

Council begs now to submit to you the following questions, to which we would like to receive replies as soon as (after conferring with one another) you can make it convenient ; and the subjects to which they refer will be brought up at the Conference and discussed.

1. Do you desire that the Indian Reserve system, and the holding of land in common by the whole tribe or band, be continued ; or would you prefer for each Indian to have his own land in the same manner as the white people ?

2. Looking into the future, is it your wish that Indians should continue to dwell in separate communities, and to retain their own language, or do you wish your children to become one with the white people and adopt their language ?

3. Do you wish to have more voice in the management of your own affairs than at present, and if so, to what extent and in what way ?

4. Would you favor the formation of a "Native Indian Missionary Society," whereby the Christian Indians of this Province, instead of contributing as at present to the white men's mission funds, would have their own missionary organization, and send out teachers, supported by themselves, to their own heathen ?

5. Will you state any matter that you think might conduce to the advantage and advancement of your people, which might not occur to the mind of the white man, but which the Indian, from his point of view, is more readily conversant with.

6. Will you send delegates to the proposed Conference and meet their travelling expenses ?

I would just add that our Council does not wish to limit the number of delegates to attend from each Reserve. Also, that as soon as we know what number will come, we shall make arrangement for their entertainment free of expense during the period of their visit.

I remain, dear Sir, Yours very truly,

E. F. WILSON, SECRETARY.

JOTTINGS.

MR. C. H. HARTLAND is the newly-appointed Church of England Missionary to the Sioux Indians at Griswold, Manitoba.

AN effort is being made to get an Indian Boarding School built at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

THE Ruperts' Land Indian School has now sixty pupils. A carpenter shop is in full operation, and a printing shop has also been opened.

MR. WILBERFORCE WILSON, brother of the Rev. E. F. Wilson, has been appointed local Superintendent of the Washakada Home, Elkhorn, Manitoba. There are forty-eight pupils.