

the necessary repairs, then the Archdeacon and Rural Dean shall report the same to the Diocesan Synod, together with an estimate by a competent mechanic of the cost of such necessary repairs.

**SECTION II.**—It shall be the duty of the Churchwardens to insure and keep insured the houses and buildings on the premises held by the incumbent, and whenever any improvements or repairs become necessary, from the lapse of time, such as new roofings, external or internal painting, new fencing to protect the premises, the expense of these and all similar repairs and improvements shall be borne by the parish, and in no case shall the Clergyman be accountable for any damage or dilapidation that may occur through the negligence or unwillingness of the vestry to carry out such necessary improvements or repairs; but it shall be the duty of the Clergyman, under such circumstances, to report at once to the Rural Dean the condition of the premises and the unwillingness of the vestry to improve and protect the same; and if, on further inquiry, the Rural Dean finds that the vestry refuse to take action in the matter, then he shall report the same to the Archdeacon; and if, upon their representation, the vestry still refuse or neglect to make the necessary repairs, then it shall be their duty to report the same to the Synod, provided that, when there is more than one congregation in a Parish or Mission, it shall be the duty of each to bear its proper share in the repairs of the parsonage and outbuildings in such proportion as shall be determined by the Archdeacon or Rural Dean.

**SECTION III.**—The Rural Deans shall make an annual report to the Synod on the state of repair of all churches, parsonages, &c., within their respective deaneries.

**SECTION IV.**—That in cases where the Rural Dean himself is an interested party in any church or parsonage, then the Archdeacon shall act in the premises; and in case of the Archdeacon being an interested party, then the Rural Dean shall act.

**XI.—FOR SETTLING BOUNDARIES OF MISSIONS AND PARISHES, AND THE SUBDIVISION AND UNION OF THE SAME.**

That in each Rural Deanery of the Diocese, there shall be appointed by the Bishop a Committee for the purpose of making a division, and defining the boundaries of each parish and mission therein; that each Rural Dean shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee in his Deanery, and after the passing of this Canon, the Committee in each Rural Deanery shall be convened by the Rural Dean thereof, to settle all the questions for which they are appointed, and report the same to the Bishop. And each Rural Dean shall from time to time report any changes which may be proposed in such bounds by the said Committee; and the decisions of the Committees in the powers hereby conferred upon them shall be final upon

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