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Pres. M. L. Ward

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My Dear Sir and Bro

I hasten to reply to yours inquiring for my opinion upon the advisibility of taking fifty of the Governments Indian wards under the care of OU for education and training. With proper restriction as to education, so as not to depress our school while attempting to elevate them I have no hesitancy in giving my opinion that it is an excellent

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idea, both for doing the Indians and the Government service at the same time that they may become a source of revenue to our own institution.

Having given no thought to the details of the plan as to where and how they are to be instructed and sheltered I can not speak with assurance. And I am equally unassured as to the capacity of the building and the corps of instruction to take care of them 1. If there be room for them in the college building; 2 if the same teachers that would take care of a Primary Dept. will also take them under control; 3 if the amount offered $167.00 apiece be sufficient / for Board Tuition and Attention, and 4. If there be no objection on the part of Ottawa patrins and

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others from a social stand point There I am sure the plan is a good one.

In my questioning by these “ifs” I have, you may say, thrown doubt around the whole subject as to “1. “room” & I do not know. You likely do: then if not will the margin over cost of Board and Tuition rent another house? This because the question.

2. “The same teachers” If there is to be a Prim. Dept in the School whether these are admitted or not

then their admission would not make much or any difference as to cost; but if such a Dept. be organized specially for them the same question, that of paying recurs.

Their tuition with our Teacher would cost , say $600.00 Board, 40 weeks need not cost over $60.00 each = $3000

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These items food $3600, while the amt. offered by the Govt. is in the aggregate $8350. Now what lodging and washing will cost I do not know, say .75c a week each in “club sXXX” or dormitories, and the laundry work by contract would cost $1500. Now we have $5100. But what about the clothing & 5. I do not know how to speak here. As it is, casualties aside, then an $3250 profit. Then I do not know whether you Keep Them 52 weeks or only 40. Nor do I know as to medical attention, nursing etc. there are ~~several~~) factors ~~The number~~ which I do not know the value of so I can not tell the product.

But guessing at what all these would likely be I am favorably impressed. If these hints suggested to you that xxx xxxx the opinion is desirable make free to write to me.

I am yrs to serve.

J W Luks

PS. I intended this to be mailed to M but on giving especially to the U D to A so it had been given a few minutes. I wanted to give you one day’s advantage in thinking over the matters referred to in the note. I xxxxxxxxx tried xxxxxxxxxxx xxxxx giving you an idea of my attempt at xxxxxx charities. And this we have attempted to xxxxxxx here and not to leave as a mere ideal but if it requires a good deal of diligence and can get it all is justified by result

If you should see an opening to aid me these may suggest something to you.