

stating that those forms fully satisfied the requirements of the Act. A copy of this letter is annexed to this report.

One question raised for the consideration of the Committee was the expense which the clergy would be required to incur in making the returns required by the Act. This has also been met by the amendment of the Act which provides for the payment of a small fee for each return.

Your Committee cannot conclude their report without expressing their great satisfaction that the Legislature of the Province has introduced a system of compulsory registration; and they would urge upon the clergy to assist by all means in their power to carry out the useful intentions of the Act, and not to raise unnecessary difficulties.

As the forms provided by Canon XVII are now not only the law of the Church in this Diocese, but have also the authorization of the Civil Government of the Province, your Committee would urge that such registers should be provided for every clergyman in every parish; and they would also respectfully suggest that the Bishop of the Diocese should require the Rural Deans to inspect the registers yearly, and report to him on their condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) H. TULLY KINGDON, Bishop.  
JOHN C. ALLEN,  
HENRY MONTGOMERY,  
W. O. RAYMOND.

July 1, 1889.

#### APPENDIX M.—*Continued.*

ATTORNEY GENERAL, NEW BRUNSWICK, }  
Fredericton, January 28, 1888. }

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP KINGDON, CITY.

*My Dear Doctor Kingdon:*

As requested by you, I have looked into the matter of the registry of baptisms, marriages, and funerals, prescribed in the Episcopal Church for the register, and I am satisfied that such forms will be entirely satisfactory, and that there will be no occasion for the Governor-in-Council prescribing any change in order to make the returns forwarded by your clergymen, based upon your own register; conform to those required by the Government.

I am, etc.,

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW G. BLAIR.

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