

7.—Beaver Harbour, Ship Harbour, Three Fathom Harbour, Dartmouth, Sackville.

8.—Cape Breton, (with the exception of Arichat.)

The Senior Clergyman in each of the Deaneries shall call the clergy together before the end of September, and at that meeting they shall determine by what name the Deanery shall be called, and shall select one of their number to be nominated to the Bishop for the office of Rural Dean. If they shall fail to do this, the Bishop may make an appointment. It shall be the office of the Rural Dean to hold meetings of the Clergy of his Deanery, at least once in six months, for mutual edification.

The powers of the Rural Deans were defined to be—making enquiries in each Parish according to a list of questions to be drawn up by the Executive Committee; and sending a report of the same to the Bishop; and such other duties as he may be requested by the Missionary in charge of each Cure to perform. The appointment of the Rural Dean is to last so long as the Dean thus appointed shall continue to hold the same Cure of Souls.

The Synod, in a body, waited upon His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, and presented the following address:—

*To His Excellency Sir WM. FENWICK WILLIAMS of Kars, Bart., K.C.B., &c. &c. &c.,
Lieut. Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Nova Scotia.*

May it please your Excellency,—

We, the Bishop and Clergy and representatives of the Laity of the Church of England in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in Synod assembled, desire to approach your Excellency with heartfelt expressions of loyalty to the Queen, and with our most sincere and respectful congratulations upon the honour which Her Gracious Majesty has been pleased to confer upon you in appointing you to the government of this your native Province; and we felicitate ourselves upon the favor shown to the Province by Her Majesty in thus placing over it and us, one who has gained such noble trophies, the glory of which must be reflected on the land that gave him birth.

Your Excellency has, since you assumed the reigns of Government, already shewn that you are desirous to forward and aid, by your means and influence, every good work. We would especially thank your Excellency for the generous proof which you have lately given of your interest in the University (which is the *alma mater* of a large proportion of our body,) by the offer of prizes in three different departments of education in King's College, Windsor, of which we recollect with much satisfaction that you have for several years been an honoured and distinguished graduate.

We pray that the Great Head of the Church, in which your Excellency, in common with ourselves, has the high privilege of being a member, may so pour upon you His Spirit of Wisdom, that when your administration shall cease, it may be found to have been pre-eminent for the promotion of the best interests of the people, the good of the Church, and the great honour and glory of God.

To which His Excellency gave the following reply:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HALIFAX, 5th July, 1866.

My Lord Bishop and Gentlemen,—

I thank you heartily for this address, expressing as it does your loyal devotion towards our Gracious Queen, as well as friendly and encouraging sentiments to me.

I accepted this Government with pride and pleasure, the nomination to which by Her Majesty has called forth your congratulations; and I have reason to hope that my efforts to serve my native Province will be crowned by permanent benefits; and I tender you my sincere thanks for the prayer you put up to Heaven for this happy result.