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Mrs Wilcox - dear Sister, This is the first opportunity I have to acknowledge your note, & inform you of its grateful reception. At the same time three or four from other individuals were brought in, & they were indeed more nourishing & strengthening to the mind & reviving to the spirits than food to the body, though almost famishing. I am happy to hear that yourself & husband are engaged in school as extensively as you are, & hope you are <sup>very</sup> happy, indeed I expect you are, as happiness is inseparably connected with doing good for the purpose of glorifying God. When we consider the infinite debt we owe to our blessed Saviour, for the reason that he has purchased at the expense of his own blood, & freely given to us, "without money & without price" & surveys the field of our present labors, into which we think he has led us, saying "go ye, labor in my vineyard," what will we not do, what will we not, with rejoicing hearts seek to do for the benefit of this people. Just four weeks have elapsed since we arrived here at this station, but we have done comparatively little by way of teaching. However Mr D. has had a class in writing, reading & Geography some of the time, & I have had one in the Hebrew & Greek. Mr D. <sup>together with improving the station</sup> ~~shoulding~~ has occasioned him to be absent frequently from his classes, which we found to be no little interruption. Besides his health was likely to suffer from getting drenched with the rain almost every time he returned, & we have concluded to take up our residence



in the house of the Chief woman who  
will reside <sup>with</sup> us at the sea. She  
offered it to us freely, & there appeared  
to be so many advantages arising from  
coming down at once, that we <sup>this</sup>  
morning had the Children of the School  
come up & take our things & this after  
noon we are at a new home, & we  
almost that we are at a new Station.  
The people here appear very different  
from those at Nepean, not having  
had much religious instruction. We  
design immediately to superintend  
the School here & try to get it re-  
vived, & get Sabbath Schools started  
as soon as possible. Mr V's health  
will be less exposed here than there  
because if there, he must necessarily  
be come down often on account of the  
inexperience of his workmen, when  
he engaged the men to build he expect-  
ed to have the work on the hill where  
it would be no trouble for him to  
give them advice & instruction  
every day. We hope Mr Forbes's  
family will be able to come down  
in the course of a few months. We  
need your prayers, do not withhold  
them. We wish to begin in the fear  
& strength of the Lord, we hope we  
shall rely on him, but you know  
the propensity of the heart to lean  
upon other things for support: to  
glory in other things, "Save the crop  
of Christ" & thus bring dishonour  
upon that blessed Cause we openly  
profess to love so well. O let us look

upwards, untill we catch a glimpse  
of our Saviour's loveliness & soar up-  
wards, & be clothed with his excellen-  
cy, & be beautified with the garments  
of his humility & righteousness, then  
shall we be accepted for his sake,  
& owned in our labors, I must  
close. My kindest regards, together  
with Mr V - best wishes for your  
prosperity in every attempt to do good.  
O. N. Vanduzer.

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Canaan, N. H.

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