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A Prayer appointed by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, to be used in all Churches in the Diocese on two or more Sundays previous to the meeting of the Diocesan Synod, and also during the Session.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who, by Thy Holy Spirit, didst preside in the Councils of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world: we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of this Diocese, *here*, (or, *now about to be*) assembled in Thy name. Save us (or, *them*) from all ignorance, error, pride, and prejudice; and of Thy great mercy, vouchsafe so to direct, govern and sanctify *us* (or, *them*) in *our* (or, *their*) important work, by Thy Holy Spirit, that, through Thy blessing on *our* (or, *their*) deliberations, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained amongst us, to the overthrow of Satan's power, and the final establishment of Thy heavenly kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN.

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The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Synod was held on Tuesday, June 16, 1863, and the two following days. Divine Service was celebrated on the morning of the 16th in the Cathedral Church, the Dean and Canons of the Cathedral officiating. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. CANON BANCROFT, D.D., Incumbent of Trinity Church, Montreal, from St. Matthew xxviii., 20; and the Holy Communion was afterwards administered to a large body of the Clergy, Lay-delegates and members of the congregation.

At two o'clock the Synod assembled in the Cathedral school room, and was opened by the Lord Bishop with prayer, after which the names of the Clerical delegates were called over by the Lay Secretary; the Clerical Secretary, the Rev. E. J. ROGERS, having resigned and taken his departure for England.

The names having been called over, the Lord Bishop proceeded to deliver the following address:—

REVEREND BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY:

I am glad to be allowed, in the providence of God, to meet you once more in this Synod of our Church, to take friendly counsel with you in respect to the concerns of the Church in this Diocese and of the Province at large. I am glad to meet you here, because, though I have had

much satisfaction, and I hope profit and enjoyment, in meeting so many friends and so many of my old associates in England, yet I can truly say that while absent I have been ever present with you in spirit; and I feel more and more that any continued absence from one's proper sphere of duty becomes irksome to one who has long been in the habit of discharging the important duties which such a charge as this devolves upon him. I left the diocese in peace, and had no doubt then that I should find you in peace at my return. I left you under the superintendence of the Dean of Montreal, who had on previous occasions occupied my place in my absence, and I felt sure he would have the confidence and co-operation of all of you in any matters he might have to transact in my absence. I owe him and you also my thanks for the satisfactory state of things I find on my return. Since we last met I held an ordination, and ordained four priests and four deacons,—the largest ordination I ever held since my appointment to this diocese. I have received since last session of this Synod, five clergymen ordained in other dioceses to officiate here. But we have lost some of our number; our Clerical secretary, who had so long acted in that capacity, and who possessed the confidence and good will of the great body of those for whom and with whom he worked; and I hope when we come to select a successor, we shall select one who will carry on the work no less satisfactorily than he did it. I cannot omit also to mention the loss of another friend removed by death, the Rev. Gerald DeCourcy O'Grady, who both in the Synod and Diocese at large and in his own peculiar work, had earned for himself a good name among us. He was as a scholar, also, most useful, having been appointed again and again to conduct the examinations at the University of Lennoxville, where his loss will be very much felt. We have lost also by death among the laity, one active member of our Synod, Captain Maitland, who ever since I have been in this diocese has been one of the most active and consistent laborers among us in all works connected with the Church and her various institutions, and who, as a man of consistent life and piety, deserves honorable mention here and elsewhere. We have much work now to do, and especially to complete the organization of our system, which is still most imperfect. We have to carry out into the various parts of the diocese, which I trust will be done through the efficient working of our Rural deaneries, a completely organized system. When I was in England I attended one of the largest meetings which took place of the Archbishops and Bishops of our Church, where important matters were brought up and discussed. A deputation, headed by Mr. Henry Hoare,—well known to you as one of the most able and active co-workers with the clergy in promoting the efficiency of the Church, and who has especially been active in promoting the lay agency in connection with the clergy,—came to that meeting with a deputation

representing the principal parishes of London and neighbourhood, to impress upon the Bishops the very great importance of putting into efficient operation the system of ruri-decanal chapters; setting forth that it was at once by concentrating in the different chapters the intelligence and piety of those who took an interest in the Church, that we can best hope to call out its latent energies and powers, and promote its vigor and growth; and if this was the case in England where they had always so much of an organized system, and only want to give it life and energy, how much more ought we to feel here that this agency is most desirable. It is quite impossible that a bishop could know all the little details and arrangements necessary for particular localities; and, therefore, I do hope that more and more we shall see the system, organized under the various rural deaneries, carried into complete and successful operation. I am most grateful to those who have given time and energy to the working of that system. It has had difficulties to encounter since its introduction among us, but they are such as can be overcome by carefulness, kindness and discretion, and by its being seen that the one object is the general prosperity and happiness of the Church; that there are no private ends aimed at, but that we are looking to God and the welfare of the Church—the promotion of its efficiency and usefulness as an agency of God for evangelizing the people. And one great object we have to carry out through the working of the rural deaneries is, endeavouring to establish partial endowments of our various churches. I have been more and more convinced that it is the duty and interest of the people, if they wish to retain the Church amongst them, to make efforts for that purpose. In communications I have had with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to whose great liberality we owe the first planting of the Church and its nurturing among us, I have found that while anxious to see one of their oldest and most successful children flourishing, they cannot and ought not to be called on to maintain in perpetuity, or even for any length of time, the individual ministers among us. I consider we have been treated with unusual liberality by that Society, which is now continuing to pay us to the uttermost of what they can afford to do. I attended numerous meetings of their financial and general committees while in England, and saw applications brought before them from every quarter of the world pressing on them most earnestly; and they were anxious to meet the appeals, but were unable, owing to a deficiency of funds, which had suffered in consequence of the demands during the winter for the relief of the suffering operatives of England, and other causes. The current subscriptions to the Society have consequently fallen last year to the extent, I believe, of £3,000. True, the Society had some considerable legacies left to them, which would make up that deficiency; but, as business men, you know that no undertaking could be

attempted on mere chance revenues, but only on regular subscriptions or receipts. I was informed that the great Indian fund, received some time ago, in dependence on which a great work was undertaken in that empire, will in about three years be exhausted, when the current expenditure of the Society will exceed their income by many thousands a year; and unless that loss can be made up by the usual annual subscriptions, which will be very difficult, if at all attainable in the face of the actual deficiency, it will be incumbent on the Society to retrench wherever they can to enable them to carry on necessary work. I do expect, therefore, that when we come next to have a settlement with them, we shall be obliged to relinquish a very considerable sum of the grant hitherto allowed us for support. And in order that we fail not in the work in which we are engaged, we must be anxious and zealous in looking to our people throughout the country, having so long been provided for by this Society, to maintain themselves efficiently their own Church. The Society some time ago appropriated £10,000 towards creating endowments, £1,000 of which was set apart for the Church in this Diocese, on condition that our people contributed a certain amount in aid. I hope we shall take advantage of this offer, and endeavour to place ourselves in a position of greater independence financially. It is impossible we can engage any fresh labourers unless we know something of the terms we can offer, for every labourer is worthy of his hire; and we should fix and settle in the various districts of the country some system having for its object the proper allocation of clergymen, the filling up of vacancies, and the like. While passing through last week on his way to England, the Bishop of Columbia was pleased and gratified to see the actual progress and efficiency of the Church at the various places visited. On comparing it with the Church in his infant colony, it gave him some encouragement to hope that he might one day see the Church developed there in its full system of organization as in Canada. When in England I saw great interest manifested in our Church organization. We are now by far the most advanced of any of the churches in the colonies of England; and, as far as we can do it, complete in all the organization, self-government and regulation of our Church. We have the power of electing our own bishops, and the power, in our Provincial and Diocesan Synods of making rules and regulations for governing ourselves without interference or hindrance, save only that we are to do so according to the laws of God and with due submission to the constituted authorities And we are reminded by the presence of some here to-day, and by business to come up to-morrow, that we are most intimately connected with the other Dioceses of Canada—that we form part of the united body of Christ's Church. The business to be brought before us to-morrow will be with respect to the appointment of Metropolitan of this Province. His Lord-

ship now in feeling terms alluded to the great loss which the Diocese of Quebec and the whole Church in Canada had sustained in the death of Bishop Mountain, eulogizing his excellent qualities of head and heart, and dwelling upon his devotion and long services to the cause of his Divine master. He (the speaker) expected to preside on Sunday next at the consecration of the late Bishop's successor, who, he had reason to hope would prove no unworthy successor of his late predecessor. With respect to the business of appointing a future Metropolitan, he (the Bishop) trusted the members of Synod would come to the consideration of the question with that calmness, thoughtfulness, and prayerful spirit that became those discussing so important a matter, connected with the welfare of the Church at large. A very able and excellent paper on the subject had been put forth by Dr. Beaven, which seemed to have exhausted, in a most able, clear and dispassionate manner, every view of the case. Whatever decision might be come to by his right reverend and reverend brethren, he hoped would be overruled by our Great Head for the eventual welfare of His Church among us; and that we should be enabled more and more throughout the Province at large to devote ourselves in singleness of spirit to that great and important work to which we have been called, witnessing for the truth of God among men, and endeavour to hand down to future generations that truth which we have received from the past. This is no common time, regarded either in a social, political or religious aspect. Great discussions respecting religious matters were going on with a boldness and freedom that would have startled us in former years; and though he had no misgiving with regard to the triumph of God's truth, and the safety of His Church, yet he believed that truth and Church would be subjected to severe trials; that it must be expected that it was only by a faithful adherence to God and His Word they could hope to see the troubles around them overcome. And whenever the Mother Church should be suffering from the assaults of her enemies, her noble and devoted sons standing up for the truth would receive no small encouragement from knowing that elsewhere and in Canada especially, there was a branch of that Church, free and unencumbered by any connection with the State, that could lift up its voice in defence of the "Truth as it is in Jesus," and witness together with them against all gainsayers. They were not to be afraid of discussion, nor did they expect perfect unanimity in every minute particular among themselves. But they might labour together in the same spirit, and feel they had all one great object in view, and without private ends or personal views, endeavour to live to God and to witness for Him in the midst of a perverse and corrupt generation. I hope God's blessing will rest on us as individual members, both lay and clerical. In our public duties, especially as ministers of Christ's Church, we are

bound to give a good example to our flocks, and while we bid them walk in the way of Heaven, try and lead them there ourselves.

The names of the Lay Delegates were then called over, and Messrs. Hutton and Chamberlin were appointed by the President scrutineers to examine whether the certificates of the delegates were correct and in due order.

The following are the names of the Clergy and Lay Delegates who had seats in the Synod, those present on this occasion being distinguished by an * :

LIST OF CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

PARISH OR MISSION.	CLERGY.	LAY DELEGATES.
	CATHEDRAL DISTRICT.	
MONTREAL. *Cathedral*	*Dean of Montreal *Rev. Can. Thompson, M.A. *Rev. Canon White *Rev. Dr. Leach, Hon. Can.	*Hon. Geo. Moffatt. *Hon. Justice McCord.
St. John the Evangelist	*Rev. E. Wood, M.A., *Rev. H. Burgess, B.A.	*F. B. Baker. *C. Hempstead.
	DEANERY OF HOCHELAGA.	
St. George's	*Rev. W. B. Bond, M.A. *Rev. Edward Sullivan, B.A.	*James Hutton. *Geo. Moffatt, Jun.
St. Stephen's	*Rev. J. Ellegood, M.A.,	*Dr. Smallwood. *Dr Wright.
Trinity	*Rev. Canon Bancroft, D.D. *Rev. W. B. Curran, B.A.	*Hugh Taylor. *W. A. Merry.
St. Luke's	*Rev. J. Irwin, M.A.,	*James Nelson.
Hochelaga	*Rev. R. R. Burrage, M.A.	
Chaplain to the Forces.	*Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, M.A.	
BERTHIER.		
Berthier	Rev. W. A. Merrick, M.A.	*E. E. Shelton. *Chs. Forneret.
Brandon	*Rev. J. Merrick	Jas. Armstrong, *J. S. Dixon.
COTEAU DU LAC	*Rev. T. A. Young, M.A.	Henry Roebuck. M. W. Bailey.
LACHINE	*Rev. J. Flanagan	*Col. Wilgress. *A. C. Newman.
LAPRAIRIE *Longueuil*	Rev. W. Fyles	*Jas. Macdonald. *Jas. Charlton.
MASCOUCHE. *Mascouche*	*Rev. G. Heaton, M.A.	*Hon. Mr. Pangman.
Terrebonne ST. THERESE	*Rev. T. Godden, B.A.	John McKenzie. John Moody, Jun.
NEW GLASGOW. *New Glasgow* *Kilkenny*		*John Gwin. Strachan Bethune.
RAWDON	*Rev. C. Rollit	*Wm. Scroggy.
KILDARE	Rev. W. M. Seaborn	*Richd. Dixon. *Thos. Simpson.
SOREL	Rev. W. Anderson	*W. H. A. Davies. *E. Carter.

Deanery of Bedford.

Abbotsford	*Rev. F. Robinson, M.A.	*M. H. Sanborn.
Rougemont		*Arthur Nelson Bradford.
Bedford	Rev. Jas. Jones	*Joseph Drake. *Francis Standish.
Brome	*Rev. Rob. Lindsay, M.A.,	*H. S. Foster. *Charles Handyside.
Knowlton	*Rev. J. C. Smith	*T. B. Anderson.
Brome Corners		*Stanley C. Bagg.
Cowansville	*Rev. J. C. Davidson	
Churchville		
Dunham	*Ven. Archdeacon Scott, DD.	*Thos. Selby. *Jos. Baker.

Deanery of Iberville.

Granby		Dr. G. M. Abbott.
		*John Spackman.
North Shefford	*Rev. W. Jones	*Benj. Savage.
		D. R. Wood.
Milton	*Rev. G. Slack, M. A.	Rufus Kimpton. Dan. McMillan.
Potton	*Rev. J. Godden	*Samuel E. Dawson.
South Bolton		*Reuben Taylor.
St. Armand East	Rev. Canon Reid, D.D.	*A. L. Baker.
St. Armand West	*Rev. J. B. Davidson B.A.	
Phillipsburgh	*Rev. H. Montgomery	Hon. P. H. Moore. T. A. Roberts.
Pigeon Hill		Capt. P. Yates. S. W. Stone.
St. Hyacinthe	Rev. A. O. Taylor.	
Stanbridge East	*Rev. J. Constantine, M.A.	Thos. Baker. Alex. Johnston.
Stukely	*Rev. C. P. Abbott	*Robt. Dunlop.
Sutton	Rev. W. T. Early	J. H. Maitland. *Joel C. Baker.
Waterloo	*Rev. D. Lindsay, M.A.	H. L. Robinson. *R. A. Ellis.
Frost Village		Hon. L. S. Huntington. *John Williams.
West Shefford	*Rev. A. T. Whitten	*M. H. Sanborn.
West Farnham	*Rev. T. Mussen, B.A.	*Brown Chamberlin. S. M. Conant.

Deanery of Iberville.

Chambly	*Rev. H. J. Petry, B.A.	*Col. Thorndike. *Sir Wm. Johnson, Bart.
Christieville	*Rev. J. A. McLeod, M.A.	*Wm. McGinnes. *Robt. McKay.
Clarenceville	Rev. Canon Townsend, MA	Noman H. Derrick.
St. Thomas		*Hobart Townsend.
St. George		*Henry Martin.
Henryville		
Edwardstown	Rev. E. J. G. Sutton	
St. Remi		
Hemmingford	Rev. E. Duvernet, M.A.	*Frs. Clarkson. *Frs. Drummond Fulford.
Hemmingford Corners		
St. Luke		
do. St. John Baptist.		
Sherrington		

HUNTINGDON.		
Huntingdon *Hinchinbrooke*	*Rev. F. Burt	John Booth. Jas. Hyde. Jas. Hutton. *Wm. H. Hicks.
LACOLLE	Rev. A. D. Lockhart	*H. Derrick.
ORMSTOWN	*Rev. W. Brethour, M. A.	*James Keith. Matthew Wilson.
RUSSELLTOWN *Manningsville* *Havelock*	*Rev. J. Fulton, M.A.	*Peter Polica. *Wm. Barrett.
SABREVOIS	*Rev. B. P. Lewis, B.A. *Rev. N. V. Fenn, M. A.	
ST. JOHNS.		
St. John *L'Acadie*	Rev. H. F. Darnell, M.A.	*Chas. Lindsay. *Isaac Coote. *Frs. Dawsey. *Samuel Simpson.

DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS.

AYLMER.		
Aylmer *Hull*	Rev. J. Johnston	
BUCKINGHAM	*Rev. W. Morris	
CLARENDON	*Rev. F. Codd	Alex. Smart. John Seaman.
GORE, NORTH	Rev. J. Griffin	J. J. Gibb.
GRENVILLE	*Rev. F. S. Neve	
MORIN.		
Morin *Mille Isles*	Rev. H. Wray, B. A.	
ONSLOW	*Rev. F. G. C. Brathwaite, M.A.	Walton Smith. Sam. Percival.
PORTAGE DU FORT	*Rev. J. Gribble	
ST. ANDREWS	*Rev. R. Lonsdell, M.A.	Duncan M. Naughton. Geo. Schneider.
VAUDREUIL	*Rev. J. Pyke	*John Hodgson. *R. W. Shepherd.

RETIRED.—Rev. R. Whitwell, Rev. Thos. Johnson, Rev. J. McMasters, Rev. J. Braithwaite.

It was then moved by the Rev. CANON BANCROFT, D.D., seconded by the Rev. W. BOND, M.A., Rural Dean, and Resolved,

That the Rev. Canon Thompson be the Clerical Secretary of the Synod.

Moved by Mr. C. LINDSAY, seconded by Dr. SMALLWOOD, and Resolved,

That M. H. Sanborn, Esq., be re-elected Lay Secretary.

Moved by Rev. W. BOND, and seconded by Ven. ARCHDEACON SCOTT, and carried,

That James Hutton, Esq., be re-elected Treasurer of the Synod.

It was moved by Rev. W. BOND, and seconded by Ven. ARCHDEACON SCOTT, and Resolved,

That Robert Mackay, Esq., and W. H. A. Davies, Esq., be appointed Auditors.

It was moved by REV. CANON BANCROFT, seconded by ARCHDEACON SCOTT, and carried,

That Clergymen of other Dioceses present be invited to take seats in the Synod.

REPORTS.

The Report of the Committee on the best means of promoting the erection of Churches and Parsonage Houses was read by the Very Reverend the DEAN OF MONTREAL, and ordered to stand over for consideration till to-morrow.

The Report of the Committee for examining into the legal disabilities of Clergymen ordained in the American Episcopal Church was read by the Rev. CANON BANCROFT, when it was moved by Ven. ARCHDEACON SCOTT, seconded by Rev. J. GODDEN,

That the Report be adopted and printed.

Moved in amendment by Rev. J. ELLEGOOD, seconded by W. A. MERRY, Esq., and carried,

That the Report of the Committee be referred back to the same, to take measures for communicating with the Synods of the other Dioceses in this Province, in respect to the removal of the disabilities therein mentioned as now affecti g American Clergymen, so far as it concerns the Province of Canada.

The report of the Committee for defining the duties of Churchwardens was read by the Rev. CANON THOMPSON.

It was moved by Rev. G. SLACK, seconded by Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON, and Resolved,

That the Report be received and printed for the further consideration of Synod.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES HUTTON, ESQ., then read his statements of receipts and disbursements, by which it appeared that a balance of $23.95 remained on hand at the last meeting; that the receipts from fifty-six collections amounted to $237.54, total $261.49. The disbursements were $202.47, leaving a balance of $59.02 in the Treasurer's hands. The report was referred to the Auditors.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

The DEAN OF MONTREAL gave notice that he will, to-morrow, move the adoption of the Report of the Committee on building Churches and Parsonages.

The Rev. G. SLACK gave notice that he should move on the following day,

That the members of the Synod desire to express their deep regret at the loss they have sustained in the departure of their late Secretary, the Rev. E. J. Rogers, from amongst them.

The Rev. W. BOND gave notice that he would move,

That whereas a large amount of Church property in this Diocese is unprotected by Insurance, and whereas a proposition has been made to the Lord Bishop, by the Royal Insurance Company, to cover by one Policy, in his Lordship's name, the whole of the property belonging to the Church in this Diocese :

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to examine into and report upon the said proposition during the present session of Synod.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The consideration of business left unfinished at the previous Synod was then taken up.

It was moved by the DEAN OF MONTREAL, seconded by W. H. A. DAVIES, Esq., and carried,

That the number of Clerical and Lay Delegates to represent each Diocese in the Provincial Synod having been fixed by the Provincial Synod at twelve of each order, the Clerical and Lay Secretary, at the preceding Diocesan Synod, shall always be *ex-officio* amongst the number of delegates to represent this Diocese at any meeting of the Provincial Synod, with eleven others of each order to be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the Synod.

It was moved by the Rev. J. FULTON, and lost,

That substitutes may be named when the delegates are elected, who may take their place in case of their unavoidable absence from sickness or otherwise.

Moved by the Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON, seconded by the VEN. ARCH. SCOTT, and lost,

That whereas in opposition to the clear intention of the Rubrics, and the subscription required of the 36th canon, there are instances of the want of uniformity in the Sunday services in churches as regards the use and junction of the Morning Prayer, Litany, and ante-communion, a committee be appointed by his Lordship the Bishop to report on this subject to the present Synod, in order that it may prescribe how, when, and under what circumstances such deviations shall be permissible (if at all.)

It was moved by the Hon. G. MOFFATT, seconded by Rev. J. ELLEGOOD, and Resolved,

That the 23d and 24th sections of the rules and regulations of the Synod be rescinded, and the following adopted in lieu thereof. "That to facilitate the dispatch of business, and insure more effectual consideration of matters to be discussed in Synod, all notices of motions intended to be brought before the next Synod shall be sent in to the Clerical Secretary at least six weeks before the day of meeting: and it shall be the duty of the Clerical Secretary to keep a record of such notices; and to issue a circular statement of the business for the ensuing Synod, and the order in which the same shall be brought up. The circular to be forwarded to each clergyman and parish, one month before the meeting of the Synod."

SCRUTINEERS' REPORT.

The Scrutineers here reported that they had examined the certificates of the Lay Delegates, and had found them correct.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS.

It was moved by Rev. D. LINDSAY, seconded by Rev. G. SLACK, and carried,

That whereas several reports have been adopted by the Synod which appear to be intended for the guidance of the Church, the Lord Bishop is requested to name a Committee for the purpose of preparing such canons as may be necessary to carry out the recommendations which these reports contain.

It was moved by the Rev. J. FULTON, seconded by the Rev. R. LINDSAY, and carried,

That all Reports of Committees to be submitted to the Synod be printed and forwarded to the members one month before the meeting of Synod.

It was moved by the Rev. F. S. NEVE, seconded by the Rev. W. ANDERSON, and Resolved,

That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Dr. BANCROFT, for his excellent sermon.

The Lay Secretary read a letter from S. C. Bagg, Esq., inviting the members of the Synod to visit the museum of the Natural History Society.

It was moved by the DEAN OF MONTREAL, seconded by the VEN. ARCH. SCOTT, and carried,

That the Bishop be requested to name a Committee of four Clerical and four Lay members of the Synod to meet the Committee appointed by the Provincial Synod, and confer upon the succession to the Metropolitical See.

The Bishop named the following as members of the Committee.

Venerable Archdeacon Scott. Revds. Canon Bancroft, Geo. Slack and W. Bond, Honbles. G. Moffatt, Judge McCord, J. Hutton, and W. H. A. Davies, Esqrs.

The Synod was then adjourned to 10 A.M., on the following day.

SECOND DAY.

The Synod reassembled in the School-room at 10 A. M., on Wednesday, June 17.

The Lord Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

The Report of the Committee on the superannuation of aged and disabled clergymen was then read by F. D. FULFORD, Esq., and on motion of the Rev. D. LINDSAY, seconded by Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON, was received and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee on Education was then read by the Rev. CANON THOMPSON.

It was moved by Rev. J. ELLEGOOD, seconded by Rev. J. FULTON, and carried,

That the Report be received and printed, and brought up for future discussion.

Dr. SMALLWOOD gave notice of his intention to move, seconded by STANLEY C. BAGG, Esq.,

That as the Archdeacon requires some additional pecuniary aid to enable him to discharge his duties more efficiently; it is desirable that some means be taken to place at the disposal of the Lord Bishop the sum of $400 per annum for the purpose of providing such salary for the Archdeacon.

The Bishop then named as members of the Committee for preparing such Canons as may be necessary to the carrying out of the Reports adopted by the Synod, the following:

REV. CANON LEACH, REV. W. JONES,
REV. D. LINDSAY,
HON. JUDGE MCCORD, E. CARTER, H. TAYLOR.

The Rev. W. BOND then read the Report of the Committee respecting the time of occupancy of parsonages after the decease

of the incumbent, which was received and ordered to be printed on motion of Rev. J. ELLEGOOD, seconded by Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON.

The Rev. R. LINDSAY having stated that there was no Committee on Finance, the Joint Committee on Finance and organization of Parishes having expired, the Bishop named the following as a Committee of the Diocese on Finance:

REV. W. BOND,	REV. J. FLANAGAN,
W. H. A. DAVIES,	W. MCGINNIS,
REV. R. LINDSAY,	REV. CANON THOMPSON,
JAMES HUTTON,	DR. SMALLWOOD

The REV. W. BOND then moved, seconded by ARCHDEACON SCOTT, and it was resolved,

That a Committee of the following members be appointed to take into consideration the desirableness of seeing to the satisfactory insurance against fire of all Church Property in the Diocese:

ARCHDEACON SCOTT,	REV. C. ROLLITT,
REV. W. BOND,	HON. G. MOFFATT,
" G. SLACK,	T. B. ANDERSON,
" J. FLANAGAN,	JAS. HUTTON,
" R. LINDSAY,	W. A. MERRY.

SUCCESSION TO THE METROPOLITICAL SEE.

The DEAN OF MONTREAL then read the Report of the Committee which had been appointed to confer with the Committee of the Provincial Synod on the succession to the Metropolitical See.

The Committee of this Synod appointed to confer with the Committee of the Provincial Synod upon the question of the succession to the office of Metropolitan, beg respectfully to report that they have attended a meeting of that Committee at which the subject received mature consideration, when the following resolution was agreed to:

WHEREAS Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the city of Montreal to be the Metropolitical See of the Province of Canada, and the Bishop of Montreal to be the Metropolitan of the said Province; and whereas, it has been generally considered inexpedient that the Metropolitan should be elected by the Diocesan Synod of Montreal alone; and whereas, it has been decided by the Provincial Synod that the Metropolitical See ought to be fixed in one city, and that the decision of Her Majesty the Queen in selecting Montreal as the Metropolitical See ought, if possible, to be maintained;

And whereas, it is very undesirable and inconsistent with the constitution of our Synods that the Diocese of Montreal should have no voice

in the election of its bishops: Be it therefore recommended as the most just and feasible method of reconciling the claims of the Provincial Synod to have the choice of the Metropolitan with the claims of the Synod of Montreal to elect its own bishop, that in case of a vacancy in the Diocese of Montreal, the House of Bishops shall present one person to the Synod of Montreal, and that the person so nominated shall be subject to the approval or rejection of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal, and in case of rejection another to be so nominated by the house of Bishops, and so on until a Bishop be chosen.

It was moved by the Rev. W. ANDERSON, seconded by the Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON,

That the Report just read be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. CANON BANCROFT, seconded by Rev. W. BOND,

That the words "Provincial Synod" be substituted for the "House of Bishops" wherever the words occur in the last clause of the above report.

It was moved in amendment by the DEAN OF MONTREAL, seconded by HON. JUDGE MCCORD,

That the House of Bishops shall present two or more persons to the Synod of Montreal, one of whom may be elected by such Synod as the Bishop of Montreal; and in case no election shall take place of either of the persons so nominated, the House of Bishops shall again exercise the same right of nomination until a choice shall be made by the Diocesan Synod.

The last amendment was carried.

Dr. BANCROFT'S amendment was then put and lost, and the Report, as amended, was finally adopted, and the secretaries instructed to communicate the same to the secretaries of the other Diocesan Synods with as little delay as possible.

The Synod then adjourned till 2 P.M., of the same day.

On its reassembling, it was moved by the DEAN OF MONTREAL, seconded by ARCHDEACON SCOTT, and carried,

That the following resolution be added to the canon for the election of Bishops in this diocese.

"And no other persons shall be put in nomination for the office of Bishop except such as shall be nominated by the House of Bishops; provided a Resolution respecting the election of Bishop of the Diocese, passed at a meeting of the Synod on Wednesday, June 17, 1863, be

adopted by the Provincial Synod, respecting the election of future Bishops of Montreal, such Bishops continuing to fill permanently the office of Metropolitan."

The Hon. JUDGE McCORD presented the Report of the Committee on the Reports of the Rural Deaneries, and moved that it should be received and printed for circulation, which was seconded by Rev. G. SLACK and carried. Canon of Discipline.

It was moved by JUDGE McCORD, seconded by W. H. A. DAVIES, and Resolved,

That a Committee of nine persons, five clerical and four lay, be appointed to frame a canon of discipline for the government of this Diocese, to meet during the recess, and report to this Diocesan Synod at its next meeting thereafter; and also to gather together and form a digest of all canons already passed by the Synod.

ERECTION OF CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES.

The DEAN OF MONTREAL read the following Report of the Committee on erecting churches and parsonage houses. The Report was taken into consideration and on motion rejected.

The Committee named for the purpose of ascertaining the best means of promoting the erection of Churches and Parsonages, beg to report:

That after taking into consideration the comparative advantages of promoting the building of Churches, &c., by means of a Society to be formed for that purpose, instead of a Standing Committee of the Synod; and after discussing at some length a plan of such a society, laid before them by one of the members, the Committee have come to the resolution of recommending that the formation of a Standing Committee for the building of Churches and Parsonage Houses be authorised—such Committee to be composed of the Rural Dean of each Deanery, together with one layman from each deanery, [to be elected at a meeting to be called in each Deanery for that purpose.] The Committee so formed shall elect a President from among the Rural Deans, at whose call the Committee shall meet as often as required,—shall frame such rules and regulations for carrying out the objects contemplated, as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Bishop,—and take such measures for the collection of funds, and their subsequent management, as may be deemed most advisable. The Committee to make an Annual Report to the Synod of all their proceedings.

The Report of the Committee on Churchwardens was then read and adopted, with some verbal alterations. (*See Appendix.*)

The DEAN OF MONTREAL gave notice

That he would, to-morrow, move for an expression of the sentiments of this Synod respecting the attacks recently made by a Colonial bishop on the authenticity and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

The BISHOP nominated the following on JUDGE McCORD'S Committee to frame a Canon of Discipline:

REV. CANON LEACH,	JUDGE McCORD, Convener,
VEN. ARCHDEACON SCOTT,	E. CARTER,
REV. CANON BANCROFT,	H. TAYLOR,
REV. CANON THOMPSON,	B. CHAMBERLIN.
REV. W. JONES,	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION OF AGED AND DISABLED CLERGYMEN.

The Report of the Committee on the Superannuation for Aged and Disabled Clergymen was then considered,

The Committee on Superannuation of Aged and Disabled Clergymen beg respectfully to report as follows:—

1. They recommend that all action for the increase of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund be suspended for such a number of years as, upon calculation, the demand that may be made upon the existing fund will allow.

2. That, in lieu of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, a Sermon shall be preached annually in every congregation throughout the Diocese and collections made for a Superannuation Fund.

3. That the Clerical Subscription shall be ten dollars.

4. That the management of the fund be placed in the hands of the Church Society.

5. That each case for participation in the benefit of the said fund shall be determined upon its particular merits by the Central Board.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH SCOTT,
Chairman.

It was moved by CANON BANCROFT,

That the first clause of the report be expunged. Carried.

It was moved by CANON BANCROFT,

That in the second clause the words "in lieu of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund" be omitted. Carried.

It was then moved by Rev J. C. DAVIDSON, and carried,

That in clause 3 the clerical subscription shall be five dollars instead of ten.

The Report as amended was then carried. (*See Appendix.*)

The Rev. W. BOND read the Report on the Insurance of Church Property in the Diocese, which was received and ordered to be printed on the motion of Rev. W. BOND, seconded by Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON.

The Synod then adjourned to the following morning at 10 A.M.

THIRD DAY, JUNE 18.

The Synod reassembled this morning at 10 A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Metropolitan.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous day's proceedings were read by the Clerical Secretary.

On the suggestion of the LORD BISHOP it was Resolved,

"That it be an instruction to the Committee for framing Canons to carry out the Reports adopted by the Synod, and to the Committee appointed to frame a Canon of discipline, to form one joint Committee, who shall embody in one Report all matters referred to either of them."

CANON ON ELECTION OF BISHOP.

E. Carter Esq., then claimed the indulgence of the Synod to be permitted to move at once the adoption of a Canon on the Election of a Bishop for the Diocese, which was necessary to carry into effect the Resolution of the previous day in that behalf. Leave having been granted, Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Hon. Judge McCord, the following Canon, which was adopted:

"This Synod having adopted the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Provincial Synod, appointed to devise some measure in consultation with the Diocesan Synod of Montreal for the solution of the difficulties in the way of the election of a Metropolitan, as amended by this Synod, and by which it is declared, "That the House of Bishops shall present two or more persons to the Synod of Montreal, one of whom may be elected as the Bishop of Montreal; and in case no election shall take place from the names so nominated, the House of Bishops shall again exercise the same right of nomination until a choice shall be made by the Synod:"—It is hereby enacted, to give effect to the said Report and to render the same binding on this Synod:

1. "That upon a vacancy occurring, no election shall be made by this Synod of a Bishop, until the House of Bishops shall have placed in nomination before it the names of two or more persons, so that the election of such Bishop shall be made of one of such persons recommended by one or more nominations to be made by the House of Bishops, according to the true intent and meaning of such Report.

2. "That this Canon shall become operative and have full force and effect upon the sanction in writing given thereto by his Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, or in the event of his death or absence by the Dean of Montreal, as representing this Synod.

3. "That such sanction shall be given to this Canon to render the same operative, in the event of the Provincial Synod adopting the terms of the said Report as amended, respecting the mode of election to be exercised by this Synod to fill up such vacancy."

EDUCATION.

The following Report of the Committee on Education was then read:

The Committee on Education, appointed by the Synod at the Annual Meeting in June last, BEG TO REPORT:

That they held two preliminary meetings in the month of January last, at which a circular to the clergy was drawn up, designed to elicit the information required as to the state and prospects of Church Education both in Day and Sunday Schools within the Diocese. This circular was printed and forwarded to the various Parishes and Missions; but has been, the Committee regret to state, but very partially answered. They are consequently unable to furnish the Synod with anything like a general view of the number of Schools and Scholars, and the extent and character of the teaching.

From the returns furnished it would appear that generally in the country parts great difficulties exist in forming and maintaining Sunday Schools, owing to the scattered nature of the population and the impracticability of finding suitable Lay Agency—in some districts the Clergyman being the only reliable teacher. It appears however that many openings for additional Sunday Schools do exist, and that with perseverance and energy, and in some instances with a little help in the way of grants for libraries as an inducement, such Schools might be established. Two or three openings for additional Church Day Schools are returned, and in all the instances in which such Schools are in operation, as far as it has come to the knowledge of the Committee, they are doing a very successful and important work.

After a careful consideration of the schemes furnished, and of the additional facilities which appear to be required for the successful car-

rying on of Church Education in the Diocese, the Committee would respectfully submit the following recommendations for the consideration of the Synod :

1. That His Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested, if to him it should seem fit, to issue a Pastoral Letter, drawing attention to the peculiar importance of Sunday Schools, under the present circumstances of the country, defining the position which they ought to occupy in relation to the Church, and inviting increased co-operation on the part of the Laity.

2. That a Standing Committee of Synod be appointed to select suitable books for Sunday Schools, and that application be made to the Church Society in order that a continual supply of such books may be kept on hand.

3. That every Clergyman should at suitable intervals draw the attention of his flock to the valuable aid they have it in their power to afford by teaching in Sunday Schools, and that he should indicate, and see to the furnishing of, suitable books for the teachers to use in the instruction of their several classes.

4. That where practicable, the Clergyman shall give stated instructions to the Sunday School Teachers for reproduction in their Sunday Lessons.

5. That the Clergyman should keep an especial eye after the young, and where he sees any mark of promise, endeavour by special and if necessary, by individual instruction, to prepare instruments for future service.

6. That every effort should be made to bring the general aspect and regimen of the School and of the Church into harmony, to imbue the children with distinct ideas upon the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church, to attach them to its services and to familiarize them with the Chants and Tunes used in the Church.

7. That an annual festival or gathering of all the Sunday Schools of the Parish be held, where practicable, at the Mother Church of the Mission.

8. That as soon as circumstances will admit, a superior Church Day School be established in each Deanery. At present, however, they would recommend the establishment of one only as a starting point, in such locality as may be determined upon by the Bishop.

The Committee would also in conclusion desire strongly to draw the attention of the Clergy generally to the importance of endeavoring to establish throughout the country Day Schools in connection with the Church. In many instances, no hope of the kind can for a long time be entertained, but as the returns indicate certain openings as already existing, and as others may probably soon arise, the Committee would suggest

that in the establishment of such schools the following principles be kept in view, for attainment as soon as practicable:—

[1] That the Master should be a Member of the Church, and receive a license from the Bishop.

[2] That the religious instruction shall be exclusively under the direction of the Clergyman.

[3] That the Schools be maintained by school fees and public grants, subscription and endowment.

[4] That the general management be vested in the Minister and Churchwardens.

The whole respectfully submitted.

J. H.THOMPSON, M. A., Chairman,
J. C. DAVIDSON,
N. V. FENN, M.A.,
GEORGE MOFFATT
R. LINDSAY.

It was moved by Rev. Canon BANCROFT, seconded by ARCHDEACON SCOTT, and carried,

"That the Report be considered clause by clause.

It was resolved that the words "and day" be inserted after "Sunday" in the second clause, and that the word "such" in the same clause be struck out, and the word "educational" inserted in lieu thereof.

In the fifth clause, it was resolved that the word "instruments for future service" be expunged, and the following substituted: "a succession of faithful labourers in the service of the Church."

In the seventh clause, it was resolved that the conclusion, "where practicable, at the Mother Church of the Mission," be omitted, and the words "where practicable" inserted after "that."

In the eighth clause, it was resolved that the concluding portion from the words "at present, however," to the end be expunged.

The Report as amended was then adopted, on the motion of Rev. Canon BANCROFT, seconded by Dr. LEACH. (*See Appendix.*)

OCCUPANCY OF PARSONAGES.

The Report of the Committee, respecting the time of occupancy of parsonages after the decease of the incumbent, was then read by Rev. W. BOND.

THIS COMMITTEE BEG TO REPORT:—

1st.—That at least three months from the time of decease be allowed to the widow, or children, or other relatives, of the late incumbent, provided that they have been residing with him and forming part of his family up to the time of his decease, before they, or she, or he be called upon to leave the Parsonage.

2nd.—That if the Glebe or any other land be under cultivation, the crop thereof shall belong to the lawful representatives of the deceased, unless his successor consent to refund the expense incurred in such cultivation, when the crop shall belong to the incoming incumbent.

3rd.—That in the case of meadow land the grass shall belong to the successor; but if made into hay the same shall be equally divided beween the said representatives of the deceased and his successor.

WM. BOND,
Chairman.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. J FLANAGAN, seconded by Rev. D. LINDSAY,

That in the first clause the word "six" be inserted instead of "three."

It was moved by the Rev. W. ANDERSON, seconded by the Rev. W. LONSDELL,

That the following addition be made to the first clause of the Report:

"And provided further, that in the event of the death of the incumbent occurring at such period of the lease as would cause the expiration of the three months, above mentioned, to fall within the months of November and May, that then, and in every such case, the family of the late incumbent be allowed to remain in occupation of the parsonage, till the first of May next ensuing."

This amendment having been lost, Mr. FLANAGAN'S amendment was also put and lost, and the clause as it stood originally was then carried.

In the second clause it was resolved that the words "of course be inserted after "that" in the beginning of the clause, and instead of "shall belong" in both places where it occurs, the word "belong" shall be inserted.

In the third clause, it was resolved that in lieu of the words "shall be equally divided between the said" shall be read "is the property of the," and for "shall belong" the word "belongs" shall be substituted.

It was then moved by the Rev. W. JONES, seconded by the Rev. W. BOND, and adopted,

That the following clause be added to the Report:

"That the above rule apply to clergymen on their being placed on the superannuated or retired list."

The Report as amended was then adopted. (*See Appendix.*)

It was then moved by the DEAN of Montreal, seconded by Ven. ARCHDEACON SCOTT, and carried unanimously,

That this Synod avails itself of this its first opportunity, to express its deep regret and sorrow at the attacks recently made by a Prelate of the Colonial Church, on the authenticity and inspiration of certain portions of the Holy Scriptures—and also to express its thankfulness for the noble stand made by the Bishop of this Diocese when in England in vindicating the unswerving adherence of the United Church of England and Ireland to the perfect integrity and inspiration of God's Holy Word.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEANERIES.

The Hon. Judge McCORD then read the Report of the Committee on Rural Deaneries. (*See Appendix.*)

It was moved by Rev. Dr. BANCROFT, seconded by ARCHDEACON SCOTT, and carried,

"That the Report be referred to the Committee on Canons, with instructions to carry out as far as possible, the first and second items of the said report.

INSURANCE.

The Report of the Committee on insurance was then read and adopted on the motion of Rev. W. BOND, seconded by Dr. SMALLWOOD. (*See Appendix.*)

ARCHDEACON'S STIPEND.

It was moved by Dr. SMALLWOOD, seconded by S. C. BAGG, Esq.

That as the Archdeacon requires some additional pecuniary aid to enable him to discharge his duties more efficiently, it be resolved that it is desirable that some means be taken to place at the disposal of the Lord Bishop the sum of $400 per annum for the purpose of providing such salary for the Archdeacon.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON, seconded by Rev. J. B. DAVIDSON.

That the expenses of the Archdeacon in visiting any parish or mission where his services may be required, shall be met by the Parish or mission so visited; and if the expenses so incurred shall not be met by such parish or mission, the Archdeacon shall place his claims before the Church Society.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. CANON LEACH, seconded by Hon. Judge McCORD,

That the Synod recommend that the expenses necessarily incurred by the Archdeacon in the discharge of his duties be paid; and that a committee be appointed to devise some method to supply the means for that purpose.

Dr. LEACH's amendment was carried, and adopted instead of the original motion.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. BANCROFT, seconded by Rev. Dr. LEACH, and Resolved,

That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the proprietors of the Montreal Gazette, and the Witness, for their liberality in presenting the members with copies of their respective journals.

It was moved by the Rev. W. BOND, seconded by the Rev. CANON THOMPSON, and Resolved,

This Synod desires to express its deep gratitude to Almighty God for His goodness in restoring His Lordship the Bishop to his Diocese, and wishes to add the expression of its devoted loyalty and affection to His Lordship's person, praying that he may be long spared to administer the affairs of this Diocese.

There being no further business before the House, the Synod was then dismissed by the Bishop, with the Apostolic Benediction.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rev. W. BOND.
" CANON THOMPSON.
" R. LINDSAY.
" J. FLANAGAN.
W. McGINNIS.
W. H. A. DAVIES.
Dr. SMALLWOOD.
JAMES HUTTON.

COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

Rev. Canon Leach.	Hon. Judge McCord.
Rev. W. Jones.	E. Carter.
Rev. D. Lindsay.	H. Taylor.

COMMITTEE TO FRAME A CANON OF DISCIPLINE.

Rev. Canon Leach.	Judge McCord, Convener.
Ven. Archdeacon Scott.	E. Carter.
Rev. Canon Bancroft.	H. Taylor.
Rev. Canon Thompson.	B. Chamberlin.

Rev. W. Jones.

The two preceding Committees were instructed to form one joint Committee, and to embody in one Report all matters referred to either of them.

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Rev. W. Bond, *Convener.*	Hon. G. Moffatt.
Rev. G. Slack.	T. B. Anderson.
Ven. Archdeacon Scott.	Jas. Hutton.
Rev. R. Lindsay.	W. A. Merry.
Rev. C. Rollitt.	
Rev. J. Flanagan.	

REPORTS.

DISABILITIES OF AMERICAN CLERGYMEN.

The Committee appointed by the Synod to examine "whether there are any, and what legal difficulties there may be to prevent the appointment of clergy of the American Episcopal Church to cures in Canada," have the honor to report that they have examined the subject submitted to their consideration, and find that difficulties do exist to prevent such appointments.

By the ecclesiaatical law of England, which governs in this Province, and is in force and operation in the system of our church, it is necessary that every person taking orders, before he shall receive or take such orders shall take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy (I. Eliz. cap. 1, and I William, cap. 8).

By Canon 36, no person shall be received into the ministry except he shall subscribe to the following articles:—

1st. That the King's Majesty, under God, is the only supreme governor of this realm and of others His Highness' dominions and countries, as well in all spiritual or ecclesiastical things or causes, as temporal;

and that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate, hath, or ought to have, any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within His Majesty's said realms, dominions and countries.

2nd. That the Book of Common Prayer, and of ordering of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, containeth in it nothing contrary to the word of God, and that it may lawfully be used, and that he himself will use the form in the said book prescribed in public prayer, and administration of the sacraments, and no other.

3rd. That he alloweth the book of Articles of religion agreed upon by the Archbishop and Bishops of both Provinces and the whole clergy in the Convocation holden at London in the year of our Lord God 1562, and that he acknowledgeth all and every the articles therein contained, being in number nine and thirty, besides the ratification, to be agreeable to the word of God. And for the avoiding of all ambiguities such person shall subscribe in this form and order of words, setting down both his Christian and surname :—viz.—I. N. N. do willingly and (*ex animo*) subscribe to these three articles above mentioned, and to all things that are contained in them.

After the above oath and articles and subscriptions, prescribed to be taken previous to ordination, your Committee apprehend that, in accordance with the spirit and true intent of the law from which they emanate, no one can exercise the function of a curate in this Province without having previously taken and subscribed the same, nor could the Bishop receive him into the ministry. Could a clergyman of the United States subscribe the above without renouncing his allegiance? By the Imperial Statute, 26 Geo. III., cap. 84, entitled "an Act to empower the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Archbishop of York for the time being, to consecrate to the office of a Bishop persons being subjects or citizens of countries "out of his dominions" (section 3rd) it is "Provided also, and be it hereby declared, that no person or persons consecrated to the office of a Bishop in the manner aforesaid, nor any person or persons deriving their consecration from or under any Bishop so consecrated, nor any person or persons admitted to the order of Deacon or Priest by any Bishop or Bishops so consecrated, or by the successor or successors of any Bishop or Bishops so consecrated, shall be thereby enabled to exercise his or their respective office or offices within his Majesty's dominions."

The above statute thus forms an absolute bar in the opinion of your Committee to the appointment of clergy of the American Church to cures in Canada.

Your Committee with reference to this difficulty beg permission to observe that while they admit the wisdom and policy of the foregoing restriction at the time the law was passed, it might now be removed. The

transition of the Church of England in the old Colonies to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, produced no disruption of the sacred bond; the spiritual union, the union of faith, of worship and of discipline, was undestroyed. They professed the same doctrine, they used the same liturgy, with such modifications only as the revolution required. Their clergy receive a sound education, subscribe to the same articles, submit to the same code of laws, are episcopally ruled, and are admitted to be men of learning, piety and Christian conduct and constancy, and their admission to cures or other offices in this Province might promote the best interests of the Church.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully suggest to this Synod the propriety of taking such action in the matter as may lead to a repeal of that portion of the Imperial Act 26 Geo. III, cap. 84, sec. 3, as far as regards this Province, and remove the legal difficulty therein contained to the appointment of clergymen of the American Episcopal Church to cures in Canada.

REPORT ON THE DUTIES OF CHURCHWARDENS.

AS ADOPTED.

The Incumbent and Churchwardens of every church and chapel being a body corporate and politic, the administration of the temporalities of every church or chapel is by law vested in them; but for their more perfect and efficient administration, and with a view to leaving the Incumbent more complete leisure for the discharge of his sacred office, it is expedient that certain duties should be under the more immediate superintendence of the Churchwardens.

Wherefore it shall be the special duties of the Churchwardens of every church or chapel within fourteen days after appointment or re-election in each year, to make a faithful inventory, in duplicate, of all the moveable property of the Corporation, and to insure the same, and all the buildings thereof at their full estimated value with some English or Provincial Fire Insurance Company duly incorporated. And at each appointment or re-election of Churchwardens, the outgoing Churchwarden or Churchwardens shall present a true and faithful balance sheet of the accounts of the Corporation, to be fyled with the above mentioned inventories in the vestry of the Corporation, and also shall hand over to his or their successor or successors any balance of monies remaining on hand.

To provide for the due care and preservation of the said movable property, together with the administration of the real estate thereof, during their tenure of office.

Carefully to superintend and to enforce the execution of all contracts for the furnishing, repair, and preservation of the church, parsonage, burial ground and glebe, and to take the necessary steps to exact penalties in case of their non-fulfilment.

To secure the warmth, cleanliness, and ventilation of the church, and the supply of vestments, linen, books, and bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Communion.

To provide such books and documents as the Synod may from time to time require to be kept.

To afford the Incumbent every assistance in their power in the supervision of the sexton, the organist, the clerk, and the choir, and the inferior officers of the Corporation.

To provide strangers with seats during the celebration of Divine Worship in so far as the capacity of the building will allow.

To maintain good order and quiet in and about the church or chapel and in the adjoining roads and public places during Divine worship, and prosecute all offences against that good order and quiet. Vide Incorp. Statutes, c. XXII.

To collect, in accordance with the statute, pew-rents, subscriptions, alms, and offerings of the congregation, and to keep a faithful account of the receipts and disbursements of the congregation.

To notify the Incumbent of any grievous sickness or destitution among the members of the congregation, and generally, and as far as in them lies, to promote the comfort and welfare of the clergyman and congregation.

A copy of these instructions shall be sent to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of every church and chapel, and shall be read aloud by the chairman of the vestry, at each annual election of the Churchwardens.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RESPECTING THE TIME OF OCCUPANCY OF PARSONAGES AFTER DECEASE OF INCUMBENT.

AS ADOPTED.

1st. That at least three months from the time of decease be allowed to the widow, or children, or other relatives, of the late incumbent, provided that they have been residing with him and forming part of his family up to the time of his decease, before they, or she, or he be called upon to leave the Parsonage.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SYNOD ON EDUCATION.

AS ADOPTED.

The Committee on education, appointed by the Synod at the Annual Meeting in June last, BEG TO REPORT :

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From the returns furnished it would appear that generally in the country parts great difficulties exist in forming and maintaining Sunday Schools, owing to the scattered nature of the population and the impracticability of finding suitable Lay Agency—in some districts the Clergyman being the only reliable teacher. It appears however that many openings for additional Sunday Schools do exist, and that with perseverance and energy, and in some instances with a little help in the way of grants for libraries as an inducement, such Schools might be established. Two or three openings for additional Church Day Schools are returned; and in all the instances in which such Schools are in operation, as far as has come to the knowledge of the Committee, they are doing a very successful and important work.

After a careful consideration of the schemes furnished, and of the additional facilities which appear to be required for the successful carrying on of Church Education in the Diocese, the Committee would respectfully submit the following recommendations for the consideration of the Synod :—

1. That His Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested, if to him it should seem fit, to issue a Pastoral Letter, drawing attention to the peculiar importance of Sunday Schools under the present circumstances of the country, defining the position which they ought to occupy in relation to the Church, and inviting increased co-operation on the part of the Laity.

2. That a standing Committee of Synod be appointed to select suitable books for Sunday and Day Schools, and that application be made to the Church Society in order that a continual supply of educational books may be kept on hand.

3. That every Clergyman should at suitable intervals draw the attention of his flock to the valuable aid they have it in their power to afford by teaching in Sunday Schools, and that he should indicate, and see to the furnishing of, suitable books for the teachers to use in the instruction of their several classes.

4. That where practicable, the Clergyman shall give stated instructions to the Sunday School Teachers for reproduction in their Sunday Lessons.

5. That the clergyman should keep an especial eye upon the young, and where he sees any mark of promise, endeavour by special, and if necessary, by individual instruction, to prepare a succession of faithful labourers for the service of the Church.

6. That every effort should be made to bring the general aspect and regimen of the School and of the Church into harmony, to imbue the children with distinct ideas upon the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church, to attach them to its services, and to familiarize them with the Chants and Tunes used in Church.

7. That where practicable, an annual festival or gathering of all the Sunday Schools of the Parish be held.

8. That as soon as circumstances will admit, a superior Church Day School should be established in each Deanery.

The Committee would also in conclusion desire strongly to draw the attention of the Clergy generally to the importance of endeavoring to establish throughout the country Day Schools in connection with the Church. In many instances, no hope of the kind can for a long time be entertained, but as the returns indicate certain openings as already existing, and as others may probably soon arise, the Committee would suggest that in the establishment of such schools the following principles be kept in view for attainment as soon as practicable :—

[1] That the Master should be a Member of the Church, and receive a license from the Bishop.

[2] That the religious instruction shall be exclusively under the direction of the Clergyman.

[3] That the Schools be maintained by school fees and public grants, subscriptions and endowments.

[4] That the general management be vested in the Minister and Churchwardens.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEANERIES.

Of the Four Rural Deaneries in this Diocese, three Reports have been received, from Hochelaga, Bedford, and St. Andrews, with accompanying statistics.

These Reports contain, besides historical information of great value, many important suggestions, which it would be well to bring before this Synod in detail, at a future meeting; but in the mean time your committee would pray that immediate action by Synod should be taken on the following subjects, recommended in the above Reports, namely:—

1. A Canon of Instructions to Rural Deans, and a series of questions to be submitted to and answered by the several Missions on the statistics of each deanery.
2. That steps should be immediately taken to determine and define the division and boundaries of Parishes and Missions.
3. The formation of a board of Home Missions and settlement of the salaries of missionaries.
4. The Insurance of Church property.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Your Committee beg to report that the letters from Mr. Routh, agent of the Royal Insurance Company, proposing to cover by Insurance the whole Church property of the Diocese, by one indisputable policy, were read; whereupon it was resolved:—

That a sub-committee of two be appointed by the chairman, who with himself shall obtain the necessary information concerning the value and description of the Church property throughout the Diocese, when they shall confer with the principal insurance offices and ascertain the rates at which insurance can be effected on such property, and then report to this Committee, of which five shall constitute a quorum.

Also, that seeing it is highly desirable that all the property of the Church should be protected by insurance with as little delay as possible, the Committee recommend that the Lord Bishop of Montreal be empowered by the Synod to carry into effect such plan as the Committee may suggest.

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Name of Parish or Mission, and when first established.	Extent and boundaries when defined.	No. of church.	Of what material.	Probable value.	If insured, and in what office.	No. of Parsonage Houses.	Of what material.	Probable value.	If insured, and in what office.	Glebes.		Other Church property.		Amount raised in Mission to w'ds support of Cl'gyman.	No. of families who identify th'selves with the Church.	No. of Communicants.	No. of Baptisms.		No. of Schools under control of the Church.		No. of Children in attendance.		How often is D. S. performed.		How often is the H. C. administered.
										Extent	Value.	Real estate.	Money funded				Infant.	Adult.	Sunday.	Day.	Sunday.	Day.	Sunday.	Day.	
Berthier, 1849,	County of Berthier,	1	Brick.	$2800	$1800	1	Wood.	$1000	$800	10 acr.	$1300	.....	.....	$81	16	38	.....	.....	1	1	40	.....	85	10 during the year.	.....
Coteau du Lac, 1829,	County of Soulanges,	1	Brick.	2400	1600	1	Stone.	2400	.....	3 "	.....	.....	.....	100	18	27	10	.....	1	.....	23	.....	Twice.	4 p.an'm.	.....
Glasgow and Kilkenny, 1840,	.....	2	Wood.	1000 / 600	....	1	Wood.	800	.....	66 "	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lachine,	18 miles by 5,	1	Stone.	1200	1200	1	Stone.	3000	2400	A lot.	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	Twice.	.....	.....
Laprairie, 1831, / Longueuil,	5 miles by 8,	2	Stone.	1400 / 1600	....	1	Wood.	1000	800	2 acr.	.....	.....	.....	120 / 40	32	19	.....	.....	1	1	30	.....	12 times / 6 times	last year. / last year.	.....
Mascouche & Terrebonne, 1839,	12 miles by 10,	2	Wood.	800 / 600	....	1	Wood.	1000	.....	3 "	.....	.....	.....	200	62 & 5	69&11	4	.....	1	1	6	.....	Twice.	In Lent 2 per week.	.....
Montreal:—Trinity, 1840,	.....	1	Brick.	1000	10400 organ.	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$18400	.....	.....	200	275	51	.....	1	1	350	100	Twice.	1 p. w'k.	.....
St. Stephens,	.....	1	Stone.	8000	8000	1	Stone.	3600	3600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	140	.....	.....	1	2	260	150	Twice.	.....	.....
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Hochelaga, 1812,	.....	1	Stone.	2000	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	10	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Once.	.....	.....
St. Georges,	.....	1	Stone.	28000	24000	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2800	.....	320	.....	.....	1	1	450	411	Twice.	2 p. w'k.	.....
Rawdon, 1820,	.....	1	Stone.	4800	.....	1	Wood.	800	.....	28 acr.	500	.....	.....	120	.....	200	29	.....	4	.....	100	.....	Twice.	2 p. w'k.	.....
Kildare, 1820,	.....	1	Wood.	1200	.....	1	Wood.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160	39	55	7	.....	2	2	81	.....	80 in the	year.	.....
Sorel:— Mission, 1784, / Parish, 1821,	Parish of Sorel,	1	Brick on Stone found	6000	5100	1	Brick.	3200	2100	Burial g'ound lots.	....	.....	$1120	.....	91	105	12	.....	3	.....	85	.....	Twice.	The fasts and festivals of the ch'rch once a w'k in lent besides cottage lectures.	
St. Martins, 1842 / St. Therese, 1850,	Parish of St. Martin, Ste. Rose and St. Thérèse,	2	Stone.	1200	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	14	1	.....	1	.....	9	.....	Twice.	.....	.....
Brandon, 1841,	.....	1	Wood.	240	200	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	14	.....	.....	1	1	12	.....	20 during	the year.	.....

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OF THE RURAL DEANERY OF HOCHELAGA, JUNE, 1863.

My Lord,—The ruri-decanal meeting for the year 1862-3 was held in the Cathedral School House, January 31, 1863. At that meeting the rural dean was requested to address to the clergy such questions as might elicit information useful to the Synod, as to the condition of the deanery; also to visit, as soon as possible, the parishes and missions in the country, within the limits of the deanery. The questions have been transmitted to each of the clergy, and the rural dean has visited most of the parishes and missions, and upon the information thus obtained, this Report is founded:—

The deanery of Hochelaga now comprises one parish, ten missions, and five incumbencies, in which eighteen clergymen are labouring.

Since the full and able report last year of my predecessor, there have been several changes in the deanery:—

1. Your Lordship has added the incumbencies within the Parish of Montreal, viz., Trinity, St. George's, St. Stephen's, St. Luke's, and Hochelaga, with the districts thereunto annexed.

2. The mission of Brandon furnishes a separate report, and has been visited nearly every alternate Sunday.

3. The mission of Laprairie and Longueuil has been served from Montreal up to December last by the Rev. T. Fyles; and Longueuil now obtains services from the clergyman of the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

4. In a district, forming part of the Missions of Kildare and Brandon, there were found a number of Protestants, descendants of English families, who have lost their mother tongue, and can only be taught and ministered to in the French language. A lay-reader, Mr. Edward Roy, has been stationed in this district, who conducts a school during the week, and reads the service of the church and a sermon on Sunday.

Vacancies. There is but one mission vacant, Laprairie and Longueuil, but it has not been altogether without Sunday services or pastoral care. Another mission, St. Martin, is without Sunday services, but is almost without Protestant inhabitants. It is submitted to your Lordship that arrangements might be made for stationing a clergyman at Laprairie with Longueuil, where the average congregation is 110, and the families identifying themselves with the church 32, where there are two stone churches and an excellent parsonage, and where the people are willing to contribute towards the maintenance of their clergyman.

Boundaries of Parishes and Missions. These are stated as clearly as possible, as far as regards the country parts, by my predecessor in his last report. The churches in the parish of Montreal have districts annexed to them. The district of Trinity Church lies between Campeau Street on the east and St. Lawrence Street on the west, running from the river back to the city limits. The district of St. Luke's meets the district of Trinity at Campeau Street, and comprises from thence the eastern portion of the city limits. St. George's district on the east joins that of the Cathedral at McGill Street, runs back from William Street by Victoria Square, Beaver Hall and Union avenue to the mountain; on the south meets at William Street the district of St. Stephen's and continues to the west to the city limits. St. Stephen's district comprises Griffintown within McGill Street on the east, William Street on the north west, and the city limits south and west. Hochelaga seems to have had no district assigned thereto and to have been included in the district of St. Luke's,the minister of which has commonly attended to the parochial duties.

A memorial has been addressed by the incumbents and clergymen of the churches within the deanery, in the parish of Montreal, to your Lordship and the Rector of Montreal, asking that the several incumbencies may be formed into separate and independent parishes.

The subject of defining the boundaries of parishes or missions in country parts is again respectfully pressed upon your Lordship's attention.

New Missions. The suggestion of the late rural dean, with reference to Brandon has, in part, been carried into effect; to a certain extent Brandon has been established as a new mission. It is now respectfully suggested further that the townships in the rear of Kilkenny, Rawdon, and Kildare, fast filling up with Protestant settlers, should be provided with ministrations of the church to a greater extent than it is possible to furnish them by the overtasked missionaries now attempting this work.

A Board of Home Missions. The inadequate provision for Missionaries made by the people, the uncertainty attendant upon the reception thereof when made, and the mode of payment calculated to injure the usefulness of the missionary; have long been a subject of thought on the part of the rural dean, and have been painfully brought under his observation during his visits to the deanery. It is therefore respectfully submitted to your Lordship the propriety of forming a board whose duty it should be, under proper rules, to see that no clergyman is paid less than £150 per annum, to stand between the clergyman and people, responsible as representing the Church or Synod, for the due and proper payment of the same. The plan is believed to be perfectly feasible, but the limits of this report forbid detail.

Endowments. The subject of local endowments has again been brought before the people, but no progress has been made in this direction since the last report, except in Sorel, where the fund has been increased by a donation of $1000. At Berthier the interest in this movement continues unabated, and several payments have been made, and a feeling of gratitude has been elicited towards the Ven. S. P. G., for its seasonable and generous offers of assistance towards this important branch of church organization. In Lachine the endowment fund is the same as last year, $500. An important document on this subject, and having special reference to the Berthier endowment fund, is hereunto annexed.

It is also felt that little if any of the endowment fund should be invested in the country parts, where property is subject to great fluctuations in value; but that it should rather be secured on mortgages, well considered and well secured by a council or board chosen for that purpose.

Insurance. My predecessor drew attention to the fact that there is a large amount of church property in the deanery unprotected by insurance, and I feel it an imperative duty to bring the matter again before your Lordship, because if neglected we might have yet to deplore a loss that years would scarcely remedy.

The destruction of a church in a neighbouring diocese not only serves as a warning of the danger incurred, but also indicates that a plan should be matured for security against any neglect to renew the policy, year by year; and it is believed that this might be effected by some general plan of insurance by which the entire church property of the diocese might be covered, and which would considerably reduce the cost of insurance to those already protected.

Repairs of Churches and Parsonage Houses. This is a matter of great moment, and will be of increasing expense if not speedily attended to. In many instances the reply to the question "state of repairs?" would be "bad," and with few exceptions, "needing repairs." This should be remedied by the action of some authority appointed by the church at large, and not thrown upon the clergymen of the parish, or mission. A regular inspection would save a large amount of expense to the church, and annoyance to the minister if it were followed up by action.

Education. The letter of the chairman of the Committee of Synod on Education was read at the decanal meeting, requesting the opinion of the deanery concerning the advantages that might accrue from the establishment of a superior school in each deanery, and whether, in their opinion, it would be practicable, without, however, eliciting any decided expression of opinion beyond the conviction of the value of a parochial school attached to each church or mission.

In conclusion, my lord, I may be permitted to say that I think it

would materially facilitate order and efficiency in the work of the rural deans, if you were to furnish a tabular form by which they may be guided in obtaining information in accordance with the rule "the rural deans shall collect such statistics as the bishop may direct." This would in no wise cramp their efforts, as nothing can be more cordial than the co-operation of the clergy and laity.

I have in my possession much more valuable information concerning the deanery, furnished by the clergy and churchwardens, than it is possible to make room for, either in this report or the accompanying "tabular statement."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BOND,
Rural Dean of Hochelaga.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEANERY OF BEDFORD.

In presenting the Third Annual Report of the Deanery of Bedford, the rural dean feels constrained to repeat the statement made in the opening part of his report for last year, as to the difficulty, in the present state of the Church in this country, of finding material for a very extended report.

The statistical returns presented must partake of the same character, nor can any great or marked change in the position and prospects of the Church be reasonably expected.

Nevertheless there is much to encourage in a comparison with our position of last year, and by the employment of an increased number of questions in the forms distributed to the clergy and churchwardens of the deanery, much interesting statistical information has been obtained, which, by the still further increase of a few questions might be made more complete.

Replies of a full and satisfactory character have been obtained by the Rural Dean from all the missions in the deanery with the exception of one.

There are now in the deanery sixteen missions, presided over by as many clergymen in priest's orders. In two of these there are assistant ministers in deacon's orders: and in a third a candidate for holy orders acts in that capacity. A larger extent of ground is thus covered, and an increased number of appointments kept up; and it would appear indeed to be the wisest and most feasible course to enable the church to meet the increasing demand for her services.

According to the returns actually received, there are, in the above mentioned sixteen missions, twenty-four churches, to which may be added one known to exist in the mission, which has not answered the

SCHEDULE OF REPORT TO SYNOD FOR THE YEAR 1863. DEANERY OF BEDFORD.

Name of Parish or Mission, and when first established.	Extent and boundaries when defined.	Number of Churches.	Of what material.	Probable Value. $ cts.	If insured, & in what office.	Number of Parsonage Houses.	Of what material.	Probable Value. $ cts.	If insured, & in what office.	Glebes. Extent. Acres.	Glebes. Value. $ cts.	Other Church Property. Real Estate. $ cts.	Other Church Property. Money Funded. $ cts.	Amount raised in Mission towds support of Clergyman.	No. of families who identify themselves with the Church.	No. of Communicants.	No. of Baptisms. Infant.	No. of Baptisms. Adult.	No. of Schools under control of the Church. Sunday.	No. of Schools under control of the Church. Day.	No. of Children in attendance. Sunday.	No. of Children in attendance. Day.	How often is D. S. performed. Sunday.	How often is D. S. performed. Day.	How often is the H. C. administered.
Abbotsford, 1824, and Rougemont, 1844	15 miles in length, includes municipality of Abbotsford and part of the Parishes of St. Cesaire, and St. Pie	1 1	Wood. Wood.	1500.00 1000.00	Not insured, Not insured,	....	.....	.....	.....	1¼	125.00	.....	20.00 160.00	160.00	50	75	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Once in each Church every Sunday, a third Service every other Sunday.	.....	Six times per annum each Church.
Bedford, 1830	Fifty square miles	1	Brick.	5000.00	Not insured,	1	Brick.	2000.00	Not insured,	43	1000.00	.....	.....	.....	40	20	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Once.	.....	Three times per annum.
Knowlton, and Brome Corner, 1842	Township of Brome except Lots 26, 27, 28, in all Ranges	1 1	Wood. Brick.	1200.00 1600.00	Ins. in S. S. & S. Mut. I. O.	1	Brick.	2000.00	Insured in S.S. & S. Mut. I. O.	12	600.00	.....	2500.00	300.00	51	72	17	10	5	1	a all 125	50	Four.	.....	Monthly. Christmas and Easter days.
Cowansville, and Sweetsburgh, 1854	About 120 square miles. Comprising North Dunham and East Farnham	1 1	Brick. Brick.	2200.00 2200.00	Ins. in Missisquoi & Rouville Mutual Not insured,	....	.....	.....	.....	1	100.00	Missisquoi High Sch. worth $2600.00	.....	243.25	40	45	5		1	Missisquoi High School.	20	49	Three times in the two Church's, once in Bedford Jail.	.....	Monthly.
Dunham, 1808.	Township of Dunham less ⅔ in N. part	1	Stone.	4000.00	Not insured	1	Wood	1600.00	Not Insured,	10	800.00	.....	.....	250.00	130	75	14	15	1	.....	75		Once, sometimes Twice.	.....	Monthly.
West Farnham, 1847 Frelighsburgh, Waterloo, and Frost Village, 1821	15 x 8 miles E. by Farnham Centre, S. by Stanbridge, W. by St. Brigide, N. Abbotsford	1 1 1	Wood. Wood. Stone.	1200.00 1500.00 2400.00	Insured in London & Liverpool I. O. Insured in S.S. & S. Mutual. do. do. do.	1 1 1	Wood. Brick. Wood.	500.00 1600.00 1000.00	Insured in Lond. & Liverpool I. O. Insur. in S.S. & S. Mutual. do. do. do.	60 17	700.00	.....	2240.00 4000.00	117.00 340.00	44 125	35 95	17 43	3	1 3	..... 1 Col. C. & Sch. Soc'y	52 81	 21	Twice.	.....	Monthly.
Granby, and N. Shefford,	All Granby Township except Lots 1 to 14 in 1st and 2nd Ranges, a portion of N. Shefford	1 1	Wood. Stone.	1600.00 1600.00	Insured in S.S. & S. Mutual. do. do. do.	1	Stone.	2000.00	Insured in S.S. & S. Mutual.	10	1500.00	.....	.....	200.00	70 40	80 40	25	5	1	.....	30	.....	Twice m. and e. & twice at different County Stations. Once.	Friday even. Once at Country Stations.	Monthly.
Milton,	Township of Milton, part of Roxton, Upton and St. Hyacinthe	3	Brick	Milton $800 Upton $600 St. Hyacinthe $500	Milton Ch. Insured in S. S. & S. Mutual	1	Wood.	500.00	Insured in S.S. & S. Mutual.	50	2000.00	.....	500.00	30.00	42	75	11	.....	3	1	35	25	Three times.		Quarterly.
Philipsburgh, and Pigeon Hill, 1801	32 square miles E. by St. Armand E., W. by Clarenceville, S. Province Line, N. Stanbridge	1 1	Wood. Brick.	2400.00 2000.00	Not insured, Not insured,	1	Wood.	1200.00	Insured in Missisquoi and Rouville Mutual	100	1500.00	.....	.....	189.00 90.00 Income of Glebe	60 30	60 33	16	5	2	.....	60	.....	Twice m. and e. & twice at different County Stations. Once.	Friday even. Once at Country Stations.	Monthly.
Potton, and Bolton, 1850 Stanbridge, 1851	Township of Potton and South Bolton Eastern part of Stanbridge Township	1 1 1	Brick. Wood. Brick.	1200.00 1200.00 Unfinished present value. 2500.00	Insured in S.S. & S. Mutual. do. do. do. Not insured,	1 1	Wood. Stone.	800.00 1500.00	Insured in S.S. & S. Mutual. Not insured	....	....	....	....	85.00	31	36	15 9	3 4	2 1	oneabout to open.	68	....	Twice.	.....	Monthly.
Stukeley, 1825	First 5 Ranges in S. Stukeley and 3 Stations in Bolton	1	Stone.	3000.00	Insured in S.S. & S. Mutual.	....	.....	.....	.....	2¼	200.00	.....	.....	74.00	70	40	17	14	1	.....	15	.....	Twice.	Once in twoweeks.	Bi-monthly.
Sutton, 1844 W. Shefford, 1822	Ten miles square Not defined	1 1	Stone. Wood.	....	[Rouville Mutual. Insured in Missisquoi and [Rouville Mutual.	1 1	Wood. Brick.	300.00 1300.00	Insured in Missisquoi and Not insured,	5 6	500.00	....	....	200.00 160.00	100	....	21 8	5	 1	....	 25	....	Twice. Twice.	....	Monthly. Bi-monthly.

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questions sent, making twenty-five in the deanery. Of these, five are built of stone and eight wholly of brick or frame covered with brick. The remaining twelve are of wood, making nearly one-half constructed of the more perishable, if not the cheaper material, a matter, which, in the judgment of practical men admits of a question. Certainly a stone, or even a brick, church has a better and more substantial appearance to the eye than one of wood. The value of these churches, making a fair estimate of those not returned in the schedule which accompanies this report, exceeds the amount of forty thousand dollars. Thirteen parsonage houses are returned, valued at eighteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Of these churches *six*, and parsonage houses *four*, are returned as not insured. The subject of the insurance of church property is one of great importance, and the ruri-decanal Chapter has taken measures, (as recommended by a resolution of last synod,) which will have the effect, it is hoped, of producing a great improvement in this respect.

Among those questions which are connected with the temporalities of the church, that of the raising and punctual payment of such part of the stipends of the clergy as is derived from the people, is one of great importance. Whilst, in some cases, this obligation is punctually and honorably discharged, in others there can be no doubt there is a lack of that regularity and system in the management of this matter, which alone can insure confidence and good feeling between pastor and people. In this deanery, according to the returns of the present year, there are eight hundred and thirty-three families who identify themselves with the church, and two thousand and thirty-five dollars are returned as contributed by the missions towards the clergyman's support, being something less than two dollars and fifty cents per family.

Of this sum *ninety dollars* in one case arises from the rental of a glebe, and in two other cases intimation is given that the promises made have not been wholly redeemed.

A regulation was made at the last meeting of the ruri-decanal Chapter requiring the churchwardens to report to the rural dean within one month from Easter Monday, whether the stipend agreed to be paid towards the clergyman's support had been actually paid. This regulation, the rural dean regrets to state, has not been, in a single instance, complied with.

The question of local endowments, to be supplemented by the offerings of the people on the spot, made, from year to year, by voluntary subscription or offertory collection, is one which should undoubtedly command the serious attention of all who desire to see their church institutions placed upon a firm and permanent basis.

Turning from the temporalities of the church to the evidence presented

of the character and efficiency of her spiritual work during the past year: the ruri-decanal Chapter cannot but hail, with deep and heartfelt satisfaction the fact that no less than *sixty-nine adult baptisms* are returned as performed in the deanery during the year. Nothing could give stronger proof than this of the increasing hold which the principles of the Gospel, as set forth and commended by the church, are taking upon the minds of the people. And if *the spiritual work* of the church be progressing we need not have much anxiety concerning the provision for her temporal support. In connection with these observations it is recommended that a new mission be commenced in the township of Ely, where hitherto we have had no resident clergyman and only occasional services.

Notice also may be taken, in this report, of an effort, in the shape of colportage, in the deanery, made under the direction of a committee appointed by the last ruri-decanal Chapter, of which the Rev. D. Lindsay furnished an able and satisfactory statement. A colporteur had been engaged, as an experiment, to labor for three months at a salary of one hundred dollars. Many circumstances combined to interfere with the complete success of this project, which nevertheless may be considered to have afforded encouragement to persevere. In the above mentioned period books to the amount of one hundred and eighteen dollars were sold. Subscriptions to the amount of $43·00 in money, and $58·60 in books, were received in aid of the enterprise.

In conclusion the rural dean (as a matter very essential to the right and efficient working of the ruri-decanal system, which has been introduced amongst us) would press upon the clergy and churchwardens of the deanery, the importance of giving him their cordial and hearty support, especially in the matter of collecting statistical information, so valuable and necessary in order to any efficient church legislation in Synod. It is clearly understood that the rural dean acts under the instructions of the bishop, and can pretend to no other right or power than that which is thus officially conveyed to him. It is especially desirable, in order to define the duties of rural deans, that a serious omission on the part of the last Synod should be rectified in the ensuing session. The Report of the Committee on Rural Deans, their powers and duties, although received and adopted, was never made the basis of a canon or code of instructions as it should have been.

In concluding this report, the ruri-decanal Chapter, through the rural dean, desires respectfully to present the above suggestions and information, together with the accompanying schedule containing the statistics of the deanery as collected and prepared by him.

All which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

GEO. SLACK,
Rural Dean.

Dunham, June 3, 1863.

SCHEDULE OF REPORT TO SYNOD FOR THE YEAR 1863, DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS.

Name of Parish or Mission, and when first established.	Extent and boundaries when defined.	Number of Churches.	Of what material.	Probable value.	If insured, and in what office.	Number of Parsonage Houses.	Of what material.	Probable value.	If insured, and in what office.	Glebes. Extent.	Glebes. Value.	Other Church Property. Real Estate.	Other Church Property. Money Funded.	Amount raised in Mission towards support of Clergyman.	No. of families who identify themselves with the Church.	No. of Communicants.	No. of Baptisms. Infant.	No. of Baptisms. Adult.	No. of Schools under control of the Church. Sunday.	No. of Schools under control of the Church. Day.	No. of Children in attendance. Sunday.	No. of Children in attendance. Day.	How often is D. S. performed. Sunday.	How often is D. S. performed. Day.	How often is the Holy Com'nion administered.
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Mission of VAUDREUIL, established A.D. 1841.	225 square miles, bounded on the East by Cascades; on the West by Rigaud; South by a line running through Cedars & Newton; North by river Ottawa. Boundary defined in 1863.	1	Stone.	3200	Not insured	None.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$100	60	86	18	.....	2	.....	25	.....	2 services every Sunday, also on festivals.	....	Monthly, Christmas, Easter, and Whitsunday.
Mission of MORIN & MILLE ISLE, established A.D. 1861.	Boundaries not defined.	2	Wood.	800 each	Not insured	None.	.....	.....	.....	No Glebe.	....	.....	.....	Nil. People very poor.	60	45	20	....	None, as the Clergyman says, he can render no assistance. Few know the catechism.	.....	.....	.....	2 services each Sunday.	2 services during the week.	Four times in the year.
Mission of NORTH CORE, &c., established A.D. 1857.	170 square miles, bounded on the West by Chatham; on the N. by Morin and Mille Isle; on the E. by Thomas' Gore; and on the South by Upper Lachute road.	2	1 of W'd. 1 of Sto.	600 2800	Not insured	One.	Wood.	600	Not insured	5 acres	200	No other Church property.	.....	$20 in kind.	117	106	16	.....	4	4	180	180	160 Services during the year.	....	4 times in the year.
Parish of ST. ANDREWS, established A.D.	130 square miles, bounded on the E. by Seigniorial line; on W. by side line at Cushing's; on the N. by North River and Wentworth; on the S. by River Degrace and a line thence to the Diocese of Ontario. Defined A.D. 1863.	1	Brick.	1600	"Mutual."	One.	Wood.	600	"Mutual."	45	1200	None.	Money is being raised for endowment and will shortly be funded.	$600	70	100	10	.....	1	.....	40 on the list.	.....	198	52	Monthly and chief festivals.
Mission of PORTAGE DU FORT & HAVELOCK, established A.D. 1856.	300 square miles, bounded on the N. by the Ottawa Riv.; on the E. by Clarendon; being the last mission on the river it has no bounds on the N. and W. The Townships of Lichfield, Mansfield and the Calumet island are visited regularly. Defined A.D. 1863.)	2	1 of Sto. 1 of W'd. not finished, $350 have been expended on it.	3500 350	Insured in the "London and Liverpool Insurance Company."	One.	Wood.	1000	Insured in the "Liverpool and London Insurance Company."	....	.....	Nothing.	.....	300	48	55	36	.....	1	.....	50	.....	156	52	Monthly, Christmas and Easter.
Mission of CLARENDON, THOME, and LESLIE, establish. A.D. 1842.	250 square miles, boundaries not defined.	1 1 being built.	Wood.	800 20 yrs ago.	Not insured	One.	Wood.	600	Insured in the "Unity" for $400.	7	400	None.	.....	200	185 and a portion of 17, while many consider themselves to have a claim to the care of the Church.	55	70	1	1	.....	55 on the roll.	....	3 times on S'day.	1 on week day.	Once every two mon'hs and on chief festiv.
Mission of ONSLOW, &c., &c. established A.D. 1857.	200 square miles, bounded on the North by Alfield and Thorne; on the S. by the Ottawa; on the E. by part of Eardley; on the W. by Clarendon. Defined 1863.	1	Wood.	1600	Not insured, shortly will be.	One.	Wood.	800	Not insured	1¼	Not given.	None.	.....	200	79	83	40	1	4	.....	59	.....	135	44	Monthly and chief festivals.
Mission of AYLMER and HULL, establis. A.D. 184..	10 miles square, boundaries not defined.	2	Stone.	3300 and 4000	Church at Aylmer insured, office not mentioned.	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2400 invested in mortgage on Glebe sold bearing 6 per cent for five years.	120	50	30	19	.....	1	.....	20	.....	54	Occasionally.	Seven times in the year.
Mission of BUCKINGHAM, contains three townships, viz.: Buckingham, Lochaber, and Templeton, first opened by a travelling Missionary, A.D. 1845, and occupied by a resident Minister, A.D. 1850.	300 square miles, boundaries not defined.	1 School houses are used for D. S. at out Stations.	Wood.	800	Not insured	One.	Wood.	1200	Not insured	3	400	.....	.....	160	72	60	34	.....	1	.....	20	.....	106	.....	Four times in the year.
Mission of GRENVILLE, &c., &c., establish. A.D. 1830.	240 square miles, bounded on the E. by the side line at Cushing's; by the Ottawa on the S.; by the Township of Lochaber on the W., and by the second range of townships on the North. Defined	4	1 of Sto. 3 of sided logs.	2000 3 from about $400 each.	Grenville Church insured in the "Mutual."	One.	Stone.	1600	Insured in the "Mutual."	50	400	2 acres at Grenville; at the Mountain Church one acre; at the augmentation 2 acr., and at Papineauville 2 village lots.	.....	160	.....	60	17	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	.....	Twenty times in the year.

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DEANERY OF IBERVILLE.

No Report has been received from this deanery for the present year, the Rural dean, the Rev. E. DuVernet, having been absent in England on leave for some months past. Several of the printed schedules of questions have been filled up and sent in, but are reserved, to appear hereafter in a tabular form with the rest of the deanery.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS.

My Lord,

I beg to transmit the following report on the state of the missions in the Deanery of St. Andrews. Some of the answers to my queries are not as full as I could have desired.

There will appear to your lordship a great difference in the number of children under catechetical instruction in some missions compared with others.

Very little has been done, I regret to say, in the way of endowments. I have reason to hope, however, that something will be effected for that desirable object in some of the missions during the present year. In this parish there is a small sum in hand, which as soon as all that has been promised shall be paid in, is to be funded. The matter was brought before our vestry meeting at Easter, when it was decided that a monthly offertory should be devoted to the increase of the fund.

I have not yet been able to send in a suitable map with the statistics, as all that I have seen are imperfect and do not embrace the whole of this deanery in such a distinct manner as to be useful.

In order to suit the convenience of the clergy I consider it a better plan to hold a ruri-decanal meeting at St. Andrews, and another at Aylmer, instead of meeting at one central place, which, owing to the length of the deanery, must prove very inconvenient to all parties.

It was arranged at our last meeting that on future occasions when the clergy met there shall be morning prayers and sermon with the Holy Communion, and in the evening, prayers and a missionary meeting. Could such services be held in rotation in each mission, much good would result.

The same number of clergy are engaged in this portion of the missionary field as were last year; there are two catechists—one assisting in the extensive mission of Clarendon, and the other at the German settlement in the Buckingham mission.

The present state of Arundel, which I was invited to visit, does not offer a favourable opening for missionary operations just now. The population, no doubt, will increase, and therefore it will be well to secure

a glebe, should the proprietor, who is anxious to have a church, be disposed to make a grant. The impression on my mind, from all I have seen of that section of country and its requirements is this—that La Chute should be the head quarters of a travelling missionary, in whose circuit Arundel and the other adjoining townships should be comprised.

I beg to repeat what I suggested last year respecting the mission of Aylmer and Hull—to separate Aylmer and make it the head of a mission which should include the township of Eardly, and thus enable Mr. Braithwaite to give more time to Bristol and Onslow; and to form Hull with Masham into a distinct mission.

In such a deanery as this it is for the most part a difficult matter to define the boundaries of missions satisfactorily; the present must be considered as only temporary arrangements, as changes are daily taking place owing to the increase of population; and therefore several of the present unwieldly missions should be subdivided if they are to be worked with efficiency and satisfaction to clergy and people.

In support of this opinion I quote the words of the zealous missionary at Clarendon: "I wish to observe," he says, "that it is entirely impossible for me to attend efficiently to *two hundred* families scattered over an extensive country, and more especially when it is taken into consideration that within the bounds of my mission, I have to cope with the energetic opposition of no less than five regular Methodist preachers, besides numerous local teachers."

I would now beg to call your lordship's attention to the fearfully destitute condition of the settlements on the Gatineau: these extend to the distance of one hundred miles along its banks, without one solitary clergyman to minister to the hundreds of church people scattered throughout the valley of that river. Mr. Codd made a hasty visit in the early part of the winter, and officiated at several places, and baptized the children. The people begged of him to send some one to minister to them for a while during the winter, and having heard of their desire for religious instruction, I took upon me to sanction his sending his catechist, who gives the result of his visit in these words:

"I have put off writing, hoping I might have something definite to state, but it is hard to accomplish much in so short a time. I have done what I thought best for the people.

"In the township of Aylwin we had a meeting to see what they were determined to do. They came to the conclusion, that if a clergyman was sent who would devote half his time to them, and the other half to the township of Wakefield, they would pay one half the required salary. They also agree to build a parsonage. I had to leave Aylwin as the roads were getting so bad, and there was no place to stay in with

convenience. They gave me eleven dollars, hoping I could return to them. They are a kind and hospitable people.

"The people at Danford Lake are generally very poor, yet they are willing to exert themselves; a few people told me they would give me twenty dollars a year if I could stay with them. On Easter Sunday the people turned out *en masse*—the litle church was crowded. In the evening they travelled ten miles to the service. I have seldom felt better rewarded than on the last Sunday evening, with the soul-cheering manner in which those hardy sons of toil joined in the church services, and hailed my coming amongst them. It is at such times we can see the beauty of our incomparable liturgy.

"When I left Aylwin and Masham, the people were dissatisfied that I could not attend there oftener—they insisted on my giving them another service on Sunday. They called a meeting, as they are about to purchase a house if possible for $650. They wished me to remain with them a month. Some of the people told me they had not a clergyman for eight—some, for fourteen years!! It is surprising that under such circumstances the people have not gone over to the sects. There are forty families in Wakefield, who yet hold to the Church of their fathers. I often feel ready to give up. The harvest is truly great but the labourers few, or, more properly speaking, *none*. I never felt so much the value of time as since my visit at the Gatineau.

"At Masham, although the day was very wet, we had a meeting of twenty heads of families, when they resolved on either building or purchasing a house for a parsonage. They formed a committee of seven, and then drew a note which they signed for three hundred dollars. I intended to have left at once but they would not suffer me. They kindly engaged to pay my expenses. This would make a very good mission if properly worked. The people must be encouraged, as they are afraid *the Church will desert them*."

These few extracts from the journal of this faithful man will afford some idea of the spiritual destitution which reigns in that portion of the deanery. The township of Aylwin alone contains a population of five hundred souls. As soon as I discovered this lamentable state of destitution, I wrote to a clergyman in Montreal, begging of him to try and enlist the kind sympathy of his congregation on behalf of our poor people, hoping they would make the exertion of sending one missionary to the Gatineau country. I made preparation last winter to spend a month up there—itinerating amongst them to preach and administer the sacraments, but as it was impossible to procure the assistance of any clergyman to take charge of this parish for one week, or even a day, I had reluctantly to abandon my intention.

The urgent necessity of the case will be sufficient apology for my

quoting from Mr. Seaman's journal. I do, my lord, feel most deeply for people who have been so long neglected. We want at least five more missionaries in this deanery—three men of discretion, piety and devotion to enter at once the Gatineau country and labour there for Christ and his Church; another to take part immediately in the duties of the Clarendon mission; and one to minister in the settlements lying between North Gore and St. Andrew's, extending his labours to the townships on the West.

Such, my lord, are the most pressing wants of this deanery. I pray that they may be by the goodness of God provided for.

The statistics of the several missions are given in a tabular form.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

I have the honour to be, my lord,
Your faithful servant,

RICHARD LONSDELL,
Rural Dean.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan,
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