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Kingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie

Oct 3rd 1883

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs -

Sir -

I have had the honor of addressing several letters to the Department in reference to the difficulty we have had in securing a regular attendance of pupils at our Institution and we also recently paid a visit to Ottawa in order to press the matter upon the attention of the Department.

From what I know personally of the condition of Indian Schools throughout the Province of Ontario & from what I have from others employed in myself in the education and training of Indian children, it seems to me that there [illegible] for some increased pressure

being brought to bear upon the Indian parents — either by compulsion or by milder means — so as to secure a more regular attendance at the schools, and a better return for the great expenditure incurred both by the Department and by Missionary Societies.

It surely is not a satisfactory state of things that in a district where there are 50 or 60 children of a schooleable age, the average attendance at school should be but from 10 to 15, — that at an Institution such as ours with accommodation for 60 boys & upwards we should have only between 20 and 30; — that there should be such difficulty in inducing the Indians to allow their children to remain a period of five years, — and that agreements when signed should be continually broken. But I have said

sufficient already on these points in my former communication; and I feel satisfied that the Heads of other Institutions will readily corroborate all that I have said.

It seems to me that the only way to bring about an improvement is for the Department to take the matter up, and I trust that I may not be thought presuming if I offer one or two further suggestions in addition to those which I have already ventured to put forward.

I would propose first (as I have already suggested)

1) A thorough Government Inspection of both day-schools and Institutions, — such inspection being with a view to ascertaining that the schools are properly attended — the teachers efficient — scholars making good progress — and advancing in their knowledge of the English language.

(2) That a system of fines be introduced for non-attendance at School.

These fines would suggest might be imposed as follows: —

The inspection of the Schools should take place just before the half yearly payment of annuities.

The annuity money would be forfeited by pupils

(a) Between the ages of 11 and 13 who were unable read & spell intelligently from the 2nd reader, write a fair hand &c.

(b) Between 13 and 15 who were unable to read & spell from the 3rd book, do arithmetic up to a certain point; answer questions in Geography; write a letter and speak intelligible English.

(c) By young men between 15 and 18 who failed to pass an examination in the

foregoing subjects — and who had not learned or becomes apprenticed to a trade.

The annuity money so forfeited to be either

(a) divided among the members of the Band (those who forfeited it being excluded)

(b) or be used for the improvement of the School building and the purchase of School supplies.

(c) or be expended in prizes, medals &c. to be awarded to the most efficient pupils.

(Cases of sickness could of course be met by a doctor's certificate)

I venture to think that the effect of introducing some such system as this would be to induce a far more regular and satisfactory attendance both at the Day Schools & the Institutions. It would make the Indians on the Small Reserves more anxious to have day-schools erected — & when erected to have them kept up constant operation, — it would

also I believe be a means of infusing fresh life and spirit into the teachers.

I would also renew my former proposals that in addition to this — a system of rewards should be instituted in the way of medals or Government certificates — which would lead on to enfranchisement.

The idea (as I have suggested in former letters) would be for the Indian children to attend the day schools till 10 or 11 years of age, and then under the direction of the Inspector, to be drafted off to the Institutions. Should the Institutions now in existence — viz Muncey, Mohawk, Miscoimicong, Sheingwauk, and Nawadoh be found insufficient in accommodation, could I suppose easily be enlarged or others erected.

Another matter that I think requires to be remedied

is that the children who come to our Institution seldom know their own names and rarely if ever their ages. A child, whose name is David and whose father's name is John Keezhik — will call himself David John instead of David Keezhik, — not understanding the difference between Christian and surname. We have occasionally had children who are known by as many as three different names in different localities. — This is both puzzling & tiresome. I should think the Indian agents might keep a correct list of the names of all children born on the Reserves and register the dates of births. Then the School teachers could procure the correct names and ages of their pupils from the Agent. If the Indian surname is not euphonious, the Christian name of the father might be converted

into a surname, as John to Johnson, or trans-
-lated - as Keezhik to Sky. For the proposed
School reform to be carried out it would be
necessary to know the correct names and ages
of the pupils.

Trusting that the Department will shortly take the
matter up & take the necessary steps towards
making a very much needed improvement.

I have the honor to remain Sir
Your obedient servant

Edward F. Wilson

Oct 13th/83

W. H. Colles Esqr.

Dear Sir

The Bishop of Algoma has instructed me to send you a list of books required to be prepared for deacon's orders. They are as follows:—

Browne on the Articles (Art 1 — xx Inc.)
Paley's Evidences —
Horae Paulinae (or Blunt's Coincidences)
Pearson on the Creed.
Pinnocks Analysis (Old & New T.)
Eccles. History (first 3 centuries & the Reformation)
Prayer book — (Proctor or Blakeney)
Butler's Analogy.
Greek Testament — St Mark's Gospel —
Latin first 20 articles with parsing.

Yrs faithful
Edward Wilson

Oct. 15th/83

Dear Mr Richardson

I am by this mail send you the Copy for November No — Alg. M. News — October has not yet reached me — Hope it will not be long. We must try to have it here by the 1st of each month if possible — Otherwise subscribers will be complaining. You need charge us whatever it costs and for the present — If you prefer not continuing it on this arrangement I will see what I can do elsewhere

[illegible] must have a month's notice at least for making any change — otherwise we shall be blocked again — I think you must have had a good deal of copy over from October — so am not sending you much this time — Should you run short at any time please put in any interesting little clipping or story from some other paper —

I hope the Bishop has remembered & send you his Provincial Synod Report He promised he wd do so —

Yrs very truly

J. H. Wilson

Copy

1. The Bishop's Report & Provincial Synod
2. "In Memoriam" (sermon continued)
3. A visit to Garden River (continued)
4. Story of Chef de Cuisine } put in [illegible]
5. Newspaper clipping
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   Mem. Chapel.
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8. Advt (as usual)

Oct 15/85

Mr Wooster Esqr

Dear Sir

Will you kindly have date altered on my Dom. Chman as it is paid for to July '85 — I shall be much obliged if you will send me duplicate of yr last Chque $30 — As that mail I find on enquiry was lost — Balance still due to me by our books is $33 9/- I hope you can now pay it all off as I am greatly in want of funds — laying in stores &c for winter —

Yrs truly

E. F. Wilson

I will accept $60 as payment in full.

Oct 16/85

Mr Howard [illegible]

Dr Sir

The Bishop [illegible] that you are appointed the Charge of Alyoma Mills [illegible] winter — I trust you may [illegible] very successful in your work — I visited the Camp several times last winter & spring.

Last summer I sent about $26 worth of [illegible] to Mr Lockwood to dispose of among the men of [illegible] price — Will you kindly ascertain what has been done about it — as I believe Mr L. has left — Yrs sincerely

Edward F. Wilson

Bishop's Commissary —

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Oct 16th 1883

[illegible] Phipps Esqr.

Dear Sir -

The girl Matilda Tikummah, aged 19 - who came here 10 days ago - seems to be in bad case - She ran away 2 days ago & made another one go with her - & I think has been up to no good. I caught her on the American side - & am now sending her to her home by the Pacific - Will you please collect $4.50 for expenses & send to me - & I will then forward her valise which at present I am holding - The boy Fred. Mookonaw will return home on Friday - $8 received [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours truly

[illegible]

Oct 18th/83

Mr. Samuel Assince -

Dear friend -

I regret to say that your daughter Emily has run away from our Home - Another girl - named Tikumah - daughter of a Roman Catholic Indian tempted her away - otherwise I don't think she would of gone - Eliza and myself have been hunting for her both on the Canadian & American side of the river & now we hear

that he has gone away on one of the boats. I hope he will get home all safely, but I am very sorry he was so foolish as to run away. The Roman Catholic Indians & half breeds about here do us a great deal of harm - trying to make our pupils discontented & spreading false reports about the Institutions.

Your daughter Eliza is with us here - & she can tell you that the children at both the Homes are well fed, well clothed, and well cared for. Your little boy Samuel is quite well & happy - also Alexander -

All the children at both the Homes are quite well - & there is no sickness -

Yours truly -

E. F. Wilson

Please let me hear at once if your daughter Emily gets home safely - as I feel anxious about her.

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are you at all acquainted with Rev. Mr. Sheppard, Methodist Minister in Charge of the Present Elgin Institution — I have written to him as I wrote to you but have as yet received no reply. It might be well if you wd send him a few lines suggesting that he should co-operate with us —

I enclose you copy of a letter which I addressed recently to the Ind. Department — & would like to hear your opinion of the plan I am proposing —

In several ways both your Institution and the one at Nursery have great advantages over ours — You have farms to depend on which we have not — cheap markets — & protestant Indians within easy access — We on the other hand have to draw our children from within a radius of 300 miles & if they get sick they cannot easily be returned to their relatives — especially in winter — We are also in the midst of a Roman Catholic population — & they do all they can to oppose us — harboring children when they run away & trying to set them

received yr letter just before
you left & have endeavoured
to attend to your wishes — have
sent list of books for ordination
to Mr Colles — have written to
Mr Gillmore & Algoma Mills —
about I have not yet seen
about the J. River property but
will do so —

I have not yet heard from
Renison since he reached Keepejon
— only a few lines on board the
Steamboat — I hope he has got
there all right. The "Osterid"
with our Mary on board has run
on a rock at Port Elgin & is
stranded — passengers camping on
the shore — Next boat up will
we hope bring them — My letter
about Osborne of Regina I see
you got — I have heard nothing from
him. Did you ever
learn of absence to Berry? —
heard he was in Toronto since
I was there — & Rowe tells me
he is not back at Bruce Mines
yet — & he thinks would be
work elsewhere —

We are still "on the waves" with
our Homes — The boy Walsh Mary
from Spanish River (who rowed you)
has run away — Another boy Thompson
I have sent home sick — I got a

day here — but I wish an agreement when it is signed to be kept — [illegible] agreements are to be [illegible] easily it is no use to have them at all.

Yours truly
S. H. Wilson

Of course you will have to send me back that cheque for $5 I sent you — if the boy is [illegible].

[illegible]

Mr Walk Smith
Dear Sir

I have just received yr letter with money enclosed.

I am waiting to hear from the [illegible] — [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for White [illegible] [illegible] for Indians. If a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Oct 18th /03

My dear Mr Crompton

Your name has been on our books for quite a long time as a subscriber & I have received remittances from you — Otherwise on of course would no have been charged.

You were misinformed about the Wawanosh Home — We have had no thoughts of closing — At present we have 21 pils — My should you think such things of your fellow clergy? — such [illegible] of [illegible] for such little cause [illegible] we not wait of a priest working for our loving Master. Yrs sincerely

S. H. Wilson

I return the $1.

The Bishop Marquis Memorial Chapel.

We are still in want of Carpet for the Chancel, matting for the aisle, stove, bell, & many other things to make our little Chapel complete. Will not some of our many friends give or contribute down to the before the winter sets in an navigation has closed?

E. F. WILSON.

White man puts his name to an agreement he has to keep to it.

The agreement for your boy to remain with us is duly signed by you & witnessed by the Chief. If anyone has forged your signature that is another matter — and he might be sent to the Penitentiary for doing that.

Your boy is quite well & quite happy & getting along nicely with his lessons. If he were sick I would send him back at once — as that is our rule.

As soon as I hear from the Ind. Department I will write to you again. If by day the boy is to go I will send him. If not, I will send you back your money. I do not wish to keep your

supporters of our Institution. When they will remain so short a time — Our Bishop is now in England & perhaps you will see him — I expect he will remain until February or March. Two of my little girls went with him & visit their grandfather —

Very sincerely yours
E. F. Wilson

Oct 18/

My dear Mrs Tobalson

I have not drawn on my Father for yr £25 this quarter as I understood from you that you would not be prepared with it — but we are sorry in need of it now — as we have 21 girls & every by one more — as regards the girls Home — in full work. I hear from my sister that Mrs Batty has kindly been making an appeal for us in the Coral Magazine — This is a little

[illegible] that I never see — I wonder
if Mr B. [illegible] we have a
copy — or I wd subscribe for it —
& occasionally send a few items
about our work —
Our boys Home just now is
not doing so hopeful as the girls
— We have a capital School master
& all internal arrangements better
than ever — besides our dear little
Chapel where we hold service — &
yet the Indians do not seem to
appreciate — that is done for

them — their wild nature seems
so inherent in them — that they cannot
bear to be tied down to one place —
We have had 30 boys so far
this summer — but 6 have either
being removed by their parents even
after agreements were signed for them
to remain or have them away —
It is often very annoying — &
requires great patience — I hope
that the Government will be persuaded
to take some steps — which will
oblige the children to remain with
us for a suitable period — It is
discouraging both to ourselves & to the

Oct 22 /83

Mr Creelman Bros.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours just received - I shall be obliged by your sending me at once a small 3½ knitting machine with 3 cylinders as you describe for $26 - Which sum I will remit - together with balance on the other - directly I receive the machine

Yrs truly

E. H. Wilson

Send me a couple dozen extra needles.

Oct 22 /83

Revd J. H. Gallaher -

Dear Sir

In reply to yours just received I shall be glad if you will come up at once - you had better come direct here to the Sault which is only 10 miles from Garden River putting off any heavy baggage you may have at Garden River in passing - I can then drive you from here to Garden River & introduce you to the people - Should you be in immediate want of funds

it is possible that our Treasurer A. H. Campbell Esquire, of Victoria Street, — would advance something on yr salary. The amount of salary you receive as deacon must depend on the Bishop — but I think I may guarantee that it will be at any rate $500.

You will see by the papers what boat to take — The "Atlantic" & "Pacific" of the Collingwood line always call at Garden River — There is a good house at G. R. Furniture such as you wd require could I think be purchased here —

Yrs faithfully
E. F. Wilson

Oct 27/83

A. H. Campbell Esqr.
Dear Sir

On the strength of certificates from England — the Bishop of Toronto's recommendation I have accepted Rev. J. H. Gallaher (deacon) for Garden River — & have mentioned $500 as salary (he is unmarried) — subject to Bt. of Algoma approval — Should Mr. G. require pecuniary assistance to reach Garden R. you will perhaps make some small advance on his salary —

Yrs sincerely
E. F. Wilson

Oct 22d/81

Mr W. S. Elias

Dear friend —

Will you kindly inform Mr Samuel Assance that after much trouble & difficulty I have at length succeeded in finding & getting back his daughter Emily & she is now at the Wawanosh Home — She seems sorry for having run away — & I hope now will settle down & behave well — Eliza & Samuel are both quite well —

Yrs truly

S. F. Wilson

It was not true that Emily had gone away on the steamboat —

Oct 22d/81

The Manager

Bank of Montreal, Toronto

in London you deposit receipt No 66736 (Aug 25/81) for $800 — which please transfer with interest & by current bank acct —

Yrs truly

S. F. Wilson

I enclose also cheque for $15 — Mr. to replace one lost last August — It appears that that mail was lost & an enquiry is being instituted

S.F.W.

Sault Ste Marie
Oct. 22d 1883

Mr Hewitzer Sgt
Dear Sir –

The address of the Ch. & Cont. Ch. Society is 9 Serjeants' Inn Fleet Street, London E.C. – I know not where else you can obtain a copy of their report –

Canons relating to this Diocese – are contained in reports of proceedings of the Provincial Synod – Probably Rowsell & Hutchison of Toronto could supply you a copy –

Yrs truly
E. F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Oct. 22d 1883

Mr Mobert Sgt
Dear Sir –

I have received your reply to my application for insurance on Memorial Chapel with interim receipt – & herewith enclose you my cheque for $20 –

Yrs truly
Edward F. Wilson

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Sault Ste Marie
[illegible]

Revd J. W. Beaumont –

Dear Sir

Many thanks for yr kind letter enclosing $2 the contents of Mrs Martha Funnells collectn box – Dr Bell as secretary of fund of yr Sunday School will do something to help us. At present we have 24 boys at the Shingwauk Home and 21 girls at the Wawanosh. It is a difficult matter to get the Indian parents to allow their children to remain a suitable time with us. They are a very changeable class of people. Those that do stay – get on wonderfully well & give us much encouragement –

Yrs faithfully

E. F. Wilson

[illegible]
Oct [illegible]

R. W. Campbell Esq

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of [illegible] with the payment of [illegible] Commission [illegible] of the Bishop – [illegible] from the [illegible] but the fact is [illegible] considerably [illegible]

I give enclosed an [illegible] of account showing balance due to me.

Many thanks for taking [illegible] children. [illegible] the Bishop reach [illegible]

Yrs faithfully

E. F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Oct 22d/83

J. G. Geery Esqr
Dear Sir –

It is very gratifying to hear that St Paul's S. School will once more undertake the entire support of an Indian Bedy at $75 per annum. I am glad to be able to tell you that Francis Adams is working steadily at his lessons & doing very nicely – His Father has signed an agreement for him to remain with us 3 years that is – till August /86. I will try & get a photograph taken – Rs $37.50 enclosed pays to end of February – next quarterly payment being due March 1st/84

Yrs sincerely
G. H. Wilson

Received

Gen. Hand.
Ven. Archdeacon March – 5 – 00

W. & O. fund
Collection at opening of the Memorial Chapel – 40 – 30
Per Rev. R. Shreve – 17 – 60
Mr Sullivan on Mr Crompton's acct – 3 – 00
65 – 90

Paid –
Expenses trip to Garden Rivers – – 80
" examination L. Berry – 1 – 80
Re-issue July No A. M. News (part cost) 15 – 00
August number – A. M. News countermanded by Bishop 15 – 00
32 – 60

Garden Rivers Church
By cheque – 401 – 00
Paid Contractor bal. due 398 – 25
" W. McDowell Plank for foundation 12 – 50
" H. Pine for zinc & chimney 27 – 50
438 – 25
401
37 – 25

Expenditure [illegible] a/c	32-60
G. R. in Church a/c	37-25
	69-85
Receipts	65-90
Dr. to me to balance a/c to date	$3-95

Oct 23d 1855

Mr. D. A. McDougall

Sir

The amount due to Mr. Falkner to balance his account is Seventy nine 25/00 dollars - which amount I have placed to your credit -

S. H. Wilson

the 23d & Oct 1st not yet arrived
he must be an unbusiness like
sort of man — I have written that we
will pay him for getting it out — until
I can make other arrangements — Cooke
has been very sickly the last few weeks —
Next week he is going for 2 weeks change
to Chicago — & I shall take his duty
while away — I have paid Blue
off — having gone carefully over everything with
him — There is $12 to pay McDowell for
blanks for foundation — & $27 for Pein —
and $30 about what Mr Campbell
sent me.

My kindest regards to Mrs Sullivan
& congratulations that she is still
to be our near neighbour & sailing companion
— Yr boy Alan — left door & windows
unlocked & key with Cottrell — Was this
according to instructions? I have fixed up
& taken possession of the key till I hear from
you —

Yrs very sincerely
A Wilson

Tabl. to Mason
Oct 23d /

My dear Lord

I must not let a mail
go without writing to say how glad
we are that you have decided (
guided as I doubt not up Gods Holy
Spirit) to remain with us — It
had made me feel very unsettled
for some time back — the bare
possibility of yr giving us up —
has I am sure been an act of
much self denial on yr part — but
we can never really lose anything
by going the way that God leads us
however unsuitable it may appear at

first sight — One could hardly help feeling a little sense of satisfaction at the discomfort caused in the Huron Synod when yr telegram reached them — I hope Dean Baldwin will make them a good bishop — I daresay he will — but would not like him for mine.

I have taken upon myself the responsibility of placing a Mr Gallaher — a man in deacon's orders — lately from England — in charge of Garden River. I wrote to the Bishop of Toronto for advice about it — & both he & Canon Dumoulin — & Mr Keene — recommend him for the post — besides testimonials from England. The salary I have said (he is unmarried) will be $500 subject to your approval. Experience will have to go for sundry to read the prayers & interpret at first — but I will try to arrange for him to pick up enough of the language to read the service as soon as possible — & he can combine some work among the White people.

It is tiresome that Mr Richardson is backing out of A. M. News — I hardly know what to do about it — Here is

Oct 24 /85

The Manager Bank of Montreal
Toronto

Dear Sir

When in Toronto a few weeks ago — you kindly said you wd allow me to overdraw my account ($495) until the lost cheques were duplicated. The Indian Department has not yet duplicated their cheque for $450 so I am not able at present to make good. Mr Sweetnam has informed me that the mail in question was robbed — & the thief is now in gaol. I sent deposit receipt by last mail $800 to transfer to current acct. Yrs truly

J. L. Wilson

Oct 23 /85

The Supt Genl Indian Affairs

Sir

I have just received word from Mr Sweetnam of Post Office Toronto — that mail of first week August last — by which I transmitted Departmental Cheques 16067 & 16020 ($450) & Bk Montreal, Toronto — was robbed & the thief caught & lodged in Barrie Gaol. Mr Sweetnam says that the thief destroyed all cheques orders &c. — Will you therefore duplicate the lost cheque at your earliest convenience. I have the honor to be

Yr Obedient Servant

J. L. Wilson

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Oct 23d/83

Messrs Rowsell & Hutchi

Dear Sir

Will you kindly estimate & let me know at what figure you could print me 2900 copies Alg. Miss News 8 pages as enclosed — & at what figure you could print me 1300 copies half size — 4 pages. We send out the 8 page copy every quarter & the 4 page the intervening months.

Yrs truly

S. F. Wilson

Oct 24/

S. B. Reed Esqr

Dear Sir

Mr. Jewell wrote me some weeks ago that he had placed $37.50 in yr hands to credit of our Indian Homes — As I am in want of money to lay in supplies — will you kindly remit whatever is standing to our credit as soon as convenient —

Yrs truly

S. F. Wilson

Oct 26th/83

Messrs McCrae & Co

Dear Sir

Messrs Creatman Bros of Georgetown have recommended you to me for yarn - Will you please send me as follows:-

60 balls grey yarn about shade & quality as enclosed -

20 " brown cotton for summer stockings (pattern under the pin).

Yrs truly

S. F. Wilson

Please send also a few samples of cottons & yarns with price -

Auth Ch [illegible]

Oct 2[illegible]

Dear Miss Roe

I have two letters to thank you for - the first one mentioning a box of clothing which the members of Jr Union were mostly kindly sending for Hannah's use - the second covering P.O.O. for $25 - The box I have not yet seen or heard of - but there are two boats up this morning so I hope it has come - Directly it arrives I will ask Miss Cunning Lane to write to you - & perhaps Hannah will send a little note too - as she has learned to read & write at the Day School before coming to us - She is a particularly nice, gentle, well behaved girl - a Hoo' [illegible] face - Yrs sincerely

S. F. Wil[illegible]

Dear Mr Blake

When I met you in the Harvest in Sept — you kindly said that I might send you copy of my correspondence with the Indian Department relative to charactering of Indians — & you would try to press the matter forward — Since then I have written afresh — & now enclose you copy of the letter — I hardly think I need trouble you with copies of my earlier letters but will send them if you say so — With many thanks for yr kind offer of help —

Yrs very truly

Howard B. Wilson

Pres. S. D. Knight

Dear Sir

I have [illegible] a letter from the Rev. [illegible] whom the Bishop has appointed Brace Bridge — stating that [illegible] some misunderstanding [illegible] yself & him in regard to [illegible] exchange —

I am sure neither the Bishop [illegible] Mr Osborne wd for a moment [illegible] that you unfairly or [illegible] yr removal at a time when [illegible]

Dear Jacob -

Will you read & ponder the above & let me know what you think of the proposal.

I am in correspondence with Ashton of the Mohawk - & he proposes a conference of those interested in the education of Indians.

I very much wish you could send Jacob Gray & Lampson (or one or two others) this Fall. We like Lampson & he was getting on well -

Yrs sincerely -

E. F. Wilson

Oct 26/03

Dr. the boy Thompson put home all right
[illegible] better?

and I think it is a very good plan for him to remain with you — if he can afford to do so without remuneration — & learn the Indian language — Possibly the Bishop might agree to allow him somethg for doing some Colporteur work among the railway men — I will write to the Bishop about him — I will tell Plummer to send you up a stove, pipe, zinc & wire at once — Excuse more this time as I am very busy —

Yrs very sincerely
S. H. Wilson

I am also sending you on a box of [illegible]

Sault Ste Marie
Oct 26 1883

Mr James Williamson
Dear Sir
Prof. Osborne I have just received yr letter — & am very glad to hear that Mr Renison has the prospect of a fellow helper this winter — If you can afford to do so — it is no doubt a good plan for you to stop at the mission this winter & study the Indian language — I will write to the Bishop about you & see whether he can hold out to you the prospect of employment —

Yrs faithfully
S. H. Wilson

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Fault Ste Marie
Oct. 26 '83

The Churchwardens
St Thomas' Bracebridge
Dear Sir

By the Bishop's instructions, the Revd. S. E. Knight who has been temporarily in charge of yr. parish is now removing to the vacant Mission of Port Sydney, & the Revd. A. Osborne, ately from Regina, has been appointed by his Lordship to the permanent charge of Bracebridge time when family

I remain Dear Sir
Yr. obedt. servant
Edward Thomson
Bishop's Commissary

J. Pratt Esqr.

Oct. 26 '83

Revd. A. Osborne
Dear Sir —

I have just received yr. letter with enclosures & am very sorry that there should be any misunderstanding or unpleasantness about yr. entering upon yr. duties at Bracebridge. Mr. Knight has evidently a little overstepped his commission in thus settling himself into Bracebridge when he had been only placed there

temporarily – It is perfectly evident from the Bishop's letter to me that immediately on your accepting the offer & arriving at Bracebridge Mr Knight was to remove to Port Sydney. I have written to Mr Knight to this effect at the same time adding that I am sure neither the Bishop or you would wish to hurry his removal at a time when family circumstances might render it inconvenient – I am

quite sure you wd shew Mr Knight (he is a West Indian) every consideration in this way – & if possible relieve him of any recent purchases in the way of furniture

I am by this mail writing to the Bracebridge Churchwardens preparing them for the change tho' it is quite likely the Bishop may have already done so

I return yr enclosures –

Yrs sincerely

S. F. Wilson

Rev. D. Wilson, Islington is my father – I shall hope some day to have the pleasure of making yr personal acquaintance.

Sault Ste Marie
Oct 26th 78

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

In Reply to Your
letter of the 16th inst (No 9.91)
just received — Indian pupils
Nos 2. 3. & 4 (of Serpent River)
are all under the Superintendency
of Mr. Phipps, Manitowaning —

I have the honor to be
Yr obedt Servant
Edward F. Wilson

Oct 26th 78

The Churchwardens —
Port Sydney —
Dear Sirs

By the Bishop's instructions, the Revd. S. L. Knight, who has been temporarily in charge of Bracebridge, is now removing to Port Sydney to take charge of that mission with adjoining stations —

I trust you will do everything in your power to provide for the convenience & comfort of himself & his family —

Yr obedt servant
E. F. Wilson
Bishop's Commissary

Oct 26/83

The Manager
Bank of Montreal Toronto
Sir
Enclosed find

Cheques –
No 16067 — $300
16020 — 150 $450

to replace those lost last August –
Please credit my c/c –

Yrs truly
J. F. Wilson

Oct 29th/83

Messrs H. W. Petrie & Co
Dear Sirs

The machinery &c ordered of you has not yet reached me – & I hear there is an overpressure of freight on the Sarnia boats – It will do us great damage if the [illegible] doesn't reach us this Fall – indeed I shall have to ask you to take them back and it will never do to have them lying on the wharf all winter – Please write & say from what port they are shipped & do all you can to have them sent on at once –

Yrs truly
J. F. Wilson

Wootten — Sault Ste Marie
Oct 29/[illegible]

Dear Sir

I shall be greatly obliged if you will duplicate the cheque for $30 which was lost last August. The boy who took the mail bag is now in [illegible] — they says he tore up all cheques — The other cheques I took at the same time have all been duplicated in response to my request — Please let me have it at once as I am greatly in want of money — & if you can send the remt of the balance due I shall be much obliged — you promised [illegible] last spring — [illegible]

Round about giving

To the Editor
of the Evangelical Churchman
Sir —

I have of late found it most difficult & keep my accounts with various Sunday Schools & other kind helpers straight — on account of the many hands through which the money passes ere it reaches me. Five or six years ago the Treasurers of the Sunday Schools used to remit sums direct to me as Treasurer of the Indian Homes, & I generally sent them a notification when the subscription fell due, — but now the case generally is that the Sunday School Treasurer remits & the

Secretary of the Synod, the Secretary of the Synod to the Central Board of Missions in Montreal, — the Treasurer in Montreal to our Algoma Treasurer, A. H. Campbell Esqr — & Mr Campbell to me. During this long travel, the sums originally given have lost their detail & come to me in block — so that I know not whence they are derived & am unable to acknowledge receipt to the original donors. How I am to get out my next annual Report & shew how much each Sunday School & friend has given towards the support of our work I know not. Some subscriptions paid in to our credit as far back as Sept 1882 and acknowledged in the Church Paters at that time I believe have not yet reached me. If they have it is without my knowing it. Might I suggest as a remedy that money intended for the Indian Homes should be sent direct to me as was done formerly, and at the same time a notification of the remittance be supplied to the Diocesan Synod Office, Montreal Board &c who would enter it on both side of their books. Surely this would be a simpler plan & avoid any further annoyance & confusion.

I remain Sir
Yrs truly
E. F. Wilson

Shingwauk Sir
Octr 29.

writing to you — I am trying to pour oil on — at the same time insisting on Knight giving way — as I understand that was your intention —

I do trust you will get that $500 from S. P. C. K for our Mem. Chapel — otherwise we shall be in difficulties — No money is coming in now — & we are quite depending on it —

Very sincerely yrs —
S. F. Wilson

Ben & Esther have returned —
24 boys — 22 gals.

Oct 30/6

My dear Lord —

I must I suppose only write business — indeed I am tolerably overpressed with business letters —

I had such a very nice letter from Mr Penison — if there was room I wd enclose it — He is in his 7th haven back at Nagwenenaug — all the Indians so delighted to have them.

He seems to have fallen in with Mr Williamson on his way

up – lately out from Ireland – a man I imagine of his own type & character – but not much education – bent on "working for the Lord" – He is remaining with Renison – studying the Indian language – & asks no remuneration at present – Would it do to employ him as a Colporteur on the line at Red Rock? – That is after some further enquiry.

You will be glad I think to hear that G. Rivers Mission is now filled – Revd Mr Gallaher arrived here today – an evangelical man – pleasant in manner – Flossie

whispered [illegible] – that he was "like Mr Pickwick!" What do you say to that! We opened the little church on Sunday – all so nice – Congregation of 60 – Indians all delighted – I preached from Heb 12.2. "Looking unto Jesus . . ." – It was the anniversary of Bishop Lauquin's consecration. I told the Indians – some wicked people had been trying to steal you away – & that you had telegraphed back under the Atlantic – "I wont go – Algoma for ever!" – Wasnt that it?

There is a row between Osborne & Knight – I believe the latter is

Sault Ste Marie
Oct 30/83

J. C. Phipps Esqr.

Dear Sir

I wrote to you this afternoon from Plummer's store & since then have received yrs endowing $4.50 from widow Tikemaun. I shall send the valise & contents direct to the Mother - there is an ostrich feather worth about $4 - Where did the girl get these things from? I believe her to be a regular bad girl.

Some weeks ago 16 men of the Shashagawa-ning band signed a petition to the Bishop & myself asking us to supply them a school teacher. Do you know whether they still require one? If a

-there is a young man named Joshua Bennett at Kagawong who wd like to get the post - He was recommended to me by the Revd Mr Tooke of Pine Bay - & has just written to me. If you can place him there - & think him suitable - please write to him - Also let me know.

I trust you will be able to get me those 3 boys back from Algoma Mills - I believe it & the R.C. school teacher there who is trying to keep them back - I think a little determination on yr part wd do it. The parents have all signed agreements -

Yrs very truly
H. Wilson

Nov. 3 1832

My dear Lord —

I enclose you a letter I received from Mr Fallatin just before his arrival — by which you may judge something of what he is — He is very 'Fish' — & a little pedantic — but otherwise I like what I have seen of him very much — & was particularly struck with the beautiful thoughts in his first sermon which I interpreted to the Indians — It was a fightful day — sleet & rain — mud & slush — but on pty

+ unconscious — Only a few of petitions yet obtained. With kindest regards to Mrs [illegible]

Yrs sincerely
S. F. Wilson

yr intention & place a man there if a suitable one could be found — I saw Capt Williams to day & was talking with him about it.

John Squinnians is going on very nicely — throwing his heart into his work — I gave him another Examination in 'Pearson' this week — & he took 84 pr cent marks — questions pretty stiff — He is about in this 'Pearson now. Next week he will begin 'Browne' — He is also doing some latin & greek Lost — Mr Wolton is also commencing at these. Wells has just returned to us — He was getting into bad habits card playing & drinking & was very anxious for me to have him back to be out of way of temptation — He has provided his old grandmother with 4 barrels flour & other provisions for the winter. I am so sorry about that silly mistake of Mr Richardson's in Oct No Ann — we must cross it through in each copy — I think I must get [illegible] to do it again [illegible] is too far off

There we went down to call on
old Augustus — & had service in
the new Church in the evening — The
Indians were all delighted — I
was sorry to hear several of them
speak of the Romans as being so
dirty — they said the house was not
fit for Mr. J. to go into — & the women
would come & clean it for him
He I think is not troubled with the
infirmity — He is going to keep
back in the parsonage — & have Grey's
wife in to cook for him — Grey
also will act as interpreter & help
him with his Indians — for a $1 a week
(This is disposed to require [illegible])

The arrangement I have made is for
him to teach day school — (which he
wishes to do) — get $200 from the Dep.
& $400 from Mr. Campbell — and to
interpreter $50 from Mr. Campbell —
I have however to arrange matters into
Van Abbott first.
And the man — Mr. J. Lyscett — lately
from England — & now in Toronto —
has applied to me for work as catechist
with the view of taking orders next
summer — I have told him to
call on the Bk. of Toronto & have
written to the Bishop about him — In
the mean time I will see Cooke (as
soon as he gets back from Chiefs)
about Mamanise — I think it was

Nov. 3d 78

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 30th ult has just reached me. All that I can say is — Call on the Bishop of Toronto & shew him your testimonials &c — & I shall be guided considerably by his advice —

The only place that I would feel it incumbent on me to try & fill just now during the Bishops absence is a mining village called Mamainse about 60 miles north of this — about 400 people — & service held at present in the board house — Salary as catechist $300 — I cannot as yet make any definite promise Yrs faithfully

J. Lyc Ct Esq — E. F. Wilson

Nov. 3d 78

A. H. Campbell Esq

Dear Sir

In reply to yours just received —

I sent you my acct. sewing balance due to me as Treasurer of the Indian Homes $3.75 precisely in the way I have always done before — My therefore you should find fault with me for deducting expenditures on Diocesan acct from the $65.90 received I cannot conceive — Garden River Mission is 10 miles away from here & has nothing more to do with me

financially — than has a mission in Muskoka — I was at the Bishop's request & on account of his absence that I undertook to pay what was due on the Garden River Church — Had the amt been less than the sum you sent me I shd have credited you with the balance — as it happens to be more I debit you — I had nothing to do with the contract & neither knew how much the Bishop had on hand or intended to expend. Trusting that this will explain —

I remain dear Sir

Yrs faithfully

Edward H. Wilson

Novr 3d 783

Jowan Gillmor Esqr

Dear Sir

I am sorry John Squirrian missed seeing you when I sent him to Algoma Mills —

In regard to the books, I found last winter that by taking them round myself — colporteur fashion — I could easily dispose of a good many among the men — both reading books & bibles & they seemed glad to get them — You do not in yr letter say anything about the School — for which money was collected last winter — about $200 —

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I do hope the work will soon get under weigh — The Roman Catholics I hear are doing a good deal in the place — & Mr Marpole's suggestion I applied to Mr Lamb Lount of Barrie for a site on the other side of the track — but I no reply from him — The books required to be prepared for Deacon's orders are — (1) Browne on the articles (1 & XX inch). (2) Paley's Evidences (3) Horae Paulinae (or Blunt's Coincidences) — (4) Pearson on the Creed. (5) Pinnock's analysis (O. & N. Test) (6) Eccles. History (first 3 centuries & the Reformation) (7) Butler's analogy (8) Prayerbook (Blakeney or Proctor) (9) Greek Testament (St Mark) & Latin — (Pt 20 articles) —

Yours sincerely
J. Wilson

Bt Toronto

Nov 3d/83

My dear Lord —

If not too much trouble will you kindly see a Mr J. Lycett who I am asking to call on you — He is lately from England — intending to take orders — & applies for work in Algoma — If he appears to be a sound, useful man with satisfactory testimonials I think he might be placed at a mining village called Mamainse about 60 miles north of here — to act as Catechist at a salary say of $300 per annum —

Mr Gallaher is now at Garden River — he is a little queer — but certainly a clever man — & I trust will do well —

Yours sincerely —
J. Wilson

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Nov 5th /83

My dear Mr Kauguin -

The tombstone in memory of the Bishop & Mrs Kauguin is now in place. Costs have been as follows: -

Freight	10 - 10
Teaming	5 - 5
Men assisting	- 85
Stebbings &c	13 - 75
	$28 - 20

As Stebbings is asking for his money will you kindly send as soon as convenient -

Mitchell - a man in Tarentones gave his labour for nothing out of love for the late Bishop. It looks my nice - We must get a flower bed made on the top I think - a Stebbins you will be -

Yrs sincerely
J. H. Vile

Nov 8/83

Mr Van Abbot Esq
Dear Sir -

Beg to notify you that Miss McDowell's time having expired - have appointed the Revd J. H. Gallaher, our missionary at Garden River, in her place - Mr Gallaher was a student at Trin: Coll: Dublin - & being unmarried can devote the required time to school work. Trusting that the appointment will meet with the approval of Department -

I remain Yrs Obedt Servt
Edwd F. Wilson

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie

Nov. 7th 1883.

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs —

Sir

Will you kindly inform me with whom the appointment of schoolteacher at the Church of England School at Garden River rests —

Hitherto — we have made the appointment & have looked to Mr Van Abbott as representative of the Department to confirm the appointment.

Mr Van Abbott now claims that the appointment rests with himself — & without any reference to myself has given the situation to a young girl of 15 — whereas I had already promised it (provided the Department approved) to a gentleman of Trin: Coll: Dublin — Rev. J. H. Gallaher — who has just been placed in charge of the mission — & being unmarried would have ample time to attend to it. As we built the school house without government help — & originally applied for the grant it seems only fair that we should have a voice in the appointment.

I have the honor to be Sir
Yr obedient Servant
E. K. Wilson
Bishop of Algoma's Commissary.

Nov. 7th/83

My dear Mr. Gallaher.

Kindly inform me about the Garden River School — after I promised to go and Mr. Van Abbott the Indian Agent & he said "that he had already appointed" Miss McDowell. I think he has exceeded his authority in doing this — as the appointment has always hitherto [illegible] with [illegible] — & we [illegible] the Indian Department & [illegible] our appointments — [illegible] & the Indian Department about [illegible]

I shd be glad to hear from you how Miss McDowell is succeeding at that house she is boarding — & whether she is assisting you in the Sunday School —

I trust you are getting comfortable settled in & beginning to like your work among the Indians —

Yrs sincerely —

L. H. Wilson

Private.

Nov. 8th 1883.

Rev. C. A. French
Dear Sir

It was the Bishop's purpose to remove Mr. Knight from Bracebridge to Port Sydney — & I had written to the Churchwardens of P.S. to expect his arrival.

A letter in reply has reached me signed "the Churchwardens" saying that they are not prepared to receive Mr. Knight — have no house for him — & are not able to contribute towards his salary:

What does this mean?

I know the people in that Westerly are somewhat factious — & I am at a loss to know what the trouble now is.

Does this letter signed by "the Churchwardens" (no names given) represent the Church Congregation?

Is it the fact that notwithstanding their pretty little Church — & considerable Church membership — they have no desire for a clergyman —? Or have they any personal objection to Mr. Knight —?

If you can kindly enlighten me in any way — without much trouble I shall be pretty obliged — Yrs faithfully

S. R. Wilson
Archdn. Commissary

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Nov. 8th 18[illegible]

Dear Mr Crompton —

I beg acknowledge receipt of $1 for Alg. Miss Moore which entitles you to 1 copy for one year more — in addition to some extra copies which are sent to the clergy gratis every quarter for distribution. When you have time I hope you will give us a contribution from your pen — We want particularly to know about the northern part of your district Wisconsin &c — as no one penetrates into those regions except yourself — You may rest assured that we shall not clip or cut down any thing sent direct by yourself in MS — Matter taken from other papers of course we can clip as we like but you must remember our paper is small — & if at any time you have a long article please send it in time for the quarterly numbers — that is — mail it not later than the 10th of June, Sept, Dec, & March.

I should particularly like to get something for next January if

many yr may labours you
can spare the time -

Our Bishop has done well in
refusing Huron & I trust an
increased blessing may rest on
his labours amongst us - I do
not know yet how soon he will
be able to return - but I hope - in
time to accomplish the north
country trip which he was
obliged on acct of the excessive
snow to relinquish last winter -

Yrs sincerely -
E. F. Wilson

Nov 9th 78

Messrs Petrie & Co
Dear Sirs

Yr letter enclosing
shipping bill has just reached me
& I am exceedingly glad to hear
that there is a good prospect of our
getting the machinery before navigation
closes - I enclose you my
cheque for $500 - & will send
you the balance so soon as the
machinery arrives & I have checked
it over with the invoice - Trusting
that this will be satisfactory
I remain yours truly
Edward F. Wilson

Dear Mrs Malaher —

I dont wish my name to appear — but perhaps by putting this note or an extract from it in 'Missionary Leaves' others may be stirred to do likewise — please ask my father for £5 for the first half year — & tell him I will deduct when drawing on him for the next quarter's age —

Yrs sincerely

E. L. Wilson

We would prefer a box from Margaret or Bethlehem if there is one available, please send an annual post —

Nov. 11 —

Dear Mrs Malaher

After conducting the full services & coming home in a storm of rain & sleep at 7 pm — I drew on my slippers & drew my [illegible] into my arm chair by the fire to warm up & get comfortable while my wife got me a cup of tea —

This was my only little bit of leisure after the arduous duties of the day — and on lating up a little pamphlet to read my wife exclaimed Don't be reading now — Do rest — But kept on wilfully — I had found something

interesting — it was your account of Bishop Gobat's orphanage on Mount Zion — in October 1846 of Missionary leaves — & the pressing need there was for help in order to prevent it's doors from being closed —

"When will people who have the means be awakened to undertake God's work? — was my thought to think of an orphanage founded by the late Bishop Gobat on the most interesting spot on the face of the whole earth — languishing for want of funds — while so called Christian [illegible] are living in their grand houses — driving their horses & carriages & spending their thousands on the hundred & one vanities of life —

I said to my wife — "I am going to support an orphan on Mount Zion" — How much will it cost? She asked — £10 I said — We will get the children to help & all do it together.

Will you therefore kindly give us the name of a boy — and enter him as supported by

A Missionary's family among the Red Indians.

Nov. 12th/83

Revd C. A. French

Dear Sir

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Nov. 12th 83

Revd. R. Osborne

Dear Sir

I can give my possibly all home left Karatha. I think it right to write to you that a new complication has arisen. The Churchwardens & Port Sydney seem indisposed to receive Mr. Knight — How or why this is I cannot tell. When I sent Christ H.M. Knight to proceed to Port Sydney I was of course under the impression that all would be hard still so far as his reception

Nov. 12th 83

The Churchwardens
Port Sydney —
Dear Sir —
By the Bishop's instructions the Rev. S. G. Knight who has been in temporary charge of Bracebridge is removing from that town to take charge of Port Sydney & adjacent stations. As a minister of Christ — sent among you to do the Master's work — I trust you will welcome him among you & do all that you can to help him. Yrs faithfully
Edward H. Wilson

Nov. 12th 83

Revd. S. G. Knight
Dear Sir
I have heard from Mr. Osborne — He [illegible] he is with [illegible] to make arrangements for the removal. The Port Sydney Churchwardens seem to be in difficulty about [illegible] for you — & also are afraid [illegible] they will be able to raise the required amt toward your income — but

their went. Under these circumstances it is exceedingly difficult for me to know what to do or advise.

In the meantime I am writing to Mr Knight advising his removal to Port Sydney & enclosing him a second letter to the Churchwardens & my hope is that matters may be smoothed over & arranged to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

I shall be exceedingly sorry if you are put to any inconvenience or annoyance in the matter. I know it is the Bishop's wish that you Ofd take charge of Bracebridge & Mr Knight remove to Port Sydney. So that — at any rate — until the Bishop's return we must endeavour to carry out this plan.

I feel sure that by earnest faithful work for the Master you will soon gain the heart of the people & will find them kind-hearted & well disposed towards you. I have written again to the Churchwardens & also enclose you a note of introduction.

Yrs sincerely
J. F. Wilson

Nov 12th/83

The Churchwardens
Port Sydney -
Dear Sirs

I received your letter of the 8th inst - & was surprised & distressed at its contents. You surely cannot mean that with a beautiful little church such as I saw on my last visit & a church mission so long organized - that you have not sufficient energy & zeal in the Master's cause to assist the Bishop in his efforts to supply your spiritual wants - or sufficient warmth of heart to welcome a Minister of the Church of England among you -

I trust you will earnestly & prayerfully reconsider what you have said - & endeavour to make provision for the advent of Mr Knight among you -

In the Bishop's absence I am particularly anxious - as I feel sure you & all faithful members of the Church of England must be too - to carry out his Lordships wishes -

The Bishop I am sure will
expect no more of you than you are
able to do, & I am simply carrying
out his Lordship's instructions in
requesting Mr Knight, now that
Bracebridge is supplied, & undertake
the Mission of Port Sydney.

Trusting that through your loyal
co-operation & help all may
be made smooth & pleasant for
Mr Knight's arrival.

I remain
Yours faithfully
Edward H. Wilson
Bishop's Commissary.

Sault Ste Marie
Oct 15th/[illegible]

My dear Mr Beer

I am enclosing your plate
of the Shingwak & Wawanosh.
In writing to the Canadian Missionary
will you kindly ask them if they
will sell the plates to me at half
price — & if so — will they send
them to me not later than the end
of January so that I can use
them in our next Annual Report.

I will send one of the Chapel
as soon as I can get it — Falsam
is away at present.

With kind regards to Mrs Beer
yours sincerely
H. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 15th/83

Jos. Pratt

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 6th only just received — it may be difficult I fear at this late date & with the Bishop away — to alter the arrangements already made —

— will however say this —

That if Mr. Knight & yourself & Co. Churchwarden will arrange a meeting at which the Revd. Mr. Osborne & the Port Sydney Churchwarden will be present — & will mutually agree among yourselves for Mr. Osborne to occupy Port Sydney until the Bishop's return & Mr. Knight to remain for the same period at Bracebridge — you have my sanction as Commissary —

If however either of the aforesaid parties dissents, then the Bishop's original plan must be carried out.

I am writing this hurriedly to catch the mail — In the event of your meeting as suggested please let each of the parties interested see this letter —

Yours faithfully
Edward R. Wilson
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Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 17th 1883

Dear Mr Richardson

I have just received November numbers — also yr account which I will shortly settle — I trust the electro type heading is already on its way here — as it is nearly time for December No — Also please let me have the story which you have commenced — It was tiresome not getting the Bishop's Report — He promised to send it direct to you —

Yrs truly
E. H. Wilson

I suppose you sent the big parcel direct — you have not mentioned —

Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 17 1883

J. Lycett Esqr

Dear Sir

I am exceedingly sorry to disappoint you — but fear it will be impossible to engage you as Lay Reader at Mamaroneck his visits — [illegible] have given me no encouragement that they will assist in support — I feel it will be altogether too great risk to send you to such an out of the way place so late in the year with [illegible] to support — I will certainly mention your case to the Bishop.

Yrs faithfully
E. H. Wilson

& Mr Knight who was temporarily in charge was to [illegible] on the Portsdown —

The Brazebridge people however it seems like Mr Ken & Mr Ken, likes them — & they dont wish him to leave — Consequently Mr O. is in rather an awkward fix — & I hardly know how the matters will be settled. Now I have been thinking that if you accept the proposal & take 3 ms. rest — I would write & offer Mr O. to come here as your locum tenens — He is a married man — but his family are not coming this winter — If you & Mrs C. approved he might perhaps board at the parsonage — He is a gentleman & from all I hear a nice man & good preacher. I now await your instructions & letter to write to Mr O. or not the letter ought to go on the Campana. Yours sincerely

[illegible]

Of course I cannot say certainly that Mr O. will accept the offer. He may prefer going into another house if he does not get Brazebridge — Still if you like to take the 3 ms. I will be to go duty [illegible] rather than that you [illegible] suffer.

Thing we [illegible]

[illegible]

My dear Mr Cooke —

I have felt quite anxious about you since seeing you [illegible] — I want you to tell me candidly. Would it be a relief to you to be freed from duty at the Sault say for 3 months & go off to Chicago or elsewhere to recuperate your strength or do you feel that you would prefer to remain at home & that you will soon, if God will, be well & strong again.

If you really prefer to remain & not take any further holiday — you may depend on me to do all I can to

at not you in your & seeds duty — & it will be a pleasure to me to do so — but if after due thought & consultation with your family you feel it is best for the sake of your health & future usefulness to take a longer holiday & more extended rest than you have had at present — then I will endeavour to get a locum tenens for the time you are away —

I am obliged to write at once as it is so nearly the close of navigation, and if any thing is to be done it must be done at once.

I feel sure that the Bishop would allow you half pay for the 3 months you were absent & you might perhaps get temporary duty & rest of the time if health permitted — Your family also could remain at the parsonage —

Now you can read this letter thus far — & if the proposal does not suit you — that is the end of it — You can make your mind quiet & as I have said I will do all I can to help you —

But if my proposal does commend itself to you & yours — then you must please let me know at once as there is no time to be lost —

A Rev. Mr Osborne formerly at Regina in the N.W.T. — was offered Bracebridge by the Bishop just before he left for England —

At end of 3 mo — Mr O. if he came might go to Mamaniso or Alg. Mills — this wd give plenty of time to hear from the Bishop —

Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 19th 183

Dear Mr Hamilton

I solicit your help & advice on the following matter —

We are starting a factory here for matt. tongued & grooved flooring, mouldings, sash, doors &c — the machines being driven by a 14 horse power engine.

1) My object in starting the affair is — to retain the services of St Lox — as we cannot do without a carpenter — & have no further work to do for ourselves — (2) to provide employment for some senior Indian boys who having gone through their course at school, are now working for us on wages. Also I have been advised by Mr Bampton & Mr W. Brown that such a factory was required in this neighbourhood & is likely to pay well if properly managed.

2) The first cost of starting the affair will be about $750 for machinery & $250 for altering building & fitting up.

3) With the exception of the $750 for altering the buildings which are [illegible] — I intend to charge not to institution funds, as being [illegible] of the nature of a speculation I do not [illegible] to do so.

4) The $750 for machinery [illegible] will be covered by sale of printing office stock & reducing farm stock &c all of which are independent of institution funds.

This is all preliminary [illegible]

As soon as we are ready to start to work as which will be in about [illegible] we shall require additional capital to lay in a stock of dry lumber for converting into manufactured stock [illegible] in the concern [illegible] to meet this — I am proposing to issue shares [illegible] own work [illegible] — & I think can raise about $600 capital in this way — which I believe will be sufficient [illegible] if you can put me in the [illegible] will [illegible] what it is that I want you