

can Colonies, there is a gap at our particular period. I was however permitted to go through the Minute Books of the Society, and as I had the opportunity I thought it best to make fairly copious extracts, and send you the results herewith.

You will notice that the extracts are not confined to the building of the Church, as I included anything I thought might be of interest to you, with the exception of Mr. Addison's mission to the Indians, which seems to have been the absorbing theme for him. The Indian settlement was 90 miles from Niagara so I suppose hardly comes within your district. * * * *

I hope that what I send will be of use to you: it gives me the greatest pleasure to help you as I heartily sympathize with your enthusiasm. * * * *

P.S. In transcribing the records I have followed the originals as closely as possible, and have preserved any unusual spellings etc."

The two following extracts are taken from "200 Years of the S.P.G.," by C. F. Pascoe, and not from the original documents.

The Rev John Ogilvie, S.P.G., Missionary to the Indians in the State of N.Y. in a letter dated Albany, New York, Feb. 1st, 1760. "Last summer I attended the royal American regiment upon the expedition to Niagara, and indeed there was no other chaplain upon the Department, though there were three regular Regiments and the Provincial Regiment of New York. The Mohawks were all upon this Service, and almost all the Six Nations, they amounted in the whole to 940 at the time of the siege. I officiated constantly to the Mohawks and Oneidoes who regularly attended Divine Service — The Oneidoes met us at the Lake near their Castle, and as they were acquainted with my coming, they brought ten children to receive Baptism, and young women who had been previously instructed—came likewise to receive that holy ordinance. I baptized them in the presence of a numerous crowd of spectators who all seemed pleased with the attention and serious behaviour of the Indians—The Possession of the important Fortification of Niagara is of the utmost consequence to the English, as it gives us the happy opportunity of commencing and cultivating a Friendship with these numerous Tribes of Indians who inhabit the borders of Lakes Erie, Huron, Michigan, and even Lake Superiour; and the Fur Trade, which all centers at Niagara, is so very considerable that I am told by very able judges, that the French look upon Canada, of very little Importance without the possession of this important Pass—In this Fort, there is a very handsome Chapel, and the Priest, who was of the Order of St. Francis, had a commission as the [French] King's Chaplain to the garrison. He had particular instructions to use the Indians, who came to trade, with great hospitality (for which he had a particular