

The duties of the Clergy of the Deanery consist in answering all summons given by the Rural Dean, in assisting him in the maintenance of due order and decorum at all meetings of the Chapter, and to aid him in making his annual returns to the Bishop.

In speaking of the work of our Deanery we should like to express the hope that before long we shall see a few representative Laymen at the quarterly meetings of our Chapter. The work of the Church is as much a matter of deep interest to them as to the Clergy, and by taking part in the discussion upon matters of the highest importance, their interest in working for the Church would be very much increased. The two orders would stimulate each other, and we should never hear of a single drone in the hive.

From what has now been said about our Deanery we trust it will appear that there is not only need for its existence, but that it is a most useful agent in our Church system of work. Only let the Rural Dean and his Clergy fulfil their duties honestly and conscientiously, and the Church will become a living power in each Parish or Mission.

### Diocesan News.

The time has arrived when a Report may be looked for from the Collectors duly appointed for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions from every Church member in the Diocese in aid of "THE BISHOP MEDLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND." It is confidently hoped that a successful canvass has been made, and that at least two Scholarships will be opened for Divinity Students in the year 1886.

The vacancy at St. Martins has been filled by a Clergyman from the Diocese of Nova Scotia, but we believe Bathurst, Dalhousie and Richmond are still without pastors.

Rev. F. H. Almon has left Richibucto, and Rev. W. L. Currie from Nova Scotia has accepted the post.

Rev. H. Holloway, who has been so long laid by with a lame knee, is slowly recovering.

The Bishop Coadjutor has kindly invited the seven Rural Deans of the Diocese to spend a few days with him at Fredericton at the beginning of this month, for the purpose of discussing subjects of interest and importance.

Rev. William Gill, who served some time in the town of Sussex, N. B., as a Minister of the Reformed Episcopal Body, has been received into the Church and duly licensed to a Cure of souls by the Bishop of New Westminster, British Columbia, after a full recantation of his errors. The reverend gentleman had been duly ordained by the Bishop of Pennsylvania before turning Reformer.

Our new Diocesan Magazine is now published for the first time as a Specimen Copy, under the title of "The Chronicle of the Diocese of Fredericton," and is full of most interesting matter. We wish the Committee of Management every success, and offer our hearty congratulations on the appearance of the "Chronicle." May the Specimen Copy lead to a long and successful career, and a still longer roll of subscribers!

A New Church is in contemplation, to be built in the Parish of Nelson, Northumberland County, which Parish formed a portion of the vast field covered in days gone by through the indefatigable exertions of the late Rev. James Hudson.

Ludlow Church, which is being built in loving memory of Father Hudson, is rapidly rising from its foundation, and we believe before the winter is far advanced will have its roof on. The Church at Baie des Vents, another of Father Hudson's buildings, is having a new foundation put under it, besides other necessary repairs.

Some very handsome furniture, consisting of Prayer Desk, Lectern, and Episcopal Chair, which has been executed by Messrs. Ross & McPherson of Sussex, was placed in S. Mary's Church, Chatham, on Christmas Day.

### Parochial Items.

CAMBRIDGE:—The repairs on S. Luke's Church, Young's Cove, have already been commenced. We hope to be able to cut down the height of the walls, which at present are very unsightly; to put on a new roof, and add a Chancel to the building. When we have accomplished this much we hope to feel proud of our work.

During the winter we shall have several teams hauling stone for the proposed Church at Lower Jemseg, but we want more money before we can begin to build. Where is it going to come from?