

I cannot conclude my final report on the condition of the Missionary Diocese which the Church entrusted to my care more than fourteen years since without devout acknowledgment of the "good hand of our God," which has been upon us through all this period, keeping our ranks unbroken by death, opening "effectual" doors, stirring the hearts of the faithful to "devise liberal things," removing obstacles to progress, overruling discouragements for the trial and increase of our faith, bearing patiently with multiplied defects and infirmities in the labourer, and giving its abundant blessing to the imperfect efforts made for the extension of Christ's Church and Kingdom. To the bishops, clergy and laity I tender the assurance of my deep and lasting gratitude for the moral support and substantial sympathy uniformly extended to me in the discharge of the stewardship committed to my keeping, which, in the providence of God, I am now called to transfer to the hands of my successor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

November 11, 1896.

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*Bishop.*