

pelled to take the orphan girls into their own house, and for this reason they can afford to receive but a limited number of them. At the time I built the present convent, I thought it would be large enough for many years to come; but, the very year following, it proved to be too small, even to accommodate the number of pupils. The little economies of the Sisters going to support the orphans, they have not been able to build a larger and more comfortable house; and I am sorry to say that, not for the want of good will, but of sufficient means, I am deprived of the satisfaction of having done it myself. Therefore, not to be an idle witness of increasing wants and necessities, I humbly laid before the Holy Father the suffering condition of my diocese, and earnestly begged of him to grant me permission to go to some foreign country in order to solicit aid and assistance by which I might be enabled to establish the above-mentioned institutions, which he has been pleased graciously to do by a Rescript, dated September 17, 1865.

I am also possessed of a letter of his Eminence, Cardinal Barnabo, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, in which his Eminence strongly recommends me to all the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Bishops of any country I may visit, in order to accomplish the hard task I have undertaken.

I have said enough, and Christian charity will not require more. May then this simple but true *expose* enlist in my cause the sympathies of all, not only Catholics, but also such of my separated brethren so well known for their liberality in answering the call of suffering humanity, not unmindful of what is written, that "alms covers a multitude of sins," and again, that "blessed is he that understandeth concerning the needy and the poor: the Lord will deliver him in the evil day." To this cause I have devoted nearly thirty years of my life. Could I have done more?

Any donation sent to my address, 173 Third Street, will be thankfully received.

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Bishop of Vancouver's Island.

NEW YORK, Convent of the Most Holy Redeemer, 173 Third Street, December 6, 1866.

Happy New Year to you
B. Demers