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TO THOSE WHO WILL INTEREST THEMSELVES IN THE WORK.

Off to England.

MR. WILSON expects (D.V.) to start for England, April 3rd, taking with him five Indian boys, namely: (1) *David Minominee*, the Captain of the School, aged 20, an Ojibway; (2) *Etukitsiniua*, aged 17, a Blackfoot, from the Rocky Mountains, still a heathen; (3) *Joseph Soney*, aged 15, a Potawattami; (4) *Willie Adams*, aged 13, an Ojibway; and (5) *Elijah Crow*, aged 10, a Sioux, from Manitoba. The plan is to take Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John (New Brunswick), and Halifax (Nova Scotia), *en route*, and to sail from the latter place Saturday, April 21st.

Mr. Wilson had applied to the Colonial and Continental Church Society for assistance towards the expenses of the trip, and had also suggested to the Bishop of Algoma, the idea of joining forces with him, if he went to attend the Pan Anglican Synod, in which case all funds collected at meetings should be applied to the wants of the Algoma Diocese. But both these plans have failed; so the only thing left was to give up the idea of the trip altogether, or to do what we have several times done before, "go forward, trusting in God." We have decided on this latter course. It is eight

years now since we last visited England, and we think it is time that we should see our good friends, who assisted us in inaugurating the work 16 years ago—once more face to face. We will take some of our boys with us, and let our English friends have them answer questions, and make little speeches, and sing as they did last Fall in Montreal, and we believe that with God's blessing good will result. We have no fear about the expense. When we started last Fall for Montreal and Ottawa, we had only some \$15 on hand, contributed towards our expenses. The total cost of the trip was \$400, but when we got home we had a balance over of \$29. This \$29 is all that we have at present towards the English trip—but it is enough—God will make it more and supply our needs. We hope that our friends in Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax, will kindly arrange to have meetings for us, and to find accommodation for our little party when we pass through on our journey eastward. We hope also that our friends in and about London, England, will try and make some provision for us, so that our expenses while visiting the Old Country may be reduced to a minimum. We propose to spend our time principally in London and the Isle of Wight. Those who are able to arrange meetings for us will kindly communicate either with Rev. D. F. Wilson, Mitcham, S.; or Mrs. Martin, 27 Bloomsbury Square, W.C.; or Mrs. Halson, Stickworth Hall, Arreton, Isle of Wight; or, for the North of England, Rev. Canon Wilson, Prestbury, near Macclesfield. Our time in England will be limited as we must be back again to the Shingwauk Home by July 1st.