

falls. Another moment and she would be dashed to pieces below. Bidding farewell to the world, and with a prayer upon her lips to the all-powerful spirit, she awaited her awful doom as the little boat plunged over the edge of the thundering Niagara.

As she was about to be swallowed by the waters the thunder god Heno saw her and caught her in his arms. Then he brought her safely into a cave behind the falls, where he guarded and cared for her till she married one of his own sons.

From that time on, with the help of Heno, she became the protectress and guardian over her people, warning them of approaching dangers and giving them council and advice. Once when pestilence and famine were threatening her people she bade them leave their homes and depart for other lands. As soon as they were gone a great serpent appeared, which came to poison the waters and to devour the people. The god Heno saw the monster and slew him with a thunderbolt. As the huge serpent floated down the stream its body folded, and this fold of its body caused the waters to be deflected into the horseshoe fall to be seen to this day on the Niagara.

The god Heno now took all his children up to heaven, and whenever he thunders in the clouds above the echo is heard in the waters of the Niagara Falls below.

DUNCAN OF METLAKATLA

HE HAS PROVEN MOST FAITHFUL



THE reign of the last benevolent autocrat on this continent is drawing rapidly to a close. William Duncan of Metlakatla, the ruler of the little island in the Alaskan sea, and of all its Indian inhabitants, is over eighty years old, his bodily strength is at last abated, his eyes grow dim, and he seeks to return into the hands of the government of the United States the burden of responsibility which he has carried for so many years.

He has been a more than faithful steward since he brought his Indians from the British Columbia coast to the island under the American flag in southeastern Alaskan waters to which he gave the melodious name which it still bears.

Like all real autocrats William Duncan has known how to impose his will upon his people. He saw how, in contact with the white man, the Indian was too prone to adopt his vices with his language and with the customs of civilized life. So he decreed that his Indians should