In 1873 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Oxenden, and appointed to the Parish of St. Armand West, Philipsburg being his headquarters. He was priested in 1874.

He left his first parish to go to Clarendon in 1876, was appointed Rural Dean by Bishop Bond on the death of the Rev. George Robinson, and made Archdeacon in 1894.

After a long ministry of thirty-one years, finding the work too great on account of failing health, on the advice of Bishop Carmichael, he resigned his old parish with feelings of deep regret, and accepted the Parish of Farnham in 1907. His work at Farnham was still characterized by the same spirit of zeal, and he continued there until superannuated in 1917. After superannuation his health kept declining, though as Archdeacon he still sustained his interest in the work and welfare of the Deanery of Clarendon.

On Thursday, June the 6th, 1918, he passed to the rest and peace of Paradise, being one of the oldest and most dearly beloved of the clergy in the Diocese of Montreal. The funeral was held at St. Paul's Church, Philipsburg, on June the 7th, the Lord Bishop of Montreal, with the Rector and other clergy, being present and taking part in the service. The interment was made at Shawville on Sunday, the 9th. It was the Archdeacon's wish to have his last resting place in the old parish in which he had spent most of the years of his ministry and the best years of his life and service.

When I first met the Archdeacon, he had lately arrived in Shawville from Philipsburg. The land surrounding the parsonage was then comparatively devoid of trees, the bare walls of the new church which had been commenced by Rural Dean Robinson, with only the rafters on the roof, looked almost grim, and was suggestive of a work before the young parish priest that meant a building up. When many years after I was privileged to pay my last tribute of respect and love to his memory in committing his body to the ground in the cemetery fronting the church, in the hope of a glorious