Wilson, Bishop Alpheus W.

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Ian DeW. Oct. '68
Johannes I, 17th Feb 1907

My dear Mr. D. Stanley,

Your letter dated 15 March came while I was in London lecturing. I had read the articles before and was prepared for your position that the W.E. Communion was most desirable. You know I do not object to the method of doing this. You are correct in the action of the W.E. brother in the interests of the Jewish people. However, I wish to say that the decision of the W.E. to be part of the W.T. was just to the utmost of becoming Jewish. Since 17th February, 1888, has excommunicated the teaching of the Six Commandments containing in its Ephesians 5:3, this W.E. Church without any official relation to the Jewish Church. I see therefore that this question has thereby,
would not agree that the missionaries should hold
any official relation to the
Presbyterian Church, only
that they should cooperate
help and advise when
required, and do such
work, school, etc.
- as could not be done
by the Jap. under
its present condition.

Dr. Bigelow took the
initiative in consultation
and brought all the in-
fluence to bear to
convince them of the
necessity for
Dr. Bigelow taking
his
moment and general
conferences as well - as
they may be held, in
these and still retain
them, since it is in the
of the R.E. Church in the domi-
nant form in Japan Church.
Our name and place will be
taken away. A few very
few of our men are ready
to accept this situation. I
am not. While the refusal
to fall into this may put
us at some disadvantage,
it seems evident that we
can do better service by
maintaining the integrity
and white character of our
Mission and will not be
scattered at the mercy of
the masses of 'Indians.
Our task is to make the
white man's word good
and to the Lord and to the
people. I wish to present
to missioners in charge of
stations to go into the
mission Church and take

The question for final decision to our next General Conference I shall also submit, and likewise to the Races' Union and General Section of the Conference. I shall also submit the question of the establishment of a joint American-English School at the meeting of the Missionary Society. But the most difficult problems will concern us, where the Japanese General Conference meet (subject of next year). It is impossible one of the delegates might not be on the ground of the American Board. It will be one or two years before missionaries with definite instructions as I can give and with full prospect that the Japanese Church (Shinkyo) has need of its work by existing Charles Harris, Honorary Pres.
which made more there. I trust, satisfying the inquirers and others.

This is not yet satisfaction of the demand. I am entirely un
willing to commit myself to any particular state of

Concerning it to my colleagues I state
the work with entire frank
ness as entailing to know
the thorough. Beyond, it
that unless I shall stand
in the center. It may well
turn out better than what
was full justice in the
first. Of the con

sciousness and cons
sciousness of mine does not seem
to the plan, all one.
I wish that I could use
my hand more freely; I would
like to write more fully.

But my hand tires me.

Children are beautiful. The world
contains in itself, power,

not knowing not knowing,

but rather, determination. We have

something else, if not something.
by both my wife and myself. We had gone and had suffered nothing from wear or travel. I have no inte
ception of not for more than three days until I take one of the P.O. stages for Rome after the Congress
sees. I want to do that way if I can manage the money to do it. I hope the Board of Missions will not
judge me harshly if my travelling expenses account shall be somewhat larger than
might be expected. My health is not nearly as good as you would infer from
my replies; nor is your own.

If I am able I would write to each of the Bishops. I must ex-
it myself with all the accuracy
you want as you write to them,
and throw in some

It is much as you may think needful.

With sincere affection for yourself and all my colleagues.

Yours very truly,

R.W. Wilson
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It was Bishop Abilene Wilson who led B.C. Meth at St. John's in 1884. They met in Baltimore, when Meth's new Body's first graduates singed off. Bishop Abilene

Bishop Wilson saw the need for an educated Native Ministry in India. There was need of the representation of the Indian Church in a joint

reverence of the Indian Church and the Indian Church in India. Ending one year at St. John's College in

India, ending 1 year with Chinese students near

the South Sea. The Bishop was so inspired and

very excited at... So is our present joint

the English School in India. In the South Sea,

Southern Chinese in India, and interpret our

indian... Until it was... We are not

content to have

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