely. Perhaps you may have something of the  
kind in print - One of the girls - would one of  
your elder pupils write me a good long letter describing  
their life at the Institution -

Yours faithfully  
J. S. Wilson

I don't like to put it off if possible say by the 6<sup>th</sup> of May -



Wm Adams

April 17 8

Dear Madam

Your kind letter - enclosing \$25 toward  
 support of Caroline Anthon received -

I am vexed about the mistake in the Annual  
 Report - I had not noticed it until you called  
 my attention to it - You will see that Caroline  
 Frankay No. 31 & Caroline No. 74 are both credited  
 to H. K. Halyar - That is where the mistake is.  
 My support 31 & you 74.

I am very sorry also that the Christmas No. O.C. failed  
 to reach you - I am afraid a good many ~~were~~ lost in the  
 mail. Special low rate is allowed by send from  
 office of publication & stamp not used - I think post  
 office authorities must have misunderstood about their  
 being from office of public? & so destroyed a good many.  
 Now however we print this on the outside & have heard no  
 more complaints - I am sending you duplicates by this  
 mail. Page No 6 of Christmas No. will show you my  
 position in regard to 'undermining'. I hope in  
 June to bring out a 'summer number' similar to the Christmas  
 & same price. I shall be glad of orders.

Yrs very truly  
 Wm Adams

O.C. Bill to send to Misses.

Don't do it  
 Don't do it

"Our Forest Children"

over

Those who saw the Christmas Number of  
 "Our Forest Children" with its attractive cover,  
 its twenty ornamented and well illustrated  
 pages and its many interesting articles giving  
 all phases of the Indian question besides many  
 an amusing anecdote - will we are  
 sure be glad to hear that the Rev. Mr. Wilson  
 has in preparation "a Summer Number" of  
 the same publication, which is to appear in  
 June & will be sold for the same price  
 15 cents.

We are told that it will  
 contain an account of the Dakota Indians,  
 their history, customs & language, - a similar  
 account of the Micmac Indians in Nova Scotia  
 and New Brunswick, brief accounts of a  
 number of different tribes, stories of massacres  
 of Indians by the Americans, extracts from Indian  
 pupils' letters, examination papers &c.

Those who wish to help Mr. Wilson's work should order a  
 number of copies - distribute them among their friends.  
 25 copies for \$3.75; 50 copies for \$6.50; 100 copies for \$11.00.  
 Adams, Rev. E. F. Wilson, Shipman's Home, Sault Ste. Marie.

April 19. 8

Mr. M. St. Paul.

Dear Madam

Thank you as much for  
your kind gift of \$15 towards my work among  
the Indian Children.

As you may not yet have seen it I am sending  
you by this mail a copy of the Christmas Number  
of "Our Forest Children", also a few of the  
Monthlies & our last Annual Report.

I am wanting to do for the Indians of Canada what  
Dr. Barnardo is doing for the waifs & strays of English  
cities - wean the children away from their old mode  
of living, clothe clean & teach them & fit them for  
paid their living among white people. One of our  
Indians has been servant in a doctor's family in the South  
since November, another has recently gone to service with  
Mr. McMorris, to James Church, Kingston. I do  
hope people will soon begin to take up this matter seriously.  
At present our Homes are little more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  full for  
want of support - & yet I want to enlarge & increase  
our work ten fold.

With many thanks

Yours faithfully

S. J. Johnson

April 19 &amp;

Mr. Wm Brown

Dear Sir

Enclose you cheque for \$7 &  
 renew Insurance of hospital & cottage - Please  
 send me the usual receipt -

I hear it reported that the house near us formerly  
 occupied by Mr. W. Shotton has got into bad hands -  
 The 2 ladies at our cottage have been frightened out  
 of their lives by drunken men passing in the middle of  
 the night shouting & swearing - & the place is said  
 to be brilliantly lighted up by very late hours. Can  
 anythg be done about this? Would you speak to  
 Messrs Kehoe & Hamilton - & see if any steps can  
 be taken to stop the nuisance -

Yrs very truly

S. J. Wilson

April 19 8

Mr. William Ness  
Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant & thank you very much for taking interest in our work - I shall be exceedingly glad of your help - for I am wanting to launch out & do 10 times the work we are doing at present - & am only hindered from lack of funds - What D. Bernardo is doing for the waifs & strays of English cities - I am trying to do for the Indian children of Canada & the North West - I am sending you a packet of "Our Forest Children" - Indian Homes Reports &c. - The cost of a child for one year with food from Homes is \$75

Yours sincerely -  
Edward J. Wilson

April 19<sup>th</sup> 8

Dear Mr. McNichol.

I think it best to have a clear understandg about the rest of your family who are comg up - & so put it in writ -

You will receive as agreed \$12 a month and your husband \$12 a month - that is \$24 a month between you & you will sleep in your present bedroom & have the use of the Pitt's room, which is used also for visitors to the Institution.

Your eldest daughter will be our cook, keep entirely to my part of the house, & receive \$6 a month.

Your second daughter will help you in your work instead of a kitchen boy & keep entirely to your part of the house (with packing) Bost the girl will sleep with Jane in her bedroom.

The two little boys aged 10 & 5 will sleep together in a bed in the North Dormitory, are to have meals with the Indian boys, attend school, & be treated just the same as the other boys. They will not be allowed in my part of the house.

You will pay me a dollar a week for board & lodging of the oldest boy as long as he remains here.

The youngest boy I will keep for nothing as long as your youngest daughter is not receiving wages.

I consent to the other members of your family comg here on the above conditions

Yrs truly  
S. J. Wilson

April 21<sup>st</sup> 8

Dr. H. H. Qokkabekeka

My dear friend

I received your letter yesterday, & am glad that you still remember me, although it is now a long time since I came to visit you - I am so very busy all the time & have so many long journeys to take that every summer has been all taken up & you have too much snow for me to come in the winter time. I would like to come and see you this summer if it is possible but I am afraid I cannot promise. I have just built a new school for Indian children at Elkhorn in Manitoba - & I hope to open it this summer. If you have any boys to come to the Shimpwank Home this summer let me know & I will try to arrange to get them down when I come back from the West. I am very glad to hear that you have houses & are doing some farming, the Indian Agent at Port Arthur reports well of your progress. I am glad too that many of you are leading Christian lives & that the services are well attended. I hope that your church may soon be built & that it may be a good & dry as it ought to be.

Yours sincerely -  
J. Wilson

I enclose a cheque for \$5 towards repairs to church.

April 21<sup>st</sup> 8

The Hon. d. W. Powell

Dear Sir

I have received your answers  
to my queries of April 7<sup>th</sup> - & desire to thank  
you for so kindly attending to them & answering them  
so fully & satisfactorily.

I am intended to bring out a "Summer Number" of  
my little paper "Our Forest Children" - similar to the  
one I issued last Christmas - & shall have pleasure  
in sending you a copy if you will kindly accept it -  
It will contain some notes on the history & language  
of the Dakota Indians & the Micmac Indians - the  
latter furnished by Dr. Rand of Nova Scotia.

I remain dear Sir

Yours respectfully

S. J. Wilson



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 ... April 21<sup>st</sup> &

My dear Dr. Haldane  
 I have received your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. & also the Circular of Enquiry, & the one Report of the Dist. Assoc. & the ruled forms returned. I have received also 12 copies of the B.C. Report direct from the Association.

As I have a good many of my forms ruled I think I shall still aim to get them filled in as far as I find practicable. I do not mind the labor if any good may be thereby attained. It seems to me important to get the same facts about each tribe as far as possible for purposes of comparison, at the same time allowing due latitude to the correspondent to add anything else that may be of interest. I think it is a pity our Indian Dept. does not instruct its Agents to go more into detail in the information given. I got a vast amount of information in the Washington Reports which I fail to find in those from Ottawa. My idea at present is to send a copy of the Circular of Enquiry & my 8 papers together to any person capable & willing to give the information about a particular tribe. I think in that way we may get the special points, as well as the general information.

I would like more Circulars of Enquiry if you have them to spare, but no doubt can get them from Mr. Blossom if you

own supply is too limited.

I have as yet had time as yet to glance through the Report  
I note your explanation of the wonderful myth which I  
attributed from 'Pip Plum': - also your ~~former~~ reference  
to Kostonai & their word for 'sun'. Have you noticed that  
the Micmac word for sun is Nagisic, not very much like  
Kostonai, but more like than the Ojibway 'Kisic'. I  
suppose the Micmacs never had the sun dance.

I note your instructions to visit reports on the  
Larsee Indians. I hope I shall be able to get my tongue  
round their words. Their language is exceedingly difficult  
to pronounce. My time of stay must depend  
on the boy Stukitain. I almost fear now he will not  
live to travel. I should have advised my taking back the  
body of the dies or to bury him here?

I have written to Mr. D. Kay Boas - offering him  
hospitality if he could make it convenient to stay  
here a day or two in passing. I hardly suppose he  
can do so, but we like very much to have a few hours  
casual talk with him if it were possible.

I have decided to bring out a 'Summer number'  
of O.T.C. - It will contain an account of the history  
& language of the Dakota Indians & myself, & letters  
of the Micmac Indians & J. Rand - besides the  
matter interesting to general readers.

Yours very sincerely  
S. H. Wilson

on supply is too limited.

I am at last time as yet to place things in order  
 with some explanation of your wonderful report about  
 the "Sagoy" of the "Sagoy" also your friends & family  
 who are in the road for you. Have you noticed that  
 the "Sagoy" and for you is a great not very much like  
 the "Sagoy" but more like than to "Sagoy" April 21 8  
 I hope the "Sagoy" never had to "Sagoy"

Dear Sir  
 I hear from W. Gale that you  
 are likely to be travelling West down our line this Spring  
 to visit the British Columbia Indians - & report to  
 the British Assoc. -

If you can make it convenient to stop over a  
 day or two at Sault Ste Marie, myself & wife will  
 be most happy to offer you hospitality - such as we  
 have, & I should esteem it a great pleasure to talk  
 with you a little about the Canadian Indians & the  
 prospects of extending our researches into the history &  
 language of the various tribes.

I am expecting to visit myself about the middle of  
 May to visit the Sarsce Indians & report to the British  
 Assoc.

I remain dear Sir

Yours respectfully

Edward A. Wilson

April 21 8

Rev. R. Butcher

Dear Sir,

I am sending you by the  
 mail a copy of the last Report of the British  
 Association with my account of the Blackfoot Indians  
 which I collected last summer with Mr. Ross  
 Dr. Lewis. I send you also the last Report  
 of our Indian Names.

I had hoped to have paid you a visit last year  
 to see your Sarcee Indians but had not sufficient  
 time - I hope however to come this summer to see  
 you - if you can make it convenient, would like  
 to stay a week or ten days among your people &  
 collect all the information I can as to their history,  
 mode of life, language &c.

Will you kindly let me hear from you as soon  
 as possible whether it will be convenient to you for me  
 to visit your mission & whether I could get accommodated  
 either with yourself or at some convenient place either  
 on or close to the Reserve. If desirable I could bring a  
 tent with me, - if necessary to camp I suppose I had better bring a  
 bag.

Kindly tell me how to get  
 to you from Calgary.

S. H. Wilson

April 21<sup>st</sup>

Rev. Mr Macdougall

Dear Sir

I am sending you by this mail a copy of the Brit. Assoc. Report not in account of the Blackfoot. You will have seen by some other that one of the Blackfoot boys is ill with consumption - it is doubtful whether I will get him home alive - but then this are in the hands & we must have faith & leave it with him. Whether the boy is able to travel or not - I shall hope to come west again myself this spring & bring the other boy home. I also visit the Sarssee Indians & gain some particulars about them - as I did last year with the Blackfoot.

Would you be willing to fill in for me a set of questions about the Stony Indians. I will send them to you if you think you can find time to do so. I have a list of 100 Indian tribes about which I am collecting information.

I have decided to publish a summer number of O.S.C. - to come out about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Can you kindly send me a brief note of your Institution - so as to reach me by 6<sup>th</sup> of May. I hope you liked the Christmas number

Y<sup>r</sup> devoted  
J. H. Wilson

July 21<sup>st</sup> 8

My dear Mr. Lewis.

I have been expecting to hear from you for some time in reply to my telegram & letters. Up to 2 or 3 days ago I was in hopes that Etukitimin was making a little progress, but he has taken a decided turn for the worse & I fear it is doubtful how far we shall be able to get him home. His wife has been very long & trying & I expect it will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of May before we have a book. It is impossible now to go by train as all passenger traffic between here & Suddbury is shut down until July 1<sup>st</sup>. I don't know what you may have said to Etukitimin's parents - but would advise his wife open about it. All these things are in God's hands & all we can do is to try & do our duty - leaving results with him. It may hinder but it may work for a time & yet in the end bring a blessing. The date of my coming west must of course depend on Etukitimin - whether he lives or dies I shall probably come. I want if possible to visit the Sarcee Indians. With kind remembrance tell yr. sons

Yr. sincerely  
St. Wilson

I am kind, can a Brit. Assoc. Report  
with my account of the Blackfoot - also  
C.C.S. Magazine with pictures.

April 21<sup>st</sup> J

A. Vanhook put up  
Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse my troubling you with a private letter in the hope of pushing forward a little business matter - I understand from a former letter of yours that there was fair prospect that the Dept. would assist in Elk Horn school.

I was told the sickness of one of my 2 Blackfoot boys - I want to start West & take them both home as soon as possible after navigation opens.

I can't well afford to make 2 trips West this summer.

Consequently I would like to open the Elk Horn Institution on my way back from the Rockies about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

The building will be ready & furnished by that time - & I have a lady superintendent in prospect - a Mrs. Osborne who has been teaching under Mr. Ashton at the Mohawk & is highly recommended by him.

I think of taking up 2 small boys from the Shiswauk & 2 girls from the Wawanok as a nucleus to begin with. Do you recommend this - & I could get any assistance towards travelling expenses? also what may I depend on towards

support? - Yours truly  
A. Vanhook  
"Human member" of O.C.C.

April 20 8

Mr. William Linklater  
Dear Sir

You may perhaps have heard that I have built a school for Indian Children at Elkton in Manitoba & I hope to see it this summer - Your nephew Thomas Cromarty says that he would like to go to that school, also another small boy named Aleck Breevan. I expect to be at Waukegan about the middle of May and I think I will bring up those two boys - for them to stay about 3 weeks & see their friends & then follow me on the train to Elkton. Thomas Cromarty thinks there are some more Indian Children at Lac Seul who would like to go to the Elkton school. If that is the case they must be ready to come at the same time. I could take one more boy about 11 years old, he must not be older than that, & 2 girls about 13 or 14 years old. Please let me hear at once whether John Cromarty is willing for his son to go to Elkton & if there is one boy & two girls with boys - their names & ages -

Yours truly

J. F. Wilson



April 20<sup>th</sup> 8

John Mc Intyre Esq  
Dear Sir

You may have heard that I have built  
a small Institution for about 16 Indian pupils at Elkton  
Manitowish - I hope to open it early in June. & intend to  
take 3 pupils from here to make a beginning.  
I expect to leave here about 15<sup>th</sup> of May - & shall I think  
bring up with me Thomas Cronan & another small boy named  
Alek Beesaw. My idea is to put them 2 boys off at  
Waubesa Lake - so that Cronan can go & see his friends for  
about 3 weeks taking Alek with him as a friend - & at the  
end of that time for the boys to follow me by train to Elkton.  
I have to go on to flourish with the Blackfoot boys & expect to be  
back again <sup>at Elkton</sup> about that time. I wd also like to take one  
more boy (he need not be over 11) & 2 girls 13 or 14 years of  
age from Lac Seul. & for them all to come together to  
Elkton. This would make a beginning & we would gradually  
gather in more children from the neighboring reserves. Can  
you kindly assist me in this matter. I understand that  
both W. & M. Brown are away from the mission so I cannot  
write to them. I wd like to meet you at Fort William on the way  
if possible -

Yr sincere  
S. L. Wilson

Extract from a private letter.

"We hoped he might rally when the warm weather came, but the Spring is late & the snow still deep. He used to get up in the middle of the day, & at first go down stairs, but latterly, he would sit for a time in - sunshiny windows & in the warmth till he felt inclined to lie down again. His window looked out on the river, & I would watch the boys playing on the ice. Mr. Wilson baptised both the boys yesterday (April 22<sup>d</sup>) - Appikokia in Church, giving him the name of "James Edward", Etukitain, now "David" in his bed. I think God must have meant to take him as soon as he became a Christian. The last three nights he had been very restless and feverish, coughing very much, & suffering much in his right lung. I sat up with him, David Minomnie sleeping in the room. When the pain came he liked me to rub and knead his chest, it soothed him. Last night David M. and Appikokia were to sit up while I went to bed in the inner room. For some time David was singing hymns to him, in which he would join a little. At half past twelve I heard him calling, & went to him. At the first moment he did not know me, but when I called him 'my dear boy' he looked in my face & smiled brightly. I rubbed him till the pain ceased, & bathed his hands and face, and he amused himself with the sponge as he was fond of doing, squeezing it and laughing at the water running through his fingers. When he was quite comfortable I lay down again and heard David sleeping. He had had beef tea several times, and

Here seemed no worse symptoms than usual. About  
 two David called me: Blood was coming from his  
 mouth. We ran for Mr. Wilson, but before he could  
 get here the dear boy had passed away. David said  
 he began to cough, & he gave him his little cup, but the  
 blood began to run; it was impossible to stop it; it  
 ran from his mouth and nostrils, and it was over  
 in a few moments. Appikokia was standing by  
 him when he died, and when Mr. Wilson came he  
 knelt & offered the Commendatory prayer. He will  
 be buried in our little Cemetery on Wednesday.  
 It is a sad blow to Mr. Wilson & we all feel it very  
 much, for I think he was a favorite with all the boys.  
 During his illness he left off being shy, and became familiar  
 with me and I learned how lovable he was. He was  
 very fond of the pictures in my bible and prayer book.  
 His poor father & mother will be sorely grieved for him  
 to die so far from home.

Baptism of the two Blackfoot boys

Extract from a private letter  
 "It has been an eventful day (April 22), for the two Blackfoot boys have both been baptized, Appikskia in the Shipwreck Chapel, with the service for adults, & poor Etukitsin in his bed in the hospital with the infant service. Mr. Wilson, Mr. John Wilson, & David were sponsors for A. and he was called "James Edward". He was very quiet and composed and seemed quite to understand. Mr. Wilson after making each question as it stands in the prayer book gave him the substance of it in a few simple words, and then he answered "yes" for himself. Etukitsin's sponsors, were Miss Pipst, Mr. Lea Wilson, & Johnny. His Christian name is "David". He lay very quiet, & his eyes were very large & bright. Fortunately, he had no cough or spit, and I fancied that as Mr. Wilson stood with his hand on his head, the look of pain gave place to one of peace and rest. Afterwards he tried to join in the Lord's prayer, and thus we all left. Had it not been for Etukitsin's illness Mr. Wilson would have preferred him waiting till the fall home again & being baptized by Mr. Sims, but as it appeared unlikely that E. would ever be able to travel it seemed best not to put it off, and it was done quite by their own wish. I don't think myself that the poor boy will see another Sunday, he has failed very much in the last three days."

April 24<sup>th</sup> 8

Dear Johnson -

I have just got your letter with \$2.25 for your ticket - I hope the others who are coming will send more or one of the waak tickets. The party you want to collect this up are as follows:

Walpole - (1) Tho. Johnson (2) Son of John Isaac (3) Arthur Briskomon (4) Charlie Jacobs, Son of Angus Jacobs (5) Nancy Henry (6) Daughter of John Isaac.

Sarnia - (1) Clewern Kijookk (2) Hannah Grey (3) Julia Kabayah (4) Daughter of Wilson Jacobs.

Moravian Town (1) Lizzie Jacobs (2) Isaiah Jacobs.

I send you tickets for yourself & Nancy Henry - but all the rest must pay their own passage or else send me money for tickets. Please send a postcard to Elijah Jacobs.

Moravian Town, or, tell him which day you start & he will bring the children to you in Sarnia. You had better also ask Rev. J. Jacobs to have the Sarnia children ready to meet you.

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menubak de wallumenau miswissia -

Neen dek koos Subhalgeezing

S. J. Wiler

I wrote to Elijah Jacobs & told him you were coming.

Mr. McKelvey  
wants to see Mrs. W. Green  
and her family - in  
can you tell if  
she will pay

My dear Mr. Roswell.

You will be sorry I am sure to hear that one of my Blackfoot boys is dead. I baptized them both on Sunday & Etukitoin died yesterday. Consumptive & hemorrhoid.

I expect to start West with the other boys by first boat about middle of May. I shall be glad if you can get the Washakadee ready for spring by 1<sup>st</sup> of June. I am in correspondence with a lady to take charge - a Miss Osborne - now in Winnipeg - formerly teacher at the Mandan Inst. near Bradford - & highly recommended. I propose to bring 2 boys & 1 girl from here. Of the 2 boys 1 below & Lac Seul. It will take 10<sup>th</sup> of May to get off at Waukegan on the way up & go 3 weeks to visit at Lac Seul. Then follow me to Elk Horn. The girl - aged 13. I propose to bring with me to Elk Horn if Mr. R. does not mind taking her as a little servant for her board during the 2 weeks or so that I am away out West. When I get back from the Rockies - say 1<sup>st</sup> week in June - I propose that Miss Osborne - if she accepts the sit. - shall meet me at Elk Horn - & the 2 boys, with possibly 3 more new children from Lac Seul arrived also - & then start the instruction. Then I might send another week for word about up more children. I also bring Wasi home - as I promised he should be home this

Spring. Miss Pigg will also be with me & so will  
me & the Rookies. He would Clabiter all through his  
illness & I like her his mother still her all about him.  
I suppose I had better stop over 1 day on the way up  
& have a talk with you. Miss Pigg & Miss Pigg will be  
with me. but I daren't say I'd be put up at hotel.

I am very sorry for Mr. Thomas White's death.  
Still I think we shall get help all right. As Kankoy  
told me I might depend on it - I am also assisting  
the matter in various ways - such as Sunday Schools &  
undertake support of pupils.

Yours sincerely -

S. Wilson

*[Faint handwritten notes in the left margin, partially obscured by the binding edge.]*

Mr. J. Wardlaw, Esq.

Dear Sir

You wrote me last July about  
 starting a woollen factory in Connecticut with our  
 Shiryman's Home - I wrote to you in reply to  
 your letter but have not heard again from you.

I think it would be an excellent thing to have  
 such a factory started here - & I do think it would  
 be a good thing to start in & start it before any  
 other parties do so. The property next to us is for  
 sale - & is close to our dock & there is a good  
 stream of water running through it. I think we  
 could supply the labor or a good part of it - but  
 we have no capital. I have just rented  
 our back & door factory to a builder who has come  
 into the neighborhood.

I wd be glad to hear  
 from you whether you propose to do anything further.  
 Yrs truly  
 J. H. Wilson



April 24 8

Dr. Augustus [unclear]

Dear friend.

I wish to ask whether you will permit your 2 children, Alice & Marion, to go with me to the new Institution at Elk Horn which I am going to open this Spring. If they keep well I would wish them to stay there 2 years, but if they get sick they might come home again. Elk Horn is right on the C.P.R. line - & the Institution quite near to the track. The reason I ask you for your 2 children is that I think they will be companions to each other & they will be a help to the lady who has charge of the school as most of the pupils will likely be to will when they first come & not understand English. There is also another boy going up from here named Cromarty - He is a good friend of your boy, Albert. I have got a very nice lady, named Miss Osborne & take charge of the school, she has helped at an Indian Institution before & you know all about it. Lots of the boys here want to go to Elk Horn but their parents will not let them go. Let me hear as soon as possible if you are willing as I want to start by the first boat. From my love to Ned & Lema

Yr. sincerely -

A. J. Wilson

My own son is living at Elk Horn. -  
It is a very nice place - out on the prairie.

J. McNeill  
Dear Sir

April 10 8

Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> (No 159) received.  
The Blackfoot boy has died - so I shall wait now for  
first boat - & the tickets required will I believe be  
as follows -

- Myself - Calgary return (with detour)
- Mrs. Pigt (my hospital nurse) - gleichen
- Indian boy - aged 18 - to fleisher wife
- " - aged 18 - to Elkhorn
- " girl - aged 12 - " " "
- " boy - aged 13 - to Waubesaon T.
- " " - aged 10 - " " "

Kindly let me know in detail the separate charges  
for each of the above - & advise me whether I am to  
purchase the tickets from you - or some other way.  
I am starting a new institution at Elkhorn & may wish  
to take the pupils on the line. I presume Mr. Kern will  
allow me fares for my other children & some others.  
I would prefer not purchasing tickets until just before  
start as time is required for my arrangements.

Yrs faithfully  
J. H. Wilson

April 28 8

Dear Mr. Chase

I understand that the following children  
 belong to the Larnia band wish to come up to the  
 Spring - Will you please notify their parents. That Thomas  
 Johnson, one of our pupils, aged 18, at Walpole Island is  
 coming up this by first boat with a party of Walpole  
 children, & I would like the Larnia children to come  
 at the same time. The parents must pay their fare  
 on the boat \$2<sup>25</sup> each. Thomas Johnson's address  
 is Wallacabung - You had better let him know when the  
 children are ready -

Their names are - Hannah Gray - Julia Kabayah -  
 a daughter of Wilson Jacobs - and Adam Kijostki's boy, Newelyn.  
 3 girls & 1 boy. If there are any more wanting to come  
 please let me know. I am sending you  $\frac{1}{2}$  a dozen  
 forms of <sup>application</sup> agreement which should be filled in & sent to me.

Yrs sincerely  
 S. J. Wilson

April 26 J

W. Rust, Corvallis.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Alan Sullivan has forwarded a letter to me about a "missionary" boat that was sold to Kellaway for \$100. I hardly think it could have been mine. The one I lost belonged formerly to the Rev. Mr. Clancy at Jards River and he is 18 years old or more. In Spring of 1883 I got a new boat built. It arrived June 24<sup>th</sup> 1883 & I put it in my boat house & fastened the old "missionary" outside. On July 17<sup>th</sup> 1883 there was a wild storm & the old boat broke away & got driven up on the stones near Stratton & got a hole blown in her bottom. On July 21<sup>st</sup> I went off on a trip in the new boat leaving the old boat untouched. While I was away the old boat was I believe taken off by some one - I never heard any more about it.

Yrs. truly

S. J. Wilson

I think my old boat was 25 ft long  
& had two masts & a small covered  
deck forward. Two men called  
& offered me \$100 for my new boat July 3<sup>rd</sup>, I don't know who they were.

Mr. Gault

April 27 8

Dear Madam

I am sure it is my hope & kind  
 of you to face your difficulties & try still to  
 assist us in our work - You may thank  
 for the \$100 on Philamini's account.

How would it suit you to assist toward the  
 general fund of the Washakade Home at Elkton, Man.  
 for the present - without stipulating any particular  
 amount? I could I think get Philamini taken  
 by another school if you do this. I am going  
 to the N.W. Olatz & hope to open the Washakade on  
 my way back - I have heard of a well qualified Christi-  
 an lady to take charge. We still take 2 or 3 pupils  
 from here to make a beginning & gradually gather in  
 those of the wild tribes who live around.

Yrs sincerely  
 G. F. Wilson

April 28<sup>th</sup> 8

Judge I. D. Walker

Dear Sir,

Mr. Edward J. Howard of Rome I  
 wrote coly for particulars about the Quia Indians has  
 referred me to you - & I wd esteem it a great favor  
 if you wd kindly furnish me the required information -

I am collecting information for a comparative history of  
 the various Indian Tribes both in the United States & in  
 Canada & embrace both their customs, mode of living & also  
 their language, - & I have prepared a tabular form  
 consisting of 8 papers which I would like to get filled  
 in by any person capable & willing to do it. If you  
 will permit me I will send the papers to you. I have  
 filled them in as far as I could myself - & would be much  
 obliged if you wd correct any errors & fill in the blanks.

I am sending you a copy of the last Christmas  
 number of "Our Board Children" by the mail.

Yrs faithfully  
 G. D. Wilson

I have visited Hedley & am acquainted with Major Powell  
 & Mr. Pillig.

April 28<sup>th</sup> 8

Rev. S. J. Peck -

Dear Sir -

I advise in Mr. Pillsbury's letter  
of the Iroquois languages that you have translated  
portions of the bible &c into that language -

I am engaged at present getting out a Comparative  
history of the various Indian Tribes of North America -  
& have prepared 8 sheets in tabular form - which  
I desire to get filled in by those acquainted with  
the history & languages of the different Tribes. Will  
you allow me to send these forms to you - & I shall  
esteem it a great favor if you can kindly find time  
to fill them in for me.

I am sending you by the mail a copy of the  
Christmas number of "Our Forest Children"

Yrs sincerely -

Edward L. Wilson

I wd like very much to take care of two Iroquois boys  
in our Home here if it were possible to get them down. I  
have some black feet from the Iroquois.

April 30<sup>E</sup> 8

W. H. Kellam  
 Sir

I enclose you by cheque for  
 \$47<sup>00</sup> to settle for goods received in  
 date. This wd. have been paid soon  
 but we have been pressed for funds this winter.

I shall be obliged by your addressing goods &  
 envelopes with my full name - Rev. S. P. Wilson  
 instead of with the vague address 'Shippenack  
 Home'

Yrs tent  
 S. P. Wilson



My dear Dr. Petterson  
 Enclose you cheque for \$57<sup>53</sup>  
 to cover David Oshy's acct. Glad  
 Alvin sent him \$6. to help pay his expenses  
 home for Easter - so that he ought not to have  
 required so much as \$10.

I hear from David that the Civil Service Exam.  
 is postponed - do you know to what date? I  
 hope it will not be long before he has to go.

Yours faithfully  
 S. M. M. M.

May 3<sup>d</sup> 8

My dear Mr. Coole -

Will you kindly at once send me back the old nos of Alb. Miss. News, old records &c. which I sent you by your request last Fall - I am requiring them for immediate use - & have no duplicates.

The Bishop advised me that you wd be leaving Manitowish, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Please send me date of your independence at once - as I am leaving North for the W. West & want to get out of time decent before leaving.

Yrs sincerely  
S. J. Wilson

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> 8

Dr. F. W. L.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. just received.  
 The 5 names that you kindly sent as subscribers to O.C.  
 are on our address book at least I see Miss Rhoda Moore  
 & Mrs. Kester. You do not mention the others so I cannot tell  
 but doubtless they are there. Copies of the addresses were  
 sent at the time to our publisher (300 miles away) - & I am  
 writing him today to enquire how it is that the parties have  
 failed to receive their copies & to tell him to send duplicates to  
 the two mentioned above. May fail to receive copies they  
 should advise us at once by post card & we will send duplicate  
 & make enquiries.

I am very glad to hear you have been successful in  
 getting appropriation - I only wish our Government was waker  
 up a little & do likewise. Our Minister of the Interior, Mr.  
 White, who was head also of the Indian Department, has just  
 died. I am afraid this will throw us back a little.

I am very sorry I had to give up my intended trip to  
 England.

Yours very faithfully  
 H. Wilson

I have your letter of Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - but the  
 address list which was separate must have been  
 entered in the directory.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8

W. Mrs. Rutherford  
Dear Sir -

1) I am sending you 2 of the serial  
copy for "Summer Number" of O.S.C. - fit it up just like  
the Christmas Number - or give it as summer take a look as  
you can - & print me 700 copies. There will be no  
from No. O.S.C. This is to take the place of it. I shall only  
send very few out gratis. but shall wait for subscribers.  
I shall send you an address list about first week in June.

Two items 'The McRae Institute' and the 'Mount Elgin  
Institute' have not yet reached me. They were promised me by  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, if you do not get them by May 12<sup>th</sup> do not wait any  
longer. You have plenty of copy without them. Do not  
exceed 20 pages. Put advertisements as before on back of cover.

2) I am afraid a good deal of damage has been done  
by so many subscribers having failed to get their Christmas Nos.  
- nearly every week I have fresh complaints. - Several clubs still  
fail to receive their O.S.C. monthlies. You must be  
more careful always to see the printed matters - & I think  
had better make enquiries at head quarters why so many of  
our papers have gone astray. Please see if you

have the following on your address list O.K.C.

Mrs A. Bennett, Sault St. Marie, Ont.

Frank Bennett, Esq., A. Anstet, Cornwall, England

Mrs Rhoda March, <sup>is sister that</sup> Jamestown, N.Y. U.S.

Mrs. Kester, Pawnee Agency, Indian Territory, U.S.

None of the above have received any paper this year.

It is most important that you should always immediately acknowledge by post card receipt of copy or address lists. Then I can check that I have sent & know that you have it. So long after as this it is impossible to trace what is missing.

3) As soon as boats run - please send me all Christian Numbers & back copies of O.K.C. that you have on hand also all Annual Reports on hand.

4) O.K.C. for May is not yet on hand. I send you O.K.C. always earlier 4 or 5 days than Ann & later because it before the close of the month. Ann copy never leaves here earlier than the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month & should reach me by the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of the month following. I am quite out of White O.K.Cs & am wanting more at once.

Yrs truly  
S. J. Wilson

Send "Summer numbers" to the Editors of leading newspapers with request to notice as soon as out. I am keeping back 3 of the last cuts for next Christian No., 4 are not to go in the Summer No.

May 4<sup>th</sup> A

Mrs Osborne

Dear Madam -

The Rev. R. Ashton has just sent me your address in Winnipeg. I shall be glad to hear from you at once. Would you think of offering your services as Lady Superintendent and Teacher at the Washakada Home, Elkblown, Man. - as I have the application. On Mr. Ashton's recommendation I would prefer accepting you for the post if it suits you to take it. I expect to start West about the 16<sup>th</sup> of May - & would try to see you in Winnipeg in passing. I shall be out West at the Rocky Mountains about 2 weeks - & back again to Elkblown say by the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>d</sup> of June at which time I would like to open the Home. I intend to bring 2 boys (aged 13 & 10) & 1 girl aged 12 from here by way of making a commencement. It will go up with me in May. We shall probably receive about 8 girls & 4 small boys (under 12) by way of making a commencement. The salary will be \$250 & board & about 80 cents a week allowed for the board of each child. There is a church close to the Home - & Mr. Rowwell, who gave \$1000 towards starting it

Luis close by - & will I know do all he can to help.  
 The lady Superintendent will have to keep the accounts  
 & furnish a monthly report. With one or two good  
 sized pigs I hope it will not be necessary to have  
 any kind help. We shall have to economize as much  
 as possible at the first start - but I think we are  
 pretty sure of government help - after we get started.

If this letter reaches you too late for me to get  
 your reply by the 16<sup>th</sup> will you kindly telegraph  
 at my expense -

Yrs very truly

G. J. Wilson

If you do not like to undertake it without a white  
 person in the kitchen - perhaps you would be able  
 to find a pig that wd suit in Winnipeg or elsewhere.  
 The home is right in the village - close to the station.  
 Marion, the pig of 02, whom I propose to bring up with me, is  
 a French half bred a handy little pig & talks English perfectly.  
 The bay of 10 is her father, the other bay (13) belongs to  
 Lac Seul, these 2 will cut wood & do other work when  
 not at school. I would have preferred taking up an  
 older pig with me, but none of their parents are willing.

May 7 P

My dear Mr. Burman

I hope to start West again (or) next week - out to the Rockies first - then back to Elk Horn - when I hope to open our 'Wachakada Home' - about the beginning of June - I have engaged a lady as Superintendent & hire about 4 pupils from here to make a begining. I shall be very glad to receive a few pupils from your mission if you can induce them to go - any boys that enter must be under 12, with preferance between 9 & 11, but girls may be a little older - Kindly reply to me to c/o Mr. Rowwell, Elk Horn, I shall stop there a day probably on my way west.

Yrs sincerely  
 W. H. Wilson



May 7<sup>th</sup> 18

Dear Mr. Berry

I was surprised at yr letter as  
 the Bishop had not said a word about  
 yr leaving. I should think he will expect  
 full 3 months notice the same as with the  
 Mr. Clapp.

I am sorry to hear you  
 start for the North West & shall be away  
 5 or 6 weeks. I don't think you need  
 any testimonials from Clapp, now you are in  
 private order. You will receive yr 'bene  
 decessit' when you leave. You can  
 however refer any Mr. Bishop to me - He  
 requires a line or two

Yours sincerely  
 S. Wilson

Dear Mr. Rowwell

May 7 8

Yrs of 16<sup>th</sup> April of just received -  
been a long time in the way. I am sorry  
we cannot supply you a pit - have several that  
might go out but parents will not permit them.

I am preparing to leave here about the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> -  
I may like his two pits - the one of 02 I mentioned &  
a bigger one of 06. The latter might be some help  
to Mr. R. till the Institute is fixed but we could not  
share his other pit - as I am bringing her up solely to  
be a help to Mrs. Osborne - & she will continue her studies.

You might perhaps write to Mrs. Osborne - 23 Lauder  
Street, Winnipeg - & tell her a little about the place. She is  
highly recommended as I hope we shall fit her. I have  
offered her \$250. & board to teach, superintend, keep the  
accounts &c. - & am waiting for her reply either by letter or  
telegraph.

Elijah is very pleased with yr letter.  
He is a dear little fellow & I am very fond of him. Wasi  
intends to come back here after having a holiday at home &  
says he will try & bring some other boys. We cannot  
take any big boys at the Washokada. I am glad  
you are off the hands &c. done. I don't think Glendora will  
even come to much good

Yrs sincerely  
G. F. Wilson

I think very highly of Wasi.

Ms 7 8

Dear Mr. Rowell

Dear Sir  
Very many thanks for  
your kind help. Our stronghold is that we  
are helped by so many of God's people. I am  
against endowment & all that kind of thing - &  
peace & love on your day & day - depends on  
faith & supply and wants.

Next week I start west to the Rockies - & take  
home my surviving Polackford boys - & on way back  
stop to stop at Elkton, Mass. & open our  
new town. I have 16 pupils from here &  
make a begining & have engaged a lady to  
superintend - but have at present literally  
nothing to depend on for support.

Yours truly  
C. J. Wilson

I am sending you one last Annual Report.

Nov 7 8

My dear Mr Crawford

It was a pleasant surprise to receive \$37.50 last week through Mr. Brown from Leidy, Dr. Rockville, as I thought you had quite deserted us.

I have taken the liberty to apply it towards support of the Elkhan Home - as we no longer have you on our books for support of a lease of the Spring walk - and I am intensely anxious to get the Elkhan started this summer - If you can spare us \$100 it will not come amiss. The Home is completed - <sup>partially</sup> furnished - & being furnished. I take 10 pupils from here - (one a daughter of Mr. Red) to make a beginning & have engaged a highly recommended lady to take charge. I expect to start next week. Go first to the Rockies - & hope to see Elkhan on return back about beginning of June. I have literally nothing to depend on for its support - but intend to go ahead - God helping me -

Yr sincere  
 W. H. Wilson

May 7<sup>th</sup> A

Dr. N. S. Frost Esq. I. I. D.

Dear Sir

I have seen in C. M. S. Intelligence  
 notice of your "Linguistic & Oriental Essays". I am very  
 much interested in the study of the Indian languages of  
 the Continent - I am in frequent correspondence with  
 Mr. Hale of Clinton Co. I would like much to  
 get a few of your essays - especially No. 2 on origin  
 of the East Indian Alphabet, & on the African languages,  
 & so on the languages of Oceania. If you have any  
 published on the Japanese or N. S. Asiatic dialects - I  
 would like to get them. Would you mind kindly advising  
 those that you think will be most useful to me & send to  
 me - to get the list to account. I am at present engaged  
 in writing up a brief comparative history - (taking in also the  
 languages) of all the principal Indian tribes of North America.  
 Mr. Hale says he is a personal friend of yours & recommended  
 me to write to you. Trust that I am not giving you  
 too much trouble & the above request -

Yrs. very faithfully

S. O. Wilson

I am enclosing you a copy of Christmas  
 Number of "Our Young Children" if you  
 will kindly accept it.

May 6<sup>th</sup> 18

Rev. M. Rosenthal  
Dear Sir

I have been reading with much interest some pamphlets lately about your mission. For 3 years past our Indian pupils here have been supporting a boy at Missions' Memorial School in Jerusalem - on Good Friday last we had a special collection for the Jews in our Chapel which amounted to £4.

I have thought rather I might increase the interest in the Jews among our pupils if we could form an occasional correspondence between them & the pupils of some of your schools for Jews - of which I imagine there must be some in your mission - our boys range from 10 or 11 up to 18 & 19 years of age - & some of the elder ones are intelligent & able to write my friends in English. I am sure it wd. do our boys good to hear from a young Jew's own pen the circumstances that led him to accept Christianity - also about Jewish customs - amulets - phylacteries &c. - & our pupils on their side could tell about the work for an among the Indians -

Yours faithfully

Edward Wilson

I may mention that I am a son of the late Reverend Daniel Wilson  
of Dublin Town

B. B. W. W.

May 8<sup>th</sup> 8

My dear Dad

I am sorry to say that poor Blackford has  
 now is ill with Consumption has died. I baptiz'd  
 both him & Appikieia the day before. The latter - was  
 called James Edward - is an exceedingly nice boy & I quite  
 hope will prove a true strain. He was very desirous for  
 baptism. I expect to start next week for the N. W. &  
 take Appikieia home. & on my way back shall make  
 a halt at Elkhorn & possibly at Neepigon. Joannet  
 has granted me \$8000 towards building the Elkhorn  
 Institution - besides an annual sum for maintenance.  
 So we shall be able to take as many pupils as we  
 do here. However this summer we shall only begin  
 in quite a small way.

Peery has written to me that he wishes to leave in a few  
 months & says he has already given you notice.

I shall give the 'honor decemts' to the other Clergy who are  
 leaving at the time you said.

Filmer writes me that maintenance has been provided for  
 Mr. Vesey & the people want him as soon as possible.

Alan keeps well & hearty - is just back from Duke's shop -

Yours sincerely  
 S. J. Hill

Dr. Rupert

May 22 8

My dear Lord.

I have just heard from Ottawa that we have a grant of \$8000 towards building Institute at Elkton - besides an annual allowance for maintenance. This is much more than I expected. Had never thought of Elkton being more than a small Branch Home in connection with the Shipwreck. - but these things are in God's hands.

I had intended - & indeed still intend - to get our little Home already completed - with about a dozen scholars in June - & am in communication with a lady who I think will be very suitable - to teach & take charge.

I expect to leave here next week - & shall Dr. be in Winnipeg May 18<sup>th</sup> & stay till Monday. I am bringing one or two boys with me to their homes - but they will go on - & shall be alone. If you have not already started for England - I hope I may have the opportunity & pleasure of meeting you so as to confer as to plans.

I remain, dear Lord

Yours sincerely

S. F. Wilson



May 8 8

Dear Mr. Rowwell

Happy news at length - in which not  
 only you but I should think all your loved people will  
 rejoice. We are to have an Institute at Elkton  
 for 80 pupils - \$8000 towards building, \$4000  
 towards equipment, - \$8000 a year for maintenance!  
 And for the news last night after reading of my letter  
 to you. Funds will be available July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I shall still keep my plan of opening the present Home  
 with a dozen children or so - ie if I can get Miss Osborne.

I expect to be in Winnipeg May 18 to 21 - reach Elkton  
 May 21 - on west next day. Miss Phipps & the Indian  
 pupils will reach Elkton probably May 18 - Wasi - & the 2  
 girls for the Washakada will go off - Miss P. & the Blackfoot  
 go on. Will you kindly take charge of the 2 girls & make  
 use of them till I come. I expect to be out west about  
 14 days - reach Elkton on return June 18<sup>th</sup> & stay a week,  
 then back home.

I think this will allow time enough  
 to do what is needed. In the meantime you might  
 ascertain about land. I wd like to enlarge our lot if possible  
 eastward & northward so as to take in 2 acres for a home property -  
 & secure a farm 3 or 4 miles back.

Yrs sincerely  
 C. L. Wilson

May 20 A

The Dep. Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst. - advising me that the Department will grant \$8000 towards the erection of buildings for an Indian Institution with accommodations for 40 boarders at Selkirk, Manitoba, - also \$4000 for the equipment of the same, and \$8000 per annum for maintenance & tuition of 80 pupils at \$100 each per head.

For the above grant I tender my thanks to the Department. Your letter further - calls on me to furnish specifications of the proposed building & asks me "What proportion of the expense of maintenance & tuition you & your friends can manage to contribute".

I am unable at present to furnish plans & specifications as the buildings now proposed by the Department are on a more extensive scale than I had expected. I however enclose a rough tracing for the Department to examine - & if the present plan of the tracing is approved I will at once take steps to have proper plans & specifications

for out & shell in due time submit them to  
the Department. I think the buildg which we have  
already erected & are preparing to give in June will  
with a little alteration serve as well as the girls'  
quarters. So that there will be of two buildg to  
erect.

I would suppose that we purchase & enclose two  
acres of land - as a laundry, dairy, pound & garden  
at our present site; and also a farm about 3 or  
4 miles back, where farm buildg & a farmers cottage  
with boardg accommodati for a few boys could be  
erected. This was my original plan when I  
commenced buildg in the village of Elkhon.

The land on which our present buildg has been  
erected is held in my own name and that of Geo. H.  
Roosevelt of Elkhon, merchant, as trustees. I would  
like to know whether the Department will be satisfied  
with this arrangement or would prefer that it be held  
of the Bishop of Rupert's Land as Church of England  
property, or held in some other way.

As to the amount to be contributed by friends - it is  
impossible to say. I think my plan of getting  
different Sunday Schools to partly support individual  
pupils is a good one - as it arouses interest. I  
dare say the whole cost of each pupil will not be far  
short of \$125 per annum. & in that case I might

ask Sunday School, to contribute \$25 each - &  
 and it felt so such contributions. That ought I  
 think to be sufficient to cover all expenses.

I think my plan of 3 buildings, instead of one  
 large one is a good one. It isolates the boys entirely  
 from the girls except for meals & school, & is also  
 a protection against fire. I would recommend  
 that the ends of the build'g which are contiguous shd.  
 be floored with iron & the covered passage connection  
 be made in such a way that it can be cut away  
 with a few strokes of an axe.

In regard to staff - I think there should be a  
 married man as Superintendent & head teacher,  
 an assistant male teacher, an assistant female teacher,  
 a cook, a laundress, a carpenter who wd. assist in  
 superintending &c., & a farm man.

I should like to know whether it is intended that  
 the Departmental payments pass through my hands as  
 general Superintendent or whether they will be paid direct  
 to the local Superintendent, - whether the local Superintendent  
 is to be responsible to me or responsible direct to the  
 Quarter.

If necessary to write immediately - a letter will find  
 me Per. Post Office, Winnipeg, May 10 to 21, after that Elkhoron.  
 I wd. like to hear of possible sale to the trusteeship of the land before meeting  
 the Bishop of Rupertland in Winnipeg. Have the land the Sir  
 or should it be around  
 Edward J. Wilson

My 82 8

The Sup. Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs -  
Si

I propose taking the following  
Indian children from my Mission here to become temporary  
pupils at our new Institution at Elkton. Their  
understanding English well & being accustomed to the rules &  
regulations of an Institution will I believe have a beneficial  
effect on the new pupils we gather in as well as retaining  
the said Superintendent who is to take charge of a good deal  
of trouble - I have enquired of the C. P. R. authorities  
the expense of moving these children - it will be as  
follows -

1 boy & 1 girl above the age of 12	\$14.30 each
1 - " - " below - " - "	\$7.15 each.

Food - all included food by the way. \$22.95. I should  
be very thankful if the Department will see fit to meet this  
expense. I propose keeping them at Elkton for  
one year, but they could be sent back sooner if thought  
advisable.

I leave the honor to you

Your obedient servant -  
C. J. Wilson

Indication the above names the  
of taking a Blackfoot boy

May 1<sup>st</sup> 8

L. Fankhauser Esq  
 & dear Sir

I feel sure I have yourself to  
 thank personally as well as the late Mr. White for your  
 kindness in favouring & appeal on behalf of the  
 Home at Elkhan - When the letter arrived I  
 read it to the boys in the school room - & it created a  
 great surprise & much pleasure with everyone - & we  
 say "Praise God from whom all blessings flow".

I had already written a letter to the Toronto Clerical  
 papers - saying that I had determined to open the Elkhan  
 Home in June - but for its support had only "the handful  
 of meal & the little oil in a cove".

I trust the appeal on behalf of the Slave - may in  
 due time - meet with as great success.

I regret to say that the Blackford boy died on the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 of April, but I baptiz'd him both at his own earnest  
 wish the day before. The curving boy "James Edward"  
 is an excellent nice fellow - I hope a true Christian -  
 & I trust will be a shining light among his people.

The success of 'Our Poor Children' exceeds all present in  
 its being appreciated - but it is at present a considerable burden of  
 expense as we send more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the copies free - & the costs for the  
 other bank comes cost.

Yours faithfully  
 J. H. Wilson

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1881

J. McNeill Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. received with rates from Sault Ste Marie to Calumet & the intermediate points.

I shall be glad to accept your terms - & the party will be ready to start from here May 16 or 17 - on which even of those days there is a C. P. R. boat passing.

In addition to those I mentioned there will be one more pair (over 12) for Elkton.

The only point I take exception to in your letter is if not permitted stop over for Indian pupils, traveling second class. If this is not allowed it will cause me very great inconvenience - as my custom is to stop a day or two in a place - pick up 2 or 3 pupils - & go on to another place - picking them up wherever I can - & then start for home. I trust you will kindly make an exception in my case - on these grounds - & allow stop over for my tickets I may purchase at any time or on any point of your line for Indian pupils. You do not say send cash so I presume I am to purchase tickets either here or at Port Arthur.

Yrs faithfully  
C. L. Wilson

May 30 - 8

My dear Mr. Henderson

Your welcome letter received. And by the same mail another welcome letter, in which I am sure you will rejoice with me, from the Indian Department in \$8000 grant toward building <sup>of school</sup> Home to be built large enough for 80 pupils - & \$1000 a year each for his maintenance. I read the letter to the boys in our school room - & we sang "Praise God from whom all blessing flow".

I had only just written to the Church paper - saying I had determined to give our Elk Horn Home in June - but for its support had "only the handful of meal & the little oil in the cress".

I have already engaged, or almost engaged a very nice suitable lady - a Mrs. Osborne. She has been teacher of the Methodist Institute at Portsmouth & is highly recommended by the Principal, Rev. R. Bolton. Mr. Roswell & myself agreed that we would make up the salary, (\$750) somewhere if anyone else proved too hard hearted.

Well - please do not relax your efforts. I <sup>and</sup> <sup>will</sup> want to give \$2000 a year - as it will cost us quite that to keep the Home up over & above the present grant. As to the



The Bishop of Rupert's Land - he has been warmly  
 in favor from the first & most kind - but I think  
 has been a little worried by the 'multitude of Commissions'.  
 May a good work has been hindered or overthrown  
 at least of things.

I hope to see the Bishop in  
 Winnipeg next week if he has not left for England.

I still intend to carry out my 'small plan' for this  
 summer - Lady Superintendent & a dozen children - the  
 'big plan' cannot begin till next year - but I shall  
 get out plans, specifications &c. at once.

Yours very sincerely  
 S. F. Wilson

Gen. P. O. Winnipeg will find me May 18 to 20 - After  
 that Elkhorn, Mass.

The Home will be distinguished 'Church of England'.

May 8<sup>th</sup> 8

My dear Mr. Hale -

My thanks for y<sup>r</sup>. last letter of 21:0  
 28<sup>th</sup>. You will be glad I am sure to hear - H<sup>r</sup>.  
 faunt has appropriated \$8000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> building at  
 Elkhorn, Man, - \$4000 for support of 8<sup>th</sup>, & \$4000  
 for ann. towards support of 80 pupils.

Thompson (D. V.) leaving here next week - May 18-20 in  
 Winnipeg, 22<sup>nd</sup> Elkhorn, May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> Calgary &  
 Sarsce Indians, June 10 to 18 Elkhorn, then home.

The Blackfoot boy I am sorry to say, died April 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
 I baptized them both by their own wish the day before.

I hope to open our small Institution, already built at  
 Elkhorn Ditch here - & to get out plans & make arrangements  
 for additional building.

I will, as you desire, make special enquiry about the  
 'language infant' among the various tribes I come in contact  
 with. I have not seen Cuvy's Dugway's dictionary. There  
 are no more books I seem to want. I have just sent to  
 Cincinnati for Bancroft's 5 vols.

Y<sup>r</sup>s sincerely  
 W. H. Wilson

May 9<sup>th</sup> 8

The Managers Board of Montreal  
Toronto

Sir

I enclose you statement

of account confirmed also cheques as follows.

No. 2623 - Bank of Montreal	38.60	
" 14594. " " " " " " "	42.10	<u>80.70</u>

Kindly please credit to my Indian Names acct -

Yours truly

S. H. Wilson

May 10 8

Dear David

I have just heard from Dr. Bellamy  
 that the Civil Service Exam. has been put off until  
 November. I am sorry for this, but it cannot be  
 helped. I think the best plan will be for you to  
 come back to us when you leave Trent in July  
 & stay here till time for Exam. That will be better  
 than going back to your home. & we have railway now  
 direct to Ottawa so that you could easily go there  
 for Examination. Talk it over with Dr.  
 Bellamy & let me hear from you what you decide  
 on.

Neem sub koos subyahpeeyans

S. H. Wilson

Ms " 8

Dr. Howland

Dear Madam

I can't already have written to you, but have been so occupied with correspondence, that the Indian girl Mary Peter, supported by Mr. Peter's friend has got a very nice situation with Mrs. McMoran at Janus Rectory, Kingston - She left us a few weeks ago & writes about her new home very happily. Perhaps she has already written to you herself.

We have another girl named Philannia Sampson whom I would like you to take in her place if willing to do so. Philannia was supported by the Phil. Friends Society, Cornwall. - but that I am sorry to say has collapsed so that she is at present without support. She is a very nice girl and about 15 - an Ottawa Indian, & comes from Chesapeake Bay, Manitowish Island.

Yrs faithfully  
S. J. Wilson

I have received a part of \$5000 from friends towards my new institution at Elkhor. Mass.

May 11 8

My dear Mr. Sewall

The Civil Service Exam - for which  
Waukege's was chosen is deferred until  
November. He will therefore remain at Post  
House until vacation begins in July - & I have  
suggested to him to return then to the High School &  
study here until time for his Exam.

This will ensure your continuance of his support  
until that time. Will you be willing to  
do.

You will be pleased I am sure to hear that I have a few  
pounds of \$4000 towards my new residence at  
Elkhon & Manitowish.

I enclose you Waukege's last report.

Yours sincerely

S. J. Wilson

May 11<sup>th</sup> 8

Miss Revell & Mattie  
Dear Sir

Please fill following order —

- $\frac{1}{2}$  doz small English pen. dictionaries - School美式.
  - 2 boxes pen ribs - suitable for school & office.
  - 2 doz Dominican Copy books - with heads.
  - 3 quarts black ink - good.
  - 3 packets Cop Note envelopes. (8" x 4)
  - 1 box large Note envelopes. size marked on packet.
  - 1 " small " " " "
  - 1 doz packets of news Wrappers. 7 inches wide.
  - 1 ream ruled note paper (good)
  - 6 marble paper Cover acet books, about 8" x 12" 6 1/2" thick.
  - 1 doz drawing pencils N.B. & C.
  - 1 doz 50 cent ref. bibles gilt edge.
  - 2 doz small cloth riddle A & M hymn books.
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  doz prize books (straps for bags) at \$1.50
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  " " (straps for files) at \$1.50
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  " " mostly for boys at 75cts a box
  - $\frac{1}{4}$  " " " " at 50ct to 20ct.
- above must be well selected & illustrated - that S. & J. Wilson

Wm. J. Wilson  
No. 150 N. 3rd St. Phila. Pa.  
May 11 1880

May 12<sup>th</sup> 8

The Managers  
Bank of Montreal, Canada  
Sir

London Clergy No 101 - B.M.

of Communion for \$170.<sup>29</sup> - Please  
debit to Indian Home acct -

Yrs. truly

S. J. Wilson

May 12<sup>th</sup> 8

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge with thanks yr.  
Clergy for \$170.<sup>29</sup>. I have reported  
several times but details receipt be furnished me  
as to the Sunday Schools, or Churches, & when the  
amounts are paid - as we have ledger accounts  
with these different parties & require to debit their  
accounts. I know it is the wish of the board  
that all contributions sh<sup>d</sup> pass through the head office  
but still the little price of country is not attended  
to it forces me to discourage our contributors from  
sending their offerings through you. The other Secretaries  
- Mr. Rogers - Mr. Reid & others always give me the  
desired particulars.

J. J. Mason

Yrs. faithfully  
S. J. Wilson

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May 14<sup>th</sup> 8

Dear Jacobs

Your letter received - & \$4<sup>50</sup> - Am very sorry that your brother Andrew. The two girls will be sent by the Sempine. Hope they will come back this is the Fall - If you get in so much it is a pity for time & leave.

I enclose you a ticket for Nancy Henry to come up by next trip of Sempine - & I hope that Hannah Frey & Wilson Jacobs' daughter will come at the same time. Elijah Jacobs of Moravian Town also has a boy & girl to come - will you drop him a post card - & let him know them at the same time.

You will be glad to hear that Fort-les-Joies me \$8000 towards my Elk Horn home. So we shall have another school here as the big as the thing wants. The lady I expected to engage has failed me, so I have written to Miss H. Robinson asking her to take the place of lady Sept. June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Yrs. sincerely  
G. F. Johnson

I leave here on the 17<sup>th</sup> - & 21<sup>st</sup> to get Miss Robinson with by telegraph before leaving.

Please get forms of application filled in & signed for the 4 boys & 1 girl just arrived. This must be done before the children were sent.

May 14

Mr: Casley  
Dear Madam

You may have heard that I  
am about to open a new Institution for Indian  
Children at Ollshon in Manitoba - & I want to  
take two girls from the Wapoorish to stay there one  
year - so as to help teach the new girls how to behave  
& obey the rules. I shall be much obliged if you  
will allow your daughter Harriet to go with me. She  
says she wants to go very much. & another girl  
Marion Decease will go with her. There will only  
be 12 pupils at the school this winter & a very nice  
lady will be in charge. Please reply at once as  
I am starting in a few days.

Yours truly  
Edward J. Wilson

May 5<sup>th</sup> 8

Rev. W. Crompton  
Dear Sir

I was surprised like yourself  
at receiving a parish register & being charged \$2<sup>50</sup> without  
receiving any intimation before hand about it. I think  
the matter sh<sup>d</sup> have been brought up & discussed at  
the conference instead of being sprung upon the clergy &  
the parishes. Sent by copy back as in my  
written line I have no use for it. I very much  
wish however that you would 'knuckle under' a little  
& work more smoothly with the Bishop. Any kind of  
jealousy among Christians does harm to the Church.  
Altho you & some others possibly may not approve of  
all the Bishop's methods - we must remember that he has  
been appointed as Chief Shepherd of this portion of the Lords  
Fold & I think we should all try as far as possible to  
uphold his hands & strengthen the Church's work. You can  
write a fair letter about backward mission work - & if  
you will entirely keep your pen free from any allusion to any  
unpleasant & not introduce too much spice of a ritualistic flavor I  
shall be most glad indeed to thank & receive & print yr letters - & I  
think you might do much good. No sincere  
Yours  
W. Wilson

*Enclosed a long 'spicy' letter from Muskoka*

May 15<sup>E</sup> A

The Sup<sup>t</sup>. General  
of Indian Affairs.  
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I have the pleasure to submit to you for  
your inspection some papers which I am preparing  
giving statistics as to the history, customs, & language  
of all the principal Indian Tribes in North America  
about a hundred in number.

I shall be glad to have the approval of the Department  
in my projected work, & to know also whether the Department  
would allow their agents in the various Indian Reserves to  
assist me by furnishing information as far as it may  
lie in their power to do so.

I am the honor to be Sir  
Your obedient servant

Edward G. Preble

If the papers are returned in the course of a few weeks it  
will suit me as I am about to leave for the West & do not  
require them until I return.