

lions, millions and more millions they have spent and are spending, that one day they may take hundreds of millions more.

#### CREATES LIFE.

Down in the University of California Professor Jacques Leob, with his bromides and his sea urchin's egg, has created life where there was none. The biologists of the world have given him great acclaim and the church has held his name anathema for thrusting in his hand where tradition says the hand may not go.

Up in Metlakatla Father Duncan has created souls where there were none, and into the balance against them he has thrown the millions that might be his and theirs, and has decided for the souls.

If it be left to Father Duncan there will be no golden calf lifted up on Metlakatla to demoralize his children and wrest from the altar of the Almighty his life's offering. New made morals shall not be pitted against Mammon, nor shall in any degree the people he has lifted from the depths be exposed to the degenerating influence that comes of much money and the pursuit of it.

#### TALKED CHINOOK.

It has been near-two score of years since Father Duncan hunted out his island and began the moulding of the almost inert clay he found there. He named his domain for the tribe of Indians he fathered. The Indian he found was the aboriginal, known vulgarly in the northwest and the Alaskan coast as the Siwash, or Chinook. His place in civilization's scale is only a peg lower than that of the Digger Indian of California.

Once he had acquired the Chinook

jargon, crossed with a smattering of Russian, which the aboriginals used, the little priest set about his self-appointed task. He had before him to fight sloth and sin and almost universal disease, but he found his new people curious and through that channel he proceeded. He led them from an attitude of tolerant amusement to a point of serious consideration and on again to acceptance of his creed and an understanding of it. They put aside their totem, cast out the crow, and accepted God. He eradicated inherent laziness by showing them in time the rewards of work, and by making their work to profit them in comforts. He led them to personal pride through their love of color and by the same means finally liberated their women from the bondage of the tepee and the fishing boat, and elevated them to the accepted conjugal plane. He gave them crafts and tools wherewith to ply them, and finally he gave them schools.

Not all of this was done with the first generation, nor with the second, although the second demonstrated to him that his work with the first had made for the uplift. It was more tractable, more easily taught, quicker of appreciation. He had bettered the fiber, or better, he had made fiber from protoplasm and had vivified it.

#### MAYOR AN INDIAN

Metlakatla is today a model municipal government, officered and organized by the aborigines, which Father Duncan 40 years ago connected with the uplift. It has its mayor, who is an Indian, and its council, aldermanic board, also Indians. It has its department of health, which has applied to street construction and to dwelling and

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