

After the conclusion of the session of the Synod last year, I resumed my Confirmation duties, and completed the visiting of all places East of Toronto. About the middle of August, I commenced a Confirmation tour through a portion of the Niagara District. This was renewed during the following month, and all the places east and south of Hamilton, including that city, were visited with the exception of one mission postponed at the desire of its Incumbent. During the past year, also, three Confirmations have been held in the City of Toronto.

In order to accomplish the present year's work, without trespassing upon the more busy portions of the harvest season, I commenced a Confirmation tour on the sixteenth of May, which was completed on the sixth of the present month. Since my report at the last Synod, I have held Confirmations at eighty-two places, and admitted to that rite 573 males, and 839 females; in all 1412. This makes the whole number confirmed by me, since my entrance upon the Episcopal office, 5,695.

On the 19th September last I held an Ordination in Christ Church, Hamilton, when six were admitted Deacons, and five advanced to the Priesthood. The former were immediately disposed of, and several vacancies remained unsupplied. This induced me to hold a special Ordination in St. James's Cathedral in this city on the 1st May last, being the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, when four were admitted Deacons, and three of them at once despatched to points where the services of clergymen were much required. I have been enabled to send a young and active clergyman to the Muskoka Territory, and to place another of vigour and experience at Parry Sound.

Since I last addressed you, we have had to lament the death of the Reverend Jabez Sims, for several years the earnest and indefatigable Missionary to the Indians on the Manitoulin Island. He applied himself with great assiduity and zeal to the duties of his peculiar charge; and he gained very widely the respect and affection of the simple people to whom he was appointed to minister. Where respect and confidence are inspired, a salutary influence is sure to follow; and this was exercised by Mr. Sims in a marked degree amongst the Indians of his charge. They looked up to their pastor with a filial reliance, and he could exercise almost literally a parental control. If in