

What I want very much is to find
 a man who will organize & work
 with me - as it is a very
unpleasant & considerable burden - &
 sometimes I have to be away from
 home - & of course there ought to be
 some one able & willing to take my
 place. Our present teacher
 just teaches school & plays the organ
 in chapel - beyond that will do
 nothing - Salary might be
kept the increased to \$3000. (I wish int
 board & lady & myself is as good as \$4.50
 Please write & tell me - where or address
 is a post - you will like to take

I understand from the Bishop that
 you are not likely to take
 the position - I prefer
 to see you
 P. H. Wilson

Dec. 22, 1894

Dear Mr. French -
 The Bishop suggests
 that you will be in charge of the
 school in Bishop's house at the
 expense of home - that is to be
 appreciated - I want you in my work -
 & help me in every way - besides
 teaching school regular hours. My
 9 to 12 am 3 to 6 pm. & am
 evening class 3 evenings in the week.
 No school on Saturdays - & Sundays
 W. or any part home. Salary
 \$2500 per ann. & all found.

any of your kind friends with
 his blood be disposed to furnish
 with any needle work that will
 I might say - that are any proof
 in want of large stocks, winter
 caps, &c. - mitts. - Socks of course
 should have to be knit - but
 a very good cash may be
 made out of scarlet thread
 lined with white flannel - the
 so as to cover the ears - which would
 I think be frozen - a size of
 the top's head is from 20. to 22 inches
 This may also easily be made in
 the same manner - the fur is
 all in one. I different sizes
 for boys from 10 to 15 years old.
 I will best wishes for the new year
 to all your kind friends -
 your friend
 J. M. Nelson

Dear Mr. Nelson -

Received a day or two ago
 to my variety - which was
 a warm red by an
 more of my own - I'm very
 pleased as you seem to be
 want to be - in increasing the
 but which is true - I am
 in the middle with all the
 trees & bushes & trees - I'm
 as to my opinion of the work that
 will do them better than
 they - with I think a very

We have 37 boys over & 21 girls -
 You may imagine it is no little
 work arranging for all this - the
 few unfortunates we have below
 by short supply of presents.
 I am having a very cold winter
 so far. Snow is now about
 2 feet deep - & the glass has
 been as low as 32° below zero.
 The frost never in fact of few
 more than 1½ miles wide - is frozen
 over - & will soon be safe for
 teams to cross - This is much
 earlier than usual - formerly
 it is the 15th or 16th of January - before
 the ice is solid enough to team a
 loaded sleigh.

Distances between the several
 posts, Garden River, Kaministiquia,
 the Bay Communim, & all right
 down the Christmas Tree at the South -
 50 children to have tea & excessive
 tea presents - & most of their parents
 present also (all with mittens) - all
 seemed to enjoy themselves greatly -
 On Monday we saw a Christmas Tree
 at least, one of the outstations - 6
 or 7 miles out. Now there are some
 40 or 45 Sunday School children - all
 with. Then on Tuesday is our
 Christmas Tree here at the Henjawaok
 at which both girls & boys will be present.

Dec 27 71

The Managers of N. S. Co. Ltd -

Tri - Levee Bill

of Salaries for 1897. 10. 6 - will
 be set with same credit by which
 money acct. - & let me know
 to what is credited - in Canadian
 money - No trust

W. H. Wilson

Dec 30 1894

My dear Father -

I have just discovered

I owe for £117. 10. 6 - as follows:

Chryseuk Mair's	90-10-6
Education -	10-10-0
Algonquin Min. Serv	80-0-6
My Peache for 3 children	6-0-0
Pro. Nelson for 12 months	12-10-0
	31-0-0

Less - Pay Mr Nelson	50-0-0
" " "	20-0-0
	7-0-0

£117. 10. 6

Mr Nelson's note in last vol had
 spent for £31 instead of £25 the
 printer which is a correction -

Feb 6 1853

Dear Sir I do not at all
 understand yr letter - I
 expect rather an apology for
 the great carelessness of your
 Messengers - in losing the proofs which
 I corrected & sent back to you
 yesterday. It is very great
 inconvenience & to make time
 being to do the correcting all a
 second time over - as I am
 overpressed with work & have
 an engagement out this afternoon -
 I did the packet up most
 carefully with strings - which I did
 proof & wrote by you in one packet -
 it was not to protect Careless men
 if I return him back - I will bring
 the proof myself the coming - I do not
 think I will

Feb 7 1853

Messrs. Hoyley Ben.
 & Co

Enclosed find
 Cheque for \$175.00 - which
 and please credit to my
 account - I do not
 think I will

page 2
You one month's notice to give up
our property which I placed in 13
Cents & will put the work done
down.

Normally I always used to mail
the issue to 28th or 29th of the month -
& long furnished you with our own
of the 28th. I can see no need at all
for such delay. By the time I
get the present issue - even if I
get it all ^{of} lateness, it will be 25
days from the time I sent you copy, &
not one moment of that delay was
my fault.

Yours best

S. J. Wilson

I enclose 3 more items copy - if
not used please return them to me.

Jan 6 '84

M. J. Briggs
L. H.

So much against
my own wishes to blame & find
fault. I feel that I am much
to be blamed for the same. I am
disatisfied with the way in which
has been attended to. I sent
you copy for the issue Dec 16th &
with particular request that I might
have it ready for mailing by the last
of the month at latest. I believe
you know the date which I have
enough for getting it out - accordingly

I don't think it is worth the trouble
of writing a letter to you about
this. I am sure you will be
able to understand it.

You know the overblowing amount
of work that comes upon me at
the beginning of the year. You would
have understood by anxiety there
it of my hands before January began.
The fact is I am nearly blinded
myself with our work - and the
market of it all comes down, proof
in the 5th part - 6 days after the time
I stipulated for. I lay aside my
accounts for two hours & covered
it with carefull - & the next thing
I hear the following day is that Mr
Messersmith has lost the proof - & I
live & do the whole thing over again

I am sure you will all be very
& kindly know how I am
through - & there is the uncertainty
feeling - that may of my corrections
possibly will not be attended to as
was the case last time - Several
of my pencil notes not being noticed
at all.

I feel myself compelled to say
that unless you can present me
let me have the volume each time 10
days or at latest 12 days after I
furnish copy & that all my corrections
will be attended to - & copy &
correct proof returned to me as I
have requested - that I have five

Dear Madgen -

I have been thinking on & on
I give you \$4.25 -
I am well! I hear from
some about Prastor's wood -
Hills' wood also comes

out 7 cards that I
with kind regards to Mrs

Madgen - I'm but
Yours truly
G. E. Wilson

Jan 29 1874

Dear John

I was sorry at the
close of your letter & had
felt very much myself how good
was dealing with you in all that
has happened & you this summer -

- your very refusal to enroll
College - then your accident in
the boat - & then your failing to get the
school of the squaming - This
is the way God deals with us & to
remember us - then he calls us to be
his servants. I hoped very much

Jan 29 1874

it would have this effect with
you - You know that no one
desires more than myself - that
you turn out a good earnest
useful man devoted to God's service
- & I'll promise me when you
speak or write as though it
was other peoples' fault that you
do not get on better - I am
sure every one has been very
kind to you - Think of all Mrs
Ball has done for you - and
how kind people were in helping
you when ~~they~~ heard of you

accident - Do Indians seem
white people in this way? The
Bishop too is most kind & ready
& ready to help you - but he would
not wish to advance you to the
Ministry until he is quite sure
that you are truly in earnest
& getting - as every Christian
knows - with simplateni -

Enclose you a cheque for
\$100 - which has been sent to help
replace that you have lost - I am
also sending you 2 letters - which you
have been sent before had I known
your address - Did you get my
letter I sent to Collingwood?

Rev. A. Osborne is the
clerk of the man of parliament.

Yrs sincerely
G. F. Wilson

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Rev. S. C. Thibodeau -

Dear Sir

Very thanks for

the note of 19 enclosed - & for the

piece of study school for our

sons - I was not aware that

you were at Lake Ch. Court -

I think you took Mr. Lewis' place?

I wish you were here from

Yamhill - some time ago - about

out of a boy in our school - North

Lake Church - Commence the school

and had support of with a full or

more than the present in want of

rest etc. at present we have

2 boys - 1 girl - as my family pay

W. M. Wilson

Feb. 16 43

Dear Mr. Bent -

I was much pleased

to hear from you & am

glad to hear that you will still

be helping our work - I shall

be much pleased to see you

at the winter by Cape Fear in

the winter on S. C. office - I

trust you will be

able to get you will

be able to send me

the support of with the bible or leaf

buys coal (with a note) & cloth
 (pull over their cars) - & undercloths
 especially undercloths & drawers
 for winter. ^{of course}
 It can be sent with Arrington
 is OK - but if kind hands
 will make for us this winter it
 will be ready for next -

Yours sincerely
 R. S. Wilson

of a big pile - We have
 37 boys now in the home & 21
 girls & are much in need of
 necessaries. ^{of course} support - We began
 to year with a balance of \$600
 but shall find it ^{in all} wanting in
 more than \$1000 - Which means
 an excess of \$500 expenditure
 over our receipts. We are
 also very short of cloth - which
 has necessitated buying by the yard -
 We have no suits - & very few
 coats - & are also in want of

Jan 1883

With B. Moore
in balance

(have received)

letter in regard to accepting

in schoolmaster's place

than that I had his offer &

to harmonize with a schoolmaster

to see - a new schoolmaster days

My presence in school & headmaster

Chantry & being - I have been no

more like to be in I will

with the Bishop to try & see how

it works during the winter - as so

much more can be done I should

Conversation with Mr. Atchison

Present if possible I find a man

who will show his noble heart in

to work & try ^{to} ^{do} ^{it} in every way

and for the ^{purpose} ^{of} ^{the} ^{best} ^{of} ^{the} ^{land}

J. H. Wilson

- Nov. 4th was double & make up -
family is over out & being mailed -
Diggins needs Dennis me dis tracted
of sent me first proof Jan. 6 - when
I had urgently requested to have the
thing out at 12 later than Dec 30 - I
lay aside my accounts & spent many
2 hours correct - thinking how long
the whole thing was being held to fault -
comes back & asks whether I prefer it
him - gets out first proof and Diggins
wants to show blame on me for loss
of first proof - his boy got having said
that he lost it - I have now
sent B. advice that if he cannot
get it out with 10 or at most 12
days after I provide him copy that I
shall put it done else then - (What
business to printing) He is one
is doing - B. says it on his own press

Jan. 18th 1843

My dear Lord -

I have just written to thank
you for the answer to mine - of
Dec. 26th & 27th - I had now
I have now had some very work with
stock taking - pay over inventories - closing
accounts for the year - & next week
must begin of Annual Report - when
that time will be the School Examination
I have now notice that I can do
nothing the month or first half of
February - except as report case of
inclusion. I am as sorry then
from thought that he is leading - going
back to England. What a pity it seems

Lavender of Acridyn
at one time thought of the cult.

1/2 letter explains about the \$1000
Labbett bequest - I wish it had been
sent to America & I tell I think Mrs
Labbett, the widow, will do something for
us - She wrote me several times
about it & of a her husband said.

I am mentioning Soperium - I had
heard she had written to me - She is
I can rather 'believe of some' - Of course
had had a good deal of against him
at a time when I think he was
being honestly & earnestly & well -
perhaps a word of encouragement from
You might do good - He is work.
in a lumber shop - C/o J. McClelland
Washington D.C. -

... was as about the of c.m.r.

How kind - Could you not have
sent him up here to the South? I
hear that the ^{Rev. Dr.} Bishop of Southill would
be liked to take the South of Africa.

over boys and down there his winter &
to take to him & his wife - I know
nothing of them - Some time have

known him suggest Mr. Chance of
Lyvernal - He had Garden Review
review for 20 yrs - He says he would
accept of Africa - They are nice

people - Mrs C. very good & handsome
- but Mrs C. used to be of a paralytic
depression & she prevented his getting on
- I don't know how he will be now.

Have you ever communicated with

... you have ...

(3)
old one - as he returned
across river - ice not being
safe. It cannot be helped.
I heard from Phelps about
reconciliation - that he had leave
himself to put Lyman in ^{charge}
- but a deep & real exists - that
the teacher must be of same faith
as the majority of the people -
have sent Lyman to the

May, wanted for Deakins for
as at Free Church - Mr. Chick
has just sent me \$15 to Hope
I will do more - there is
a decrease of 7 Sunday schools
helping us within the last 4 years -
which is not helpful - It must
work up fresh. Expanding
the year has been \$5000 our receipts

settling our balance from \$1000
to \$1100 -

The Northwell man - S. B. Moore
(present address Smithville, C: Lincoln)
has written to me - says he has been
learned successfully 16 years - has a
church now he wd leave with
grandparents - One prob asked

is - he cannot play harmonium -
I was with them that of possible
you will see him some time during
the winter. I wd be afraid to
engage any one simply by correspondence
Possibly you might be in the neighborhood
or he in yours some time before spring -
- But please look out for some one
for us - in a travels - Play organ
is about a time for me - With kindest
regards to Mr. Sullivan - As sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Shirvanke Home
Jan. 12 '85

M. Van Abbott Esq.

Dear Sir

The report of your 5th inst. -
here is no question that the garden R. School daily
needs renovating - I thought I have a completely new
set of forms & desks - & the plaster wants repairing &
white wash - If the Department will con-
-tribute \$15 I will guarantee \$25 from Church
funds - & I think with this sum the necessary
improvements may be made.

I have also heard from the Department - that Mr.
McLean the School Inspector reported that our school
rooms at the Shirvanke is not well arranged &
dormitories requiring to be better ventilated - I shall
be much obliged if you can arrange to call - &
consult with me as to what change may be desirable -
Wednesday aft. wd suit me best if you could make
it convenient - or else
kindly send R. time.

Yrs faithfully

S. P. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Jan: 19/85

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs
Sir -

I have received your letter
of the 3^d inst - No 56036 - & note the points you
refer to in the School Inspector's Report

- (1) As regards the Wawanook - the girls there
with the exception of 4 or 5 being nearly all new
ones & scarcely knowing a word of English - it is
scarcely to be expected that they can have an intelligible
idea of arithmetic or indeed of any of their lessons.
The remedy I feel lies in securing their attendance at
the Institution for at least 5 years. So long as they
remain but 2 or in many cases but 1 year, it
is impossible to do more with them - as it takes
that time to draw out their latent capabilities.
- (2) As regards the Shipwreck I am surprised

That Mr. McLean has not given a more favorable report - as he told me that ours was the best Indian School he had visited in Ontario.

As regards the arrangement of the School room - I myself called Mr. McLean's attention to it - & asked him whether he thought we could better it, & after talking it over we agreed that it could not be altered to any advantage. The teacher from his platform has full oversight of all the boys both in the main school room & back school room - & the boys' desks are placed as conveniently as possible in regard to light.

As to ventilation of the dormitories I have to say that each dormitory is fitted with ventilators in the ceiling. This matter was taken up in the winter of 1882 - when we had 2 cases of typhoid fever. Our local Doctor (Dr. Reid) carefully examined the building at that time - & reported as follows: -

"The House is well

"Ventilated & kept in a Cleanly Condition"

"There are no drains under the building & any foul gases may be generated, & the outbuildings are away from the main building.

"The water supply is got from the rain daily, - as that frequent source of contamination - viz surface drains & sewage soaking into water obtained from wells is at once excluded.

"In all the dormitories ventilators have been placed in the ceilings so that the foul air is carried up & out through the roof.

"As far as my personal observation goes every precaution has been taken to maintain the health of the inmates of the Homes, by strict attention to sanitary matters.

signed J. B. Reid.

Jan. 28th 1872

I asked Mr. Van Abbott to call & examine into the above matters - & he has done so & will report to you -

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant -

Edward P. Wilson

No post written from Dennis left +
Well - Indians made donations +
Kates took to the Church - One gave
a dollar - Another laid a quarter
skin on the Communion table -
Lamport's horse part of the price
Burr's money in new cloaks is gone
for the school - I suppose this is
allowable - Ind. Dep't has written
that it must be done, + we have no
more funds. We are also making
lectures, from book, + some fittings for the
Church - + Indians will I hope
provide a stained glass window.
Cesaire has written from - He seems
happy at Pelly. I am
very glad you are trying to get some
money to pay off debt on Amigoil
Ciephel - With kindest regards
to Mrs Sullivan + love to the children

Did you receive the American
of the 1st of June? I am
ever your friend
(J. M. P.)

Sept 17/65

My dear Lord -

I have received notice
of the 6th inst. also list of your
engagements for January - Why did
you send them so late? - They cannot
now appear till March but will
will be useless. I am very
sorry to see you not in the January -
I have sent on to Elgin for
Sydney (1820 from H. Smith) - I
will perhaps see him when in
Montreal -
I think he will be some time
before he gets to the school

have - every thing - the same
 in good trim - I am in the middle
 of annual Accts - Report & c. - say
 before I started called 9 miles out to
 visit a sick case - deplorable - & to day
 have to go to funeral out in Coach -
 Luskcomb has been ill & I have been
 writing him - trying to make him give
 up his billiard saloon & stop drinking -
 Lured - I have to go to Coach again
 & marry Miss Kill to young Coonville.
 I hear the Niagara election is on
 the 27. Are the po's to have you
 up again? - There are rumours to
 that effect at Port Arthur. I
 suppose we must not hope to keep
 you till you be elected a second
 time - but for our sakes I hope
 you will have more success.

here - but a post deal will have
 to be said & thought of before accept
 him for the post - I think of all this
 a personal interview with nearly all
 the best - as you could explain - &
 answer questions - but I fear his
 not being able to play harmonium
 will put him out. How could we do
 with our Chapel services? There is no
 one else here that can play. With
 has been perfectly silent about yr
 letter - & I presume has written to
 you with the view of setting himself
 straight in his estimation. It is
 very trying to be with all as water
 broke this week. Just Johnny myself

Saul to Marie
Jan. 19/75

Lawrence Key Esq.

Dear Sir My money
bought 1/2 boy's class for their
kindness in paying their prize
now for our Indian boys -
I should have paid 3/4 of the
scripture prizes - 1 teaching
3 classes with the money - it
will send you a list of the
names given to the boys who
brought the first prize - Our
Examination begins the 1st
week in February -

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Saul to Marie
Jan. 19/75

Dear Mr. Doe

The box in question was
received safely. I certainly was
under the impression that Mr's
Cunningham had acknowledged
it at the time. Miss C. always
acknowledges letters received for
paid. It is also acknowledged
in favor of Mr. M. New. No
word has been done so far
but "letters received" are crowded
out several times. I am little
for Hannah's pay is very well -
I get on nicely. Our examinations
are the last week of the month -

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Scull & Davis
 Jan 8 20/85

Dear

Wlacomb -

at our vicarage

I hope I send you the \$20 -
 I am sure remember that I have
 always found support & am able
 income was land or private
 means. I have doubtless been
 wrong before (out of my own pocket)
 I hope that you would try to be
 better. I am doubtful what
 it is right of me to do it at this
 time - as my first duty is to my
 own family - & what we seem upon
 beyond that must be paid to them
 who give themselves to us - I

trust that you will by God's grace
 carry out the resolution faithfully

Yrs sincerely

W. W. W. W.

Jan: 24/85

My dear Mr. French -

May kindly Mr. W. letter
 last of which I received - I think
 if the Board can manage to meet
 you & talk to matter over with you
 sometime this winter it will be best -

Stanley knows that they about
 playing organ - We could not do with
 music in Chapel - I have no one else
 that can play - have always depended
 on the school master - but all this will
 require thinking over - It would not be
 any very until next summer - As

there is plenty of time - unless you
 would come here just for the board or any
 small remuneration - not attend school - but
 just see how things are managed - help me a
 little - until the meeting is over - I shall be
 glad to hear from you -

Franklin D. Wilson
Feb 24/70

Dr. Wm. Key -

Dear Sir

I have been thinking of you
and the money you have
sent me for the school -
I have been thinking of you
and the money you have sent
me for the school - I am not
at present -

Yrs truly
S. D. Wilson

Dr. Wilson

Feb. 24/70

Dear Sir
I have been thinking of you
and the money you have sent
me for the school - I am not
at present -

Yrs truly
S. D. Wilson

have always done - & I think all that
can be expected. If a servant wishes
to go I have no objection - the wife
wishes for his or may be must supply
one - but I think it quite unnecessary
- I never see one myself - unless
for the dinner. Such boys is
supplied with muffs, mitts, &c. &
undercoat - flannel drawers - &
shoe buckles - being winter bread -
as they do it - & I can tell you it
costs something to keep them all. It
costs much better cloth than stone
I visit in winter rooms -

I think you must have been
a little put out when you wrote &
you do not formally find fault
with what I do - I am sure they
do all I can - & contenting it is
my kind work - I'm obliged -
S. P. M. W.

Shut to Miss
Jan: 1871

Dear Jacob -

I have just received
Your letter & will answer as soon as possible
of the Church - as you know all
by acct & memoranda were
bound to me Jan. 1871 as shown at
New York to trust to - but I
know I began building the Church
a year before I left America - &
I send it just before I went back
to France & return in Sept 1871 - I
know that was a debt on it but
could not say what I will certainly
do you full justice in the matter
& mention how much you had done
with it in great measure of our paper.
Jan: 1871 is done at that time
but what I said - I did not do

of it - I certain that the Lamin
river is very much misreported
every way since I left - & that
Credit is due to you for having worked
so faithfully & successfully.

(1) Benjamin - I am exceedingly
sorry about it - it will do us more
harm than any of the boys long out
unconspicuously like Ned - I told
you he was dull in manner &
shy - that always have been his
weak points - but I hope he will
have brushed up & improved after
making a start for himself in life
- it is very disappointing - I
cannot help feel at times - as though
I must find the whole thing up - but
Nathan's in fact will I must do -
Any of that troubles us in our

work for the Master - I think
good for us.

(3) I have no more of any kind
about the Church and of Lamin -
Nathan's I may have had some
found - I would not like to shoot
to memory. The Ind. Defunct
doubtless would have by letters &
copies of their answers - which will
tell all there is to know.

(4) Concorts - I come in
or I never think of supplying and
expensive things in concorts - ball
the boys in the home - as they
not need them when playing - & seldom
have to go far. All the boys
that work outside, such as James
with carrying & other that go up
to the woods have concorts - and
anyhow a boy goes with me driving
he has one. This is Nathan

Leult to Maria
Jan 20 1843

My dear Lord

Isaac has just returned this evening from garden
River having put up Chancel arch which I planned & traced
- it will I think improve the look of the Church. We have
also made proposals election & are begining at some
formally for back of Chancel - & am preparing the
drawings for ten to put in a stained glass window above
- at of \$25.

Your letter from Port Sydney of 17 inst. reached me
along with also Crompton's account of yr. conference.
I rather doubt whether all the Clergy will approve of its
being called 'Albion Conference' as it was confined to Methodist
clergy - Crompton's acct strikes me as a little unpleasant -
I sh^d decidedly object to A. M. N. putting his hands
& assuring the style of the Church Service. I think it
prohibits us - I sh^d however quote it under yr
own direction & can explain the reasons of yr
moderate - earnestness in conducting it - I shall
certainly be very glad to be relieved of the charge. Tho'
the paper has its faults I think it is worth to see,
that it has been kept up for some 10 years - with
a steady increase of subscribers - now a little over

Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin, including phrases like "I sh^d decidedly object to A. M. N. putting his hands" and "I think it prohibits us".

(7)

to Howard - If its tone was to change - I doubt
 whether it wd prove as well. I think Mr. Mann of
 a Conference of the clergy was, most happy one & your
 long stay had but it turned out so well. Could you not arrange
 for a more general one of all the clergy here at the South
 the summer - 2 or 3 delegates at any rate might come
 from Muskoka -

I am in rather low spirits again about my boys - Benjamin
 does not write in a nice tone - I had hoped he might be
 contented & humbled by his trouble last Fall, but I fear
 from his tone it is rather the reverse. I have also
 heard from Jacob that Benjamin does not give satisfaction
 at the Point, & must leave Nov 31 - He says he is
 in too dull & shy & does not keep the children in order -
 the change was his fault. Beyond this they have nothing against
 him.

I cannot help thinking every now & again
 that it wd be an improvement for me to leave in the fall &
 have charge of that parish & Korah & place a good active
 layman in charge here - myself still having general supervision
 of both towns & acting as Treasurer &c. - It is not for
 my own sake that I think of it - I like myself & Mrs W.
 prefer being where we are - but it wd be like turning out
 a comfortable one to leave - but in question is what
 would be for the best for the church & the present work

of the disease? - Would it not be better for me to be
 freed from all that detail of work which ties me
 down, & which a layman I undertake I believe better
 than myself - such as buying hay & coal & cordwood -
 & seeing after Carpenter work & bookbinding - and - - - well
 you know all about it - I like the halt & lame
 people & I think it like me - I have felt better as it
 were to them this winter - the week after next we are
 going to begin church services - Church & some of the
 houses alternately. The poor Parvis - out in porch
 - have had 7 children down with diphtheria & 2 of them
 died - poor parents worn out with woe - I tried
 my best to get a nurse for them - but as one wd go
 all afraid of so many - So in church last Sunday - I
 called for volunteers - & after service 3 came forward.
 I called Miss Anispey, Amy Scribner, & Miss Pipst. The
 two former then felt it refused to let go - Then poor
 Miss Pipst clad herself in some of her oldest things & said
 she could be an attendant & I drove her out that
 evening Sunday night. We were really out just in
 time - the poor mother had pain in 2 hrs before we got
 there. I have been out every 2 or 3 days - & Aunt
 Japha have kindly at my request left nourish; this or
 the latter - for me to take out.

3.

You ask some particulars about Al. M. Ross.

We print 2000 every second month - we supply paper & printing - (using American plant) charges \$18 each issue - that we have cost of mail. ^{a little over} There are, 1000 subscribers, \$200 sent at present & cost of Disrael + 100 kept in reserve. If subscribers all paid up I believe it wd. be an expense now, - but that is to trouble!

I will send copies to the subscribers you mention - In regard to Mr. Weston - I have not more to say about him except that he has been a hindrance & annoyance to me ever since he has been here - unless perhaps the last 3 months before I knew ^{met} him. A pleasant smooth face with something very nasty underneath is my opinion of him - comely like Miss Childs. I have wondered sometimes why it was that he gave so much trouble as entirely when he came to this country - & yet jumped so easily at our offer - I have fancied that he may not have pleased his former employers any more than he pleases me. I never received any testimonials in his favor - or a letter in his own possession which he showed me. As I have said before he is a good teacher, good musician, & not that I know of against the moral character; but a man one, than all

ought to be pleasant at a distance. I think a man
ought to be a long time on probation, before he is led
even to think of offering himself for the ministry. Dr. Stone
has never shown any lively interest in mission work or
a desire to lead others to the Saviour that I can perceive.

By the by, the Rev. F. Q. Lemann, an old friend of my
wife's living in Florida - has just given up his
living - he is 80 years of age - & suggests that his Curate,
a hardwork' man, formerly CMS mission, in ^{Africa} ~~Albany~~
& a good wife sh^d come out to Albany. Perhaps you
will like to write them. Rev. F. Q. Lemann, Bath, Eng.
The Curate's name is Faulkner. I am glad to

see by my sister Mrs. Martin's subscription list just
received that Mrs. Labett has paid in to her £40 to
cover two years support of boy at Shingwanke.

Our united kindest regards to Mrs. Sullivan &
love to all the children.

Y^r affectionate son -

F. J. Wilson

What a noble man affair that will of Bishop
Fulles' - God save us from the love of money!

By the way, you had better write to the old address -

Rev. F. Q. Lemann Langford Vicarage Lechlade Gloucestershire

Dear Sir
Jan. 31/85

Lectures are done
for \$100 on acct - shall be
much obliged if you can wait
till 1st week in April for the
balance. If however this is
inconvenient I will send it soon

We have as my lecture expenses
always in winter. I am
a little doubtful about sending my
boy Archie away after the holidays - he
seems dull & slow at his lessons -
A young boy Ellwelyn, nearly
9 - is much sharper & likes his lesson
- tho' of course backward at present -
Should you advise and A. for
another year or let L. take his place?

Yrs sincerely

C. F. Wilson

Jan. 31/85

Mr. Russell & Robertson

Dr. his Receipts

I print an annual Report
of Indian Homes - has 2 plates
again 700 copies cost of
\$500 - I enclose you 3
photos - Will you try & get
wood cuts made of them for
insertion in the Report - I suppose
\$8 or \$9 each - If much more
than this please add please intention
of elapsed done - send me the
wood cuts when done with - I

Suppose you will send me proof
 of the Report. There must be no
 little delay is possible - And
 could you undertake the mail for
 me - if I send list of addresses.
 by mail 300 in packets of four
 2 to 3 - about 100 in one packet
 Packed - & the rest myself -
 Will not be cost over a dollar
 stamps?

Yes but
 S. H. Wilson

Please send me one copy for
 No. of "Sunshine".

Jan. 31/16

Dear Mr. Kent -

Dr. Hancock has

just sent me a cheque for

400 - for which my many

thanks. We are just buying

now with our own means

belonging here to some extent.

At this time - as Mrs. Fox

has with Mr. H. & Mrs. &

beginning of the year - Address

Indie edition I am the only

copy on roll - We have of the

& 21 vols -

Yours truly

S. H. Wilson

Account to Grand
Sept 10/83

Dear Sir

As per your letter of

the 7th inst. regarding the

amount of \$2000.00 which

was advanced to me by

you on the 1st inst. I

am glad to hear that

you are well and hope

to hear from you again

very soon. I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,
S. H. Wilson

Sept 10/83

Dear Mr. Campbell

Dear Sir

The Board has

decided to advance you

the sum of \$2000.00

for the purpose of the

purchase of the land

in the town of ...

and you are kindly

requested to ...

Yours sincerely
S. H. Wilson

sent to Marie
Feb 26/47

Dear Adam

I am send'g you our new printed
rules - by which you will see that our holidays are
going to be in September instead of July - and we wish
to begin the plan of not letting 2 thirds of the children go
home the same as they do at Muncy Town. Will
you please distribute the new rules among the parents
& explain them to them. I am glad to say that all
the children at both the Homes are quite well.

There are 5 boys here whose parents have not yet
signed agreement. & this must be done at once - as I
wrote them on that understanding - they are Joseph Sampson,
Isaac Sampson, Joseph Jones, A. Sahqui, & James Henry.
Will you please get the agreements signed & send me -
or if either of those parents do not wish their sons to remain
they must send passage money & eld'g for them to go home
in - so that they can leave by first boat. It would be
a pity however for them to do this as they are all getting on
well.

There are also 4 girls who have not yet
signed agreement - they are Maria & Nancy Thomas, Charlotte Knapp,
& Elizabeth Long. Maria, Charlotte & Eliza - being big girls can
sign to stay 3 years & Nancy 4 years. If not will'g to sign
the parents must send passage money & eld'g for them to go home in -

As directed C. F. Nelson

small & large

Handwritten notes in the left margin.

Went to Maria

Nov 26th 1875

Dear Facts -

I am sending you our new printed Rules - by which you will see that our holidays are going to be in September instead of July - & we wish to begin the plan of sending 2 thirds of the children to home the same as they do at Muncie, Ind. Will you please distribute the new rules among the parents & explain them to them. I am glad to say that all the children & both the Homes are quite well.

There has been no agreement signed yet for Julia Keche's fooding and as she is a very dull girl I think she had better go home at the end of June - Please ask her people to send her money by that date.

Five also will be up for Sarah White Hannah Perry, & Alice Thompson. The two latter I would like to keep for 3 years longer if the parents are willing to sign fresh agreements, as it seems a pity for them to leave so young & before their education is much advanced. If the parents wish them to remain they must sign fresh agreements before May 1st - according to the new rules - Do you know whether Francis Adams & Johnny Pedaltis are prepared to come back & finish out their term - if not I must write the Department about it.

(As sincere)

L. F. Wilson

Wash to Marie
Oct 26/77

Dear Aunt -
I am sorry you
got this mail some copies of our
new printed rules. Will you
briefly distribute & explain the
to the ladies. If any new children
are to come applications should be
made to me or we shall be
filled up. I hope the fresh letters on
the little book will come. I
had always said "Minitivah" & only
said the preference in taking children
- but the people about here seemed
so stupid & indiffent about education
that we were left to start from other
places -

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Wash to Marie
Oct 26/77

Dear James
I was very glad to get
your letter - & to hear that you
are quite well. David &
Joseph are just in first rate -
& I think next summer both
our homes will be full. If
you wish to come back, you had
better get your letters to write
to me at once - or else I may
not be able to keep a place for
you. I enclose you a list
of our new printed rules. I
very much hope you will come back
- as you know you are my boy -
& father having agreed for you to stay
with me 5 years -
Dear and love
S. H. Wilson

Laub & Mané
Feb 26/53

H. C. Phlips Esq.
D. C.

I am sending you
some copies of our new printed
rules - will you kindly leave
me a few of places you visit
when passing to Adrians.

The adventures - being in the paper
& Spanish River - must be back
here not later than the 15 of June
if they are coming - otherwise they
cannot be received, & you will
understand collect from them that
is due to us.

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Laub & Mané
Feb 26/53

Mr. M. A. Lewis

Dear friend -

I am sending you
8 lbs mail some copies of our
new printed rules. Will you
kindly distribute them among
the holders. We can only take
7 new boxes & 3 new piles - & if
there are any wanted from
that island they had better make
application of one - before the places
are filled - I send Acacia & also.
Acacia - must also be back here
before the 15 of June.

Yrs faithfully
S. H. Wilson

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King's Head Home
Sault Ste Marie
Feb 28th 1885 -

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs

Sir

Enclose you find of
a little book of easy English lessons, in the
hope that you may adopt it as a text book
for Indian schools in this Province. We have
been using it in Manuscript form in our
Institution for the past 8 years with much success.

If approved, I intend to prepare two more
parts - Part 3. Outlines of English, Canadian,
and Indian History - (very brief) -
Part 4. Items of general information -
(e.g. - our Government, Post Offices, Postage stamps,
Telegraph, Telephone, Torpedos, Customs &c &c.)

Part 4 is already partly prepared - & been in use
in our schools for some time.

If no use is to be made of the M.S. may I ask
for it to be returned - I have the honor to be Sir -

Your obedient servant
Edward P. Wilson

At Lakes - I drew them out
 with rough sketch - which the
 Churchwarden have adopted &
 gave him plans & estimate
 set out. Hope in full
 basis from \$100 to \$200 class
 Lent. (Lured) night 9
 full service & entertainers - the
 of time this winter.

I want some in copies of my new
 rules for the Holy week. I think
 it will be in Lancaster than the
 House for all summer. I am so
 busy with the service - it will be
 better to get the plan of such -

With kind regards to Mr. Hollister
 I am
 J. G. Nelson
 West Troy & Mr. Haini believe I think you
 write.

South to Maine
 Feb 28/75

B den. led

First of wife a
 few lines as I am
 busy still - I have been
 thinking that the best thing to do
 with Archie (Nov 16 in May) will
 be to get him into the H. B. C.
 service - Mr. Livingston has
 2 boys in it - keeps it as no
 expense station - My take on
 boys at 16 & give him a small
 salary & board from the first
 & very little education is needed -
 Charles is do any of letters

this for me - that is case of
 influence with my friends in
 Montreal - possibly more
 acquainted with some members
 of the Company. I shall visit
 the other places - for being very
 near the Province of the H. B. Co.

If we can get Archibald Clark
 in too I intend to send steadily
 in his place to Port Hope. I like
 the last work & I think will go
 on well.

We are altogether overcrowded
 this work for A. J. Miss. here - I
 have been forced to add a supply

I hope you will not mind the
 extra expense - it picks up the
 next winter is soon; in now I think
 we shall have to go back again
 for money issues - I have almost
 ready enough I think for May!

I have Commenced week with
 services here - every Thursday &
 the attendance has been good -

On week of Church, the next
 week in a house - Mr. Lamm
 had it twice in the Church as for
 - & once at his his residence.
 Next Thursday it is at W. H. P.

Mr. Lamm also got limited
 out - & proceeds are to be
 used to help towards repair &

Feb 28/75

Dear Mary -

Just word of letter to:

you - now comes 1st letter

referring an answer - I am sure

it is my kind of your punctilious

the revision of my work - but I am

afraid you will find it a great

boon as you have so little time

and I shall have read your

letter about your work & I may

say many thanks to you for it

we liked so much having all at

once & I am so glad to write to

you - Redeyman is Redeyman

is it? and now about

reducing the book - if you have
not already decided what to cut down
I would suggest either -

(1) let it stand as it is - & say you
begin to end of chapter 31 or chapt 34
with chapter 47 of final part. Really
will be rest for me & some future
time -

or (2) - omit chapters 7, 8, 25, 29, 34,
Condense chapters 36 to 42 all into one
chapter.

Omit chapters 48, 49, 50.

Condense chapters 45 & 46 into one chapter -

This would equal the omission of 16 chapters,

reducing the book from 58 to 34 chapters.

There is about what to report.

But I dare say this would be better

A. W. Allen Esq
Akhi

London as you
agreed \$150 in stamps
I shall be obliged if you could bring
me the sum. Cheque until
Decr 31st / 05

Yrs friend

R. H. Milard

London to Mania
March 3/05

March 3rd / 05

Dear Mania received your letter
& post card - I am rather glad
to hear that you are in the way
back to Manitowish. I have
seen you a week or so since I came
to the books & you very O. O. Can-
tell. Did you ever get them!

I hope you may succeed in
getting the Theosophy school. I am
sorry I hear that you are not satisfied
with Ben. & Little Point - I say
he is too slow & dull - & he is to
leave next winter - I am sure
I am on the point near summer - I am
glad to hear about the Bishop.

Yrs sincerely
R. H. Milard

Received of Mr. [unclear] the sum of £100
March 4, 1845

March 4, 1845

Dear Mr. [unclear]

Many thanks for your note - I have since been told that Mr. [unclear] has been advised by the [unclear] not to do it - it seems to me that it will be the best plan if I can manage it - I was with the [unclear] to try some of the [unclear] in England about it - I have not yet heard from [unclear] about it - but I imagine she will - in that case I think it will be well for me to see Mr. [unclear] & see what he has to say in his place next week - I suppose it will be no difficulty about [unclear] & [unclear] - I am yours truly
L. P. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear] has received a letter from [unclear] of the 2^d inst. just received - It seems to be all over but faint very dying off - we do not have as we left to collect for our names - & I had just been with a circular letter to send out with our reports to our bank - [unclear] on [unclear] circumstances - His letter to [unclear]

March 4, 1845

Dear Mr. [unclear] I have received a letter from [unclear] from [unclear] who writes that you have received a letter from [unclear] of the 2^d inst. just received - It seems to be all over but faint very dying off - we do not have as we left to collect for our names - & I had just been with a circular letter to send out with our reports to our bank - [unclear] on [unclear] circumstances - His letter to [unclear]

you we had a balance in hand
 of \$779, but the year (same
 date) a deficit of \$45 - also
 12 more children to provide for
 than we had last year & prospect
 of more coming. But Almighty
 God's goodness for us hitherto
 will I know not forsake us &
 look upon the receipt of \$1000.
 for \$771 as a, coincidental providence.
 It is most probably I hear that you
 are so kindly taking up our late
 good friend Mr. Wickstrick's work
 & that you may meet with much success.

Yours sincerely
 S. T. Wilson

Monday, 4/15
 My dear Mr. Housman

Your kind letter is so welcome - I
 had just been sending a circular
 letter round out with our reports - &
 to receive some fresh help - This
 winter year we had a bal. of
 \$779 - but now a deficit of 45 - or
 else 12 more pupils than we
 had last year & are expecting more -
 I think there must be many more
 Sunday schools in the country that would
 help us if we can let them know
 our needs. I enclose you a MS. of
 a very good one, of the inside of our
 school. A Chandler for to cleared or
 track lamps for to submit our much needs -

Yours sincerely
 S. T. Wilson

enough - but a true artist
 is not always allied to the stars.
 Never he says - Let it be
 of England make her noble his -
 then with his own - by removing
 all this modern paraphernalia - &
 return again to the old folks height
 of being in the world -
 Literature & those and those
 few things - make any way
 of the you please -

Yrs very sincerely

S. B. Wilson

Money has come in since writing -
 & I enclose you \$10.

You know it began with
 me. No human being influenced
 me - but I led me to some
 to practice but with after our
 fire in 1878 - I had thought that
 people might begin to like but they
 - I'm really poor now with small

Lectures - if you like
 the idea perhaps you will make
 yourself of it -
 Another thought - Whence all
 these modern notions for raising
 money & concerts, theatricals, fairs
 &c. for Church purposes?! Come
 the old of Methodism with the
 of the unimpeachable ideas? Of the
 Church would raise her head -
 & prove herself the true
 Chr of Christ on earth - Let it
 not be by mere weak assertions
 or & concert of brass when
 anciently - that may be all true

incomes were exempt - that they
 ought to be receiving rather than
 to donate - but I was led to that
 passage in Numbers - when the Levites
 are distinguished by the gift of the
 tithes -

Have you seen thought of my
 the piece in Feb. 1844 - "The Law was
 sent downmaster to him in unto
 Christ" - I once preached from
 it - showing how all that are
 as boys at school - we ought
 to be influenced by the lessons taught
 in our school days - viz in Old

some of them - off to school
 of an element of the school
 and so on - a year or two

Laurel w.
Dec. 11/85

Dear Mr. Reid -

In reply to yours - it
is utterly impossible for me
to comply with a request - as
I have never pressed with work
I cannot put through with all
that I have to do - All that I
can do is to comply with some of
our best reports & inform Miss.
New York contain I think all
that you can require also cuts
of your letter - I have no photo
of the land R. Cheyfs - I am
very glad to hear that you are getting
on so well.

Yours sincerely
S. W. McKean

March 11/85

W. H. C. - Dick Robinson -

I feel much sympathy
for you in the present depressed
state of the harvest & some of our
neighbors that in our providence a
time of no such magnitude may be in
immediate prospect for you - The
dark clouds seem to cover our
proceedings here & our misbeliefs
them - In regard to the
articles that you have on hand, do
I hope to post them to you
I. H. McKean 19. New York

Dear Mr. Brewster
March 11/95

Dear Mr. Brewster -

The amount you are owing
for A. J. N. News Tables last is 58 cents
I Miss Dixon N. 58. If you were
charged with more than this it was
a mistake - The price now is 200¢
per ann.

I have been very
busy all this winter - have been in
Oregon - & to South - indeed have
had more on hand than I could
get through - I enclose you a
photo of our little cemetery - showing
Bishop Chapman's grave, which you
will I think like to have. I trust
that the new enterprise in which
you are so earnestly engaged will
prosper - Yrs sincerely -

S. J. Wilson

our Bishop's wife - They are to have
a boy for our Indian work immediately
at the Christmas - & I shall be to be
official for our Nominis. Right that
was not sold at the time might be
found afterwards & to Vancouver.

Our Indian girls are I know much
in need of cloth just now. My wife
Miss Cunningham was telling me that every
dress is in use - nearly & that to do
about more. If any of us friends
are so disposed perhaps it will
be able to assist us a little in
the way - Yrs sincerely yours -

S. J. Wilson

March 14 78

Mr. Powell & Hutchinson
 & his

I corrected & returned you proof
 of the Annual Report yesterday, - & shall be obliged
 if you print me 700 copies as I said in my letter
 of Jan. 30th. I have received no answer
 to that letter - & have not heard whether you have had
 engravings made from the photographs I endorsed for
 insertion in the Annual Report. You also have not
 replied to the question I asked about mailing the Reports
 for me. I had in the same letter asked for a
 November copy of "Punishment" to be sent, but it has not
 come.

On the other page I give a list of addresses &
 shall be obliged by your mailing for me copies,
 & sending the bal. of with as much dispatch as
 possible to me - Please let my copies or at any
 rate a portion of them be sent on to me directly &
 are ^{not} out of the press - so that I may remail them
 without further delay -

Yours truly
 J. F. Wilson

You will oblige by sending me an account for setting out
 the Report.

10 each to -

- Rev. J. D. Cayley, Toronto -
 Miss Whitcher, Sherbrooke, P.Q.
 Rev. A. H. Baldwin, Toronto.
 The Secretary Ladies' Work Party, Niagara, Ont.
 Miss Peache, Wembleton, England.
 Rev. A. J. Broughall, Toronto.
 J. A. Coates Esq., 154 Duke Street, St. John, N.B.
 Miss J. Roe, Bishop's College, Lennoxville, P.Q.
 Mrs. A. Holden, 1677 St. Catharines Street, Montreal.
 Mrs. Davidson, the Rectory, Uxbridge, Ont.
 John J. Freely Esq., 523 Jarvis Street, Toronto.
 H. Richardson Esq., 198 Carleton Street, Toronto.
 Mrs. Sullivan, 17 Wilcox Street, Toronto.
 C. S. Kinnear Esq., St. John, N.B.
 Rev. S. P. Crawford, Brockville, Ont.
 Rev. G. D. Low, Brockville, Ont.
 J. L. Wood Esq., Toronto.
 Mrs. A. Jewell Esq., London, Ont.
 W. H. Lester Esq., H. M. Customs, Toronto.
 E. Judge Esq., Quebec.
 Rev. C. W. Greene, Toronto.
 James Woods Esq., Salt, Ont.
 R. P. Rogers Esq., Kingston, Ont.
 100 to
 Mrs. William Martin, 27 Bloomsbury Square, W.C. London
 England.

5 each to

- L. H. Baldwin, Deer Park, Ont.
- Revd L. McRab, Bowmanville, Ont.
- Revd A. Williams, Toronto.
- Lawrence Key Esq, Port Dover, Ont.
- Rev. A. J. Kidder, Whitby, Ont.
- Lady Lilley, Ottawa.
- Mrs Williams, Mount Pleasant, Quebec.
- Mrs Osenden, St. Stephen's Rectory, Canterbury, England.
- Mrs. S. Williams, Berthier en haut, P. Q.
- Mrs Kent, Newcastle, Ont.
- Revd G. V. Housman, Quebec.
- Henry Russell Esq
- Revd James Chance, Tyrconnel, Ont.
- Mrs E. S. Marsh, St. John's Rectory, London, Ont.

400
 300
 700

Rev. G. F. Wilson, Paul's Pt. Manic.

If not too late - please put in ages of girls - omitted in list of pupils -

Maria Thors	18
Wm	7
Maria	8
Eliza	16
Charlotte	16
Nancy W.	14
Nancy Th.	14
M. G. M.	10
Julia	11
Mary	16
Albert	8
Lorey	8

Ungavaik Home

South to Maine

March 14/85

Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs

I beg leave to lay before you the following list of Indian pupils whose parents signed agreements for them to remain a certain term at our institutions & who failed to return to us after the last summer's holidays. The children when they left were wearing institution cloths, & I have to request that the Indian parents be notified by the Department's Agents that they return the children to us not later than the 1st of June next, or else that they be charged for the cloths they took away.

Mr. Phipps' Superintendence,

to stay till

Michael Joseph	aged 10	Leopold River	1889	Charge \$5.
Susan Pashenebe	" 16	Spanish River	1888	" \$5.
Sarah Thalwan	" 7	Mainitwanip	1888	" \$4.
<u>Sarnia Superintendence</u>				
Francis Adams	24	Sarnia	1 year mo. - fill	" \$6
John Pedahitig	10	"	"	" \$5
<u>Christian Island</u>				
Samuel Assinica	10	Christian Island	1888	" \$5
Edmund Assinica	8	"	1888	" \$4
Henry Petahoumpund	15	"	1888	" \$5
<u>Parry Island</u>				
James Smith	13	Parry Island	1888	" \$6
Eliza J. Walker	"	"	1888	" \$5

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient servant Edward A. Nelson

I shall see how it answers. - I
am going to keep the Indian children
here all summer - & not give
holidays until September. - Our train
& garden suffer by their being all
away in the summer - & we want
them here at the time when so
many visitors come -
enclose you two of our London
tickets - we have them in all
the churches that I have charge
of this winter. - & I hope
little prayer that sees of Basil's -
- give him by love. -
I was not Russia they be avert
- but they & present look bad - Certain
1885 is blowing us an ill wind at
present - I'm long to the

How soon will the book
be out? and a few cards.

S. J. Wilson

March 14/85

Dear Love

Your letter just arrived
- What a dear old body you
must look in 17 Passes - W
But you seem to be before
that you had begun writing him -
Not you had begun writing him -

Yes - I'm Mamma's Brother & I
arrived all safe - just before
Christmas I think - & created quite
a flutter & excitement among
the young ones - all much amused
at 'eej Basil's' & Basil's names
- & the children soon forgot - & I'm
It is must have put off too

to be done to get Hensgen & Pat H.R.
 into Berlin - is if we send inchi
 to the Hudson Bay Co. - Cochin like
 the idea of it very much.

A fresh scheme I have is to start
 2 or 3 pretty little furnished cottages
 here for summer visitors - it is a
 lonely place - so near the water - &
 the Chapel close at hand for service -
 also milk vegetables &c at hand -
 Some people do come up from
 Toronto were charmed with our
 situation - & there are no Cottages
 to be had in the neighbourhood. I am

going to try the experiment this summer
 by converting our Carpenter's cottage
 which is unoccupied into a clearing
 little Swiss like cottage - & we

very sorry to hear you - but
 you will hope for the time have
 received her letter - How good &
 kind it is of you always to take
 so much trouble over my book -
 Mary Hantoo for getting the introduction
 - it will make quite a nice book -
 I hope it will put an attractive look
 over - I suppose it will send me
 2 or 3 copies when completed - do
 you know I am going to send Miss
 & school in Toronto next winter
 with the Haller's children - & they
 find out of the book many - Miss
 quite understand & appreciate - I

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W.L. Peck, Jr.
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Things struck home
B. A. 2. 1874

My dear Mr. Copley

Very thanks for \$25
for \$27.50 in the Boston Magazine

It has been absent nearly 4 months
mostly because they had been
somewhere in a very bound of
they are in support - very
to you and remember me

been 10 or 12 miles
by any Sunday School - Kit has
always been our plan - when
one child failed to return to
but another in her place provided
the school was with a teacher
to exchange - But very difficult

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March 18-74

Dear Sir - I have got out the
enclosed circular to send into
Office of General Report to New
England School in Canada that are
not yet helped as -

It is most
waken an effort that increased
help for both homes - I think in
England we did by increasing the
subscription list \$450 to the boys
Home & £50 to the girl's home - Would
it not be well for you to adopt the
enclosed English subscribers - I have
100 copies printed to send out to
new people who are not yet helped - you
will see that you will be best -

Yours truly
W.L. Peck, Jr.
Collection 1874

Circular letter - which I
am sending out with Reports
to fresh school schools.

Yrs. services -
R. H. Wilson

I can assure you to keep
 the straight - while one school
 school is going for a child as
 at the time present - another
 school full raised promised
 support for one that is present
 so we have to put one against
 the other. Roswell is
 giving me reports this year
 & I expect you will get your
 copies as soon as you receive
 it - I hope it will stir up
 some fresh interest - our funds
 are very low at present - as
 you will see by enclosed

March 22/85

Dear P. B. Smith

Dear Sir

I am very sorry that the parcel of presents from yr children's school did not reach us - as we were very short of this time presents this year -

Will be much obliged if you will kindly write about it - so as to ensure its being sent on -

Enclose you a letter which I have prepared for sending with our annual Reports as soon as I get them - by which

you will see that we are much in need of increased help - the Report shall follow -

Yrs sincerely
W. H. Wilson

Dear Sir

March 22/85

I have much pleasure

in enclosing you a copy of our printed Rules - & of mine (at not 6 or 7 years ago - & we still adhere mainly to them -

Our one chief hindrance all along has been the indigence of the parents - & the difficulty of keeping the children for the full term of 5 years - & this has been bright & quick & coming - boys, especially -

Yrs sincerely

W. H. Wilson
I am to ask you if you are in charge of the school -

our song? or 500 of
original - 13.50

of your own - 13.50

March 20/83

Dear Sir
 I have been sent to England - & the
 SPCK is getting out the book - the
 first part of which you saw the
 MS. If I am sent back
 to me I shall be glad to let you
 have the use of them - If you
 like to make any use of the book
 when it comes out - such as making
 extracts you are quite welcome to
 do so - & will try for him to
 have found some that article -

Yr sincere friend
S. J. Wilson

March 20 last yr

of your
 in my hands
 can hardly give
 a better
 will send you
 soon as I get it

March 20/83

My dear Mr Crawford

In letter to Mr. Brock
 reached me & the same will
 I don't think I have any
 to add to let them already
 said - I have had no com-
 -munications with Mr. Brock
 for some years past so do
 not know how he has succeeded
 - There I am so much out
 of the world that there is little
 I can do in the matter - At

enjoyment came, also a very interesting
 letter from Remondis - to extract esp. as
 will not be much - I have not yet
 170-180 pages' acct. I wrote
 to Beatrice early or two yrs. about
 to Bayan - I hope it will be successful.
 Among the Chapel wants are a
 surplice - I have of one old one - &
 a Crenism mat to go at foot of pulpit
 then to hide a horrid tablet made
 of stone pipe work - Altho' do
 cold (intending do) - we have had a very
 pleasant winter here - & I cannot
 but feel sorry that you has I fear
 been somewhat unpleasant - rather
 about away these settlements houses for
 such long periods & in such weather is
 I know very far from pleasant - wrote
 different to my easy life - with or 10 or 15
 miles to town & back again every night
 for a month or more - & all the while I have to
 bear all this & more in the winter -
 1807 signed J. P. Wilson

we have had warm days
 the more ¹⁴ ^{to} ^{with} ^{the} ^{subject} ^{is} ^{very} ^{unpleasant} ^{the} ^{subject} ^{is} ^{very} ^{unpleasant}
 as the more ^{the} ^{subject} ^{is} ^{very} ^{unpleasant}
 on parochia on the subject
 subject on night
 here is "God & his people"
 in your back & foot
 As usual
 J. P. Wilson
 for your G. and G. work so very
 the very severe weather - & so
 with fruit to work - & help
 to make up for cold weather - then
 one note with leafy reception &
 We must in people's hearts - but I
 see - you - been - had much - order - change
 you of G. and G. - & I wonder that you

sickness of my account at either
 the doctor's - May wants for
 Paris but that the H.B.C. Co., I
 don't know is the president
 is in England - but the former
 in Canada is James Graham, I
 suppose he had quarters and
 Montreal - Perhaps when you
 can make time - you wd send a
 few lines to him: Did you
 see any copy letter of Jan. 30? -
 among the things - I mentioned
 at Mr. Falkner's a curate in Exeter -
 (a former C.M.S. Missionary) Do you
 do for the health. In regard
 to the Col. M. new extract - Mrs. S. H.
 was already in Paris when I left of

can have any picture of all
 at that man Compton - I know
 he was there in 1831 I say with
 side - He regretted having ever
 admitted him - He seems unprepared
 to be home (can't get of his
 picture - but we must hope for
 his return - As I have said
 before I do not wish to stand in
 "W. H. H." way at all if you think that
 he will suit - I need do not wish
 to have any of more to do with him
 myself - he has tried me rather too
 much. Our horses I am thankful
 they are still going on well - so

do not go anywhere where you
 would be tempted. Remember
 you are not strong - but an weak
 & easily led astray. - I was
 very sorry to hear about you
 in the health last Dominion
 day - that just when you were
 expected to go to College. You
 will know better all this advice
 as from a friend - one who he
 cares for you & tries to guide
 you for some years past -

Be sincerely
 S. H. Nelson

Send to Maria
 Need 24/13

Dear John -

You do not put your
 address on your letter does
 this is no P. Office of White
 Birch - I will send this to one
 of Mr. Phipps. I was
 glad to hear from you
 again - but sorry that you
 have not succeeded in getting
 the Wesleyan School. I
 don't know what the result is.

Will do for you in the Spring -
 I am sure both the Bishop &
 myself want to do all for you
 that we can & nothing would

pretty tempted by the devil -
 & some ministers do not set
 the good example by ought to
 set to their people. Still I
 think a bishop should never
 ordain a man unless he has
 good reason to think that he
 is every way fitted for the work.
 - The bible says "Lay hands
 suddenly on no man" - that is
 - a Bishop must make full
 enquiry & satisfy himself about
 a man before he ordains him.
 Lay all this to you - because
 I must go - to be very careful
 about your work as a Christian.

make us happier than those
 you are earnest faithful ministers
 hope to have the souls of your
 fellow Christians & lead them in
 God's ways - but you must
 weigh well the great responsibility
 that it is to be a minister -
 It is not only learning that will
 make a man fit for it - but
 he wants to be filled with God's
 Holy Spirit & have his whole
 heart set on doing God's work.
 I know we are all of us
 liable to fall - even those
 who are ministers are still

Fault to Hand

March 20/75

The Sup^d General
of Indian Affairs -

Sir

In reply to you of the 20th inst.

(No. 57.913) - asking my views on the advisability
of adopting the kinder-garten system for the instruction
of Indian children - I know so very little about
the practical work of the system that I do not feel
in a position to offer any suggestions on the subject -

Two things however strike me - that, were it
introduced, there might be difficulty in obtaining
teachers properly qualified to teach it - & (2) that
the Indian parents might regard it as a return for
substitute for education in the ordinary way of books -

- I think my simple, plain text books, in
language such as any one with a very moderate knowledge
of English would understand - & of a more thorough
elementary character than the books used in the White
Schools - is what is chiefly wanted -

I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient servant

R. H. Wilson

send I was at Garden River - fallen
 for in its usual - we have got near
 deaths in the school - I spent 3 hours
 with young people's team up. Some
 of them had got broken on the way - for
 through snow-drifts & pits' load & etc.
 One two boys were the corpses
 at Park House last Sunday.

In regard to schoolmaster - I
 think his is a very harmonious
 in a fine man - for how else
 could he manage?

I think of
 the 2 for bill - I do not see
 for present - but the question is what
 to do with the boys. If you
 could get fallah away how would it be
 to appoint him as lay reader & teacher
 of Garden River - with the promise of
 a certificate by in 3 years - provided
 he studied hard & gave no cause

March 30/75

Dear Lord

I received the 20th &
 24th have read them - & I am
 very glad to hear that you have
 got safely back & started - &
 do ever remain a few
 more of the comforts of life than
 you have had of late - Still
 I tell you is by last - that my
 book, entitled "Ministry work
 among the Opium & Opium" is under
 review - the S.P.C.K. having undertaken
 it - It will sell for about
 4/6 & have 27 cuts. I have

Knickerbocker system for chairs
- I do not know much about it
but hardly think it wd take with
our hypothetical friends -

We are having week day services
beginning next - Monday & Wed.
beginning at the Chapel, Sunday & Thursday
at the hall. - some good things moving
service at the hall, esp. at the
Chapel - & evening communications
next time - 5-12. I have invited
to Pines, Brown, Butcher & 14
in all - some of - to take a couple of
tea with us first - & I believe all
are coming - A Foster Sunday
- I don't know a large attendance
at the Communion at the Lakes - shall
I send Cryptogamii all to join. last

also have put out the skeletons
of a tent book for our ind
Indian schools & have sent it
to Ottawa for approval - The
American has just come . . . I beg
to inform you that I have referred
the book to the dep. Minister of
Education at Toronto for his opinion

- The inform me in reply that
the same will be examined &
considered after the close of the
local legislation & if favorable
before. - If he approves
& accepts - I shall let you know
as I finish it ^{if not possible} _{but will send the Department}
has asked by Ottawa as the

for Complaint which that period.
It is difficult to say that he is not
fallen - unless they have been
being the cause of the Bishop of Exeter's
I will advise that you say about
£ 10 d or - in Aug. Mr. News.
Would it not be well to try
as a paid lay-reader & see how
a year - like you did fill more
before letting him propose for orders.
Your English suggests this - viz
he did not appear then with
found him for refusing him - I
am very glad to hear that fellow
is doing as well & - 1823 think it
abstract you speak of for him
would be a very suitable one.
I will enquire about it & advise

- And will send - Amn. 7th
Jan'y -
Also - in response to J. Little
of the 24th - will communicate
with Mrs. K. Sadler.
London a Circular I am
sending out with some reports - I hope
rather I already sent you one -
I think I send you the Bulletin
I send by Anicaes -
S. H. Wilson

A letter from Knight for next Amn
with 'his ladies' every thing
will remain in a letter.

Laurel to Maria
April 18 1893

The Manager
Bank of Montreal
Toronto -

Dear Sir
I enclose find bill
of exchange for £103.10.0
- with Rich amt. - please
credit to Indian Homes acct
& advise me of return of the
amt. as credited -

Yrs. truly
S. J. Wilson

Laurel to Maria
April 18 1893

M. M. A. Shies
Dear friend

I have my bad news
communicated to you - little
Maatta Marko died suddenly this
evening at 10 o'clock. Will you
kindly break the news gently to her
parents also will I am sure -
my soul own this loss - but if
will I hope be able in ten minutes
of time gently to acknowledge that
"it is the Lord, - let them do what
seems best to them."

The dear
little girl had been unwell for some
time - losing flesh - the little cough -
I pray her medicine & had believed

small boultions put on her chest
 When she felt pain - Then she
 seemed to get much better - Miss
 Cunningham & the girls all thought
 she was a good deal better yesterday -
 but in the evening she got worse
 & I went back to her & had prayer
 with her - She knelt on the bed &
 put her hands down in her hands on
 the pillow while I prayed - & Miss
 Cunningham & several of the girls
 knelt around - She had been
 eating quite a good tea just before
 that - Still I thought she was
 worse - & I got the doctor to see
 her this morning. We have
 a kind lady named Miss Pigot

stopped at the sawmill - She is very
 fond of the medicine which - & she
 took little quantities into her bedroom
 this afternoon - because the medicine
 was being cleaned - & made up a
 little - bed for her. About 5
 o'clock this evening Miss Pigot took
 little quantities in her arms & carried
 her - When she took her back
 to lay her on the bed again - She
 spit a mouthful of blood, & then
 the blood began to pour from her
 mouth - & in a few minutes she
 had passed away. We are
 all very sad about it - & it is
 a terrible thing to hear that she is now

Miss Pigot
 saw her
 saw her
 saw her

Miss Pigot
 saw her
 saw her
 saw her

Miss Pigot
 saw her
 saw her
 saw her

"safe in his arms of peace." I am
very sorry that Mr. Little Jones did
not see her before she died, but we
had no idea that she was so sick.
Alas I should have written to her
parents before this if I had thought
she was in danger. We have often
had children who have been very
much more ill & in a few days
were got well again. No one had
any idea that she was so near death.
I have sent little Jones out to the
Wawanoak - & he will remain there
to night - the funeral is to be on
Friday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Yrs sincerely -

S. H. Wilson

will be rest of the Indian children
are well - It is 3 years since we had a death
of the kind, this is the first one at the Wawanoak.

April 27 1893

For pen knives - £90.8.0
Mrs. P. P. 3 dolls 12.10.0
Mr. H. P. 2 dolls 12.0.0
= 108.10.0

Bill says last year I drew £10 each
each quarter - as we had a less no. of
children - but I don't see how we
can do with less than the full amount
now as we have 58 children boys &
girls - & the expenses every month are
exceeding the receipts - If however
it becomes necessary for I must draw
less next time - but I hope Louisa
has succeeded in getting a few more
subscribers to make up the deficiency.
We are very sorry there about 200

Gene 5-2-1882

Sault Ste Marie
April 6, 1885

A. G. Campbell Esq
Dear Sir -

Very Acknowledg

I enclose for you \$50,
\$87.50 + \$133.22 - for
which I enclose receipts - the
\$50 for the Sault Ste Marie
Adv. Co's bill - as I receive
adv. on account of that receipt
from the I.P.P. the same
is at present vacant.

Yours truly
S. D. Miles

Sault Ste Marie
April 6, 1885

My dear
Mr. Gammum (Esq) -

As I enclose cheque
for \$87.50 which please
place by current acct -
I acknowledge receipts - also
please send, Bank book
Not by my knowledge I stand -

Yours truly
S. D. Miles

... to the ... of the ...
... in the ... of the ...
... and ... of the ...
... in the ... of the ...

Sault Ste Marie
April 6th 1885

An English Eye

Dear Sir -

Will you kindly let me know when Francis Adams & John Pedahitj will return to us this spring to fill their time as per agreement otherwise there will be charges made to their parents.

Albert Crampton - has been sick several weeks & I fear has consumption symptoms - Both his parents I believe died of that.

His grandmother wishes to have him home - ^{she must send her own money &} will send him in May - but if not - as he is an orphan - he will be well cared for here.

A little girl - Martha Mack from Stein Island aged 8 - died suddenly at the Wawauch last week from hemorrhage from the lungs - All the rest of the children boys & girls - are perfectly well.

They need one to come - application sh^d be made at once - I send a number of the enclosed to Mr. Jacks to distribute to the Indians - but he has not yet replied to my letter -

I will send you shortly a photograph of our house for N. Office.

Yrs faithfully
S. J. Wilson

Handwritten notes in left margin, partially illegible.

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St. Anne
April 6th / 85

Miss. McKelvey Esq.

Dear Sir -

I have received the
agreements - & am much obliged to you for
filling them signed - I regret to tell you
that a little girl named Martha Mack - aged 8 -
of Christian Island - died suddenly of the
Hawaiah Home last week - she had been
ill - but not very ill for some little time - & died
from profuse hemorrhage from the lungs. We have
one boy here - Albert Crampton - from Samia - sickly
& I think I shall send him home in Spring. All
the rest of the children are perfectly well - We have
had a hard winter, but are getting through it -
We have just had some nice photos done of the
Institutions & children - & I shall have much
pleasure in sending you one -

Yours truly
S. H. Wilson

Holidays will not be till September.

Lault-16
April 6 70s

Jos. A. Jewell Esq
De Sir

Very many thanks
for yr letter - & that of Maudeseyin
which he will answer

I have received neither of
those amounts 37 50 & Dec. 31 &
37 50 & June 30 - with is very
inconvenient with to hrs. Can
you kindly make inquiry &
ascertain - as yr first cheque
has never yet been sent on time.

We get the 'Boys' paper' regularly
& am most glad of it. You do
not say if you wish to begin with the
year - but I will send you first &
then. Ag. M. has. I am
Yours truly
J. L. Wilson

Handwritten note in left margin: "I have received neither of those amounts 37 50 & Dec. 31 & 37 50 & June 30 - with is very inconvenient with to hrs. Can you kindly make inquiry & ascertain - as yr first cheque has never yet been sent on time."

April 6 70s
Sir, Mithala
Dear Madam -

By backroads
with my banks & remittance
of \$100 25 towards support of
the little girl Mary R. Menas -

You will have seen the story
I have that we have just lost a
little girl - the same age as yr
protige named Martha Marks -
She died very suddenly - with
hemorrhage from the lungs - I
heard that from Sarah 100; father
that she was too ill to return -

I am
Yours truly
J. L. Wilson

April 27/75

Dear Mr. Boston -

I received your letter & I am
 glad to hear you are well - I
 am glad to hear that the Bishop has
 asked for your advice about taking
 & I suggested his appointing you
 before accepting you as a candidate
 for the office - I think I should
 as you have not shown yourself
 my teacher while with me - nor
 do I think that you have evidence

April 27/75

Mr. Boston

Madam -

I waited till
 another post came and was
 in until answering your letter - as
 all registered letters come by that
 route & are very long in reach
 we - however we have received
 nothing from you - as I fear the
 letter in question must have
 miscarried - I will make
 enquiries about it.

Yours faithfully
 E. H. Wilson

Dear Mr. Boston

Dear Mr. Boston

any real heart felt interest in rescuing
work a care for the souls of your
fellow creatures. Your Brief &
tract being School day holidays &
absent myself from family worship
may seem to me little to go. but I
tend to view which way the winds
blow.

With I have felt all along that
you will do better if placed in
charge of a mission than you have
here with me, & for that reason have
repeatedly said to the Bishop that I
was on no account to stand in the way
of his accepting you - & indeed will
do what I could to assist you.

Your misjudgment in this but
some business discontinued again?

you. Lettin' speak - (but some
staid down as - but by Levin as I
think you ought know has been
more than fully occupied - as told
have been forced to lay aside much
attended by our little children whom
I will track in an hour each by
have hardly been attended to at all.

Your wife's track as, daughter
mine & Jackson to examine mine
during the hour 3 to 4 pm. in (Belvedere)
is all one more instance of the
my unpleasant temper - Par.
Little Levin I am sure would have
apologized for his absence on the
too occasion if she had had any
idea that he was doing so would
have sufficed you? However as

you had only refused to do this - all I
 can say is that I will collect you
 in future to keep the regular school
 hours on Wednesday - the same as
 the days - The school master has
 always been expected even since the
 first opening of the Home to give his
 time 3 to 5 on Wednesday to same
 as other days - with trade school on
 suspended, the boys on trade's singing
 as they have required.

As the time is so short now before
 year leave - I very much trust that
 there may be no more unpleasantness.

Yrs truly
 S. K. Wilson

Dear Sir
 I have been sick in
 bed several days - with a nervous
 attack - I am sorry to send to
 along letter - My thanks for
 your remittance of \$50.00
 I have been so unwell but with
 this winter - that I have little time for
 private talk individually with you
 boys as I take beds - have had
 of me talk with Mr. Rely. He is
 an orphan - father & mother both dead -
 had two other brothers but seems
 to be under religious profession - naturally
 a very quiet well behaved boy - speaks
 of being his own as a trade - but will
 try in the health a very uncertain but not
 best news - I am
 Yours truly
 S. K. Wilson

April 16/70

Grey

Swingwark Home
April 16/83

Dear Mr. Powell -

I am here sick in bed the last few days with severe attacks - I am just recovered # 3750 from Mr. S. B. Reed on the support of 1/2 box - I wish you, but but did he become of the first # 3750 I think you mentioned long before - We have had nice photos just taken of this work - Mawawak - Clapel (inside outside) - & frank of all the boys - I shall have much pleasure in sending you one - if you will be kind -
Yours truly
J. H. Wilson

April 16/83

Prof. Katterlin dadi

Dear Madam

I am here sick in bed the last few days with severe attacks - I am just recovered # 3750 from Mr. S. B. Reed on the support of 1/2 box - I wish you, but but did he become of the first # 3750 I think you mentioned long before - We have had nice photos just taken of this work - Mawawak - Clapel (inside outside) - & frank of all the boys - I shall have much pleasure in sending you one - if you will be kind -
Yours truly
J. H. Wilson

John Wilson

about him remain in pieces
to some. I have with several
leaves by kindly means - their
but he seems over done with
Concert - What are your

to about Crompton for's
England - He evidently intended
to sail hands over to lead to
my good plan - I wonder who
wrote that article in San. Chron.

are are pretty excited about
the N. West trouble - but news
reaches us very slowly - no
word of any since the 18th I
hope to begin hearing well -
he mailed you 2 or 3 more
letters - but I fear too late -

Yrs sincerely
J. Wilson

John Wilson

My dear Lord I have been laid

up the last few days - I have
not been in my room - am
rather badly & tired.

But I have sent me to the
Lyon of the Boston aged 20 or 21
as teacher - He taught school

for 2 years his name is H. H. H. H.
below somewhere with printer fifty
himself - I think we cannot do

better than this as it is not a piece
advantage to have to see in them
I know - & he is an excellent

handwriting; his printed copy

in South V. Lewis heads of
Ontario Forestry - White H. W.
his family towards support of
10 orphan children⁽¹⁰⁰⁰⁾ of White Settlements
in Alabama - say \$60 a head
which is the price the Ad. Dept.
pays towards 30 Indian boys.

We have ample room in
might just as well do this - I
think it wd. open on the Indian
to approximate to some more -
Sollell begins in conference
class here next week if
well enough -

Brother White is very abusive
after having from you - but has
since apologized - by means

fellow - also received - as the
all are - I tell her however
that he must learn to play the
harmonium and she has written
them about it -

Stann later a little White
boy Johny McLeod aged 20
in our home for 3 mo. at
by our expense - Mother a widow^(widow)
- Roman Cath's boy's aged 14
children away - already taken
on - Saw dog his half
as an experiment to see how
White boy will get on with our
Indians - & wd suggest - with

April 17 1855

The Editor of the West
Sir

Will you allow me, as one who
 has taken great interest in the Indian question for many
 years back to say a few words in reference to the present
 rebellion in the North West. The turn that events
 have taken must be a grief & disappointment to a great
 many. It is evident that immense expense must be
 incurred & many lives lost before the rising is put
 down, - & it will doubtless deter the incoming of
 settlers for some time to come. What is the meaning
 of it all? Why this retrogression? How is it that
 these Indian chiefs, Poundmaker, Beardsy, Bigbear &
 others, decked in their war paint & feathers, are leading on
 their braves to butcher & massacre the poor White settlers
 & rob them of all their goods? Why this raising of the
 war whoop & uncovering of the tomahawk & scalping
 knife which we hoped were buried? After the Half-
 breed provocances I am not prepared to speak. My work
 for the last 17 years has been among the Indians, & it is
 of them only that I wish to say anything. With them the
 trouble appears to be simply this. The White people

I have not seen the paper in
 which you have mentioned
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have deprived them of their means of existence, & they see
 nothing but starvation staring them in the face. — In the plains
 — where only 20 years ago — 5 million of buffaloes were roaming,
 there were killed this last season, if we may believe the newspaper
 reports, but half a dozen animals; the Moose & the large
 game are becoming extinct; a few antelopes, foxes, & the
 small animal are all that remain; fish in the rivers, ^{& lakes} also
 are becoming scarce. And what has been done to make
 up to the Indians for these losses? The government, we
 cannot deny, has dealt very liberally with these poor people,
 — but the question is, has it dealt wisely? — These roaming
 Indians have had reserved lands set apart for them, & have
 been told that if they will confine themselves to these reserved
 lands & learn farming, that they shall have seed, cattle,
 farm implements & all supplied to them free, — & a farm instructor
 placed over them to teach them the art of agriculture; — also, that
 so long as they remain on their reserved lands they shall
 not be allowed to want, food being freely supplied to them
 in bad times, and an annual grant of about \$20 to each
 family being made in Cash. All this has been very kind
 & liberal, & I believe has been to a great extent faithfully carried
 out. But the question will remain, — Was this a wise step?
 Was it the best step that could be taken? Would it not have
 been better to have been less eager about the immediate possession
 of those vast hunting grounds, & to have limited for a score
 of years or so the progress of the surveyor with his chain?

Would it not have been better gradually to have drawn those 50,000 roaming Indians within the coils of civilisation, instead of shutting them up so suddenly in reservation lands like prison houses & compelling them to remain there?

I maintain & I think I have common sense, justice, & wisdom on my side, that the only way to deal with the Indians is to take their children while still young & train them up in the paths of Christianity & civilisation. It is to this end that I have been laboring for the past 17 years, & for which by God's grace I am laboring still.

Look at Dr. Barnardo's work among the waifs & street Arabs of London, — a noble, kindly, generous work in itself, as a means of relieving misery — & affording an opportunity to children born under unfortunate circumstances to make a way for themselves in the world. I want to see the same work done for the Indians that Dr. Barnardo is doing for a work of this kind — has a secondary effect of a most important nature, — it is a means for staying the progress of vice, & reducing the members of the Criminal class. Dr. Barnardo goes at the root. He gets the children, — gets hold of the children who are greatly contaminated & brings them up to be useful members of society. What Dr. Barnardo is doing for the waifs & strays of England's great cities I want to see done now for the Indian children of Canada & the North West. I think it is the true solution for all the troubles into which we have been so suddenly & unexpectedly brought. I would like to see two or three large Central Institutions established

at certain suitable points, not on Indian Reserves, but among
them, in the midst of a White population, where the minds
of the young Indians will be brought under kind Christian influence,
weaned from the old life of their forefathers, & become gradually
imregnated with the ideas & habits of civilisation.

Such an Institution as this we have now established here at
Sault Ste Marie, the Shingwauk Home with accommodation
for 50 or 60 Indian boys & the Nawanosh Home capable of
taking about 25 Indian girls. Our boys we teach farming,
carpentering, bootmaking, & blacksmithing, — & the girls are taught
laundry work, housework &c. There are other Institutions

of a similar kind in Canada besides ours, the Mohawk
Institute at Brantford, the Mount Elgin Institute at Muncyton,
& the Wikwemikong School (Roman Catholic) on the Manitowlin
Island.

All these Institutions are I believe doing a good
work, — but the question is might they not be doing a much
better, if they were more known & more appreciated &
patronized by the White population? At our Institution

here we have had 58 pupils this winter, & cannot take
more for want of funds, indeed our expenses have exceeded
our receipts by \$400 during the past year. Ross Det

I would like to do would be to increase our building & provide
accommodation for 200 pupils, & have several branch
Institutions on a smaller scale at various points in the
West.

I would like this summer to go & bring
down from the North West some 30 or 40 of those young
braves whose fathers & uncles have taken up weapons against

ces - because poor fellows they are feel'g the pangs of starvation
 & in their ignorance imagine that they can stay the tide of
 immigration which is depriving them of their homes & hunting
 grounds.

Look at the cost of a war, the thousands
 that have been spent already even in equipping this military
 expedition to start them on their journey, - & who can tell
 what the expense will be before it is ended, & in how many
 homes there will ~~with~~ be the voice of mourning for those who
 have been slain in battle or massacred.

The entire
 cost of an Indian boy at our Institution, covering every thing,
 is about \$100 & of a girl about \$95. If our numbers
 were doubled & a farm put under cultivation & provided
 with necessary stock (which hitherto we have been unable to do)
 the cost wd be very much less.

Would it not be better
 to train a couple of hundred young Indians in an Institution
 such as ours, and gradually fit them for civilized life,
 than to take ^{adult} Indians from the chase & so tell the expense
 of giving them seed, cattle &c & providing a farm instructor,
 & after all to have to fight them?

Suppose Dr. Barnard
 instead of gett'g these young waifs & strays from the streets - was
 to collect grown up men & women from the slums of London
 & try to make them industrious & clean & to work for their
 living instead of stealing & loafing is it likely he would
 meet with success?

I repeat that I desire for
 my part to do the same thing for the Indian children of
 Canada as Dr. Barnard has been doing for the street children

of London & other English cities. I love the Indians. I love
 my Indian boys & believe in their capabilities as fully & as
 fervently as Dr. Barnardo believes in his street Arabs. But
 I want help. I cannot go on alone as I have done. I
 think it is time that Canada should rise & acknowledge
 her responsibility in this matter. That I should not have
 to look to a few English friends mainly for the support of my
 Institution. If my work is to increase, I must not be
 tied down as I am at present to manage all the minor
 details of these two Homes, -- I must have my hands free to
 go round among the Indians & organize fresh branches of
 the work. I have been waiting to see if others would
 do what I long to see done, -- but I have waited in vain.
 No one seems to care for the poor Indian. No one seems
 to believe that they are really capable of improvement. I
 only trust that the present crisis may rouse people to see
 that something must be done, & done quickly, if these terrible
 raids of poor half-starved & ignorant savages are to be
 avoided in the future.

I am Sir - yr faithful

Edward H. Wilson

Principal of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh
 Homes, Sault Ste Marie, Ont.

(SHINGWAUK - WAWANOSH)

Apr. 20 1874

Mr. W. Brown

Dear Sir:

Mr. Peirce was

very good & told me of the

Portland roots especially back again

Well - sales mentioned that the

Haywards in town seem all in

favor of Peirce -

I am that we are in a poor

Case should the infection spread

through the country - that in

Common with the places in Canada

we ought to be preparing for any

Emergencies -

I remain Dear Sir, W. B.

Should be Peirce
Chas. Peirce

W. B. Peirce

Dear Sir -

I have been ill

unable to take any

but I am thankful by

Yours truly

W. B. Peirce

Small-lot of rifles;
a company of rifles; & I would
strongly advise in office being
accepted - I should hope also
that every precaution will be taken
to have the rifles & ammunition kept
secure in some secure place -
I say it not also to be considered
since the people could retreat & for
safety in case of trouble - We have
no stockades put in any place
of safety where provisions & ammunition
could be stored -

A month ago I had no more
expectation of meeting at Battledore

than in June now - Had a letter
from a clergyman in Battledore
2 or 3 weeks ago - & not a word of
doubt was created - I think in
my time that Sunday schools in
the New England will be founded
than since to the extent of the half
- heads in the North West & in Lower
Canada. A drunken quarrel in
a tavern night at my time, for
myself know, lead to serious
results - & now few are very infected
We cannot tell with but that the
Germans in the States are depending
fact with Rich - I have

never said in the letter - Not to be
day of June in Concordia with an
the services -

S. H. Wilson

... I will be ...
... I will be ...
... I will be ...

April 21, 1852

Dear Mr. Westmarch -
I am as glad you
liked the plates of our little
country - We had the sorrow
of buying a little sail from the
Hawaiana on paid Friday -
- She died by accident with
remembrance from the boys -
I will be glad if you can
return to let me have the
balance due on the exp - or a
part of it. I am in Cornwall
I am
Respectfully
R. S. Wilson

April 23/52

Rev. S. N. Woodman
Albany

Do you know
of any French young lady who was
to marry to me - I am a
lover - not as a regular person
- but to teach by 3 eldest girls
(10-11 & 13) French & a few lessons
to keep a letter with - I am
with my 2 eldest boys and at
school - I cannot afford to
offer more than about \$75 a
year - I thought you might
possibly know of some one that
would suit us - or would
I mind with, enquiring for me - We
are in any one of the children's names
I have been told by that my old comrade in
Albany 20th - but am I happy to hear
Respectfully R. S. Wilson

Shingwauk Home
April 23 1855

The Sup^{ts} General of Indian Affairs -

Sir - I have the honor to acknowledge
y^r letter of the 14th inst (No. 38460) - requesting that the
Department be furnished with a report of y^r Institution
for the year ending June 30 - which shall be
attended to -

I am send^g herewith photographs of the
Shingwauk Home, the Chapel which the Indian children
from our schools attend, the Wawanos Home, & a
group of Indian boys at back of the Shingwauk, which
the Department will do me the favor to accept.

I am also send^g a copy of my Ojibway grammar
& dictionary - as I am not sure that I ever furnished
the Department with a copy -

I have to inform the Department that ill health
may compel me back home next this summer
if I can find a suitable person to under take my
duties here for a few months -

I have the honor to be Sir -

Y^r Obedient Servant
Edward F. Wilson

April 29 1905

W. H. deakin Esq
Dear Sir

Your letter concerning the
for \$30.00 towards support of
your little black-eyed boy - Willie
is very cheering - I have been
laid up 2 weeks with the return
of the illness I had 5 years
ago - but I trust it is passed off -
The doctor however advises complete
change for a time - I am rather
thinking of arranging a tour
of Canada or Italy if our time
such as I had. about 7 years ago
Sept. 2 of an - I suppose - of Willie

Very much
April 29/05

W. H. deakin

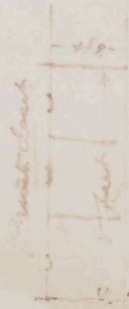
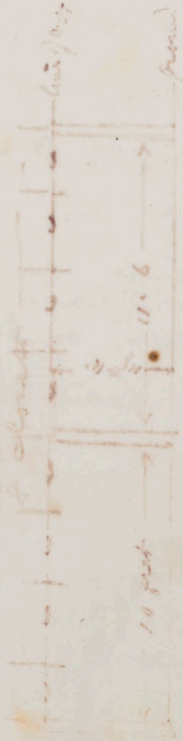
Will you please

write me 3 strong bougls

to send me for my son

as you described -

W. H. deakin



roughly 8 ft long 3.1 high 2.4 wide
10 ft " " " " " "
7 ft 6 in " 2.1 " " " "
I have been thinking of the same height found with mine
in 1904 - I am interested to hear of Willie

The North West American Indians.

A proposal on the part of the Rev. R. H. Wilson to spend
 two years in travelling among them, studying their history,
 habits & customs, comparing their languages & dialects,
 tracing their origin, and at the same time ministering
 to their spiritual wants, & endeavouring to set on foot
 a plan by which these poor people may be brought
~~fully & emphatically~~ ^{to} ~~understand~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{to} ~~benefits~~ ^{to} ~~of~~ ^{to} ~~Christian~~ ^{to} ~~teaching~~ ^{to} ~~which~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{to} ~~made~~ ^{to} ~~for~~ ^{to}
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 the influences of Christian education & civilisation.

I. Why I propose to do this.

- (1) Under the order of Almighty God's providence I have
 been treated with a return this Spring of a serious
 attack of illness from which I suffered just five
 years ago, & which laid me at that time almost at
 death's door; & in consequence I am recommended
 by my medical advisers to seek a complete change
 for a time & freedom from the care & worry of the
 routine work of the two institutions of which I have at
 present the sole care & charge. ^{This failure in my health has seemed}
^{to} ^{me} ^{to} ^{be} ^{the} ^{work} ^{of} ^{God's} ^{providence} ^{to} ^{send}
 (2) The troubles which this Spring have broken out in
 N. West, have stirred within me a desire to

know more of these poor Indians of the north west
 who in their ignorance are taking up arms against those
 whom they regard as the invaders of their hunting ground,
 & to see if more cannot be done than has as yet been
 done, to save them from annihilation, & to bring up
 their children to civilized & Christian habits.

- (3) I want to try & make the wants of these poor
 Indians more generally known among the white population
 both of Canada & England, & to do this I must first
 make myself thoroughly acquainted with their present
 condition & gather all that can be gathered about
 their history & customs, & then go round & deliver
 lectures, taking with me such curiosities as I may
 have been able to collect, & illustrating my lectures
 with maps & pictures.

- (4) The old people among the Indians, who are able to
 tell the stories & legends of the past are fast dying
 out, & the young generation that is growing up, though
 interesting with the white population, are changing in
 character & habit ^{and we know or care much for the stories of the past} so that ~~unless~~ much of the
 information which I desire to gather, if not gathered
 at once may soon be lost altogether.

I have always had a decided taste for philology; but it interests me more than tracing out the origin of words & the connection of one language with another, though my very busy life for the past 17 years has ^{permitted} ~~prevented~~ me ^{to pursue} ~~from pursuing~~ but my little leisure to study. If time could be afforded me, I should exceedingly like to go more deeply into the subject than I have as yet been able to ^{try to} draw out a Comparative grammar of the various dialects of the N. West American Indians & compare ^{them} with the languages spoken on the other side of Behring's Straits with a view to tracing up the origin of the Red Indian race.

II.

Am I fitted to undertake the work?

- 1) Though loving philology, I make no pretence to be a philologist. I am merely a learner, an enquirer desiring to know more. I am not a University man, not highly educated, but have learned Latin, Greek, & a little Hebrew, & also know a little French & German. I am also very fond of sketching. I have been living among the Qjéway Indians as a missionary for the past 17 years, understand their language, & some 10 years ago compiled a dictionary

& grammar of the language which was printed in England by the S. P. C. K.

- (3) The Gjebeway language, with which I am acquainted, is said to be the parent language of all the dialects, (including even Eskimo) spoken ⁱⁿ the North West.
- (4) I have, implanted in my heart, a true love for the despised Indian Race, & a desire to see them fairly & kindly dealt with. My feeling towards the Indian Children of this Country is akin to that of Dr. Barnard & other such philanthropists towards the waifs & strays of England's great Cities. I believe, ^{firmly} in their capabilities if only the advantages of education & Christian training be brought within their reach, and I think that the way to avoid trouble with the Indians in the future such as has been so sadly experienced this Spring, is at once to make liberal provision for the training & advancement of their Children.

III.

The help I require in order to carry out my plans.

- (1) At present I have the sole charge & all the responsibility of two Institutions, the Shingwanuk Home for 60 Indian boys, which was opened 10 years ago, & the Wawansuk Home for 25 Indian girls, which was opened 6 years

our staff consists of
 50. At the Shingwauk I have a school master, a
 matron, & an Indian servant, & we have 37 boys in
 residence. At the Mawonook we have a school mistress,
 a matron, & a laundress, & 21 girls in residence.
 The details of management of both Homes at present
 rest on myself. In connection with the Shingwauk,
 we have a farm of 50 acres (of which about 20
 are cleared), a saw & door factory (steam),
 carpenter shop, bootmaker shop, &c. — all these
 have to be superintended, separate accounts kept of
 each, also the general accounts of the Institution; all
 these things ^{at present} rest on myself; — besides which I take part
 in the secular teaching, hold bible class twice a week,
 conduct full services on Sundays, — do the entire
 work of secretary & Treasurer for the two Institutions,
 edit & receive subscriptions for a bi-monthly mission
 paper, & act as ^{Commissionary} to the Bishop.

It must be clear therefore, that in order to carry
 out the plan which I propose, I must have additional
 help. I propose to secure the services of an
 efficient lay man, at a salary of about \$700, &
 employ him, under me, as general superintendent of
 the two Institutions, during the two years, that I propose

to engage ^{my time} as already stated.

- 2) I shall also while traveling require some assistance towards travel expenses, & would like to be able to make purchase of some Indian Curiosities to exhibit at meetings.
- 3) Gifts of books bearing on the subject which I propose to take in hand would be very acceptable, or the whereabouts to purchase them. And it would be a great help if I could receive a few suggestions from those well versed in these matters, as to the best course to pursue in examining into the history & language of these interesting people.
- 4) I would propose that a fund be set on foot to be called the (if thought fit) "the Shingwauk Extension Fund", — such fund to be applied toward the expenses already alluded to — which by proposed two years Campaign must necessarily involve; and (2) toward the extension of our present buildings at Sault Ste Marie, with a view to making them the headquarters of our work with the accommodation for 200 Indian children gathered from the various tribes of the

North West - & the establishment of branch institutions
at various points in the North West Territory in connection
with the parent institution of Saint Asaph.

My Plans in Detail

I propose, if God will, & if the needful help be forthcoming,
to do as follows:-

- (1) To retain my present residence at the Shingwauke
Homes, where my wife & children will reside, & wherein I
shall ^{hope to} return some time ^{to time} after my journeys to the North West,
& visiting localities in Canada.

To retain the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain &
Principal of the two Homes, ^{myself being responsible to} provide ^{that these} duties be
attended to when I have to be away.

To engage an efficient lay man, as superintendent,
who will undertake all my other duties, at a salary
of about \$700.

- (2) To divide my time during the next two years as follows:-

Part of the time, not less than 6 or 8 weeks duration to the
North West, part of the time allotted to my duties at the

Indian Homes, ^{Michigan} the subject preparing for
lectures on, part of the time travelling in Canada & possibly
a tour to England.

I have thought that

with God's blessing, - carry out of the above
 class might be the means not only of recruiting
 my ~~own~~ health, but of doing a greater & more
 permanent work than ~~any~~ ^{as} ^{yet} attempted
 for the benefit of the Indians.

Edward J. Wilson

Principal of the Kingwanak and Kawanoak
 Homes at Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.

April 25th 1885.

This - it will be necessary, Kenyon
 a respectable man as Superintendent?
 by his absence - at about \$60 a
 month - Our funds being
 low - I cannot at present see
 my way to do this - but if it be
 God's will - I doubt not the way
 will open - I think the trouble
 in the N. West - ought to be
 to do far more for the Indian children
 than has yet been done - & I doubt
 free our work time doubled &
 grand institutions could be carried
 forth in the N. West -

no any services
 E. J. Wilson

April 27/85

Dear Sir

Yr letter covering
last office order for \$110.00
is just received - please send
to West Bank & the Superintendent of
the Peoples' Cath. S. School for their
very liberal gift of \$70 - also to
the S. Schools for the kind renewal
of their contribution -

Correll & Munkin of Toronto -
who are putting out our Annual Report
this year - have been proofing
long about it - but has not yet
come to hand - I however enclose
you one of the circular letters which

forward
letter to the
what necessary
make on bill
York
know Mr. G. will
part of me

April 27/85

Rev. G. Peader
Dear Sir

By Anita McBratton
has forwarded me yr letter of
March 11th - adv. for information
in regard to Heron College & the
Western University. I regret very
much that it is just out of my power
to give any information - as it is
several years since I was in
London Ont. & I have never even
seen the latter institution. I
should think however that you
might be well to sit. I would be
Bishop Baldwin - who is an
excellent man with very evangelical