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Metlakantla, Alaska. July 23rd, 1924.

Mr. H. S. Wellcome,
c/o Penfield & Penfield,
808 Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Wellcome:

It must be time for the chronicling of a few more of the events of our community. Every able bodied man is off to the fishing grounds or busy in a cannery as well as women and children.

The loan to Benjamin Haldane works very well with him. He takes much more interest in all things pertaining to the church, its prayer meetings and Sunday School as well as the regular services than he has ever done since I knew him. He has signed the ten notes at \$50 each, prepared by Mr. Strong, and is making his store more of a success, so far, than it has been in the past. His wife has some ideas of her own that she insists upon, and one of them is he shall work in the cannery nailing boxes. He does this, but gets off any time when he needs to look after his business and need never work over time.

John Hudson is some better since his long siege with the trouble in his ear and head, but not yet quite relieved. He goes out with his boat but does not expose himself to cold winds or heavy lifting. His son Harold is with him on the boat. The others are at work in the cannery, except Everett, who is captain of the Little Jack, a cannery tender.

Dan Rees, one of the elders, went to Ketchikan in March to do carpenter work. His mother was left alone in the home but her two daughters, Mrs. Josiah Booth, and Mrs. John Hayward, were both here. She complained of various afflictions, but they left her to herself. One Monday morning she was found dead sitting on the side of her bed. It was a shock to them, and the daughters were quite broken up over it. They called on me to conduct the funeral, and I did so.

Ten days later, Eddie Rees, the son of Dan Rees, a boy of about twenty-one or two, who was working on the pile driver until recently, was working on the Little Jack with several others, helping to empty the fish traps and bring in the fish, was gassed by carbon-monoxide gas in a closet on the boat. It occurred within ten minutes after he had been talking to a group of them on the boat and as they were near Saxman on their way to Ketchikan.

Everett came to my house the day following and told me all the circumstances. He did all in his power to resuscitate him after he was found, and called two doctors and the father and mother as soon as they reached the float, but he died. Then Everett sent over some diamonds and turned the boat over to the authorities and the

sort of scape goat for the evil done to the one who has died. We had hoped that they were growing away from the old customs and traditions, but it seems that the efforts of the Beaureau (Bureau) to eradicate every trace of the Mission would succeed in some respects even better than they might wish.

Dan Rees was highly wrought up by the loud talk and kept looking in his pockets for his knife or on deck for some club, while they were working over the boy. When every thing had been done that could be attended to, Everett went to Dan and stood before him and said, Here I am, now, Dan. Do whatever you want to with me. Satisfy your own mind. Kill me if you want to. But Dan walked away and said nothing.

Fowler,
Cavendish

It was left to Fred Benson to attend to the arrangements for the funeral over here after they had the usual ceremony and services when they lay the body in the casket and seal it. So Fred came to me and asked me to conduct the services at the church. Of late, during the past year, I have been attending and conducting almost every funeral for them. I consented to do this.

But it was quite an occasion, as he was the nephew of the mayor, Josiah Booth, and the band and choir were to attend the procession, and many were over from Ketchikan, so Moses Hewson thought it more fitting that he should conduct it and came and told Fred about half an hour before the services that he would do it and sent him to inform me. I was perfectly willing to leave it to him, but Fred protested decidedly. He thought it not very wise or courteous.

That morning Mr. Van Marter of the M. E. church in Ketchikan and several friends had come over to attend the morning service. Their church was closed for repairs. Edward Benson, seeing him coming, had met him at the church door and insisted that he should preach that morning. When I arrived later, two of the elders told me that Mr. Van Marter was here and would preach. I asked them what about our promise to thee to keep from calling another minister in. They said it would do no harm, they had arranged it all right. I said, I am very sorry. Then started to my seat. As I passed the pew where Mr. Van Marter sat, he called me in and said that they had asked him and he had consented to preach and wanted to know if it were all right. I asked him if Mr. Strong knew of his coming over and taking the service. He replied that Mr. Strong knew nothing about it. Then I told him that it would open the way for the elders to do some things that would cause much annoyance and probably damage to the case in Washington. I said this because I knew that some of the Benson party had arranged to have a boat load come over from Ketchikan to spend Sunday and bring a picnic dinner, and have Mr. Bush along and them (then) ask him to preach because he was visiting there.

Van Marter
returned to
speaking

Mr. Van Marter decided then that he should not want to do that and asked me to go and tell Mr. Benson that he could not, but I left it to him to speak to them. He asked for permission to speak.

I knew that I had been instrumental in disappointing Mr. Van Marter and had incurred again the displeasure and anger of the elders. Mr. Van Marter responded graciously to my asking for his pardon in seeming to slight him, but I felt that nothing could settle it with the elders but the intervention of the power of God upon their hearts.

Mrs. Minthorn informed she should be angry. I was not at all surprised when John Hudson called next morning and in speaking of the entire affair, said that for planning to take the funeral service and for hindering them from having Mr. Van Marter to preach for them, they said that I ought to be killed. They also said the same about Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, although they had said no word and done no act that could have been called interfering. I had not spoken to them nor they to me for a week. It is the old feeling of jealousy and hatred that shows whenever they are angered. Nothing has been forgiven by any of them.

I see no help for them until the case is so far decided that another can come and deal with them that has not been obliged to hinder them and oppose them. They are too greatly prejudiced now against me to allow them to be benefitted (benefited) by my teaching or advice.

Critiques Benson & Marsden Of course Edward Benson is in the same family now with Edward Marsden, and they scheme and work in unison. He would like to see a kind of trouble stirred up that would break up the Christian church, even if it went to the Presbyterians. There is no honor or justice in his mind and he is as bad as Marsden, in my opinion.

E. Marsden leaves for south. On the 6th of July, Edward Marsden left for Ketchikan and the paper gave his name among the list of passengers on the south-bound boat next day. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have tried to discover where he has gone, but his friends act as if some great secret were being hidden by them. If he had gone to secure the grant of the money for the electrical plant, they would talk of it. I have a presentiment that he has been called to Washington to answer some of the charges against him. I sincerely hope so.

AA. Hewson's accident. Early in June, Moses Hewson met with an accident, falling about twenty feet from a scaffolding where he was working for the New England Fish Company. They paid his hospital and doctor's bill, but refused any compensation for the time lost, so he told me. He put it into the hands of the lawyer, William Paul, to recover what he could. His elbow is still stiff where it was broken and dislocated. He has leased his boat to some other men for the summer season. A few weeks ago he asked me to kindly remember him to thee when I might be writing, and I said I would. He said that his stiffened elbow did not permit him to write at present.

Sunday School. I sent to Philadelphia for fifty bibles for the reward for attendance at the Sunday School and the children and adults are much pleased with them. We had fifty in attendance last Sunday and seventy the week before, a larger attendance than at any church service for two months. Everything goes better when these elders do not get out of sorts. But God is able to help them. I am trust-

a feeling of shame or embarrassment and will not stay to face it. It is their custom to remain away until it is partly forgotten. Then they will return as if it never had occurred.

Electric
lighting
system

Later. Mrs. Hudson has been in and says that Mr. Edward Marsden returned on Wednesday, 23rd, and was shaking hands with his people down at the cannery that day. Josiah Booth informed me that evening in a little conversation, that they were now sure of the electric light plant to be erected this summer and owned and run by the Council. He assured me then as once before, some five days ago, when we were coming from Ketchikan on the same boat, that no orders or checks were to go out from here unless countersigned by him as the mayor. They have taken it very much to heart that the spending of the money by the Council and Secretary was investigated and not approved. But the most strenuous objections in the matter were made by Roderick Davis and his father and they have separated themselves from Marsden's congregation. John Davis attends the Christian church and his grand daughters are in my class in Sunday School. He is some times invited to preach.

Med. & Surg.

Josiah Booth informed me also that he had written to the Secretary of the Interior asking if he might use some of the money to call in a doctor from Ketchikan when there was sickness here. He said that the Secretary had replied that it would be a good thing to do.

Simonds
offers
H. Rees Salary
at the Deser.

Mrs. Hudson also told me that Mr. Simonds offered Dan Rees the amount of wages that would have come to his son for the rest of the season and \$500 besides. He paid all the funeral and other expenses connected with the case. But two men had told Dan that he must not settle for that, but ask \$5000. She did not know who these two men were. At that funeral they used the full orchestra with the exception of the cornet. Mr. Hudson was not able to play it.

church
Elders

She said that the elders would be in a different state of mind after a few days and would not give me any trouble. Mrs. Benson, in telling me her troubles as she does frequently, said that while the elders were ready to put Fred aside and not obey any thing that he asked them to do, they would obey me when I said any thing. I hope they have some regard for my words. It has been my policy to say but little and to mean what I said. I take every possible occasion to show an interest in them personally and to do what ever I can to make them and their families happy and better off.

Dance hall

Mr. Josiah Booth told me that he thought the dance hall ought to be closed and had brought it up three times in the Council meetings, but the others had voted it down each time.

Illness
of
system of

Mrs. Betsy Jurie, widow of Jeremy Jurie, is old and helpless and is becoming a great care to her adopted grand daughter, Everett Hudson's wife. It takes much of the time and strength of Mrs. Hudson and her two daughters-in-law as well as her daughters, to lift and care for her. It would be easier for them to hire one person to do it for a time and then to change. Josiah Guthrie seems to be as comfortable as last summer but not as strong. He does not leave

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May He continue to bless thee and to give thee the strength to serve Him in this and all other service that He may require of thee.

Very sincerely,

Matilda W. Minthorn.

(Signed) Matilda W. Minthorn.

(Copies from the original, typed letter--CRS)

Metlakahtla, Alaska. September 8th, 1924.

Mr. H. S. Wellcome,
c/o Penfield and Penfield,
808 Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wellcome:

This has been as quiet a summer as I have ever seen here. No one seems to be doing anything, either good or bad, just now concerning the affairs in this case, except the Government officials.

Guest House I feel some concern about the Guest House. About six weeks ago, near the first of August, a man and his wife came down from Sitka. She is one of the teachers. He seems to be employed as a man of all work about the government buildings from what he has said of his work. He has been repairing furnaces and renewing the buildings generally.

Since his coming, there have been two windows in the Guest house on the south east side opened. They remain open during these fall rains. Two half windows have also disappeared since then, on the north side. A week ago I noticed a light in one room of the Guest house in the evening.

A white woman who belongs in one of the families of the cannery workers was asking me about the Mission and the old houses. I remarked that two of them had been torn down, and she said that when she was in the government cottage recently she noticed them burning some good boards in the kitchen range and spoke of it. The nurse told her that they were from the Guest house as it was to be torn down any way.

The children of the white people have been playing in and around the Guest house all summer and I noticed the white people going into it more frequently this summer than ever before.

Teachers + Nurse Arrive The new force of teachers have arrived and the new nurse is a young person, about twenty-one. This makes the natives feel rather discouraged. They do not think she will be any help in cases that demand experience and good judgment. The cannery closes and all the workers are leaving this week. Their boats will be put up on the ways. The natives are all leaving for the fishing grounds and there will not be a boat available for help in case of accident or serious sickness either to send for or to go to a doctor, except the mail boat once a week.

Some of the natives who went away to work this summer will remain in Ketchikan. They say that they do not want to live where they can not have a doctor. One of these families is Daniel Reece.

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The Metlakatla school has been the best in the territory and has had a good force of teachers. The woman from Sitka, who is one of the teachers there, told me that there had been some complaint made of the greater advantages given to Metlakatla over other places.

This year they have dropped out one grade teacher, the domestic science teacher, and I am not sure about the manual training teacher, but I think that one also. They taught the ninth grade last year. It is the first year of high school work, and they had promised a tenth grade to some of the students who want to go on in their school work.

It has been limited to eight grades only. Some are going to Chemawa and some are intending to go to Ketchikan if they will be permitted to attend. If they are not permitted they will be much disappointed.

The friends of the Beaureau (Bureau) of Education have never failed to find fault with Mr. Duncan's limited opportunities for education and to boast of the superior advantages of the government administration. This makes them feel rather cross.

Trip to
Oregon

I find it necessary for the sake of my health to go down to Oregon for a brief vacation. I am leaving on the 13th inst. and will be gone for a month. There will be fewer people in Metlakatla than later on. Mr. Hudson told me last night that he will be at home every Sunday. John and Joseph Hayward also will be there and Benjamin Haldane. It will be possible for them to carry on the Sunday School and church services.

E. Benson's
scheme

Edward Benson may spring some scheme, but I feel that we will have to trust him with the Lord that he may restrain him. His main object is to bring in some outside minister. Fred Benson is in poor health and is now in Seattle in the care of a specialist. He may return soon. I hope he will and I hope he will be able to help in the church. The people seem to like to have him there.

J. Guthrie's
health

There is little change in the condition of Josiah Guthrie, but I have a feeling that he will fail faster when the winter sets in because he is weaker than a year ago. He keeps up good courage. One of the last times that I was in his home he was telling me of his trust in God and he sang two verses of some hymn in the native language. It was one that Mr. Duncan had taught them. It was very pathetic to hear the weak quavering voice singing, but his heart was strong with faith and love to God.

May the strength and wisdom of God be given to thee to finish thy life work, and may success attend every effort to bring about the furtherance of the cause that is His because it is righteous.

Very sincerely thy friend,

(Signed) Matilda W. Minthorn

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Metlakatla, Alaska.
November 20th, 1924.

Mr. H. S. Wellcome,
c/o Penfield & Penfield,
808 Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wellcome:

A few days after my return from Oregon, I was taken ill with an attack of neuritis and some unpleasant complications attending it, that have kept me from doing any thing except to stay here and receive callers at my house. I was very thankful to be able to do that, and now am feeling nearly normal in health again. I am aware of the need of being careful in the future, and shall try to be wise. The boat trips in these small boats over rough water and with no fire in them, must be avoided, I suppose.

Added by
Mason

On my return to Metlakatla I found things quiet, but Edmond Verney had gone the rounds among our people with a bit of news very insistently repeated, to the effect that Mr. Hawkesworth had told him at the time of his visit this fall, that the Government had taken the money away from the Trustees and Mr. Wellcome had been sent away from this country. It is the same story, with variations, that is repeated about every six months. At the time of the telling it has the effect of discouraging our people. They never seem to be able to see the resemblance between the last story and all those previously told that were proven untrue. It is the present scheme of the Marsden faction, to break down the spirit of our people. It is carried on hand in hand with an effort to get control of the church or to get the two churches into union.

Ed Verney's
story that
God has
taken the money
from Mr. Wellcome
& sent him out of
the country.

The endurance and patience of some of the younger members being rather limited, they would like to unite with the others and have the excitement of a crowd and good feeling. It seems like an effort to prolong a state of feeling that is undesirable, to refuse to unite with them, and that is looked upon as unchristian.

Since Edward Benson has been rather on the outside on account of not having been elected as an elder, and Fred's illness taking him out of all church work, Moses Hewson sees an opportunity of distinguishing himself by arranging for union services and some one reported that he went to the Presbyterian church and preached on Friday nights. As this report came from Mrs. Benson, it is possible that she referred to the visit of a man from Fort Simpson, Mr. Pierce. He arrived on the 22nd of October and remained about a week. On his arrival, I was told that Edward Marsden met him on the street and invited him to stop at his house, although the man had come to visit the Christian Church. He was to have held meetings in the Christian Church every night.

Chambers

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Mr. Hellicome, 11-20-24

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In honor to their guest, the native custom demanded that the Christian church people should attend his services wherever held. This gave Marsden the opportunity to report that there were union meetings held at his church. Of course all the Presbyterians came to the Christian church to all the other meetings. They seem to be looking for such opportunities.

John Hudson's family have been having difficulties of their own. I found both Harold and Laura in the hospital when I arrived from the south. Laura's ailment was slight, but Harold had fallen in one of his attacks of epilepsy, to the floor of the dock and had broken his jaw. It was also dislocated. His father took him to Seattle for the operation of reducing the dislocation and break, and the operation cost him \$400.00. Harold had just before this applied his summer's wages to the payment on his house that he bought for a home, which is next door to his father's, and to the payment of a bill for surgery when his wife had appendicitis.

The youngest daughter, Lillian was married that week, on the 21st of October, before Harold went to Seattle, at his request. He and his father arrived home yesterday. Harold's face is not yet normal in the muscles, nor in the use of the jaw. But the doctors promise that it will be in time. The wedding feast for Lillian and her husband has not yet been held, but must be soon.

The young man whom Lillian married was a student from Chemawa School. About four of these came here to work in the cannery in the spring. They were mostly Aleuts, although one of them was another native from Idaho. Lillian's husband's mother was an Aleut and his father a German. He is an industrious sort of young man and the family all like him. He certainly is fond of her and I hope will make a good man under the training that he will receive in connection with the family.

So far, Benjamin Haldane has met each payment of his loan. He told me on the occasion of making the first one that he should never sleep on the day that it was due until he had paid it. He came to me this month to know on what date to hand it in as the 9th came on Sunday. We thought the 10th would be all right, so he was ready that day. It is a good thing for his character to be helped to be business like with it. He seems to greatly appreciate the favor.

There are a few old people here that I wish might be helped to some of the blessings that would do them good. Archie Manson has become blinded by cataracts over his eyes. He was a very active man up to one year ago, doing everything for himself and earned money trolling. His entire family were taken from him by death at the first visitation of the Flu. He is growing despondent and I heard today that he tried to take his life recently. Dr. Minthorn used to talk about the benefit of a home

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church services. He thinks that there ought to be a regular occupant each Sunday morning who would give Bible teaching, instead of the haphazard way of calling on some elder as a compliment to him, and having him speak at random about things that have nothing to do with religious worship.

Fred Benson has developed a kidney trouble that is tubercular in its origin, the doctor tells me. He is ordered to be very quiet and to live on a certain diet. They hope to see him cured within a year. My own mind is convinced that only the healing power of the Lord can reach his case. We miss him very much from the church work. He was a very acceptable preacher as he was always anxious to use the knowledge that he had gained in the School in California. I miss him as a helper about the affairs of the church in employing the fireman and looking after the details of the fuel and repairs. There is no one that I can take in his place that the elders are willing to have me use. Although Fred had been appointed as my helper by Mr. Strong, now the elders want to do it. They are very jealous of any one having any authority but themselves.

Method of dealing with people
My mind was busy this morning thinking over the best method of dealing with this people. They change their minds so frequently that no one could follow out a policy that had their suggestions for a foundation. I would follow the ways of Mr. Duncan and make my own policy and let them come into harmony with it. It is eminently true that they do not know what they want most of the time. A wiser heart and head than any of them have should determine what is best to do and yet do it so that they will think they are carrying out a part of their own arrangements. In that case it would be necessary to have them agree to the policy determined upon in such a way that they would think they had made it themselves. As St. Paul said, "Being crafty, I caught you with guile." I am convinced that they do not want to do what they think you would compel them to do, but they will do what you desire of them if they think they suggested it. Endless manifestations of tact coupled with unfailing good humour and kindness, will succeed with them where a little opposition will fail.

Harry Lang's visit
Harry Lang paid me one of his occasional visits also this past week and aired all his grievances against the Trustees and the case in general. Because I had given him a silent hearing he felt emboldened to speak as it seemed to me a little too freely. He was but the mouthpiece, however, for some who talk in the stores. Among other things he said. Why don't you go to some little village like Saxman and have a Woman's club and sell baskets and let us have some man come here to preach for us. There may have been a little acid in my tones a few minutes later when I said a few words to him about the wisdom of helping Mr. Wellcome win the case and not doing so much to hinder him, if they wanted a change. When he rose to leave, he apologised (apologized) for what he had said. I was meditating a little later on the two texts in Proverbs about answering a fool

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and not the Government. Again, it was said that the money was to be left in the bank so as to be available for running the cannery when this lease expired. Some saw an opportunity to employ graft, no doubt, and obtain some of it. Then today it was said that the permission to build the plant had been granted and that \$19,000.00 was appropriated for the purpose.

Boycotting
of C. members From boycotting the Christian church members and not allowing them to have any part in the band or the Council or any public affairs, they have changed their policy and are now trying to draw them in. John Hayward and Everett Hudson are both invited to join the band. Although John Hudson was elected a member of the Council, they never call him to any of their special meetings, he tells me. And the elders of the Christian church do the same way, after electing him as an elder, they never call him to their meetings and have never asked him to take but one service in a year.

Illness of
J. Guthrie Josiah Guthrie grows more feeble and is not able to sleep much without some aid from medicine. When he can sleep, he seems to have a fairly good appetite. He gets rather lonely from being shut in so long. It is now a year since he kept (left) his bed. The doctor thinks his is a most unusual case. His faith is as bright as ever. They tell me that he called Moses Hewson to his house and gave him a long talk on the right and wrong of things in and out of the church.

Religion It surely is of the Lord that this church has held together so long with so much being done by the Enemy both without and (and) within to destroy it. We can only hope on until it is given what seems to us a better opportunity to grow and do better service for the kingdom.

May His blessings attend thee and all thy labors, giving the needed strength and wisdom for the ultimate victory.

Very sincerely thy friend,

Matilda W. Minthorn.

(Signed) Matilda W. Minthorn.

Note:

The foregoing letter was received in an enveloped addressed, in Mrs. Minthorn's handwriting, as follows:

"Mr. H. S. Wellcome,
c/o Penfield and Penfield,
808 Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C."

In the upper left-hand corner was the following:

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Metlakantla, Alaska.
January 3rd, 1925.

Mr. H. S. Wellcome,
c/o Penfield & Penfield,
806 Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wellcome:

Some days ago I had a letter partly written, but some of the supposed facts that were reported in it were discovered to be changed by other reports, and I decided to wait until things were more settled.

The two elections have been held, that of the elders of the Christian church and of the Council men of the town. In the elders election, Mr. Edward Benson was restored to his place from which he was left out last election by his own schemes. In trying to get the election thrown out as illegal he simply persuaded his own intimate friends not to vote, and the only result was that he failed to be elected. He made a great effort this year and persuaded some to vote that had not done so before. What he will attempt to do among the elders, no one can foretell. Moses Hewson reports that he is trying to win all the supporters that have followed him before and all that were right hand men for Moses, and is at his old scheme of finding some way of getting Moses debarred from his position and station.

This will give Moses a good reason for walking straight and keeping clear of questionable things, I am hoping. But it leaves one on a tension in anticipating what Benson will attempt to do.

On the Town Council, a few of the Christian Church men are elected, but none that will do any thing (anything) except as they are told. Everett Hudson tells me that he lacked but one vote of being elected this year on the Council. He said that he had told Josiah Booth that when he and a few more young men were elected there would be some changes in Council affairs. That it would no longer be run by one or two men, but that every ordinance passed would be published for the benefit of the people that they might know what was being done. And that the Treasurer's report would also be open to the inspection of all members of the Council.

John Davis and his son Roderick are still after Marsden for a report of the expenditure of a certain sum of money, \$3000, which they asked to have made, about a year or perhaps six months ago. The only reply that is given to their request for an itemized account of the expenditure of it is to the effect that they are being persecuted and not trusted. It is becoming a public scandal apparently. But at each recurring meeting of the Council, the Native contingent makes the same request and evidently do not

Election
of Elders
& Council

Council

Marsden's
Expenditure
of \$3000

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dated 1-3-25.)

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Speech
at Mass
Meeting

Ralph Smith called and gave me an account of his speech at the recent mass meeting. He is too deaf to hear much that is said and gave them the benefit of his own views unbiased by other statements. Being a man of experience in mining work and especially blasting and tunnelling, and many other lines of mining and construction, he is listened to with respect.

Sawmill
Electric
Light
Plant

He spoke to them concerning the saw mill and the electric power plant that they are striving for. Instead of building an extra power house at the foot of the mountain, he told them to run the pipe line on a trestle from the foot of the mountain to the saw mill, giving it a gradual descent all the way and thus adding to its power, instead of the present location of the pipe that is lower at the foot of the mountain than at the saw mill and allows the water to run back upon itself when it is low at the lake. He told them to let the old boiler and engine be sold if the Ketchikan Mill wanted it, and to use the water power to run both the saw and the dynamo.

Sawmill

He said that they knew how much better they prospered when they used the mill for their own homes and the town and they could go back and do the same again. Then if the water was low in the lake, he told them to tap the larger lake just back of it on the same ridge, and if the town could not do it, he could do it alone very easily. He is a man of experience enough to do these things.

Inter-
view

(Some liquor was brought over here by a man, all who speak of it to me say that it was George Scott. But these men are asking why the Agent and Mayor and magistrate do not either arrest the man and fine him or give him a talking to. But that would put the mayor, Josiah Booth, and the magistrate, Edward Marsden, in trouble with all the Scotts and their relations and tribes. The agent does not take much trouble about such things, I think. But when the drunken fellows were making the late night hours hideous with their carousing, I wished for the power to go out and settle them into quietness. A drenching rain set in at about five in the morning and drove them to some building. So the Lord did that for us who cared.

Petition

When they were complaining that the man Mr. Waggoner in Seattle would not let them have the money for the light plant, Ralph Smith told them that as soon as they would write out a petition and sign it as a people instead of trying to keep up the division of the two churches into two parties, the government would grant them any reasonable thing they asked for. He said to the mass meeting, to throw aside their differences and to work together for the good of the town as one people and then they would prosper in everything.

The people have been coming to me more freely the past two

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Luke Marsden, whose father was related to Edward Marsden's father, but distantly I think, is a deaf mute. About six weeks ago he brought to me for sale, some totem poles, eighteen or twenty-four inches in length. He has since brought canoe paddles carved and painted. Some have landscape and houses here and at old Metlakahla on them. Some have their emblems, such as the eagle and bear and wolf and whale both carved and painted on them. The people here are much delighted that the business is not dying out and tell me that Luke's work is better than that of Alfred Atkinson. He made some perfect dug out canoes with the bailer and masts, oars and tiny oar locks attached. He is now making some bow and arrows. In another month or so he will be out trolling and this is the time to get them made. I am hoping to find some sale for them in Woods Indian Store in Portland. He is supporting his old mother, Johanna Marsden.

I think that this was the best Christmas that I have seen this people have since I have known them. They enjoyed the treat furnished them by the Trustees, and every one else rejoiced with the sick and aged ones at thy bounty and gifts. In consultation with Mr. Strong and the Hudsons, it was decided to give them the sack of flour a dollars worth of sugar, half a dozen oranges, and an envelope containing a crisp new One Dollar bill. There were about twenty persons in all on our list, including all the widows.

Mr. Strong wrote a letter of greeting and gave them thy good message in it also. This made all the other gifts more delightful to them and as the treat was distributed at the church door by the church wardens as the people left the morning service on Christmas Day, they went home as happy as any children in the land.

We had a little snow and two young men came with a great sled and carried the flour and things to the homes of those for whom they were intended.

These things were all the more delighted in because the old people and many others as well, had been treated to a shameful report concocted by the leaders in the opposition party and diligently circulated from house to house by Edmond Verney. The ~~first~~ report was that the government had sent thee back to England and forbidden thee to ever return here, and had taken the money left in the Will away from the Trustees. The second report was that the wife of thy lawyer, Mr. Penfield, had told him that unless he dropped that disgusting case of Metlakahla that she would leave him and get a divorce. So these opposition people are getting hard pressed for fighting material, it seems. But they are determined to break down this church and either annihilate it or get control of it. Any little encouragement to unity in the village and community affairs is taken by a few light headed ones of the Christian Church to mean

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Mrs. Minthorn-Wellcome
My health is somewhat improved since the first of November, but things tire me now that did not two years ago. I often long for the news that there is some one else available for the work here, for the sake of the people as well as my own. But unless it is too long delayed, I hope to finish my work here by the strength that never fails those whose only hope and dependence is in the Lord. He has been very good to me and has helped me over many hard places. "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

I greatly long for the time when some of the meetings and classes that would be so helpful to these men and young folks can be made a reality instead of only a dream. They scatter out away from here as soon as the spring work begins, and we can not reach them except by prayer.

criticizes
B. of E.
Instead of helping the village as a whole by their method of conducting the industries, the Beaureau (Bureau) of Education seems to have emphasized the division and driven out many of the best of the people.

Religion
But the Lord is not unmindful of His own, and although His ways seem to be filled with delays in bringing the ultimate victory, we must trust Him and go on. Both the Hudsons and Moses Hewson have expressed to me this winter what I so often feel, that unless it comes soon, it seems as if the estrangement of the young people from the ways of Father Duncan, and the dropping out of the older ones and the removal of so many to Ketchikan, will leave but few if any here to see the victory and to restore the work among.

We trust that the Lord is graciously renewing thy health and strength and giving thee wisdom and courage for the great battle against evil and for this people. It is a wonderful work and in many ways equal to the work of dear William Duncan. The mantle of his spirit has surely fallen on thee. May the Lord bless thee.

Very sincerely thy friend and fellow laborer,

(Sgd.) Matilda Atkinson Minthorn.

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MATILDA ATKINSON MINTHORN

METLAKATLA, ALASKA.

January 31st, 1925.

Mr. H.S. Wellcome,
808 Colorado Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wellcome:

Death of Josiah Guthrie, dear old saint of God and a man of much influence among his people, has passed on. It was at 8 A.M. of the 24th, inst. And his funeral was held on the 26th, at 2 P.M. in the old church where I have seen him sit and listen to the gospel with a very intelligent face and eye that kindled or softened with every varying note of the message. Some times he would nod his head emphatically. And the faith in his heart stood the strain of the three long weary years of suffering. About twenty minutes before he died, he looked upward and raised both hands, stretching them out. His wife came to him as she thought he wished to be raised up, but he motioned her away and after looking up a little longer went to sleep and woke no more among us. To his wife there is no doubt that he saw into the other world and was looking up to His Savior.

Funeral Ceremonies He was buried with all the honors that have ever been shown to any of this people. At the house they held the first evening service with preaching and prayer, when the body is put into the casket. On the second evening the friends come together to tell the life history of the deceased; On this second evening the house was full to overflowing and many crowded the porch and stood about in the yard. At this time they take their farewell of view of the one who has gone. It was told me that John Hudson's words were among the most appropriate and fitting and helpful to those listening, of any that were spoken. He and Mary Hudson have been very faithful and helpful friends to Josiah and Rebecca Guthrie during these long trying months.

Bands The band asked to be allowed to come and play at the funeral. They preceded the procession from the house playing the soft sweet strains of some requiem that seems to suit their natures. At the steps, they form two lines between which the procession passes into the church. As they entered, the orchestra played a beautiful selection that seemed to soothe and encourage the heart. Benjamin Haldane can make music almost vocal on the instrument and it is

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The news contained in the enclosed clipping caused some stir and gave encouragement to most of our people. They feel that things are moving. They are keeping things moving here in another way. The Girls' Home is being rapidly torn down, beginning on the inside. A man told me yesterday that all the partitions are removed and floors, and about two-thirds of the ceiling except in the part that was occupied, and they are beginning on that. Mr. Parrish was speaking to some one here at my house last week about the building in the picture on a curio, a canoe paddle, and he said, It is the house that we are tearing down. Mr. Hawkesworth and Mr. Purvance have both been as rabid as ever against the Mission here, when they have spent the summer weeks here, even last year.

M. Hawkesworth
chooses as
chief of
Tribe

Mrs. Hudson told me that Moses had spoken to them of the fact that his tribe had offered to choose him for the chief in the place of Alfred Atkinson. That tribe almost in a body went to the Presbyterian church. This looks like a scheme of Marsden's to cripple Mr. Duncan's church or to combine the two. They tell me that when Mr. Duncan was leaving Fort Simpson to begin the new colony of Old Metlakatla, that this tribe were not intending to go, but an epidemic of small pox broke out and they fled to Mr. Duncan for refuge. They came without convictions, and never were willing even under his teaching to drop the office of chief. Of course it affects others, and Joseph Hayward, whose father gave it up under Mr. Duncan, is now desiring to claim his station in that line.

Salvation
Army Hall

The new Salvation Army hall will be completed next week and dedicated with great demonstration and feasting. They have been a very small company and when they are at work in other places, there is no one to carry on their meetings. I think that they expect to get recruits from among our people and especially our present elders.

Church
Army

(The organization, The Church Army, that they saw and adopted at the time of their visit to Old Metlakatla about five years ago, has officers and holds meetings after the pattern of the Salvation Army. Of course, they call themselves the Church Workers, and say they are doing the work of the church. But I notice that they leave out any who do not belong to their organization. Last year they dropped the elders meetings and did their work as elders through the Church Workers, largely. It is this likeness to the Army that has drawn so many of the elders into those meetings and they have tried some times to conduct the regular weekly prayer meeting in Army style with the jumping and clapping of hands and other demonstrations.)

(This has been when some strangers or those who live in Ketchikan, are here. Day before yesterday, John Davis and two others returned from a visit to British Columbia. One of them is William Dalton who is an adherent of the Salvation Army and yet claims to be a member of this church. He led the meeting at the

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Benjamin Haldane was much incensed by the conduct of the elders. All of them except John Hudson, belong to the Church Workers and they hold a meeting every Thursday evening in one of their homes. There is where they attend to all the elders' business and as John Hudson does not belong to the Church Workers, of course they do not have him in at these meetings, and so his work as an elder does not count. It is a very trying situation and ought to be handled with forceful wisdom.

Of course this is the most trying time of the year. In another month there will be a scattering out of many of them and by March many will be gone for the summer. It is to be hoped that we can tide them over these next few weeks without any serious damage. I do not mind talk so much as action. And it is a fact that they are impressed by talk for only a short time, either, when it comes to reproof or advice. But deeds count.

Expected
Visit of
President
The expected visit of the President to this country in June has set the people of Ketchikan to planning elaborate demonstrations. They have sent for the Metlakatla Band and are talking of sending them to Seattle with a delegation, to meet the President. This will serve to keep their minds drawn away from some of the mischief that might be perpetrated.

Memorials
We were asked last time the President arrived if we had a memorial to present to him as to the wishes of the natives for help or redress from him in the case of Metlakatla. If such a thing should be proper or necessary for the coming opportunity, it would be necessary to have a draft of it prepared and the signature of the elders and others of the Mission here attached, I suppose. It has been on my mind for a while and I will mention it to Mr. Strong next week when I go over. Then it will be attended to in good season, if it is best to do any thing about it.

May the Lord who gives strength and wisdom to His servants and who never fails to direct them by His own Holy Spirit, give thee a large portion of these blessings with all grace and goodness from His own hand.

Very sincerely thy friend,

(Sgd.) Matilda W. Minthorn.

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LOPP RESIGNS FROM BUREAU OF EDUCATION

ENCLOSURE TO

Mrs. Minthorn TO Mrs. Malcom

DATED 1-31-25

Report Received Here Yesterday Announced
Educator Has Left Service

Resignation. The resignation of W. T. Lopp as chief of the educational bureau activities in Alaska, submitted recently while he was at the national capital, became effective Saturday, it was learned yesterday.

Dr. Lopp has been in Alaska work since the commencement of this century, his friends say, and is believed to be one of the best informed on Alaska and its problems. Every year he has been at the head of expeditions to the far north and has performed excellent work with the Eskimos of the Arctic regions.

Mr. Lopp passed through Ketchikan a short time ago on the schooner Boxer returning to the states after a season spent in the Arctic. At that time he gave no intimation that he intended to leave the service. Friends here say he has long been dissatisfied with the work and intended entering some other field of endeavor at the earliest opportunity.

No announcement has yet been made by the authorities at Washington as to who will succeed him in this valuable work.

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Ketlakatla, Alaska

Feb. 6th, 1925.

H

Mr. E. L. Sheehan,
4217 Fourth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Newspapers It has been very kind of thee to send those Washington dailies to me and they have been appreciated and read with interest.

This winter my journeys over to Ketchikan have been very infrequent owing to the stormy weather and my own state of health, and I have not had the reading of them as before when I went every week.

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Postal Service It seems that we might try this Post Office here and send a few to my address and see if they will deliver them. It is not safe to send letters. I know that Dr. Minthorn used to send every letter registered to Mr. Wellcome and request the return card or receipt for its delivery.

1917
Destruction of Girls Home The Hudsons and myself are quite concerned over the tearing down of another of the Mission Buildings, the old Girls' Home. Within a week both Edward Benson and John Hudson have been through the building and have come to me

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and reported it as almost entirely bare of partitions, flooring, and ceiling. Today John Hudson called on the Supt. of School or Agent, and asked by what authority this was being done. The Agent said that Mr. Lopp and Mr. Hawkesworth instructed him last fall to take it down little by little and use it for firewood. They said that the ground where it stands will be needed to erect an industrial school building upon later. When Mr. Hudson asked him about the order issued in January of 1921, he said that he knew

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nothing about that.

This was the order to leave the Mission property stand as it was then until the case was settled

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Mr. Sheehan, 2-8-25

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Up here we feel very keenly what it means to
remove the old land marks of the Mission. It grieves some
of these people greatly.

These people frequently speak of thee and of
Mr. Roman.

With kind regards,

Sincerely thy friend

(Signed) Matilda W. Minthorn

(Copied from the original letter in Mrs. Minthorn's
handwriting--CRS)

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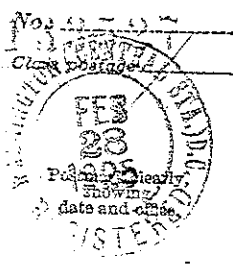
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4217 Fourth Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

REGISTERED MAIL

February 28, 1925.

H

Mrs. Matilda W. Minthorn,
Metlakahtla,
Alaska.

My dear Mrs. Minthorn:

Yours of February 6th was received by me on the 20th, but on account of absence from the office due to illness, I delayed answering you until this time. I regret that the stormy weather and your own state of health have prevented your getting the papers sent to Newspapers Ketchikan regularly, and I shall carry out your suggestion by sending these to Metlakahtla, and if you get them O. K. shall continue to forward them through that post office.

Mr. Wellcome, a long time ago, expressed a desire that you should receive these papers after you had indicated in one of your letters that they were a great help to you toward relieving the loneliness of the island.

With respect to the tearing down of another destruction of the mission buildings, I am authorized to state that the office has made representations to the Interior Department in regard to this matter.

I hope this finds you well and that the papers I forward you will be received regularly.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

(copy) E. L. Sheehan

ELS/S

P.S. Would be glad to hear from you frequently

H

Metlakantla, Alaska.
March 24th, 1925.

H. S. Wellcome,
c/o Penfield Brothers,
808 Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wellcome:

We are going here in the same old way, some trying to do what the Lord wants done, and others trying to do what they want done.

We have come through every thing else safely although we had to suffer some, and I suppose we shall come through these present troubles with more or less heaviness of spirit. But if the Lord gives us the victory we will not mind the burdens.

Re Marsden coming back to Christchurch.
The present situation is something like this: Ralph Smith told me one day this week that Edward Benson asked him what he would think of having Marsden come back to our church. Smith told him that if he had a change of heart it would be all right but we must not force him.

Then Benson said that he had asked Marsden if he would come and Marsden had asked what salary he would have. He says that he gets \$115 a month from the Home Mission Board. Benson said that he told him that if he would come back, that Bishop Rowe would take over the indebtedness to the Home Board for the Presbyterian church and pay it all off. How much of that is Marsden's talk and how much is Benson's scheming, it can not be said. But there is a feeling among the Presbyterians that they will not let the old church go into the hands of the Episcopal church, and are ready to fight against it.

Re Bishops visit Baptists.
If there is any thing in this, it is Marsden's scheme, I feel convinced of that. But Benson is anxious to get things settled his way before the case is settled. He gives us no peace. Just now he has said at the last weekly meeting of the Church Workers, that the Bishop will be up here soon after Easter and they must have him come over to baptize the people.

Moses Hewson told this to me. He said also that in an elders meeting before that it was decided to leave the matter of baptism with the executive committee of the elders, and he and Hoseph Hayward decided to ask me to attend to it as I had expressed my willingness several times to do so.

Baptism.
After that meeting, Benson had said to other members of the Executive Committee that they had allowed me to serve the communion, and now if they allowed me to administer baptism there would be nothing left. He meant that they then would have no excuse for bringing in some outsider. This would spoil most of his present

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Mrs. Minthorn-Wellcome
Therapy
Interpretation
Moses Hewson paid me a two hours visit last week and explained to me why I was not of any use to the church any more. As I gathered it from his lengthy oration, they do not forget that I hindered the Bishop three years ago from coming over. Furthermore, I hindered Mr. Van Marter from preaching last summer. And last and not least I did not sustain the elders in what they tried to do this winter when Mr. Strong gave to Everett Hudson the job of installing the new boiler.

Boilers
It is a fact that Moses Hewson came to me one day and said that something must be done to pacify the minds of the other people. He told me to write to Mr. Strong to stop all further work at that time and to have the boiler stopped on its way and not allow it to be moved until the elders told him to. I simply explained to him that we did not dictate to Mr. Strong about any business that he was doing and we must not do that.

In retaliation for these things, they are determined now to bring either the Bishop or Mr. Van Marter over. He says that they will get either a word from Mr. Wellcome or one from Mr. Strong and have it done when the Bishop comes later.

Baptisms
One of the Christian Church families, the Fawcetts, took a small baby to the Presbyterian Church and had it baptized a few weeks ago. The elders are saying that it is because there is no one in the christian church to do it.

Marriage
Divorce
The facts in the case are like this: Mary Allen's son was married, by compulsion, to Lewis Sumner's daughter over a year ago. He has not lived with her since. When their child was a few months old, he was under the same obligation to marry another girl, George C. William's daughter. He therefore decided to get a divorce. The court said that the wife and child must be brought before the court. A messenger was dispatched to her over here requiring her to appear at court with the child. She asked to be allowed to wait on account of the baby's illness until it was safe to take it out. But the messenger did not see fit to wait. She went and the child died a day or two later while there.

This incensed the mother's people, the Fawcetts. They demanded that all the relations of Mary and Perry Allen be removed from any official position in the Christian Church. Mrs. Allen left the choir for a few weeks. But the Haywards, who are close relatives did not remain away from church nor leave the office of elders.

Baptisms
In order to retaliate, the Fawcetts took the occasion of baptism of a young child by Marsden, as a way to show the Haywards that they would not come to the Christian Church while the elders retain them in office. But it is very convenient to Benson and others to lay it just now to the fact that there is nobody but a woman to administer baptism in our church, therefore we must have some man come in.

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Here... In the absence of any other authority for issuing licenses to the elders for going out to hold meetings, Moses Hewson has had some blanks printed one of which was brought to me by Benjamin Haldane at my request. He asked if there were any authority behind it. I told him that I would show it to thee and to Mr. Strong and see what you said.

Believe... The fact that he could not stop Mr. Strong and Everett Hudson in the work of putting in the boiler, seems to have increased all the old animosity in the heart of Moses toward the Hudsons. He tried to get the choir under the Church Workers authority and have a committee appointed from them to oversee the choir and appoint its officers. This would have given them a chance to put all the Hudsons out. But Haldane refused to allow it, after Mary Hudson had showed him the motive of Hewson.

When Haldane brought the certificate to me he said he was told that he must accept it and obey the authority of it or he would lose his place. He asked me if that were so. I asked Mr. Strong and he said to tell Him that there was no authority behind it.

No peace in Church work... We know that Moses has the capability of making trouble as well as doing good, and among themselves, the Bensons, Haywards, Fawcetts and some others, we do not have much peace nor profit in the church work. I have tried to be circumspect and to have little to do with the Hudsons. Mrs. Hudson has left off coming on basket day entirely, much as I need her, because of their jealousy of her. But they find more fault with me than they did with her. So we feel the handicap of no interpreter and yet go on trying to please them.

W. Duncan Estate... A week ago Sidney Campbell met Andrew Usher and told him to stick to the Church, the Christian Church, he meant. He said that he wished that he had never left it. Edmond Verney came up where they were working and saw the words, For the William Duncan Estate, printed in paint on the outside of the boiler, and said That is wonderful. He staid and watched the work a while. What he had in mind while there, no one knows. But he had reported over the village a few weeks before the work began here, that the Government had taken all the money of the will away from the Trustees. Many of the Presbyterians seem inclined to come to the old church again.

Mr. Simonds is here and the preliminary work of the cannery is going on. Some of the natives that have worked for him until this year are leaving him now. I do not know how it will affect his conduct of the affairs.

We still pray for the success of the labors so patiently and diligently carried on in this cause. May health and strength according to the burden be given thee.

Very sincerely thy friend,

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4317 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

April 1, 1925.

H

Mrs. M. A. Minthorn,
Metlakatla, Alaska.

Dear Mrs. Minthorn:

Since Saturday, February 28th, I have been
mailing you Washington daily papers addressed to Metlakatla.

I am wondering if you are receiving these regularly, and the
Newspapers next time you write I would be glad to have you state if
you are receiving all, or the greater portion, of these
papers.

Yours very truly,

E. L. Sheehan

P.S. At present it will perhaps be best not to disclose
to any of the natives, with the possible exception
of John Hudson, why you are seeking the information
requested in my letter of even date.

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808 Colorado Building,

Washington, D. C.

REGISTERED MAIL

April 1, 1925.

Mrs. M. A. Minthorn,
Metlakantla, Alaska.

Dear Mrs. Minthorn:

H

Information
Re
Mission
Bldg.

It will be very much appreciated if you will kindly advise by return mail, or as soon as practicable, for just what purposes the mission building was used for the twelve years immediately preceding the death of Mr. Duncan on August 30, 1918.

As far as possible, secure exact facts covering all of the uses to which it was put. If occupied by missionary assistants of Mr. Duncan, state by whom and for what period or periods of time; if used for religious purposes, describe the character of same and the periods for which it was used for such purposes; if used for school purposes, state at what times and the character of the schools conducted therein; if used for a dispensary, state during what periods it was so used;--in a word, give the complete history of the uses and purposes that this building served during the period in question.

You will, of course, have to get much of this information from natives or even from white persons who have first-hand knowledge of the facts. In furnishing the information please, as far as possible, indicate the names of your informants.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I am

Yours very truly,

CRY

E. L. Sheehan

MATILDA ATKINSON MINTHORN
METLAKATLA, ALASKA.

H

April 14th, 1925.

Mr. E. L. Sheehan,
4217 Fourth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

The registered letter was duly delivered to me.
Also the papers have come without delay, so far.

Newspaper
The Post Master has not known, perhaps, that they are
Washington papers, but last week when the school boys came to me
for examples of cross word puzzles, I gave them a few pages from
the Herald. After this it will be known that a Washington paper
comes to me. I will see what effect it has on the Post Master.

Mission
Bldgs.
A few weeks ago I heard a man calling across the street to
Mr. Hawkesworth to know if Mr. Parrish was at home, saying that
he had a telegram for him. I noticed the cessation of work at
the building that was being demolished and that a placard had
been nailed on the door. No one has gone into it nor the old
Guest House since so far as I know.

It was quite opportune that the telegram should come during
Mr. Hawkesworth's visit, I think. Mr. Parrish told John Hudson
when John called to remonstrate with him about destroying the
building, that he had orders from Mr. Hawkesworth and Mr. Lopp
to do this. It was begun before Mr. Lopp resigned, I believe.

Church
Easter
Services
The week before Easter, Mr. Marsden had gone to attend the
spring meeting of the Presbytery at Petersburg. He wrote from
there that he wished the elders of the Christian church to
attend the Easter services at the Presbyterian. I should say
that he wrote to the elders inviting their congregation to
attend the morning service with them, and said that he had in-
structed his congregation to attend the service on Good Friday
with the Christian church in his absence.

The elders declined the invitation. Then they were asked
to dismiss the evening service and come to the musical program
given in the evening by the Presbyterian choir. That was
declined. I can not even guess what will be the next move, but
something, doubtless.

It was the intention of Mr. Duncan to provide a successor to himself for this work, and he thought this family were suitable for this purpose and was proceeding on that plan when some trouble arose between a native family and Dr. Tomlinson and his son. The Tomlinsons left and Dr. Tomlinson died soon after.

There was no other resident physician there until Dr. Minthorn and his wife came in September, 1915, for the third time to assist Mr. Duncan. They occupied the Guest House.

In 1911 Major Logan came to make an investigation of affairs here following the petition of the natives, alleged by Marsden to be a Government Boarding School. Marsden acted as guide, interpreter and advisor to Major Logan during this so-called investigation. (In 1913 the first Government Agent, Mr. C.D. Jones, came. He) (occupied the building next.)

Metlakatla, Alaska.
April 20th, 1925.

Mr. E. L. Sheehan,
808 Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C.

H

Dear sir:

Thy letter dated April 1st, reached me on the regular weekly mail of April 14th, and I was not able to get a reply off in the short space of time that the boat waits before returning.

The Hudsons were in Ketchikan and I had to see them there and ask for them to get what facts they could ready for use by our next mail day, the 21st (21st).

The dates cannot be made accurately because they have nothing but their memory to depend upon. But I think that they are approximately correct.

Deaths

Uses of
Mission Bldg
(Girls Home)

Mr. Duncan's death occurred in August of 1918. Twelve years preceding that date takes us back to 1906. About that year or the year following, Dr. Minthorn and his eldest daughter, Gertrude, spent a year with Mr. Duncan, he as physician and she as teacher in his day school. They used one part or wing of the building for their residence as the former teachers and doctors had always done.

What is done

The medicines and medical appliances were kept in one wing of the building from the time it was built, and when there was no resident physician, Mr. Duncan attended to such of their needs as he could, always using this building for the depository for his medicines.

Services
of
Dr. Tomlinson

After the departure of Dr. and Gertrude Minthorn, Mr. Duncan spent some time looking for another helper, and secured the services of Dr. Tomlinson about 1909 or 1910. Robert Tomlinson, the son of Dr. Tomlinson, was engaged as teacher, and the Tomlinson family resided in this building.

It was the intention of Mr. Duncan to provide a successor to himself for this work, and he thought this family were suitable for this purpose and was proceeding on that plan when some trouble arose between a native family, the Doctor, and Mr. Duncan. The Tomlinson's accordingly left, and he died ~~not long after~~. *time*

There was no other resident physician again until Dr. Minthorn and his wife ~~came for the third visit and to assist Mr. Duncan in September of 1915~~ Mrs. Minthorn was in frail health and died the following year. However, they did not reside

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Mr. Duncan, previous to 1913, the teachers also occupied this building, living in the wing on the other side. The upper portion of it was used as a dormitory for the girls in connection with the Girls' Home and School. They were trained in all domestic and home making work, and taught the regular school studies. They resided in the building.

The large room in the central part was used as a school room and at times the elders held their regular weekly meetings there.

After 1913, when Mr. Jones first made it the residence of the Government Agent, it was occupied by his successor, Mr. Schell in 1914, and next by Mr. Beatty. In 1915 Mr. Beatty first tacked the cards on it and other buildings, giving notice that they were the property of the Government.

Girls' Home
Government Agent
School
In 1918 the new cottage for the Agent being completed, Mr. Beatty removed to that, and Mr. Purvance continued to reside in it. He was the Manual Training teacher in the Government School. The other teachers of the school also occupied the building until Mr. Purvance succeeded Mr. Beatty as Agent, when the teachers also came to the cottage to live. This was about 1919 (1919) or 20. The janitor of the school building, Herbert Murchison, next occupied the Girls' Home, that is, the same wing where the doctors had their residence and the dispensary. When the Agent, Mr. Jones, took up his residence in the building, he removed all the medicines and other belongings that had been used for Mr. Duncan's Mission work.

Herbert Murchison removed to Ketchikan in the fall of 1924, and a native family, Benjamin Dundas, occupied the rooms used by the Murchisons until about Christmas time. He was building a new house on the site of his old one and lived in the place while his old house was demolished and the new one built. Since the first of this year the only use or occupancy of the building has been by the janitor and manual training teacher, David Leask, who was tearing out the inside ceilings, floors, partitions, & etc. He did not live in it.

I have sought information from only Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson. Part of the time in question, I have been here myself and have known of the parties occupying it. When I arrived in December, 1917, it was being used as a dispensary by the Government nurse, Miss Leroy. I think that her successor, Miss Patten, used it for a time, but the school building was soon finished and the Government nurse has had a part of that building for the dispensary. This was about the time that the teachers removed to the cottage to live with the Agent's family, and at

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I hope that this information is sufficiently full and correct and will serve the purpose for which it is wanted.

The enclosed post card^{*} shows a side view of the building and is the only one that I have access to at present. Number 1 is the building of which we are writing, number two is the Guest House, and number 3 is the government cottage.

When the town of Metlakahla was first laid out by Mr. Duncan, all the natives had their homes bordering on the beach as nearly as possible. Mr. Duncan laid out a strip of land running from the beach up back of the people's houses toward the rising ground for some distance, and on this strip he built a number of mission buildings for various uses. The cannery and warehouse with the carpenter shop were at the end by the beach. Next came the store, then his own cottage, next the Guest House, next, the Girls' Home, and next to that the Boys' School building, then came the Town Hall and at the farther end of the strip was the church. The Town Hall and the Boys' School buildings were torn down before 1921. It was during the time that Mr. Purvance was agent.

One of the things that I heard on my first arriving in this place, as the situation was explained to me by Mr. Duncan and Dr. Minthorn, was, that Marsden and the Beaureau (Bureau) of Education had said that they would remove every trace of the mission and of Mr. Duncan's work from off the island. In pursuance of this, they seem to be determined to remove every building. Such of them as are in their care are left to decay for want of repairs and the doors and windows are left open for fowls and animals and children to inhabit.

Very respectfully,

Mrs. H. J. Minthorn.

(Signed) Mrs. H. J. Minthorn.

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Uses of the mission building known as the Girls' Home.

1906 - 07	Dr. Minthorn	-	Teacher,	Gertrude Minthorn
1908	-----		"	native assistants
1909 - 11	Dr. Tomlinson		"	Robert Tomlinson
1913	Mr. Jones, Agent		"	government teachers
1914	Mr. Schell, Agent		"	"
1915	Mr. Beatty	"	"	"
1918	H. Murchison, janitor			
1924, 3 months,	Benjamin Dundas, native.			

1906 - 13 used as dispensary, school, residence, by the mission.

1913 - 24 used as dispensary, residence, by government employees

1906 - 13 used occasionally for business meetings for elders.

Metlakantla, Alaska. April, 29th, 1925.

Mr. E.L. Sheehan,
808 Colorado Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

BACCALAUREATE
SERMON BY
MARSDEN
Last week there was much talk and a little excitement about the matter of Edward Marsden preaching the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class in the Christian Church.

Mr. Parrish, the school superintendent told one of the elders that he had arranged for the program including the sermon, and wanted to have it in the Christian church.

The elders came and asked me if it would be best to consent to have it there. I told them that so far as the school was concerned it was all right, but we did not want Marsden to preach in that pulpit and afterwards report that he had secured the control of the church and held a union meeting. The elders agreed with me that they did not want to give them any advantage like that, but that they could not refuse the government agent in his request.

They conferred together about it and some wanted to ask him to change the program so that another preacher could deliver the sermon. It did not seem best to do that, so we left it to him.

RESOLUTIONS
Mr. Hewson, who is the secretary of the elders, called on Mr. Parrish and informed him that there was a resolution passed, of which copies had been sent to the Presbyterian official in this part of Alaska also one to the Secretary of the Interior, at the time that the matter of the key being taken from the elders and afterwards restored, some five years ago, was settled.

This resolution was to the effect that no Presbyterian minister should preach in that church until after the case was settled in Washington.

The Agent listened to the explanation from Mr. Hewson and then told him that he did not understand him, but would see Mr. Marsden and ask him about it.

ARRESTS
Among other things it was afterward rumored that the government boat from Ketchikan was coming over to arrest Mr. Hewson and myself for causing trouble.

I was in Ketchikan for two days and when I returned Mr. Parrish called on me and asked me to assist by offering prayer at the service on Sunday evening. He did not mention any thing about the trouble, nor did I.

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ply a school function, is it?" And he replied that it was just that and nothing more.

From previous experience I knew that all that was said to any native would soon be published to the entire village, and was as cautious as circumstances allowed.

Just how far any other influence than his own desires affected the superintendent, I do not know. He said to me that he wanted the use of the Christian church because he wanted the choir to sing for him, and the orchestra to play, and of course he had to ask Marsden to preach. I did not ask why, but I thought of all the past years when they have been having graduations and never invited the minister of the Christian church to preach, nor needed the Christian church building.

At Easter time Marsden wrote from Petersburg where he was attending the spring presbyterial (Presbyterial) meeting, and instructed the church to join us at the Good Friday service and asked us to hold a union meeting with them in their church. Our elders declined the invitation.

Knowing that he has been trying for two years to get the control of the churches, we feel that it is possible that he had some deeper interest in this occasion than merely to be honored with the invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

We mean to do our best to "Hold the Fort" and are constantly praying for a speedy termination of the whole affair.

Very respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) Matilda W. Minthorn.

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Metlakatla, Alaska.
April, 29th, 1925.

Mr. H. S. Wellcome:
808 Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wellcome:

Things have been progressing much as usual since my last writing. The baccalaureate sermon being preached in the Christian church by Edward Marsden, and the visit of Bishop Rowe this week in Ketchikan, have furnished the people with subjects for much exciting talk.

The agent and school superintendent, Mr. Parrish, made out his program and asked one of the elders, John Hayward, if it would be all right to have it in the Christian church. John asked Fred Benson about it and Fred asked me. I told him that so far as using the church building was concerned, it was all right, but as for having Mr. Marsden preach in it, there was some objection to that.

Since we have been exercising so much care to keep the church strictly to the use of the Christian church membership, it was giving them an opportunity to report that we had now given it up to others to use.

Moses Hewson went to Mr. Parrish and explained that we did not think it best to have a stranger in the pulpit until the case was settled, and that there had been a resolution passed at the time of trouble about the Presbyterians claiming the use of the building five years ago. This resolution was to the effect that no Presbyterian minister should occupy the building until the case was settled in Washington.

Moses says that Mr. Parrish said that he did understand him, but would talk the matter over with Marsden. I went to Ketchikan and was gone a part of two days. On my return it was told me that the agent was going to send for the sub-chaser and arrest Moses Hewson and myself for causing trouble to the government and that I was to be ordered to leave the island.

This was either the product of the fertile brain of John Hayward or Andrew Usher, who were both much exercised over the matter and anxious to have Marsden preach, or else Marsden gave out a hint of it and set them to circulating it. Things can travel fast by word of mouth among these folks and lose nothing in the telling.

Upon my return, Mr. Parrish called on me and asked me to participate in the service by offering prayer. He invited Fred Benson to read the scriptures. We all sat on the platform with

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I asked Mr. Parrish if this was strictly a school function and he said that it was. So that would forestall any report that Marsden might make to the Beaureau (Bureau) of Education as to the fact of a union meeting being held by the churches. He tried to get one at Easter time but it was rejected by the elders.

For several weeks prior to the visit of the Bishop in Ketchikan Edward Benson and Adolphus Calvert worked diligently to secure some way to bring him over here and talked so much about it that they had many of the people quite enthused over it.

Moses Hewson came to see me and tell me that he was going to see the bishop about coming over. When I reminded him of the promise made to thee not to bring any one here, he said that he thought it possible that the case might now be finished and we not hear of it. He thought that when it was finished that it would not be publicly announced here on account of hurting the feelings of the other faction, and that no one would know of it but the bishop.

I told him that so far as these elders was concerned it was not of much use to try to keep things safe for the case. They did not seem inclined to help unless it suited their own plans.

After returning from visiting the bishop, he reported to me that the bishop would not do any thing here until the case was through. We can now have some relief from the tenseness of watching them for a time, but some thing else will break out, no doubt.

The busy season has begun again and they are all gathering their supply of food from the sea and planting their gardens.

Mary Hudson has succeeded in making a basket of heavy bark with wire around the rim and in the handle that is the size of an ordinary market basket and nearly as heavy. It was ordered for a picnic basket and she has produced a fine article. We will put it in a store window in Ketchikan and see if more orders can be obtained for her.

We still have thee in our prayers before the throne, and often speak of thee in our conversations. Mr. Hudson has repaired his baot (boat) and is ready for the season's work.

C. Brendible is just a little more unkind than ever about hiring these people of the christian church to work. Out of a force of some ten or fifteen working at the can making, he only took two girls that were not presbyterians.

The Strenches were due to arrive in Kansas City tomorrow. I miss them very much, but they will return in about a month.

May the dear Lord give thee strength and wisdom for thy work and give thee, with us all, the great victory for which we are

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Metlakatla, Alaska.
June 1st, 1925.

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Mr. E. L. Sheehan,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

The registered letter dated May 12th, arrived here on the 26th, last mail day. The papers that come direct from the publishers do not seem to attract any notice as the others having the address of the sender may have done.

There have been none missing that I know of, and I have checked them off on the calendar when opening them on their arrival. They are very pleasant to have and show more of the life and affairs of our capital city than any other publication that I have had access to in times past. Others enjoy them also.

On account of a temporary lameness I was not able to get about to take any snap shots of the places which I desired to get, and therefore brought Mr. Haldane into service.

He has taken a picture of the source and mouth of each of these three streams of living water, and they are perennial except that in time of drouth, or a long spell without rain in summer, two of them cease to run, but the third one runs constantly and never has been frozen over in the coldest winter. This is because of the powerful spring that feeds it. It is the central one of the three.

The one farthest east, or the saw mill stream, has its source in Skaters Lake but also has, near the beach, a spring. Back of it a little distance is a large pond or lake known as Skater's Lake. It is the place where the winter sport of skating is enjoyed and is but a half mile from the village.)

All the ground over this more level or flat part of the island is more or less moist or swampy. Even the higher ground on the small elevations contain small ponds except in the very driest season.

It was quite a revelation to me when journeying from Ketchikan to Metlakatla by a hydroplane to see the water standing on the high elevations of both Gravina and Annette Islands. Especially back of the village of Metlakatla, it was dotted thickly with small ponds. These would naturally feed springs along the banks nearer the beach.

(The stream in the right center of the sketch is the one that was never dry. Many obtained their water supply from it. Up toward the church, in a vacant lot of ground, is the spring, not near to any dwellings, but its source is farther back behind the church.

reservoir tank half way up the pipe line on the mountain side.

Just this last winter the pipe line was closed for a day or so while the ice which clogged the outlet was removed. In the evening a young man called at my door and offered to bring me some water from the stream.

Once before, the kind hearted women came and took my pails to get me a supply, at a previous date a year or two ago.

When the drouth two years ago threatened to close this cannery as others were closing in other islands on account of the drying up of the streams, the natives assured me that they would have enough in the central stream for their use, in their homes.

At first Mr. Duncan had a pipe line to Skaters Lake, I am told, for his saw mill use. Then as he says in his letter of June 11, 1914 to Secretary of the Interior Lane, (copy attached) the excellent water power to be had from the outlet of the lake up between Purple and Leadville mountains, seemed to be a better solution of the question and a pipe line was laid from the saw mill to the lake, Chester Lake.

Later on, it seemed advisable to use this in the cannery and it was piped to the cannery plant. It was not intended by Mr. Duncan for a water supply for the village. Both he and the natives considered the same source of supply, the three streams, as adequate for their use always.

In the winter season, he used to close the pipe line from the saw mill to the cannery in very cold weather to save the pipe from being destroyed by bursting, and the water supply of the village was still obtained from the streams.

One of the familiar sights and sounds to me during my first year in Metlakatla was the procession of small hand or express wagons filled with pails and cans and any convenient receptacles for water, being hauled through the streets to their homes. This was in the winter of 1917 - 1918.

Dr. Minthorn had told me that Mr. Jones, the first Government Agent and teacher, had reported that the water was not healthful for the use of the people.

But in all the years of his service here the doctor said that he had never discovered any sickness due to the use of the water. There was never any malaria nor any typhoid, or similar diseases here. A case of goitre is unknown so far as I can discover and only one case of cancer.

However, as it was the intention of the first employees of the government and the opposition here, to destroy every trace of the Mission and to send Mr. Duncan away and to dis-

which was closer to the cannery line than to the stream and they told me that they always used the water from the stream.

The faucett near the cannery would not be available for more than perhaps 1/4 of the people without coming past the streams where they used to get water before and some of them would be some distance away.)

Mr. Duncan's estimate seems very correct to me. It seems that they preferred the water from the stream to that from a leaden pipe, and were slow to change to the use of the piped water, so that as he has written in his letter about five sixths of the population were satisfied with the usual supply.

Concerning the various proposed sites for the Bureau of Education School building, it was described to me by Mr. Duncan on my arrival here. The question as to why the agent chose the site which he did was one that caused much comment. It was known and recognized by all the natives that the strip of land from the cannery dock up past the Metlakantla Christian Church was set apart for the Mission buildings and they were all located upon it.

Across the street from that strip, and next to the dwellings toward the beach, is a strip of land still vacant for most of the way. From the block opposite the Mission Day School, or also known as the Boys' School, is a vacant strip of land which was recommended as a suitable site for the Bureau of Education School building.

There was much vacant land about it which could have been used as a play ground. However it seemed to suit the aggressors to appropriate the land set apart for the Mission, as it would facilitate their purpose to destroy all the traces of the Mission.

That was the statement that I heard on my first arriving here as the reason for their using that especial site and for afterwards tearing down the two buildings, the old Town Hall and the Mission Day School.

It was also the reason for razing the Girls' Home as was reported in a recent communication from me. Mr. Parrish remarked in my hearing as a company were walking past the new Council Chamber recently, that a part of that building was material that had been removed from the Girls' Home building that was now being torn down. That is, a part of the Girls' Home was used in building the Council Chamber.

Mrs. John Hudson has made a rough sketch for me of the location of each of these streams, and I am enclosing this with the kodak views and the letter copy as requested.

June 2nd.

Mrs. Hudson has been called away and I had to make a sketch of the ground as requested. Since discussing the matter with

NOTICE.

This building is the property of the U. S. Government.
No trespassing.

(Signed) -- -- Parrish.

I have not been near enough to read it but Mrs. Hudson gave me an account of it. The initials of his name I do not know.

When Mrs. Snell comes we can get a better idea of the other sites proposed for the school building. Mr. John Hudson who knows most about it is away until Saturday night again, having left for the fishing grounds Sunday evening after the service.

I regret that my lameness has not permitted me to go about and to secure more definite records for this letter, but trust that some of it will be helpful, at least.

Very respectfully yours,

Mrs. Matilda W. Minthorn.
(Sgd.) Mrs. Matilda W. Minthorn.

(copy) Mrs. Matilda W. Minthorn

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4217 Fourth Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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June 16, 1925.

Mrs. M. A. Minthorn,
Metlakatla, Alaska.

Dear Mrs. Minthorn:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 1st with enclosures, except that you did not enclose the bill you referred to in the last part of your letter. If you will forward this I will see that it is taken care of.

Newspapers I am very glad to note that you have been regularly receiving the papers from the publishers, and furthermore that you get so much enjoyment out of reading them.

I am always interested in developments of interest there and all letters written by you are read by me with a great deal of interest.

I trust when this reaches you, you will have fully recovered from your temporary lameness, and with best wishes, I am

Very respectfully yours,

E. L. Sheehan

Mastered receipt requested
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Metlakatla, Alaska.
June 30th, 1925.

Mr. E. L. Sheehan:
4217 Fourth Street, N. W.

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

Thine of the 16th, inst. arrived on the weekly mail today. Thank thee for the kindly interest in my welfare. I am about recovered from the lameness and the summer days are quite pleasant here. We have just passed through a storm of quite severe proportions for this climate at this season. But we will doubtless be favored with fine weather for some weeks to come.

Things do not seem so prosperous for the party in power here as they have previously been. They are feeling very keenly the lack of the ready money that used to be within reach of their hand for any purpose they desired. When Mr. ~~Marsden~~ made his last visit to Washington the money was advanced by the Cannery Superintendent and retained out of the lease money when due at the end of the season.

Mr. ~~Marsden~~ now wishes to go again to Washington to advise with the powers there about having the lease money again placed at their disposal, but it can not be secured as before. He asked the people here, I was told, to contribute funds sufficient for it, but they refused.

Seeing him on the street in Ketchikan about ten days ago, I inquired of him what boat was over and if he were returning on it. I was looking for some opportunity to return by the same boat. His reply was that there was no boat going back that day. That he had come over the evening before and was not returning but was going down to Seattle and Tacoma. No one has told me what his errand was to that part of the country, but it looks as if he were out on a speaking tour to collect the money with which to make the visit to Washington. Perhaps you may hear of him arriving there with in a few weeks or days.

Mr. Hawkesworth, the district superintendent for Southeastern Alaska, under the Beaureau (Bureau) of Education, is making one of his periodical visits here. Yesterday Mr. Haldane, one of our natives, called on me for information and advice. It was concerning the advisability of signing a petition to have this island thrown open to the public. He said that Mr. Hawkesworth was here now in the interest of the government to see that it was done, and that he strongly recommended it.

Upon considering the matter, it occurred to me that it would seriously affect the case from the stand point of settling the claims of The William D. Brown Estate and Mr. William D. Brown.

Lack of
Money

Marsden's
Proposed
Visit to
Washington
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Island
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It has been frequently remarked to me or in my hearing, that it was unreasonable that the Indians should have the finest location and best advantages of any people in southeastern Alaska. The fact that there are fine sites for fish traps around this island which is protected by a law that prohibits any one from fishing with trap or seine within three thousand feet of the shore around its entire circumference, makes it the envy of the cannery and fish men. One man is so jealous of the company that can have the privilege of the traps here that he tried to pre-empt one site and brought on a lawsuit which he appealed to the supreme court in San Francisco. This court sustained the former verdicts and he was defeated, but said that he would have the trap site sometime if he had to wreck this cannery here in order to win it. This was repeated to me by the cannery superintendent here at the time it was said, which was two years ago this summer. This same man was reported as having between twenty and thirty fish traps now in operation in the adjacent waters about here. When this island is thrown open, he will doubtless obtain, by some means, his desire. He has money to push his projects and can do it. Other men will also be ready to take up the advantages financially and the Indian (Indian) will be crowded off from the ground that he has laboriously reduced to such fine condition by clearing it and cultivating it.

The water power here will attract certain industries also.

The native is too easy a prey to scheming white men to hold even his small land that may be given him in the settling of the claims of the Mission and the granting of the deed to his home. And the church when once it comes into the control of the native elders without any source of authority or counsel, will fall into the hands of some one of the several denominations that have long coveted the splendid work developed by Mr. Duncan. Not the least of the items desired by the covetous societies is the fact that they hope that the funds represented by the will may accompany the transferring of the church and Mission plant.

Truly it looks different to one situated on the grounds with constant opportunities for observation and able to hear all the various remarks made by visitors. One gets a view of the case from the natives claims and expectations as well as from the outside world.

The son of Mr. Beatty, who was the Agent here at the time of the death of Mr. Duncan, comes up each year to work in the office of the cannery. This year he brought with him the son of Mr. Waggener of Seattle who is the Chief of the Bureau (Bureau) of Education in Alaska. It is important to the people who are interested in this case here and who have never lost their interest in seeing the Mission closed and Mr. Duncan's work obliterated, to make an im-

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side of the Beaureau (Bureau) of Education. He is not likely to have any opportunity to get the history from the stand point of the other side. He will be prejudiced against it and hindered from hearing it. And this is not by natives but by white people.

Concerning

Natives
refused
work.

The usual complaints are coming in from the cannery. The natives report that already there are seven more white men than were here last year. There is the usual number from Chemawa. The members of the Christian Church Mission are mostly refused work when they ask for it. The labor contract is let out to the same foreman who favors the Presbyterian church people wholly.

Photographer
donates
photographs

The photographer has been in and announced that he has decided to donate the material of the photographs to Mr. Wellcome's work since Mr. Wellcome has been so kind in helping him last year. He has never shown me any bill so that is not needing any further attention. I have thanked him and approved of his attitude toward Mr. Wellcome for we desire to inculcate in them some of the spirit of gratitude (gratitude) and its expression. In their original language they had no word for thanks. They took every favor as a matter of course.

We who have this affair very much on our hearts, and who desire to see justice and judgment done as would be most pleasing to the Lord our Master, Who was the Author of this work, are trusting Him to help you who have the carrying out of a part of His will in it, to find the way that will honor Him most and bring the greatest good to the souls of this people. That is the great objective in the mind and heart of the missionary who is true to his call and to the King Whom he serves.

With many kind wishes for thy personal blessings

Truly thy friend,

(Signed) Matilda Atkinson Minthorn.
Matilda Atkinson Minthorn.