

The distances travelled in those days by men and women to attend public worship read a lesson to indolent church-goers. At first the only church for the whole mission was at Trinity; the congregation had to come in from six out-stations, and it was a sight full of interest on the Sunday morning to watch the people arriving from the different harbours, in summer by boat, and in winter on foot across the frozen bays, in response to the signal of the Red Cross Flag of St. George, which from early morning had been displayed on the church tower, to tell those at a distance that the Rector was at home, and service would be held.

The coming of these parishioners meant a crowded congregation, yet it is averred by those who now remember him that the keen eye of the minister would even then detect the absence of some parishioners, and if he knew of no good reason for their absence would surely in the following week call upon the absentees to know the reason why.

It was this diligent and systematic plan of keeping in touch with the people by constant house-to-house visitation, begun in Trinity and kept up all through life, that largely contributed to his success as a parish Priest; and his invariable salutation as he crossed each threshold, "Peace be to this house and to all that dwell in it," marked the character and the intention of the visit.

This intimate relationship with his people, and the magnetic influence he possessed, secured for him their confidence and trust to such a degree that they came to him for advice in their temporal as well as