

Having thus accomplished the purpose to which he had devoted years of study, and to gain which he had a second time crossed the ocean, he hastened his preparations to return again to his distant home.

The officials who directed the affairs of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts knew and were interested in the young priest and scholar, whose piety, learning, and energy commended him to their confidence, and before he left England he was appointed a missionary of the society, and the several towns of the county of Litchfield were placed in his especial charge. This appointment was not only a pleasing recognition of his worth and merit, but added greatly to the strength of his position as a clergyman in an English colony, for it assured to him the countenance and support of the authorities of the English Church, and placed at his disposal resources to be used in spreading the faith he preached, and also provided in some degree for his personal maintenance.

Thus qualified and assisted, he lost no time in returning to the scene of his duties, and upon his arrival devoted himself earnestly and successfully to their discharge.

He established his residence at the town of New Milford, in Litchfield County, Conn., and to that place, where his memory is still cherished, and his good deeds remembered, the greater portion of his Christian labors was devoted. He gave, however, an abundant share of his time and effort to the other churches of Litchfield County, visiting and holding service in each of them in turn, and no incident of his pastoral life was more gratifying than the call he received to take charge of the church at Litchfield, which had been