

monument of the way in which you have profited by the teachings you have received. It does you the greatest credit, and we have every right to hope that while in its outward aspect it bears testimony to your conformity to the laws of the Gospel, beneath its sacred roof your sincere and faithful prayers will be rewarded by those blessings which are promised to those who approach the throne of God in humility and faith. I hope you will understand that your white mother and the Government in Canada are fully prepared to protect you in the exercise of your religion, and to extend to you the benefit of those laws which know no difference of race or of colour, but under which justice is impartially administered between the humblest and the greatest of the land. The Government of Canada is proud to think that there are upwards of thirty thousand Indians in the territory of British Columbia. She recognises them as the ancient inhabitants of the country.