

new Diocese. Of course, you will understand that there has been no consultation of the Clergy of this Rural Deanery, and that I can only infer their views from general considerations, such as we share in common.

"I think the whole subject is worthy of the serious consideration of the whole Diocese, and I should not be sorry to have it thoroughly discussed."

Millbrook, March 9th, 1896.

WM. C. ALLEN.

### 3. *Deanery of Northumberland.*

The following Resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter of Northumberland:—

*Resolved*, That, in reply to the letter of the 26th of March of the Rev. Dr. Pearson, Secretary of the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopate, this Deanery of Northumberland assembled in regular Meeting, hereby expresses the opinion that in the best interests of the Church, it is desirable that the Diocese of Toronto be divided, and that the following be the boundaries of the new Diocese:

On the west, the western boundary of the County of Ontario, running northward from Lake Ontario to the Diocese of Algoma.

Northern boundary: running eastward, to include the County of Haliburton to the Diocese of Ottawa. (? Ontario.)

Eastern boundary: to be co-terminous with the present boundary of the Diocese of Toronto.

HERBERT SYMONDS,

*Secretary.*

Ashburnham, April, 1896.

It is further the opinion of this Deanery that the scheme could be successfully carried out if no more than the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, (\$20,000,) was required to be raised.

HERBERT SPENCER,

*Secretary.*

### 4. *Rural Deanery of Haliburton.*

The Rural Dean writes, (4th April): "I have written to the Missions in this Rural Deanery on the subject of the Increase of the Episcopate, and as soon as I get their views I will communicate further with you.

Subsequently the Rural Dean writes as follows:

Opinion, of course, varies; one would go in for division of the Diocese without hesitation; another would oppose it. But there are points on which all seem to agree: 1st, that more intimate Episcopal supervision and intercourse are very desirable, accompanied with a decided wish that we should not be separated from our present Bishop; another, that it is incongruous to attempt the erection of a new diocese before completing the old one [in regard to its Cathedral].

I fear the scheme will have little support from this Rural Deanery. . . . The proposed division would add very greatly to our financial difficulties. . . . My own opinion is that, subject to these considerations, it is a most desirable object,—the Increase of the Episcopate, tending to the honour and glory of God, and the extension of His Kingdom.

PHILIP HARDING.

Apsley, May 4th, 1896.