

The Church Missionary Society have since deemed it right to withdraw from this Mission, but pecuniary aid was not withdrawn until funds had been raised from other sources for the continuance of the work. Mr. Wilson, at the urgent solicitation of "Little Pine," and acting on the advice of many friends, decided to remain at his post, believing, as he says, "If we work faithfully, and take all prudent steps for securing our ends, at the same time prayerfully waiting on God, the way will gradually open out clearly."

Nor did Mr. Wilson and the Chippeway Chief work and wait in vain ; the necessary funds were raised, the industrial school was built, and on September 22nd, 1873, it was opened. Fifteen children were admitted, and eight more were shortly expected ; but five days later, a terrible calamity occurred. On the night of Saturday, September 27th, Mr. Wilson and his family were awakened by a cry of fire ; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, with their servants and four children wrapped in blankets, took refuge in the church. Mr. Wilson rang the church bell to arouse the Indians ; by the time help came, the church was in danger ; so once more taking up the children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson fled to the Roman Catholic Mission House ; the priest received them hospitably, and kindly supplied their wants. Returning to the scene of the disaster, Mr. Wilson counted the Indian children : all were safe. The Garden River children were sent home, while the others found shelter in a neighbouring house. The church was saved, but the Mission House and industrial school, with its boot-making and carpentering shop, and all the furniture, clothing, and library, a piano also and harmonium, the gifts of friends, were burnt. On the Monday following, the Indians held a council, when they asked Mr.