

sions were previous to the coming of the present Incumbent to the Mission. The Clergy in charge of these Parishes and Missions informed the Rural Dean that duplicate copies of the Parish Registers are filed in Court according to law.

The title deeds of all Church property in these Parishes and Missions are correct and valid, so far as the Rural Dean is capable of judging.

For many years past the Clergy residing in the southern portion of the old Deanery of St. Francis were accustomed to meet once a month, in rotation at each other's houses on the first Monday and Tuesday in each month, for the purpose of studying the Greek Testament, discussing topics which were calculated to further the growth and prosperity of the Church, and keep themselves abreast of the current Church literature of the day.

These meetings are still kept up with unflinching regularity, and have been found extremely helpful to the Clergy taking part in them.

The mode of procedure at these meetings is as follows :

1. Notice of each meeting is sent to the Clergy, by the Secretary, one week before the meeting.
2. All assemble for tea at the Parsonage on Monday evening.
3. Evening Service with Sermon at 7.30. Collection in aid of purchasing literature for use of the Clergy of the Deanery.
4. Early Communion at 7.30 on Tuesday.
5. Breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by Matins at 9.45.
6. Reading of Greek Testament, to 12.30 p.m.
7. Dinner at 1 p.m.
8. 2.30 p.m., discussion of subject named at previous meeting.
9. Talk about books lately read, and suggestions as to what books should be purchased for the Deanery Library as soon as possible.

The whole respectfully submitted.

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Rural Deanery of Quebec.

A very successful meeting of the Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Quebec was held at Levis on Wednesday and Thursday, December 1st and 2nd, presided over by the Reverend I. M. Thompson, the Rural Dean. After an important business meeting on Wednesday afternoon, at which the chief subject discussed was the Division of the Deanery, the Reverend S. Ropel, M.D., preached a good and appropriate Sermon at Evening Prayer.

Next morning many gathered together for the Holy Communion, the Venerable Archdeacon Roe being the Celebrant, assisted by the Reverend T. W. Fyles. After breakfast at the Parsonage there was another meeting at which two very interesting and instructive Papers were read by the Reverend G. G. Nicolls and the Reverend H. A. Dickson, followed by a prepared Address by the Reverend J. B. Debbage. After this Address the other Clergy present spoke, each one suggesting new ideas or emphasizing those of preceding speakers. At the afternoon gathering the Venerable Archdeacon Roe, D.D., delivered a Charge to the Clergy and Laity of the Deanery, which was considered so valuable that a committee was appointed to arrange for it to be published and circulated through the Deanery.

In the evening a Missionary Meeting, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary, was held in Holy Trinity Church, and earnest Addresses were given by the Archdeacon and by the Reverends T. W. Fyles and H. A. Dickson.

One very pleasant feature of this visit to Levis was the unbounded hospitality the Clergy received at the hands of the residents, and especially the kind invitation of the Bishop and Mrs. Hunter Dunn to luncheon at Bishopsthorpe, and it was felt by all that such Deanery gatherings could not be held too frequently.

METHODISM

ACCORDING TO ITS FOUNDER.

The Methodists were originally a society in the Church of England somewhat similar to our present Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and John Wesley