

would materially facilitate order and efficiency in the work of the rural deans, if you were to furnish a tabular form by which they may be guided in obtaining information in accordance with the rule "the rural deans shall collect such statistics as the bishop may direct." This would in no wise cramp their efforts, as nothing can be more cordial than the co-operation of the clergy and laity.

I have in my possession much more valuable information concerning the deanery, furnished by the clergy and churchwardens, than it is possible to make room for, either in this report or the accompanying "tabular statement."

Respectfully submitted,

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*Rural Dean of Hochelaga.*

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEANERY OF BEDFORD.

In presenting the Third Annual Report of the Deanery of Bedford, the rural dean feels constrained to repeat the statement made in the opening part of his report for last year, as to the difficulty, in the present state of the Church in this country, of finding material for a very extended report.

The statistical returns presented must partake of the same character, nor can any great or marked change in the position and prospects of the Church be reasonably expected.

Nevertheless there is much to encourage in a comparison with our position of last year, and by the employment of an increased number of questions in the forms distributed to the clergy and churchwardens of the deanery, much interesting statistical information has been obtained, which, by the still further increase of a few questions might be made more complete.

Replies of a full and satisfactory character have been obtained by the Rural Dean from all the missions in the deanery with the exception of one.

There are now in the deanery sixteen missions, presided over by as many clergymen in priest's orders. In two of these there are assistant ministers in deacon's orders: and in a third a candidate for holy orders acts in that capacity. A larger extent of ground is thus covered, and an increased number of appointments kept up; and it would appear indeed to be the wisest and most feasible course to enable the church to meet the increasing demand for her services.

According to the returns actually received, there are, in the above mentioned sixteen missions, twenty-four churches, to which may be added one known to exist in the mission, which has not answered the