

Correspondence.

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To the Editors of the CHRONICLE :

SIRS :—Casually seeing a number of the *Kingston Deanery Magazine*, of January last, I noticed the following statements :

1. "Several of these, of course, are civil not ecclesiastical Parishes."

2. "All the Parishes which are included in a Deanery, should be considered under the supervision of the Rural Dean, whether they have the care of a clergyman or not, and it is a part of his duty to report any vacant or neglected portion of his Deanery to the Bishop."

"This is, we fear, a part of the duty of Rural Deans very seldom thought of."

Now Messrs. Editors, if these statements had been confined to the Kingston Deanery, interference from an external source would be an impertinence ; but when the *Kingston Deanery Magazine* undertakes to lecture the Rural Deans of the Diocese on their duties, a reply will not, I think, be out of place.

With regard to the first statement, the *Kingston Deanery Magazine* will find that the lines of civil and ecclesiastical Parishes in this Diocese, have always been co-terminous, except when changed by special act of Parliament.

The Church Act, passed last session of the Legislature, provides that this state of things shall continue, except when changed by the Bishop, or, in case of appeal, by act of Synod.

As to the statement respecting the neglect of Deans Rural to report vacant Parishes to the Bishop, I should say, "Speak for yourself, Brother." I have always considered Parishes as *Parishes*, and not as that indefinite thing *yclept* missions, in my dealings with this Deanery. And as my last Ruri-decanal report to the Bishop may prove rather dry to your readers, I beg to enclose a tabulated statement of such matters, gathered from the information, from which I made my report, as may prove of general interest.

Yours truly,

LEO. A. HOYT,

Rural Dean of Woodstock.

Andover, March 6, 1886.

Name of Parish	Name of Clergyman.	No. Ch. in Per Census	Remarks.
St. Francis	Vacant	31	
St. Hilaire	Vacant	34	French R. C. Parish.
Madawaska	Rev. W. R. Armstrong	34	Resident 38 miles dist.
St. Jacques	Rev. W. B. Armstrong	21	Attend Ch. Madawaska
St. Basil	Vacant	21	French R. C. Parish.
St. Ann	Vacant	21	French R. C. Parish.
St. Leonard	Rev. W. R. Armstrong	74	Resident 12 miles dist.
Grand Falls	Rev. W. B. Armstrong	34	Visited m'thly by Dean
a Village.	Vacant	2425	Visited m'thly by Dean
Drummond	Rev. N. M. Hansen.	2425	
a N. Denmark	Vacant	...	
6 Tilley, Undine, &c.	Vacant	...	
Andover	Rev. Leo. O. Hoyt	389	
Perth	Vacant	96	
Gordon	Vacant	75	Visited m'thly by Dean
Lorne	Vacant	14	
Wicklow	Rev. J. E. Flewelling	183	
Wilmot	Rev. J. E. Flewelling	118	
Simonds	Rev. J. E. Flewelling	60	
Kent	Vacant	100	Visited m'thly by Dean
Aberdeen	Vacant	193	
Peel	Vacant	99	Visited m'thly by Dean
Brighton	Vacant	76	
Northampton	Vacant	59	Attend ch. Woodstock
Wakefield	Vacant	231	Visited at two points by Rector of Woods'k
Woodstock	Rev. Thos. Neales	994	
Richmond	Vacant	427	
Canterbury	Rev. C. S. Warneford	482	
Fourth Lake	Vacant	43	
Prince William	Rev. A. Lowndes	337	
Dumfries	Rev. A. Lowndes	194	
Southampton	Vacant	186	Visited by Rev. LeB.
Queensbury	Vacant	179	McKiel frn D'ry. F. ton

To the Editors of the CHRONICLE.

GENTLEMEN :—Opposite p 28, in the March number, you give a return of Sunday School Statistics from the several Deaneries.

Under the heading, Shediac, "no returns," is inserted. A fair inference from all that is said might be, that no notice was taken of the return asked for by the Synod. But, on p 216, of the Journal of the Sixteenth Session of the Synod, the Sunday School Committee make this acknowledgement : "While drafting this report, your Committee have received tidings that a Sunday School Association for teachers, has recently been formed in the Deanery of Shediac, from which it is expected a return will be made next year."

By inserting this communication, you will oblige

THE CLERGY OF THE
R. D. OF SHEDIAC.