

Toronto, 14th December, 1908.

His Grace,
The Archbishop of Rupert's Land,
Bishop's Court,
Winnipeg.

My dear Archbishop:-

I thank you very much for your extremely kind letter of the 8th inst. Your letters always do me good. They are kind and thoughtful and put matters in a plain distinct light.

(1) On receiving your letter I suggested to Dr Tucker that he should at once have a day named for the meeting of "the Grants" committee. I stated to him that this should be so far off as to give ample notice. I think that we shall then have waited long enough for the Pan-Anglican distribution report. If it comes, well and good; if not, we must hold our meeting irrespective of the English gifts. I shall follow your suggestion and issue a notice for the meeting of our Indian committee on the same day. If necessary, it can be postponed. I thought if we had a meeting of the Grants committee, possibly, at my office at eleven o'clock in the morning, and of the Indian committee at three in the afternoon, we might postpone either of these committees either to the night or to such other time as might be found convenient. Will you do me the honour to stay with me when you come down? It will give me pleasure, and will furnish an opportunity of discussing matters. I will wire you the moment that I can get the day fixed, and if you have any suggestions to make wire me at my expense. I do not want to have any meeting of the kind at which you are not present.

(2) I must say that I am a good deal troubled about the question of "experts". Possibly, there may be in the Indian Department two or three that might answer to this term. But, where are we to get one that will answer to it in our Church? In dealing with such schools as, say, the Shingwauk or Old Sun, would it not involve-----

- (a) An accurate knowledge of the buildings;
- (b) Of the sanitary arrangements;
- (c) Of the soil and its capabilities;
- (d) Of the class of instruction best suited to answer