

and consideration. The time has doubtless arrived for one and all to enter fully into the spirit of the Special Prayer appointed for use in the Diocese during the absence of the Bishop in England—that God may “sanctify and prosper all His words and works to the advancement of His Kingdom, and the welfare of the flock committed to his keeping.” May we not trust that the frequent use of this intercessory prayer, during the interval, will have a healing effect upon the minds of some, a beneficial effect upon all, to the strengthening of the work of the Church, in this portion of the Lord’s Vineyard.

A. ANSTREY DORRELL,
S. Alban’s, Ashcroft, May 4th., ’97.

THE EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

To the Editor Church Record:

DEAR SIR:—Kindly allow me to correct a misprint in my last letter which makes my criticism of the management of these investment funds slightly severer than intended.

What I wrote, as to the worst case of trust fund investment, was, that it represented a big loan on “rotting shop and cottage property” and not as printed, a “rotting strip of cottage property.” Some rickety old-time shops, built of framework, were included in the questionable security, well known as the Winnetum Block.

NICOLAI C. SCHOU.
Vancouver, May 22nd., 1897.

SEAMEN’S INSTITUTE.

To the Editor Church Record:

DEAR SIR:—It affords me the greatest of pleasure to write these few lines on behalf of the seamen now in this port, to give our unit

and most sincere thanks for the untiring efforts to provide for our comfort and amusement during our stay in Vancouver, at the Seamen’s Institute. I feel duty bound thus to acquaint the public with the benefits and pleasure we derived from the kindness shewn us in bestowing upon those managing the Seamen’s Institute, the credit they so richly deserve. My greatest regret is my inability to find words sufficiently expressive to convey our deep feeling of gratitude, in this letter.

To prove that this Institution is, to the sea-faring classes, as an oasis in a desert, the following, perhaps, may give a faint idea: Imagine yourself a member of the sea-faring class, coming into this port, after being on board your ship for a period of five or six months, without having set your foot upon shore. Of course the first night it is a pleasure to be able to take a walk ashore and see strange faces. But in a city where you are without a single friend, tramping the streets soon becomes monotonous and miserable, you seek a place of amusement and find none; then where will you spend your evenings? For no seaman wishes to spend the whole of his time on board, when in port. It is here, then, that this invaluable institution comes to the rescue, as it were, and becomes our only resort for real enjoyment.

Within this building we find almost every innocent game provided for our free use, an abundance of good literature for book lovers, a writing table and materials, a piano for the musical, and one or two gymnastic appliances for those of an athletic turn of mind. Sociability is a leading feature amongst all who frequent the rooms, and that,