

from us, at the mouth of the river, for many years, but cannot see much good it has done to our poor people ; but as you say you do not come to trade with us, but only to teach us, we think it will be very different under your instruction, and we tell you that we will do what we can to assist you in the good work.

"Our past life has been bad—*very bad*. We have been so long left in darkness that we fear you will not be able to do much for our old people, but for our young we have great hopes. We wish from our hearts to have our young men, women, and children read and write, so that they may understand the duties they owe to their great Creator and to each other.

"You will find great difficulties in the way of such work, but great changes cannot be expected in one day. You must not get discouraged by a little trouble, and we tell you again that we will all help you as much as we can.

"We believe this work to be of God. We have prayed as you told us, and now we think that God has heard our prayers and sent you to us, and it seems to us like the day breaking in on our darkness, and we think that before long the Great Sun will shine upon us and give us more light.

"We hope to see the white men that settle among us set us a good example, as they have had the light so long they know what is right and what is wrong. We hope they will assist us to do what is good, that we may become better and better every day by following their example.

"We again welcome you from our hearts, and hope that the mission here will be like a great rock, never to be moved or washed away ; and in order to this we will pray to the Great Spirit that His blessing may rest upon this mission and upon us all.

"Signed,

"CHIEF OF THE MOUNTAINS,

"*And six other Chiefs.*"

VICTORIA, B. C.

A LIFE MOTTO.

"I LIVE for those that love me,
 For those who know me true ;
 For the Heaven that smiles above me
 And waits my coming too.
 For the cause that needs assistance,
 For the wrongs that need resistance,
 For the future in the distance,
 For the good that I can do."