

sent extract from last year's & Miss. Harman's letters to a aunt of mine who is a Quakeress - & has lately begun to take great interest in my work. - It will be a great thing if we can get "the Friends" to help us. They are so kind & patient & have always been such good friends to the Indians.

I have received your account for the month amounting to \$67.93. You must please explain to me what the \$4.39 on June account is.

Dr. Drummells acct paid June 30 -	52.59
Dr. Harman's " " "	12.30
Cash for meat "	1.05
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Edw. & James on 4/11	55.00
	1.00
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	56.00

I sent you \$45.00 which I thought paid in full for June. Please send me a separate bill of the \$4.39 or explain what it is. I should have said it.

I divide your account as follows:

Wages of servants -	21.25	
Board acct -	22.62	
Produce -	25	31.12
Laundry acct -		3.80
Fuel -		3.50
Domestic & house expenses -		22.12
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Bal. June acct.		63.54
		4.39
		<hr/>
		67.93

Please try as much as you can to keep the things under the different heads. Especially keep the board account separate. I think you have been very moderate - perhaps a little too moderate with the board - but are spending rather too much on house expenses. I hope you have now got pretty well started in this way so will not have much more to get. I am very anxious for funds still and so can not enlarge \$10 on account.

Your Servant S. P. Wilson

I cannot always pay the account in full each month - but will settle in full at the end of the year.

Aug 28th 8

My dear Nasci

I have just received another letter from you. I am always glad to get letters from my boys & to know that they do not forget me. I love my Indian boys & want them always to love me. I am sorry that I was angry with you and spoke angrily to you that day at Elkton. I was angry with the Indians for not sending their children to our school when we had taken the trouble to build it for them. & I was angry with you & Ben for wanting too much money. I thought you would be glad to help me after I had been helping you. But I am no more angry now. I wish to be good friends with you and with all your people. I was pleased to see your mother when I went to your house. She seemed to be a nice kind woman. Mr. Mayses told me that Peter Hunter cleaned the church every week without pay. I was glad to hear that. I am glad to hear that an Indian will do some good work without pay. I was glad also to hear that the Indian women meet once a week to pray & to do good work. I am always your best friend

Kasota.

James Edwards (Spik/min)
has written to me twice.

Aug. 23 8

My dear Lord Will.

I received your letter of the 2^d 2nd day
 ago. You do not give me much encouragement - but
 I can understand that you are so overburdened with
 the work connected with the Society that you do not
 wish to incur any responsibility in connection with
 the Washakada house. You have said the same
 the first of that I have with a view plain of
 it is not very satisfactory to feel that in the event of my
 death or removal the work must either lapse or revert
 to the Society to be placed perhaps in the hands of some
 other religious body, but I can hardly think you would
 allow this if possible to prevent it. However, these
 things are in God's hands. We are but laborers in the
 field & unprofitable servants at the best - When God
 removes me, I yield up all - my home here - the Washakada
 - & also my family to Him I do give. I believe the
 Washakada in part to be a success - not because of the
 Society's part - that is a poor cold concern - but because
 God's will is being done. We have difficulties oh
 plenty, but I think they will all clear up.

Yours sincerely

Edward Wilson

Aug 23 18

My dear Mr. Miller

It has long been on my conscience
that I have kept the book 'Century of dishonor'
which you so kindly lent me so long. It
is not from carelessness. That I have failed to
return it - but the fact is I have read it twice.
Though I am still making notes from it. I do
not know like to keep it longer without your
permission. So will return it at once if you will
kindly drop me a card. but if you are not
about it & can spare a few weeks longer I think
I shall then have done with it.

Please give my kindest regards to Mr. Miller.

Yrs sincerely

Edward S. Wilson

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May 23rd 1851

My dear Cousin

I am trying to make definite arrangements for a long term through the States with my wife & to visit all the principal Indian States - Pueblo - Anasazi - Navajo - & to start by way of Texas, Louisiana, Indian Territory, New Mexico & Arizona & back through Texas - leave here about Oct 20 & get home again for Christmas. My wife's expenses will be paid out of my left hand & mine by my dear sister's - & for myself - I have a little on hand & I think can scrape up enough. We think the whole thing will cost - \$2000 or \$2500. Of course we must economize as much as possible, in order to pull through. Will it suit you for us to pay you a short visit about end of Nov. or beginning of December - Also can you tell me anything at all about the means of getting about down in the wilds of New Mexico & Arizona. I am with best love to your Mother, - Do not let the best thing to do.

Yours ever
 Q. J. Wilson

Aug 23 8

My dear Mr. May,

Most of our Algona Mission are so
 discouraged just now. - on many of our clergy
 leaving - Not I hardly know what to recommend in
 reply to your letter. If you wish to collect the
 distributed & White letters - I would advise you
 to send it to Mr. Sullivan, Bishop's house, South
 Main, & she would send it down westward. If
 the Lord send my parents, parents &c. - I am Indian
 know. We shall always be most thankful for
 such gifts. I enclose you one of our old lists.
 You also send you a packet of our Practical
Reports &c. We shall be glad of subscribers to
 our little paper. It is only 10 cts a year - 15 cts extra
 each for Christmas & summer numbers.

Yours sincerely
 Edward F. Wilson

Aug 28 8

J. P. Donnelly Esq
Dear Sir

When you have an opportunity
will you kindly let the parents of Raphael &
Josee Doxon know that the 2 boys have
arrived safely here at the Shipwreck Home
& are quite contented & happy - also send
them the enclosed photographs - The 3^d boy in
the group is a little Irishman named Brant
from the Bay of Quinte - a lineal descendant
of the first Joseph Brant -

Mr. Algona Simpson has got three boys from
from Montserrat. He says there are several
more at the Pic who will become. If this is the case
will you kindly ascertain for me the names & ages
of any applicants -

Yrs faithfully
R. P. Wilson

Aug 25 8

My dear Mr. Lyon

Your letter of 18th inst. received today - I think with you it is best to purchase the site at once. Some other may step in before us if we don't make a beginning. But I want to be sure about the spot before purchasing. You know the nice little road near the Church that you & I selected. I want that to be the site of the building - one looking the railway - & to secure land enough around it - either up the hill or at the foot for a garden &c. - a farm can be got subsequently 2 or 3 miles out.

I enclose you a tracing sent me by W. B. Deart, Trinity, - & have marked on it in blue pencil where I suppose your church to be & a X to mark the spot which I suppose we selected - but I want to be sure of it before purchasing. Search of you me 2 lots free & as many more as I require at \$50 a piece "giving me my own terms of payment." - I think we should secure not less than one acre & a half - but am not sure how many lots this would be. Can you get this straightened up - perhaps you will write to Mr. Mitchell - & then let me know as soon as possible -

Yours sincerely
G. H. Wilson

What is the present selling price of the lots?

Aug 25th 8

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs
Sir

On the receipt of your letter
of the 2^d (No. 64. 300) today - I have telegraphed
to Elkton & procured it once with the building.

I shall be obliged if you please to pay by credit
on Elkton account the sum of \$2500 as
specified in your letter.

I shall conform with your requirement to produce
proper estimates properly certified before applying
for any further advance on the building account.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient servant

Edward H. Wilson

Aug 25 8

Dear Archie

We got your letter last night. You do not say which day the Downwells are to arrive here & we don't know when to meet them. We shall however send you a note Wednesday the 29th - as you said it will be about 2 weeks from the time of your first letter. I am very glad that you like having Flossie with you - & that she is no longer feeling lame & sick. I am sure she will be a comfort & pleasure to you - & I expect also to Miss Robinson.

Will you please tell Mrs. Robinson that in my letter to her the other day, I forgot to ask her to send me the names, ages & dates of arrival & leaving of each pupil. Please ask her to send me the list at once - that is a copy of what she has entered in her book - & always let me know in future the date of any new arrivals & if they run away the date of that - as I have to report to you. Also ask Mrs. Robinson at once to apply to Mr. Marble for an Indian Department School form. It has to be filled in & sent so & sent promptly to Ottawa - otherwise we cannot draw 1. ground paint.

I telegraphed last night to Broadway to go on at once with the laundry building. My order also to get stone hauled & once for the central building - & put the fence up. Tell Broadway that I say -
 Wm. Louis Baker J. Wilson

Aug 25 8

Dear Madam

We shall be most thankful for any help you can give us. ... St. Joseph's Guild School used formerly to support a pupil at our Shigwack Home - but has done nothing for some time. We are doing in need of help just now. having 3 Homes to sustain - the Shigwack - Wawauch - & the Washakada - Home at Elkton. My little is coming in & I hardly know how to keep up the work. I will glad send monthly papers, reports &c. - if the St. Joseph's School will resume its kind help. Can you kindly assist the matter for me. I think unless you can undertake a 2nd pupil at \$75 per ann. or $\frac{1}{2}$ a pupil at \$37.50 it will be best to contribute to our general fund - & we shall be very glad of all the clothing (boys & girls) you can send us. I am sending you a packet of our papers -

Yours sincerely
 J. P. Wilson

Mr. C. French

Aug 25 8

Rev. R. Reinson
Nashport N.C.

My dear Archdeacon

Many thanks for yr kind letter with
enclosure of \$10.05 for A.M.N. I am afraid
A.M.N. is on its last legs - The Bishop & clergy
leave it all to me & do not assist in keeping it
up & it is too great a burden - not as it used to
be in Bishop Sangre's times - I am doing
all I can to create interest in our Indian work
but it is hard to keep it up - sometimes my annual
amount of \$75. or \$80 receipts several weeks
running - & Sunday schools about \$800 in arrears -

Money goes twisting about through all these new
organizations instead of coming to us as it used to -
I doubt if yr contribution & Mr. Reinson will ever
reach him - A collection of \$109 for our Wawanok
House was taken up at a meeting which I addressed
at Parry Sound in August 1887, the Churchwarden has
entified me that they sent it to A.H. Campbell, specifying
the object, but it has never reached me - I am certain
that much of our money goes astray. Please kindly
all the pranking - but I have a great work as you know
on hand - & I know not how to keep it up with the present
state of things -
Yrs very sincerely
G. H. Wilson

A.H. Campbell was sent a copy of Reinson's Receipts & published in A.M.N. - Indeed so
that Bishop of the time was aware of it -

Aug 27 18

My dear Mr. Kirkley

It would be more satisfactory to me
if you could say for support of pupil district.
As you or two others send it through the temple - &
I cannot see the good of it. it cannot circulate any
longer 6 or 10 months after we have written I shall
not it or not. I think the whole system is most
unsatisfactory. - Must many come to me direct I
write direct to the donor. & thank them & let keep
up a warm interest in the work. - Our homes are
decidedly suffering under the present system.

In regard to the pamphlets &c. we are always glad to
get them. but being the best we think any one child
read them more than the Indian pupils. - I'm sure of
the latter are capable of reading them. tho' they all like
look at the pictures. - I think if you have the place
were you think it would do more good do not
hesitate to cut us off. but if you still send we
shall always receive them thankful -

Yours sincerely
J. P. Wilson

Aug 27 8

Homes for Indian Children.

Rev. E. S. Wilson, Principal & Secretary.

1. Shiingwauk Home, Sault Ste Marie (1875)

for 60 Indian boys.

School Teacher - J. D. McCallum

Industrial Foreman - J. C. McKenzie

Farmer - R. H. Coulter

Matron - Mrs Mc Nichol

Gardener & Weaver - John Mc Nichol

2. Wawaash Home, Sault Ste Marie (1879)

for 26 Indian girls.

Lady Teacher & Superintendent - Mrs. Oslip

Matron - Mrs. Laurie

Laundress - Mrs. Bridges

3. Washakada Home, Elk Horn, Manitoba (1887)

for 80 pupils (not yet completed)

Lady Teacher & Superintendent - Miss Robinson

Matron - Mrs. Scott

These Homes were originated in 1872 when an Indian Chief accompanied Mr. Wilson to England & pleaded the cause of the Indians. They are supported by Government Grant & General Contributions.

August 27 8

My dear Mr. Freeman

I have from your letter that you are now in Toronto - so write by your next -

I am trying to arrange if possible for a trip thro' the Southern States, to visit some of the principal Indian centres this fall - your letter thinks you may be able kindly to facilitate my movements - by putting me in the way of letters & communications in regard to the journey - I will be thankful in the interest of the Indian cause & mainly at my own expense & shall have it as economical as possible - I shall try to make Indian Schools & Indian Agencies the chief points on the route - I hope that as a fellow worker with them you will accept me as a visitor & so save expense of hotels as much as possible - The route I propose to take is first to the Carlisle School in Pennsylvania - then Hampton in Virginia - then to Staunton (on the Roanoke valley en route) to St. Louis - then Indian Territory - west to Santa Fe - & visit the Pueblo Indians, Zuni & then to New Mexico - then to Deanna, Col. Now I have a cousin - & so homeward -

Yrs sincerely

S. J. Wilson

Aug 30 8

Alex McKelvey Esq

I enclose you tickets for Sarah A. Thomas - Louisa Williams - James Simpson - 2 Adams Children - David Westgate - & Helen Reid - by tickets from which please collect \$2.50 each

I understand from Mr Jacobs that Frances & Harriet Jacobs are not returning pass - he has asked us permission to transfer them to the M. R. on account of their father's illness - I have consented. If they recd their pass do not go to the M. R. as you cannot find time.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant
Yours sincerely
J. H. Pelt
I have just received your letter of the 28th inst. with reference to the bill of exchange for \$1000. I believe we have rough estimates of the value of the bill. I shall be obliged if you will send me a copy of the bill, or if you prefer, I will estimate the value of the bill by the London rate of exchange.

Aug. 30th 8

Mr. Joseph Powell
Dear Sir

I telegraphed you 14 days ago
to go on at once with the laundry building. I suppose
than added - that we accept your tender for
\$1100 to include stone foundation & paving.

Mr. Powell is now here & tells me that you
have no plan for the fence. I was under the
impression that I had left the particulars with you.
I now enclose plan & specifications for the fence - &
it will show also the position of the proposed
building.

In a memorandum which I have by me - you
engaged to build the central building for \$2500 - under
condition that the following alterations were made in the
specifications - viz - Studing 2x4 & 16 ft. post. upper
& lower joints 2x10 instead of 2x12. Siding ceiling & flooring
3^d grade instead of 2^d. Back plastering & maple floor the
door away etc.

The above I believe was
your rough estimate. I shall be obliged if you will
very carefully figure the thing out - taking into consideration
the recommendations made by the Indian Department & let

we know the lower figure you can erect the
central building - to include stone foundation - cellar
- chimney - stairs & - empty complete -

per full 1/4

Edward A. Wilson

Please let me also have an estimate to put
stone work in window of present building.

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D. S. P. Brinton
Dear Sir

May 30 8

I shall very gladly supply you with copies
of anything that I have on hand that may be useful to you -
but I fear it is not much. I will send you a copy
of my little *Spoken Manual* - & some copies of "*Our
Indian Children*".

I am going to arrange for a trip through the State,
this fall to visit some of the Municipal Indian Centers,
accompanied by my wife - We propose to start by way
of Carlisle - Washington - & Hampton - west to Indian
Luritan, & New Mexico & talk of Seneca & Oneida.

If it should be possible to take in Media - Penn-
sylvania, those Pennsylvania. I do not esteem it a
great privilege to make your acquaintance - I am
already acquainted personally with Major Corvel, Mr
Pillig, & Dr. Boas - & am anxious in this proposed
trip - as far as possible to fall in with those who may be
willing to aid me in my search after knowledge in regard
to Indian history & languages - I do not presume to be
either an ethnologist or philologist, but am very anxious to
learn all I can about the Indians to whom I have already
devoted 20 years of my life.

Yours faithfully
C. F. Wilson

Aug 24 8

Thomas G. Otter Esq.
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 20th reached me
yesterday. & thank you enough I had been speaking
to a friend of mine on the American side -
Lieutenant Phelps about the Chazyne Agency in Ind.
Terr. of our late before. The fact is I
am trying to arrange for a trip through some of the
principal Indian Centers in the States this Fall,
accompanied by my wife. We propose to start by
way of Carlisle, Washinton & Hampton - then
across to Indian Territory - down to the Osage &
Zanis & back by way of Dennis & Omaha. I
shall be greatly obliged if you can tell me something
about the way of getting on. After leaving Hampton
in Virginia - would my best course be through Cincinnati
& St. Louis in order to get to Indian Territory? - & having
reached there (say Wichita). would it be much expense
to get to your Agency - & thence on West toward Santa
Fe. I shall be very much obliged if you can kindly
assist me in this matter or give me names of any Indian
Agents or others on the route who wd be likely to facilitate
me. I know no one in the Eastern States - but am exceedingly
anxious to visit the Indians, indeed that it is an absolute necessity
to me. I start about Oct 1st

Sept 1st 8

My dear Mr. Hale -

I am endeavoring to carry out my plan for a trip to the Southern States this Fall - viz a Mr. Prescott here to start in company with my wife about Oct 20th - the year I weeks away - to pass by Niagara - to Ottawa - then Kingston - then to Carlisle - Washington - Hampton - westward to Ohio - visit the mounds in the Scioto valley - Cincinnati - St. Louis - then down into Indian Territory - west to Santa Fe - to the Pueblos & Junco - then North to Denver - touch SE corner of Dakota & home by way of St. Paul, Minn.

When you can spare a few minutes will you kindly look at the map & see how you think this tour will suit - & whether there are any particular localities that you would advise me to take in - also any particular opinions that you would deem it advisable for me to make. Also

- if you could kindly give me a few words of introduction to any persons on the route that you know it will be a great help. I heard a day or two ago from Dr. Brinton of Indian Penn. He recently yr. name & asked for copies of my little publication. I hope in the course of my trip to make acquaintance with a number of persons interested in the Indian cause -

Yours sincerely
J. H. Nelson

Sept 1st 8

The Editor of the Christian Union.

Sir -

In your issue of October² 1887 you have portraits of Capt. Pratt and several drawings & pictures of some Black Indians before and after education. I should very much like to secure the loan of these cuts for the next Christian Union number of my little paper "Our Forest Children" if you would do me the great kindness to lend them - & I would in return lend you any of my cuts (from any original sketches) in return - asking you at the same time to make a little mention of my work. I am sending you copies of both Christian & Common numbers of "Our Forest Children" by the mail -

Yr. very faithfully

Edward J. Wilson

Sept 1st 8

The Editor of the "Indian Record".
 L^o

See by an old number of
 the "Word Carrier" (Jan. 1887) that about that time
 you were publishing a history of the Cherokee, Choctaw,
 Seminole, & Creek in your paper. I should
 like very much to receive copies of those numbers if
 you still have them on hand - as I am trying to make
 up a history of all the Indian Tribes, both American
 & Canadian. By the mail, I send you a
 Summer Number of our paper "Our Great Children".

I am hoping about end of October or beginning of November
 to pay a visit to Indian Territory as I want to see some of
 the Cherokees. I shall probably be definite &
 would like to visit Muscogee also if possible.

Yrs faithfully
 W. J. Wilson

Sept 3^d 8

L. Manypa
 Mark of Montreal
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I enclose copies as follows.

No 18475 -	Molani -	Cyprus -	Bayles -	4 ⁰⁰
350 -	Commence -	Reed -		60.

total - \$

Please credit my Indian names of -

Yrs truly

L. J. Wilson

Sept 3^d

John Matthews Esq
Dear Sir

Your letter of 20th enclosing 4/75 ⁵⁰
just arrived. I will give Bella the 50c this
afternoon. I think Bella is improving. She has not
been about her. She was confirmed in our
Chapel a week ago. & seemed to give her heart to
while attending to classes preparatory to it.

Mr. Rowson, from Elkton, has been staying with
us a few days. a good Christian man - taking great
interest in our work. It struck me how quiet
it is for Bella to go into service there - & attend
school part of each day at the Washakada Home - which
is only a stone's throw off. Miss Robinson, the teacher
is a good Christian woman. I do not think Bella
will ever be fitted for either a dress maker or a teacher
& I hardly know what else you can do with her except to
place her out in a Christian family. I do not wish
to lose her from here. would prefer keeping her a couple
of years longer. but do just what you think best.
Mr. Rowson will I think call on you -

Yours very faithfully
S. F. Wilson

Sept 5 8

Dr. W. Plummer & Co.

Dear Sir,

July 25th last I sent you by
 mail Indian Department chgs for \$450 - asking
 you to credit Indian Monies of \$200 & my
 private acct of 150. I was under impression
 you had already furnished me with receipts as
 usual - but I do not find them - neither have
 my pass books as yet been credited. Kindly
 attend to this at once -

Yrs faithfully
 W. J. Wilson

Sept 6 8

The Marine Bank of Montreal
 Sir

Enclose you Indian Department
 Cheque - No 19529 for \$276⁸⁰ which
 amount please credit my Indian Monies
 account —
 Yours truly

Edward A. Piton

Sept 7th 8

Alex. McKelvey Esq.

Dear Sir.

9 boxes of books arrived safely by
the S.S. "Empire" yesterday.

Joe Sampson, asked to remain until Sept 28th - on acct
of his sister being very sick. & asked if he might bring
Ananias Sampson, aged 12, with him. I enclose
you the ticket you returned me - & if you think advisable
you can send the boy, along. & he will take the place
of Smart Altman who I understand is not going to return.
Smart had scrofulous swell. When he went down & I
advised him to stay at home till he got better. I hope
however he will return if he gets well as he was learning
bookmaking & getting on well. I have written Nancy
Warner's parent that they can keep her home for one
year on account of her sister's death.

I also write
Rev. J. Jacobs agreeing to the transfer of Nancy Francis Jacobs
to the M. S. S. of Mr. Boston refuses them it is their own
loss.

I shall be glad to prepare Nancy
Henry as a teacher if she will remain long enough &
shows sufficient ability. There was no need to apologise for
the length of yr letter as I am glad to hear every thing you can
tell me about our pupils -
Yours sincerely
S. Y. Wilson

Laurel Pt. Maine
Sept 8/88

Dear Miss Robinson

I have just received
your letter of Sept 1st. I hope
you have the names of all your
pupils passing entered in your
book - It is most important to do
this directly on arrival - Ages we
always have to guess at, but it is
most important to put it down.

Also always put names of parents
if possible - Every pupil on
arrival should be entered in your
book - & a copy of the entire book
come with your monthly account.

I hope you will understand fully in
the Indian Department report - a * for each
full day's attendance. How full the account
present Oct 1st - will depend on the Report
being correctly filled & sent in. I am
I hope you receive the money, I sent
\$10 and \$25.

Y^r sincere friend
G. F. Wilson

I have received letter from Council & Maine - & all seem very happy.

Points

Sept 10 J

Mary Biffin
D: L

We had Shallow's house
watched last night - & 8 men were seen
leave the premises & go up town about 1 a.m.
This I don't think is sufficient evidence - We
are proposing to raid the place tomorrow night -
but must have full supply of necessaries - Will
you therefore please see the Sheriff & mistress on
him the necessity of letting us have at least 4
pr. handcuffs - & revolvers - McKenzie
thinks it best not to let the other Constables into the
secret - but to keep the whole thing perfectly dark - He
will come up tonight for a warrant -

Yrs truly

S. H. Wilson

Sept 10th 8

Mr. C. Williams Esq

Dear Sir

I am purposing (D.V.) to visit some of the Indians of Arizona & New Mexico in November next. Can you kindly tell me a little about the way of getting about in those regions.

My idea is to go first to Winslow to visit the ancient pueblo ruins - thence drive to the Mogue Agency - thence to the Navajo Agency - thence to Winsgate - visit Juni - back to Winsgate & then East.

Will you kindly tell me whether you think this plan practicable. Whether it could be done within 8 or 10 days - & what sort the cost would be. I shall wish to save all expenses as much as possible.

I trust you will not mind my thus troubling you. I have seen many of your Pueblo drawings & plans at the Caribole School, & am also acquainted with Mr. Pilling & other members of the Smithsonian Institution. I have been 20 years among the Indians.

Yrs. very faithfully
S. H. Wilson

Sept 11th 8

The Commissioner
of Indian Affairs -
Linn

I have to thank & acknowledge
your letter (No 1116) of the 14th inst. - and to thank
you for your offer of cooperation in the matter of
settling pupils with our Washakie Home at Elkton.

I must confess I have been a good deal disappointed
at the difficulty in getting pupils - & it is discouraging to
Miss Robinson, the Superintendent in charge.

To make a plain statement of the case - there are
at present 14 pupils - of 2 boys transf. from
the Shoshone Home & 2 girls transf. from the Mawawok.

In the month of June I visited a number of different
reserves in quest of pupils at a personal cost of \$143
apart from my through railway ticket.

We succeeded only in getting 14 pupils (3 boys & 1
girl) - & then after they, about a fortnight ran away,
& spread false reports among their people.

I believe that one thing which militates against our
success in getting pupils from the neighborhood is a report
that has been spread that the Presbyterian Church is about

to establish an Indian Institution at Brantford.
 If this is the case it seems to me an unwise step
 as I do not think two Institutions would prosper
 so near each other - & I think it most unwise
 to foster a Spirit of rivalry in any matter in which
 Indians are concerned.

There is a Methodist Institution South of here
 in Ontario - the Mount Elgin School. The principal
 of that Institution has an understanding with me that no
 runaway pupils from one School will be received into
 the other, there is thus a good understanding between us
 & I desire that this should always be the case in the
 matter of Protestant Institutions & Missions to Indians.

I shall be unable personally to visit Elkhorn
 again this Fall - but we shall keep the School open
 & when the number of pupils may be - & I shall
 hope to come up early in the Spring - & shall be glad
 if then your agent could arrange to join with me
 in visiting the Reserve & beat up pupils.

If in the mean time - your agent can induce
 any of the Indians to send in their Children - we
 shall be very glad to receive them.

Our buildings are in progress. We expect to have
 No 2 completed & No 3 (the central building) closed
 in before winter.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Edward P. Wilson

S. P. Patterson Esq.

Dear Sir

You my kindly wrote me May 20th last in answer to a letter of mine asking for particulars about the Navajo Indians.

I am now making arrangements for a tour to visit some of the Southern Indians in New Mexico great interest & shall be exceedingly grateful if you can kindly advise me in the way of getting about in Arizona & New Mexico. (Will report to you about Nov 1st)

My idea after leaving Albuquerque - is to go as far west as Winslow to visit the ancient pueblo ruins - thence drive to the Mogui Agency (100 miles?) - thence to the Navajo Agency (Fort Defiance) - thence to Winsate. Then visit the Junis, then take train at Winsate & go East again.

- (1) Is the above plan practicable?
- (2) What would be about the expense of hiring vehicle & driver?
- (3) What accommodations could I get for the night?
- (4) Could it be done in the following time - 2 days at Winslow. 2 days to Mogui. 2 days to Navajo. 2 days to Winsate. 2 days to Junis & back to Winsate. Any information you can kindly give will be most acceptable.

Yours truly
S. P. Wilson

Sept. 11. P

A.C. Pettinger Esq
Dear Sir

I am trying to arrange for a
trip this fall to visit some of the Indians of the Southern
& Western States - accompanied by my wife. I am
especially desirous to visit the Pueblo & Navajo Indians.
I know I must trouble you as you are always
so busy, but thought you wd not mind answering a few
queries in regard to the route, expense &c. as I know
not of some else to ask - I should say that we propose
to start by way of Philadelphia - Carlisle - Washington -
then west through Ohio & St. Louis - down to Indian Territory -
thence to Arizona & home by way of Denver & St. Paul Minn.

- (1) Can you recommend a hotel in Washington - not too
far from the Smithsonian - as close but not too expensive - we
shall stop there 2 days in Washington - & I would like if I
may to examine your Indian literature.
- (2) So Chillicothe (on the C. & O. R.R.) near the Ohio
Mounds - or should I in going from Washington to St. Louis
take a different route. Would 2 days be sufficient to visit
them - would there be much expense in doing so.
- (3) So Winslow (N.M.) the right place since to visit the ancient
pueblo ruins - would 2 days be sufficient to visit them - how
would I get about. Would there be much expense?

4) Would it be practicable to drive from Winslow
to the Mogui agency, thence to the Navajo agency
thence to Winslow, & then take train East again.

What is the
distance from
Winslow?

If I do this, would it be enough to allow. It
would be the expense here of hiring a vehicle. (Myself
only - my wife will be left behind at Denver) 11.

5) Any copies of Mr. Goship's papers on the Zuni Indian
pardonable - Are there any other cheap pamphlets
about any of these Indians which I shall see - either
about their history or their language - pardonable?

I am almost afraid to send this letter as I
fear I shall be pining you too much trouble.
Please do not answer more of it than you can
do readily & without inconvenience - 11. 1922

Yours sincerely -

Edward F. Wilson

Got to you Aug 2 last - giving a few examples of
Zuni language picked up among the Pattee Indians.
Viele family last Spring.

Marginal notes on the left edge of the page, including the name "Wilson" and other illegible handwriting.

Dear Mr. Stand

I am exceedingly obliged to yourself & Dr. [unclear] for the trouble you have taken - your letter was a great help to me in marking out the route for my proposed trip. We think now of starting Oct 22^d & spending Saturday Oct 27^d to [unclear] with you at [unclear] if that will be convenient - I hope the Captain will be home by that date - as I should be very sorry to miss him again.

May I ask you one or two more questions -

- (1) Who is at present at head of Lincoln Post Philadelphia - W? By which we spend one night there? Will [unclear]
- (2) What hotel would you recommend in Washington - A class but not too expensive - expect to be there 2 days - W? like to be near the Smithsonian.
- (3) Do Challicotte (C.W. & B.R.) near the Ohio meadows
- (4) Do you know any one in Cincinnati - Think of spending Sunday & Monday Nov. 4 & 5. What would that cost?
- (5) Do you know any one in Vinita I could visit?
- (6) " " Muskogee " "
- (7) On leaving Vinita how do I get to the station on Speka & Santa Fe line. It seems to be some of the lines marked on railway chart are not [unclear]. I could find the connection with

The Superintendent General
 of Indian Affairs

Sir

I have to inform you
 that Mr. Broadly, builder, at Elk Horn, put in
 his tender for the Central building of the Elk Horn
 Institute - but the figure was too high to admit of
 our accepting it.

We have now modified the original Specification
 as follows:-

The Studdy to be 2x4 and 14 feet apart. Upper & lower
 joists 2x10 instead of 2x12. Siding ceiling & floor, 3^d
 grade instead of 2^d. Back plastering & maple floor
 to be done away with. The recommendations of the
 Indian Department in regard to the building to be followed.

On the above conditions - Mr. Broadly has submitted
 his tender to build & complete the building according to the
 Specification for the sum of three thousand five hundred
 dollars (\$3500) & the Department approves of this offer
 I will instruct Mr. Broadly, to proceed with the building; Mr.
 Roswell & myself being both satisfied with the terms.

I have the honor to be Sir
 your obedient servant
 Edward P. Miller

Sept 11 8

Alex. McKelvey, Esq.

Dear Sir

David has given me the #2nd for himself & 2nd for John Deane's share. The account I think is quite correct as you have stated it. David gave me the New ticket and I have sent it now to Joe Sampson for Anahim.

I hardly know what day about Andrews' two fish. Our Hawaiian Stone is about full now. A fish named Maria from Cape Cook & Bella Naudu from Wallah have not come. If these two fail to come I might later bring Francis in their place. If to come again it must be understood that they are not to be interfered with or taken away, except when permitted to go for regular holidays.

I do not think Maria is likely to return & do not care much about Bella Naudu. The Jacobs fish - especially Francis - was pretty well - it would certainly be better for them to come back. I will leave it up to you to do as you think best.

All the new children we came up are quite well & happy.

Yrs sincerely
S. P. Dr. L.

Mrs. Horton

Sept 13th 8

Dear Madam -

Your letter was a surprise & a great pleasure to me - It is except I kind of you to send so liberal a contribution - & to express also so much interest in our work. I have my much pleasure in allotting to you a nice little Indian girl about 10 years old named Suidy Nawang (pronounced nay - wong). She is a good little girl and always seems to have a bright smile on her face.

I am sending you a packet of our first children's reports, numbers 1-5. Which I trust will interest you.

Yours sincerely

Edward D. Osborn

The Superintendent found
of Indian Affairs

Sept 12 8

great pleasure to me. I have to inform you that a house about 12 or 15 chains distant from the Shipwreck Home on the west side near the river, has ever since the early part of last winter been occupied by several parties as a house of the game, and so that has been a great annoyance to myself, family, & employes. I recently had said house having moulded and people were invited our pupils to go there.

In order to put a stop to the nuisance, I recently had one of my employes sworn in as a Special Constable, & two nights ago we raided the house, arrested the inmates, & had them convicted & sentenced by the Magistrate.

I am mentioning this to the Department in order to blank a little additional strength to my appeal made some time ago. In a part to enable us to purchase additional land on the west side of our lot, & do to enlarge ^{all to} our buildings & take additional pupils. The land in question about 100 acres in extent is at present offered for \$7000.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient servant

Edward S. Wilson

Sept 25th 8

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.
Sir.

On a recent visit to the former
Plover Indian Reserve I was informed by certain
of the Indians that an American sailing craft
arrived early Saturday evening & anchored on the
American side opposite the former Plover Mission
for the purpose of selling liquor to the Indians. That
it remained there during sunday, & that a number
of the Indians were in the habit of going on board in
their boats to purchase liquor, & that in consequence
of this - drunkenness was becoming very prevalent
among them. The Indians also told me that last
summer a policeman was appointed by the Dominion
Government to prevent any breach of the law of the kind,
but that this summer there is no policeman. I
would request that the Indian Department take steps
to put a stop to this illegal traffic so detrimental to
the Indian population.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant
Edward H. Wilson

Sept 24 8

Dear W. Ross well

Enclose you cheque for \$8 ⁵⁴
to cover Wazis' adm -

Later write to tell you that I have received
cheque from Ind. Dep^t & am prepared now to
pay you over the \$2000 for land - if you
will tell me where to send it. a few days you
will be home -

Miss Robinson does not seem quite to understand - that
for provisioning to Washakada - I pay her not you.

The cheque I sent her for \$45 ⁰⁴ was the balance
due her to end of last June. I had already paid her
\$10 on acct. \$55 ⁰⁴ altogether - out of which she was
to pay your account \$52 ⁵² & settle other minor bills.

Instead of this she fears you the \$45 ⁰⁴ & charges me with
the balance between that & the \$52 ⁵². I said
before I left that all bills for building & furnishing were to
come direct to me, but bills for provisioning & misc current
expenses were to be paid by Miss Robinson.

Bills for building & furnishing must be sent to me in duplicate - as I
have to furnish a copy to the Ind. Dep^t.

Yrs sincerely
S. F. Wilson

Sept 44 8

The Manager
Bank of Montreal & Co. -
Dear Sir

I enclose you cheque for
of London & Westminster Bank - No B 136217 -
Signed by Fred Atwood - & payable to order of
Bank of Montreal - for £25 -

Please credit my Indian Homes acct - &
advise me of the amount as credited -

Yours truly

E. P. Wilson

Sept. 10 8

Dear Cassin

Yr. kind note of the 3^d received.
 - If we succeed in carrying out our plans - we
 shall hope to reach Denver Sunday Nov. 15th. I
 expect it will be too tough in N.M. & Ariz. for
 my wife to enjoy the trip - so if you & Cassin
 please don't mind I would like to leave her
 with you for a fortnight while I am travelling about -

I propose to leave the day following & to go through
 El Paso - to Albuquerque (where there is an Indian school)
 then west to Winslow to visit the ancient ruins - then
 north driving or riding to the Mogonis - east to the Navajo -
 south through Wingate to Juni then back through
 Albuquerque to Denver - If you can do
 anything to facilitate my trip about cheaply I shall
 be ever grateful -

Yr. sincere
 S. J. Wilson

I cannot do anything with Cook.

Do not trouble to write again unless the above will not suit.

Sept 16 . 8

The Editor of the Record

Dear Sir

I have ^{before this} had reason before to send you a communication in regard to my Canadian Homes for Indian Children, & you have very kindly assisted my work by giving insertion to my letters. Just now our Homes are very greatly in need and I trust you will allow me to appeal through your columns for a more extended support. It is to Canada that I look principally for the help I need; the Canadian Government assists me, and a number of the Churches of England Sunday Schools supplement the Government grant and English contributions by supporting individual pupils in our Schools. Still our means are far short of what we need. Often week after week passes by & the weekly receipts from all quarters have only averaged from £5 to £7. We have had to borrow money. To drain our farm land and make it fit for cultivation I had to borrow ^{money} ~~money~~ last year. This year I have had to borrow about £100 in order to build a barn in which to store our grain. I have three Institutions now to support, - the Shipwreck Home with accommodation for 60 ^{Indian} boys here in Algoma, the Wawanosh Home for 26 Indian girls also in Algoma, and the Washakada Home which

(as all the buildings are completed) will accommodate
 80 pupils, in Manitoba. This a great expense
 keeping up all the work; and when so little money
 keeps coming in it becomes a great anxiety. We
 have no Reserve fund and no endowment. I ask
 for neither; I prefer having neither. Ever since the fire
 which burnt our first Institution to the ground 6 days
 after it was opened I have just rested myself on
 God and depended on Him from day to day to supply
 our wants. I do not pretend that I have had no
 anxiety. No flesh is weak. I have had anxious
 moments. But I take it all to God; I spread it before
 God; and in a little time all comes right. Many of
 my Indian boys & girls are rejoicing in Christ as their
 Saviour. Some are bearing good fruit in their lives.
 Others have already been taken to their Heavenly Home &
 have died trusting in Jesus. God only knows the real
 measure of success that has attended His work. For
 my part I can only say that with all its cares and
 all its anxieties and all the responsibility it involves,
 I can still thank God that guided by Him I
 17 years ago took this work in hand.

Sept 26 8

The Editor of the
Dominion Churchman
Dear Sir

Will you allow me to acknowledge with many thanks to the kind donors & with gratitude to God the following gifts towards support of my Indian Homes, all received in response to my appeal & in answer as I believe, to prayer - \$10 from Rev. C. H. Marsh & wife, \$10 from L. R. T., \$5 from Mr. Ball, \$5 from Lewis R. Marsh, \$5 from Dr. Wallis, \$2 from Mrs. Murray. Also \$75 from a lady in New Richmond, Quebec, towards support of an Indian girl. It is indeed a great responsibility having these three Indian Homes, the Shinswank, the Wawanosh, and the Washakada to support, but God has helped us hitherto and I believe will help; the wave draws back into the deep only to increase its strength & to roll up still further on the shore. My work has on the whole during these past 17 years been successful. The real measure of success that has attended us God only knows. Notwithstanding all the care & anxiety attending it I can still thank God that I ever took the work in hand. I wish more of our kind friends would take our little paper "Our Forest Children"; it is only 10 cents a year, ^{per annum} 12 copies for a dollar, or 100 for \$8. It would probably help us more than to distribute these papers broadcast.

Edward J. Wilson

Qu Appelle

Sept 27, 8

My dear Lord

I have had some little correspondence with Mr. Lyon during your absence in regard to the proposed Indian House at Medicine Hat. I am prepared now to pay for & secure a building site - but would like to hear first from you whether you approve the location I selected close to the Church or whether you think it would be better further out of the town. My I prefer the town is (1) that it may be seen & so better supported by that the Indian boys may be employed as apprentices of the people. It might however be advisable to have it say 1/2 a mile or a mile away, instead of right in the town. Perhaps it would be well if you could confer with the authorities at Regina before deciding. I propose to secure about 2 acres for a site as I have done at Elkton & to purchase a farm 3 or 4 miles back. I think it an advantage to have the farm separate - it being desirable at times to separate some of the pupils. I like the idea too of being close to the Church. Our chapel here is always open & the boys allowed to go in at any time to pray. I leave here Oct 12 for a long trip in the States - & will not be settled before I leave -

I remain, my Lord - your most faithful
C. H. Wilson

Sept 27

Dear Mr. B. King

Kind letter with enclosure of \$33.29 balance due for support of your Indian prototype Caroline Hankins

I am sending you 100 copies as requested of O.S.C. but not all September - as we have a few of left of each month. The copies are distributed as you will see over the year - The cost for the 100 copies will be \$1 - but if you will continue to take that number for a year it will be \$8. December & June are special numbers at an extra cost so there are only 10 issues in the year.

I am sending you also one Enclosure number as requested.

Yours sincerely
J. P. Wilson

C. X. Burke Esq.

Sept 17 1887

Dear Sir

I have been very busy in account of my business about the Pueblo Indians. I have now made up my mind to visit them this fall & visit them for myself. Would it be asking too much of you to put me up for a couple of days if I come to Albuquerque. It will probably be about the 17th November that I arrive. I am now here I want to go on & visit the Pueblo, Navajo, Moki, & Zuni Indians. Can you kindly tell me what the cost per day of hiring a vehicle - also whether there is any difficulty in getting about - as danger of attacks by wild Indians.

I need not ask too much of you.

Yours faithfully

Edward L. Wilson

About what rate per day have you for accommodation at Albuquerque - & how much per mile is the railway charge.

Thomas W. Potter Esq
 Care of J. M. Dear Sir

St. Louis, Mo. 1854

Your kind letter just received is most gratifying & you have made it my clear duty to get from one place to the other. I should think I mentioned in my former letter that Mr. Wilson would be leaving St. Louis - I would like to see him & see how he would like to be put up at the Agency as well as myself. I have just returned from St. Louis & leave St. Louis Monday Nov 7th and after visiting Indian Territory I would wish to reach Denver Thursday Nov 15th with the fine line enough to carry out the programme that you propose in your letter. If you think it necessary to do so I will try to arrange to give more time. I will leave by St. Louis before descending to Arizona - in order to have Mr. Wilson there with friends.

As yet again will you kindly map out for me just what to do after leaving Kansas City. Mr. N. P. D. Williams is I understand at the head of the Indian Agency at Darlington. Had I better write to him? How can we put up with them?

Truly I am not thank you too much

Yours truly
 T. W. Potter

Sept 10 1847

Dear John

Your letter has just reached me
of course by this mail. I wish to see the Indian
Commissioner at Regina. I wish to know if he could
give you a detail in the North West. I understand
that you would have no objection to going to the North West.
I am very glad to do some interesting work among
the wild Indians.

We have 100 boys here now at our school and there
are 6 or 7 more pupils. Still at present we shall
be pretty full.

I have had Mr. Mackenzie sworn in as a Constable
there were a lot of bad people down at that station again.
Last Sunday we went down in the middle of the night
to get the men all prisoners. So we were all
cleared out.

There has been a bungle made about the Examination
papers. I hear they were sent to the wrong place & so far
lost. I don't know if it is true or not.

Your sincere friend
S. F. Wilson

Sept 17 8

The Indian Commissioner

There is a vacancy for Indian School teacher and there in the N.W. West. I would wish to recommend an ex pupil of mine who has been 5 years at the Shingunk Home - John A. Mappah, Ottawa Indian, from Manitowish Island. He is 17 years of age & wrote at the last High School entrance Examination which was held here the end of July. I believe the boy passed successfully - but there has been some mis-carriage in the papers so that none of the competitors have as yet heard the result.

There appear to be no vacancies in the Indian Schools in the neighborhood. Another ^{Michigan} boy, David M., has secured a school on the Georgian Bay, but that was the only one vacant. I can recommend John A. Mappah most highly in every way.

I have the honor to be Sir

Yr. obedient servant

Edward A. Wilson

Sept 07 &

Mr. Geo. Bolton

Dear Madam

I have just received your letter just received - I can gladly give you the name of an Indian girl - but not without name - as all our girls now have Christian names. I can give you a little girl about 10 years old named Mary Pe-tah-we-goo-zhik. She has only just come to us - and knows nothing - so you will have her from the beginning. The cost for board & tuition is \$50. I will ask Mr. Blake the Cad Superintendent of the Wauwauk Home to send you her measurements - but to save time - I think any little girl of 10 years old will be about the same size. Boys of that age can come over either via (Green Sound), College wood, or Sarnia. If you do not hear later than 10th of November.

I am sending you some of our papers & trust they may increase the interest that your young ladies are so kindly taking in our work.

Yours sincerely,
G. H. Wilson

Sept 20 8

De Manque Bank of Montreal
 Toronto

Sir

(On September 8th (evening)
 I sent you Indian Department cheque No
 19602 for \$2500. & ask you to
 forward me three deposit receipts of \$500
 each & to place the balance \$1000 to
 Credit of my Indian Home. acct. - Instead
 I received yr. answer to a more recent letter
 contain cheque for \$25 - but have heard not of
 the \$2500. I took the letter myself to the Post
 Office & had it registered. If it has not
 reached you will you please at once notify Mr.
 Sweetman. Only a few weeks ago I lost another
 Indian Dep. cheque for \$450 in the Sauls to Marie
 Post Office. & as yet there is no trace of it.

Yr. truly
 S. J. Wilson

I am telegraphing you today.

Sept 20 1

C. Handyside Esq.

Dear Sir

Very many thanks for
 your kind remembrance of me - & donation
 of \$5. We are rather pinched just
 now - but I trust God will see the way, &
 carry us through. The Shipwreck is
 13 years old now - of course needs repairs
 - indeed the whole roof ought to be re-shipped. Then
 & the things make me rather anxious - as the way
 we get does not cover running expenses. &
 Government grants us nothing to meet these expenses.

Yrs sincerely

W. H. Wilson

I have had to borrow \$500 to rebuild our
 barn - which was old & collapsed with snow last winter.

Sept 20th 8

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L^{ie}

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter No. 88847 of the 16th ult. that
that the missing cheque No. 34.364 for \$450⁰⁰ has
not yet come back into the hands of the Department.

As our Agents here at Sault Ste Marie are
somewhat embarrassed through misapprehension of funds
I trust it may not be long before the above cheque can
be duplicated.

I may say that I have full proof that ^{the} cheque was
delivered safely at the Sault Ste Marie Post Office and
as it was made payable to W. H. Plummer & Co of the
same place & Mr Plummer on one of his firm always
call regularly for letters, it is a mystery what has
become of it.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant
Edward S. Wilson



