Jan. 18th 1878

Dr. Sir — I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the sum of $75 for the support of a boy in our Shingwauk Home. The boy to be assigned to you will depend on yr. reply to my last of the 7th inst.

Yrs sincerely
S. A. Wilson

R. R. Dobell Esqr.

Jan. 17th 1878

Revd. Rural Dean Osler

My dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 7th inst. about the two boys — Walbuneaus & Chegauns — who are depending on Oakville Rural Deanery for their support. Your letter of Jan. 8th, crossing mine, has just arrived. Just now we are in more want

Jan. 17th 1878

Dear Madam

I have recently written to Mr. Judge — that Willie Riley having returned to the Institution I hoped St. Matthews Wd. continue his support instead of taking up the other boy that I had proposed.

Willie is getting a big boy

Jan 18th 1878

My dear Mr. Jamieson

I rejoice to tell you that the sick boys are now quite convalescent —

Isaac has returned to school and work (Carpentry) — Adam I am at present keeping at school — as his chest seems a little delicate — but in a week or so I hope — he too

of support for boys & [illegible]
for girls — but after the
girls Home is well established
yr 2d boy might if you so
wished be changed for a
girl — I trust you may
be able to meet the support
of 2 boys for the current
year — It is scarcely
worth while to send a small

sum that $25 — When
you have this in hand we
shall be glad of a remittance.
I will send the Alg. Miss
news, as you say to S. Brook
Esqr. Hitherto we have
been sending it regularly to
Rev. Canon Worrell with
whom all my communications
have hitherto been —

Yrs sincerely
D. L. Wilson

If a cheque is sent
please let it be made
payable in Toronto —

will return to his Carpentering.
We have no sickness now
in the Home which is a
great relief — though I must
say I took great interest &
pleasure in nursing the
poor boys while they were
sick — the longer I have
the boys the more I feel
drawn to them. I hope
many of the parents may be

willing to sign the agreement for
their sons to remain with
us a proper period — The
forms of agreement (approved
by Government) are in the
hands of R. Mackenzie
the Supt. — will you kindly
see about it for me —
Wishing you (if not too
late) A very happy new
year —

Yrs very sincerely
D. L. Wilson

May thanks for yr letter the 7th inst.

now – being between 14 & 15
years old – His measure is.
Length of coat – 26 in.
" of sleeve – 22 in.
" of trouser – 35½
Waist – 31½
No. of boot – No. 5
The enclosed paper will
shew the articles that are
usually contributed –

Yrs sincerely
E. A. Wilson

Miss Gillespie
150 Scott Street
Quebec

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My dear Sir

Many thanks for
Yr kind note with $10
enclosed – ½ year's contrib:
from Cathedral S. School
towards support of the
Wawanosh Home – I
had you down in my books

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for $10 only - having forgotten
yr promise to contribute
$20 - so it is all the more
gratifying - Your payments
shall date as you propose
from Sept 1st.

We have accordingly [illegible] [illegible]
from death - [illegible] [illegible]
several [illegible] of [illegible]
sickness - but the danger with

these last is I hope now
over -

As our acquaintance
has been so short I did
not write to you - but [illegible]
hope that you will be assured
of my Christian sympathy
with you in yr own personal
bereavement -

Believe me [illegible]
Very sincerely yrs.
[illegible]

Shingwauk Home
Jan. 21st 1878

Dear Jacobs

I have two important matters to write to you about — (1) about Adam Kiyoshk — He has made up his mind to marry Alice Wawanosh — & I think they will suit each other very well — In prospect of this marriage I have made Adam what I think you will think a very good offer — For him to be our carpenter & Alice cook to the Institution — to bind themselves to me for 3 years — & during that time to receive wages at the rate

this as his home — It is Willie's own wish that this should be done — If she is willing you could write a simple letter to me — to be signed by Shegahgoogua — saying that she gives up Willie entirely to me until he is of an age to support himself —

Yrs sincerely
G. F. Wilson

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of $300 per annum & their board - deduct of course for time lost through sickness or other cause -

I expect you for them to marry some time in June - & to commence work the 1st of July - Adam is very anxious to do this - so it only rests with Alice & her friends to say yes or no -

Will you talk the matter over quietly with them - & let me hear their answer -

I don't like the white servants we get here - & would much rather have a respectable young & decent woman & I think the boys would like it better too.

(2) about Willie Riley - I want you to see if his mother would be willing to sign her name to a letter giving me entire control of Willie until he is fully educated - & is of an age to support himself - In so doing the Shenandoah will I feel sure trust me - that I do not mean to teach Willie not to take care of his mother - but rather I want so to help him forward in every way that by & bye he will be able to support her - I am very fond of Willie & would like to take him thus entirely under my care - & for him to look upon

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Jan. 23 1876

My Dear Mother

I have settled to give up Printing and to be a teacher Mr Wilson wishes me to do this so that I may try and do some good to the Indians Mr Wilson thinks I ought to stay four years more at school so as to get a good education And after that I shall be able to earn some money and help you Mr Wilson wants you to give me to him to be like his son and make this my home until I am old enough to earn my own I would like to do this myself very much Mr Wilson says that he will [illegible] me go and [illegible] sometimes [illegible] you agree to this Mr Jacobs will write a letter for you to put your name to And I would like you to say that if you die I am to be Mr Wilson's son altogether

Goodbye My Dear Mother
your loving son
William

Dear Mr Jacobs

Will you please see my sister about taking care of my mother until I have finished my education as I would like to make my home here if my mother is willing and I hope by and by I shall be able to help her

Your's Truly
William Riley

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Jan. 22

The Ed. of the Mail -
Dr. Sir
Will you kindly insert the following in your free advertisement column - yours &c
E. F. Wilson

Farm-man and wife - to serve four years - wages £48 sterling and board. Clergyman's recommendation required.

Address:- The Principal, Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste Marie.

Jan. 22d 1878

My dear Mr. Hills

I am a little puzzled with yr. letter of the 7th inst. just received in respect to Mr. Maynard - as I do not remember having at any time had any communication with him - or received any money for our Home. Nevertheless the $56.25 will be none the less acceptable - & I hope Mr. Maynard will not mind its being

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appropriated for the present to the support of Wuswadeen - the boy whom I have been charging to Halifax since June in the hope that one of yr Sunday Schools would take him up - $56.25 is exactly the amount that is now due for him, & one more quarters payment ($18.75) will complete his par to June 1st - after which some other S. School will perhaps take him up - & Mrs Maynard's Sewing Class shall have a girl allotted to them - At present - until the Wawanosh Home is completed we have only 8 girls - & all are supported.

Please send me money by cheque payable in Toronto -

Yrs sincerely
S. F. Wilson

Revd. C. M. Sills

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SHINGWAUK HOME
SAULT STE MARIE

Jan. 22d/78

My dear Mr. Brownell -

Yr. letter enclosing #9 to credit of our Wawanosh Home has just arrived. Miss Browne must I think have been a little over-zealous in her efforts to back up my claims - I do not remember having written to you other than my last of Decr. 26 to which you now reply - & you were not in arrear - You have now paid

SHINGWAUK HOME
SAULT STE MARIE

Jan. 22d/78

My dear Sir

I have just received & beg to acknowledge with my thanks yrs of the 16th inst. covering chque for $64-60 - The amts in envelopes I think must be for my Homes as I left a large number for distribution - but as the Bishop also distributes envelopes I cannot tell without seeing them -

The subscriber to A. Miss. News I read to be Miss Futvoye, Quebec -

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as $20 - which meets the ½ cost of Melissa till June 1st next and gives a balance of $1.25 to begin another year with. That is - if you intend to provide clothing - otherwise the cost for her ½ support will be $9.37½ per quarter.

We hear nothing as yet from Christ Church Yorkville - whether they will continue the other ½ of the support - but I understand Mr. Lew is still away.

I am very sorry to hear of the sickness of Mrs. Brougham & trust she may soon recover -

Yours sincerely
E. L. Wilson

Thanks for handing letter to the Bishop.

If my spelling is incorrect or the address not full enough - please set me right by post card - so that we may send our paper to her.

The amounts you specify shall be duly acknowledged in April number of A.M.N.

Yrs. very truly
Edward L. Wilson

Geo. Veasey Esqr.

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Mr. Rutherford
Sir
Will you please
copy this photo for me and
let me have 50 copies as
reasonable as possible - & as
soon as you can
Yrs truly
P. H. Wilson

Jan. 30th 1878

This is the third case that has been communicated to me of the absurdity of P. S. Treasurers!

Jan. 31st 1878

My dear Sir
Yr letter just received
of the 20th inst. is certainly the
only one I have received from you
so that yr former one that you
speak of must have miscarried -
The explanation about
Melissa Cauley's ½ support
being charged to yr Sunday School
is - that when we ceased taking
girls at the Shingwauk Home I

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asked all Sundy Schools who had been supporting girls & let their contributions go toward the building fund of the new House for the time & to resume the support of their girls so soon as we opened again. I took for granted that Christ Church agreed to this - & having seen Mr Broughall of St Stephen's while in Toronto last summer with whose Sundy School yrs has hitherto been associated in supporting a girl - & Mr Broughall for his part agreeing to continue I took for granted that Christ Church wd continue also - & wrote to Mr Trew allotting to his Sundy School the ½ of Melissa in the place of ½ Sophy whom they formerly supported -

You will see by this that we are now actually depending on Christ Church for the ½ support of Melissa - so that I hope under the circumstances you will agree to let yr Sundy School

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contributions be applied to that object. Of course Mr Trew being so far away - & the long delay consequently in receiving an answer to my letter has been partly the cause of the misunderstanding.

The Girls' Home is going on very nicely - there are at present 8 girls in residence & we are shortly expecting two more -

Very sincerely yrs -
Edward S. Wilson

Revd S. W. Paterson -

Many thanks for enclosed 30 cts -

Feby 5th 1878

My dear Mr DeLom -

Many thanks for yr kind letter with $22 enclosed on account for Wawanosh Home. It is very encouraging to us that the Chapter House will undertake $50 per annum instead of $30 - We are still greatly in want of help both for running expenses & for building - I hope you receive the Alg. Mins. News regularly -

Yrs sincerely E. S. Wilson

Rev. P. B. DeLom.

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to resuscitate the G. River mission & make it – as I have always wished – the headquarters for extensive missionary operations among the Indians far & wide around. Nothing has yet been done for the Indians since our Diocese was formed in the matter of extending our missionary operations – & I feel sure that the proposal to do so would be well received by the friends of Algoma. Mr. Rowe seems quite to wish to remain 4 or 5 years at Garden River & use

Feby. 5th 1873

My dear Bishop –

You will be gratified to hear that Garden River Mission is beginning to assume an encouraging appearance again. Mr. Rowe seems getting on very nicely & is much liked by the people. I spent Friday Saturday & Sunday there last week & felt very much encouraged about the whole appearance of the Mission. The Indians of their own accord have commenced holding

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a cottage meeting among themselves for reading the Scriptures prayer & singing twice in the week — this in addition to the usual Wednesday evening service at the School-house which is well attended. The last time I was down for sunday we had 60 at Church — & last Sunday there were over 70 & 40 at the Holy Communion. There seems also to be a healing up of several old sores & a general desire on the part of the Indians to work together. I think all this is largely due — under God — to Mr Rowe — who seems to be much liked by the people. He has also commenced an afternoon service for White people on Sugar Island which is well attended by from 40 to 50 persons. The Methodists I understand are going to leave altogether in the summer & have offered their house for sale or rent. They have already closed their School — & Rowe's School is well attended.

I hope you will agree with me that this is a favorable time for making an earnest genuine effort

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object being to bind ourselves together in the work of God - with the view of making G. Rivers & Shingwauk the central point from which may spread around the good news of the Gospel.

Yrs. very sincerely
S. A. Wilson

I think an effort should be made to have $1000 per annum settled permanently on Garden River Mission by which arrangement there might always be a priest & deacon (or theol. student) associated together in the work - one often away travelling & the other at home.

I am writing home to my Father about these proposals.

his energies in re-establishing the Mission - building a new Church, Mission premises &c. - & my proposal for the present is for John Esquimau to be associated with him as theological student & assistant after the former is ordained. Esquimau for the present will I should think be satisfied with $250 per annum & I suppose you will give Mr. Rowe $600. So by appropriating the Batchewaning grant there will only be $250 extra to find for the present.

I earnestly trust that you will

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agree to this plan — The work among Indians I know is slow & not always encouraging — but I think I may say for them that they are a steadfast people as well exemplified by those of Rivers people — not one of whom — notwithstanding all their discouragement has left the fold of the Church —

I propose early in the summer to make a two months tour up the Lake — & get if possible as far as Neepigon — Isquiman & some of the other boys will accompany me — & on our return I hope you will permit Isquiman to enter on the duties I propose for him at Garden Rivers —

I had a nice meeting while at Garden Rivers at old Chief Little Pines' house — at which 47 were present — & the following day went 5 miles out on foot to visit the Sugar Island Indians — I have asked all the Garden Rivers Indians to come here next Friday week for tea & a religious meeting — the

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weight added to my mine — made the ice I was standing on give way — & in we both went up to our waists — I turned a kind of a summersault — which threw us both back on to the sound ice beyond.

At this critical moment a man appeared on the shore — I shouted to him to get help & pull the horse out — & then started to conduct poor Dripping F. a mile back to the Cryer's house — she went in & dripped over their kitchen for about 5 min. — then picked up pluck & resolved to walk home — another mile.

Mrs Taylor rubbed her down & Taylor rubbed Dolly down & I rubbed myself down — & F. went to bed — & today she is pretty stiff — F. says the water was 10 feet deep — but I say 4 feet so there was no actual danger, — tho a few steps more wd have been deep water for a foot too.

[illegible]

Feb. 5th 1878

Dear Lucy

I must add a line to my letter to Father to tell you about F. & myself going through the ice —

The ice was very 'cracky' & unsafe when I returned on Sunday afternoon — nevertheless Monday being a glorious day — cloudless sky — & bright hot sun — those two foolish creatures F. & Miss Wheeler both made up their minds that they must go for a sleigh drive on the ice — I told them it was unsafe & that we should probably go to the bottom — nevertheless they persisted — & finally drew lots which should go for the first drive — the lot fell upon F. — upon which the children who were greatly interested in the discussion

denounced Miss Wheeler in the most
lively manner — & Bertie declared
that if 'mother' went in — he would find
the hole & throw himself in too — Well —
the sleigh was brought round — & packed
in with rugs & buffalo & the sleigh-bells
tinkling off we started. You know
what a creature "Dolly" is to go — I told
you about her when I was at home — &
glare ice was just the thing to suit her
— so she bounded along with taut reins —
like a young fawn. We drove about
two miles along the shore — the river being
open in the middle — & then came on
a bad place where the fringe of ice
was not narrow & weak — the ice broke &
dolly plunged in — however she was
smart enough to jump out again
dragging us with a bound & a splash

after her — The next moment I drew
the shore rein to bring her to the bank
when lo! at that most critical moment
it broke! — & off swung Dolly in the
opposite direction out towards the open
River — again the ice broke under her
& in she went — plunging & kicking &
dragging the sleigh after her till we
were all in the water & nothing but
cakes of broken ice around us — (about 20 yards from shore)
Quick as thought I snapped up
the buffaloe robe & threw it out
over the seething blocks of ice — there
jumped on to it — & scrambled on to
the sound ice — then extending the
whip to poor sinking D. who was gradually
going down with the sleigh — she grasped
it — & sprang on to the buffalo after
me — I dragged her towards me —

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Judgment. On which side of the great King will we Garden Rivers be! - Garden River man - Garden River woman - Garden River boy - Garden River girl - on which side will we be of the great judgment throne! Will we be on the right hand or will we be on the left! God grant that we may be prepared, that we may be found trusting in the Saviour who came on earth to die for us. O God hear us for the sake of thy Son who died for us - Amen.

Chief Buhkwujjenene also offered prayer & gave a brief exhortation in which he referred to the death of his daughter Sarah & two grandchildren within the last three months - 3 graves as he said side by side - & soon he thought he would be laid beside them. William next the Shingwauk boy who had come with us also offered a short simple prayer - & we used the "Shingwauk Hymn book" - printed by our Board at Shingwauk Home.

Feb 25th 1878

My dear Father

I have just been with Mrs Bishop about the Garden River Mission - & you will be interested I think to hear what my proposals are. We have a very nice earnest young man - a theological student - settled there now - named Rowe - (Frost has been removed to another station) Mr Rowe is to be ordained next June - he is already learning the Indian language & seems to be much liked by the Indians - The Bishop believes is doubtful about ordaining Mr Rowe at Garden River on account of his ordination from want of funds - It would be a great blow & disappointment to the Indians if he were removed - as they quite expect that he is to remain & be their clergyman - You know I have long loved & prayed for revival of religion at Garden River - W.

had a stirring up of spiritual life among our Shingwauk boys — & now I am thankful to say their seem to be unmistakeable signs of a similar movement at Garden River. I spent Friday, Saturday & Sunday of last week there — & never before felt so much encouraged about our mission work ~~there~~ — no excitement or nonsense — but as it was with our boys — evidences it seemed to me of the quiet secret work of the Holy Spirit — people who had been bad & seemingly unreclaimable shedding tears of penitence — old sores & quarrels healed — one old man for instance who had not been inside the church for several months on account of some disagreement with other Indians — admitting that he had been wrong in staying away — that that was all past now & he would think no more about it — & coming both to Church & to the Sacrament. The

day that I arrived (friday) we had a meeting in the evening at old Chief "Little Pine's" house — & though only about two hours notice had been given 47 people assembled — & we had a most earnest meeting consisting of hymns, prayers, & reading the Scriptures. I read & expounded the latter part of Matt xxv — & old Chief Little Pine — though very hoarse with a bad cold — knelt up on his bed & made a most touching prayer — about as follows: —

"O God we have heard wonderful news tonight. This is indeed wonderful news that we have heard. We Indians in times past knew nothing of what should be after death, — but now this wonderful news has been brought to us. We thank thee O God, for this wonderful news we have been listening to tonight. And yet how little do we prepare for these great events that are before us. Oh that we might take them more to heart & prepare for that great day of

sum – or at any rate I trust it may be provided in some way – For the present I am proposing to the Bishop for Mr. Rowe to remain after his ordination at Garden River – & for John Esquimau (whom I think you know about) to be associated with him as theological student & assistant. Mr. Rowe to remain at any rate until Esquimau is ordained & in priest's orders – when another of our boys will be of age to be associated with him (Esquimau) in the same way.

I hope to make a long tour up Lake Superior this summer among the heathen Indians –

Yr. affect. Son
E. L. Wilson

I was much gratified to learn from the Indians that they had of their own accord commenced holding a cottage meeting among themselves for reading the scripture, prayer, & singing twice every week, & this in addition to the usual Wednesday evening service at the School-house. The following day Mr. Rowe, William, & myself walked about 10 miles – & visited the Sugar Island Indians – & in the evening had a meeting at a widow woman's house named Kabaoosa; there were about 20 present & our subject was Matt v. 1-16 – Among those who offered prayer was Widow Kabaoosa herself – her thoughts running chiefly upon the words about heaven in the book of the Revelation – & several times repeating the petition – "Jesus Christ, grant that my dear children's names may all be written in Thy Book of Life". On Sunday the

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were 70 present in Church — & we had a baptism — followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper — at which 40 communicants attended — It is not I think often that one sees so large a proportion of a congregation remain behind to partake of the sacred emblems of our Lord's death.

Directly after service I drove home on the ice — getting back just in time for our half past three Sunday School.

Before leaving I invited all our Garden River Indians to come to the Shingwauk home on the afternoon of next friday week (the 15th) for tea & a religious meeting — the object being to bind ourselves together in our work for God — with the view of making G. River & Shingwauk the central point from which may spread around the good news of the Gospel. And now as to the future — The Garden River Church is old & decaying — & a new one should be built — there is no parsonage — only a little rough cottage put up while the ashes of our fire were still warm — These things want attending to — & then I propose that there shall always be two clergymen a priest & a deacon (or at the least a theological student) associated together & making their residence at Garden River — by which arrangement one could be always at home attending to the school — & local services & the other away on itinerating work — To carry out this scheme $1000 (£200) per annum ought to be secured permanently to the Garden River Mission — Perhaps God may put it into the heart of some one to give this

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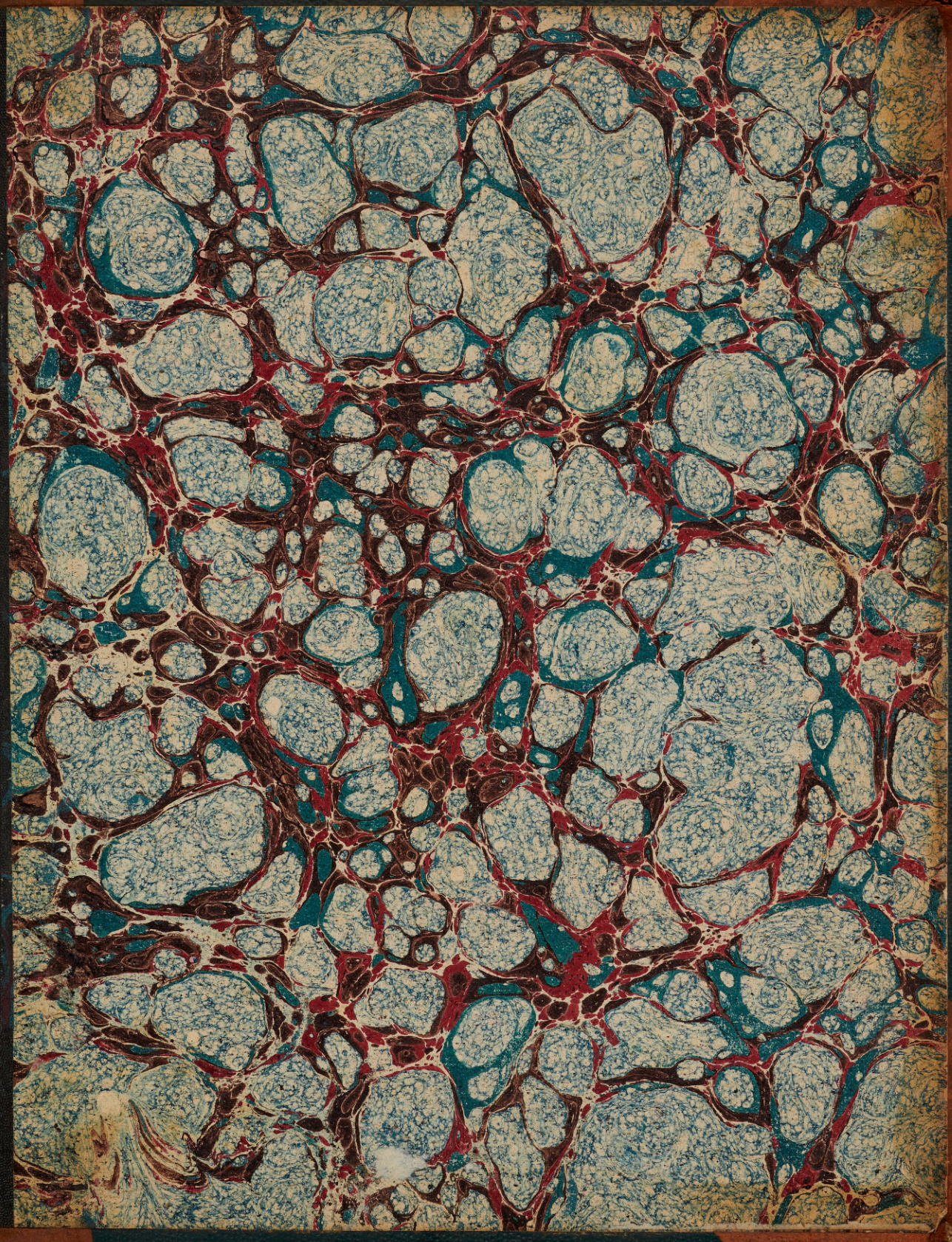
Shingwauk Home
Feb. 5th 78

Dear Miss Browne

The Sheets &c were duly received - there was a little mistake of 50 cts in the adding up of yr acct - which amounts to $7.27 — I send you another pair of girls' boots - I think I told you that Miss Usborne had paid me - so please do not write to her again about her acct - Mr Brougall also of St Stephens has paid - I will let you know as usual every quarter who is still in arrear - Mr Wilson & myself got into the ice yesterday - horse cutter & all - & Mrs W. was in over her waist - she is in bed to day & very stiff - as she had to walk home 2½ miles in her wet steps. One of the Garden River girls that I spoke of I think will not come - but the other one will I think be brought by her father in about 2 weeks -

Yrs sincerely
J. L. Wilson

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