

Newcastle District—Clark Rectory	64 00	565 00	79 00	708 00
“ Darlington Rectory ...	135 00	290 00	25 00	450 00
Newcastle District Total.....	160 00	855 00	194 00	1168 00
Niagara Dist. brought down..	199 00	693 00	1422 00	2314 00
Toronto City, “ “	1220 00	1405 00	975 00	3600 00
Total obtained	1618 00	2953 00	2501 00	7072 00

The above figures show what has been so far secured to the fund in each place, but are not to be taken as representing the complete contributions of any, further subscriptions have been promised in all and to a considerable amount in some places. \$600 more may safely be counted upon from those places in the Niagara District already visited, and of the three city churches a very imperfect canvas has yet been made. By the next issue of the *Chronicle* it is hoped that returns may be given from a large portion of the Newcastle District.

T. BOLTON READ.

CONFIRMATION TOUR.

On Wednesday, the 22nd ultimo, the Venerable Bishop of Toronto resumed his Eastern confirmation tour, which had been interrupted by the Meeting of Synod. Commencing at Port Hope, he visited Perrytown, Millbrook, Cavan, Omemeo, Lindsay, Peterboro, Lakefield, Warsaw, Otonabee, Norwood, Hastings, Seymour, Brighton, Colborne, Castleton, Alawick, Gore's Landing, Cobourg, Grafton, and at each station administered the apostolic rite of laying on of hands, to large and interesting classes of young persons, who seemed alive to the responsibility they were undertaking. Besides preaching once a day, his lordship addressed the candidates and congregations at length; with an earnestness and affection easily accounted for when he alluded to the probability of this being his last visit. It was an affecting sight to see the elders of the flock at the several stations he had visited so often, gathering round to greet their Bishop and receive his parting blessing.

At most of the stations the Bishop expressed himself pleased with the numbers and the description of candidates presented, and at the satisfactory proofs of the prosperity of the Church. Among these, the improvement in singing and chanting is worthy of remark. The congregations generally seem disposed to assert their right to share in this delightful part of sacred worship; the hymns and tunes now getting into use being so simple, that all may join in them. At Peterboro, Cobourg, Lakefield, Millbrook, Hastings, Seymour, and Goresland, the musical services were conducted in a superior style, while the lusty and courageous manner in which the Rev. M. Burnham's rural congregation at Otonabee performed their part was most edifying, and proved that the boast of their worthy pastor "that their hearts were in right place," was by no means a vain one.

Two Churches were consecrated on this tour, viz., a new one at the thriving village of Hastings, which reflects much credit on the churchmen of that locality headed by Messrs. Neil and Blackburn, two enterprising gentlemen in business there. This Church is a very commodious and ecclesiastical structure of wood, and through the energy of the parties alluded to, it has been erected and completely furnished in a most creditable manner. In addition to stained glass windows there is a fine organ, which has drawn around it an accomplished organist and excellent choir. The congregation have been further fortunate in securing the valuable services of the Rev. Mr. Farrar, an English clergyman residing in the neighbourhood.

The other church consecrated was at Gore's Landing, Rice Lake, a beautiful spot. The respected incumbent of this church, the Rev. Clarke Preston, we regret to learn, is about to return to Scotland; his loss will be much felt by his attached congregation, and by the clergy of the diocese whose sincere esteem he has long enjoyed.

In addition to the appointment for confirmation at Cobourg, on Sunday, the 3rd ult., the Ven. Archdeacon had arranged with the Bishop for admitting the Rev. H. Greenham, his assistant, to the priesthood. Morning prayers having been said at 8 a.m., and the holy communion administered to a large number, the litany was