

INSTRUCTIONS TO RURAL DEANS.

ISSUED BY

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I.

All previous instructions are hereby cancelled.

II.

Rural Deans are officers of the Bishop, appointed under the Canon and holding their commissions during his pleasure. They are required to report the proceedings of their Deaneries to the Bishop through the Archdeacon of the district.

III.

The duties of the Rural Deans are :

- (a) To summon from time to time the Ruri-decanal Chapters.
- (b) To preside at its meetings.
- (c) To collect statistics, and generally to superintend the business of the Chapter as hereinafter provided.

IV.

The Rural Dean shall possess no visitorial powers, or right of interference on his own mere motion in matters of discipline or patronage in any Parish or Mission. All such matters shall be referred to the Bishop, to be dealt with by him as he shall think proper.

V.

The Ruri-decanal Chapter shall consist of the following members : The Rural Dean, who shall be chairman ; the licensed Clergy, together with the Wardens and Lay Representatives to Synod of all Parishes within the limits of the Deanery, and none others.

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The function of the Ruri-decanal Chapter shall be executive not legislative. Its province is not to enact laws, but to further the efficient discharge of certain laws which now are, or hereafter may be, in existence in the Diocese.

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