

sums as may be due to the Clergy from their respective Parishes or Cures.

2. The Archdeacon shall also see that all Church property in the Diocese is kept in good repair.

RURAL DEAN.

1. The Rural Deans are officers of the Bishop, receiving their commissions from him, and are to report the proceedings of their Deaneries to the Bishop, through the Archdeacon.

2. The Rural Deans shall hold a Ruri-decanal meeting, in their several Deaneries, once every year. Special meetings may be called by them at the desire of the Bishop. They shall summon to all Ruri-decanal meetings the licensed Clergy, Church Wardens and Delegates to Synod in all parishes within their Deaneries, and none others.

3. Each Rural Dean, at the annual meeting of his Deanery, shall submit a report of such statistics connected with the different Missions or Parishes as he shall have been able to collect from the Clergymen and Church Wardens in their several Cures; such reports shall be presented at the Ruri-decanal meeting previous to their being forwarded to the Archdeacon.

4. The Rural Deans shall collect such statistics as the Bishop may direct; and all matters relating to the boundaries of Parishes or the erection of new ones shall be referred to a Ruri-decanal meeting.

5. The Rural Deans shall have no power of interference on their own mere motion, in matters of discipline, in any Parish or Mission. All such matters shall be referred to the Bishop, to be dealt with as he shall think proper.

STATUS OF PARISHES, ETC.

1. A Mission is an ecclesiastical division supplied by a Clergyman, who receives the whole or the greater part of his stipend from foreign aid.

2. A Parish is an ecclesiastical division including within its limits a church and parsonage, and providing within itself at least one-half of the stipend of the clergyman who is its incumbent.