

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEANS APPOINTED BY  
THE SYNOD.

At a meeting of the Committee on Rural Deans held in the Cathedral School House on the 22nd January, 1862, there were present the Rev. Messrs. Flanagan, Wetherall, O'Grady, Slack, Lonsdell, D. Lindsay.

It was moved that the Rev. Mr. Flanagan take the chair, and that the Rev. D. Lindsay act as Secretary.

The object of the Committee being to prepare instructions for the performance of the duties of Rural Deans, the following resolutions were adopted :—

1. The Rural Deans to consider themselves as officers of the Bishop, receiving the'r commission from him, and reporting the proceedings of their Deaneries to the Bishop, through the Archdeacon.
2. The duties of the Rural Deans in their several deaneries shall be, to hold a ruri-decanal meeting once every year. Special meetings may be called by them at the desire of the Bishop.
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 churchwardens in their several cases.
4. The Rural Deans shall collect such statistics as the Bishop may direct.
5. That such reports shall be presented at the ruri-decanal meeting previous to being forwarded to the Archdeacon.
6. That all matters relating to the boundaries of parishes or the erection of new ones, be referred to a ruri-decanal meeting.
7. That the Rural Deans shall have no power of interference on their own mere part in matters of discipline in any parish or mission. That all such matters shall be referred to the Bishop to be dealt with, as he shall think proper.

J. FLANAGAN, *Chairman.*

DAVID LINDSAY, *Secretary.*

Letters were received from Archdeacon Scott and the Rev. Mr. Neve, who were unavoidably detained from attending the Committee.

DEANERY OF HOCHELAGA.

The Church of England Missions in the Deanery of Hochelaga have lately been the scene of a number of interesting services and meetings. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which has for so many years nourished the Church in this Colony, having again, with generous liberality expressed its intention to assist in the formation of local endowments, the Rev. G. de Courcy O'Grady, Rural Dean, has been kindly visiting the several congregations for the purpose of promoting this important object, on the successful carrying out of which will depend in great measure whether the ministrations of the Church shall be continued amongst us. It was my privilege to be present at the meetings held at Kildare and Berthier, where a most commendable spirit was manifested and a ready willingness was shewn to engage in the good work.