This resolve resulted in the resignation of his Commission, and an application for admission into Holy Orders.

Ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Chester on 31 March, 1822,—a fortnight later, he was advanced to the Priesthood by the Bishop of Lincoln, acting for the Bishop of London, "for the cure of souls in His Majesty's Foreign Possessions."

Returning as soon as possible to Newfoundland, and, appointed by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, who then held spiritual jurisdiction in that island, to the Mission of Trinity Bay, he entered on his new vocation with all the energy of a strong enthusiasm, a robust physique, and a buoyant temperament, to which was added the thoroughness and dash which have ever characterized the seamen of England.

Nothing daunted him;—perils by land, and perils by sea; exposure so severe as more than once to endanger life, were all faced cheerfully, and his earnest, strong personalit, so endeared him to the "Planters" in Trinity, that at the expiration of eighteen years of hard work, the inscription on the piece of plate given by them on his departure was an honest, unexaggerated tribute to his work, as it stood for a "testimony of their "esteem and affection for his unwearying attention to "his duties as a Pastor, his kindness as a Friend, and "his conduct as a Christian."

In 1823 he married Mary, the only daughter of the Rev. Dr. Clinch, and to that happy marriage he owed, and ever gladly owned the debt, not only of an attractive home but support and encouragement in his public work.