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TRUSTEES OF NETLAKATLA CHRISTIAN MISSION KETCHIKAN ALASKA

Mr. B, CAME to Mrs. Minthorn and (and) told her that he had no intention of disturbing us, and that he only put the card on the house for our protection to protect the property, so that the U, S, Govt, would be back of it and more to that effect,

Some one also told me that he said in the case of the statement of the failure of the Govt, to win its case in the Fisheries suit as was stated in the Miner of Sep, 19th, that he had a letter from some source (source) stating that it was a mistake and that the Govt, had not failed,

I think it would be as well to get a doz, or more of the copies of the Miner of that date and send them to me and I will give (give) them out as I have favorable opportunity and let them draw their own conclusions.

So far as I have heard Mr. B's action in putting the card on the house met with strong protest from many and unexpected sources so he will probably resort to SOME OTHER means of attack, but for the present I think we can go along as we have been doing,

So far as I can hear Marsden is meeting with about the same kind of luck, I came over with Silas Milne and he told me that Beattie and Marsden had brought several of the S, A, to Beatties house last winter and told them that the S, A, would have to quit and the hall would be closed and that they were there until two oclock in the morning,

and (And) that they told them that they would not close it and that they would appeal to the heads of the S, A, in both the U, S, and Canada and that they did go to the Judge in Ketchikan and that he told them that if they molested them to give him the names of any one doing so,

He also said that the head of the S, A, in Canada would be here in Oct, Also that they only had 29 members,

Putting all of this together I think nothing will be done at present about the church, and that things will run along for awhile about as they have, Also I am of the opinion that we had just as well not make ANY move at present about the defining our rights, but just go ahead and TAKE whatever action we need to and make a defense when we HAVE to,

I heard that B, and some of the natives had been to see the Judge about the will and he told them that it had never been brought to his notice but gave them to understand that when it was he would see that it was carried out so I think it would be as well to consult him pretty freely about how to proceed in each step in disposing of the property and let him take the lead.

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the mission should have free and untrammelled (untrammelled.) opportunity to go on with its work or move to some place where it would have such an opportunity, also that as soon as possible a suitable person be secured to take charge of it and that the people be given to understand that fact and that that person would also be a Dr

RESPECTFULLY

H. J. Minthorn  
(Signed in pencil.)

{Copied from a typewritten document .--M.G.)

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Cross Reference.

An account of events at Metlakahtla during September, 1918, is contained in Mrs. Minthorn's diary, a copy of which is filed under date of December 4, 1918.

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DR, B, L, MYERS --KETCHIKAN ALASKA --

DEAR DOCTOR we are having a lot of sickness and several cases of Pneumonia, and several deaths, There have been over three hundred cases of Influenza, I am short of Medicine If you can get some whiskey send a gallon or two I used to use that in Pneumonia and perhaps it will be better than nothing,

I think if you could have the date for the proceedings in the case of Mr, Duncans will set for Monday either the 11th, or the 18th it would suit me better, I think the Tango will be returning tonight and will bring whatever you can send, and also the notice about the will if there is any,

Also if not too much trouble we would like to have a paper giving the latest news if one is to be had,

VERY RESPECTFULLY

(Sgd.) H. J. Minthorn

Please send a gallon of Alcohol and any of the things ordered before that may have come

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An account of Dr. Minthorn turning over to Mr. Beattie the key to the Metlakahtla Christian Church building and receiving a signed receipt of Mr. Beattie in return, is contained in Mrs. Minthorn's diary covering October 8, 1918, a copy of which is filed under date of December 4, 1918.

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Oct. 9, 1918The Last Hours of William Duncan.

On Sunday, August 25th, 1918, he preached in the morning from the Gospel of St. Mark, following the gospel through from where he began on the first Sunday of the year, and in the evening he chose the lesson in the book of Proverbs, ch. 2, vs. 6-9. The natives who were present were much impressed with the message, and speak of his saying about the heavenly home, and of Jesus Christ, "Soon we shall all behold Him," adding after an impressive pause, "But I shall see him first".

On Monday he seemed the same as for many weeks past, although Thomas Hambury, who has been away since March except for a day or so at a time, remarked upon the change that he saw in him, for he was evidently much feebler and more stooped. His spirit was as free as ever and he was making some witty remarks upon Thomas' appearance and no one thought of the end being near as he walked down to the cannery and looked at the vessel lying there on Sunday afternoon, taking a farewell review, to all appearances, of the scene of his former labors.)

The bookkeeper took a snapshot of him as he walked across the wharf that Sunday and as we look at it now we notice the feebleness indicated by the attitude in taking steps that escaped us before. We thought on that last Sunday morning that his voice was never clearer nor ever had greater carrying power than when it sounded forth the last words of counsel to so many hearts.

On the previous Sunday in the evening service, the low descending sun reached and lovingly touched his snow white hair and saintly face as he knelt with it turned heavenward and offered the last prayer with the benediction that day. The sunlight threw a halo so marked about his kneeling form that we did not close our eyes but looked and worshipped and prayed that even so the grand life work of the faithful servant of Jesus Christ might end in peace.

He committed his valued loving cup to the care of the Dr. on a previous trip to town to be photographed, and on that last Monday evening he had waited until half past nine to meet us at our arrival, standing by the steps of our door to return our key which he liked to have us leave with him during our absence.

The next morning he called at our door to ask for the key to the box containing the cup, and it was the last glimpse of his good and benevolent countenance and the last word from his lips that we heard for that was mail day, August 27th, and we were always busy until the mail left in the late afternoon.

He went to the Post Office for his own mail, went a second time to secure some postage stamps, and was going the third time to mail his letters when he was seen to turn back and go to his cottage. One man who saw him going up the steps to his door, says that he was holding by the balustrade and slowly and painfully, to all appearances, pulling himself up but he entered his door, looked it over

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She came for the Dr. to see what could be done, and he entered by another way, opened the door for her and bade her go and see if Mr. Duncan were asleep. She soon returned in great distress to say that he had fallen and was lying on the floor. She assisted the Dr. to lay him on the bed and came at once to our house to call me.

While I watched beside him, the Dr. wrote a note and started a boat at once to Ketchikan for Dr. B. I. Myers. During his absence from the house, I noticed Mr. Duncan putting his left hand which was not disabled, to the back of his head and neck and turning it as if in distress. I rubbed it gently for a time and he seemed easier for a while.

The shock of apoplexy was evidently a severe one and had the advantage of him from the moment of its occurrence, for he failed continually. It seemed impossible for him to swallow or to cough with out strangling more or less. How the natives flocked in! The whole village would have assembled in his room if they had been permitted the privilege.

However, the Dr. appointed three as nurses to keep him warm and dry and to turn him from one side to the other to avoid pneumonia. He was cared for assiduously and perhaps never drew a breath that was not heard and noticed by some faithful watcher during all those lingering hours. The physicians held their consultation and the attendants carried out their orders, and we all watched him sink away, too feeble to fight off the attack.

During this time, he never was able to speak a word, and seldom was any sound heard from his voice except a few groans. He tried during the first few hours to move the right arm by using his left one to pull it up and to move his right limb by pushing it with the other. His free hand often reached to his head and adjusted the cap or head covering with a quick natural motion.

The eyes would open occasionally, at first, but the right one looked sightless and the left one seemed blurred. During the second twenty-four hours his breathing became quite heavy. The native watchers, of whom there were several besides the three nurses, some cooking for the others, some attending to fires, and some doing errands, all seemed to be of a prayerful mind.

When no work was going on in the kitchen, from two to eight were kneeling there in prayer. On the last night the watchers decided to go to his bedside and sing some of his favorite hymns to see if he would notice. For hours he had not roused nor given any sign of life except to breathe laboriously. They stood around him and sang and they were of his church choir and their hearts expressed their longing to reach his ear and heart through the song.

Before they had finished the song, he was breathing softly as one who hushes his own thought and words to hear theirs. And breathing so he slept away at last, awaking out of reach of their song but in the full burst of the glorious song of welcome to him from the many  
which he met often the Saviour's greeting.



Upon learning this, the natives were inconsolable and their grief was deepened immeasurably by the thought that they could not even have the comfort of looking upon his last resting place. Seeing this, the Trustees decided, upon receiving a petition from the men of Metlakatla with their own signatures attached, to allow the body to be placed beside the church temporarily and perhaps permanently.

Rev. Van Marter was asked to make an address in English and afterwards left on the boat for town and his home. The natives went on with this service interspersed with songs and prayer until a late hour at night. On Sunday, one of the most charming days of this unusually fine summer, the people thronged in boats to the landing places and over one thousand were witnesses of the funeral march from the cottage to the main street along the beach to Westminster Avenue which leads directly to the church door.

The personal caretakers and nurses of his last sickness after these, then the Sunday School Teachers and then the people. Rev. Van Marter gave the funeral address after the mayor, who was seated on the platform, had spoken to the assembly of the appreciation of the village people of their presence. The Rev. Jenkins assisted in the services both in the house and at the grave.

\* After spending nearly sixty-one years of his long life, for he was in his eighty-seventh year, in the service of the Master and for this people, the Tsimpshean Indians, he richly deserved from his fellow

a devotedly consecrated spirit from the fact that while he might have generously remembered his many personal friends, he left every dollar of the hard earned savings to the amount of \$150,000 to Missions and the cause of Christ's Kingdom.\*

The life story is faithfully written in Heaven in the books of God, the influence and prevailing power of his prayers will never cease at the Heavenly altar until the last petition is granted to the full, and the passing years will show fruitage of this noble self-sacrificing life work until the last Great Day of time. So may it be with us even if upon a smaller scale, may it glorify God when our lives are remembered.

Matilda W. Minthorn,  
Metlakatla, Alaska.      October 9th, 1918.

(NOTE) The material at the bottom of page 3 and top of page 4, which is enclosed in asterisks is in Mrs. Minthorn's handwriting.

(Copied from the original typewritten document--with exception of one paragraph explained in above note--CRS)

METLAKZTLA ALASKA -- OCT. 15th, 1918.

MR. H. S. WELCOME (WELICOME) - 18 EAST 1st STREET - NEW YORK CITY N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELICOME--Since writing the last time B. has taken the CHURCH and we went to K. to consult with the Trustees and remained over Sunday and just returned, but have not yet heard who took charge of the church yesterday. Many things have seemed to be indicating that we would have to leave here but we have not heard from you for so long that I do not know as you would be interested in all the details. We do not know but you are sick and do not want to be troubled with such things.

Also we do not know just what course to take much of the time because we do not know how certain (certain) acts might affect what you are trying to do if you are still interested in the outcome here, and we have wondered if you were now since Mr. Duncan is gone.

The Trustees are trying to keep carefully within the law and so are idsposed (disposed) to do just as little as they can, preferring to act on the defensive rather than to take the risk of making a break by taking some precipitate action that would not stand the test of legal procedure.

The people are much discouraged by the apparent ease with which B. seemed to take the church and his statements to them that he will proceed to take the personal property and the money, principally because he has up to this time given everything he has taken to a few persons.

The fact also that the Government has taken so much property of all kinds from the people since the war seems to confirm B's statement that the Government will take everything here. Those people who have rather depended upon Mr. Duncan and his supporters have been made to feel that they have made a mistake and now see that there is no future for them HERE and are talking of leaving, as soon as they can do so.

These are the people who represent Mr. Duncans work and the (they) should be kept together in some way and a new start be made with them.

This could be done by buying a tract of land at Wards Cove (five miles north of K. on the same side of the channel) and dividin it up into (into) suitable tracts (tracts) and selling it to them and giving them time to pay for it and helping them some to start Industries themselves.

This location will in the near future be connected with K. by an Auto. road and would be about the only real GOOD place in Alaska for Market gardens where the land is suitable and a good market near at hand.

The Village could be placed upon somewhat the same basis as those of white people which is what they want, and at the same time the religious and educational institutions.

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I very much hope you will come some time soon and give some advise (advice) and help especially in this respect.

I am enclosing an account of Mr. Duncans death written by Mrs. Minthorn. If you think we could do anything about writing a similar account of his life and work, compiled from his diaries and other sources, we would undertake (undertake) it, now while we do not have the Church work on our hands.

Or if you think we had best Quit we are just as willin (willing) to do that.

Every one wants you to come and help to determine what is best to do.

I could write several pages in reference to the state of mind of the people and what they have done under their present and unexpected change of circumstances and in giving detailed account of what B. has done, only one of which I will mention. He came into our house one day last week while Lang (the Mayor) and Haldane was here and did some talking among other things he said that Claxton had wired him on no account to acknowledge any successor to Mr. Duncan.

YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. M. (Minthorn)

(Copied from a typewritten letter signed "H.J.M."--CES)

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METLAKATLA ALASKA - OCT. 21st, 1918.

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

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

I told you last week of B. taking the church away from us and our being at K. and the Trustees saying that they thought we had best stay away from the church, which we are doing.

The Elders and B. held the services sunday (Sunday) Oct. 13th with an attendance of 60 at the morning service, Danl. Reeves (chairman of the board of Elders) officiating in the morning and Roderick Murchison in the evening.

Yesterday Sunday Oct. 20th, Marsden held the morning service and we have not heard about the other services.

Sunday Oct. 13th several meetings were held in the houses by those who had been holding the services in the church (Mr. Duncans congregation) also yesterday Oct. 20th we were invited to the one held in the morning at Hudsons. There were twenty there and Mrs. Minthorn talked to them. At 3.30 a meeting was held at Haldanes. There were 25 present and Mrs. Minthorn conducted the service. At 8.00 P.M. a service was held at the M.L.M.S. Hall and Mrs. Minthorn was sent for to speak to them after they had assembled. There were between 150 and 200 there, and great interest was manifested. There was a full attendance of the Choir and two Anthems were sung and many Hymns.

The Govt. people did not attend although they had attended services at the hall before. Many old people were there and most if not all of the members of the Metlakatla Christian Church and many others who had attended at the Church in the morning. All of the Choir were members of the Metlakatla Christian Church, also the leader of the meeting, so that it was really a service of the Metlakatla Christian Church. Marsden was there and was invited to pronounce the Benediction.

The Judge from K. was over on Friday night and talked at the Liberty Loan meeting. He told the people that every one born in the U. S. was a CITIZEN including INDIANS. On Saturday B. told some one that he was going to present (present) a bill to Congress to have the Annette Island Reservation thrown open and then they would have a public school instead of an U. S. school. I am interested to know whether there is anything BACK of the statement.

I am enclosing two clippings from newspapers showing that more than likely at no distant date there will be a movement to curtail the expenses of the Govt. This might very easily lead to the Indians of Alaska being handed over to the Territorial (Territorial) Govt. of Alaska since much of what the Bureau of Education is altogether superfluous since these people (at least) were selfsupporting for 60 years before the U. S. Govt. originated the work they are doing here and the work of the Govt. instead of promoting selfsupport among them is tending in the opposite

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great advantage over the other stores, also gives that store the use of property taken from Mr. Duncan and pretended to belong to the community which also gives it a very great advantage over the other stores (stores) and the (then ?) pretends that it is a model business concern and so an object lesson to the community &c. &c.

We are still occupying the Guest House with the card on it stating that it belongs (belongs) to the U. S. and for every one to govern themselves accordingly. Mr. Minthorn is still having (having) the meetings for the children and for the young women and I have had the teachers meeting as usual at the house occupying three evenings of the week and Mrs. Minthorn is planning another bible study meeting.

YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

(Copied from a typewritten letter signed by H.J.M.--CRS)

(Following are the newspaper and magazine clippings which are attached to this letter)

DR. AND MRS. MINTHORN (Nothing to indicate  
VISITORS IN TOWN. from what paper this  
was taken)

Newspapers

Dr. and Mrs. Minthorn of Metlakatla have been visitors in town since last Friday, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Strench. They expect to return to their home on Annette Island tomorrow morning. Dr. Minthorn is the wizard in this part of Alaska, who almost out does Burbank himself.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

(Nothing to indicate from  
what paper this was taken)

Probably most thoughtful Americans have wondered what will be the condition of our public industries, such as our food, our fuel, and our transportation, when this war comes to its end. It is neither probable that all Government regulation will be abandoned nor that there will be no resumption of individual industry in free production and traffic.

Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, with the approval of his Republican colleagues, has proposed a bill creating a National commission of

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by the President by and with the advice of the Senate. The proposed Overman Bill enacts:

That it shall be the duty of the commission to examine into the problems and conditions that are arising out of the war and that may arise out of the transition of the economic, industrial, and social life of the Nation from a state of war to a state of peace; and, with a view to meeting so far as possible such problems and conditions before their solution is actually forced upon the Government, the commission shall report to Congress from time to time the results of such investigations, with recommendations for new and additional legislation.

The difference between these two plans is greater than at first sight may appear to the reader. Under the first plan the commission created by Congress will act as a representative of Congress. Under the second, the commission appointed by the President will act as a representative of the President.

The real question is, Shall Congress or the President initiate the necessary legislation? Some light may be thrown on this subject by an interesting parallel furnished by the legislative methods of Germany. Germany has a Senate, or Bundesrath, and a House of Representatives, or Reichstag. The Bundesrath is composed of delegates appointed by the princes of the states and the senates of the free cities.

Says A. Lawrence Lowell in his work on "Governments and Parties in Continental Europe:" "It (the Bundesrath) has the first and last word on almost all the laws, for . . . by far the larger part of the statutes are prepared and first discussed by the Bundesrath . . . They are again submitted to the Bundesrath for approval before they are promulgated by the Emperor."

Thus the Bundesrath has the power to initiate and the power to veto legislation. Mr. Overman's proposed bill would give to the President of the United States, so far as reconstructive legislation is concerned, the same power which is given by the German Constitution to the Bundesrath. Through the commission he would appoint, and would therefore be able to control, he would have power to frame such legislation as he thought to be for the interest of the country, and he would have power under the Constitution to veto any proposals coming through or independently of his commission which he thought disadvantageous.

Congress would practically be confined to legislative approval or disapproval of such legislation as the President saw fit to initiate. What Mr. Lowell says of the Bundesrath might, if the President's plan is adopted by Congress, be said with equal justice

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(From N. Y. Weekly Witness--no date indicated)

Senator Overman (N.C.) introduced a bill providing that "a commission is hereby created and established to be known as the Federal Commission on Reconstruction (hereinafter referred to as the commission), which shall be composed of five commissioners to be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than three of the commissioners shall be members of the same political party. The commission shall choose a chairman from its own membership."

Section 4 designates its tasks as follows: (a) The financing, regulation, control and development of the merchant marine; (b) The development, financing, expansion and direction of foreign trade; (c) The reorganization, financing and readjustment of industries engaged in war work by way of reconverting them to normal production; (d) Technical education and industrial research as a means of developing and strengthening industry; (e) The redistribution and employment of labor in agricultural and industrial pursuits and the problems of labor growing out of demobilization; (f) The supply, distribution and availability of raw materials and food-stuffs; (g) The conservation and development of national resources; (h) Inland transportation by rail and water; (i) The reorganization of government departments, bureaus, commissions or offices with a view to putting the government on an economical and efficient peace basis; (k) The consolidation of such acts and parts of acts of Congress which relate to the same subject matter but which now appear at various places in the statutes.



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METLAKATLA ALASKA -- OCT, 29th, 1918--

DR, B, L, MYERS --KETCHIKAN ALASKA

DEAR DOCTOR - I am enclosing a paper that Benson gave me to send to you he is sick and I think did not get all the names on it that he intended to

There are many sick here I saw 120 persons sick in bed on Sunday and there were more that I did not see some are very bad and have no care. some children with Whooping cough are very bad, if there are any authorities here they have not shown any disposition to do anything to help the situation. The Govt nurse goes about giving Hypos, and doing other things without any reference to what I am trying to do and without knowing what has been done or what they have taken she does not wait to be sent for but goes into the houses and asks who are sick and does whatever she will, mostly so far as I have heard giving Hypos,

I wish you would send me the treatment you spoke of with Syringe or whatever is needed in using it.

Also send me the following (see bill separate),

Mrs Minthorn has made between 50 and a 100 copies of the enclosed and I have given them to the people,

I have heard that a Presbyterian church is to be organized and allowed to use the church. All meetings and the school have been suspended for the present. I would like to know when the appraisers are likely to come and whether they will appraise the Organs in the church and school house (three in all)

The Dr. has gone to work and I am to mail this. We are sorry to hear of thy sickness and hope it will not be severe nor of long endurance.

The people here especially Edward Benson who was instrumental in getting this paper prepared for the Board and was getting the signatures, wanted thee to get the signature of Mayor Harry Lang in Ketchikan and then telegraph it to the Board in New York for them. When they get this done they will have another for everybody here to sign that desires to. It will be as to whether or not they want the will of Mr. Duncan carried out.

It has been quite an occasion for these people here to show their real minds about some things. For instance, no families have been so anxious for the Dr's. services as the two Atkinsons and Edmond Verney. We will be greatly interested in the outcome of the mass meeting. Edward Benson was taken ill before he succeeded in getting the other names on this paper. He had meant to secure a dozen more.

Let us know how you all are. We hope the family will not all get sick.

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TO THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD:

Metlakatla, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:-

It is true that Mr. Duncan's life is ended as  
Pat. 1111 you have heard but his work is not ended.

So we ask you to not think about us, and if you see or know of  
any places outside of here where they have no gospel, take Edward  
Marsden and send him there. Because he stays among us and makes  
trouble for us for three years past. He only talks to a few peo-  
ple, seven or eight, mostly his own relatives. Almost everybody  
in the town is opposed to the Presbyterian church coming in here.  
So if you please do not try to make a separation among us.

We want to know soon by telegram what you will do.

-----	Mayor
(Sgd.) B. A. Haldane	Assted Secty.
-----	Councilman.
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(Sgd.) Solomon Dundas	Elders of Church
(Sgd.) Joseph H. Hayward	" " "
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(Sgd.) Edward Benson	

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Epidemic

An account of conditions at Metlakantla during October, 1918, particularly the fight on the influenza epidemic waged by Dr. Minthorn, is contained in Mrs. Minthorn's diary covering this period, a copy of which is filed under date of December 4, 1918.

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METLAKATLA ALASKA --NOV, 2nd, 1918



DEAR DR, MYERS AND MR, STRONG

I will come over on the 6th, if I can but there is so much sickness that it may be impossible for me to come ---I hope the druggist can get the remainder of the things soon also please notice that there were more things on the last bill I sent -- I will pay the druggist and wait until the money is available or until Mr, Wellcome sends some, also the other expenses which I will report from time to time.

I have made a list of the people who belong to the Metlakatla Christian church and will send it to you soon I make it 175 but Benson thinks there is considerably over 200, --Some provision should be made for holding them together very soon, -- I think Tom Hanbury's house should be bought and put in order so that the services and the S, S, can be held there so that we can live there for the present and so that if the Govt, makes us leave here there would be some place that the people could meet with some one of their number in charge or several in rotation or in different parts of the work so that they would be kept together and be in a way to do some good. -- The house could be deeded to several of them to hold for the purposes stated, Mr, Hanbury asks \$400.00 for the place and will also give a right to a landing place on the beach where a float could be built, Of course he cannot live an absolute title but only such a title as he has that is a Q, C,

It will cost something to put the place in condition so that it can be used for the purposes stated but not so very much, and would do for some time until things changed, which is sure to be the case as the taking of the church has proven a complete failure there being only ten persons at the sunday morning service on the second sunday they had it and no evening service, Of course B, may stop our doing ANYTHING but I do not think anyone will make any serious trouble, And if they do I think we should make the effort to do something to hold the people together before long.

I think as soon as it is certain that the money will ultimately be available this should be done by getting Mr, Wellcome to advance the money or in some other way,

Mr, Hanburys house is large enough so that some of the things from Mr, Duncans cottage could be stored there if necessary for awhile,

VERY RESPECTFULLY

Metlakatla, Alaska. Nov. 5th. 1918.

To The Board of Trustees,  
Dr. B.L. Myers and H.C. Strong,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

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Dear Sirs:-

It will not be best for us to leave Metlakatla today to come over on account of the stormy appearance of the weather and because of several new cases of sickness and some very severe ones. We can come later, I hope.

On account of the sickness here it has been very quiet in all the circles of disturbance. There is nothing going on in any place except at the store and Post Office and at the Salvation Army where there was a service held last Sunday morning. There have been five deaths and Mrs. Minthorn conducted a funeral yesterday, that of Benjamin Haldane's wife. If the sickness is abated by next week we think of resuming the Tuesday evening prayer meeting for the women and the men's Bible class on Friday night.

Since writing the above, the mail has arrived bringing your communications. We are glad to hear from the situation in Ketchikan that it is no worse and hope you may all be spared to continue your work.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Written by Mrs Minthorn

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Mr. Lopp visited Metlakahtla on Government business, and in a talk with Dr. Minthorn informed him that the Government did not intend to recognize Mr. Duncan as a missionary or any successor to him. A copy of Mrs. Minthorn's diary covering this and other events at Metlakahtla is filed under date of December 4, 1918.

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Mrs. Minthorn's diary (covering November 16) indicates that on November 15 Mr. Lopp and Mr. Beattie had a three-hour talk with Dr. Minthorn, and made it very clear to him that Dr. and Mrs. Minthorn <sup>were</sup> ~~were~~ not wanted at Metlakantla because they ~~did~~ <sup>did not want</sup> any vestige of the Mission to remain there. Their argument was that since there was no denomination behind the Mission there was, in fact, no Mission. They furthermore forbade the holding of meetings of any kind in any home except such as the native elders authorized or conducted under Government sanction. Mrs. Minthorn's diary for November 18th indicates that on the preceding Saturday night (November 15) Mr. Lopp held a meeting and made a speech before the natives.

Copy of Mrs. Minthorn's diary covering these matters is filed under date of December 4, 1918.

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METLAKATLA ALASKA -- OCT, 28th, 1918--

DR. B. L. MYERS -- KETCHIKAN ALASKA

DEAR DOCTOR - I am enclosing a paper that Benson gave me to send to you he is sick and I think did not get all the names on it that he intended to.

There are many sick here I saw 120 persons sick in bed on Sunday and there were more that I did not see some are very bad and have no care. some children with Whooping cough are very bad, if there are any authorities here they have not shown any disposition to do anything to help the situation. The Govt nurse goes about giving Hypos, and doing other things without any reference to what I am trying to do and without knowing what has been done or what they have taken she does not wait to be sent for but goes into the houses and asks who are sick and does whatever she will, mostly so far as I have heard giving Hypos,

I wish you would send me the treatment you spoke of with Syringe or whatever is needed in using it.

Also send me the following (see bill separate),

Mrs Minthorn has made between 50 and a 100 copies of the enclosed and I have given them to the people,

I have heard that a Presbyterian church is to be organized and allowed to use the church. All meetings and the school have been suspended for the present. I would like to know when the appraisers are likely to come and whether they will appraise the Organs in the church and school house (three in all)

The Dr. has gone to work and I am to mail this. We are sorry to hear of thy sickness and hope it will not be severe nor of long endurance.

The people here especially Edward Benson who was instrumental in getting this paper prepared for the Board and was getting the signatures, wanted thee to get the signature of Mayor Harry Lang in Ketchikan and then telegraph it to the Board in New York for them. When they get this done they will have another for everybody here to sign that desires to. It will be as to whether or not they want the will of Mr. Duncan carried out.

It has been quite an occasion for these people here to show their real minds about some things. For instance, no families have been so anxious for the Dr's. services as the two Atkinsons and Edmond Verney. We will be greatly interested in the outcome of the mass meeting. Edward Benson was taken ill before he succeeded in getting the other names on this paper. He had meant to secure a dozen more.

Let us know how you all are. We hope the family will not all get sick.



(Written in ink.)  
Copy.

TO THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD:

Hatlatatia, Alaska.

ENCLOSURE TO

~~Indochina Mission~~ TO B. J. Myers

DATED 10-29-18.

Dear Sirs:-

It is true that Mr. Duncan's life is ended as you have heard but his work is not ended.

So we ask you not to think about us, and if you see or know of any places outside of here where they have no gospel, take Edward Marsden and send him there. Because he stays among us and makes trouble for us for three years past. He only talks to a few people, seven or eight, mostly his own relatives. Almost everybody in the town is opposed to the Presbyterian church coming in here. So if you please do not try to make a separation among us.

We want to know soon by telegram what you will do.

-----	Mayor
(Sgd.) B. A. Haldane -----	Asst Secty
his	Councilman
----- Adolphus X Calvert -----	Councilman
mark	
(Sgd.) Solomon Lundas -----	Elder of Church.
(Sgd.) Joseph H. Hayward -----	" " "
-----	" " "
(Sgd.) Edward Benson.	

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Cross Reference.

Copy of Mrs. Minthorn's diary filed under date of  
December 4, 1918, shows that on this date the "elders"  
(for the first time since Beattie took possession of the  
key to the Metlakahtla Christian Church building) held  
religious services in the church building. The diary  
indicates that Mr. and Mrs. Beattie acted as Sunday School  
teachers.

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Epidemic  
A copy of Mrs. Minthorn's diary filed under date of  
December 4, 1918, gives a daily account of events at  
Metlakahtla during November, 1918, particularly the  
fight against the "flu" epidemic and the attitude of Lopp  
and Beattie in practically forcing them to leave Metlakahtla.

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Cross Reference.

Copy of Mrs. Minthorn's diary filed under date of December 4, 1918, indicates that on December 1st Beattie led the services in the church, Marsden followed with an address in the native tongue, and that 70 were present at the service, at which a new choir was formed with the teachers of the day school and some of the natives.

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A REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE WILLIAM DUNCAN MISSION

FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, TO DECEMBER 1st, 1918.

TAKEN FROM THE DIARY OF

Mrs. Matilda W. Minthorn.

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1918.

Tuesday, August 27th.

Mail day again, but no mail except the Ketchikan daily paper. The cause of this was that no boats have been in from the south for eight days. We wrote a few letters but missed the out going mail boat.

Just as supper was ready at 6 P.M. Maria Booth who does Mr. Duncan's house work, came to say that she could not get into the house. It seems that she had been trying for some time. This occurs some times when he is asleep, so the Dr. as at other times, went over and entered by the window, unlocked the side door and let Maria Booth in and told her to go and see if Mr. Duncan were (was) all right. But she returned to say that she found him on the floor in his room. The Dr. was so long in returning that I began to fear that all was not well with Mr. Duncan, and soon Maria came to our door and said in her broken English, "The Dr. says you must come quick. You come now, right away". (I went and found him on his bed where they had lifted him, for he had an attack of apoplexy. Dr. and I remained until 2 A.M.) in the morning, except to slip over to the house and eat a little supper and the Dr. had to see two callers who needed medicine. It was a sad time and a busy one. We love the dear old man and feel that he is a sacred charge to us from the Lord. (It moved my heart to its depths to watch the natives as they came and went and ministered to him and helped the Dr. with the many things to be arranged for. It was most stirring to my feelings to see Tom Hanbury come in and sit for near (nearly) half an hour in the room where he could see Mr. Duncan's face and gaze at it without moving for a long time. Only the Lord knows what was going on in his mind and heart.

Wednesday, August 28th.

A rainy day until 5 P.M. and then it cleared. We waited all night for Dr. Myers, whom we expected at midnight, but he arrived about 8 A.M. (Every body is so kind and anxious to do something. Mr. Simonds sent the big gas boat, Little Jack, for the Dr., and carried him back in it two hours later. So many of the natives are away fishing and we miss them, but Fred Benson and George Hall and Henry Reeves have been ready and willing for any service. Mary Hudson and Sarah Dundas and Agnes Buxton (have been installed by the Dr. as nurses and are doing their best which is not a little, while many others are coming and going and some are sitting in the kitchen waiting to do any thing that they may. Two things are on their hearts, one is that they will miss him sorely if he goes from their midst, and the other is, how they can get some thing from his house or belongings to keep for their own. Most of them would be glad of any little keepsake, some are after the goods, and one, Catherine Marsden has actually laid claim to the real estate, saying that Father Duncan promised her the house when he was gone. She was his house keeper for many years and claims that he promised her all that he had at

vious arrangement made by Mr. Duncan and put in writing two years ago. It was ratified by Dr. Myers when here, as one of the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Duncan, which was read today to some of the natives that they might know how much authority both Dr. Myers and Dr. Minthorn have.

Thursday, August 29th.

A cloudy day but not cold, only cool. (It was a day of watching and anxiety with no ray of hope for a favorable change in Mr. Duncan's condition. As time passed on it looked as if the inevitable outcome would be his departure. I can see that the people are growing anxious too.) Poor Moses is much concerned and thinks that he could do better with the business of caring for him and arranging affairs and every detail than we or any other. We were glad when he and Solomon Dundas came in from the fishing grounds and very glad to see Jonah Hudson. These with John Buxton and one or two more we always call Mr. Duncan's "Body Guard". Especially Jonah Hudson who has never failed to be present at the evening meeting and walk home with the dear old Father and friend. And I think Mr. Duncan liked it and appreciated it greatly. I have noticed that Walter Jaice and Josiah Guthrie and Edward Benson and Thomas Hanbury were among his trusted friends also.

Friday, August 30th.

A stormy day until near noon and heavy <sup>with</sup> fog. (There was little sleep for any of us last night for we were waiting for the end which came at 1:15 A.M.) As soon as he was gone we knew it by the footsteps that came out from the cottage and passed on to the church to ring the bell according to a previous arrangement among themselves, for all were waiting to know when the great soul passed away into the other world. The Dr. was steadily and busily engaged from that hour until a late hour at night with much arranging of business and settling of affairs. In the forenoon came the Trustees, Dr. Myers and H. C. Strong. We watched the Ella Rhollie come up the bay with her flag at half mast and then the real sense of the loss of Metlakahtla deepened in our heart. It seems as if a great vacancy were in our lives already. In the library of the Guest House the Trustees and Dr. Minthorn read the will and made the necessary arrangements for the present. We had some rest this night.

Saturday, August 31st. A very clear day, also a very busy one. Mr. Schell was in to dinner and Mrs. Molyneaux came and remained over night with us. (In the afternoon we attended the Indian farewell service over the body of their departed friend. They had Mr. Van Marter read the scripture and speak for a time. He left on the boat at about three o'clock, but the natives continued it until about two o'clock next morning. It is their custom at such a time to rehearse all the life history of the deceased and to tell of his deeds and character. They surely had a grand life here to rehearse. The choir have been practicing here in the Guest House parlor for two nights. It is a blessing to hear and to see them. They have so much dignity and yet so much feeling. John Hayward told me that when he went to the fishing grounds at five o'clock this morning, near Duke Island, and told them that Father Duncan had gone, none mourned him more deeply than the young men. They seem to appreciate him and to love him, too.

Sunday, September 1st.

came the people who loved him and really mourned him. He was laid to rest on the east side of the church at the request of the natives. He had said, "Don't bury me in Metlakshla. It will be a deserted village some day". But they said that if they should see a boat leaving the wharf bearing the body of Father Duncan away, there would be no more heart left in them to live or to do any more work.)

Monday, Sep. 2nd.

Another perfect day, like a farewell of summer. Four women, Mrs. Jonah Hudson, Mrs. Solomon Dundas, Mrs. George Hall, and Maria Booth, cleaned the cottage throughout, feeling that they wanted to get it ready for the return of Mr. Wellcome. There is a more frequent coming of the natives to our door than for some time past. They are lonely and unsettled and seem to be looking for comfort for (from) some source. I love to talk with them of Father Duncan.

Tuesday, Sep. 3rd.

Still perfect weather. 80 in the sun. After our mail had been sent off we called on Martha Haldane. Some women have been making some decorations around the grave today. Many are seen going there. Some go alone and stand as though in deep thought and walk quietly away.

Wednesday, Sep. 4th.

A more beautiful day than any before and warmer. We finished setting the cottage to rights today. The Dr. put the papers on the table in his "den" and the chairs and mirror and little articles in his sleeping room just as he always kept them, and we made up the bed as he had it. It looks as if he were some where about and one had but to call him to have him come in. We held the weekly prayer meeting tonight and I gave liberty to as many as wished to pray. A few responded. I gave the scripture lesson and Benjamin Haldane interpreted for me as he did on Sunday night. Mr. Edward Benson made a special request that we hold a service Sunday evening, and said that Benjamin Haldane would be glad to interpret. It was held with 50 present, and we spoke from the precious Fourteenth of John, and the theme was, "God will comfort His people". There was a very blessed feeling of the near presence of the Lord with us. At this first mid week prayer meeting 22 were in attendance.

Thursday, Sep. 5th.

We went to Ketchikan on the Winnie today. Spent the night in Dr. Myers' hospitable home once more for Mary and William were moving to a temporary home.

Friday, Sep. 6th.

We came home with William and Charlie Leask and were in time for the beginning of the Class for Bible Study for Men. Fred Benson, on whose account I felt it right to begin this work, was the only one in. He was a most interested student. This has been another lovely day.

Saturday, Sep. 7th.

After our usual routine of week end duties and a walk

people greatly enjoyed it. I took notice that every member of both S. Dundas and J. Hudson's families were at the S. S. 13 of my class were present today. In the evening the Dr. took the service and spoke from the account of Ahab's life. About 60 attended in the morning and 23 in the evening. This is as good as the average attendance has been this summer.

Monday, September 9th.

This was a fine wash day and with Sarah Dundas' help I washed every thing from the cottage, bedding and wearing apparel. Some of the ladies of the Cannery force were callers at our home today.

Tuesday, Sep. 10th.

A change has come to the weather. It stormed today. But Mary came on the mail boat and made us a visit and went away again in the storm.

Wednesday, Sep. 11th.

Sarah Dundas came to help me with the ironing today. We held the evening prayer meeting in the audience room of the church as last week. Mr. Haldane is good help at the organ and interpreting. There were 33 in attendance and they seemed to enjoy taking part. It was a good meeting, with such a good spirit.

Thursday, Sep. 12th.

Again the weather is warm and fine. The Dr. is not feeling well. He has been over working for these two weeks and it tells on him now. We made calls at Archie Manson's, Charles Gibson's Mrs. Alfred Dundas', and went to the P.O. and the Cannery, where I generally find some one to whom I can speak a word of sympathy or encouragement.

Friday, Sep. 13th.

When Fred Benson came for Bible study tonight, Jonah Hudson came with his Bible saying, "I am coming to study too". Our studies are in John's Gospel, and as we spoke of the Great Day of Atonement and the witness of their acceptance when the blood was offered on the Mercy Seat, they were blessed and strengthened. I saw that the Holy Spirit was speaking to Fred and asked him if he would pray that he might be filled with the Spirit. He was so willing and I think the Lord granted the prayer.

Saturday, Sep. 14th.

We had a number of callers today. The Dr. had the S. S. Teachers again and my Girl's Class came as usual.

Sunday, Sep. 15th.

A very nice summer day. The morning service seemed good and I felt very free in speaking and am able to do better through the interpreter than I thought I should (would). B. Haldane is very good and faithful. The S. S. was large again and 13 were in my class. The Dr.'s service was especially fine and there were 55 out this evening and about 70 in the morning.



ing that it was contrary to the Constitution of the U. S. for the Gov't to take such a step, for church and state are separate. When asked how soon we should vacate the house, he replied that he should never turn us out, and when the Dr. remarked that we should feel like leaving as soon as possible, he replied that he should do so in our place. It had the effect to startle us out of the usual quiet of watching and waiting for some thing to happen and to set us to thinking so that it disturbed our sleep and appetite, especially as we did not know just what step the Trustees might think best to take.

Wednesday, Sep. 18th.

We had many calls today from the natives who are much disturbed by the action of the Gov't. Hudsons and Tom Hanbury called in the evening. Tom offered us his house if we wished to remain.

Thursday, Sep. 19th.

Prayer meeting was held last night as usual. Mrs. Mather, wife of the Serg't Major of the Salvation Army, was present and took part. C. Brendible and his wife were there for the first time. There were 27 in attendance. While Sarah Dundas was ironing for me, I went to call on Martha Haldane. Her house was in a poor condition, having no housekeeper, and she was willing for me to find some woman to come in and wash the floor and clean generally. When I asked Sarah if she could tell me whom to get to do the work, she knew of no one, and presently offered to do it herself, which I was hoping she would do. As she was working and Benjamin was helping, Martha burst out weeping. When asked the cause of her tears, she answered that she did not want Dr. Minthorn to leave the place. So the most of them feel. Lillian Hudson and Frances Hanbury called on me yesterday afternoon and as they were going away, they said, When you go away, we are going with you too. At 11 A.M. today the Dr. found Moses Hewson going to Ketchikan in his boat and decided to go also, leaving me to "stay by the stuff". I had callers in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Simonds of the Cannery, and Mrs. Purvance and little Margaret. I spent the night alone in the great Guest House, but with a conscious sense of the presence of the Lord that was restful and satisfying.

Friday, Sep. 20th.

In the afternoon Elizabeth Dundas brought her cousin Florence Murchison and little sister Ellanora to visit me, while Sarah and Francis were digging their potatoes in the garden. In the evening Fred Benson and Benjamin Haldane were in to Bible Class, and Laura Hudson and her Mother, Mary Hudson called. She left Laura spend the night with me in case the Dr. did not arrive. During the study hour the Dr. came, so Fred informed that he would see Laura home, which he did much to that young lady's delectation. Benjamin Haldane remained about an hour talking and when he left, expressed himself as much pleased with hour's visit. The Dr. had been attending a session of the Probate Court.

Saturday, Sep. 21st.

We did our usual work and each had the special classes in the evening. The interest in these classes seems to increase.

Sunday, Sep. 22nd.

school. We prayed for him and his household and left it to the Lord to work it all out. Later John Hudson came in and we talked more to both of them and felt impressed to urge them to keep close to the Lord and follow Him truly.

Tuesday, Sep. 24th.

After the mail was sent off we took a walk beyond the church after cranberries.

Wednesday, Sep. 25th.

It was very rainy and stormy tonight and we held no prayer meeting.

Thursday, Sep. 26th.

We called today at Haldane's and Manson's and Gibson's and saw the sick and left a loaf of bread at each place. Mrs. Hudson called today. Tonight we held the regular prayermeeting and there were 21 present.

Friday, Sep. 27th.

The Bible class came today at 7:30 P.M. and there were three present, Fred Benson, B. Haldane, and Jonah Hudson. It was a good class and profitable.

Saturday, Sep. 28th.

I went to Ketchikan today without the Dr. for the first time. In the evening when I came home, the Dr. turned his Teachers Class over to me while he brought up the things from the wharf. They seem greatly interested. They do love to learn from the Bible. Benjamin Haldane seems as much interested as any person who comes. Catherine Marsden has never missed a meeting yet.

Sunday, Sep. 29th.

As usual, I spoke in the morning and the Dr. in the evening. There were 13 girls in my class today and 100 in the morning meeting and 50 in the evening.

Monday, Sep. 30th.

We made several calls today and one of them was at Solomon Dundas' house.

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd.

Sarah Dundas brought the usual baking of bread to be distributed to the needy and sick, six loaves. We had prayer meeting with 26 in attendance. B. Haldane was not yet home from Ketchikan so we had no organ and Mrs. Hudson interpreted for us. There were some new faces present.

Thursday, Oct. 3rd.

It was very rainy today. Mrs. Purvance called to get some vegetables from our garden. Joanna Marsden called and brought me a gift from her son, Luke, the deaf and dumb man. She was telling me that the gospel teaching in the services was very sweet to her soul, and added "Praise the Lord, Hallelujah", in a very soft and quiet manner, but it was touching. She is a widow and has a hard time but God loves her. When I went to the

light refreshments. The Dr. had the S. S. Teachers as usual.

Sunday, Oct. 6th.

A day of sunshine and good services all day. Fine interest in the morning and the S. S. was the best yet. Solomon Dundas had a new class and the little ones in the Juvenile S. S. numbered 52. Sarah Dundas has her hands full. The school numbered 102 in all, the morning service 105, the evening service, which seemed so satisfactory and interesting, had over 50. It was the best day we have had since Father Duncan left us.

Monday, Oct. 7th.

It was quite stormy but we went on the Empress to Ketchikan and remained over night.

Tuesday, Oct. 8th.

It was pleasant today. Mr. Simonds kindly sent the Empress over for our especial accommodation and we highly appreciated his kindness. Moses Hewson reported in Dr. Myers' office that the Gov't had announced its intention of taking over the Guest House and Cottage and of taking the church and turning it over to the Board of Elders. Coming as it did after our best and most delightful Sabbath's work, it has brought a sense of deepest disappointment. The trustees held a meeting and gave us some written instructions as to our dealings with the Gov't. On our return, Daniel Reece called for the key. The Dr. gave him the written receipt for Mr. Beattie to sign as Agent of the U. S. Gov't, and he returned soon with the signature and received the key. We feel lost and empty handed.

Wednesday, Oct. 9th. It was very stormy. The elders did not open the church for prayer meeting nor ring the bell, but held a powow of some kind in Ernest Milton's home. We had callers in the evening, Fred Benson and John and Agnes Buxton, and Mary and Laura Hudson.

Thursday, Oct. 10th.

We postponed another trip to Ketchikan today on account of the report that a mass meeting was to be held in the village tonight. I reopened the Children's Hour service in our home today, the first since the canning season. There were ten little ones in. The elders, Daniel Reece and Edward Atkinson called to say that it was decided by the elders to take charge of all the services and to ask us to preach when we were invited.

Friday, Oct. 11th.

All the community is astir over the changes made by this step of the U. S. Gov't. The elders held a meeting last night which continued until 4 A.M. B. Haldane and H. Lang, the Mayor, called on their way up from the boat to see us and to find out what we planned to do. Mr. Beattie happened in at about the same time to correct some report about himself, and each of us expressed our minds about the situation.

The 12th of Oct. Saturday.

Feeling at a loss as to what would best further the interests of the Mission here, we decided to go and consult with the Trustees. The Empress was going

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We came over on the mail boat in a dense fog and were out of the course twice, but landed safely at last. I cut off a dress pattern for Mrs. Ralph Smith and she spoke of the women wishing they could have a prayer meeting with me. So we arranged one, and five besides myself were present.

Wednesday, Oct. 16th.

Nothing special occurred besides Sarah Dundas helping me with some work and some callers coming in.

Thursday Oct. 17th.

We had 13 in at the Children's Hour and it seemed to be the best meeting I have had for them in its spiritual results. I am so glad to have even this much opportunity with them. The Dr. is feeling ill today.

Friday, Oct. 18th.

We carried bread today to Mrs. Jenks, Betsy Jurie, Marthe Haldane, and Eli Tait's. They were all most grateful for it. Sarah Dundas helped me with the house work today, doing the ironing. The men's Bible class was postponed tonight on account of the Liberty Loan meeting, at which Judge Mahoney spoke and to which most of the people went.

Saturday, Oct. 19th.

The Dr. carried some bread to Mrs. Manson and to Mrs. Gibson. Only four of my girls class came in this evening. The picture show attracts them and the Brendible's work diligently at drawing every one in. There were but two at the Teachers Meeting held by the Dr.

Sunday, Oct. 20th.

We did not go to the church services. There were three cottage meetings held. One at Hudsons in the morning where I spoke to about 20 persons. One was held at the same time at Benson's where both Fred and his mother spoke to the people. In the afternoon we met at Haldane's and I spoke again to about 25 people. In the evening we attended the usual service in the M. L. S. Hall, and I was invited by the leader, Moses Hewson, to preach which I did to a most attentive audience, speaking in English, to about 175 people. There was the best of attention and no one went out. There was power and victory in the meeting. It makes my heart yearn so strongly to hold revival services and see them saved. The enemy is hard at work and yet the Lord seemed so near and tender to us.

Monday, Oct. 21st.

Nothing special today but the spirit of prayer for the people here.

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.

We went to the church yard where the women, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Solomon Dundas, and others were planting the pasony roots around Father Duncan's grave. They bought \$8.00 worth and have set them out. In the evening we had the women's prayer meeting and 18 were present. It was held in our sitting room. They were so hungry for spiritual help and love to be

Influenza, but she told them it was nothing but a little cold and they were not to be worried at that. The Dr. went and found that Oscar had pneumonia and she was giving him drugs that were calculated to make him worse rather than better. But she did not want the Dr. to take the case. She apparently feels that the whole village is in her care and goes to each home asking if any one is sick, and if they are she gives them medicine regardless of the Dr's. medicine and instructions. She uses opiates quite freely. He was called to 24 cases today. This coming after a night of broken rest has been hard for him but the way the nurse does is the hardest thing about the work.

Thursday, Oct. 24th.

There was no prayer meeting at the church last night. The Dr. was called at 4 A.M. to go and see Willie Lang at Andrew Ussher's home. Many are very sick. The Dr. has called on and treated 56 cases of Influenza. He is in the house long enough to eat at meal times and to fill up his medicine case once or twice between times, and that is all from early morning until late evening. I called on Martha Haldane. She is very weak. Agnes Buxton is about the sickest patient today.

Friday, Oct. 25th.

The Dr. has been out all day again except when he was in after more medicine or at meals. The nurse seems to hinder more than help. She has been in and given some hypodermics to some of his patients. He reports whole families prostrated with this epidemic. He has treated 80 persons today and has walked miles in doing it.

Saturday, Oct. 26th.

This is the worst storm of the season today, and the Dr. is out in it all. He comes in wet through. I wonder how he will come out with this exposure and hard work. He could only see 53 of his cases today for they were so ill that it took more time to care for some of them. It is the day of the crisis with so many and it looks bad for some. Many call at the house and I get to talk to them about Jesus.

Sunday, Oct. 27th.

No services today, just caring for the sick. It is a time for earnest prayer and I believe that the Lord is hearing our cry. Many cases are much improved. By bedtime tonight the Dr. had seen and treated 121 persons, the largest amount of any day in his professional career. He was so tired that I was anxious for his health, but the Lord is very good and cares for us so kindly.

Monday, Oct. 28th.

The Dr. rested some today and made fewer calls because many of the cases are improving.

Tuesday, Oct. 29th.

We missed getting our mail in to the office in time today because the boat went an hour earlier than usual. Some of the sick ones are better and there are a few new cases.

caught and hung there. A man, Silas Milne's son, brother of the owner, Silas Milne, went out in a row boat to it and dropped anchor. But he is not able to start the engine, having never run one. Towards night another brother who has been sick in bed but not so bad as Silas, got out of bed and went in a row boat to the boat and started the engine and the two brought it safely in to harbor again. More new cases developed today while some of the first are improving nicely. I carried dinner to Moses Hewson and to the Haldane's. Martha is very weak and can not last long.

Thursday, Oct. 31st.

It is storming badly yet today. Some cases are developing serious complications after the Influenza. Two little children having the whooping cough have succumbed and passed away. One was Josiah Booth's and one was Roger Bain's.

Friday, Nov. 1st.

The storm is abating somewhat. The Dr. is still busy but not so rushed. Mary arrived at 5:30 from Ketchikan with some medical supplies and other things. It was a very welcome visit.

Saturday, Nov. 2nd.

Mary returned today and we were relieved to see the boat safely around Priest Point for it is still storming considerable. It was both a busy day and a hard one. Martha Haldane is at rest and yet we are sad to see them dropping out.

Sunday, Nov. 3rd.

There are no services today except at the Salvation Army Hall. It looks more natural to see the people strolling about the streets this afternoon. The Dr. still finds his time closely occupied with sick ones.

Monday, Nov. 4th.

It was clear and cold with a heavy frost today. I conducted Martha Haldane's funeral. A small company of pale people full of coughs, and weak, made up the audience. We learned of the death of Joshua Milton an elderly man with a fatty, weak heart, and of that of Daniel Reece's boy, Harry.

Tuesday, Nov. 5th.

We thought we would go to Ketchikan today but there were some new cases of sickness and some were very bad, so we regarded the gathering storm and the people's needs and remained at home.

Wednesday, Nov. 6th.

Another patient has died, Alice Peak, a young woman, daughter of Mrs. Eli Tait, and a member of my Sunday school class. She only came a few times. Walter Jaice came in this evening with a face terribly bruised and battered where James Evans, son-in-law of Charles Brendible, and Post Master, had pounded him up in a temper at the store.

Thursday, Nov. 7th.

The Manson's are very ill indeed. Several other cases have developed of late and the Dr.'s work seems but little lightened. Some come in for the inoculation with the serum to prevent pneumonia.

Saturday, Nov. 9th.

We have been getting our roots and bulbs dug up today and are planning for another season. We sometimes look quite longingly toward home and are hoping that by February or June, we may turn our faces thither. As we read of the wreck of the "Sophia" we feel unwilling to risk the wintry storms on the water. Patrick Manson died last night. He seemed to know that he was going and bade the Dr. goodby (good-bye) and talked about it to others. If they must go it is so good to have them prepared in heart. Today the Benevolent (Benevolent) Society are preparing his casket. They have done excellent work in furnishing them for the poor and helpless and they are doing other helpful things. In some things they do better here than many another community that I have known. The teachings of Father Duncan are so much in evidence in the lives of these people. Patrick's wife seems to be better.

Sunday, Nov. 10th.

No services today and still more people about on the streets. The Dr. decided to go to Ketchikan today so as to be on hand for the Court proceedings (proceedings) in the morning. We went in Ralph Smith's boat with Charlie Leask and Johnny Smith.

Nov. 11th. Monday.

A day of great days. The Liberty bells pealed, the engines whistled, and every heart was thrilled with the news of the cessation of war. Thank God. After dinner we returned in the same craft that our voyage was made in yesterday. George Eaton was a passenger also, going over to Metlakatla.

Wednesday, Nov. 13th.

Sarah Dundas came today and we worked at washing and cleaning the rooms. All summer long we have kept the house in readiness for visitors and have used the parlor and library every week. It seems more homelike to have it all in use. There are no severe cases of influenza now, but Mrs. P. Manson is about through. She can not rally.

Thursday, Nov. 14th.

Mr. Lopp is here on Gov't business and the Dr. had a little talk with him which drew from him the assertions that the Gov't does not intend to recognize Mr. Duncan as a missionary nor any successor to him in it. Three little girls came in today, the first callers for several weeks.

Friday, Nov. 15th.

Mrs. P. Manson died yesterday, the last of the Influenza patients. Selina Ellwood is not doing very well but we hope for her to yet recover.

Saturday, Nov. 16th.

Yesterday the Dr. spent three hours talking with Mr. Lopp and Mr. Beattie at their request in Beattie's house.

We attended a meeting in Edward Benson's house this morning and I spoke from the text, "How much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." The spirit in the meeting seemed different and lacked the tenderness and responsiveness of the days before Mr. Lopp held his "mass meeting" with a select few of the men of the town. Thomas Hanbury's children are sick with whooping cough.

Monday, Nov. 18th.

The Dr. found time to finish harvesting the vegetables from the garden. The interested natives had been invited in tonight to talk over the way to continue the Mission work here, but Mr. Lopp's speech of Saturday night has had the effect of making them undecided about opposing the Gov't.

Tuesday, Nov. 19th. The Dr. decided to go to Ketchikan and confer with the Trustees. The way seems completely hedged up here now. We enjoyed a pleasant evening with Dr. Myers and wife.

Wednesday, Nov. 20th.

We met the Trustees this morning and it was decided that for Dr. Minthorn's sake it will be best to go away for a time. He is feeling the strain severely and has had no rest from it since the day Father Duncan had the stroke of apoplexy. The natives have sided with the Gov't officials to such an extent that we are not now able to do any thing except a little scattering practice of medicine for the Dr's. time.

Friday, Nov. 22nd.

We came home at 4 P.M. in Roger Bain's boat with a few natives. Among the passengers was Roderick Murchison, who told the Dr. that as soon as we were gone there would be peace in Metlakantla, for the trouble was all on our account. Poor Roderick. He listens to others.

Saturday, Nov. 23rd.

We have had many callers, among them Moses Hewson and John and Mary Hudson and Sarah Dundas, who came to go over the house and take an inventory of the goods belonging to the Mission which were in the Guest House before they are disposed of. In the evening Jo Verney and his wife made us a social call in a very friendly way. Solomon and Sarah Dundas were in and had a friendly talk also. I dread to leave some of these families for they do not care to follow the way many are going, but who will come and be a shepherd unto them?

Sunday, Nov. 24th.

The elders opened their services for the first time since taking over the church. Alfred Atkinson assisted by Edward Atkinson hold the morning service. One of the Gov't teachers was organist and another teacher sang a solo. The Dr. also attended the Sunday school in the afternoon as well as morning service. Of the 9 classes of the former organization but 4 were present and only 1 of the former teachers, Catherine Marsden, New teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Beattie, who had dropped out in the spring, and Alfred and Edward Atkinson. The attendance aside from the juniors, was 26. In the morning service the attendance was between 60 and 70. There was a



Sunday.

Here the daily record of my diary ceases because we began the unsettling of the house and the packing of our goods. A portion of the goods in the Guest House are being sold to such natives as were loyal to Mr. Duncan and we have many coming and going, looking over the things. Solomon and Sarah Dundas, John Hudson and John Buxton are helping with the work of removing the goods to be stored in Mr. Duncan's cottage and in getting our goods packed. It is cold and frosty and some times rains, but all doors are open and every body who comes is given liberty to look over everything. On Tuesday, Nov. 26th, Harold Hudson and Miriam Dundas were married in our living room, and many of their friends were present to witness the ceremony. I officiated and found it a great pleasure to unite two of the best young people in the village in so happy a union.

By noon of Wednesday, Dec. 4th, we were all ready for the boat and left with Joseph Hayward and others for Ketchikan. Moses Hewson and Agnes Buxton accompanied us as far as Mary's home, thus doing the honors of the village to their departing friends. (Many of the older people who had been closely associated with Mr. Duncan, mourned and wept in their homes as they watched us on the boat departing, and leaving them, as they said, without one true friend in their hour of need and sorrow. Thus closed our work and it seems to me an untimely close, for the Lord had given us the hearts of the people and there were times of real spiritual power when all were sensible of His presence. But the enemy will hinder all that he can.)

The Dr. had made arrangements for the cleaning of the Guest House and left the key in the hands of Solomon Dundas, which was satisfactory to Mr. Beattie. He appointed a Committee of five, Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Dundas, and Moses Hewson, to continue the Benevolent work of the Mission in distributing bread and other necessities to the widows and the poor and needy.

The following is a brief summary of the meetings and the attendance:  
In September, October and November:

Morning services, 7 in all, 5 held in the church and 2 in the homes.

The attendance, 60, 70, 90, 100, 105, 20, 25.

Evening services, 7 in all, 6 in the church and one in the M.E.M.S. Hall.

The attendance, 50, 30, 35, 46, 50, 53, 175.

Sunday school attendance, 61, 62, 74, 84, 102.

Wednesday night prayer meetings held in the church, 5.

The attendance, 22, 33, 27, 26, 26.

Saturday night Teachers meetings, 6 in all in the home.

The attendance, 7, 7, 8, 7, 6, 2.

Bible study class in the home, 1, 3, 3, 2, 2.

Mrs. Minthorn's Sunday school class in the church, 13, 13, 11, 13, 12.

Same class Saturday evenings at home, 9, 7, 6, 10, 4.

Calls on the poor and sick, not a complete record, but 38 noted down.

Same with loaves of bread, 16 noted, but double that amount given.

The Children's Hour held on Thursday most of the year was resumed in October and held twice with this attendance, 10, 13.

Women's prayer meetings were held after the church prayer meetings were discontinued by the action of the elders, in our home, 5, 18.

A special service was held in Martha Haldane's home, attendance 25.

One funeral was conducted, for Martha Haldane.

One marriage ceremony held, for Harold Hudson and Miriam Dundas.

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DR, B, L, MYERS - AND Mr, H, C, STRONG -AND HOW, THOS, W,  
STRONG

TRUSTEES OF the Wm, DUNCAN FUND,

Future  
Place For  
Mission  
Land Title  
I had intended to write in regard to the future prospects and plans for the continuation of Mr. Duncan's work in accordance with the conditions contained in his will, but a recent letter from Mr. Wellcome makes me think that perhaps the time has not come to say what I was thinking of saying and indeed may not come, for the reason that I had about concluded before hearing from him that it was of no use to think of doing anything towards trying to continue the work at METLAKATLA on account of the determined opposition of the Govt, impossibility of acquiring title, and other reasons, but since hearing from Mr. Wellcome I think it is not best to consider any other plan than that of continuing the work at METLAKATLA until it is seen how Mr. Wellcomes undertaking terminates,

Seizures  
of  
Property  
I have no doubt but that the Mission can regain possession of the property belonging to it and be reenstated with all the guarantees of its rights necessary to its successful operation if enough determined effort is made in its behalf but it will require more and greater exertion to bring this about than any one that I know of is likely to make except Mr. Wellcome and his health has been so poor that I had about concluded that he would not be able to go on with it, but from what he says I think it is the best way at present to wait and see how it is going to be, also I think the very best policy (policy) just at the present time is to do as he says "sit tight" and wait,

Criticizes  
U.S. Govt.  
When I try to think of what is JUSTICE in the case and what would have the best effect upon the METLAKATLA community, upon the Govt, service (which has been guilty of gross wrong) and upon the cause of MISSIONS in the country and in the world (for all missions are in some way effected by the treatment of each one) I always come to one conclusion, Viz. that this case should terminate in COMPLETE DEFEAT for the GOVT, and the MISSION be left in absolute control and the Govt, be required to get out of the place altogether, and this was ALWAYS the opinion of Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Duncan never had any intention of remaining there permanently under any other conditions.

Acts of  
Congress  
Reserve  
I have always believed that the Act making Annette Island a reserve gave the island to the Mission and not to the people, inasmuch as it says "The METLAKATLA INDIANS and the PEOPLE CALLED METLAKATLANS". There were never any METLAKATLA INDIANS only as they constituted the MISSION and the expression PEOPLE CALLED METLAKATLANS I believe was intended to mean all the people connected with the MISSION including the whites.

I have a long letter from John Hudson and I conclude from

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were seeing many things from a different standpoint,

Mr. Wellcome says he is sending \$50.00 to be distributed  
among the poor I will write you more about it when I get it,

We are well and I have been nearly swamped with work.

I find it is a disadvantage to us to be unsettled about  
remaining here if I was decided about remaining I would get a car  
as and do differently in other ways, and I feel like reminding you  
of what I said in regard to this in my last letter viz, "that I wish  
you to be very FRANK about and not to consider ANYTHING but THE GOOD  
OF THE WORK", "I doubt if it would be BEST to put anyone there NOW  
but you are the best judges of that I am sure."

(Sgd.) Very truly

H. J. Minthorn

COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. H. J. NINTHORN, METLAKATLA, ALASKA,  
MARCH 30th, 1913.

WILLIAM DUNCAN.

Mr. Duncan is very much as he has been for a few days past, suffers some, but not severely.

He has the large leather upholstered chair that was in the Guest house, and sits in that most of the time, but walks around the room some.

His appetite is fairly good, and he sleeps fairly well. His heart action is quite irregular at times, and his feet and legs are swollen some but not so much as they were a few days ago.

He sees his friends and talks to them, and there are many of them calling on him, and two of the men stay with him at night. The women held a prayer meeting in the kitchen today.

CONDUCTING OF CHURCH SERVICES.

I met Daniel Reece on the sidewalk today, and he asked me if Duncan would conduct the church services on Sunday, and that if not THEY (the elders) would take charge of it.

I told him I did not know whether Mr. Duncan would conduct the services or not, but if he did not he would designate some one to do so. I also told him that I did not consider that the Elders had anything to do with the church, as they were not appointed by the church, but by the Council.

Monday, April 1st. Everything went off all right yesterday at the church. I did not hear anything more about the Elders appointing some one to conduct the services.

I do not think there will be anything more said about it, but I think if there should be a chance they intend to get in and start Marsden to occupying the church, and after they once get possession I feel sure that Beattie would come in with his authority and help them to hold it.

There are but a VERY few that would want this to be done, but they do not seem to feel like standing out against the Govt., and the result would be that they would just quit going to church like the people did at Saxman.

MARSDEN AND THE COMMERCIAL COMPANY.

For personally Marsden is not liked any better here than at Saxman, and in addition he is the head of the little faction that has absorbed what was once property that belonged to the COMMUNITY.

And the Com. Co., of which Marsden is a stockholder, having put the fire company out of existence by taking their lot and improvements, and taken the saw-mill and pipe-line, and having control of all contracts with the Co. that is operating the cannery, and having indirect control of all the fishing privileges adjacent to the islands are looked upon

CIRCUMSTANCES ABOUT FIRE AT BENSON'S STORE.

I think you have heard of Benson's store being burned. There being no fire Co. since the Com. Co. took their property, nothing was done to put out the fire, not even was Benson notified that his store was on fire, and although Marsden lived right across the street from the burning store, he did not even go outside of his house but watched it burn from the window, and when the adjustor came, one of the clerks in the Com. Co. store told him that Benson did not have more than \$500.00 worth of goods.

I mention these things because they have a bearing on what I have said about the people not wanting Marsden here. Then there is the fact that he has always been a failure at whatever he has attempted.

LETTERS FROM MR. WELLCOME.

I rec'd your letter of March 7th, containing check for \$200.00 with which to pay Sidney and Aleck, which I will attend to at the earliest opportunity getting receipts as requested.

In reply to your letter of March 8th, also enclosed, I will say, I am sorry that my letters were so mixed up, and will try to get things more systematic.

ABOUT MRS. WINTHORN.

In reference to Mrs. Winthorn I wrote you some time before we were married telling you that on account of the reports circulated by Capt. P., and the unsatisfactory way in which Mr. Duncan and I were living, that I was thinking of getting married, although I do not think I told you in that letter who I was thinking of.

I then wrote you and sent you a paper published by the Maine Children's Home Society calling your attention to the fact that Miss Atkinson was its Secretary and was its founder, and calling your attention to the fact that she was a minister of the Quaker church, and calling your attention to a sermon printed in the paper by her.

I think I wrote other things on the same subject, and have written as to what she was doing here to try to help matters.

MRS. WINTHORN HOLDS CHURCH SERVICES.

She took Mr. Duncan's place yesterday at his request, and will probably continue to do so, as it may be necessary until some other arrangement is made. The people are pleased with this arrangement, there being 300 at the morning service, which for this time only I had with Moses' help, and 75 at the evening service at which Mrs. M. spoke.

As I have assured you several times, we are desirous that some one should be found to carry on the work, and this is only an attempt to do the best thing possible to carry on the work until such an arrangement is made.

Also as you will readily see it was the only thing that I could do

to be ready for just such an emergency as occurred yesterday, and as we all knew might occur at any time.

Mariden was here yesterday and was at the morning service. Nothing is more certain than that he would have made an attempt to step in if Mrs. Minthorn had not been here. As it was she had talked to the Y.C.F.U. and on other occasions, and the people wanted to have her to conduct the service. She talked in English and it was interpreted, which gave the white people an opportunity to hear, and some of the cannery people as well as the Govt. people attended.

I am not able to say how things will go in the future, but I think Mr. Duncan will not, or ~~has~~ not ought, to conduct the night services any longer, and she may go on with that part of the work, and whenever there is no other way she will undertake the morning service also, and do the best she can with it. She is learning the language, as it is best at least to know as much as possible about what the people are saying as well as to be able to speak in it.

#### MRS. MINTHORN'S TRAINING IN MISSION & CHURCH WORK.

I will say farther she is 55 years old, and was an old friend of the family, and lived in the family in all about one year, while she was pastor of the church to which she belonged.

She has had charge of two Training schools for Christian workers, where young people were trained for mission work, and has been pastor of two or three churches, as well as the work she did in commencing from the start and building up the work of the Maine Childrens' Home Society, organizing it and putting it on such a basis as that it is now in successful operation.

But her main work has been evangelistic and mission work, that is, conducting a Gospel Mission in localities where the Church was not reaching the people. While in the Christian Training School work as Superintendent of a school in Los Angeles she taught classes in Spanish, as many of the pupils expected to engage in mission work in the Latin-American countries, so that she may acquire this language more easily than otherwise.

She was Miss Atkinson not Mrs. before we were married. She is a good housekeeper although she has not had much experience, and has helped Mr. Duncan to better arrangements about his living.

I hope this gives you some idea about this change in my living arrangements, which was not made ~~entirely~~ of course entirely or especially on account of this situation, as we expect you to make other arrangements as soon as you can.

#### HOPES MISSION WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE.

I will say in this connection that I am supposing that this mission will go on in any case. That in case it is not possible to stay here it will be conducted in some other place.

Most likely back at the old place where it seems that there is an

opening for it now, and where perhaps it might be well to conduct a branch if the mission should remain here.

GOVERNMENT AND MISSION SHOULD COOPERATE.

I do not think there is necessarily any conflict between a mission and such work as the Govt. does in this place. All that is needed is that each should respect the rights of the other.

At the same time if the Govt. does not feel like making some kind of compensation to the mission for the property taken forcibly from it without any legal process, then of course it is not disposed to recognize the rights of the mission, and there would be no guaranty that the same thing would not be done again, and the mission should go to some other place where its rights would be safeguarded.

But at the present time I do not see far into the future, and am satisfied if we can go on from day to day with some degree of success or hope of doing some good, and making Mr. Duncan a little more comfortable.

MR. DUNCAN'S CONDITION PRECARIOUS.

Mr. Duncan's condition is precarious; his heart is irregular, and his feet and legs swollen, and he may pass suddenly at almost any time. Yesterday was the first time he had missed a service in 60 years on account of sickness.

SOLOMON DUNDAS' BOAT.

I have seen Solomon Dundas and asked him about a power boat for trolling. He says a new engine will cost about \$300.00. He can get a good hull of Mrs. Kate Faber for \$60.00 and the lumber will cost \$40.00 to finish it. The work on it he can do himself. He thinks he could pay the money back in Nov. but probably he would do well to pay half in Nov. and half in one year from Nov. As you say the time is almost at hand when he will want to use it, although the hull being made it will not take long to put in the engine and put on the cabin. I think he will be able to make a good showing with such a boat. Tom Hanbury has disposed of his boat.

RE BEN RIDLEY.

As to Ben Ridley he is a step-brother of Herbert Murchison, (who you will remember) he lives in Ketchikan, and I do not know anything about him personally.

ABOUT MOSES HEWSON.

I think you will remember I hoped you would do something to help Moses, because I considered he had actually made sacrifices of his own interests in trying to do what Mr. Duncan wanted him to do. (I consider you have done a great plenty for him,) and if he cannot make his way now it will be as well to let him fail.

OTHER FAITHFUL FRIENDS OF MR. DUNCAN.

help to Mr. Duncan and the mission without making any special sacrifice of their own interests such as John Hudson, who has shown the utmost faithfulness to Mr. Duncan, and a lovely attitude of personal kindness, also his wife; also Geo. Hall and Mrs. Hall, and in a very little less degree Josiah Guthrie and Benson.

All of these people I am sure have done what they have done without the least thought of any reward, and Solomon never intimated anything to me that he thought he ought to be helped or anything of the kind. What I am saying is entirely my own idea, and I think if anything is done it should be entirely on a business basis, and with the expectation that it is to be only a loan.

WILL KEEP MR. WELLCOME INFORMED.

I shall try to keep you informed in regard to what is going on, as I have been doing, and we will do as best we can until there is some other arrangement in sight, or until something occurs that seems to make it best to do some other way. And we will do the best we can under the circumstances.

RE MAIL.

I notice what you say about the mail passing through this office. I have been sending mine to Ketchikan, and shall continue to do so, when it is of such a nature that I want to be safe from espionage.

RE WEATHER, VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND SHRUBBERY.

The weather is beginning to seem more like spring, and we will soon begin to do something about our garden. I am getting eight different varieties of potatoes, hoping to get some one kind that will be better for this climate than any we have had. I am going to try grafting some of the apple trees to earlier varieties which will ripen sooner.

I am going to try some different kinds of shrubbery, and if it is found to be necessary to move the mission such things can be dug up and removed to the new location.

FISHING.

I think I will try doing some fishing if I have any time from the other work.

MR. WELLCOME'S EXPECTED VISIT.

There seems to be an expectation that you will visit Metlakatla some time this summer. I think Beattie is concerning himself somewhat about it.

I do not know as there is anything to be gained by it, but if Mr. Duncan does not get decidedly better soon, we shall certainly expect you on his account if for no other reason.

GOVERNMENT PEOPLE TREAT HINTHORNS WITH CONTEMPT



to what Schells did, which was to be expected when Schells were let out and Featties put in here. None of them have ever called on Mrs. Minthorn, which leaves her without any white society except Mr. Duncan and myself. Mrs. Minthorn says that two ladies called once in Dec.

They have not seemed to want to exchange favors in regard to the management of the sick either, as Schells and myself did.

And in a general way, might be said to treat us with contempt, and certainly as though we had no rights.

I think they would go to almost any length to get rid of us and Mr. Duncan, as they would think that then they were safe from criticism on account of what they have done to the mission.

They also seem to think that they are making a much better showing in a business way than ever was done before, and put on some airs on that account.

FROM YOUR FRIEND.

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.