

After the usual elections, the Rural Dean of Richmond read a report on his work as Rural Dean during the year. The Rural Dean of Cookshire also gave an account of the inauguration of the Rural Deanery of Cookshire on June 28th, 1897. It was agreed that each Rural Dean should present a report annually at the Deanery Board Meeting.

Instead of reporting on the general extension of the Church's work, the Archdeacon of Quebec (Venerable H. Roe, D.D.), read a paper he had prepared on The Papal Infallibility and Mariolatry, which was received with thanks, and a hope was expressed that the paper would ultimately be printed.

The Principal of Bishop's College read a concise report of Bishop's College School, shewing that the increased numbers of 1896 had been again improved upon; and noting (1) the crowded state of the College; (2) the legacies of Mr. Molson and Mr. Nicolls; (3) the promised completion of the Chapel and especially of the Memorial Windows; and (4) the great need of a considerable sum to complete the Jubilee Fund.

Canon Foster read the report of the Principal of Compton College, and this was supplemented by a very admirable statement by the Reverend G. H. Parker, who spoke of the success of the Ladies' College in 1896 at the Government Examinations, also of the improvements made during the year and of the need of greater support for the School on the part of Church families.

Mr. Dorey presented the report of the S. Francis District Choir Association, and received a warm vote of thanks for his labour of love in connexion with the Church music throughout the District.

A discussion ensued with regard to the proposed changes in the By-Laws of the Church Society, especially in regard to the provisions made for widows and orphans. A resolution asking for a delay in any change of rules, till the Synod of 1899 should have an opportunity of discussing the changes proposed, was carried almost unanimously.

In the afternoon the Lay Helpers' Association was assembled under the presidency of lay Vice-President, R. W. Heneker, Esq. The officials were elected for the coming year. A paper was read by F.

Mappin, Esq., of Richmond, on the "Duties of Church-Wardens," which will be printed in our February issue. There was an interesting discussion, and a large number of ladies were present.

A Missionary Meeting was held in the Church Hall at 8 p. m., the Bishop presiding. After Prayer had been offered by the Rector of Sherbrooke, the Secretary of the S. Francis Branch of the Church Society read his admirable synopsis of the reports sent in by the various Clergy, shewing very clearly the good progress made during the year.

Canon Adams read a paper on the life and missionary career of Bishop Reginald Heber. Dr. Dumbell spoke next and dwelt very earnestly upon the necessity in our missionary work of doing more for Canada, instead of attempting the impossible, by trying to do a little here and a little there, all over the world, all at once.

The Bishop summed up the different matters which had been brought forward, and, after urging upon all present to make a self-sacrificing gift for the Diocese of Algoma, concluded with the Benediction.

Report of the Rural Dean of the Deanery of Coaticook.

The following Report came into the Bishop's hand at Synod, and it is now published as being a good example of what a Rural Dean's Report to Synod may well be:

The Rural Dean of the Deanery of Coaticook begs to report:

That in conformity with Section 6, of Canon 12, on "The duties of Archdeacons and Rural Deans," he has visited four of the Parishes of the Deanery, and found the Parsonages, Churches and other ecclesiastical buildings in a good state of repair, and adequately insured against fire. The Churches in these Parishes are supplied with all accessories necessary for the due Celebration of Divine Offices. The Parochial Registers are also accurately kept, with the exception of that in the Mission of Way's Mills and Barnston, where some of the entries are not duly witnessed, by two witnesses, according to law. These omis-