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DR. H. J. MINTHORN

NEWPORT, ORE.,

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DR. B. L. MYERS KETCHIKAN ALASKA

DEAR DOCTOR I have Read your letter and the telegram for Mr. Duncan by the hand of M. A. Hewson I was aware of the fact of you and H. C. Strong and Thos Strong being appointed as Trustees. I have somewhere a written request signed by Mr. Duncan to take immediate possession of everything pending action by the Trustees in case of his demise, I am not able to find it and perhaps you had best write another and ask Mr. Duncan to sign it and give it to me,

I think it is best to be prepared to take decided action in case it should be necessary. One reason I spoke as I did to Daniel Reece about the board of so called Elders is that I intend to oppose in every way I can any steps taken by them to take possession of anything belonging to the mission, as I believe Marsden intends them to do. I mean this especially in reference to the church building. I had sent the other letter to the office when I Read yours, I think it would be well for you to have a lawyer to act for you and in case of necessity I will try to get him here as soon as possible and try to forestall any adverse action by any-one

YOURS TRULY

(Sgd.) H. J. Minthorn

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METLAKATLA ALASKA

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DR, B, L, MYERS - KETCHIKAN ALASKA -

DEAR DOCTOR - MR, DUNCAN is a little better but still has some pain and does not sleep very well, He took your advise and did not try to conduct the services on Sunday, being the first time he had ever missed on account of sickness, His pulse is quite irregular yet and his feet and legs swollen, His appetite is fairly good, He kept the adhesive plaster on until Saturday night when he had Geo, to take it off and says he has less pain since and slept better, He is taking the medicine,

Albert Dundas child is some better, As he is getting pay at the mill I think he will pay the bill if he gets a statement,

Enclosed is a letter for Mr Wellcome which you may read if you like the reference to sending the mail to Ketchikan is because he sent me a registered letter and it was not given to me when I called for my mail in the morning when the mail came but to Mrs, Minthorn in the evening when she happened to call at the store on account of something else and it was open and no notice of its condition accompanying it, so that it must have been all right when it left Ketchikan

Postal
Service

I spoke to them about it but the P, M, said he had not noticed it since then I have been sending the mail to Mary to be mailed at Ketchikan, although I can scarcely think they opened it or read it but Mr, Wellcome is very particular, Another thing you will see mentioned is the mention made by Danl, Reece chairman of the board of Elders of their taking charge of the church services, This board was appointed by the Council and sworn in by Mr, Marsden, I cannot see that they have any right to take charge of the church services, and if they did it would undoubtedly result in Mr, Marsden taking charge of the church and the services, which would be a very great injustice to the majority of the people who do not want him to take the place of Mr, Duncan while he is living, The reference to Mrs, Minthorn is because she will take charge in place of Mr, Duncan if she is allowed to in his absence, until such a time as the Trustees or Mr, Duncan or Mr, Wellcome make other arrangements, But in case Mr, Marsden and Mr, Beattie take possession of the church we will take no action in opposition but I do not think we should give any encouragement to such a procedure or favor it,

church

I am making a somewhat full explanation of this matter because there may be a sequel to it, as it seems that Mr, Beattie does not intend to even be governed by the directions of The Secretary since he has allowed mill fittings pipe &c, to be taken from the warehouse and made use of that certainly by the instructions of the Sec, would belong to Mr, Duncan,

Seizures of
Property
warehouse

I think Mr, Marsden and Dr, Condit are determined to not wait the decision of the department to which all the affairs of the mission

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Mr, Wellcome, and await results,

I am sorry to trouble you with all this but the constitution of the U, S, and the laws made to carry it out do not contemplate the control of churches and missions by officers of the Govt, and the taking of property sacredly devoted to religious purposes and putting it to secular purposes or aid being given by Govt, officers to one church in its efforts to deprive another church of its property, and privilege of doing missionary work, If the work was delinquent or abandoned it might be said that such a course was justifiable but there were 200 people in attendance at the morning service yesterday and over 100 at the S, S, in the afternoon. so that I cannot think it is a small or unimportant matter, I am writing this only for your information and not to be used by others

(Sgd.) H. J. Minthorn.

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DR. H. J. MINTHORN

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METLAKATLA ALASKA 191

DR, B, L, MYERS - KETCHIKAN ALASKA

Health of Mr. E.
DEAR DOCTOR - MR, DUNCAN had a fall March 20th, and struck his side (Left side) on the corner of the step, It did not seem to hurt him but very little at the time, It was at Haldanes house where he fell and he walked home and has been doing about as usual since but gradually there has been increasing pain since Saturday although he attended to his services on Sunday, The pain was felt only when he made certain movements, as though it was from a muscle bruise, Deep breathing did not seem to affect it especially, He is comparatively comfortable while he is quiet either in bed or in the chair, his appetite is as usual,

He has to get up 3 or 4 times in the night to urinate (habitually) and that is when he suffers, From the movements made in getting up, (2nd page.)

which he describes as being VERY severe, Up to this morning his pulse has been normal, but this morning it was 80 instead of 70 as it has been and missed about one beat in 10 and his face was very red almost dusky I have seen him several times through the day and about the middle of the day it was slower and did not intermit but now this evening it is 90 and misses beats again and he is dizzy, and his heart beats hard, Probably he has some pericarditis or myocarditis, from the blow.

Considering his age it may very well prove serious, I cannot see that there are any fractured ribs, I am enclosing a TELEGRAM for Mr, Wellcome will you please send it and send me the amount of the charge and I will pay it, Also if you can come over I will consider it a great favor and Mr, Benson will take you right back so that you will not be away from your office very long,

YOUR FRIEND

(Sgd.) H.J. Minthorn.

(3rd page.)

Thursday morning, I wrote this yesterday and was thinking of sending it last evening but Mr, Duncan objected and does now, but I want the telegram to go to Mr, Wellcome, Mr, Duncan is no better although his pulse is more nearly normal but he complains more of the pain all over his side worse when he moves and somewhat aggravated by taking a long breath.

Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina,
April 1st, 1913.

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

My Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

Yours of March 19th is just received, your letter having come much more quickly than usual.

I noticed your letter was posted at Metlakatla. I suggest whenever you post your letters at Metlakatla that you should seal them with sealing wax for greater security.

Garden.

I think you are quite right to plant as much garden as you can for food products, ~~from whatever~~ ^{all} points of view. It will be advantageous as an example to the natives, and the supplying of much needed food. If it is necessary to use any of the funds, which I put in your hands, for assisting in this garden work, you may do so at your discretion.

Cold Weather.

I note that on Sunday the 10th of March you had the coldest weather of the winter.

Food Conservation.

The lessons of food conservation should be beneficial to the people to teach them the principles of economy and providence.

Church and Sunday School.

I note that on this very cold day there were 75 present at the church and 112 at the Sunday School, but that only one of the government employees was at church, and only two at Sunday School.

It will be very interesting if you will keep a record each Sunday of the numbers at Church and Sunday School, and of the government officials, teachers, and other government employees, (white men) who attend the Church and Sunday School.

Cannery Employees
Also full statistics in regard to the employment of white men, natives, and Japanese, and others, by the cannery.

Steam Saw Mill.

I note that the steam saw mill has started. It will be of interest to keep a record of how the mill is managed, and particulars of their employees, and of their output, and the wages.

Re Marsden and the Meeting of the Members of Kitlan Tribe.

It will be desirable to get exact information as to what was done

at the meeting, how he managed it, and in what form the Kitlans' request was formulated.

Moses Hewson as Teacher and Organist at Metlakatla.

Please obtain from him a full written statement as to why he abandoned the position as teacher of the male adult class, and as organist in favor of Marsden. I would like the fullest possible particulars.

This movement in conjunction with all of the others, appears to be an attempt to get an entering wedge by Marsden into the Church and Sunday School. Is this an intrigue on Marsden's part, or on what is the thing based?

Tom Hanbury.

I note that Hanbury has moved to Ketchikan for the summer. He has not yet replied to my letter asking for explicit particulars of his needs. Please let me know about his attitude, and what comments he may have made at the time you gave him the letter and since.

Edward Benson.

I note that Benson has not received his insurance yet on his store. Is there any difficulty in connection with this matter?

Clippings
I am much obliged to you for the clippings which you have sent me. It would add to the interest, if you would always give the name of the paper, date and place where published.

Telegrams.

Enclosed are copies of the telegram which I received from you on March 29th, and from Dr. Myers on the 30th. Before receiving Dr. Myers' telegram I had wired requesting him to go to Metlakatla, but I presume he had already gone before my wire reached him.

Enclosed is copy of telegram which I sent to Mr. Duncan on March 30th.

Situation

I realize that the situation is an exceedingly difficult one for you but you are the only one I know who could stand by Mr. Duncan in all these times, and in the event of his death take charge of Mr. Duncan's affairs and the Mission there in the interim, and I feel assured the trustees will greatly appreciate your remaining at your post, assisted by Mrs. Minthorn, and carry on such work as you can until they can arrive at a decision as to the future.

Contingencies

I have written very freely to Dr. Myers in regard to the various contingencies that might arise, and have told him that if Mr. Duncan should not survive this serious accident, that I would make a special effort to go out as soon as possible for a consultation, calling to see Judge Strong, Portland, Oregon, on my way.

I have also written to Judge Strong enclosing him copies of the telegrams.

Mr. Duncan's Condition

I fully realize at Mr. Duncan's great age, and with the weakness induced by the tremendous strain of his strenuous life for so many years, and particularly by the great worries and harassments from which he has suffered during the past few years, that such a shock as this might hasten this end.

I should feel obliged by your keeping me well informed of his condition, and tell him that I have written to you, and am very anxious to hear of him constantly, and you can reassure him of my constant and devoted thoughts of him and his affairs.

With my warmest regards to you and yours believe me

Always sincerely your friend,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

P.S. I am anxiously awaiting further messages regarding Mr. Duncan's condition, but I shall regard no news as indicating that he is better.

I am very desirous of learning all about the attitude of the natives and white men, officials, etc., of Metlakatla, those who have been loyal, friendly, neutral, or indifferent, and hostile, all kinds and complexions. What are each type saying and doing in these critical moments, which may be the end of their great leader and benefactor. I would like a very full report from you about this.

(Signed) H.S.W.

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

DATED APRIL 3rd, 1918.

Mr. H. S. Wellcome,
18 East Forty-first Street,
New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Wellcome:-

MR. DUNCAN'S HEALTH.

Mr. Duncan is a little better than when I wrote last, although he is still weak and his heart is irregular. As you know he has suffered some for a long time from an enlarged prostate, but last night for the first time he had an attack of retention, but today he is better, but it is to be expected that he may have other attacks at almost any time.

TOWN COUNCIL AND THE CHURCH.

There have been no new developments as yet in regard to the custody of the church, but Mr. Marsden went to Ketchikan yesterday, and it is reported that his purpose was to send a telegram to Dr. Claxton something about the church, but I have not ascertained what. One report is that it was a request from the Council that Dr. Claxton order Mr. Duncan to transfer the custody of the church to the Council or the Board of Elders.

Other reports are in circulation, one being that it was to have the Salvation Army disciplined in some way, for not obeying an order from the Council to abstain from parading the streets with their drum performances.

I think most likely if he sent any message about religious affairs it was to give possession of the church to the Elders, who were appointed by the Council and sworn in by Mr. Marsden.

SALVATION ARMY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4th.

I learned yesterday that the Council has had the Salvation Army up before it twice, and have tried to stop some of their activities, parading the streets and recruiting, but the Army contends that the Council has no authority over them; that the Army of the United States and England is back of them, and that their authority is higher than that of the Council.

I also heard that since Atkinson has joined the Salvation Army, he aspires to the leadership which Mather has had. Ed Atkinson (son of Alfred) is the Envoy and seems to have something to do with deciding the matter is a son-in-law of Mathers, so that he seems to be in a strenuous situation, but seems to be inclined to favor his father rather than his father-in-law. This may result in their being two Salvation Armies. What would follow that kind of a situation remains to be seen. Ernest Milton who has been having some meetings at his house calls his faction the Church Army, making perhaps the Third Army.

MR. DUNCAN'S HEALTH.

comfort at night. There is a lot of talk about your coming. Mr. Beattie asked me this morning if you was coming. I told him that all I knew was the talk I had heard among the people, that I did not know where it came from. I think it is a favorable time to come if you are thinking of coming.

SOLOMON DUNDAS FISHING BOAT.

I saw Solomon last evening. He said that a boat without a winch drew one share of the profits, and he would turn that share over to any one you might designate until the boat was paid for. If only he and his son were employed, then the boat would draw 1/3 of the profits.

GARDEN.

I have commenced to make garden. Have planted peas, radishes, lettuce, carrots and parsnips, and will plant some onions soon. It seems now as if the food business would soon be a serious matter.

MR. DUNCAN'S HEALTH AND HIS SUCCESSOR.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th.

Mr. Duncan is improving slowly. Had a fairly good night and is some stronger. He will probably try to conduct the services on Sunday morning, especially as the Elders seem so determined to step in and take charge.

He has been talking of his successor, and regretting that he had not found some one and had him to have learned the language &c.

He has spoken of Collinsons sons wondering if one of them would not be suitable.

I spoke to him of Robert Tomlinson, but he does not seem to think he would do. He seems discouraged and tired, and seems to hope that this is the end.

MONDAY APRIL 8th.

MR. DUNCAN'S HEALTH.

Mr. Duncan is improving slowly but did not feel like conducting the services yesterday, so we did as we did last Sunday. There were about 90 at the morning service and between 45 and 50 at the evening service, and about 100 at the Sunday School.

CHURCH POSSESSION.

The telegram about which I spoke in the forepart of this letter it seems was in reference to the possession of the church, but we have not heard anything about any action that has been taken in reference to it.

A number of people have been in here and have given some information in reference to the doings of the Council (really the doings of Marsden). Two of them were at the Council meetings, and Moses was at Ketchikan and saw Harry Lang (Mayor) who is staying at Ketchikan, and Frank Allen is

acting as Mayor in his place as Mayor.

Harry said the message was sent. There seemed to be a feeling of certainty among Marsden's "hangers on" that the custody of the church was about to pass to them, and they could not help showing how they felt.

I told one of them that the Govt. claimed that it was because the Cannery and Mill were not in use that they were taken, but that that could not be said of the church, for Mr. Duncan had never missed a day before and now only because he had been hurt by a fall, and that on the Sunday before they sent the Telegram, there had been 200 people at the service.

While Marsden to whom they proposed to give the church had been Pastor of the church at Saxman for more than a year without holding any service, and had taken pay for the time when he was not holding any service, and I thought that would be taken into account, and that so long as there was services conducted in this church either by Mr. Duncan, or some one provided by him, that it would not be taken from him and given to others.

So far as I can see there is no ill feeling, unless it might be on the part of Marsden, Milton and Ed Verney, and outside of those three, I do not think there is any desire to make any change in the custody of the church.

Many have expressed their satisfaction with the services as conducted by Mrs. Minthorn, and I think by next Sunday, Mr. Duncan will conduct the services himself.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

now

I think I mentioned about the S.S. is organized, and the fact that it was entirely under the control of the so-called board of Elders. I think you saw from what I said about it that it is really their S.S., and so far as I can see it is fairly well managed, and so far as Mr. Duncan and the board of elders is concerned there is no friction,

But Marsden sometimes steps in and takes the pulpit and does as he pleases; also Milton who claims to represent what he calls the church army has come in and taken the liberty of making an address without being invited, and so has the Envoy of the Salvation Army, and they all seem to want to claim the church, and I think that is why Marsden had the Salvation Army brought before the Council. He probably thought he would soon have the church, and he wants entire control.

There is no recognized authority except that the Govt. seems to hand out various decrees to Mr. Duncan. But in the three years I have been here now, no attempt has ever been made to bring anyone else to account for anything, although several robberies have been committed and several thousands of dollars of property have been destroyed by fire under very suspicious circumstances. At least one assault of a serious nature was committed, which the Council refused to notice, and Mr. Duncan filed a complaint with the Court in Ketchikan and the aggressor was fined \$50.00. Other infractions of law have been committed, but no notice was ever taken of them. But I am sure you are tired of hearing of such things.

GOVERNMENT SEIZURES.

I agree with Mr. Duncan that the prospect of doing anything where there is such a state of confusion is very small.

The Govt. in plundering the Mission of its property set an example of lawlessness that will bear fruit in all the future history of the place.

And the cooperation of the Govt. with one mercantile establishment, and in competition with other business concerns on such unequal terms, and with such disregard to the welfare of the community, for which nothing except the improvement of the water supply has been done in all the years the Govt. has been in charge, is the cause of great dissatisfaction.

Still the employment furnished by the Cannery and the Mill and the school are beneficial to many individuals. What I am trying to do is to contrast the help given to individuals with the many many things done for the community by Mr. Duncan amounting to more than \$80000.00 since coming to Annette Island.

COMMERCIAL CO. VS. EVANS.

There seems to have been some kind of a rupture between the Com. Co. and the Evans, who have been running the store,, and the elder one being the new P. M.; and the Evans have quit and are going to fish, and bought their outfit of Moses.

LOPP'S ARTICLE.

I am sending you two copies of the Miner in which I have marked three articles. The one by Mr. Lopp I am sure will interest you, as it seems to me to read between the lines as well as on the lines. It also gives some information that is of interest.

CHECK FOR ALECK.

I suppose when you rec'd my letter last week, it had a check in it for Aleck. I sent it to Dr. Myers and asked him to have his office girl call Aleck up and ask him to come and get it and sign the receipt, but they did not understand it. As soon as I get it back I will attend to it.

MR. DUNCAN'S HEALTH.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9th.

Mr. Duncan is still better. The swelling is gone out of his feet, and his side does not trouble him so much. But between his injured side, and his hernia, and his enlarged prostate, he still has trouble enough and looks pale and weak for him, as he usually looks quite hearty and well.

SOLOMON DUNDAS FISHING BOAT.

I have written you twice about Solomon, but I find it difficult to even decide in my own mind what it would be best to do, even if it was left to me.

Solomon seems to be the one that will have to be depended upon to get wood and stay with Mr. Duncan at nights, and if he has a power trolling boat that would take him away, and I do not know just what Mr. Duncan would do without him.

Also Mr. Duncan will not pay him enough to support his family. It seems difficult for Mr. Duncan to bring himself to the new order of things, high wages and high prices. He would not for a long time pay the advanced price for eggs, although they are almost a necessary part of his diet.

It is somewhat the same way about having some one to help him when he has to have help. He does not want me to do anything, but it seems to suit him best if he must have anything done for him personally to have some of the people.

All of this time of his being sick, he has had to be helped up and down, and Solomon does that for him.

MR. DUNCAN'S HEALTH.

As I have said before, the time is very near when Mr. Duncan will have to be in the same house with some one else all the time. In fact it ought to be so now, and I have tried to have him do so but he will not, so we have to get along with him the best we can.

SOLOMON DUNDAS FISHING BOAT.

Just for the present if Solomon had small engines for two row-boats that he has, he and his son could troll in the bay here, where he would be at home at nights, and perhaps would do almost as well as to get a larger boat with a stationary engine, and perhaps they might do so all the season.

They have the boats and would only have to get the engines, which would not cost any more than the large engine, that is both small engines would not cost more than one large one.

MR. W. TO VISIT METLAKATLA.

I hope you may be coming up here this summer, and even if it is not until June, I would rather leave it until then. I do not know as my opinion about your coming is of any value, and I have not been asked to give it, but I am going to give it any way.

It is that I cannot see any objection to it, and on the other hand I think it is decidedly the proper thing to do, considering all the circumstances. I do not think it would be worth while for me to give the reasons, except this one. You are Mr. Duncan's friend; you could probably come as well as not, and it would do him an immense amount of good to have you come. He has but few friends now living, and it seems probable that his time is not very long.

I do not think there is any hurry, and June is about the best time of the year to come to Alaska. Then as I have said several times, there must be some arrangement made for his personal comfort soon, and as June is well along in the summer in Alaska, that will be a good time to arrange for it.

Your Friend,

Confidential.

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Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina,
April 4th, 1918.

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

My Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

Mr. Lopp has stated that Mr. Duncan has reopened this store at Metlakatla, and is apparently trying to make use of this in a way that will be prejudicial to Mr. Duncan, that is to say, that ~~he~~ ^{he} is doing something that would be a violation of the orders of the government, and something detrimental to the peace and harmony of the community.

Also the statement is being made originating with Mr. Lopp that "but for outside interference Father Duncan might make no effort to depart from the policy that the Bureau of Education has endeavored to have pursued at Metlakatla."

In regard to the opening of the store, I presume Mr. Lopp has based his allegations on the fact that Mr. Duncan's having an inventory taken early in this year, and it may be that Mr. Duncan is closing out the remainder of the greatly depleted stock of the store.

It is my belief that Mr. Duncan has never purchased any new stock since the seizures of his buildings and plant.

I would like to receive from you quite clear and explicit statements of the facts in regard to these points, so that I may be able to refute them if occasion occurs. I would like a really & clear statement as to exactly what has been done in connection with the store and the stock, and a statement of what ^{goods} have been sold by Mr. Duncan since I left Metlakatla. Probably Solomon or John Hudson can get this information for you.

You will remember that I had a ^{trading} license taken out ^{last year} in Mr. Duncan's name through George Hall and Dr. Myers, not that it appeared to be necessary, but to prevent any possible grounds of complaint against Mr. Duncan, in case he disposed of any of his goods. Please take out a fresh yearly license.

It is my impression that I gave the value of his stock last year as four thousand dollars, and at the present time it would probably be about that amount or less. Please pay for this license yourself out of the funds you have from me.

I hope you may be able to induce Mr. Duncan to dispose of the tin, solder and copper which he has down in the old carpenter shop, as they are now at their highest prices. It may be that you can get him to sell them to Heckman's with whom he has a trading account, I believe. Unless it is disposed of in this way it may be stolen. You may find him sometime in a mood when he is willing to close these out. It may be that you can get Solomon to weigh them and ^{then you can} get an offer from Heckman, and when Mr. Duncan sees Heckman's offer he may be disposed to accept it.

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Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina,
April 6th, 1918.

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

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My Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

I have received a letter from Mr. Duncan enclosing copy of Dr. Claxton's cablegram to him, dated Washington D. C. March 21st, 1918, as follows: "I must call your attention to the fact that you cannot operate store or business on Annette Island without permission of the Secretary of the Interior. (Signed) Claxton."

Supplementing my letter of April 4th, I would like to ask you to write me quite explicitly every detail of anything that has taken place in connection with Mr. Duncan's store and the selling of goods since I was at Metlakatla, and especially any changes that have taken place in the last few months.

Did Mr. Duncan keep the store open in any formal or special manner, or did he carry on any propaganda for the selling of his goods, or did he simply have Solomon or some one unlock the store, when people came to him for goods, as he had done in the past?

I would like to know every detail that it is possible for you to obtain in regard to this, also any incidents that may have occurred amongst the natives or government agents in respect to the store, or whether there has been any special intrigues or gossip in regard to this matter, that has led up to Mr. Lopp's action which has evidently called forth this cablegram from Dr. Claxton.

In a letter which I have just received from Moses Hewson, he mentions the speech which Dr. Condit made at the Musical Society's Hall reception during his recent visit there.

According to Moses Hewson's report, Dr. Condit referred to Henry Ward Beecher as a Presbyterian, though he was a Congregationalist. It may be that Dr. Condit first referred to what Henry Ward Beecher had done, and then afterwards referred to Mr. Wadhams, Mr. Ladd and others as Presbyterians.

I enclose copy of Hewson's report of this meeting, and I shall feel obliged if you will verify all the points to make sure it is a correct account. You may get a description of the meeting or the wording of Dr. Condit's remarks from John Hudson or Benson, or others, who might have been present as well as Moses Hewson.

It is very important that I shall have a perfectly accurate statement in every case, so that no one can question the reliability of my statements.

RE MAYOR HARRY LANG AND DR. CONDITT'S SPEECHES.

"I was sent you a letter concerning the visitors here this winter, There was a mass meeting here Feb. 26th, and reception served in Musical Society's Hall in honor of Mr. Conditt. Our Mayor Harry Lang was the first speaker, and said: I congratulate and appreciate Dr. Conditt's visit to his Fellow Christian's place. Now you see it yourself how far your Christian brothers improved by sacrificed and hard labor his whole life among us here sixty long years, and He is the founder of this Community, beside he is the founder of our Christian Church here.

The way how we organize our Religious system in our church. When we first finished the Church building, the whole majority of this Community was assembled in the Church and GAVE A BIBLE TO Mr. Duncan as a symbol or sign of Authorized him to be our Minister of the Gospel. Mr. Duncan took the bible and said: I will preach the words of God what contained in this book as long as God gave me life.

Until today he is still doing his promise and duty among us. These are all Mr. H. Lang's speech before the Community and Mr. CONDITT.

Mr. Conditt answer LANG'S speech said: I am very glad to hear Mr. Mayor's SPEECH especial regarding to Mr. Duncan's long work among you people. Yes, he has done a great deal work for you. Now the time before you moved over here from British Columbia, Mr. Duncan went to Washington D. C. to get a land for you. When arrived New York one of our fellow Presbyterian member or Minister "Henry Ward Beecher" helped him out by introduced him to Congress, and Mr. Wadhams of Portland, Oregon was a Presbyterian too helped Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Ladd a banker too was a member of Presbyterian helped Mr. Duncan too to settle on Annette Island, and some other people who are members of Presbyterian help you, and Mr. Edm. Marsden too helped you. This shows that our Denomination give you benefit until today.

These are all Conditt's words before the crowd. Regarding why I am here for (Conditt said) Mr. Marsden's commission expires last Sept. and I am here now to re-authorize him to travel between Ketchikan and Kasaan as before, and not to interfere with your Mission here. The end of his speech."

Always yours sincerely,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

WETLAKE ALASKA --- APRIL 15th, 1918

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

DEAR MR. WELLCOME,

MR. DUNCAN IS STILL BETTER HE HELD THE MORNING SERVICE YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) BUT IT WAS ALL HE COULD DO WHEN HE GAVE THE benediction he could hardly be heard, Solomon helped him home and he did not go out again that day. We have not heard any more about the church but I think there is no doubt but that if Marsden had Recd, any encouragement he would have had something to say.

I think Mr. Duncan may get along quite well now for a few months but Solomon will have to stay with him, and he wants him. They were short of help on the cannery building last week and wanted Solomon and would have given him \$4.00 a day but Mr. Duncan told him that he could not do without him, and yet he only gave him \$8.00 for the whole week.

What ought to be done I think is to let some necessary things stand against the estate. But of course that is not a very good thing to do, for instance a few days after he got hurt when his heart was very irregular and his feet swollen I asked Dr. Myers to come over. I first spoke to Mr. Duncan but he would not consent to it. As I said I paid the boat charge of \$17.00 but the Doctors bill is not yet paid, yet it was certainly an expense that ought to have been incurred, not only on account of his condition but on account of trying to get him to do some things which were imperative.

I talked with Solomon again today and he said if he knew that he could borrow the money he would go ahead with the work on the Kate Farber boat and get the engine later, so if you think that is the thing to do you might wire that you would furnish the money and leave the rest of the transaction until June 1st, when you come if you think of coming then.

The amount required as I stated is \$400.00 ----- \$60.00 for the boat hull --- \$40.00 for lumber and \$300.00 for the engine. This would be a boat that would be all right for handling a purse seine and would be a good sea-worthy boat. He should give his note drawing interest for the amt. half due in one year and half in two years. and also, deposit the proceeds of the one share (I think one third in this case as I think two men would handle such a boat, but it might be best to have three,) in the bank as Recd, and have it credited on the note.

Mr. Duncan has spoken several times lately about a successor and yesterday he said he would write you in regard to it today, he has spoken about it in a different way than he has ever done before. What he said was that he thought he should have some young man learning the language and otherwise getting prepared to take his place, and go on with the mission. WHATEVER was the result of the pending business settlement, This is of course just what ought to be done.

I planted 24 trees today and some Onion and Peas. The weather is

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great hardship as it was only about 6¢ a pound or about one fifth of the price of anything they can get to replace it,

Prices of some kinds of food have been reduced here such as Corn meal Rice &c,

Moses is working on his new boat and will be ready to start in as soon as the seining season begins.

John Hudson has his new boat finished.

YOUR FRIEND
H.J.Minthorn
(Signed in pencil)

(Copied from a typewritten letter.--M.G.)

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METLAKATLA ALASKA April 17 1918

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

Letters

Enclosed are three letters from Gertrude that came today I told her to write to you and send some account of the work of the Womans Medical College there. I do not think they have much if any printed matter about the work.

Typewriter

I have sent her a Typewriter by Dr. Maud Allen who is home on a furlough, I got a cheap one and I thought it would be a time saver for her. I would not like to do without one now, although I do not do very good work on it still it saves time and makes it easier for others to read.

I have gotten into some bad habits though with it which I will try to remedy as much as I can. I note what you say about my bad ways of writing but when I get started to write I forget everything but the getting down what I want to say.

I will get some Envelopes as you suggest the first time I am in Ketchikan, and will also get some sealing wax, I have enclosed this in a separate Envelope so it can be returned.

YOUR FRIEND

H. J. Minthorn

(Signed in pencil)

(Copied from a typewritten letter.--M. G.)

H

Ketchikan April 17-18- We came here yesterday being the first time we have been away from Metlakatla since Dec. 15-

I am enclosing a clipping from the Ketchikan paper. It sounds as though Marsden had things all his own way but since it is Marsden talking there may well be some allowance made on some of the statements. It sounds as though he was going to take the Church in case he does - Since it seems as though some one would have to stay here with Mr Duncan (if he stays) I think we will keep something going if we have to have it in the Guest House that is if we are allowed to perhaps we might get our priveleges (if we have any) defined by the Sec. of the Interior

(Copied from a document in Mr. H.J.Minthorn's handwriting.--M.G.)

(A newspaper clipping (Rev. Edward Marsden is Reinstated) is attached to the original.--M.G.)

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Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina,
April 17th, 1918.

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

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My Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

H

In one of your recent letters, you mentioned the helpless condition of Eli Tait. I think it would be very desirable to give him some assistance in the matter of fishing tackle or otherwise. It may be that Mr. Duncan may prefer to do this himself. If you can see your way to make some intimation that would further this point, you might speak to Mr. Duncan about it, though I know he is very careful to avoid showing any marked partiality in assisting any one man in a manner that will cause jealousy on the part of others.

I should be glad to have your full information and advice in regard to this, also in regard to Solomon's situation at present, and what you think might be desirable in helping him to meet the present emergencies. It may be in this case also that Mr. Duncan will desire himself to do something.

I have now received ^athe letter from Thomas Hanbury in which he tells me that on account of the difficulties of procuring a large boat at a reasonable price, he is proposing to go on with his smaller boat, and it appears possible that he may postpone the idea of a larger boat until next year. The prices of boats and the cost of building is now very greatly inflated, and there are great uncertainties as to the future.

I would like to know if Dr. Condit during his visit to Metlakatla called on you and Mr. Duncan, and if you or Mr. Duncan had any conversation with him, and if so, I would like full particulars of any such conversation.

Always yours sincerely,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

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Hotel Carolina,
Pinehurst, North Carolina,
April 18th, 1918.

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

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Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

Your letter of March 30th describing Mr. Duncan's condition is just received. I realize from it how very precarious his health is, and that he is liable to pass away suddenly at any time.

Re Arrangement for Mrs. Minthorn Hold Church Services.

The arrangement which has been made for Mrs. Minthorn to hold the services for Mr. Duncan is an admirable one, and I consider that you and Mrs. Minthorn are well fitted to deal with the situation at the present time, and in fact you are better fitted than any one else I can think of. I have no doubt that it gives Mr. Duncan very great satisfaction and pleasure, that you and Mrs. Minthorn can carry on his work when his health prevents him from performing his duties.

Your long association and connection with Mr. Duncan and the people peculiarly fit you, and I am sure that you hold the friendship and affection of the great majority of the people, and Mrs. Minthorn, your wife, will be able I am certain to win a like devotion and affection from the people, and exert a beneficial influence which will make for harmony and the spiritual and general well-being of the people.

My Visit to Metlakatla.

As to the question of when I shall visit Alaska, it is just as well this should remain at present a mystery, but it is a distinct advantage that it should be understood I am liable to come there at any time now.

Beattie Concerned in My Visit.

You say in your letter, "There seems to be an expectation that you will visit Metlakatla sometime this summer. I think Beattie is concerning himself somewhat about it."

Please let me know very fully just what indications Mr. Beattie has given about being concerned in regard to my proposed visit. What has he said or done that creates the impression that he is concerned about it?

Re Ben Ridley.

Please inquire from Moses and other reliable people, and get what information you can about him, and his reliability, veracity and character, and as to his real attitude towards Mr. Duncan and towards Marsden.

Attitude of Daniel Reece as to Elders Taking Part in Church Services.

The attitude of Daniel Reece in regard to the Elders taking part in

the church services appear to be very significant. I would like to know whether you think it is likely he was acting for Marsden, or whether this was just a bit of indiscretion, or do you think he might have been an unconscious tool of others. This incident together with the cablegram from the Council to the Commissioner of Education asking authority to take possession of the church is very suggestive.

I am sure you will be very alert and let me know of every step and trick attempted by the trouble makers.

Re Your Marriage.

It is quite evident that your letter telling me of this must have been intercepted for I never received it, but I did receive the letter in which you sent the paper published by the Maine Children's Home Society of which Miss Atkinson was Secretary and founder, etc. I think it is quite possible that some of your other letters also were intercepted, as I think some of mine to you have been.

I again congratulate you warmly on your marriage, which I think in every way is a wise proceeding, and evidently you have been most fortunate in the selection of a wife, and I wish you both the best of health and much happiness. You are both of you engaged in the highest service that any one can be in this world, and I believe with all my heart that God will bless your efforts and guide you aright.

I am sure all of Mr. Duncan's friends are most grateful to you both for standing by Mr. Duncan in these critical times, and preventing the wreckage of his noble life work.

With my earnest prayers for you both, and my warm regards to Mr. Duncan, believe me always

Most sincerely your friend.

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

P. S. I am obliged to you for enclosing me the letters from your daughter Gertrude. I will read and return them later on.

Metlakatla, Alaska, April 22nd, 1918.

Mr. H. S. Wellcome,
18 East Forty-first Street,
New York City, N. Y.

H

Dear Mr. Wellcome:-

I have your letters of April 1st, April 4th, and April 6th. I will endeavor to answer your inquiries about the

CHURCH.

Enclosed you will find a clipping from the Progressive Miner of April 16th, comparing which with what Moses Hewson says Dr. Condit said at the mass meeting at Metlakatla, it will be seen that he (Dr. Condit) did not do as he said he would.

CORRESPONDENCE ON MARSDEN'S REINSTATEMENT.

A person in Ketchikan has copies of the correspondence passing between Dr. Condit, Genl. P. Rev. Marsden and the Presbyterian Board, on the subject of Marsden's reinstatement, but I am not at liberty to copy them. I think perhaps you can get to see them but might not be allowed to copy them. I think it is no breach of honor to say that Dr. Condit expressly advised contrary to what he promised the people at Metlakatla. It would take pages to go into all the details about the church.

All Elements Compose Sunday School.

I have already told you in other letters about the S.S. being composed of all the elements- except Marsdens. That is, that Mr. Duncan and Mrs. Minthorn had classes, also Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Benson and Moses Hewson of what might be called the Metlakatla Christian Church. Mr. Beattie and Mrs. Beattie of the Govt. Daniel Reeves Supt. and John Hayward and Ernest Milton might be said to represent the Elders; and occasionally Ed Atkinson and others, who might be said to represent the Salvation Army.

TEACHERS AT SUNDAY SCHOOL.

For instance at the S.S. yesterday, Ed. Atkinson was the Prest. Dan'l Reeves Supt., Ernest Milton seemed to be Asst. Supt. and teacher of a class, young Roderick Murchison Organist. Roderick Murchison Sen. had Mr. Duncan's class in his absence. Herbert Murchison had M. A. Hewson's class in his absence. Other teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Beattie, Mary Hudson, Catherine Marsden, Mrs. Benson, and Mrs. Minthorn.

ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The attendance was about 140 and the attendance at the morning service there was over 100, and at the evening service over 50, both services being conducted by Mr. Duncan.

CONTROL OF SERVICES.

The services are all controlled entirely by Mr. Duncan, and when he

was not there either I or Mrs. Minthorn took his place. (more often Mrs. Minthorn).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTROLLED BY ELDERS.

The S.S. is really controlled by the Elders, and Mr. Duncan has made no objection and has his class in the vestry when he is there, which has not been for four Sundays on account of his health, and he has not said anything about who should take his class, but has allowed the Supt. (Danl. Reece) to provide a teacher. I have not heard anything objection to this arrangement, and there has been no friction, unless what I have related to you before about the Elders telling me that if Mr. Duncan did not officiate, they would find some one to fill the place, and my telling them that Mr. Duncan would make the necessary arrangements, which he, did, would be called friction.

PEOPLE WANT DUNCAN TO CONDUCT SERVICES.

I hardly knew what to do myself, but thought it was not my place to be a party to any arrangement taking the control of the church out of Mr. Duncan's hands, being very sure that the majority of the people want, as stated in the mass meeting by Harry Lang (Mayor) that Mr. Duncan shall continue to conduct the services as long as he is able.

MARSDEN NOT FAVORED.

There is no element in favor of Mr. Marsden taking charge, and he has not had a class assigned to him, or been asked to officiate in any capacity so far as I know. And as Mr. Duncan has the key I suppose he will do as the Govt. people did, just smash his way in, but that is in the future. Things do not always go as such people plan them to go.

ELDERS CONTROL, AND NOT MARSDEN, THE CHURCH.

As to your question as to whether this is an intrigue on Marsden's part to get possession of the church, I will state that the idea of the board of Elders is I think Marsden's, and was for the purpose of getting the control away from Mr. Duncan. But the board of Elders, even after Marsden got it constituted, and swore it in himself, is not subservient to Marsden, but want to control things themselves, and even have ignored him in their management of the S.S. and some other work outside of the church. But no doubt he would have the support of the Govt., if his course was at all plausible, which it is not, but is a very clumsy scheme.

DR. MINTHORN KEEPS COMPLETE RECORD.

I have a complete record of the attendance and other data of interest in reference to the S.S. and Church, and will also from this time keep something similar of the Mill and Cannery, as near as I can.

THOMAS HANBURY.

Is away fishing and I have not seen him since I gave him your letter. There is a letter advertised of his at the Ketchikan P.O. It may be yours.

EDWARD BENSON.

I think is having to sue the Insurance Co. He is working at boat building at Ketchikan just now.

MR. WELLCOME'S COMING TO ALASKA.

Dr. Myers told me what you said about coming to Alaska, and I do not want you to do so on my account.

DR. MINTHORN WANTS TO ANSWER MARSDEN.

It is difficult for me to keep still about Marsden, and he mentioned my name in the correspondence mentioned in such a way as to make me think I could scarcely help answering him.

DR. MINTHORN'S GARDEN.

I am very busy making garden, and when I undertake to write I am so tired and sleepy that I do not make a very good job of it.

FEELING OF THE PEOPLE TOWARDS MR. DUNCAN.

And you ask in a note at the end of your letter about the feeling of the people towards Mr. Duncan. This subject of the attitude of the people might take up a large space, but after all I think it is very simple. Exclusive of Marsden, Atkinson and one or two others who want to dominate the people themselves, and who the people do not want to dominate them,

The feeling of the people towards Mr. Duncan is not only friendly, but full of gratitude and respect. This may not have always seemed so, for the reason that it was always expected that Mr. Duncan would sometime give the property to the people, and like children and some grown people they wanted it now.

MARSDEN USED ABOVE TO STIR UP TROUBLE.

As you know Marsden used this to make trouble, and got them to sign petitions asking the Govt. to take it from Mr. Duncan, and as they expected give it to them. I need not go over the various acts that this led to, but just call attention to the situation as it is now, viz:

PROPERTY TURNED OVER TO COMMERCIAL CO.

That the people have never had anything, not even the sidewalks repaired, and all the property of any value that has not been destroyed is now owned by Marsden and a few others under the name of the Com. Co. as their own property, not in any way contributing to the needs of the community.

CANNERY.

This statement is not intended to include the cannery, which the

transactions with the natives except to hire a few of them as above. He does not deal with the native Council, or with the community.

SITUATION TODAY. PEOPLE DISAPPOINTED.

This is the situation after four years. Of course all of the people except the few stockholders in the Com. Co. are disappointed, but still there is the property in the store which they are told is theirs, and there has been some talk of dividing it up among the people (forcibly), like everything else has been done, but it serves to keep the people from thinking about what has become of all the other property, also to make some of them think that Mr. Duncan is holding something back that it would be very agreeable to them to have, especially now that everything is getting so high.

You can see that the taking of Mr. Duncan's property from him by the Govt. gives some show of reason for the assertion that it was not his, and that he was keeping it from the people.

But this, as I have tried to show, has been almost entirely counter-acted by the fact that it has mostly become the personal property of Marsden and the other stockholders in the Com. Co., (that is the mill and the pipe line.)

MARSDEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACKS.

I seemed to have to go over all this in order to define the feeling of the people towards Mr. Duncan.

First I will say that every disrespectful or disparaging statement, that I ever saw or heard about, Mr. Duncan, was made by Mr. Marsden or some white person that I feel sure got it from him.

I have never heard a disrespectful or disparaging statement or expression made about Mr. Duncan by any native or white person except Marsden, or those white people who are trying to help Marsden in his attempts to discredit Mr. Duncan.

ALL NATIVES SPEAK WELL OF MR. DUNCAN EXCEPT MARSDEN.

I say white person, for I have never heard any native speak disrespectfully or disparagingly of Mr. Duncan except Mr. Marsden, and Mr. Marsden refers to Mr. Duncan in the correspondence I have referred to connected with Mr. Marsden's reinstatement as "old Duncan".

On the other hand all of the people in Metlakatla (and more noticeably that Mr. Marsden has made his own what he pretended he was trying to get for them), invariably speak in the kindest and most respectful manner to of and about Mr. Duncan.

The same is true of all white people so far as I know or ever have known, except not more than a half doz. people, all of whom have in some way or other been implicated in taking Mr. Duncan's property, or in trying to get him displaced in order to give his place to Mr. Marsden.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR DR. MINTHORN TO GET EVIDENCE ABOUT RUMORS AND STATEMENTS.

As to getting evidence about various rumors and statements, I will say it is practically impossible for me situated as I am to do so. If I was to go ~~making inquiries~~ to making minute inquiries, (for instance)

IN RE MILL.

About the transaction by which the mill became the private personal property of Mr. Marsden and his associates, when it actually belonged to the Mission, was claimed by the Govt., (as was said to be held for the people) and then apparently sold by some persons (Marsden and others) as Councilmen to themselves as individuals &c &c, I would really not get the information, but most likely would get sent away from here.

AUTHORITY NECESSARY TO GET THE FACTS AND TAKE TESTIMONY.

Nothing will really do any good but for some one to come here (or to Ketchikan) with sufficient authority to compel people to give testimony. The ostensible authority for this need not cover much ground, for instance, let it be to ascertain the facts about Mr. Marsden seeking to take Mr. Duncan's place, as stated in this clipping.

Whether the board ever really authorized him to do so, as seems to be implied in the clipping, is not material, but since Mr. Marsden evidently furnished the statement for the paper, there is no doubt about his wanting the impression to go abroad that they did authorize him to take the place.

DR. MATTHEWS TO SIGN PETITION TO BOARD FOR INVESTIGATION.

I think Dr. Matthews and many others would sign a petition to the board, (or some higher authority in the church) to allow this investigation.

CORRESPONDENCE SAYS MAYOR TAKES ORDERS FROM MARSDEN.

In this correspondence of which I have spoken, Mr. Marsden claims that the Mayor (Harry Lang) takes advice from him. Just what he means by this I do not know, but there is apparently enough in it to bring out some very interesting things.

The copies of these letters are in a safe place, and the board would have to produce them or let their case go by default.

If this statement implies anything corrupt as it evidently seems to on Mr. Marsden's part, then the board knew it and probably meant to profit by it &c &c.

INVESTIGATION WOULD OPEN UP GOVERNMENT CASE.

Of course this investigation will make an opening for the Govt. case, and will no doubt bring it to a focus without any more ado.

GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT APPROVE OF THEIR AGENTS METHODS.

It seems to me that it is impossible that the Govt. Approves of having its officers engaging in business here in competition with the natives,

standing in with one firm and handling its money, and throwing Govt. business in its way to the great advantage of that firm; letting that firm use property (called Govt. property), and pretended to be for the benefit of the community, (viz, the pipe line used to run the planer in the mill) which cost the Govt. a large sum (said to be \$7000.00) without paying anything, &c&c.

This and much more like it would naturally come out in the investigation of Mr. Marsden's relation with the Council as Sec., which he evidently brings into the case (at least apparently) as a reason for his reinstatement and being given larger privileges, and to be allowed to live at Matlakatla, and to be put in charge of the congregation &c, &c, and which it looks as though the board thought well of it.

MR. DUNCAN'S STORE.

He had not had it open for some time except as he went himself to get something for some one. Then he employed Solomon and had him to be there when some one came for something instead of going himself. As the things were sold at the old prices, considerable was sold; nothing new was added; a license was gotten as before. Some of the solder was sold to M. Heckman and the rest is now in the store. (not in the shop)

Replying to yours of April 6th.

DUNCAN'S STORE AND CLAXTON'S TELEGRAM

Mr. Duncan closed the store immediately upon the receipt of Dr. Claxton's telegram. I made some copies of the telegram, and Solomon showed it to some of the people who came and wanted to buy. I do not think anything has been sold since although many wanted to buy, because the goods were cheaper than in the other stores.

CANNOT GIVE ANY BETTER STATEMENT ON MASS MEETING.

As to the copy of M. A. Hewson's letter sent in yours, I was not at the meeting, but Moses said he was, and I talked with John Hudson, Mr. Benson and others, and made a compiled statement and sent you a copy.

I did the best I could at the time while the matter was fresh in their minds, and could not make it any better now, and the parties are all away now. The best way would be to get an investigation on the strength of this clipping, and call parties up and take a qualified statement.

I do not consider the statements I am sending of any value to you, but am only sending them to you to show you where the information is, and it will have to be gotten direct from them under oath, to make it of any real value.

OPPORTUNITY FAVORABLE FOR INVESTIGATION.

I think the time and opportunity is favorable for such an investigation, and that it should be conducted in Ketchikan this summer, as that is central for all these people in the summer.

MARSDEN'S EFFICIENCY RECORD.

A visit should be made to Saxman to see what Marsden's previous record is as to efficiency, and also to this place where there are four buildings that were taken from the custody of Mr. Duncan, and placed under the care of Mr. Marsden, and have been in his care for going on three years and show a fair specimen of his efficiency.

PICTURE OF MILL.

I have a negative of the mill while it was under his care and held for the benefit of the people, and that can be contrasted with the way it looks now that he owns an interest in it. There is also the remains of the old pipe that was destroyed while in his custody. Various statements he has made detrimental to Mr. Duncan can be investigated &c, &c.

PETITION COULD EASILY BE OBTAINED.

I think by showing this clipping 1000 names could easily be placed on a petition to have the investigation made, among them almost all the people here, but many should be gotten in Seattle and Portland and other places.

MR. DUNCAN IMPATIENT.

Mr. Duncan is getting very impatient and says if something is not done soon that he is going to do something himself, and I am afraid he would not help the case much.

MARSDEN'S REINSTATEMENT.

This reinstatement of Marsden's is apparently based on Genl. P's investigation here, as the letters I spoke of contains one from him to the board. As I see it the board really financed his investigation, as Mr. Marsden was getting pay from them while he was carrying P around and entertaining him.

BOARD AND MARSDEN CAUSED THE TROUBLE.

Then this is really the very bottom of the whole thing, as it is really Mr. Marsden and the board that caused all the trouble here.

HAVE DR. MATTHEWS FURNISH PLAN.

I think Dr. Matthews will suggest the details of a plan to bring about an investigation.

If it is found to be impossible, then the next thing is to have a reporter from some suitable paper come to Ketchikan and get the information (especially about the com. Co.) and give it to the public.

MUST MAKE A FIGHT AGAINST MARSDEN.

The weather is so fine that I have been busy in the garden and I am afraid not doing this letter justice. As it seems to me this is the climax

line and do it.

MARSDEN'S CASE WEAK.

As I said before it is hard for me to keep my hands off, for I think they are full of weak places, and it seems to me an awful thing for them to deliberately destroy this Mission and blacken Mr. Duncan's name after his sixty years of self-sacrifice, and when he is so old and afflicted.

SUCCESSFUL MISSION BEING SMASHED IN OPERATION.

They are not only smashing a Mission while in successful operation, but are violating an understanding that one church shall not interfere with another's work.

VIOLATING THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE.

They are also proceeding not only without the consent of the congregation, but in violation of the expressed wish of the people, and promise of Dr. Condit.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24th.

We failed to get this in the mail yesterday, so I will add.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVT. AND THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Mr. Duncan aggravates Mr. Lopp and others (Beattie) by what he says about them and the Govt., and they will get him put out of here if they can, and it is quite likely that there is some understanding between them and the Presbyterians that if Mr. Marsden will get the congregation they will see that he gets the church also, thinking that then Mr. Duncan will leave.

DUNCAN TALKS ABOUT GOVT. TO MR. SMILEY OF CANNERY.

And what they want above all things is for him to leave, as that would seem to end their troubles.

But Mr. Duncan has not been saying nearly so much lately as he used to, but Mr. Smiley (the cannery owner) came to see him a few days ago and invited him to go and take a look at the cannery. Mr. Duncan says he told him "No, that it was all the work of the devil &c, &c," as he generally talks when he gets started on the subject of the Govt. doings, (mentioning the Govt. especially), and it is quite likely that Mr. Smiley told Mr. Beattie.

DUNCAN POSTS NOTICE ON STORE ON RECEIPT CLAXTON'S TELEGRAM.

When Mr. Duncan received the telegram from Dr. Claxton about the store he wrote a notice that "this store is closed by order of the Commissioner of Education" and posted it up on the store door.

I have no doubt you notice that the telegram reads "You must remember" &c, and does not expressly forbid him. Years ago as I think you know trading was strictly regulated, and I have no doubt those laws

NOTICE DISAPPEARED NEXT MORNING.

The next morning after the notice was posted it had disappeared, but I am quite sure it will never cause any trouble which I was afraid it might, and I advised Mr. Duncan to not put it up.

DR. MINRHORN WATCHING OPERATIONS AT THE MILL.

You asked me to pay some attention to the operations at the mill. This I have done as far as I thought it was advisable, as I am watched not only by the Govt. people but by the natives who have jobs, as of course it suits them to have employment.

NATIVES TOLD MR. WELLCOME WAS TRYING TO STOP GOVT. OPERATIONS.

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ABOUT MILL AND THE COMMERCIAL COMPANY.

Mr. Beattie is making a very strenuous effort to make it appear to be a success. This is why he turns all favors its way, as he and especially Mr. Lopp seems to think that everything hinges on that.

I have from time to time shown you that it only really means impoverishing the community to enrich a few individuals, and in doing so they have adopted many very doubtful expedients, and probably also done several illegal things.

So far as I can judge I think it is almost sure to end as all Marsden's schemes have in failure. About 20 men are employed at the mill, and there is also a logging camp, so that the daily expense must be away over \$100.00 a day, and there is the steam engine and boiler to pay for, and I do not see or hear of any lumber being sold except what is sold to the cannery.

MILL MANAGEMENT VERY BAD.

The lumber is very carelessly piled and will not sell very well. The mill management is very bad; no one is really working, but just putting in the time. On this account it is important that if nothing can be done to get a favorable settlement now, that things on the part of the Mission be kept as quiet as possible.

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SUGGESTS MARSDEN'S CASE BE SUBMITTED TO INDIAN AFFAIRS COM.

If there is a congressional committee, or a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs coming to Alaska this summer, it might be well to have one of them hear the evidence in the Marsden case, but I am sure you will know what to do.

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Tom came home today but is going away again. He is getting a net of Mr. Duncan.

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ABOUT TELEGRAMS TO MR. WELLCOME.

He sent the telegram by John, but he did not send it, but sent the enclosed letter back, from which you will see that they do not want to go now on account of the fishing season.

Mr. Duncan sent another telegram to John at Ketchikan to send, but I do not suppose they have sent it yet, and may not send it at all.

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MARSDEN'S DOINGS SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

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RECEIVED CHECK FOR SOLOMON'S BOAT.

I rec'd yours containing the \$400.00 check for Solomon to use in getting a boat. If Solomon was one of the ones to go to Washington, he would have to give up the idea about the boat, and I think it is going to be a very short time anyway to fit up a boat now, but I will see what can be done and keep you informed. I will do as you say about the hull, and if it seems that the hull is not good, perhaps he had best get in on some one's ~~share~~ boat for a share, and build a new boat next winter when he can do the work himself. I will try to either get a good boat or return the money.

DUNCAN'S HEALTH. DR. MINTHORN MUST GO HOME IN SUMMER.

Mr. Duncan is almost as he was before he was hurt, but cannot do so much.

I have been here now for two years (nearly) and left home in a hurry, and I ought to go home this summer and look after my affairs, for it is not likely that I will be able to leave here any time after this summer, if I am to go on staying with Mr. Duncan, as it is quite likely that he will need more attention from now on than he has.

Also it is almost imperative that there should be some kind of an understanding of what the Govt. can and cannot do to us, and more especially what Marsden can and cannot do.

MARSDEN'S SALE OF MILL TO HIMSELF VULNERABLE.

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It is near mail time and I will have to close here for the present.

Your friend,

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

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(? April 30, 1918.)

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I have talked with Mr. Ed. Benson about this matter, and he thinks its too late for this season, because the time is just on now when we should earn our living. He thinks it will take at least over a month, and besides he has already engaged and made an agreement with a cannery.

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Yours truly,

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When Genl. P. circulated the report of Mr. Duncan having an immoral life among these people in Ketchikan, I thought it might perhaps be a cause for remarks my living alone in this house, and many of the native women calling here, so I urged Miss Atkinson to come.

MRS. MINTHORN'S ACTIVITIES AND WORK.

She has had childrens meetings and has a class in the S.S., and has a bible study class at the home, and has had some prayer meetings, and has attended the W.C.T.U. &c. &c., and is learning the language.

She seems to be very well received by the people, and does not excite any suspicion that she is interested in property questions as a man would, so that I think she will be able to keep up the religious part of the work, until some one is found to take the work permanently.

THE GARDEN.

Is doing better than last year on account of the ground having been cultivated well last year. I have planted about 50 fruit trees and, ut in more than 50 grafts, also more than 50 small fruit bushes.

We are going to try corn; have it started now in the hot bed, also rye which I planted last fall and which is looking well. Will try some barley and buckwheat.

We are going to plant about 7 sacks of potatoes having 8 different varieties. I have not been able to get any one to help me so far in the garden; work is so plenty and wages so high. Even an old woman wants \$3.00 a day.

THE MISSION.

I have gone into much detail about the mission, because I thought some of it might help you in your effort to undo the harm that has been done here.

I have said what I thought should be done, and I consider the things I have mentioned important, but I am not handing out any ultimatum.

As I have told you several times, I intend to stay here just as long as I can, whatever the conditions, and make the best I can of them.

DR. MINTHORN DISCOURAGED. BEATTIE TO FINISH THINGS.

But I am more discouraged now than at any time since I came here about the situation, as I am more convinced every day that Beattie was sent here to finish the strong arm work he commenced here nearly four years ago, and he seems very confident and appears to think that because

a cannery that all the past has been much more than justified.

BEATTIE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS REDUCED.

Still none of them feel safe as long as Mr. Duncan is here. He acts the part of an accusing spirit, and his comparing them to Achan and Ahab makes them boil inside, and I am satisfied that they will do anything they can to get us out of here.

Last Sunday Beattie had not a single native in his S.S. class, although he commenced with 30, and the whole attendance was considerably over 100, and there were over 60 little fellows.

Mrs. Beattie had 3 in her class. Should they take the church away from Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Minthorn will go on with what she is doing outside of the church.

GOVERNMENT AGENTS IN VULNERABLE POSITION.

I have mentioned several times the vulnerable situation these people have caused for themselves here. I do not think I can make you see this as I see it, but I will try to state one instance.

MILL RUN BY NATIVES; GOVERNMENT OWNS IT AND BEATTIE TAKES ALL THE MONEY.

The mill is run entirely by the natives. It is said to be owned by the ~~Government~~ Com. Co., but Beattie buys logs for it and takes all the money received from sales of lumber.

ACCIDENT AT MILL AND PROBABLE RESULTS.

A man Hebert Reece Jun. got caught in an exposed shaft and all his clothes torn off and badly bruised, and an ugly cut on his leg. This cut healed up quickly, but probably the periosteum was injured, and it has swelled up since, and he is in bed now with it.

The case might come up for damages, and no doubt the Government would be asked to pay them and the lawyers.

Also in case of default of the Com. Co. and outstanding debts, according to the laws by which the Govt. took the mill it still belongs to the Govt. and the financial part of the business is in the hands and under the management of the Govt., probably it would be held accountable.

COMMUNITY RECEIVING NO BENEFIT.

So far as appears nothing is being done for the community, except what the Mission is doing (except the school); nothing is being done to encourage raising food during this food campaign.

EMPLOYEES OF CANNERY.

There are 30 white men now employed in the cannery, and 4 new houses have been built for white men.

EDWARD BENSON.

Benson is gone to Chomley to install new machinery for a cannery.

ALECK GUTHRIE.

Aleck is getting 75¢/an hour in charge of the machinery in a cannery, but all such jobs in this cannery have been given to white men.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS LOOK BAD.

Everything about the Govt. buildings looks untidy and shiftless. The addition to the school house so long promised has not been commenced yet.

MILL.

The appearance of things about the mill is that of carelessness and indifference.

BUILDINGS UNDER MARSDEN'S CARE.

The buildings under Marsden's care as custodian of the Govt. property outside of the school house, are in extreme disorder.

CONDITION OF LIBRARY AND SCHOOL HOUSE.

I do not think the door of the library building has been shut since you was here.

And not only the glass in the windows of the school house (where Mr. Duncan held his meeting on Wednesday night) has been broken, but the sash and doors have been broken.

OLD WAREHOUSE. CONDITION.

The old warehouse which has thousands of dollars worth of property in it, has five holes in the roof as large as a blanket, and last winter one end of it blew out so that any one could walk right into it, and remained that way until Mr. Duncan had John Hudson and Geo. Hall to go and fix it, although Beattie had the key and kept Mr. Duncan locked out from his own property.

GOVERNMENT AGENTS REPAIRING NOTHING.

There has not been a tree or shrub planted, except what Schell got of me and planted, since the Govt. has been in charge, and not a panel of fence built, or even the old broken and rotten fences been repaired or removed.

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We are very anxious to help you to get something done, especially since we heard that you are going to England soon.

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TUESDAY MAY 7TH.

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There were 26 at church on Sunday and 108 at S.S.. Mr. Duncan has not been at the S.S. since he was sick. I doubt if he goes any more.

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Marsden came in last Sunday and took charge without saying anything to any one.

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PRINTS FROM SNAPSHOTS.

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Mrs. Minthorn (nee Miss Atkinson) lived in my family for some time, and my wife called her her adopted daughter, in place of our oldest daughter that died, so that I naturally thought of her.

GENL. P'S REPORT OF MR. DUNCAN'S IMMORAL LIFE.

When Genl. P. circulated the report of Mr. Duncan having an

excite any suspicion that she is interested in property questions as a man would, so that I think she will be able to keep up the religious part of the work, until some one is found to take the work permanently.

THE GARDEN.

Is doing better than last year on account of the ground having been cultivated well last year. I have planted about 50 fruit trees and put in more than 50 grafts, also more than 50 small fruit bushes.

We are going to try corn; have it started now in the hot bed, also rye which I planted last fall and which is looking well. Will try some barley and buckwheat.

We are going to plant about 7 sacks of potatoes having 8 different varieties. I have not been able to get any one to help me so far in the garden; work is so plenty and wages so high. Even an old woman wants \$3.00 a day.

THE MISSION.

I have gone into much detail about the mission, because I thought some of it might help you in your effort to undo the harm that has been done here.

I have said what I thought should be done, and I consider the things I have mentioned important, but I am not handing out any ultimatum.

As I have told you several times, I intend to stay here just as long as I can, whatever the conditions, and make the best I can of them.

DR. MINTHORN DISCOURAGED. BEATTIE TO FINISH THINGS.

But I am more discouraged now than at any time since I came here about the situation, as I am more convinced every day that Beattie was sent here to finish the strong arm work he commenced here nearly four years ago, and he seems very confident and appears to think that because they have succeeded in starting the mill and in getting a cannery that all the past has been much more than justified.

BEATTIE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS REDUCED.

Still none of them feel safe as long as Mr. Duncan is here. He acts the part of an accusing spirit, and his comparing them to Achan and Ahab makes them boil inside, and I am satisfied that they will do anything they can to get us out of here.

Last Sunday Beattie had not a single native in his S.S. class, although he commenced with 20, and the whole attendance was considerably over 100, and there were over 60 little fellows.

Mrs. Beattie had 5 in her class. Should they take the church away from Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Minthorn will go on with what she is doing outside of the church.

ACCIDENT AT MILL AND PROBABLE RESULTS.

A man Hebert Reece Jun. got caught in an exposed shaft and all his clothes torn off and badly bruised, and an ugly cut on his leg. This cut healed up quickly, but probably the periosteum was injured, and it has swelled up since, and he is in bed now with it.

The case might come up for damages, and no doubt the Government would be asked to pay them and the lawyers.

Also in case of default of the Com. Co. and outstanding debts, according to the law by which the Govt. took the mill it still belongs to the Govt. and the financial part of the business is in the hands and under the management of the Govt., probably it would be held accountable.

COMMUNITY RECEIVING NO BENEFIT.

So far as appears nothing is being done for the community, except what the Mission is doing (except the school); nothing is being done to encourage raising food during this food campaign.

EMPLOYEES OF CANNERY.

There are 20 white men now employed in the cannery, and 4 new houses have been built for white men.

EDWARD BENSON.

Benson is gone to Chomley to install new machinery for a cannery.

ALECK GUTHRIE.

Aleck is getting 75¢ an hour in charge of the machinery in a cannery, but all such jobs in this cannery have been given to white men.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS LOOK BAD.

Everything about the Govt. buildings looks untidy and shiftless. The addition to the school house so long promised has not been commenced yet.

MILL:

The appearance of things about the mill is that of carelessness and indifference.

BUILDINGS UNDER MARSDEN'S CARE.

The buildings under Marsden's care as custodian of the Govt. property outside of the school house, are in extreme disorder.

CONDITION OF LIBRARY AND SCHOOL HOUSE.

I do not think the door of the library building has been shut

GOVERNMENT AGENTS REPAIRING NOTHING.

There has not been a tree or shrub planted, except what Schell got of me and planted, since the Govt. has been in charge, and not a panel of fence built, or even the old broken and rotten fences been repaired or removed.

I have made some snapshots of some of these things, and may send some prints to you if they turn out well.

MR. WELLCOME'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

We are very anxious to help you to get something done, especially since we heard that you are going to England soon.

MR. DUNCAN TALKS ABOUT VISITING MR. WELLCOME.

Mr. Duncan has talked several times of going to see you himself, but says he is afraid it would make him sick to be in the close Pullman cars. Probably it is just as well for him to think that way.

TUESDAY MAY 7th.

ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There were 86 at church on Sunday and 108 at S.S. Mr. Duncan has not been at the S.S. since he was sick. I doubt if he goes any more.

MARSDEN TOOK CHARGE LAST SUNDAY.

Marsden came in last Sunday and took charge without saying anything to any one.

And did the same at the after church singing meetings held in the M. B. hall, where I was told he ignored the program that had been prepared and took up the time himself, using as a text Ecclesiastes 10-8 "He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."

MARSDEN'S INTERPRETATION OF HIS TEXT.

I was told that he said that this place was going to ruin, and the Govt. came in here and built a school and cannery &c. &c. like a hedge around the place, and now some one was trying to break this hedge down, and a serpent would bite him &c. &c. Mr. Beattie was not at S. S.

PRINTS FROM SNAPSHOTS.

I received some prints of the snap shots that I took. I think you will understand all of them without any remarks. Several of them I took as showing how the property looked since Marsden had been in charge of it.

WEATHER AND GARDEN.

The weather is very fine and we are busy in the garden. I am going to try to raise some corn, I have it started in the hot frame.

SOLOMON DUNDAS AND HIS BOAT.

Solomon is looking at another boat with the intention of buying it, if it is found to be suitable.

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

(Stamped as follows)

METLAKATLA ALASKA -----

(In handwriting)
June 11, - 18

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

We were VERY glad to read your letter to Mr. Duncan in which you say you are coming to Metlakatla, -----
I am sending by this mail a receipt from Alex. for the \$ 100.00 which I paid him at your request -----

Everything is about as usual here, and since you are to be here soon it is hardly worth while to trouble you with writing about them.

I think the office of the Com. of Education rather gave you a wrong impression about the church when they informed you that no petition had been received from the COUNCIL in reference to the custody of the building.

It is true that no petition from the COUNCIL was sent in reference to the church, --- But as I tried to state in my letters the BOARD OF ELDERS tried to get possession (possession) of the church when Mr. Duncan was sick. ---and Mr. Beattie says that the BOARD OF ELDERS is the ONLY AUTHORIZED agency here that can deal with religious matters.

That there is no such a thing here as a mission that what Mr. Duncan and his followers or friends or advocates say about a mission here is all Bosh, and much more in that line VERY much more uncomplimentary to said Mr. Duncan and others, all of which I cannot take time to go into and which I do not think I would make clear to you if I was to try, as I have written pages and pages before that I do not believe has really enlightened any one.

The POINT about the message sent about the church (church) was to the Secretary of the Interior (not from the COUNCIL) and I do not know who signed it but the substance of it was according to Harry Lang (MAYOR) that they wished to know whose right it was to control the church, and as I understand it they never got any reply, which of course discouraged them and they seem inclined now to leave it alone, and Beattie took occasion to tell me what I have stated above about the elders &c. and much more, which makes me think that HE had something to do with the sending of the telegram.

FROM YOUR FRIEND

(COPY)

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18 East Forty-first Street,
New York, N. Y.
June 20th, 1918.

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

My Dear Dr. Minthorn:-

I have not received a letter from you for some time, and I miss greatly your very interesting letters, which have given me such a rich fund of information in respect to Metlakatla affairs. I fear that either your letters may have gone astray, or that you are ill.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Duncan acknowledging my letter in respect to the proposed delegation, and in his letter Mr. Duncan says that he will show my letter to you as I requested.

I am as you know very anxious to have a complete record of all the happenings at Metlakatla and in connection with Metlakatlan affairs, and you are the only one in a position to supply me with such reliable information upon whom I can depend. I trust you will find it possible to continue writing me in the future as fully as you have in the past.

I am informed that Governor Strong's term of office has expired and that a new Governor has been appointed. I should like to know as fully as possible who the new Governor is, and what his attitude is likely to be in respect to Metlakatla, and whether or not he is likely to be influenced by the trouble makers.

The question of Marsden's efforts to be appointed as Commissioner at Metlakatla is one that should be very carefully watched, and it will be well for you to ask Dr. Myers to be vigilant himself, and have all other friends on the alert to prevent such an unfortunate appointment, for it would be likely to cause a great deal of trouble and discord. Please keep me well informed in regard to this matter.

Trusting you are in good health, and with best wishes to you and yours I remain

Always your sincere friend,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

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METLAKATLA ALASKA --JULY 4TH, --1918.

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

DEAR MR, WELLCOME:-

your letter of June 20th, in care of Dr. Myers Recd from John Hudson yesterday, -- I have not written for the last week or two because we have been expecting you at Metlakatla since June 1st, and also Mary left Ketchikan the last of May for Newport, Or, and I had no convenient way of sending letters,

There have not been any very especial happenings since I wrote after M, and the Board failed to get possession of the church, M, took possession of the M, B, S, Hall on the occasion of an appointment of the society for the rendering of a Musical Program, M, paid no attention to their program but held a religious service in place of it and announced another for the following Sunday evening, and has held one every Sunday evening since except last Sunday (June 30th,) when he went to Prince Rupert to take the Ball team to play a match game, Mrs, Minthorn attended one of the meetings.

It is reported that the attendance is small since the first service, I do not think it has made any difference with Mr, Duncan's attendance. Mr. Duncan has not attended S, S, since he was sick but the attendance is good, --I am keeping a record of it and of the attendance at the church,

Mr, & Mrs, Beattie have both quit attending the S, S, the attendance at their classes steadily declined until they had only one or two each, Mrs, Minthorn had 12 in her class last Sunday, -- The attendance at the Juvenile S. S, last Sunday was over 40. - Many of the people are away now, Mr, Duncan seems to interest the people as well as ever. He is writing his book, puts in about 4 hours daily at it, --He does not seem quite so well as usual, has had attacks of Diarrhoea, ---I do not think he can live another winter as he did last winter. His hernia troubles him some. He has seemed more difficult to please lately, but not so much so as previous to the past year,

Mr, Thompson was here and stayed for a week with the Govt, people he did not disclose his object, - I understand he is in K, yet,

The cannery is in full blast and is getting a few fish from 5 traps it is well equipped for doing a good business,

The saw-mill is shut down and has quite a stock of lumber on hand,

The Govt, employees are doing very little, have torn down the low building first used as a School House and seem to be planning to build something with the lumber, --I have heard that the Town Hall, Mr, Duncans School House and the building where the teachers lived,

Missions that he should think he would WANT to leave here, I inferred that he might have been helped to that conclusion by hearing the sentiments of B & Co, as it is very evident that it is what THEY WISH above all things, but I do not think that from now on there will be any attempt to interfere with the mission any more than to WISH it out of here, for the reason that it is a constant reminder to them and others of their outrageous treatment of a Christian mission. B, took it upon himself to make quit a talk to me not long ago in the store about the dealings with the mission, I stood it as long as I could and then I told him that so far even Turkey even in time of war had respected the property and rights of our Christian missions. He replied that there was no mission here because there was NO ORGANIZATION &c, &c,

Successor I hope a successor to Mr, Duncan may be secured SOON and I think he will not be molested, and then Mr, Duncan could leave and have a rest.

I do not think I can stay here much longer, - From what Mary says in her letters I think I should go home some time this summer not later than Sep, and if I do, I do not see how I could afford to incur that expense and lose the time and return here, so I VERY much hope a successor to Mr, Duncan can be found to come as soon as possible,


Then the UNCERTAINTY existing here for the past years is not favorable to the mission, and a successor to Mr, Duncan having been appointed would do away with that and I think would result in great good in MANY ways,

I find it very difficult to keep things in as good condition as should be on account of the extremely high wages prevailing now and great difficulty in getting help, and I am either getting tired of so much WORK or am not so able for it as I was last year, and I keep thinking of how nice it would be to get into my own office at home again, - The Doctor that came there when I was sick has gone to the army and the people want me to return and I think Mr, Duncan has never planned for me to stay longer than until things were somewhat settled and he had a successor appointed,

Govt. Pirates I do not think I could ever look upon the Govt, people here any other way than as pirates and some of the people as accessories and the best thing for the mission is to forget that and look ahead,

Duncan can live with Mrs, Minthorn says Mr, Duncan can go and live with us and she will consider it a work of grace to take care of him as long as he lives, We have three houses at Newport all close together, and he can have one all to himself if he likes or live with us, or live by himself and board with us or any way that suits him. All the houses have fireplaces in them so it will seem that much like home to him and they are right by the sea as he has always been used to, and the climate at Newport is mild and mostly fine weather. I have lived there 15 years and during that time, there was not a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of snow. I mention this as ONE way there are (is) no doubt other ways things can be arranged but you can feel assured that if no other way appears we will make him VERY welcome and do our best to make him comfortable and happy.

Agriculture The weather has been exceptionally fine this summer and the garden is doing well. Nearly all of the new trees and shrubbery are doing well- we have corn two feet high and Rye six feet high, and Buckwheat that looks as well as it would in any country, Potatoes are large enough to use, The berry crop bids fair to be good.---I am putting 15 gallons of roof paint on the Guest House roof, there ought to be more but I think that much will keep it from leaking for the present.

Criticisms of Marsden
Immoralist
 When I get started to write I never know when to stop,---There are a number of things I would like to mention now, but I think I had best leave them until you come---One is the habitual practice of M, of taking the young men to questionable places, where they are exposed to great temptation just because he can make a few dollars by it. He should at least be exposed to the Board as, in a sense, he is compromising them as he is employed by them and uses the boat called the Good Tidings, most of the cost of which and his salary, are the funds contributed by people, who are deceived by thinking that their money is used to help people, whereas it really goes to aid in demoralizing them,---

Religion The delegation that Mr, Duncan wants to send would help to establish this fact as well as other important facts, one of which is that the Govt, and the council under M's influence seeks to absolutely dominate the RELIGIOUS affairs of the community in the interest of M, both the Mission and the Salvation Army, I think it would be well to include two or three of the members of the council in the delegation,

YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn

(Copied from original typewritten document.---McD.)

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METLAKATLA ALASKA ----JULY 12TH. 1918

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

DEAR MR. WELLCOME -

Mr. Duncan's cond. The weather continues good - Mr. Duncan is as well as usual. He is better of the Diarrhea. I suppose it was mainly caused by the kind of food he lives on especially the insufficiently cooked Oat meal. He is still working at his book but his interest is lagging.

Industries I expect he will quit it soon as he has so often done before. The first 35 pages were VERY good but after he got to dealing with the forcible taking of the industries and plant it is not so interesting, but some of the strictures (as he calls them) that he makes on the Govt. for their acts remind ME of one that I have also been reminded of from another source recently.

Reservations It is (in) reference to the provision in the act of 91, which places the Annette Island Reserve under the control of the Sec. of the Interior for the benefit of the People here.

Fish Traps, Royalties IT SEEMS FROM THE STATEMENT MADE UPON THIS SUBJECT IN THE ACT THAT EVERYTHING DONE HERE DEPENDED UPON WHETHER IT WAS REALLY DONE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE FOR ITS LEGALITY AND IT WOULD SEEM ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FROM THE FACT THAT THE TRAP MEN THROUGH their lawyer (Mr. Burkhardt) are now seeking to have the act annulled on various grounds and the Ter. of Alaska is setting up a claim for the royalty on Smileys traps, which Royalty has been promised to the people as well as the royalty on the FISH taken in the traps.

Water Supply BUT NONE OF WHICH SO FAR AS I CAN LEARN HAS EVER BEEN GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE. To be more explicit the council it seems has never had the absolute disposal of any of this money. Some of it the council has been induced to expend on the water works, but the power from the water main is used by the Com. Co. I think without any payment for its use. ---

Repairs Then the council has built a sewer from Mr. Beattie's house to the beach, out of this money. I presume a small Amt. may have been used in repairs (repairs) on the walks, -----Ten additional white men were employed at the cannery yesterday so that there are probably from 25 to 30 white men now employed also a number of Japs against one white man when Mr. Duncan had it and I have been told that the wages paid to natives is less than they get in other canneries.

Employment ALL of the PROFITABLE jobs are given to white men. Such men as Ed Benson and Harry Lang &c &c are not given employment and both Benson and Haldane were REFUSED stock in the Com. Co.

But by far the larger part of the Trap and Fish royalties have not apparently ever been accounted for at all so far as the people are concerned or even the council so that it seems as though it would be difficult to make it appear that the Reserve

H. S. Wellcome.

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I told you that M. had had his service to commence at 7,-30 at the same time as Mr. Duncan's but last Sun. night it began at about 9, and I was told that the reason was that the people would not come until the service was out at the church.

When you come I have no doubt but you will want to do something to help things and one is to put the pipe organ in commission and have the bellows of the small organ fixed so it can be used in the vestry for (for) the Juvenile S. S.

I have the last \$ 200, 00 nearly expended and will submit a statement of it soon. There is a balance of \$25, 00 of the \$400,00 and also a balance of \$76.00 of the \$ 200,00 you sent to pay Sidney and Alex, --YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn

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

(Following pages are pasted on to foregoing letter)

I think I should have said more -2 the Island being (In handwriting) (ing) (July 1
Reservations administered for the benefit of the people. (18

1st

The act of 91 requires it

2nd,

Dr. Claxton wrote a letter and sent copies to the people here when the Industries and plant were being taken forcibly from Mr. Duncan in which he stated that this would be done and MUCH MORE SO THAN WHEN Mr. Duncan had them.

3rd,

1ST. FUEL FOR OPERATING THE CANNERY

Previous to the Govt. taking possession (possession) this was always bought of the Natives, ---- Last year Coal was used --- and this year Fuel Oil is being used in spite of the fact that Fuel Oil is in great demand for military purposes -- It would have taken probably 1,000 cords of wood this year which at the prevailing prices would have given the Natives as much money as Mr. Lopp says was paid out altogether last year (whether he meant to the Natives alone or ALTOGETHER I do not know) for wages.

This money for wood would have been paid out for labor almost exclusively and would have come to them in the winter when they did not have work, and thus would have been very acceptable. It would have been in the line of complying with the act of 91, and with their PROMISES and it would have been a good example for the Govt. to have set for its subjects of conserving a fuel that could be used in helping to terminate the war and have saved transportation which is also one of the things that have had to be considered in reference to the endeavor to end the war.

2ND. The ITEM OF LUMBER FOR THE BOXES USED IN PUTTING UP THE CANNED SALMON.

This was ALWAYS manufactured on the Sawmill here by the natives before the Govt. took charge -- preparations are made here this year for a pack of 60,000 cases the lumber for which at prevailing prices would have amounted to about \$ 10,000, --This lumber was bought in Seattle and shipped up here and even the job of nailing up the boxes was given to Mr. Beattie and done by his son and the son of one of the teachers. What I have said about Transportation applies to this lumber even more than to the Fuel Oil as it is more bulky.

3RD. THE ADOPTION OF TRAPS FOR TAKING FISH INSTEAD OF PREVIOUS METHODS.

I SUPPOSE IT WILL BE SAID THAT IT COULD NOT BE EXPECTED THAT THE OLD METHODS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED JUST TO BENEFIT THE NATIVES. (OF) AND YET THE RESERVATION WAS MADE AS THEY SAY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NATIVES and it seems to me that when use cannot be made of it for their benefit that that method of use should be abandoned especially it must be the case when a specific PROMISE has been made to use BETTER methods.

Since the Govt. has been operating the cannery no one of the natives has been employed in fishing for the cannery and yet fishing is THE method by which they get their living not only so but the method of using traps around inaugurated (inaugurated) by the management of the Govt cannery has compelled the natives to go to distant places to fish, so that NOW it is the case that the natives

Yours of June 30TH Recd. from Dr. Myers through the Hudsons, as also Mr. Duncan also Recd. one of the same (same) date and in the same way, with which he was VERY much pleased, and says he will at once pack up his papers as advised by you and send them to Dr. Myers. --

He also said he would send you a copy of what he has written . and Mrs. Minthorn has promised to Type it for him and also his letters as advised by you. She is MUCH better at it(?) than I am.

I have told you that I did not believe that there would be any more trouble about the forcible exclusion of Mr. Duncan or the Mission from the Island, and advised that some one be secured to succeed Mr. Duncan as soon as possible and that I be allowed to leave, although I did not give the reasons for these conclusions, which I will try to do now and from time to time.

1.

I think it has been definitely concluded by The Govt. agents here since you have undertaken Mr. Duncan's case that they would DO WELL to accept the status quo and say no more about it. More than anything else I judge from some conversations I had with Mr. Beattie in all of which he seemed anxious to talk on the subject although I had never made any opening for him to talk.

Stores

In the first of these conversations (which he started in the store) he said he had to do what he did or lose his job. Also that Mr. Duncan had repeatedly said that the property did not belong to him, and that he had tried to get Mr. Jones to leave the Govt. service and work for him and then would not speak to Jones &c. &c. --

The tenor of it all seemed to me that it was the best that could be done at THAT time. And that as there was no organization there was really no mission here & that Mr. Duncan arbitrarily expelled people from the church.

Church

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At a subsequent time he accosted me and asked me if people had not been prevented from fishing adjacent to the island some years ago when I was here and said that they were having some trouble now in that regard and that Mr. Burkhart was contesting the legalaty (legality) of the reservation of the 3,000 foot strip upon which the success of their whole business depends.

Fisheries

3.

The Govt. agents and the Com. Co. seem to have fallen out with Atkinson and seem to be in some trouble over it as he seems to oppose the Com. Co. and has joined the Salvation Army, and so has some things in common with the Mission, since the Council (apparently under the direction of Beattie and M. tried to suppress the Salvation Army but were defied by it (Atkinson not being a member of the council now)

Trouble with Govt. agents

This with the lack of action on the part of the department to act in

Probably it should also be typed but that can be left until after the other is (is) done and it is seen how it is then.

IN REGARD TO THE DELEGATION THAT MR. DUNCAN WANTED TO SEND TO WASHINGTON

It seems to me that unless it is likely that a decision will be reached soon the delegation should be sent so as to have their testimony on record with the other evidence in the case. I think more than three should be sent. - I think three of the present Councilmen should be sent that is Harry Lang (Mayor) Frank Allen (President of the council) and Herbert Murchison (Recording Secretary of the council) all of these I think will be very valuable witnesses for Mr. Duncan and all will give important evidence in regard to the conduct of the Com. Co. and M. B. L. and others.

If you succeed (succeed) in finding some one to succeed Mr. Duncan it seems to me it would be well to have him at Washington when this delegation were there and let him get some insight into the business.

I was in hopes that the delegation would have went (gone) in Sep. as Mr. Duncan had spoken of my going with them and I very much wanted to go home both on account of my business affairs and also because Mary is to be married and it seemed to me that I should have been there as he has no near relative but me. But as it cannot be before that time now I think it would be more important for Mr. Duncan's successor to be at Washington than for me to go that if one is secured by that time I had best stay here until he comes and then go home to stay.

Wages

I took the bill of sale of Solomon's boat to Ketchikan and had it corrected by Mr. Shoup so that it reads Dundas instead of Sundas.

Canneries

The cannery is having quite an extraordinary run of fish.

Wages

There is some complaint by the native workers that they are paid 5¢ an hour less than at other places and that they are made to lose the time when the machinery was stopped for repairs on account of a break that occurred during a days run and they were kept standing about while repairs were made.

VERY TRULY YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

(Marginal note in Mr. Minthorn's handwriting, opposite paragraph numbered "3", as follows)

also B^s not attending M^s Service

Another thing in this line B. told me in Conversation No. 1 that they had not interfered with the church but only with the property of the M. I. C. which he said belonged to Add Tom Strong and others and which they had ceased to operate and which was going to ruin &c. &c.

4.

Stores

Not only the people but a majority of the council even are very dissatisfied with the way things have been managed and as I told you the council passed a resolution allowing Mr. Duncan to sell his goods in the store, against B's action in closing the store. as the people wanted the goods sold.

Church

Harry Lang the Mayor declined altogether to act as B. and M. wanted him to do in reference to M. and the Presbyterian church business when Dr. Condit was here

5.

M. having been reinstated by the Presbyterian board and allowed to locate here proves to be no longer a center of opposition to the Mission as the people seem to think he now has no cause to complain and he has proved as he did at Saxman to be unable to create any interest as a missionary.

Stockholders

All of these things and others one being almost unanimous (unanimous) dissatisfaction with the Com. Co. business outside of its stockholders makes the Met. Christian mission one of the least of the troubles of the Govt. agents here now

Successor to

Mr. Duncan

There being no one apparently to succeed Mr. Duncan is also a disadvantage to the mission as it looks as though it would stop anyway when he died or got older so he could not attend to it. -- Also as Mr. Duncan feels he has no plans for the mission except to go on from day to day doing just as LITTLE as he thinks will do at all, and absolutely NOTHING in the way of improvement.

Then at Mr. Duncan's age he is not able to do very much, and yet he could do much to help some one to get started right, so considering all these things and others I think some one should be secured at once to help him with the expectation that as soon as he gets started Mr. Duncan will leave and go to some place where he will be better provided for than he can or will be here,) Mr. Duncan is so used to having his own ways that it is doubtful whether any one could get him to change his ways enough here to make him even comfortable.

IN REGARD TO THE MONEY YOU SENT I

Expenditures

at

Mr. Wellcome

M. & C.

will send in my next a statement of the last \$ 200,00 you sent not including the \$ 400,00 for Solomon's boat and the \$200,00 to pay Sidney and Alex, of which there is \$25,00 left of the boat money and \$ 76,00 of the Sidney and Alex, money, -- I think the nine men should be put in order so it can be used and the small

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Minthorn Account

ENCLOSURE TO
Minthorn to Melbourn
DATED 8-4-18

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METLAKATLA, ALASKA Aug. 4 1918

MR. H. S. WELLCOME - 18 EAST 41 St., ST. LEE - NEW YORK CITY N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

Expenses
at
Metlakatla
Alaska

I am enclosing statement for \$200.00 leaving \$102.00 a part of which I have also expended, if you intended to have it used in that way. -- I am also enclosing a copy of the S. S. minutes or diary or whatever it may be called. - I have kept such a record ever since the S.S. was reorganized in Jan. 1918 thinking it might be of some interest to whoever might be here in the future.

Enclosure
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THE PART OF THE DIARY REFERRING TO EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES, I CONSIDER OF SOME INTEREST AS THE GOVT. IS NOW CONDUCTING VARIOUS BUSINESSES if it is to be the custom for private companies to profit by the business done by the Govt. as the M. C. Co. is doing in this case it will certainly be a snap for the party in power, especially if they can use the army and navy to help things (things) along or even a Sub Chaser as in this case.

Fisheries

THE FISHING HAS BEEN EXCEEDINGLY GOOD THIS YEAR. Last Saturday Mr. Smiley sold 50,000 fish and had 50,000 besides for this cannery, and he has 40,000 cases put up now, which is one half of what he planned to put up this year.

JOHN HUDSON

had 30,000 fish to his credit the first of Aug. I have not seen Tom Hanbury lately but I have no doubt but he has done as well or better and has no one to divide with as John has. - Others are doing (doing) quite as well.

Canneries

THE CANNERY WAS NOT OPERATED LAST SUNDAY although that was probably the PEAK day. -- I think Mr. Smiley is inclined to respect Mr. Duncan's and the people's wishes in that regard.

Mr. Smiley has expressed himself as of the opinion that the Govt. should have left Mr. Duncan's property alone and confined itself to conducting a school.

Wages

THE PEOPLE ALL UNDERSTAN (UNDERSTAND) THE TRANSACTION in regard to the native labor although I was told that some of them went to Mr. B. and asked for a raise in wages requesting him to intercede with Mr. Smiley to have the wages raised. They said he told them that he would not ask Mr. Smiley to give any more than he was giving but did not tell them how much he was giving, but seemed to want to try to make them think that Mr. Smiley would not consent to a raise and therefore it would be Mr. Smiley's fault if it was anyone's if their wages were not raised.

They then went to Charley Prendible who is one of the Native

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I am told that H. Lang (MAYOY) (MAYOR) and some of the councilmen
opposed the plan of giving the M. C. CO a bonus on the labor
of the people and contended that the people who did the work
should have ALL that was paid for the work.

VERY RESPECTFULLY YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

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

MINUTES OF THE KETLAKATLA CHRISTIAN MISSION S. S. FOR AUG. 4TH, 1918

This being the height of the Salmon canning season when the people men women and children are working long hours (about 14 hours) daily the attendance is probably the smallest of the year, - in these minutes some record is also kept of events of interest occurring during the week outside of the S. S.

CLASS NO.	1-SMALL CHILDREN - TEACHER - SARAH DUNDAS - ATTENDANCE	12
"	2 ADULTS SOLOMON DUNDAS	4
"	3 " Mr. BEATTIE	0
"	4 MRS. BEATTIE	0
"	5 MRS. BENSON	0
"	6 MRS. HUDSON	4
"	7 MRS. CATHERINE MARSDEN	5
"	8 MRS. WINTHORN	12
"	TEACHERS	(12)
"	VISITORS	5
	66	1
	TOTAL	43

Church There were 47 in attendance at the morning service at the church. No services at the Salvation Army or the Presbyterian service.

There were 28 at the evening service at the church last Sunday evening. --No service at the Presbyterian service at the M. B. S. hall last Sunday evening, where services were recently commenced by the Rev. Marsden.

One funeral at the village last week son of Jacob Bolton died of hemorrhage (hemorrhage) at Roe Point Cannery.

Canneries Cannery running at its fullest capacity during the past week and more fish coming in than can be handled by this Cannery and there were 50,000 fish sold to other Canneries yesterday.

Sabbath Observance The Cannery has been operated on Sundays previously but not today so far as I can learn in deference to the desire to observe the Sabbath on the part of Mr. Duncan and the people also because the workers are very tired. Several have not worked on other Sundays and have not been discharged.

Wages There has been some dissatisfaction on the part of the native workers with the wages which they claim are less than at other Canneries and on account of being docked for lost time when the machinery was stopped to make repairs and on account of the native help having been contracted to the A. I. P. Co. by the M. C. Co. without their knowledge or consent (consent) at \$56.00 (?) per case which on a pack of 60,000 cases (half of which is put up now will amount to \$33, 600 probably much more than twice as much as all the native help will receive, and when the Native help talked of quitting work a member of the M. C. Co. told them that the Govt. would not allow them to quit work on account of the war and if they quit the Govt. would send the Sub Marine chaser after them, it was finally compromised by giving the workers a small raise but there is very

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Cannery Tender Little Jack 10 white men 5 traps operated by 2 white
men for each trap making 10 white men ---working on the pile driver
including cook 10 white men ---Mr. Smiley owner-Mr. Simons
boss, Mr. Beattie Govt. boss Mr. Pervants Timekeeper Mr.
Guile bookkeeper 2 night watches 2 carpenters, 2 machinists
make 10 more white men. one engineer and four
boys and men nailing boxes makes 5 more white people and there are some white
women working in various places 4 in all making the entire number of white
people 49 There are two Japs testing cans - four
trucking coolers and two feeding cutting machines which with the two
Japanese cooks makes 10 Japanese making in all empoed in the
(employed)
work independent of fishing 69 persons besides the natives, of which
there are including children and women - 90 -persons not more than 15 being
men and of this number only the Blacksmith and Retort man (natives) can be
said to be SKILLED workers although formerly under Mr. Duncan's management
never more than ONE white man was employed.

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THIRD ACCOUNT OF \$200.00 WITH MR& (2) H.S. WELLCOME--

JULY 31st, 1918.

NO-1MARCH 22, 1917 GLASS AND LOOKS	\$ 1,20
NO2 AUG. 30, 1917 LUMBER	1,50
NO3 MARCH 24, 1918 FREIGHT ON SEEDS	4,64
NO4 MARCH 26, 1918 BILL FOR SEEDS	31,00
NO5 APRIL 1st, 1918 BILL FOR BULBS AND PLANTS	30,60
NO6MAY 1st1918 BILL FOR SEAWEEED	4,00
NO7 BILL FOR SEED POTATTOES MAY 1st 1918	17,75
NO8 MAY 17 1918 BILL FOR SEAWEEED	11,50
NO9 MAY 28, 1918 BILL FOR DIGGING IN GARDEN	8,75
NO10JUNE11, 1918 BOX OF APPLES	3,75
NO11JUNE 20, 1918 BILL FOR CLEANING GUEST HOUSE	10,40
NO12 JULY 5th, 1918 BILL FOR MEDICINE	34,96
NO13 BILL FOR SOUP FRUIT AND CEMENT JULY 18, 1918	3,55
NO14 JULY 7, 1918 BILL FOR FREIGHT ON FERTILIZER	9,75
CURTAINS &C.	
NO15 JULY 18, 1918 BILL FOR 1,000 Lbs. COAL	5,75
NO16 JULY 20, 1918 BILL FOR HELP IN CANNING FRUIT	3,00
NO17 APRIL 19, 1918 BILL FOR PICTURES FOR S. S. CHILDREN	2,52
NO18 NOV. 4th, 1917, BILL FOR PRINTING KODAKS	2,70
NO19 BILL FOR FRUIT - JULY 23rd, 1918	3,30
NO20 FEB. 11 1918 - LENS-21, TRUSS --22, PILOCARP, -23 SEEDS	9,50

\$200.10

(As written)

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METLAKATLA ALASKA - AUG. 20, 1918

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

DEAR MR. WELLCOME -- Mr. Duncan Recd word from your N. Y. office of your safe arrival in England, with which he was much pleased as he spoke frequently of the danger to which you was (were) exposed in going across at this time.

MR. DUNCAN IS WELL AND ATTENDING TO HIS DUTIES AS USUAL. It has been a trying time for him here this summer on account of the Sunday work, although the cannery has not been operated all of the time on Sunday and I think if it had not been for the influence of the Govt. agents it would not be operated at all but they seem to ythink (think) that in observing the Sabbath they are yielding a point to Mr. Duncan, although he has made it a point to tell the people that it was not anything that HE had anything to say about but was only a question of what GOD had COMMANDED when he said "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" ---

The Govt. employees are taking the stand that the GOVT does not recognize RELIGION and Mr. Beattie says Mr. Lopp does not want CHRISTIANS in the Govt. employ and does not in any way recognize religion. He (Mr. Beattie) does not attend ANY religious service now although there is the Salvation Army and Marsden held a few services but none of the Govt. employees attended them although they were id (in) English. I understand they are now discontinued at least for the present. Mr. Duncan had 50 at his service yesterday (Aug. 18 -). (18?)

ANNIE HEWSON DIED LAST WEEK FROM PULMONARY HEMMORHAGE (HEMMORAGE) of which she had several before.

ELI TAIT HAS BEEN ABLE TO WORK IN THE CANNERY THIS SUMMER for the first time in several years his wife also works and some of the children.

SOLOMON DUNDAS IS FISHING. and I think is doing well. He has only his own half grown boy helping him but I think has made as high as \$97,00 at a single trip.

TOM HANBURY IS DOING well this summer I think will make more than \$1,000,00. There is an addition to his family.

IT HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR FISH. This cannery is what is called a TWO LINE CANNERY and 30,000 cases

Sabbath
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Fish Traps
Royalties
JES

The exclusive right to place TRAPS around this island is a very valuable asset, (asset) but it does not mean anything to the people as the 1¢ per fish royalty paid (and pretended to be for the benefit of the people) goes to the owner of the cannery to reimburse him for the money expended in building and equipping the cannery, and the people are told that when the contrac (contract) expires (5 years) the cannery will be given to them but as the Govt. claims to own everything on the island and have already given the sawmill to a private company the TALK about giving the cannery to the people only destroys still further the confidence of the people in the integrity of the Govt. and in the sincerity of its pretentions.---

Stores

The recent action of the Govt. in compelling Mr. Duncan to close his store and necessitating their buying every thing of the Govt. store at higher prices is in the same line.

MARY HAS WRITTEN ME THAT SHE HAS FOUND THE NEGATIVES. I think she will bring them up when she comes in Sept.

YOUR FRIEND

(Copied from a typewritten letter which is unsigned, but undoubtedly from J. H. Minthorn--CRS)

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1918.

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From: Dr. Franklin Martin, Chairman,
Member, The Advisory Commission,

Subject: Volunteer Medical Service Corps.

1. We are enclosing herewith:

(a) Application blank for Volunteer Medical Service Corps.

(b) Franked envelope for the return of same.

(c) Copy of Rules of Organization and other pertinent facts regarding the Corps.

2. This material gives you information in which we think you are interested, and also an idea of the comprehensive plan now being put into operation to provide for war and civilian needs and to safeguard the profession.

3. Please fill out the application and return it to this office in the franked envelope by not later than August 31, 1918.

Franklin Martin (signed in ink.)

Member,
The Advisory Commission,

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METLAKATLA ALASKA AUG. 27th, 1918

DR. B. L. MYERS --METLAKATLA ALASKA

DEAR DOCTOR -----I AM WRITING YOU IN REGARD TO MR. DUNCAN

At 6 oclock P.M. to day when Marie Booth went to get his supper she found the door locked and he did not respond to her rapping, she came for me and I also failed to get a reply so got in by the window and opened the door and let her in and she went to see if he was asleep as he sometimes was and found him lying on the floor.

I went in and found him unconcious (unconscious) and unable to use his right arm and leg. His breathing is somewhat noisy and his cheeks flap some. His face is more red than usual. His arm and leg are stiff and have slight nervous tromors. (tremors)

He rouses enough when disturbed to open his eyes but does not make any response when spoken to or seem to hear. He swallows with difficulty, his hands and feet are warm.

I do not think he was on the floor long as things about him were not disturbed.

I think considering all things you had best come over and gather up the things that should be cared for and take them away, and help me to decide upon what course it is best to pursue.

As to the expense of what we will be obliged to do you know as much about that as I do. When he was sick before he thought I should not have sent for you and I paid Benson for the two trips.

Any way if possible come over, as considering his age he will not likely recover soon if ever, and if he does partially recover he may be helpless or partially so, all of which you will very readily understand also he may die very soon.

VERY TYULY (TRULY) YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn

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Cross Reference.

A copy of Mrs. Minthorn's diary giving an account of events at Metlakahtla from August 27, 1918 to and including December 4, 1918, and covering such important events as the last sickness, death and funeral of Wm. Duncan; the taking over of the guest house and church by the Government, Lopp's visit to Metlakahtla; and conferences between Dr. Minthorn, Mr. Beattie and Mr. Lopp; and the events leading up to the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Minthorn from Metlakahtla, is filed in the Minthorn group of documents under date of December 4, 1918.

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memo of Cash in Mr. Duncan's

1918

Metlakatla Alaska Aug. 28

FINANCE

Mr. Duncan had \$25.80 twenty five dollars and eighty Cents -
which will be used for expenses or kept

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn
(Signed) Mrs. Mary Hudson
(Signed) Mis Sarah Dundas
(Signed) Mrs. Agnes Buxton

(The above presumably refers to the amount of money
found on Mr. Duncan's person when he was stricken
and when Dr. Minthorn took charge of his effects just
prior to his death.)

(Copied from a ^{ETS} document in handwriting--CRS)

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METLAKATLA ALASKA --- AUG 28th, 1918.

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

DEAR MR. WELLCOME I am enclosing a copy of a letter written by me to Dr. Myers yesterday which explains itself. The Dr. came over this morning. I sent the letter by Geo. Hall and Benj. Haldane but Mr. Simons the manager of the cannery having heard of Mr. Duncan's condition sent one of the cannery tenders (a large boat) and brought the Dr. and took him back this forenoon having breakfast for him on the boat while coming over.

MR. DUNCAN IS STILL UNCONCIOUS (UNCONSCIOUS) BUT HAS A VERY LITTLE MOTIVE POWER IN HIS HAND AND FOOT. He cannot be roused and swallows with great difficulty. He has no control over his bladder.

Maria Booth is still there and Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Dundas, Mrs. Buxton and Fred Benson are staying with him and waiting on him.

There was \$25.00 in his pocket book and I am letting them get some things to furnish the table with and Dr. Myers sent over a few things from Ketchikan of which I will send a bill when I get it. ---- I thought as we could not get a nurse it would be as little as we could ask of them that care for him to devote their time without their having to go home and eat and furnish their board -----

All of the people seem to be very much interested in his welfare and I do not think there is going to be any very great amount of trouble. ---- Catherine is reported to have said that Mr. Duncan promised her the cottage and furniture. ---- Moses wanted me to let him have one key to the front door and the store key and also enquired about the church key, saying that Mr. Duncan wanted HIM to take charge and that you had also mentioned it to him but I thought (thought) I had best not show any partiality but treat all alike, until some one else came to take charge which I hope will be soon.

I do not like to think of the place without Mr. Duncan and I think as I told you before that it will be best to get some one to take the place very soon who will not have so much of a PAST to think of in connection with the place as I have.

One reason why I am furnishing the provisions is that it helps to have several people all the time in the house and I have told them also to leave things just as they are until some one is in charge again. But I have had the books all put together on a shelf in the little room off of his bed room.

But some things such as the cancelled certificates of stock and papers connected with the dissolution of the M.I.C. which I had heard you say that you wanted I have put away here in the guest house.

THURSDAY MORNING AUG. 29TH. ----

H. S. Wellcome, 8-28-18

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FRIDAY AUG. 30, 1918 ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF WHAT I (I) SENT to the trustees this morning about 3.00 oclock. Dr. Myers and Mr. Strong came before noon and brought the undertaker and coffin and the body was embalmed and arrangements made for taking it to Victoria for interment. Also the Trustees made arrangements with John Hudson to pack up all of the papers and take them to Ketchikan. I think th will get some one (perhaps Moses) to tabulate them,

I have the ones mentioned above but will give them to the Trustees and tell them that you was (were) particular in regard to them.

SATURDAY AUG. ~~30th~~ (as written) 31 St. a mass meeting was held yesterday and a petition was UNANIMOUSLY signed to have the body of Mr. Duncan buried here near the church which will be done using a metallic coffin.

SEP. 1st. MONDAY SEP. 2----MR. DUNCAN'S FUNERAL TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY -- SUNDAY SEPT. 1st, AT 11 A. M. and WAS CONDUCTED BY THE NATIVES ASSISTED BY THE REV. Van, Marter methodist (Methodist) minister at Ketchikan Alaska --- There were about one thousand people in attendance. --- The body was buried near the church on the east side))) A metallic coffin was used so that if thought best at some future time it could be taken to Victoria for burial.

There was no S. S. session held on account of the lengthy funeral service ---- The usual Sunday evening service was held and conducted by Mrs. Minthorn who has been employed by the directors to act in Mr. Duncan's place until other arrangements can be made. ----

The attendance was fifty. Many notices will no doubt be made in the public prints of Mr. Duncan's death and accompanied by comments upon his life and work. I shall endeavor to collect as many of these as I can and mail or save them for you -enclosed find one from the Ketchikan paper.

SOME EVIDENCES OF THE DIVIDED SENTIMENT:
cropped out at the funeral ceremonies but nothing that would attract the attention of a stranger. Only one of these - think I need to mention here.

(The city council was recognized by putting the MAYOR at the head of the program but Marsden managed to put himself forward by acting as interpreter for the mayor.) He mentioned that I was placed in charge of the mission work and that they wished me to consult with the ELDERS who were a properly constituted body. --

I did not make any reply as I did not consider it a proper place and occasion to make any statement, and it stands that way.

The Mayor came into my house after the funeral exercises.

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Trustees I do not think it will be necessary for us to deal with this matter in any way before you come as there are very few people here, so it can be discussed by you and the trustees before it will be necessary to deal with it but I suppose the starting point of all consideration of the question will be that if the mission is to continue on here it will not do to give the COUNCIL any idea that they have any thing to do with it as a COUNCIL.

Much could be said on the subject but the whole thing is so absurd and impossible that I will not undertake to discuss it.

Really I do not imagine it will be much trouble to deal with it, when the time comes.

Newspaper I am sending you a copy of the Progressive Miner which contains some notices of the events that have transpired here within the past few days.

Cottage of Mr. Duncan I have treated every one alike in regard to the property by not allowing any one to take ANYTHING but in order that Mr. Duncan's real friends who have most faithfully and affectionally (affectionately) performed for him the last possible service I kept the cottage open for them and supplied food fuel lights some bedding &c. &c. during the whole time of his sickness and funeral and the day following. ***when they were putting things to rights and cleaning the house.*****Omitted above ****Might feel that they were given every opportunity to do for him this service ****

At the same time I told them that nothing was to be given away or taken, and I do not think there was the LEAST thing taken although some claims have been put forward, and I think there is a general good feeling.

The expense of this I have kept account of and will give it to the trustees. Everything is now locked up and I have the keys.

The cottage has been cleaned and things arranged as nearly as Mr. Duncan had them as we could remember.

All papers supposed to be valuable have been taken to Ketchikan and are in the custody of the trustees.

As I have before stated papers of particular valuable (val) have been CAREFULLY look (looked) after.

SESEL
There is a very pronounced expression of determination to try to live and do according to Mr. Duncan's teachings among the members of his church. SOME statements in this line have been remarkable one of them being from B. A. Haldane (Haldane). ----
YOUR FRIEND ---- (signed) H. J. Minthorn

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DR. H. J. MINTHORN

METLAKATLA, ALASKA ----AUG. 29. 1918

DR. B. L. MYERS ---KETCHIKAN ALASKA

DEAR DOCTOR I am sorry to say that

Mr. Duncans symptoms are unfavorable since you left, The coma is more pronounced, his pulse is rapid weak and irregular,

In view of his precarious condition I have told the people attending on him to leave all things as they were,

Upon his demise which seems imminent I will immediately notify you Mr. Strong and Mr. T. N. Strong and you had best take charge of everything at once, In the meantime I will keep you informed as to his condition and affairs especially if anything unusual occurs which I do not think likely, and I hope you will act according to your judgment in regard to coming over or anything else,

VERY RESPECTFULLY

(Sgd.) H. J. Minthorn.

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METLAKATLA ALASKA - 2 A.M. AUGUST 30, 1918

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Will
Trustee.

TO THOS. W. STRONG of the city of PORTLAND OREGON
DR. BENJAMIN L. MYERS of Ketchikan Alaska and
H. C. STRONG of Ketchikan Alaska
named in the last will and testament of WILLIAM DUNCAN
of METLAKATLA ALASKA as trustees of said will

You are hereby notified that WILLIAM DUNCAN died at
METLAKATLA ALASKA at one o'clock A. M. AUG. 30, 1918

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn

ASSISTANT OF WILLIAM DUNCAN METLAKATLA ALASKA

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

HOW SOME OF THE NATIVES CAME BACK TO THE FOLD.

It was Saturday night and Archie Dundas was leading the choir as they sang the beautiful anthem preparatory to rendering it at the funeral service of Father Duncan on the morrow. Benjamin Haldane was at the organ and had not to think much of his part of the work, so his thoughts held a review of the past and his conscience made comments to his heart upon the lack of real help that he had rendered to the man to whom they all owed so much. His heart was deeply convicted of the neglect and indifference both to Father Duncan and to the Lord. The evening's practice which was almost worship, for they closed it with prayer, ended, and they went to their separate ways. Before reaching his own door Benjamin Haldane had reached a decision to redeem the time henceforth for Jesus' sake and for the sake of dear old Father Duncan. He would do all that lay in his power to help carry on the work that had meant so much more to them than they had realized until now.

In the morning of the first Sabbath in September the funeral service was held at the hour of the usual service, and while the lips of clay were still the life and words of the man of God spoke loudly to these sorrowing hearts, of whom, it was said that none sorrowed more deeply than the young men. It was decided to hold the usual evening service, ~~Some~~ had urged it as they would rather keep the usual custom of the day in honor of him whom they loved, and Edward Benson had suggested that Benjamin Haldane do the interpreting. When we asked if he would do it satisfactorily, he answered that he would do it very well, and he must have learned that Benjamin had given his heart to the Lord. Before the evening service Benjamin Haldane called at the house to go over the lesson with us, and after a short conference over the scripture and its teachings, we knelt to pray for the Lord's blessing upon us. He prayed first in the native tongue and then in excellent English began to speak to the Lord of the great desire in his heart to serve Him and to consecrate himself to the Master to work in the church, saying, "O Lord take my poor stammering lips and speak through them, and make my life better so that Thou wilt be pleased with it and let thy Holy Spirit dwell within my heart and keep me clean and free from sin". When we had arisen he told me of the experience of the night before, saying that he had left it all for Father Duncan to do before this but now he must take up his own part and do as much of Father Duncan's as he could. Then he added, "I must make my home better and my business clean now. The pool tables must come out and it must be conducted so as to honor the Lord and the church". My business will be clean after this".

After the evening service John Hudson's family came in to the house with us and as we talked of the evening's service I inquired if Benjamin Haldane had done his part well in interpreting. The answer was very hearty, "Yes, he gave us every word that you said, and he gave it in the good spirit too". When the other members of the family left the house, Harold, the eldest son remained a little longer and opened his heart to us telling us that he wanted to be a missionary. Some few years ago he was called to the bedside of his dying grandfather and admonished by the departing saint to follow Jesus closely and to be true to the work that was waiting for him. He promised, and upon leaving the room sought where he might go to be alone. He entered their boat and pulled out a little way from the shore where he spent hours wrestling, like Jacob, with the Spirit of God, finally making the surrender of his life to do whatever service should be shown to him. At regular intervals he had been accustomed to going to Father Duncan and talking with him and to be prayed with. "And now," he said, "he is gone and I must come to you".

Last winter after Martha Benson had passed away, leaving her fervent exhortations in the minds of her husband and brothers, Fred, her hus-

to be given a place ~~in the~~ in the church to do some little work if only the ringing of the bell. They gave him that work to do and we have observed his faithfulness ever since in attending to the duties to which they assigned him and his readiness to do more as required. On a boat one day going to Ketchikan, he asked what inscription was on the gold loving cup which we were taking to the photographer for Mr. Duncan. We told him and explained how it came to him as a gift of appreciation for his long life of faithfulness, and among the many things that came into our heart to say to him were the admonitions to learn more of the Lord's ways and the ways of christians. It was then that we found that he had been converted in Dr. Matthew's church while away and came home with a heart full of zeal to serve the Lord. We invited him to come in on Friday evenings and to bring other young men who wished to study the Bible in English. He came alone the first time, brought another the second time, three on the following week and has the promise of more to come later on. After the second lesson in which the Lord had manifestly touched his heart with a deep longing, manifested by the glistening eye and look of hunger on his face, we suggested that he kneel and pray, ^{and the way came} might come to his heart to abide as guest and Teacher and to bless his life. It was done with eagerness and faith on his part, and the Lord met the seeking soul as he called upon Him. We see daily the results of his consecration. One of them was in the way that he helped in the cottage during the hours of Mr. Duncan's sickness and afterwards until the funeral was over, doing every errand and watching for any opportunity to be helpful and useful. He was one of the company that stood by the bedside and sang the sweet hymns of faith and trust on the night of suffering and saw how the labored breathing changed to a quiet restful sleep. His voice was raised in prayer with the other watchers for blessings upon the precious friend who was slipping away from their loving hold upon him.

On that first evening service after Father Duncan was laid to rest, and when Benjamin Haldane came with us into the pulpit to conduct the opening service, we wondered who would preside at the organ in his place. As soon as the opening hymn was announced, John Hudson with quick, firm step came and took his seat at the organ and made it sing the praises of the Lord with no uncertain sound. Here and there among the people are the unmistakable signs of an awakening from the lethargy of soul into which they had fallen into a new life of consecration to the Master and to the cause that was so dear to their long-loved father and faithful shepherd all these years their dear Father Duncan.

As to results we find the home of Benjamin Haldane taking on a clean and sunny aspect and his sick wife praying with renewed faith to be made well. She tells us that she has never had one cross word from her husband since they were married, that he never once has scolded her, and now they are praying together and are so happy. The entire family of John Hudson are at the church service when they are in the village and are active in the service with the father whose heart is newly blessed. All of Solomon Dundas' family are present and the parents more faithful than ever and that is much.

There is a greater manifestation of interest in many others, among them Eli Tait and his wife who have not missed one service since the day of the funeral. All this month of September the attendance has been increasing, with about one hundred in the morning service, fifty in the evening, and thirty-three in the prayer meeting.

"When our hosts to battle go, when our hosts to battle go,
Do thou, oh God, our leader be when our hosts to battle go".

For this is a battle between evil and righteousness in this place and the objective is none other than the souls of these poor shepherdless folks.]

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METLAKATLA ALASKA - AUG, 30, 1918

DR. B. L. MYERS KETCHIKAN ALASKA

DEAR DOCTOR I am enclosing the notices of the death of Mr. Duncan will you please deliver the one to Mr. H. C. Strong and mail the one to Thos. N. Strong mentioning if you think best that his traveling expense is provided for in the will (which he most probably knows) also make such arrangements as the Trustees wish about the funeral

Very truly your friend

(Sgd.) H. J. Minthorn.

(Copied from original typed document.- -McD.)
(Dr. Myers' records.)

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An account of important events occurring at Metlakahtla on August 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st, is contained in copy of diary of Mrs. Minthorn filed under date of December 4, 1918.

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Sept 1st 1918

REMINISCENCES OF WILLIAM DUNCAN AND METLAKAHTLA DURING THE
LAST YEAR OF HIS LIFE. (1917 - 1918.)

Testimony It was nearly a year after my arrival in Metlakahtla that this man with his wonderful life history passed on to join the company who had preceded him to the land that he had made such a reality to all who heard him preach in their native tongue. On one occasion, when he was in the Guest House, which was our home while we were with him, he had some conversation with a young man. His own manner was that of a father giving reproof and counsel while the young man stood with averted face and downcast look as one who is guilty before the bar of his own conscience if nowhere else. After the young man had departed from the house, Mr. Duncan explained to me that he had been making some facts concerning debt very plain to this young man. He said that unless the natives are helped to feel their obligations they let them pass without honoring them.

Testimony "I told him", he said, "that he would feel very mean when he came before God in the Judgment to have Him point out that he had owed an honest debt and had neglected it. I told him that God expected him to pay it, and asked him how he would feel to have God point his finger at him and say, Where is that ten dollars that you owed to Mr. Duncan? You would feel very badly then. So now you must pay that debt before you go to meet God. Some few weeks later he told me that the debt was all paid and the young man had thanked him for the lesson when he came with the money. The week following the burial of Mr. Duncan, a christian woman told me that she saw a young man standing near the grave and looking at it very quietly for quite a while.

Testimony As she later approached the spot, he looked up and in responding to her greeting and remark about their beloved missionary, this man had said, "He is the only one that ever told me how to live and showed me the right and the wrong way. I have no other friend to do this now." I have had the same expression written to me in letters from Metlakahtla since leaving. One woman wrote, "We have no one now to show us the wrong things and to tell us the better way, and all the people are doing that which pleases them and are like children without their father."

He would stop on the street when he met the little children and put his hand upon their heads, while they with upturned faces would look so trustfully into his eyes as he talked to them. No doubt their hearts have many kind lessons treasured up in them.

It became a custom with him to come into our house at eight in the evening and talk with us until nine o'clock and it was a source of great pleasure to me to hear of his early life at home and the early years of his mission work. There was a sprightly pleasure that enlivened him as he talked of the early years of the mission. When he came to dwell upon the last eight years it burdened him greatly and he went home under a cloud of sorrow each night. Toward the last of these

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No weather or storm kept him from the appointed meetings of the Lord's day or the weekly prayer meeting. The Juvenile Sunday School held by him on Sunday afternoon was a great testimony to his genius of teaching in a manner so entertaining that no child cared to miss the session. No music nor picture chart helped out. Simply the words and the spirit of the man held every little mind eager to hear and to be in his presence. As one said, "Where else in the world is there a Juvenile Sunday School class taught so successfully by anyone as this class by a man of eight-six years?" This speaks for the power of the missionary and accounts for his years of success with all ages and minds among the natives.

The last Sabbath that he was with us, he conducted every service as usual, and as I listened to his voice in the morning sermon it seemed so clear and strong. The tones were forceful and I longed to understand the words and catch the thought of his message. At the evening service, just as the sun was dropping out of sight behind the peaks of the mountain of the Prince of Wales Island, he began the closing prayer. Looking up for an instant I beheld him with upturned face and clasped hands behind the pulpit where for so many years he had faithfully taught God's word, with solemn yet musical tones lifting every heart in his prayer to the throne of grace, and then a shaft of sunlight fell across the pulpit and lighted up the snow white hair and beard and left a shining halo about his face as though God had said, "This is the hint of the glory soon to come to my faithful servant." I looked and worshipped with him the God of such faithful mercies who does not forget His striving, battle scarred soldiers, but has a crown of glory laid up for them at His coming.

On the following Sabbath we met to pay our little tribute, the best we had, of tears and love and deep respect at the same place. On Friday night it seemed from all indications that he could not last many hours. About one o'clock the watchers, such tried and faithful friends and loving children of the faith that he had taught them, seeing his labored breathing felt that it might help him if they could sing some loved and familiar hymn. They were all members of the choir and as they gathered about his bed and sang his favorite hymn, "All the way my Savior leads me," they noticed the deep, heavy breathing change to the quieter, softer breathing of restful sleep and as they sang on it grew more quiet. Soon after they ceased to sing he ceased to breathe as though his spirit had been wafted away on the faith and hope and love of the hymns. These natives will never forget the hour.

On the first night of his illness, which began with the stroke of apoplexy at about five P.M., I was called to sit by him while the Dr. made the necessary arrangements for sending for Dr. Myers and arranging the natives as nurses and watchers, and a few looked into the room and were called into some service about the arrangements. Thomas Hanbury, however, sat a little way from the bed and looked steadily upon the face of Mr. Duncan for more than half an hour. As I glanced his way from time to time I longed to be able to read his mind and to know what thoughts were stirring in his soul. He quietly rose and

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presence of God as He drew near in His visitation upon them.

September, 1st, Sunday, was a day of perfectly cloudless sky and a calm, quiet sea. [Slowly and without noise of any kind the boats began to round the point and land their passengers of all the villages from near and far until one thousand people were gathered for the attendance upon the services. The procession formed at the cottage and followed the street to the Post Office approaching the church from the beach up Westminster Avenue. The Band in the front played as only they could play the music that best interpreted their feelings and one could hear occasionally the strains of the hymn, "Flee as a bird to your mountain".

Following the band came the officials of the village council and the honorary pall bearers, elderly men who had known the missionary longes then the casket borne up the shoulders of six stalwart young men. As I looked I thought of how long he had carried this people upon his heart and now they are carrying him upon their shoulders for a little space. How much every man coveted that particular honor, only those acquainted with the Indian nature could know. The casket was followed first by the Trustees and Dr. Minthorn while the Sunday School Teachers' Organization came next with the choir behind them and after that all the people who cared to walk in the company.

On Saturday evening the choir under the direction of Archie Dundas with Benjamine Haldane at the organ, gathered in the guest House to rehearse the selections for the services next day. They did not weep as we do in a place like this, but it seemed as I listened in an adjoining room that they put their tears and grief into their voices and told it in their song. Again and again I was compelled to leave off the writing on hand and listen to the music and the words so plainly spoken. The leader was not satisfied unless they were singing the words with clear expression. He was little concerned about the notes, perhaps feeling for that time that they were but the vehicle with which to convey their expression in words to a listening ear or heart. And on the Sabbath, with every seat filled and even the gallery, to see and hear the scene and the words, there was not anything but that was appropriate and satisfactory.

According to an old custom, whoever builds a house over a grave can claim possession of the body. One morning a frame was seen erected over the grave but John Hudson says that it did not remain many minute after he had discovered it. He said of his absence at the time of Mr. Duncan's illness, "How I wish I had known that it would have been at that time for then I would never have gone away that week. It was my especial charge to care for Father Duncan." And never a Sunday night or week night prayer meeting passed that he was not present at the meeting to come home with Mr. Duncan. As Mr. Duncan himself told me of this during the early summer months there was a look of loving appreciation in his eyes that his lips would not perhaps have expressed and yet it seemed to find its way into his voice.

In the last few months we noticed a ripening and mellowing of his spirit into an unwonted grace and tenderness. On one occasion he

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Government in its treatment of him and the mission. Then he gave them the admission to his home for one interview and told them the wonderful story once more of the work that God had done through him. Of the Government's representative he said, "I do not recognize him anywhere that I may meet him for the Bible teaches me to have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness." He had so left his impress upon every mind in that community that scarce a man among them was there who could not lead a meeting and did on every possible occasion, in which he imitated unconsciously the way and manner of Mr. Duncan's services. And there is nothing else that they love to do so well as to hold a meeting.]

It has been said of Mr. Duncan that he certainly lived out the sermon on the mount in his dealings with the Government. They took away his cloak and he let them take his coat also. They smote him on the one cheek and without retaliation he turned the other also. He prayed over it and looked to God to vindicate him and his cause, for he and His Lord had made common cause together of teaching and uplifting that people, and it will be most certain to come to pass that the Lord will do His part.]

After the funeral services, some came to us to say that they desired an evening meeting to be held as usual. Many would be returning next day to their work and they wanted to meet in the house of God before they separated. They appointed Benjamin Haldane as interpreter. After going over the scripture and the main points to be impressed upon the people from the 14th chapter of St. John, I said to Benjamin that we could do nothing without the Lord and we must pray for His leading and blessing upon us in the service. We knelt and after I had prayed, Benjamin began in the native tongue but soon went on in the English language, praying that the Holy Spirit would take possession of his heart and mind and fit him for the service as he was utterly unworthy to do it and unable without such help.

As we rose from our knees he spoke with many tears and told how condemned he felt that he had been unfaithful to help "the little Father" the past year and now he must do more than he had ever done to carry it on just as he would love to have him do it. There is no difference in the inner man of all the nations and races of the earth when the Lord can get at them and guide them and teach them His way. I have a strong hope that Benjamin is to be led into the right way and find his home at last with the "Great Father".

During the three months that we had charge of the meetings after September 1st, three men came for regular Bible study on Friday nights. As we read of the place which the Holy Spirit occupies today in relation to the believer, dwelling in them and teaching them, and teaching them, I asked is there one here who wants God to make that real in their heart just now to last forever, and Fred Benson was on his knees before I had finished my sentence. the other two, John Hudson and Benjamin Haldane knelt also and as I know the faithfulness

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METLAKATIA - ALASKA - SEP. 9TH, 1918.

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

DEAR MR. WELLCOME it is now one wekk (week) since Mr. Duncan was buried. I hear various rumors but nothing has happened yet.

Presbyterian Church
One of the rumors was that M. had wired to Juneau that the way was now open for the organization of a Presbyterian church here.

Church
Another is that there was a movement among the people to get the people ALL to drop everything else and attend the church as formerly and that it seemed to almost carry, But did not and the Salvation Army had a service in their hall again yesterday. --- Another was that the army was going to take the church and that the Church Army (Miltons church) was going to put in a claim for it part of the time, ---

I think M. has been trying to get all to combine on him and take the church but with poor success. I do not think he can control more than a half Doz. families and they are not very enthusiastic but he has B. with him and will not hesitate to do almost anything and the people seem very helpless to hinder him.

Labor
I LEARNED IN REGARD TO THE NATIVE LABOR about which I wrote you that the Com. Co. had the contract at \$.56 (cents) per case, that it is not the Co. that has the contract but four individuals viz. Brendible, M., Frank Allen, and Atkinson and that they are to give B. \$200.00 per Mo. for the season to be Cashier or Bookkeeper (Book keeper) or something of that kind.

Canneries
Sailors Property
THE CANNING SEASON IS ABOUT OVER and has been unusually successful. I told you that there were a large number of white people employed. ----so far as I know the persc have conducted themselves well. I think the owner of the cannery and the Supt and their wives and perhaps some more are descendants (descendents) of Quaker families/ Mr. Smiley the Supt. had what is called a Birth-right memebeship (membership), but I think they have all drifted away from it but have expressed themselves as of the opinion that the Govt. did wrong to take Mr. Duncan's property.

S. S. -
THE GOOD CHRISTIAN PEOPLE FAITHFUL TO MR. DUNCAN have behaved themselves exceeding well and are giving a hearty support to the effort to go on asusual with the Services. The attendance yesterday at the morning service was 60 and in the evening 46 and S. S. 70.

Many of them seem VERY VERY desirous to do all they can to have things go on well and are doing all they can to help. I might mention especially B. A. Haldane, since he had not been trying especially some months ago to help but he seems quite different now, --- I do not know whether I told you that his wife is very

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Stores: goin ~~(going)~~ to be done with the store and if we were going to stay here &c. &c. --- Several others have enquired about the store. I have told them that it was for the trustees to say about it.

The door has not been opened since the funeral.

I think there is some foolish idea that the goods belong to the people.

i (I) THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THINGS SHOULD BE SETTLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE --- I do not see how it can do any good to go on with so much uncertainty. But so far I think all is going well and of course we do not know what a day may bring forth. I think the Trustees are of the opinion that if any one attempts to take anything or make a break in any way that it would be best to arrest them and then of course it is likely that before it would be settled things would be pretty well aired. But I think the longer we can keep things quiet as they are now the better.

YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

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

Metlakatla Alaska -- SEP, 11, 1918

Mr. H. S. Wellcome 18 EAST 41st, STREET NEW YORK CITY N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

I met Mr. B, on the walk yesterday and he stopped me and asked me if we were going away soon, that Mr. L, had wired him about the teachers having the Guest House to live in. He also said that one of the new teachers had told him that Mr. L, had told her that the teachers were to live in the Guest House this winter. He said that Mr. L's wire was somewhat indefinite and asked him to make a recommendation, (recommendation) and that he had declined to do so that the Govt, was in possession (possession) of all the facts in the case and they ought to be able to decide such things without leaving it to him. Farther along in his talk he said that he made a requisition to L, for material to repair the building that the teachers used last year and that L, had said that the requisition had been filled and the goods delivered to a Str, that was coming in here (and is here now and B, is hauling things and putting them into the building the teachers used last year).

He inquired about the church and our intentions in regard to it and said that it belonged to the people and that the board of Elders had been chosen by a mass meeting and intimated that they would control the church.

He also asked what were the intentions in regard to the store and said that the goods could be divided among the other stores.

He also said that the Presbyterian church did NOT intend to make an organization here now and that all should be joined in one church including the Salvation (Salvation) Army.

He said that Mr. Duncan was allowed to use the church and cottage and Guest House during his lifetime.

He said that the people had many claims against Mr. Duncan's estate and were urging him to help them to get them bow but that he had declined to have anything to do with them, he only mentioned Benson and Manson, and that especially Benson was very urgent about his claim.

In explanation here I will say that Mr. Duncan spoke to Manson a short time before his death about what he had heard about his having a claim against him. Manson said that at Old Metlakatla an expedition was fitted (fitted) out to go on a Sea Otter hunt and that when they came back they could not agree upon a division of the proceeds and had agreed to leave it to Mr. Duncan and that when Mr. Duncan decided it he did not give him as much as was his due.

He spoke quite at length about M, that he had known him for a long time and had had dealings with in many ways and had always found him a Christian Gentleman and until he knew something to the contrary he should treat him as such and that he could not be influenced by the fact of his color to take sides against him.

He said that T.N, Strong could not act as Trustee in Alaska on account of being a nonresident.

He said that things had been bungled here some but that so far as he was concerned he was acting under orders and HAD to do as he had,

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of the Trustees, and that so far as were concerned we would ask for legal written notice signed by some responsible party before we would relinquish either the church or the Guest House and that we would go on as we had commenced until some other way appeared.

YOUR FRIEND

(Copied from a typewritten document. The document is unsigned.M.G.)

METLAKATLA ALASKA -- SEP, 17th, 1918

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

DEAR MR. WELLCOME:

There are no new developments here we are expecting to be asked to get out of the Guest House any day but have not had any written notice yet,

There is to be a council meeting the last of this month but I do not think it will have any influence upon the situation,

There is much dissatisfaction among the people in regard to the Guest House being taken but what they think will not have much weight.

Everything so far continues as it did the church services have all been held as usual and the attendance is good -- There were 70 at the Sunday morning service last Sunday conducted by Mrs. Minthorn and the interest and attention was good,

We hoped we would have heard from you before this time but do not know as it would have made any difference. It is evident from the Govt, having lured Mr. B. back here by an increased salary and numerous other inducements and giving him a free hand after (as he says) he had tried to get out of the business by resigning and leaving, that his previous course is approved and he is expected to carry it out. Under any circumstances it is a big undertaking to oppose the Govt, but just now while it is engaged in trying to win the war it is considered about the same as treason, to oppose it in any way,

While I want to see the High handed business carried on here of destroying this mission while in active and successful operation rebuked, yet I do not feel competent to do the case justice myself, and I feel sure that if anyone could have accomplished anything you would have done so. Mr. Duncan being dead there remains no longer his feelings to be considered, and as I can only remain here in defiance to the (the) wishes of the Govt, I think there is no other course left but to get out with the best grace I can and I am looking for a way to do so, yet I do not think I am justified in forcing things myself but rather to do as little as possible to give any reason for being expelled and do all I can to merit consideration. I have had no instructions or advice from Mr. Duncan, or yourself or the Trustees as to how to conduct myself under the present circumstances although they are the circumstances that we expected would exist at the time of the death of Mr. Duncan.

Mr. Duncan's idea always to get some other place and make a new start I think there is a place available now that would be suitable but I do not think it would be advisable to make any move of that kind until we are actually expelled from here and I even think it would be just as well then to wait --

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When I am put out of here I do not see how I could be of any further service to the mission in any case. And with this contingency in view and also because I WANT to do something to help end the war if I can I have offered my services to the VOLUNTEER MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS.

I had to give three names as references and have taken the liberty of giving your name as one perhaps you might do me a great favor without inconvenience (inconveniencing) yourself much and if so I will be very (very) greatly obliged.

YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H.J.Minthorn