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which, from the impossibility of excluding dampness by spacious cellars, may be attended with inconvenience in the summer months.

On my return to Toronto I remained some days to preside at the annual meeting of the Church Society to bring up my correspondence and to dispose of such official matters as could not with propriety be delayed.

On the 9th of July I began my second journey, which continued 64 days. On this occasion I visited all the parishes and stations below Toronto, in number 94. They are commonly so near one another that I can in general visit two and at times three in one day, but there are exceptions. The parishes of Hawksbury and Vankleek's Hill cost me three days, and the single parish of Pembroke five.' I was accompanied in a small part of my journey by the Rev. Saltern Givens; the Rural Dean of the Midland District, and from Kingston eastward to Pembroke, and to Hawksbury and back to Toronto, by the Rev. the Provost of Trinity College. This made a pleasant companionship, which greatly enlivened the journey and rendered it less fatiguing, as each took a share in the labour.

The valley of the Ottawa is yet comparatively unknown, but it possesses a magnificent scenery, and many valuable indications of future advancement. The climatais indeed more stern, and the fertility of the soil not equal to that on the banks of the St. Lawrence and the lakes, but, when opened up, tracts of better land will be discovered, and its timber and mines will for ages give life and occupation to a large and enterprising population.

The results of my summer's labours were :

Confirmations held	141	
Bishop preached	115	times.
The Provost of Trinity College preached	23	times.
The Rev. Rural Dean Givens preached	3	times
The Bishop addressed the Candidates	141	times.
Number confirmed	1299	
Miles travelled, about	2670	au das

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