

attempt to make known to our brother churchmen in this Diocese what God is doing, amongst ourselves and throughout the world, for the Kingdom and Gospel of our Lord Jesus, has met with the hearty approval of the ministers and members of the Church, of all shades of opinion.

In looking forward to another year, we ask for active support from our brethren in Christ, both lay and clerical, and we ask above all their humble and earnest prayers to Almighty God, that in "this and all other works begun, continued and ended in Him, we may glorify His Holy name."

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COPY OF A LETTER ADDRESSED BY THE BISHOP OF MONTREAL TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL, RESPECTING THE PROGRESS AND PRESENT STATE OF THE DIOCESE.

As it is nearly twelve months since I wrote to you, with a general Report of the state and progress of the Church in this Diocese, I will now endeavour to give you, for the information of "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," some account of what we have been doing since the date of my former letter.

Our Diocesan Synod held its second annual meeting on the 19th and 20th of last June, and was very fully attended both by the clergy and lay-delegates. The different committees which had been at work since the previous meeting, presented some very valuable reports, which, after discussion and amendment, were finally adopted. The Committee "on the Organization of Parishes" embodied in its report the following, amongst other recommendations :

"That, in order to secure the better organization of Parishes and Missions now existing in the Diocese, it is in the opinion of the Committee desirable, that the Diocese should be divided into Rural Deaneries; and that for this object the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to take steps for the formation of such Deaneries.

"That it be directed by the Synod that the clergymen and Churchwardens, resident within each Rural Deanery, do within six months of the adjournment of the Diocesan Synod, or as soon after as practicable, hold a conference, or conferences, for the purpose of arranging and defining by mutual agreement the boundaries of their respective Parishes or Cures, and report the same to the Lord Bishop for his consideration; and should his Lordship approve of the same, then the boundaries so arranged, approved and declared, shall be the boundaries of the Parishes or Cures aforesaid. And that the Bishop cause a report of the same to be laid before the Synod at the ensuing meeting."

In accordance with the above recommendations I have issued a notice for the formation of four Rural Deaneries; and arrangements are making for carrying into effect the objects thus contemplated. I cannot but hope that we shall also thus obtain an efficient machinery for raising means for promoting the self-sustentation of the Church in many of the parishes. In the correspondence which I have had with you on this impor-