

Russeltown.
St. Johns.
Sabrevois.
Sherrington.

Deanery of St. Andrews.

Aylmer and Hull.
Buckingham.

Clarendon.
Gore of Chatham.
Grenville.
Onslow.
Portage du Fort.
St. Andrews.
Vaudreuil.

The Rev. G. Slack, M.A., Incumbent of Milton, has accepted the office of Rural Dean for the Deanery of Bedford:—the Rev. E. Duvernet, M.A., Incumbent of Hemmingford, that of Iberville:—the Rev. G. de G. O'Grady, M.A., Incumbent of Mascouche, that of Hochelaga:—and the Rev. R. Lonsdell, M.A., Rector of St. Andrews, that of St. Andrews.

There can be no doubt that the amount of good to be derived from this measure, will very mainly depend upon the temper, discretion, and fidelity, with which the Rural Deans execute the duties of their office; as well as upon the good spirit with which the other clergy and vestries of the several Churches endeavour to co-operate in the work. It may, and I trust it will, prove most useful in promoting the efficient working, and united action, and self-sustaining powers of the Church. In the general instructions given to the Rural Deans, which as far as the cases were applicable, I have taken from these in use in England, I have particularly mentioned that I am anxious, "in order to their knowing and being able to report to us or to our Archdeacon, and for the better information of the Synod, respecting the condition and arrangements of Parishes and Missions, and the property thereto belonging, and the means of support for the Clergy, and the general state and prospects of the Church, that they, the Rural Deans should, at such times and places as may seem most fitting, convene ruri-decanal meetings of the clergy and churchwardens and other members of the vestries within their respective Deanery; and with their assistance gather such information as shall enable them to make reports of the same, so that the Synod may take systematic action for the more efficient working of the Church, and the better sustentation of the clergy."

These are matters in which we all ought to feel a deep interest; and for the due execution of so important a work, I most sincerely commend the Rural Deans themselves, and all of you to the grace and mercy of God, for Jesus Christ's sake.

F. MONTREAL.

See House, Montreal, 20th, Feb. 1861.

THE BISHOP OF DURHAM AND RURAL DEANS.*

The Bishop of Durham has, by advertisement in the Durham papers, addressed a letter to the rural deans of the diocese, placing before them

* This article and that which follows we take from the English Church papers, with the view of letting our readers see how the Ruri-decanal system is regarded in the Church at home, and what are the subjects with which it seeks to deal in a practical manner.—*Eds. of Church Chronicle.*