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(Stamped as follows)

WELLAKATLA ALASKA

(In Mr. Minthorn's handwriting)

(Before the 1st) Jan. 1st or 30, 1918.

MR. H. S. WELLCOME - 18, EAST 41st, STREET - NEW YORK CITY NY

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

MR. DUNCAN WAS VERY MUCH PLEASED TO GET A CARD FROM YOU TODAY (TODAY). I am sending you a list of the persons proposed by the Council and a select few for ELDERS of Mr. Duncan's church. Two of them Robt. Ridley and Geo. Eaton live in Ketchikan and I think belong to other churches.

Edward Atkinson is a son-in-law of Mather and is ENVOY in the Salvation Army. Mr. Duncan did not agree to the selection and then Marsden swore them in and now I suppose he will pretend that they are the elders of the church and will be undertaking some (some) more of his schemes.

I certainly will be glad (glad) when Marsden (Marsden) is finally eliminated from the situation here, m (?).

In most ways things are in some better shape (shape) now than they have been for some time. I think the attendance was the largest last Sunday morning that it has been for three years. And after the morning service the Choir went in response (response) to an invitation from Ketchikan to give a repetition of the morning performance at a union service at Ketchikan of three of the churches.

I had a letter from Mary and she seemed to think it was a great treat and said they served Lunch for the Choir at the Episcopal Indian School Building after the church service was over. She said the attendance was almost beyond the capacity of the building to accommodate.

I heard from Mr. Duncan that Mr. Kelly had been invited to hold a service in Mr. Duncan's church here and Mr. Duncan wanted to know if we would try to entertain him when he came over, which of course we will be very glad to do the best we can. Enclosed is a letter that was returned.

The mill was sold to the Com. co. (Co.) for \$800.00 and they have bought machinery for a steam mill which was delivered here this week. I hear but little of their plans. Tom Hanbury was left off from the council this year and so I do not hear so much as I did. Harry Lang is Mayor, Marsden is Secretary and has made a great blow about it in the Ketchikan paper. He brought in a bill for \$99.00 for the use of his boat the past year.

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I have been considerably disgusted with those who I have always considered Mr. Duncans friends for seeming to play into the hands of his enemies in the matter of the appointment of the elders. But as you will see it wa (was) a very shrewdly planned scheme to nominate Geo. Eaton and Robt. Ridley two very good men, but at the same time they were nominated in violation of principles that were of much more importance than the MEN Viz.

They were not members of Mr. Duncans church

They did not live in Metlakatla and

They were not nominated by the members of Mr. Duncans church

They were not nominated by even a mass meeting of the community but by the Council and a select few chosen very shrewdly for a certain purpose, al (all) of which would have been dangerous precedents, and speedily fatal to Mr. Duncans continuing to have anything to say about affairs, and as I think even of the Metlakatla Christian church continuing to manage their OWN AFFAIRS.

I have been going over there now for some weeks at meal times to take him something to eat and I nearly always find him writing but I have no idea WHAT he is writing. He comes over nearly every night and stays until nine oclock, and talks and talks, mostly about his troubles.

I think his general health is as good or better than last year and for the past few months his memory has not seemed to fail so fast as it did before that time. But he is failing in his strength, and does not try to get around nearly as much as he did even six months ago. I took one pair of his shoes and had rubber soles put on them. He opposed having it done atm (at) first but seems to appreciate them very much now that he has them.

He has been troubled with constipation lately and in consequence has developed an incomplete Inguinal Hernia, Probably his cough has had something to do with it.

(Here follows four lines which have been crossed out and entirely obliterated with pen and ink)

Some one has to help him in going to and from the church but he seems to preach with his usual vigor.

I think he feels a sort of pity now towards the trouble makers now that he thinks their end is near at hand, as he seems to think.

I think the election will surely go against Marsden and Atkinson if it is a FAIR election, but I do not think Mr. Lopp and Mr. Beattie are going to pay much more attention to the council anyway.

The Com. Co. is swelling up more all the time and taking

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(Enclosure to letter of Jan. 1st or 30, 1918, J. H. Minthorn
to Mr. Wellcome)

Church
Elders for 1918.

Solomon Dundas

X Robert Ridley

Daniel Reece

Roderick Murchison

X George Eaton

Edward Atkinson

George G. Williams (as written)

Moses Hewson

(Copied from document in Moses Hewson's writing--CRS)

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METLAKATLA ALASKA - JAN. 18, 1918

MR. H. S. WELLCOME -- 18 EAST 41ST. STREET NEW YORK CITY NY

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

I have recd a letter from the Agricultural Department at Washington of which I enclose you a copy.

I am very much pleased with it and thank you for being the cause of my receiving it. I intend to order some of the plants and give them a chance to show what they will do here.

I have also written to Newport for some more things to be sent from there. I think I will also write to some of the Northern states experiment stations and see if I cannot find an Apple - a plum) - and some other kinds of fruits that might possibly do well here. It would be quite an acquisition to this place to find even ONE kind of fruit that would bear and do well here.

MARY wrote that she had a letter from Bert Hoovers wife and that Bert would be in Kansas City in Feb. and that Gov. Strong of Alaska would be there also. Dr. Ben was going to write to Dr's John and Alex, to try to get to meet them.

Mr. Duncan heard that Gov. Strong was expected in Ketchikan soon and he thinks perhaps he may come here at that time.

If the Gov. should come here now he would find a very different state of mind among the people to what it was even one year ago.

Things might be MANIPULATED so as not to let the majority have a hearing and Marsden do all the talking, in which case a wrong impression might be obtained. The most simple justice would allow a representative of Mr. Duncan to be present and have a voice in determining who should be heard, but neither simple or any other kind of justice has ever been allowed to prevail in the obtaining of reports from here yet.

Mr. Hawkesworth is here and they are taking stock and I suppose are going to make a dividend which may be large owing to the contract of the Com. Co. with Mr. Smiley for the lumber for the Cannery Building, but the larger it is the more unsatisfactory it will be to all but the few stockholders for the reason that it was obtained by an advantage taken over all the rest of the community. The P. O. is now in the Com. Co. store.

They have commenced to move the Steam Boiler from the wharf to the mill site and repairs have been commenced on the mill building, by making and putting on shingles. I have heard that the Com. Co. had borrowed the money from Mr. Smiley to finance the mill project and would repay it in lumber. The work on the cottage

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Repairing
Church
I understand that sufficient money has been obtained to make the repairs on the church. The attendance is large. Mr. Duncan is having his Juvenile class in the vestry and it is large. Last Sunday it had to be divided and another person took part of it.

Sunday
School
The school teachers have tried to have a S. S. with the usual success. They complain that the children care for nothing but entertainment.

Health
Report
Mr. Duncan is quite well and seems more cheerful than he has been sometimes and seems to worry less about his treatment by the Govt. and the people. One reason I think is that many of the people have given him to understand that they have lost confidence in the Govt. ever doing anything for the community, after having listened to the most extravagant PROMISES (PROMISES) for four years and no fulfillment. It is not to be wondered that they have lost faith.

Criticism
at
Govt. and
Marsden
Perhaps what is still more important is the fact that they see Marsden a $\frac{1}{4}$ owner in the Com. Co. MANIPULATING everything for the sole benefit of that Co. and the Govt. taking an active part in its operations, Mr. Beattie's house being connected with the store by phone, and the PRINCIPAL work of Mr. Lopp and Mr. Hawksworth (Hawkesworth) when they come being with the business of the Com. Co. and both Mr. Beattie and his assistants being frequently seen in the store engaging in its transactions, especially in the P.O. now that it is there. For this reason I am sending this to Mary to mail in Ketchikan and think perhaps it would be as well for my letters to be sent to Ketchikan in care of Dr. Myers.

The weather has been very stormy and is at the present time. The 4 feet of snow that we had when I wrote you before disappeared and we have had a foot since and that has nearly all disappeared.

Reports from Oregon say that it seems like spring there and there is plenty of grass for stock pasture. So we may have an early spring.

Agriculture
For that reason I am in a hurry to get my arrangements completed for a garden. I have written to Mary asking her to see if I could get some one who has a team to come over here and plow and put it in order.

Martha Lisk Benson died of Tuberculosis recently. She did considerable talking to her brothers and others on religious

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I was very much pleased to learn from your card that you would write soon. Mr. Duncan is VERY anxious to hear from you and worries for fear that you are not well. I have told him that his letter to the PREST and the consequent appointment of Gov. Strong means at least six months delay and perhaps more. If it does not mean also additional complications and that I thought it would have been better to have left it entirely to you.

Thompson's visit
A man calling himself Thompson and saying that he was from Seattle and was a Presbyterian came here on Saturday with Marsden and gave out that he was here on S. S. business. He stopped with Mr. Beattie and they had what they called a union S. D. in the church but did not consult Mr. Duncan. Marsden presided.

He then attended a meeting in the large hall in the evening, which as I understand Marsden and others made him believe was one of a regular Sunday evening meeting held there, (which is not true) he also attended a meeting of the Salvation Army in the evening later.

As near as I can tell he is here to see if the Presbyterians have a show to, send some one here to conduct a Presbyterian Service.

(End of page--either letter has no formal closing, or else there is something missing.)

(Copied from a typewritten letter, unsigned, but evidently from Dr. Minthorn--CRS)

COPY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau of plant industry
Foreign seed and plant introduction

WASHINGTON D, C, DEC, 21st, 1917

Dr. H. J. Minthorn
Metlakatla alaska (Alaska)
Annette Island

My dear sir (Sir)

Agriculture
I have on my desk a number of very interesting specimens, brought in by Mr. Wellcome, which he tells me were grown at your experiment station at Metlakatla alaska, (Alaska) He tells me that he is very much interested in what you can grow up there and sent these in with the idea that they would interest us.

I wish you to know that even in the wild rush of the war business, we have time to look over the specimens and comment upon them. I had no idea that you could grow some of these things up there. I am placing your name on our list of experimenters, and you will receive from time to time, as they are issued, copies of our bulletin of "Plant Immigrants" which will undoubtedly interest you.

we (We) are also sending you a copy of our seventh annual list of new plant introductions, and if there are any plants listed in this which you would like to experiment with kindly check them off on the check list which accompanys the copy of "New Plant Introductions" I should also appreciate it if you would kindly fill out and return to us for our records the enclosed Experimenters Card, together with the check list mentioned.

Of course the great bulk of things we handle cannot be grown in Alaska.

Are you in touch with Prof, C, C, Georgeson of the Alaska agricultural (Agricultural) Experiment Station at Sitka? Prof Georgeson has experimented with a number of our introductions among them the Petrowski turnip, which he reports as being "the most valuable turnip introduced into Alaska".

He will be glad undoubtedly, to give you information regarding these things and will possibly be able to furnish you with seeds of things which have proven hardy in Sitka,

Trusting you will let us know if we can assist you in any way with your experiments, I remain

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PROF C, C, GEORGSON - SUPT, AGRICULTURAL STATION -SITKA ALASKA

DEAR SIR,

I have learned from various sources that you have developed many plants that are very valuable in the climate and soil of S, E, Alaska

If you have anything that you can spare for the METLAKATLA CHRISTIAN MISSION I would be very much gratified to have it,

Especially I would like any Fruits or berries that would be a somewhat PERMANENT addition to what we already have and remain as an object lesson to yhe (the) people living here, But WHATEVER you have to spare will be thankfully received, leaving both that and the QUANTITY to your pleasure,

VERY RESPECTFULLY

(Copied from an unsigned typewritten letter.--M.G.)

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WETLAKATLA ALASKA- JAN, 21st, 1918

U, S, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - Bureau of plant industry

WASHINGTON D, C,

MR, DAVID FAIRCHILD - AGRICULTURAL EXPLORER IN CHARGE

DEAR SIR

Agriculture
YOURS of Dec. 21st, 1917 and Jan. 8th, 1918 Recd with much pleasure, and I thank you very sincerely for the offer of plants and I have marked the Check List opposite such things as seemed to me might possibly be adapted to this climate, and if you will kindly send them to the address given we will pay all charges above the Amt, that you are allowed to send free of charge.

The OBJECT of this series of experiments is to serve as an object lesson to the people living here and such others as may visit this place.

With the hope also that something of value may be found that may become a permanent addition to the somewhat meager productions of S, E, Alaska.

Also something that although it may not be of much pecuniary value may add to the attractiveness of the HOMES of the people and thus serve to help in making them permanent residents of the place. The tendency of the native people being to wander from place to place thus interfering with permanent progress and especially with the success of SCHOOLS which is one of the prime objects of this RESERVATION.

I have written to PROF C, C, Georgson of the Sitka Agricultural Station and hope to receive something from him.

I thank you for the report on the plants sent, I have sown Rye and Winter wheat and will try some more early Barley with the hope that some kind of early maturing grain may be found that will furnish Chicken feed. The Oats although not mature grew quite rank and the straw served for weaving into baskets of which the people make many in the winter when they do not have anything else to do and sell them in the summer to the TOURISTS. The principal object however of planting the grains was to make a comparative test of different fertilizers.

The disease affecting the potatoes seems to be caused by planting the same ground year after year with potatoes, which is almost unavoidable where there is so little land in cultivation. If however there is any variety of potatoes that is free from this disease it would be a great boon to have some of them introduced here. Potatoes were so scarce and high priced last

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I intend to write some of the Northern States Experiment Stations in regard to early Apples and Plums, we have trees of both here that are healthy and bear some fruit but the high winds in Aug blows the fruit off,

If we had fruit that would ripen two weeks earlier probably it could be saved. There are two varieties of wild native apples here that (the next line is crossed out.)

It might be worth while to try grafting tame fruit on these trees.

off Mr. Munson
(Copied from a typewritten letter. *N* The letter is unsigned.-M.G.)

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Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina,
January 26th, 1918.

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Dr. H. J. Minthorn,
Metlakatla, Alaska.

My Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

I beg you will forgive me for my long delay in writing.
My health has been very unsatisfactory ^{largely due to} ~~on account of~~ the terrible weather
which has prevailed everywhere east of the Rocky mountains, and writing
has been very difficult for me.

All of your letters have been helpful, and have been read with
great interest, and I will write you very soon. For the same reason I
have delayed writing to Mr. Duncan, but ^{am now somewhat better and} I have written him a long letter
today.

Checks Please use this check ^(\$200.) as you have previous ones at your absolute
discretion, for the comfort of Mr. Duncan and yourself, and any of the
needy people who may be in distress.

With affectionate regards,

Always sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

Certified check
B. B. B.

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REPORT OF THE METLAKATLA CHRISTIAN MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL
HELD IN THE METLAKATLA CHRISTIAN MISSION CHURCH JAN. 27th.
1918 - AT 3-30 P. M. DANIEL REESE SUPT. - MOSES BENSON
ASSISTANT SUPT. AND ORGANIST.

Report.

PRIMARY CLASS - 54, WM. DUNCAN TEACHER - GEO. EATON ASST.
ADULT CLASS, No. 1 - 9 - MOSES HEWSON TEACHER
ADULT CLASS No. 2 - 9 - MR. BEATTIE TEACHER
ADULT CLASS NO. 3 - 4 MRS. BEATTIE TEACHER
ADULT CLASS NO. 4 - 2 MRS. BENSON TEACHER
ADULT CLASS NO. 5 - 10 MRS. HUDSON TEACHER
INTERMEDIATE CLASS No. 1 ROGER BAIN TEACHER 15,
INTERMEDIATE CLASS No. 2 MRS. MINTHORN TEACHER 20,
INTERMEDIATE CLASS No. 3 MRS. HAMILTON TEACHER 10,

COLLECTION \$ 3 .90 - LESSON MARK 2- 1, to 13
LESSON FOR SUNDAY FEB. 3, 1918, MARK (MARK) 2ND , 25 TO 28 &
MARK 3, 1 TO 6

(Copied from a typewritten document in all capitals -- CRS)

NETLAKATLA ALASKA - JAN. 28th, 1918.

MR. H. S. WELLCOME - EAST 41st STREET - NEW YORK CITY N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

I thought I would not write so much after Christmas but it seems every week as though there was something I wanted to tell you. There has been such an increase in the interest in the Church and S. S. that I was sure you would be interested in it so I am sending you a copy of the report of the S. S. yesterday. It was about the same last Sunday but as Mr. Thompson was here about which I wrote you I did not send you the report for that day as it might have supposed that it was as some said a JOINT session &c. and partly on account of Mr. Thompson being here &c. &c.

The school has been recently reorganized ENTIRELY by the people without any help from any white person. As you will see it was done with an idea of promoting HARMONY, as you will see that a representation was given to the Govt. employees, (but you will also see that Marsden is not in it) or the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army having a S. S. of their own.

The Govt. employees as I stated in my last letter had attempted to have a S. S. just as every other set of Govt. employees have ever since the Govt. took charge. Mrs. Beattie I think was the only one who had any one attending a class and her class which she now has in the S. S. at the church is as large as the one she had in what they called their S. S. and I think fairly represents the people who favor the Govt. trying to monopolize (monopolize) everything that the mission had and was and is doing.

Testimonial
Distributions
Among the
Poor.

During the month of Jan. Mr. Duncan held eight preaching services besides his juvenile S. S. class on Sunday afternoons. He gets 22 loaves of bread each week from Ketchikan of which he eats 3 and distributes the remainder among the sick and old people.

He also distributes clothing bed-clothing money and other things of which I have no way of knowing the Amt, but I know of \$15.00 that he gave at one time to the needy and old people. He visits all the sick and prays and talks to and with them. He conducts a Teachers Bible class every Saturday evening for the Teachers in the S. S.

I have made 64 visits to the sick at their homes during Jan. so far also 57 cases at the office and attended one Obstetrical case. Mrs. Minthorn (Minthorn) has attended 3 prayer meetings, visited the sick among the women (women) and prayed and (and) sung to them, and had the class twice in the S. S. the first Sunday 14 and the second 20 girls nearly grown, besides having had many callers at the home.

This is a little idea of what the mission is doing. I am making (making) this statement to try to show that among these natives

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and have through its agents (who are actively also engaged in business enterprizes (enterprises) in competition with the NATIVES) taken from the mission the sawmill and pipe line, which was at the time in their possession by a pretended decision of the ATT. Genl. but without any process of law) and which they had leased to themselves (in the person of the METLAKATLA COM. CO. which is managed and controlled by the Agents of the Govt. and SOLD said Sawmill (which cost about \$14,000 for \$500.00) to themselves in the person of said Com. Co. which they actively control.

Sawmill
Transfer

I do not PRETEND to UNDERSTAND this transaction, for from time to time it has variously been pretended that this sawmill was the property of the U. S. (taken forcibly without any legal process) and at other times that it belonged to the Metlakatla community, and now I have heard that it has been said that the title had been acquired in some way from Mr. Duncan and then transferred to the Com. Co. for \$500.00 although nothing has EVER been said to Mr. Duncan about acquiring his title.

I am informed that both the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches have also been interfered with in the mission work they have been trying to do in Alaska in various ways by the Govt. agents.

Church
Interference
by Govt. agents.

And I think it is a fact that all of the mission work done among the natives in the U. S. is under the control and always liable to interference from Gov. agents. This it seems to me is a violation of the constution (constitution) of the U. S. which forbids union of church and atate, (state) and some legislation should be had to remedy it. The missions like missions in all parts of the world have done all of the PIONEER work and then when some condition of order has been achieved GOVERNMENTS (GOVERNMENTS) step in and seek to either control their operations or proceed actively to eliminate them as they did here.

It cannot be shown that any GOOD ever came from this practice, but the selfimportance of the ordinary Govt. official clothed with what usually seems to impress him as the unbounded authority of the GOVT. and without any experience or knowlwdge (knowledge) or even COMPREHENSION of the nature of objects of missions or of what they have accomplished, and in undue haste to feel himself the SOLE AUTHORITY in the situation, he proceeds to destroy the mission, as was done here.

I do not know whether any legislation COULD be secured to remedy this state of affairs, but if the SQUATTERS right could be maintained for this mission it would practically be the same thing, and the Mission would be only subject to the LAWS of the land the same as other people and not in addition be subject to the control of every one who happened to have a little transient authority from the Govt.

legislation

As you will see from the enclosed copy of a paper I have posted up in Hewsons store I am trying to get some of the people to plant some trees and berry bushes, which I am going to order from the Portland Seed Co.

As I told you in my last letter I am expecting some plants and trees from the Agricultural Dept. I have also Recd a letter from home saying they would send me a lot of bushes, bulbs, plants &c. I had 40 Loganberries that grew of the ones they sent last year and 80 Dahlias, and several other things. I want to have ALL of the land inside of the fence put in with something this year if I can. The Potatoes ought to be planted on ground that was not in Potatoes last year as they are infected with scab when they are planted too often in the same place.

But I will try and write more fully about things later on.

Repairs
We have the ceiling of the room newly papered and the Burlap put on and many pictures put up, and a new stove, and the small room painted and shelves put in and Lineolium on the floor and it all looks much better, and has attracted much attention from visitors.

Church
Mr. Duncan is as well as usual and seems to be very much encouraged by the increased interest taken by the people in the affairs of the church.

Mr. Kelly is leaving Ketchikan for good and going to S. F. so I suppose we will not have him here.

The Mr. Thompson about whom I wrote in my last letter sent for Benson, (Benson) Hewson, and Haldane to go to Ketchikan to have a conference with him in regard to Marsden and the Govt. and gave these men the impression that the Presbyterians were going to bring about an investigation of the acts of the Govt. here,

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(Copied from a typewritten, unsigned letter, but unquestionably from Fr. Minthorn.

(Following notice is an enclosure to this letter)

NOTICE - NOTICE

ON THE FIRST MAIL DAY IN FEB. AN ORDER WILL BE SENT TO * THE PORTLAND SEED CO. FOR FRUIT AND BERRY TREES AND BUSHES AS FOLLOWS - ANY ONE DESIRING TO SEND FOR ALL OF THE VARIETIES NAMED BELOW - OR ANY OF THEM CAN DO SO BY FURNISHING THEIR NAMES AND A LIST OF THE THINGS DESIRED TO MOSES HEWSON.

APPLES - 25¢ EACH

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BLACKBERRIES - 20¢ EACH
RASBERRIES - 15¢ EACH
GOOSEBERRIES - 15¢ EACH
DEWBERRY - 15¢ EACH
RHUBARB - 26¢ (Rest of this line not legible)

SUPERIOR SEED POTATOES

POTATOES - EARLIEST OF (OF) ALL 10¢ PER POUND
POTATOES - PRIDE OF MULTNOMAH - 10¢ PER POUND
OATS - LARGE STRAW SUITABLE FOR MAKING BASKETS - 20¢ PER POUND

FLOWER ROOTS AND BULBS

TULIPS - 5¢ EACH
CROCUS - 5¢ EACH
NARCISSI - 10¢ EACH
DAFFODILS - 15¢ EACH
GLADIOLI - 15¢ EACH
DAHLIAS - 30¢ EACH
ROSES - 50¢ EACH

FLOWER SEEDS

NASTURTIUMS - $\frac{1}{2}$ POUND 50¢
SWEET PEAS - 25¢ Pkts.

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Confidential.

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Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina,
January 28th, 1918.

Dr. H. J. Minthorn,
Metlakatla, Alaska.

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My Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

I beg you will forgive me for my long delay in writing you. I can only plead that the condition of my health has rendered it exceedingly difficult for me to write or dictate. I have been undergoing very severe medical treatment. Then again, the weather has been terribly cold and harsh throughout the United States east of the Rocky mountains, and even throughout the Southern states ever since November. There has been great suffering in consequence, as coal and other fuel has been very scarce, and the railways and industries have all been seriously affected by this lack of fuel.

Your letters have given me a large amount of extremely interesting and useful information. Many of the things which you may think very small and unimportant, may have an important bearing on the matters that we have in hand, and I have carefully studied every point you have sent me. I most earnestly want you to continue the weekly letters, for they are so extremely helpful, and this is the only means that I have of obtaining inside information, which it is essential I should have in dealing with certain matters.

It is very gratifying to learn that Mr. Duncan has borne up so well in spite of the terrible weather which you have experienced in Alaska, and I am glad to learn of all the many things you have done to protect Mr. Duncan's health, and secure to him the comforts of life. I fully appreciate how difficult it is to induce Mr. Duncan to consider his own comforts, and how necessary it is that he should have such kind care as you have given him, and I want to assure you that I do appreciate all the many difficulties you have had to face.

Gen. F--- Letter.

I think you have acted wisely in ignoring this, and not making any reply whatever to him, or through the Press. It is a gross distortion of the facts, and any controversy over the matter would not at the present time be of any advantage. When the matter comes up for final dealing the facts will prevail, and the fictions will be exposed. Although General Pratt says that he came up on his own account entirely, it seems quite probable there is some one behind this, and that it is a part of a scheme of propaganda.

General Pratt in his letter says, "Marsden being a Presbyterian preacher and missionary to the Indians, you addressed your letter to Presbyterian dignitaries and urged special significance by alleging your Presbyterian affinities. Was this altogether genuine?" I believe you are still a member of both the Society of Friends and the Presbyterian Church. Please let me know if I am correct in this view.

I may say that there appears to be a good deal of underground propaganda and intrigue going on amongst Presbyterians in regard to this matter at Washington and elsewhere in the east, and I have run against

importance, it is one which by ^{reason of} the contemptible insinuating manner in which General P--- has presented it I want to be sure of when I deal with it. ^{myself}

In reference to the proposed visit of Governor Strong, it is possible that this may be the result of an intimation from the President, and which may have been suggested to him by some one in the Educational Department, with the view that his visit should be piloted by Marsden and some of the government agents, who would influence him to shape his report in a manner similar to that of his previous visit. This would be quite in harmony with the prejudiced reports of Dr. Condit, General Pratt, etc.

It is undesirable for me to discuss now just what is being done in Washington, but it is evident that there is some nervousness on the part of certain men whose names I need not mention.

The war pressure continues in all departments in Washington, and it is quite impracticable to make any conspicuous progress at the moment, but you can rest assured that everything is being done, according to my most responsible advisers ^{and} my own judgment, which can be done at the present moment. These matters are occupying every moment of my time when my health and strength permit it, and I have efficient assistants.

I want to ask you to kindly obtain all possible information in regard to the following matters:

Everything you can learn in respect to General P's visit and his interviews with whites and natives.

I would like for my own use a very full commentary, paragraphed point by point, and carefully numbered, of his entire letter to you, and also of the points contained in his communication to the Portland paper, if there are any points in that which were not in his letter to you.

In dealing with this, it would be well to refer to the copies you have of your letters, which General P mentions as containing your charges against Marsden. Sooner or later I shall have to deal with General P in respect to this and other matters, as he is likely to be used as a support for Marsden and others who have attacked Mr. D. and yourself, therefore the fullest analysis you can make of his statement the more helpful it will be to me. ^{and answer}

I should like to receive from you the fullest possible information in regard to all incidents, which led up to the ^{late} election of the Council and Mayor and Secretary, etc., at Metlakatla. Also any circumstance or incidents in connection with the nomination of candidates; how the nominating meeting was conducted and if John Hudson, George Hall and Moses Hewson, and others of Mr. Duncan's supporters attended the nominating meeting, and the list of names put forward, and those selected for the nomination. Then the names of the candidates that were voted upon, and who was elected and in what order, and the number of votes cast for those who won and those who were defeated. All of this information will be useful to me. Also any and all incidents in connection with the election.

I would also like to know what was the attitude of, and what part in these matters did Edward Benson, Thomas Hanbury, Benjamin Haldane,

Adolphus Calvert, Edmund Verney, Jacob Scott, Mark Hamilton, etc., take in the election affairs, and what was the total number of voters, and what was the total number of votes cast.

Also I would like full information in regard to the sale of the saw-mill; what formalities there were in regard to this, and the results.

Also I would like to know what royalties the community have received from the fish traps, and what revenues have been received from the canneries for catching fish, either in traps or otherwise, and supplying such fish to the government cannery at Metlakantla.

I would like to know just what the situation is in regard to the damage to the Church, with a full description of the damage, and an estimate in regard to the cost of repairs for shingling the roof and any other work that is necessary, and in regard to the painting of the Church.

Please let me know the full name and address of Mr. Jones, who was the school-master at Metlakantla, and also if you have ever learned anything in regard to the matters about which I requested you to make inquiries concerning a certain person, that went to him from Metlakantla.

Also I would like you to let me know, if you can find out, the present address of Mr. Guile, and the reason of his leaving Metlakantla, whether it was voluntary, or by reason of dismissal, and what is the nature of his present position.

When you see Mr. and Mrs. Schell, I shall be glad if you will make my apologies to them for not writing, and explain to them the state of my health has been the cause, and convey to them my regards and best wishes, and you might incidentally mention to them, that when he left Metlakantla I wrote to the leading people in Ketchikan asking them to do their best for him to secure him good employment. It may be it was just as well that I have not been in correspondence with him immediately after his leaving, as an attempt might have been made to suggest that I was trying to obtain information from him. He appears to have borne himself exceedingly well, and to have acted very honorably throughout, and this under very difficult and trying circumstances. I shall write to them sometime and keep in touch with them, as I was very favorably impressed by Mr. and Mrs. Schell and their daughter, and I should like to retain their friendship.

To my mind it is of the most vital importance to Mr. Duncan and the Mission, that you should remain at Metlakantla, and however inconvenient it may be to you, I trust you will find some way to manage to go on with it. I fully realize and appreciate the difficulties, but if you were to leave even for a few months, I greatly fear that something serious might happen, through the intrigues of some of the trouble makers who may feel more or less desperate because they have been thwarted in their purposes in driving Mr. Duncan out.

I received a very nice letter from your daughter Mary, and I shall endeavor to write to her soon. I am sure it has been a great blessing to you both to be so near each other, and I hope it may be convenient to her and suit her plans to continue to reside at Ketchikan for some time.

There are many things referred to in some of your letters of the past few months that I want to speak of, but I am not well enough to write you now, but as soon as I feel fit I will take them up and write you about them.

With my warmest regards to your daughter Mary, and Mr. Duncan and yourself, and with cordial regards to Thomas Hanbury and Moses Hewson, and the Hudsons, and Hall, Benson, Haldane and all others who are mutual friends there, I remain always,

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

P. S. I want copies of any letters that were written by Marsden or Beattie, or anyone else, in connection with the proposed visit of the Ketchikan Committee at the time of Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of Mr. Duncan's Mission. I understand that special letters were written with a view of trying to prevent any celebration of this event. I am not sure to whom these letters were addressed, whether to the members of the Committee in Ketchikan or others. I would like the fullest information of whatever happened at that time, when a resolution was passed in the name of the Metlakatla Council, though as I understand it, the Council were all away except Marsden and Atkinson, but I would like the fullest and most definite particulars of exactly what took place.

In some of your letters you have mentioned that some of the people who went astray have recently repented, and have shown a disposition to return to the fold and support Mr. Duncan. I would like their names and all the information you can give me in regard to such cases.

Private and
Confidential.

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MEMORANDA.

January 28th, 1918.

Sometime in December I wrote to Thomas Hanbury asking him to let me know his needs about certain matters, and getting no reply I wrote you either about the end of December or early in January, asking you to speak to him and ask him to write to me in regard to it, but I have not yet received word from him about these matters, and as time is getting on I have written him again, and I am enclosing my letter to him in this one, which I have registered for security.

In addition to this, I would like you to speak to him privately and confidentially, telling him if I am to help him in securing a loan, that he must treat the matter in the strictest confidence, for if he tells others about it, I shall be worried by the whole community asking for the same favors.

I desire to help him because of his great misfortunes, and his illness, and in writing me he must write me with his own hand, and not have my letters pass through the hands of others; his last letters were written by some other hand.

If he is away, it will be desirable for you to send word to him that you have something for him, and hand this letter to him personally, and not send it through any messenger.

Please take care of my private letters, so that they may not fall into the hands of others, and in regard to such memorandas as this, you perhaps will think it best to burn them after reading.

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(Letter not Dated, but Envelope Post-marked Ketchikan, Feb. 12, 1918.)

Mr. H. S. Wellcome,
18 East 41st. Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wellcome:-

MAIL

Your two letters, one from Pinehurst N.C. and one from N. Y. with enclosure of \$200.00 received Feb. 12th, 1918, both being registered. They were not delivered when I called for my mail, when the mail was first distributed at the P. O. but in the evening several hours afterward, and the letter from Pinehurst was open as you see from the envelope enclosed.

ENVELOPE OPENED.

I asked the P. M. if he noticed that it was open and he said he did not and I then showed it to him. He wanted to know if it was all there. I told him I thought it was. The envelope was not very good as you will see and it may just have worn out.

GOVT. CROWD IN POST-OFFICE.

But the whole Government crowd even to Beattie's boy handle the mail, and Beattie and Mr. Pervants the Industrial teacher are to be found in the room used for a P. O. at almost any time, and seem to be handling the mail. I think as I mentioned before that it will be best to have the mail pass through some one at Ketchikan, either Mary or Dr. Myers.

CLIPPING OF ARTICLE BY MARSDEN.

I am also enclosing a copy of an article clipped from a daily Alaskan paper. Dr. Myers sent it to me and asked me to return it, which I am doing and asking him to get a copy and send it to you if he can.

COPY OF PROGRESSIVE WITH REPORT OF S.S.

I am also sending a copy of the Progressive of Feb. 7th, containing the report of the S.S. here, a copy of which I sent you. The S. S. still keeps up its attendance and interest. Mr. Duncan's services are more largely attended than when you was here, and there is more interest.

REPAIRS TO CHURCH.

The people are doing MUCH MORE THEMSELVES to carry on the church work than ever before. They have put new and good lights in the church and have fixed the roof so that it does not leak, and have kept the church WARMED this winter THEMSELVES, so that it is quite comfortable, which I think has helped to increase the attendance.

MR. DUNCAN NOT OBJECTING.

Mr. Duncan has let them do these things, although he says it is only until YOU have gotten through with your work when HE is going to have things different. But I feel quite sure that he will not really ever try to CHANGE things, and I also feel sure it has been a good thing for HIM for them to assume that much of the management, and I am sure it has been good for them.

ELDERS OF CHURCH.

I think I told you something about the ELDERS, that some were nominated by the Council, and Adolphus and Moses went to Mr. Duncan and wanted him to qualify them which he would NOT do for reasons that I explained to you. Then Marsden swore them in.

ELDERS QUALIFIED BY DANIEL REEVES.

But some other ELDERS have since been appointed at a prayer meeting and qualified by the person (Daniel Reeves) who is considered to stand for Mr. Duncan, but I think without anything having been said to Mr. Duncan.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

There were also some sort of helpers appointed called CHRISTIAN WORKERS to hold services when among people away from home, and help the people have PRAYERS when away from home, also to be ready to serve as teachers in the S.S. when called upon, also to lead prayer meetings at home. I think it was all a renewal of something that Mr. Duncan had at one time, but had allowed to lapse lately.

GOOD THING TO HAVE HELP.

I do not know just how it will all come out, but I am inclined to think it would be a Good thing for them to have some help, or at least some one looking on who had had some experience in such things.

MR. THOMPSON CONNECTED WITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HERE.

I think I said something to you about Mr. Thompson being here from Seattle, and I think others have written to you about him. He was evidently here in the interests of the Presbyterian Church. I do not know what OTHERS know about him. He came here with Marsden and staid with Beatties, so I thought best not to have much to do with him.

MARSDEN USED AS TOOL BY GOVT. AGENTS.

As near as I understood him he would have been glad to have seen a way to make it appear that Marsden had been used as a tool by the Govt., and have then have made some move to have an investigation of the Govt. agents, and let Mr. Duncan be represented and show up all of the Govt. transactions with the hope that some of the agents would be discharged, and others appointed who would not interfere with missionary work.

WILL SEE DR. MYERS ABOUT HIM.

I think Dr. Myers knows much more about it than I do, and I think I will go to Ketchikan some time soon, and see what I can find out, and then I will write you more fully.

THOMPSON INTERVIEWS PEOPLE AT SAXMAN ABOUT MARSDEN.

I understood Thompson went to Saxman and interviewed some of the

ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY SCHOOL.

For instance I told him you are here unheralded and you find a S.S. of nearly 150, and Mr. Duncan having a Juvenile class of about 50. He has had this class for more than 50 years, and uses no inducements to encourage attendance such as cards, pictures, etc.

APPLICATION TO CITY OF SEATTLE.

Just apply that to your city and would it not make any church in Seattle FAMOUS to have an old man over 88 doing such a work in its S.S. And another thing suppose Mr. Duncan should drop out NOW as Marsden would have it, where is the person to take his place.

MARSDEN AT SAXMAN.

To know that Marsden cannot do it just look at Saxman, and for this and other reasons I wrote the Presbyterian Board two years ago that I thought they could not AFFORD to do it, and I thought just common decency should deter them, and if that would not, then ordinary regard for their own reputation should.

MARSDEN'S ARTICLE.

I do not need to make any remarks about Marsden's article, but I think I will have to.

First he says he is Secretary of the town council, and therefore he knows that the census taken in Jan. 1918 was 557 natives and 13 white people, although he gives it at about 700. He also knows that there were not 1200 when they first came to Annette island.

What he says about the people being better satisfied now is not so outside of the stockholders of the cooperative company which has increased its capital stock from \$3000.00 to \$17000.00 in three years at the expense of the community.

PEOPLE DISSATISFIED.

The people were never so dissatisfied as they are now. In all the history of the community there was never so little done for the good of the community.

ABOUT SALMON.

I asked Marsden's mother yesterday whether she had any dried salmon. She said no, that she could not get any to dry last summer, as the traps took it all, and would not let the people have any.

There were 20 white men and Japs employed in the cannery last summer occupying all the places that were desirable. When they bought salmon of the people here they figured out the cost of their time and oil in making the trip to Ketchikan and gave them that much less.

yet realized anything for the community. Although this management has been in charge now nearly four years and the traps have been operated three years of that time and must have made from \$20000.00 to a \$100000.00 for some one, I have no way of knowing exactly how much the traps have realized except what the people say about how much each one has done, but judging from such reports, I feel sure that at the price that it is said the lessee paid for the fish taken in the traps last summer the community should have had from the rental of the traps that have been operated here since they were put up not less than \$30000.00.

COMMUNITY NEVER RECEIVED ANY BENEFITS.

I feel sure that up to this time the community has never received altogether \$1000.00, and what was received was never expended for the benefit of the community so much as for the benefit of the Commercial Company, some of it having been expended on the water system of which the Commercial Company had the use in running the mill, and thus added to their capital stock, and gave the community nothing for the use of the power.

CAPITAL STOCK AND NUMBER STOCKHOLDERS.

I have no way of knowing how much the capital stock of the Commercial Co. increased, but I do not believe what he says about the increase of the number of the stockholders.

BENSON COULDN'T BUY STOCK.

Benson tried to buy stock in the Company and they would not let him in; also I have heard of one other person who wanted to get in, and they would not let him in.

MARSDEN'S STATEMENTS.

Marsden has furnished a choice lot of statements in this article, but the only way the truth could be come at would be through a properly authorized investigation, and call witnesses and examine them under oath.

There is no doubt about their being a pudding but it is not English.

TOM HANBURY'S STATEMENT ON DIVIDENDS.

Tom Hanbury told me they declared a 40% dividend this year, one-half in cash and one-half in stock, or left one-half in as addition to the capital.

OWNERSHIP OF STOCK.

I have also been told that Marsden owned one-fourth of the capital and Charley 3/4 (practically) as the other stockholders held only small amounts.

As you can see I am not in a position to go into these matters, as it is all I can do to steer clear of breakers without stirring up anything.

HEALTH MR. WELLCOME.

Replying to your letter of Jan. 28th. I am very sorry to hear that your health is so unsatisfactory, and hope it will improve as the weather gets warmer. I think much of it may be due to inclement weather. It has been exceedingly stormy here also although not so cold as last winter. Just now it is clear and a few degrees below freezing.

MR. DUNCAN WELL.

Mr. Duncan has been able to keep fairly comfortable and is quite well. We are taking him hot soup to add to his lunch. I have taken coal when he did not have any, which was most of the time since you left, but he depends mostly on wood except in very cold weather.

HIS LETTERS.

I note what you say about the letters I have written, and I am glad to continue them in the same way by giving you such information as I can pick up from time to time, but I could not be very inquisitive without exciting suspicion which I think is not best now, especially as I am not in a position to make any kind of a fight, and do not want to start any.

BEATTIE & MARSDEN FEEL SECURE.

I judge by the actions and what I hear of B, M, and others that they are just now feeling secure. I think they had warning to be careful and were, but having seen no cause of alarm, they have now come to feel that there was nothing to fear &c., and really I think it is a good state for them to be in as evidently they are ripe for indiscretion if left alone. Marsden shows this in his newspaper article.

GOVT. AGENTS IN COMMERCIAL CO.

What I can do and so far as I can see it is about all I can do, is to give some idea of where to look for pudding.

Although I cannot adduce much evidence, I feel sure the Commercial Co. would not stand investigation, and the Govt. is actually engaged in it.

Also it is not the policy of the Govt. to engage in speculative ventures, especially in competition with its citizens.

GOVT. STORE HURTING OTHER MERCHANTS.

This store is in active competition with several other stores in the village, and by having the active aid of the Govt., and advantages which it could only get through the partiality of the Govt. officials, is making it hard for its competitors and is in a fair way to freeze them out.

TRUSTEE OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

I have no wish to have anything to say to Genl. P. since anything I might say would not reach the people with which the other was used, and most people here were disgusted with the lies he told about Mr. Duncan.

What I said about my connection with the Presbyterian church was that I was a Trustee in the church at Newport. which did not necessitate

PRESBYTERIANS DISGUSTED WITH MARSDEN.

I think the Presbyterians (as I understood from Mr. Thompson) are thoroughly disgusted with Marsden, not on account of the things he did but on account of the things he failed to do.

MARSDEN DIDN'T DELIVER GOODS.

I do not think they would have had much to say about his methods if he had only delivered the goods, and I think what they want now is to see if there is not some way now by which they can get a hold here and save the day yet, for

WOULD LIKE TO GET START HERE.

Mr. Thompson made particular inquiry as to whether some one else would be likely to get a work started here. To put some one else here and gather up a congregation and use Marsden as an interpreter would not only seem to save the day for them, but they seem to think that all the fool and wrong things done by Marsden would soon be forgotten.

REASON HE TOOK PAINS TO SHOW THOMPSON GOOD WORK HERE.

This is why I took pains to show Thompson that there was a good live work going on here now, and why I put the report of the S.S. in the paper, thinking some one might send a copy of the paper to the members of the Board, from which they would see that there was no need of any other organization here now.

DUNCAN MADE NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCCESSOR.

The fact that Mr. Duncan has made no arrangements for a successor seems to invite other denominations to make plans to succeed him.

MRS. MINTHORN'S WORK IN CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This is why I said I thought that Mrs. Minthorn (nee Miss Atkinson) could help to keep things going until you found some one to fill the place permanently. She is learning the language, has a class in the S.S. attends the prayer meetings held in the houses of the people, which were being held when she came; has a bible study class for her S.S. class; has a children's day for the small children at the Guest House &c. &c., all of which has helped to increase the interest in the services of the church and S.S., which as I explained in a previous letter is one of the objects of it.

She also visits the sick, prays and signs for them &c. &c., with which they are much pleased, and which I think is doing much good and helping to promote the interest and increase their appreciation of the Mission.

She is not a novice in this work, having been engaged in it for 30 years.

So far as I can see Mr. Duncan is well pleased with all of this, and it is a relief to him.

GOV. STRONG'S VISIT.

with Mr. Duncan's request for the appointment of some one to confer with you. While I do not expect it to do any good for the mission I do not think it will do much harm. I would be very glad if Mr. Duncan could be represented by some one who would bring the facts squarely before him.

COMPARISON OF INDIANS CONDITION AT TIME GOV. STRONG'S REPORT
WAS MADE AND NOW ACCORDING TO MARSDEN'S STATEMENTS.

In connection with Gov. Strong's other report in which he said that the Indians wanted to go faster than Mr. Duncan was willing for them to go, there are some important statements in Marsden's article in regard to the pool rooms (two now) picture show, Commercial Co. &c. &c. and his statements about the dilapidated appearance of the village. Summed up it shows that the musical and benevolent, choral, and other such societies of a beneficial nature were here before the Gov. was here, and only the two pool rooms, the picture show, the Commercial Co., and the dance halls have been introduced since, and that no improvements have been made in the village.

MARSDEN PROUD OF NEW CONDITIONS.

Marsden's statements also show that he seems to be proud of such things, and does not mention what is the largest S.S. in Alaska at the present time or probably ever, and not even the Salvation Army.

SALE OF SAW MILL NOT SOLVED.

It does not seem to be possible to find out yet about how the saw mill, which was taken possession of by the Govt., was eventually sold by some one to the Commercial Co., or what became of the money.

MAYOR LANG DEMANDED EXPLANATION.

I have been told that the new Mayor (Harry Lang) demanded an explanation when he first took his place in the Council, but as near as I can learn, he has been hushed up, and the things seems to be sealed up,

COMMERCIAL CO. IN POSSESSION.

but the Commercial Co. has possession and have installed a boiler and engine on the east side of the mill but close to it, in a small building put up for that purpose, (of which I will take a snap shot for you some time soon) evidently being prepared to use both steam and water power.

CHURCH REPAIRS MADE.

As to the repairs on the church, Moses collected and disbursed the money and the repairs are made, I think in a satisfactory way, and I think there is still money on hand.

CHAS. JONES AT WENACHIE.

Mr. Chas. Jones was at Wenachie the last I knew of him, and I never heard any more about the person referred to.

GEIL LEFT; BEATTIE WANTED FRIEND APPOINTED.

Mr. Geil left here I understand, because Mr. Beattie wished to have a friend of his appointed to the position.

THIS FRIEND WORKING ON BEATTIE'S COTTAGE.

This friend is here ostensibly as industrial teacher, but in fact putting his time in working on a cottage for Mr. Beattie to live in.

GEIL IN MINNESOTA BUT TO BE EMPLOYED IN CANNERY.

I think Mr. Geil went to Minnesota where his folks lived, and I have heard that he will be employed in the cannery here next summer.

SHELL DISCHARGED TRYING TO HARMONIZE MATTERS.

When Mr. Thompson was here he said he had been to see Mr. Schell and seemed very much pleased with him, and said that it seemed that he had been discharged for trying to harmonize things,

BEATTIE PUT IN TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR MR. DUNCAN.

and Beattie put in because he was disposed to make trouble for Mr. Duncan.

DR. MINTHORN'S PLANS CHANGED.

As to my remaining here, I had intended to go home this summer, but Mr Duncan enjoys having Mrs. Minthorn here and Mary, (who comes over occasionally) so that I am in hopes things may go on for awhile, and I hope it may be for such a length of time as it may take for you to get matters adjusted, and get some one to take up the work permanently.

MR. DUNCAN CHANGING AND LETTING PEOPLE DO THINGS.

I think so far it has been for the best to have the delay, as I cannot help thinking that some of Mr. Duncan's ideas about how he will proceed when he is in full charge again might not be altogether for the best, and I am sure that I can see that as time passes he is changing his ideas and more disposed to let the people have some say in matters, which at this time and stage of their advancement is I think desirable, and still some inconspicuous control is needed, even among the most dependable of them, and something more radical for others.

MRS. MINTHORN CAN PERFORM MARRIAGES.

I think Mrs. Minthorn can do something to help in that way without seeming to be trying to. She is an ordained Minister in the Society of Friends, and can perform marriage ceremonies which Mr. Duncan cannot do under present Alaska laws, and which Marsden has been doing.

MARSDEN WANTS TO BE U.S. COMMISSIONER.

Marsden has also asked to be appointed U.S. Commissioner (but I under-

OUTLINES HIS PLANS.

Mrs. Minthorn has also helped out some in having more and better food for Mr. Duncan.

What I think now is that we will stay on without any plan about going home as long as it seems best, and Mary can go home and look after things and come back when her school begins in the fall, as they want her in the school at Ketchikan another year. I will have more to say about this in another place.

LETTERS AT TIME OF SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

As to letters about the proposed visit of the Ketchikan friends on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary, I think Dr. Myers has one of which I will endeavor to get a copy and send it to you.

MISSION SENTIMENT CHANGING.

In reference to the change of sentiment in favor of the mission and adverse to the Govt., I do not think I could point to particular people; the change is general outside of the Commercial Co. This is shown by the increased attendance at the church and S.S., and many have talked to Mr. Duncan.

MR. WELLCOME'S BUSINESS WITH TOM HANBURY.

I gave the letter to Mr. Hanbury, but have not seen him since. He is busy working on his boat preparatory to commencing trolling. John Hudson is making another boat and will have two this summer.

I did not receive your letter written in Dec. or Jan., so I did not know about your wishes about the business with Tom. I told him about writing the letters himself and not letting others know &c.

I think it would be distinctly advantageous to help him to do something worth while.

SOLOMON DUNDAS WANTS TOM'S SMALL BOAT

If you see an opportunity to do so, you might if you should help him to get a larger boat, take his small boat on it and let Solomon use it during the fishing season, and when the season is over buy it and pay something on it and more later.

Solomon is a staunch friend of Mr. Duncan and faithful, and had to be away all last year to get employment. His wife is a good worker in the S.S. and now that the children have clothes they attend S.S.

LETTERS OF MR. WELLCOME.

I note what you say about taking care of your letters, and will act accordingly.

WILL CARRY OUT MR. WELLCOME'S SUGGESTIONS
AS TO CERTAIN PEOPLE.

I note what you say about different persons and will do all I can to carry out your suggestions. Now that we have a home many more people come in and all seem to appreciate things that we can do for them, and

MR. DUNCAN ENJOYING HIMSELF.

Mr. Duncan comes in for an hour about three or four evenings in each week, and seems to enjoy having some one to tell his early experiences to who has not heard them some hundreds of times as I have.

\$200.00 CHECK RECEIVED.

As to your letter of Jan. 26th, containing the check for \$200.00 I have to thank you for it, and will do as you say, and as you have said in other letters.

TELLS OF LIVING EXPENSES.

As to using it to add to the comfort of Mr. Duncan and ourselves, I think we will keep on supplying Mr. Duncan with some additions to his meals, and I think I will if I am going to stay long enough to justify it get a few chickens, and have some eggs for him and ourselves; also I think I will get a halibut line with about 25 hooks and set it out and see if I can catch some halibut. I will also try to have a garden again and set out some shrubbery and berry bushes &c. &c.

The cost of living has greatly increased, and as there are two of us now, it requires economy to make both ends meet. I feel that I should divide anything there should be over living expenses with Mrs. Minthorn.

MR. DUNCAN STOPPED SUPPLYING MEDICINE.

Mr. Duncan is able to make the salary correspond with the changed conditions, but instead he has made it less by stopping supplying medicine, changing the terms about board. He seems to think it will only be a short time until there will be a change.

ABOUT GARDEN.

If I am here I very much want to have a garden and have sent for quite a lot of bushes, bulbs, roots, seeds &c., from Newport that will only cost the freight. Then I will send to the Portland Seed Co. for some. I also want to get some scions and graft some of the old apple trees there are here and see if some other varieties will not bear.

BUILDINGS NEED PAINTING.

Then there should be some work and paint used on the buildings to keep them looking right, and to keep them from being damaged by the weather.

If we should remain here another winter, some better arrangements should be made for Mr. Duncan so that he would be more comfortable &c. &c.

MR. WELLCOME'S MONEY HELPS OUT A GREAT DEAL.

The amounts furnished by you have made it possible to get along, and also have very much added to the interest of being here by making it possible to have the garden, which while not being very profitable, still makes me feel as though we were doing what all patriotic people should do at this time and was also creditable to the Mission (especially in con-

trust with the Govt. employees) and was also a good example to the people and might even eventually be very profitable by leading to the discovery of something that was particularly adapted to the climate and soil, and thus valuable to the people. This might all be realized if only one variety of fruit was found to bear and do well in this locality.

MONEY SENT USED FOR MEDICINE AND REPAIRS.

The money you have sent me has also paid for such medicines as I have had to have, and made such repairs and changes as were needed on the buildings. The last amount \$200.00 sent before this latest one is not all used up yet, and as soon as it is all used I will render the statement as I did before, and a list of the items is enclosed up to this time.

PEOPLE DO NOT NEED HELP. AS FISH PRICES GOOD.

I do not think there is much if any absolute need for help among the people now, on account of the unusually high prices prevailing for fish. Most of them have been quite well supplied with everything. Halibut is 17-1/2 cents and spring salmon 17cents per lb. now in Ketchikan, and wages 40 to 50 cents per hour.

NATIVES BUYING HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

Daniel Reeves' wife paid \$50.00 for a coat. John Hudson has a new piano, new carpets, stoves, and all of them new clothes, another boat, and has invested in Govt. bonds, and all are looking forward to a good season.

MISSION PEOPLE PROSPEROUS.

All of this is good for the Mission, as it is mostly the people who are looked upon as Mission people that have been prosperous.

GOVT. CROWD NOT SO PROSPEROUS AS INDEPENDENT WORKERS.

Those who have clung to the Govt. party having but little to show for it. And although the Commercial Co. seems to have made exorbitant profits still a person having only a share or two, and only getting half of the dividends has not gotten much after all in comparison with the independent workers, some of whom have not only made very good profits for the whole season, but have acquired some prestige by their success, as for instance:

JOHN HUDSON.

John Hudson who made \$1000.00 in one day. I am telling all of this to give you somewhat of the understanding of the situation that one gets by being here, and to explain what I said about the boats for Tom and Solomon.

TOM HANBURY AND SOLOMON DUNDAS.

I think Tom was left off the Council because he stood for fairness all around. And Solomon has been besetled to take up the running of the

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the same time put him in with the Govt outfit and separate him from the Mission, after which they would most probably kick him out, as he is too honest for them.

ELI TAIT IN NEED OF HELP.

The only person I know who might really need help is Eli Tait, who is disabled with rheumatism. I will find out about him and let you know some kind of an arrangement to fit him out with a halibut line &c. for the boys to look after. It might do them a lot of good. I think some way to get them to do something is better than to give them anything outright. Although he was one of the main ones to injure Mr. Duncan, yet he should be helped if he really needs it.

STOCKHOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL CO.

I have made more inquiry about the number of stockholders in the Commercial Co. and find that probably there are as many as 100 but one of the persons I inquired of said that many of those taken in were children for small amounts of stock.

DANIEL REEVES HAS STOCK.

I find also that Daniel Reeves has taken stock, and I had always considered him a good friend of the mission, and he is the Supt. of the SS.

MARSDEN ASKED TO TAKE MOSES HEWSON CLASS IN S.S.

Also Marsden was at the S. S. yesterday, and the Superintendent asked him to take Moses Hewson's class in his absence.

BENSON STORE BURNED.

Benson's store was burned this morning about 2 A.M. but I have not heard any of the particulars yet (Monday morning) and when I ascertain something about it I will write you.

WAREHOUSE KEY HELD BY BEATTIE WHO LETS PEOPLE FROM
COMMERCIAL CO. TAKE ANYTHING THEY WANT.

John Hudson and George Hall are putting things to rights for Mr. Duncan about the store &c. and had to go to Beattie for the key to the old warehouse. They say that Beattie lets the hands who are working for the Commercial Co. have the key and they go into the warehouse and take bolts, bearings, shafting, or anything they want to use about installing the mill and in fitting up the old mill and in making changes &c. &c. and use them in their work.

COMMERCIAL CO. NO RIGHT TO THIS PROPERTY.

I am at a loss to understand how any kind of an excuse could be made to justify this, as the Commercial Co. is a private Co. and no matter who the said property belonged to this Co. certainly would not have any right to use it.

GOVT. HAS NO PROPERTY IN WAREHOUSE AND MR. DUNCAN HAS.

Also as the Govt. has no property in that old warehouse, I am at a loss to know what the excuse is for Beattie having it under lock and key, and requiring Mr. Duncan who has thousands of dollars worth of property in the warehouse to go to him for the key when he wants to get anything.

ITEMS ON SECOND ACCOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED (\$200) DOLLARS.

Trip to Ketchikan Sept. items already reported,	\$14.00
" " Nov.	5.00
Bergstresser for films and printing,	11.50
Medicine,	21.89
Ryus Drug Co. hot water bottles for Mr. Duncan,	6.20
Work on house and roof John Buxton and others,	17.00
Portland Seed Co. rye and wheat,	1.00
Linoleum for guest house floor,	18.00
For Progressive Miner,	5.00
Other papers,	10.00
Paint,	6.90
Stove,	\$20.00
Stove furniture,	2.25
Wall paper,	3.15
Coal for Mr. Duncan,	6.00
	<u>147.69</u>

When I furnish the full statement I will attach the receipts.

MARSDEN SAW BENSON FIRE FIRST. NO FIRE CO. HERE.

As to the fire I learned that Marsden saw it first, but neither he or anyone else notified Benson. There is no Fire Co. since the Commercial Co. took their lot, so there was not much done. Benson had insurance and the insurance agent is here. We did not hear any bell or any other signs of the fire when it occurred.

HALIBUT FISHING ON SMALL SCALE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT TROLLING WITH SMALL BOAT PRACTICAL. COST \$200.00.

I asked John Hudson about having a halibut line, and he said there had to be fresh herring for bait which is kept by the cold storage companies and furnished to halibut fishermen who make a business of it and also furnish ice, but it could not be managed on so small a scale as this, but a small boat with a rowboat engine for trolling for salmon would be practical as there did not need to be any bait for salmon. The complete outfit would cost about Two Hundred Dollars.

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DR. B. L. MYERS

KETCHIKAN ALASKA

DEAR DOCTOR I am returning the clipping and many thanks I wonder if you could get a copy of the papea (paper) and send it to Mr. Welcome also on (one) of the Proerssive (progressive) of the date of Feb. 7th; that has the report of the S. S. in it with the articles marked I am sending stamps to pay the cost. Mr. Beattie gave the number of the people here in Jan as 557 natives and 13 whites.

If you could I would like also to have a copy of two of the Juneau paper and some copies of the Pro-gressive of the 7th of Feb. so I am sending a check for 1.00 (\$1.00) for all.

I think the MISSION is showing signs of more improvement than anything else about Metlakatla as shown by the attendance at the S.S. and church and prayer meetings. I think also Mr. Duncan himself is in a much better frame of mind, that is he is not so despondent about the destruction of his Industrial plant &c, &c, and has become not only more recociled, (reconciled) to it but more devoted to his purely MISSIONARY work. He is I think doing the MISSION work as well as he ever did, as you will see his Juvenile class is very large. When Mr. Thompson was here I asked him this question:

If a church in Seattle had a man 86 years old that had had a Juvenile S.S. class of from 25 to 75 every Sunday for 50 years and was still holding the attendance without giving any cards, pictures or anything else to induce the pupils to attend, if he did not think it would be a source of pride and satisfaction to the individual church and Denomination and even somewhat to even the city? And I said you have been here (unheralded) and you have seen that with your own eyes and that is one of the things that the Presbyterian Church through Marsden, and the Govt. officials have been recommending to be eliminated by the removal of Mr. Duncan.

(The following note is typed on side of letter:)

I also told Mr. Thompson that Mr. Duncan being completely superceded in AUTHORITY by Marsden and the Govt. officials could not be accused of causing the attendance by that means.

(The following note is penned:)

Please hand this check to Ryus (?) - also hold the papers until I come over.

METLAKATLA ALASKA - FEBRUARY 20th, 1918.

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MR. H. S. WELLCOME - 18, EAST 41st, STREET - NEW YORK CITY N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

I saw Aleck today and he said Sidney had done some work for you amounting to about \$24.00.

Canneries

Aleck is going to work for Mr. Strong again in the cannery. He is to get \$7.50 a day for eight hours. From all appearances help is going to be scarce and wages very high. Aleck said Mr. Thompson went to Saxman and showed him the statements made by the people there about Marsden.

He said they were very voluminous and all to the BAD. All agreed he was a grafter, and always on the job. Aleck said Mr. Thompson saw Mr. Schell and had some talk with him about taking charge at Saxman.

I wrote to Mr. Schell and told him I thought he would do well to take it and that I had almost talked myself into the notion of offering to take it myself.

Fires
Stores

I heard that Marsdens Uncle warned Benson that his store might be burned and so he went and took out Insurance.

I also heard that Marsdens girl told some one that they saw it burning but that none of them went out of the house and no one notified Benson.

And Benson says no one came to tell him, and he did not hear the bell and we did not hear the bell. I think Benson is to go over tomorrow to see about getting the insurance. (?)

The cold weather continues but it is not VERY cold.

The skating is good and the people are busy getting wood from the timber south of the lake as you saw them last winter.

Mr. Duncan is having everything put in order so he says that he wants to leave everything in good order.

There is a great demand for Spruce lumber. It brings as high as \$130.00 per thousand if up to the specifications.

I asked Benson about the fire. He said old Mr. Burton (Marsdens uncle) told him that his store was going (going) to be burned because he did not connect with the Com. Co. so he had it insured.

I was told that Lopp had written to Brendible and Marsden that if

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and Solomon Dundas and Benj. Haldane to have charge of the singing. Dr. Condit was here today and attended the morning service and the S. S. and Marsden was there and took a class. Condit made an address and wound up by inviting all to attend a meeting at the hall in the evening.

Marsden's
Meeting
with
Kittans

Taking this in connection with a report I heard that Marsden had had a meeting of the members of his tribe (the Kittans) in the hall recently and asked them if they wanted him to have a Presbyterian church here, and that it could be held in some house. The person who told me said that not one person made any reply.

But all the same I think it is likely that that is what he is here for, and as I looked over the house this afternoon and saw Marsden, Catherine Marsden, Mr. Beattie and Mrs. Beattie, all acting as Teachers I thought supposing Mr. Duncan should get sick, what a temptation it would be for Marsden to step in and take charge. Probably having Beattie to back him that is what he would do.

Prayer
Meetings

But it is no use to borrow trouble. But it is surely a complicated situation. Mrs. Minthorn tried attending a prayer meeting that was in operation long before she came here and had from 30 to 40 attending it, but Mr. Duncan objected on the ground that they would take it for granted that HE was inclined to encourage it, &c. &c. and yet Solomon, Geo. Hall and wife, Josiah Guthrie and others attended it and yet Mr. Duncan seemed to be suspicious of it, and Marsden and Atkinson were NOT there.

Testimony

Criticisms
on
Marsden &
Condit

I think Mr. Duncan preached well both in the morning and evening service today as all of the people seemed attentive and interested, and I do not think he is saying much about his enemies lately. But for Condit and Marsden after abusing him and lying about him as they have to walk right into his church and use the privileges (privileges) they did to try to make a split in it is the very quintessence of GALL, and it would not be any wonder if he did not like it. The LORD reward them as Haaman was rewarded. I understand that Atkinson HAS joined the Salvation Army, and that Benson has been attending some,

(This line of letter not legible)

Mr. Duncan's
Health

We are having about the worst storm of the season a regular SNOW blizzard, Almost rain and plenty of wind. I do not think I told you that Mr. Duncan has a Hernia caused I suppose by Constipation, and I suppose the constipation caused by too much dry food.

He has a truss but has not managed to wear it yet.

Geo. Hall & John Hudson have been looking after him this winter. getting wood. putting things in order &c. &c. Solomon

The GREAT dofference (difference) between Mr. Duncan's way and that of the GOVT. is that Mr. Duncan's made prosperity general while the GOVT. through the Com. Co. makes it for the SPECIAL few at the expense of the rest.

There might be such a thing as that the GOVT. would regret ever having had anything to do with the business department.

Beattie's new house leaks nearly as bad as the one they lived in before. Beatties & Marsden went to Ketchikan yesterday to meet Condit.

At the bottom of page 2 I said something about the prayer meeting which met at Miltons house. and that Mr. Duncan objected to Mrs. Minthorn attending it (after which she has not attended it). But one evening when she was there they appointed Earnest Milton an elder.

I think you will remember that he and Atkinson were deposed while you was (were) here for holding an Elders meeting (so called) all by themselves and authorizing Marsden to take the church &c. &c. I think you will also recall what I said a few weeks ago about the elders and Mr. Duncan refusing to accept them or to qualify them and that Marsden had qualified them &c. &c.

But I did not say that Moses would not qualify before Marsden. Yesterday while Condit and Marsden were skirmishing around about whatever it is that they are trying to do a meeting was held at Miltons house and Moses was deposed from being an Elder because he would not qualify before Marsden.

Daniel reeves (Reeves) was in here yesterday after they came back from Saxman he said they had about 30 present at the meetings and they held two services and then went to Ketchikan and held a service in the evening and staid all night and that they were to go again next Sunday and others including Marsden were to go to Kassan and have a service.

I have not heard yet whether a Presbyterian church was organized or not. So far as deposing Moses is concerned I told him that he was still an elder of the Metlakatla Christian Church and that he and Solomon were the ONLY Elders of that church as it is an absurdity to talk about people in no way connected with the church having a meeting at a private house and without any kind of sanction of or connection with the church appointing Officers of the church.

Of course it complicates matters Mr. Duncan having never had any kind of an organization. But no matter about that. What the Govt. people and the Presbyterians are doin (doing) is in violation of the present practice of the world Viz. that political Governments shall not meddle with religious matters and also in violation of the practice of all evangelical denominations that one church shall not

I have ordered 31,00 worth of seeds and am going to try to have a good garden again this summer if I stay here.

It is like a different place in the summer. I think perhaps I may get a boat and do a little trolling, and also use it to get seaweed for fertilizer for the garden and in getting wood. Since things have gotten so high the people want from \$3,00 to \$4,00 a rick for wood and even then it is almost impossible to get anyone to get it. They make so much more fishing. All of Mr. Duncan's logs have disappeared.

MARSDEN
CREDIT
BUSINESS

I have made some inquiry about the Marsden Condit business but it is not settled yet so I will have to leave it until next week. Also I think Moses is writing you and he can tell about it better than I can. But from what I have heard I do not think Condit is going to have it all his own way also from what I have heard it appears that Marsden has informed Condit and probably the Board also that the people here WANT a Presbyterian church and him for Pastor &c. &c.

It seems that Harry Lang the Mayor is opposed to it and I think Tom Hanbury is going to oppose it strong and Moses is I think coming out strong against it. And I have heard that Adolphus has made a strong speech against it. I would be ever so glad to be at the meeting tonight but I suppose it would not be best.

Education

I heard that Harry lang (Lang) told Condit that there were DOORS to peoples houses and if any one went into the house they ought to go in at the DOOR. That tha (the) door to School affairs was Mr. Beattie and if any one came here on business about the school they should go to Mr. Beattie and that he (Lang) was the door about the council and if any one wanted to have anything to do about such things they should come to him.

And that Mr. Duncan was the door about the church and any one wanting to do anything about such things should go to him. I think this illustration was inspired -

(Stamped, with date pencilled in
Mr. Wellcome's handwriting, as
follows)

METLAKATLA ALASKA Feb. 28, 1913.

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MR. H. S. WELLCOME - 18- EAST 41st. - NEW YORK CITY - N. Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

I saw Moses this morning and he was at the meeting last night and will write you I think fully about the transactions.

He said Harry Lang made the opening speech, Something as follows (in part) Addressing Dr. Condit - he said. We are glad to have you here and know that a Christian like you has come to see your brother Christian Mr. Duncan to see how he is getting along in his Christian work.

That is the way that Christians ought to do. We came here to this place many years ago and at that time had a meeting of the whole community and the Elders of the Christian Church. We had a large bible that we had purchased and we presented it to Mr. Duncan and ORDAINED him to teach us that bible.

Mr. Duncan stood up and agreed there before us all to be our Minister and teach us the bible and he has done what he agreed to do and is yet although he is getting old. And you can look around among these people and see how well he has succeeded. Even the young men seem (seem) some like Christians. And he is our minister today and we do not want any other as long as he lives and continues to be our minister.

Dr. Condit replied saying (in part) The Presbyterians have always been the friends of the Metlakatians, and it was Presbyterians that helped to get this Island and men like Mr. Wadhams and Mr. Ladd were the ones that always helped, &c. &c. (Moses can tell you better himself)

I saw John Hudson's son Everett and asked him what they did at the meeting. He said they did not talk of having a Presbyterian church, that Harry Lang put a hook in their noses and led them around another way and that they talked about Kassan and Saxman and Ketchikan.

I heard more that he said to Condit about the door. It was that there was a RIGHT way to come into the DOOR and that was to ring the bell and let the man inside come and see if he wanted to have them to come in.

As near as I understand the situation it is that Marsden wanted his SALARY again and wanted to be stationed HERE but the decision was that in order to get his salary he would have to go to Saxman and attend to Kassan and Ketchikan.

I cannot tell you how pleased I am with all this and

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Failure
of
Govt to
gain
confidence
&
respect
community

And the failure of the Govt. to gain the confidence and respect (respect) of the community as Mr. Beattie went around with Dr. Condit (which as a man supposed to represent the WHOLE Community he had not ought to have done) although he knew that Marsden and Dr. Condit were bent on doing something that would not be agreeable to more than a Doz. families in the village.

Of course this thing may not stop here but even if they try other ways I think it will only lead to OTHER and worse failures.

What it seems to me will (will) happen will be the refusal of the Saxman people to cooperate with Marsden. How he will meet that I cannot imagine but I have no doubt but that he and Dr. Condit will try to bluff it through.

We are having another storm, Snow almost rain, but not cold.

Mr. Duncan is well and seems cheerful. There is not much sickness. John Hudsons son has another youngster.

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ACCOUNT OF THE PROPOSED REINSTATEMENT OF REV. EDWARD MARSDEN AS MISSIONARY BY DR. CONDIT, SUPT. OF THE HOME BOARD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR S. E. ALASKA, THE REV. MARSDEN HAVING FORMERLY BEEN MISSIONARY AT SAXMAN, ALASKA, BUT HIS APPOINTMENT HAVING CEASED OCT. 1st, 1917, AND THE SAXMAN WORK HAVING BEEN DISCONTINUED, THE REV. MARSDEN HAVING LEFT SAXMAN AND TAKEN UP HIS RESIDENCE AT METLAKATLA ABOUT 1916, AND THE GOVT. SCHOOL AT SAXMAN HAVING BEEN DISCONTINUED, AND THE SCHOOL FURNITURE HAVING BEEN REMOVED TO METLAKATLA.

March 5, 1918.

Some time in February 1918, Mr. Marsden called a meeting of some of his tribe (the Kitlans who he thinks he controls, and through whom he tries to accomplish his objects.) at one of the halls and asked them to unite with him in trying to have a Presbyterian church organized at Metlakatla.

One of those present said there was no response, but Mr. Marsden is supposed to have asked Dr. Condit to come to Metlakatla, and he came on Saturday, February 23rd, 1918, and attended Mr. Duncan's church in the forenoon of Sunday the 24th, and the Sunday school at 3:30 P.M., where he made an address to the Sunday school winding up with inviting all to come to the hall (M. B. hall) in the evening.

On Tuesday February 26th, Dr. Condit and Mr. Beattie the school Superintendent, with whom he was stopping, called on the Mayor at his house.

The Mayor, Mr. Harry Lang addressed Condit as follows: "We have here at Metlakatla what might be called three doors, one for the town which is the Mayor, one for the school which is Mr. Beattie, and one for the church which is Mr. Duncan. Any one coming to Metlakatla on business connected with any of these should come at that business through the person in charge of that business, and not some other way. There is a certain way to come in at a door also. It is to knock or ring the bell, and wait until the person inside comes to say whether or not he wants the person outside to come in, and not to break down the door and come in."

It was arranged to have a meeting of the town council, at which Dr. Condit was to be present, which was done, but it was decided at the council meeting to call a mass meeting, which was done, and about 150 persons were present.

In the opening address made by the Mayor he said (in part): "We came here many years ago and soon after we came we had a mass meeting of all the people and the Elders of the Metlakatla Christian church, and presented a bible which we had bought to Mr. Duncan and ORDAINED him to be our Minister and to teach us out of the bible. Mr. Duncan stood up and

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and of whom Atkinson claims to be the Chief, and who is the only person in the community who pretends to any claims of Chieftainship.

These people have always resented the presence of Mr. Duncan, because he would never recognize their claims.

In proof of this I quote the following from a letter written by Mr. Marsden to Dr. Condit and dated December 8th, 1918, in which he says in speaking of Mr. Duncan and his work, "The system that has been fattened on the expense of our Indian rights, and one that considers us as its legal chattels, only to be subjugated, governed and disposed of at will."

Also quoting from a letter of the same date to Dr. Condit and signed by Alfred Atkinson. He says, "This Metlakatla work did not start right in the beginning, and xxxxxxxxxxxx has been carried on against some of God's righteousness, xxxxxxxxxxxx there were signs of this fall when we blindfolded common justice in British Columbia, when we misused the funds of the church missionary society, when we practiced the same deeds here, when we trampled on the simple and innocent rights of the poor people here, when we twisted some of God's words to suit our purposes, when we under the guise of religion started a business system that was untruthful to the core, and a whole lot of other things."

Since these statements refer to the whole past history of Metlakatla, I feel that I am justified in saying that Marsden and Atkinson were always opposed to the Mission, also that they are not sustained by the people.

I have made this little statement because I think there is a relation between these things that helps to understand both of them, viz; the attempt of Marsden to supercede Mr. Duncan, and his whole attitude towards Mr Duncan.

Also because I think both Mr. Condit and the Government are in this business of sustaining the old order of things, that was accountable for all the many drawbacks of the Old manner of Indian life.

Today is mail day so will have to defer more until another time.

REGARDING MR. DUNCAN

I cannot see any difference in his preaching from the past. He is vigorous and his voice is strong, and he has the attention and apparently the interest of his audience as of old. He studies his sermons and reads very much as he did, but not so much general reading and more of a religious kind. He does not seem to be thinking much of his wrongs as he used to be and seldom mentions them. He comes over and sits with us from 8 to 9 or 9:30 four nights in the week, and tells his reminiscences of the past and mostly of a cheerful nature, which he seems to enjoy. His being hard of hearing prevents much conversation on the part of either of us. He seems to like to tell about the past.

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Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina.
March 7th, 1918.

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Miss Mary Minthorn,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Miss Minthorn:-

I beg you will pardon me for not having made earlier reply to your kind letter, which I was very glad to receive.

I am sure that your close touch with your father has done him much good, and has been a source of great cheer to him, and I believe also that your visits to Metlakatla have also done Mr. Duncan much good.

I most earnestly hope that your father will be able to remain at Metlakatla, for according to my views it is very essential for the protection of Mr. Duncan's health and welfare, and for the welfare of the people. I know of no one who can so well meet the needs, and whose wisdom and discretion will go so far in promoting harmony, and this is very essential. I fully realize that your father has made great sacrifices and is doing so now, and I know that his heart is in this work.

Some day I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you, either in the East or the West, or on the other side of the Atlantic.

I trust that your sister is progressing satisfactorily with her important work in India.

Postal
Service
Enclosed I send an important and valuable letter for your father, which I would like you to enclose in a well sealed letter from yourself and send to him by some trusty person who is going over to Metlakatla, and I shall feel obliged if you will kindly do the same in regard to other letters which I shall send you for him from time to time, as there have been some unsatisfactory incidents in connection with the mail which is sent to Metlakatla in the ordinary way.

Dr. Myers will no doubt assist you in finding some one who is trustworthy who is going over to Metlakatla, and it is particularly important that the individual who takes the letter is unquestionably trustworthy, and the envelopes in which the letters are sent should be strongly sealed with sealing wax.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

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Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina.
March 8th, 1918.

H

Dr. H. J. Minthorn,
Metlakatla, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

I have ^{just} received your ^{undated} letter ^{leaving on the envelope postmark of Ketchikan Feb 12th 1918} which there are seven pages, but there is no finish to the letter and no signature, and it looks as though there might be another page or more missing. *It would be very helpful if you would always date your letters, and make the address on envelope complete.*

Your letter is very full of extremely interesting information. *Your letter was much delayed on account of incomplete address.*

I am only writing you very briefly now, but I will endeavor to write you more fully on some of the subjects very soon.

In your last two letters, you speak of Mrs. Minthorn, and in this last letter you speak of Mrs. Minthorn nee Atkinson. In the first letter I thought where you mentioned Mrs. Minthorn it was a slip of the pen, and that you meant Miss Minthorn. It is quite probable that you have written me about your marriage, but that the letter has been intercepted or miscarried.

I now want to offer you my very warmest congratulations, and to wish you and your bride good health and abundant happiness, and may God give you both every blessing you may desire.

You have previously written me of Mrs. Atkinson and her experience and qualifications, and it seems to me that she must be an ideal woman for your life's companion, and especially at Metlakatla, and that she will be a boon to Mr. Duncan and to the people, as well as to yourself. I think this goes a long ways towards solving the immediate problems at Metlakatla.

In the present unsettled state of affairs, and especially during the time of war, I have met with no success in finding any one who would be willing to go and take up the work at Metlakatla. The whole question of the future is so unsettled, that no one wants to take the venture until the present troubles are adjusted.

Regarding the supply of medicines, I think I have already told you, and I now confirm it, that I wish you to purchase whatever medicines are necessary out of the funds which I supply you. This comes within the comforts of Mr. Duncan and yourself, and for the people, as contemplated.

Regarding your remarks about Solomon Dundas, I suggest you might say to him that he had better find out from Tom Hanbury at what price and on what terms he would sell or lease his small motor boat; also find out what would be necessary to equip him for fishing. Whatever he proposes to do should be done very soon, or it will be too late for this season.

It is probable that he would not wish to carry on operations on a large scale. but do something within his compass that would be suitable

I would like to know what is the standing of Ben Ridley. Is he loyal or disloyal, and has he taken any part in the trouble making, and generally speaking what is his status and allegiance.

When your daughter Mary goes to Newport, Oregon, perhaps it might be convenient for her to try and find the photographic negatives, etc., which you have stored there, and if she finds them, I should be glad if they could be sent addressed to me care of Fischer Bros. Seattle, marking them fragile, and asking Messrs Fischer Bros. to hold them for my instructions.

I should feel obliged when sending me clippings from newspapers, if you would always mark them with the name of the paper, the place of publication and the date, as this adds greatly to the value, and in case of my using them it makes any quotation more authentic.

Enclosed I send you a pad with gummed slips, which you can paste on to the top of such clippings, after filling in the particulars.

It would also be very helpful to me in referring to your letters, which contain so many points of information, if you would break up the letter into a paragraph for each subject, and with a little heading stating the subject.

You need not fear about using too much paper, as I will supply you with all you may require, or in other words, you can purchase the paper at Ketchikan at my expense; also I would suggest that you should have a good supply of the carbon papers, and not use them too long so they ~~wild~~ get worn out, and always see that the copies are sharp and distinct.

Regarding the registered letter of January 28th, which you received ~~opened~~, the circumstances do not appear to be very satisfactory, and while the envelope might be somewhat worn, I am afraid from the appearance of the envelope, that the wearing alone does not account for the envelope being opened when received. To me the envelope has the appearance of having been specially dealt with, and worn in a peculiar way. I ought to have observed your warning, and sent your letters to Ketchikan, and I shall adopt this course in future.

I shall take the same precautions in regard to Mr. Duncan's letters, and would recommend you and Mr. Duncan to send all your mail to Ketchikan for posting, and in every case you should be very careful of the man who takes the letters over for posting. Mr. Duncan's letters as well as your own, I think, should be in ~~all~~ special correspondence sent to Miss Mary Minthorn, Ketchikan, or care of Dr. Myers, and arrangements made with special precautions for sending them over from Ketchikan to Metlakatla by thoroughly trusty men. *It is best not to say anything about opened mail, but be very watchful in future.*

I suggest you have some good strong envelopes printed with your name and address, and Mr. Duncan's name and address, for enclosing such letters, and that they should be all sealed with sealing wax.

I am anxious to get every bit of information possible in regard to the sale of the saw mill, and of the proceedings of the Council, etc.,

as events occur and write me quite fully, and wherever possible get statements from the men quite clearly describing all of the particulars of each incident separately.

Do I understand you that the new marriage law in Alaska prohibits any man who is not an ordained minister from performing marriages? If so, when was this law passed, and when did Mr. Duncan cease to perform marriage ceremonies?

With cordial regards to Mrs. Minthorn and yourself, and to Mr. Duncan, I remain always,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

P.S. Please be careful to keep letters and papers always locked up and inaccessible to others.

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Received from Dr. H. J. Minthorn on behalf of Mr. H.

S. Wellcome Twenty Three Dollars and 50 Cents in payment for the carving of the following articles, viz:
One large carved wooden dish, one medium carved wooden dish, two small carved wooden dishes, one small carved toilet box shaped like a grease box, one large carved wooden spoon, one carved canoe shaped wooden tray and one carved wooden medicine rattle.

of Sidney Cambell

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1918.

Received from Dr. H. J. Minthorn on behalf of Mr.

H. S. Wellcome One Hundred Dollars in cash on account
of services and expenses, and articles purchased for
Mr. H. S. Wellcome by me.

for Alex. Guthrie

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Metlakatla Alaska - Saturday March 9, 1918.

The attendance at the 10 o'clock service last Sunday was over 100 (two white people). The attendance at the 3.30 S. S. was 120 pupils & (?) teachers - there were 54 small children of which Mr. Duncan had 30 in his class in the vestry and the others were in two classes in the audience room. The exercises closed with prayer by Mr. Beattie and Mrs. Hall - that of Mrs. Hall being in the native language and must have been quite remarkable from her manner and delivery - which seemed very impressive indeed -

A delegation of the elders and some members of the choir went to both Saxman and Kassan to hold services, Solomon Dundas and wife and Mrs. Hall, John Hayward and others going to Kassan, - and Roderick Murchison and others to Saxman, - Good reports are given of the attendance and interest in both places.

There were three accidents during the week, Mr. Duncan having fallen and hurt his wrist - which is improving, and Josiah Booth having cut his hand on a saw while working in the mill - Also Heber Reese Jun, had his clothing to catch on a shaft in the mill and torn off of him also hurting him considerably in the way of cuts and bruises but probably will not terminate seriously.

Basket Ball The young mens basket ball team went to Hydaburg to play a matched game, and have not returned yet. Mr. Marsden took them in the Good Tidings at \$5.00 each, going around Cape Chacon.

Sawmill The whistle was blown for the first time today in the new steam sawmill. Quite a large lot of logs are in the boom, and it is understood that the mill will be operated from this on.

Canneries Mr. Geil has returned it is said as bookkeeper (book-keeper) for the cannery. Also a Jap family have arrived and have moved into the east side of the old building that the Govt. teachers have been living in and are to board the hands working for the Cannery Co. Work it is said will begin next week.

Warehouse
Stores Mr. Duncan is removing some of the property from the old warehouse and putting it in the store (store) and carpenter shop. John (John) Hudson and Solomon are working for him. Marie is still cooking for him but we take soup, apples and vegetables to him for lunch. He has not tried to have any school this year.

Fisheries Spring Salmon have commenced to run and some have been caught. The people will be going to Nass next week to be ready for the Colican run. Robins have made their appearance.

Fairs The Metlakatla-Hydaburg-Klawak School Fair was held from Wed. to Sat. of this week. A small delegation went from Metlakatla.

Weather We have had four or five weeks of cold weather. It was 24° above 0 this morning which is as cold as it has been but the ground has been frozen for several weeks and there is about 6 inches of snow now.

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(page 2 of letter beginning, "The attendance at the 10 o'clock service last Sunday", etc. and dated 3-9-18)

People are getting ready to go to the Nass for
oolican, although they predict that the ice will be six feet thick
and will have to be cut before nets can be used.

The people connected with the Cannery seemed to be
busy at the wharf all day yesterday (Sunday) and are working this
morning.

It was quite cold in the church yesterday. It is said
that the coil is broken and Frank Hamilton fixed it with cement
but it will not bear to be used only to a limited extent. It is
said that there will need to be a new coil but probably it will
have to do now the rest of this season.

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(Copied from a letter written on the typewriter in all capital
letters, and neither addressed to any one nor signed by anyone,
and containing no sort of formal salutation or closing--CRS)
(Apparently the letter is from Dr. H. J. Minthorn to Mr. H. S. Welles)

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METLAKATLA ALASKA - MARCH 18, 1918 -

The attendance at church on Sun. Mar. 10th was 75--it was the coldest weather of the winter and the building was not well heated.

It has been cold for several weeks although not so cold as during some former winters, yet the temperature has been below the freezing point every morning for five weeks, and there is now five inches of snow on the ground at sea level and very heavy snow on the surrounding mountains.

Social Science The attendance at S. S. was 112. Food administrator Wagner from Juneau was present and gave a talk and announced another in the hall for the evening, which he gave and also one on Monday evening. The usual rules for food conservation have been applied to the village Viz. That all persons buying flour shall also buy about the same quantity of other kinds of food as Corn Meal, Oat-meal, Rice &c.

Only one of the Govt. employees was at church, one of the lady teachers. Mr. Hawkesworth was at S. S.

Canneries Work has commenced at the cannery with 10 white men and no natives employed. Mr. Geil is the bookkeeper (book-keeper). All seem to board with the Jap family in the old Girls Home. The City of Seattle came in with a large Amt. of freight for the cannery, among which was a large Amt. of wire netting for the new fish Traps. It is said there will be seven. Mr. Smith who was the Foreman on the building last year is here again.

Sawmill The saw-mill commenced to run on Wednesday March 13th. There are fifteen hands employed, all natives. Archie Dundas is the Foreman. They claim to have cut ten thousand feet in a day, and say they will cut fifteen thousand feet per day when they get to running in their best shape.

The saw will not run through a two foot log without frequently slacking the carraige (carriage) to let it gain (gain) speed, but it may do better when things get to running better. It takes three extra men on account of the change to steam instead (instead) of water power, Viz. Engineer, Fireman, and a man to get wood. The fuel item is also extra.

Contract building They have the contract on the lumber for the new cannery building and also for an addition to the Govt. School-house.

Wages Up to the time of starting the mill all the hands Recd. \$3.50 per day for eight hours, but now that the mill is running the wages will be for the KIND of work, the saw-yer (sawyer) receiving more and other according to the work.

The logs are \$7.00 per thousand, and the rought lumber is to be sold at \$18.00 per thousand. Flooring and

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(No addressee given, but
undoubtedly to Mr. Wellcome)

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Received
Meeting
Book
at 10

Saw
him

I have heard that Mr. Marsden called a meeting of a
fe (few) of the KITLANS and got them to formulate a request for
him to make his head-quarters here while doing his missionary
work at Saxman, and Kassan, so I suppose he will continue his
old tactics. Moses Hewson seems to have abandoned the position
of teacher of the Male adult class and Organist, at the S.S. in
Marsdens favor, so he is making an appearance of being one of
the workers in the S. S. although he was not appoited (appointed)
to any position. This with the apparent connection he will have
with the delegations that go to SAXMAN, and KASSAN, will make
him appear to be quite a factor in the work here although he
was not CHOSEN to act any part.

Tom Hanbury has moved to Ketchikan for the summer,
I suppose to be nearer to the TROLLING grounds and the market.

Benson has not Recd. the Insurance yet on his store.

People are beginning to leave for Nass River to be
at the Colican fishing. More than usual interes (interest) is
manifested in it this year.

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

(Copied from a typewritten letter, without the name of any addressee
and signed by H. J. Minthorn--CRS)



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METLAKATLA ALASKA - MARCH 19TH, - 1918

MR. H. S. WELLCOME - 18, EAST 41ST, STREET - NEW YORK CITY

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

Wages
Agri- I am enclosing the weekly Diary- The weather is warmer but the ground is covered with snow and especially on the mountains the snow is VERY deep. We are thinking of making garden and have already gotten some things to plant.

Considering the prospect of a short crop this year on account of scarcity of labor &c, I think we should put in all the ground that was ever in garden and make the very best showing we can. from patriotic motives if from no others and then the food itself is quite an item.

Then the example to the people will have some effect. It is said that people are affected much more by what they SEE than by what they HEAR.

Invest- Then if there should be any kind of an investigation here this year it would be best to have things looking as well as possible.

I do not expect the Govt. employees to make even as GOOD a showing as Mr. Schell did and that was very small. We still have PLENTY of Potatoes, Carrote, (Carrots) Turnips, Rutabagas, and Cabbage, and we have some nice plants in the house. I do not see yet just how we will get the ground dug up but I will manage some way, and after the first digging I can manage the rest very well.

Wages
Agri- Wages are so high that it seems almost impossible to hire anything done, but the high price of fish makes the wages high. I thought perhaps we might have a boat and do something towards catching enough fish for our own use and getting wood and sea-wood for fertilizer and other things but I want to be sure of the garden first as I consider that of considerable importance this year.

Sign- They are selling the slab-wood at the mill at \$2.00 a cord now. It was \$3.00 a cord but Mr. Duncan baulks at having any-thing to do with them. But I think where it is not a matter of any principle, we should not hold back from any relations that would show a willigness (willingness) to act harmoniously.

As you will see from the Diary all are acting harmoniously in the Sabbath-school and I do not think WE should be the FIRST to do otherwise - YOUR FRIEND- (Signed) H. J. Minthorn

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(COPY)

Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina,
March 21st, 1918.

Dr. H. J. Minthorn,
Wellakatta, Alaska.

My Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

Kindly hand the enclosed letter to Moses. Enclosed
is an extract from letter from Moses of January 15th.

I shall feel obliged if you will try and verify all the statements
contained in this, and obtain for me any and all other particulars pos-
sible in reference to all the circumstances leading up to and including
the election of the Elders by the Council, and the incidents connected
with the swearing in in the Church. I would like you to obtain the utmost
detail, and be quite certain about all the facts.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

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DR. H. J. MINTHORN

TELEGRAM FROM CLAYTON
I THINK MR. DUNCAN IS SENDING YOU A COPY OF A TELEGRAM HE RECD. FROM DR. CLAYTON - MR. DUNCAN WAS FOR NOT PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO IT BUT CONCLUDED TO REFER IT TO YOU, HE SAYS THERE WERE (WAS) \$70. SOLD YESTERDAY WHICH IS MORE THAN I THOUGHT WAS BEING SOLD - HIS SIDE IS TROUBLING HIM SOME AND I AM ANXIOUS ABOUT IT, - SOLOMON IS TO STAY WITH HIM AT NIGHT, AND TO LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANY NEED (OF MY ATTENDANCE)

MR. H. S. WELLCOME, 18 EAST 41ST, STREET NEW YORK CITY N, Y,

DEAR MR WELLCOME,

MISSIONARY
I understand that there are no missionaries at either Old Metlakatla or Port Simpson. How would it do to get some one for this place and let them stay at those two and other places in B, C, most of the time while Mr. Duncan is able and continues to do the work here, learning the language and otherwise preparing themselves to take charge of the work there and here and holding themselves ready to step in here at any time when it became necessary, to do so, and at the same time continue to have an oversight of the work in B, C,

GUEST HOUSE
It may be necessary almost any time to do more for Mr. Duncan than is being done personally. What ought to be done even now is for him to move into the Guest House and occupy the Library for his living room, and use the LITTLE room where the papers are for his bedroom, and have the kitchen and his own cook, and let the OTHER family use the rooms where we are and be within hearing of him but let him have his own arrangements for living,

I do not know how any thing CAN be done as he will not listen to any suggestions but if he should be sick or get hurt as he is liable to at any time now it would HAVE to be done. Of course he will not allow arrangements to be made about heating &c, and such arrangements would HAVE to be made, so it is difficult to know how things could be managed. But it would HAVE to be done some way. I think some plans should be made to meet such an emergency should it arise, also, about the continuence of his work,

YOUR FRIEND

(Sgd.) H. J. Minthorn

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WEATHER.

The weather is still wintry, snows almost every day, but soon melts, except on the high ground where it is getting deeper all the time. There has probably been as much as 7 or 8 feet of snow this winter, although there has not been more than 4 feet at one time. It is not very cold, but some of the time it is very chilly on account of the proximity of so much snow.

MR. DUNCAN'S ACCIDENT AND HIS HEALTH.

Mr. Duncan is well although he seems feeble. He had another fall; in coming down the steps from Haldane's house he stumbled on a defective step and fell and hurt his side, but he is better.

He has some trouble with his truss, the buckle is hard to operate. I went over at seven o'clock before he was up and helped him to adjust it.

He does not have a very good supply of kindling and fuel, although Solomon is working for him, and all he has to do is to tell him to get it. He does not want very much in the house at one time, as he seems to be afraid of fire.

I think if he lives until another winter, he will have to be situated differently, but now that the winter is over I think he will get along all right through the summer.

MR. DUNCAN'S STORE.

He has taken out a license and has been selling out of the store. There have been some rumors that Beattie has had something to say about it, and Ernest Milton has been standing around in the store without seeming to want anything, so that there seems to be a supposition that something is going to be attempted about it. I think that not very much has been sold perhaps 200 or 300 dollars worth.

CONDITION OF STOCK.

I have been in the store several times, and as the goods are now all laid out where they can be seen, I have looked them over some, and I do not think that much more could be sold now and perhaps not at all. There are a lot of shoes, but they seem to be nearly all in some way objectional. The most prominent objection being that nearly all of them are narrow sizes making it almost impossible for anyone to get anything like a fit. The clothing is nearly all sizes that are not wanted. I should judge that when the Indians were managing the store some one put off on them a lot of sizes that would not sell to anyone else.

There is a lot of valuable hardware but only a limited amount is needed in a place like this at any time, and at this time of the year when money is scarce very little of it will be sold, and it cannot ever

be closed out on short notice like some other things.

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BEATTIE'S ATTITUDE.

Ofcourse Beattie was sent here to give satisfaction to Marsden's little group who are interested in the Com. Co. and he may do something, but what I do not know. I do not know anything about what the law would allow him to do, if anything. As I have said at another time, it seems to me Beattie has laid himself liable by his allowing the mill to be sold to the Com. Co. and fixtures to be taken out of the warehouse and used in setting up the mill, and since I wrote that several hundred feet of 3 inch pipe has been taken out of the warehouse and used in the water system, (new pipe).

CANNERY.

Work is progressing on the Cannery building and 10 natives have been put to work on it with the 10 white men who were at work on it.

SAWMILL.

The mill is running every day with 15 natives employed. I think the amount cut per day is small.

CHURCH SERVICES.

The attendance at the morning service last Sunday was 100 and 115 at Sunday School.

FISHING PRICES AND WAGES.

Fishing has commenced and big money is being made. A spring salmon was caught that weighed 102 lbs. and sold for \$18.36 at 18cts per pound.

Many are going to the Nass for Colican oil.

Wages are high, 50¢, 60¢ and 75¢ per hour at Ketchikan but 40¢ here for the natives.

MARSDEN'S SCHEME.

Mr. Marsden is said to have gotten a few of the Kitlans together and had them sign a request for him to make his head-quarters here and attend to his missionary work at Saxman and Kassan from here.

MR. DUNCAN'S ACCIDENT.

Monday, March 25th, Mr. Duncan had some pain in his side Saturday, where he struck it when he fell at Haldane's on Thursday. I had to strap it and he was better Sunday morning, and attended to his services on Sunday.

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COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. H. J. MINTHORN, DATED METLAKATLA, ALASKA,

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MARCH 29th, 1913.

SNOW.

We have had nearly one foot of snow at one time since last week, but it is all gone now at sea level, but is getting deeper on the mountains.

MR. DUNCAN'S ILLNESS.

Mr. Duncan has had a severe time of it with his side where he struck it when he fell at Haldane's March 21st. It did not seem to give him any trouble at first but began to pain him Saturday night, but not so bad but that he attended to his services on Sunday. It kept growing worse until Wednesday it was quite severe, and his pulse was rapid and intermittent, and he fell on the floor in his room, and could not get up without help.

We have been trying to get him to stay in bed but he did not until after he fell. Then we put up a bed in the room where the fireplace is and fastened the front door, and got some good wood and some coal and made it as comfortable as we could, and he seemed to enjoy it for two days and kept fairly quiet, but feeling a little better then had everything changed back as it was.

The people came in and gave him every possible attention, two staying up all night with him each night.

Today Friday March 29th, he seems a little better than he was when at the worst, but he still has much pain, and his feet and legs are swollen very much, and his heart intermits some but not so much as it did. He sits up and walks about some but should not.

His trouble seems to be Myocarditis and Pleuritis, caused by the injury received from the fall at Haldane's.

I had Mr. Benson go for Dr. Myers when Mr. Duncan was at the worst, but by the time the Dr. arrived, Mr. Duncan was some better.

Benson charged \$17.50 for the two trips, and brought a ton of coal also, as I thought it would be easier to keep up a good fire for Mr. Duncan with coal.

I do not think it will be possible to get Mr. Duncan to take proper care of himself, and it is almost more than likely that he may finish his career while doing something that his condition indicates should be avoided.

I sent you a telegram and Dr. Myers said he would send you a night letter when he got home, and we will keep you posted if there is any decided change.

I think it has been a great pleasure to him, and I am sure it has been to us, and Dr. Myers noticed it very particularly the way the people attended to him so, while it is not possible to do exactly what is best for him on account of his liking to have his own way.

Yet as you will see the people are attending to the very important part of showing their gratitude and love for him.

Solomon has bought a part of the lumber for a trolling boat. Since the store is not going to be operated he will lose his job with Mr. Duncan.

GENERAL P. WRITES PRESBYTERIAN BOARD FOR MARSDEN.

I have heard that General P. has written to the Presbyterian Board on behalf of Marsden, who is trying to get his salary renewed.

MR. THOMPSON SENT BY DR. MATTHEWS.

I have also heard that Mr. Thompson was sent here by Dr. Matthews of Seattle.

FISHING, RECORD CATCHES.

All the fishing boats are away fishing, and I hear that they are making record catches, as well as getting record prices.

MISS WINTHORN VISITS EASTER.

Mary and Miss Chaffin are here during the Easter holidays. Mary has eight weeks more of school, after which she will go home for the summer vacation, but will likely return for another year.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at church and Sunday School was 90 for the former and 115 for the latter last Sunday. Midweek services omitted on account of the illness of Mr. Duncan. Mr. Duncan is preparing a sermon for next Sunday.

STORE AND CLAXTON'S CABLEGRAM.

I think Mr. Duncan is sending you a copy of a telegram he received from Dr. Claxton. Mr. Duncan was for not paying any attention to it, but concluded to refer it to you. He says there were \$70 sold yesterday, which is more than I thought was being sold.

MR. DUNCAN'S ACCIDENT.

His side is troubling him some and I am anxious about it. Solomon is to stay with him at night, and to let me know if there is any need of my attendance.

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NEWPORT OREGON ---JAN. 4th, 1919.

MR. H. S. WELLCOME - 18 EAST 41st STREET - NEW YORK CITY N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

(I wrote you on Dec. 31st in somewhat of a hurry and I think there are some things that I could have made clearer which might be as well for you to understand better now even although you are coming soon.

He
Successor
to Mr. Lopp
One is about myself and the question of employing some one to go on with Mr. Duncan's work.)

Although I only left on a leave of absence it is a good time to employ some one else if it is thought best to do so and I want you to feel that the question is open so far as I am concerned.

While I would like to go back and have something to do with reorganizing the work and getting it started yet I will be perfectly satisfied to know that some one else is to do it, and I am sure that in some ways some one else might do better.

Trustees
You will notice that the Trustees say in their communication to the natives that they will endeavor to employ persons satisfactory to them or something to that effect.

While I do not know exactly what idea it is intended to convey by this expression yet there MAY be something like this about it.

Natives
want Dr.
Lopp
The natives wanted me to stay and do the Doctoring and let Beattie and the Elders manage the church. I think perhaps the Trustees would have been glad if I would have done this.

Orders
of the
Elders
(I do not think I can take time to tell you WHY I did not feel that I could do this, but ONE reason was I had a talk with Beattie and Lopp and they told me that if we staid we would have to be subject to the orders of the Elders in ALL of our religious activities (and Beattie was one of the Elders) Mrs. Minthorn had a children's meeting at the Guest House, a women's prayer meeting, and a bible class and had a young women's class in the S. S. and I had the Teacher's meeting class. We also conducted all of the church services.

Church
After Beattie took the church key (giving a receipt for it signed as agent of the U. S.) the Elders never invited us to take part in the church services but once (which invitation we declined as we thought best to refer the question to the Trustees as to whether we would be subject to the ELDERS).

(* * * * * with the Elders.)

(In the conversation I had with Beattie and Lopp I told them I did not think I would want to remain and try to work for the Elders as some of them belonged to the Salvation Army and some to the Pres-