

reason, even if we cannot grasp it, why the tumultuous forces that exist are allowed for a moment their sway. All things must subserve His glory and His people's good. Infinite wisdom will always suggest and omnipotent power control, the path God wishes the saints to tread. As corporate members of Christ's mystical body, in this divine headship, and in this infinite power, we have our unalienable part. The light that illuminates the world shines especially for us. The Fullness which is that of the Godhead is our illimitable supply; the voice which shaketh the wilderness of Cades is that which speaks directly in our ears. It is this voice which says, Arise, go forth to the work to which I have called thee.

In humble recognition of this Divine Headship of Christ, I have accepted your call to the Bishoprick of this Diocese, trusting, though with many misgivings, that your voice was the indication of His pleasure whose sovereign right it is to dispose of us as He will, and that He who has thus called me will supply all my need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

I thank you very sincerely for the confidence you have reposed in me in thus electing me to the office of Chief Shepherd of the flock, and while I cannot, and dare not, promise anything but failure on my part, I shall endeavor to hide myself behind Him who is infinite in wisdom as well as omnipotent in power; that He being the true Shepherd and Bishop of our Diocese, my individuality may be lost in His Fullness and my presence be unknown by reason of His light. And thus shall be fulfilled the deep prayer and earnest longing of my heart, that in everything Christ may originate and command; in everything I hasten to obey.

I have also to thank you for the kindness and cordiality with which I have been everywhere received since first I came among you, and I desire especially to record this, inasmuch as it affords me the comforting hope that in the future I shall have your good will and hearty co-operation, and then with a strong and united Diocese, permeated throughout by the Holy Spirit of love, we may be able to occupy new fields of labor, and achieve new results, not only growing with the material wealth and expansion of the country, but setting a noble example to those about us of self-sacrificing zeal and devotion to the Master's cause.

Before, however, proceeding any further I desire now to say a few words concerning him who so long and so ably filled the post of Bishop of this Diocese, and who has now left us to labor in the mother country. Vastly my superior in his extraordinary knowledge of human nature and in the rare and varied gifts with which he was so liberally endowed, I cannot but bear testimony to the vigor and talent he displayed in the administration of the Diocese, above all, to his long and tried fidelity to the blessed cause of evangelical truth.