

succeeded by the Rev. George B. Dodwell. The Rev. Mr. Parker, of Huntingdon, by Rev. Mr. Early. The Rev. Thomas Godden, Asst. Minister, Clarenceville, by the Rev. C. H. Lancaster. The Rev. Mr. McLeod has resigned the charge of Christieville, which is now vacant.

Having nothing further to state worth communicating,

I have the honor to remain,

My Lord,

Your faithful and obedient servant,

EDWARD DU VERNET,

Rural Dean of Iberville.

The Most Rev. The Lord Bishop of Montreal.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RURAL DEANERY OF BEDFORD, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1866.

In presenting the annual Report for the past year the Rural Dean is well pleased to be able to speak in very encouraging terms of the progress which the Church has been evidently making in the Deanery of Bedford during that period. And it must be remembered, and the Rural Dean would desire to call attention to this fact, in commencing this Report, that we are passing through a very trying crisis in our Church history—a crisis which has come upon us so gradually that few, perhaps, have taken much notice of it.

After having been trained, for a long series of years, into a system of dependence upon external aid for building Churches and supporting their religious institutions, the members of our communion are being brought face to face with the unquestionable fact that they must henceforth depend, to a great extent, upon their own resources and exertions.

Such a state of things is, as past experience has proved, a very severe trial to the stability, inherent vitality, and consequent continued existence of any body, and if the Church is found to hold the ground it has hitherto occupied, without any farther extension, it would be as much and even more than we could reasonably expect. So far as can be gathered