

has rewarded my labors by the conversion of many of my poor people. With Christianity, they have adopted civilization. The people immediately under my charge are now, as a whole, docile and law abiding. They have used their earnings to improve their material conditions. They have built neat and clean dwelling houses; they dress well, both men and women, after the fashion of civilized people; they are regular at church and at the Sacraments. Visitors are edified to see them at church and do not cease praising them for the spectacle they present when at their devotions. They look more like a congregation of white people than one of native Indians.

It is to be regretted that now, when these people have so much improved by our instructions, outsiders should come; that Methodist and Presbyterian ministers should intrude and sow discord amongst them. Yet it was to be expected, for it is their pride, not to civilize savage nations, but to pervert them, after the Catholic priests have converted them to Christianity, and sown the seed of civilization. Our case is not

an exceptional one, but it is none the less saddening and painful.

However, with the grace of God, no means will be spared to protect our people. It may have been rash on our part to put up for our dear Indian children, with the object that they may not be perverted, the buildings of a central boarding-school for which we have to pay, although we have not the means. But under the protection of St. Joseph, and with the assistance of St. Antony, we hope to be able to secure the necessary funds to pay for the work just completed, the Indian Boarding School in St. Mary's Bay, Clayoquot Sound, Vancouver Island.

With the blessing of Archbishop Christie, and his best wishes of "God speed," I must now set out and ask the good Catholics of the Eastern States to extend a helping and generous hand to bring this work, in all probability the last of my life, to a successful issue.

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