

VIII. It was moved and resolved that the thanks of this meeting are given to the S. P. C. K., for the grant of books made on the 17th day of February to this Deanery of Iberville, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward to the Secretaries of the S. P. C. K. a copy of the resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. FULTON, M. A., *Rural Dean.*

RURAL DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1879.

MY LORD:—The Annual Meeting of this Deanery was held at Aylmer on the 28th of May.

There were present the Rural Dean in the Chair, the Ven. Archdeacon Lonsdell, the Rev. Canon Johnston, the Rev. T. Motherwell, W. B. Longhurst, J. A. Newnham, T. Everett (temporarily residing in the Deanery), and R. H. Conroy, Esq.

The attendance was small, owing partly to the long and expensive journeys to reach any central point; and partly to the fact that five out of the nineteen Cures in the Deanery were vacant, and others likely soon to become so.

After very careful consideration of the subjects in question the following resolutions were *unanimously* passed:

I. Moved by Archdeacon LONSDSELL, seconded by Canon JOHNSTON, and

Resolved, That this Deanery deplores the large number of vacancies in the Deanery, to the great loss of the people in those Missions, and the increase of work on the part of the neighbouring Clergy.

II. Moved by the Rev. J. A. NEWNHAM, seconded by the Rev. W. B. LONGHURST, and

Resolved, That this Deanery desires to call attention to the following facts:

That the Missions in this Deanery are from ten to thirty miles distant from each other, whilst many in other parts of the Diocese have only from five to ten miles between them.

That in this Deanery a Mission generally includes from one to four Townships; in some other parts of the Diocese there are two or three Missions to a Township.

That by amalgamating Missions here many families would be left at more than a day's hard driving from the nearest Missionary; and by amalgamating elsewhere, at only a few hours' drive.

That in view of these striking facts, the Deanery of St. Andrew's feels most decidedly that if the state of the funds renders it necessary to amalgamate, or close, any of the Missions, such course cannot be