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## TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The several Parochial reports and accounts of Church Society Meetings, which have lately been published in the columns of the *Church*, have been so fraught with matter which cannot fail to interest the lovers of our Zion, that though aware we must condense them, we had marked so many paragraphs for insertion in our periodical that we have been more than once reminded we were monopolizing too much of the office type; and that we had more than sufficient matter for two numbers. We have therefore been obliged to exclude nearly all the resolutions passed at the various meetings and confine our selections to those portions of the proceedings and reports which more particularly relate to the Church Society's operations and progress; and we fear that even now when the *Gazette* goes to press some of our selections will have to stand over for another month. When, however, it is remembered that the *Gazette* proposes to chronicle the ecclesiastical events in the three Canadian Dioceses, we shall be readily excused for any apparent shortcomings; we venture to hope that the time is not far distant when the publisher and proprietor will be encouraged to enlarge the size of the periodical, and to issue it oftener than once a month. From many quarters we have received the intimation that in order to interest the people in the affairs of the Church Societies, their objects, and the manner in which they are being carried out, should be more frequently and plainly brought before them, than in the annual reports. We would throw out the hint therefore for the consideration of the several District and Parochial branches, whether it would not be desirable to distribute a number of copies of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* gratuitously to their subscribers. Much of the expense now incurred by the parent societies in publishing their annual reports (which from their length are read but by few,) might be thus saved. We throw out this suggestion without any fear of our motive being impugned, as the only reward which those who have undertaken the selection of matter for the paper look for, is to find a more general interest taken in the affairs of the Church by its members. The *Gazette* will be published, for the present, as near the middle of each month as possible,

in order to give the publisher time to receive the monthly proceedings of the Societies in the Eastern Dioceses. Those who are favorable to the project and are willing to act as agents for the circulation of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* are requested to communicate with the publisher as soon as possible, for it should be remembered "*bis dat qui cito dat*," and that many have regretted, when too late, that an undertaking has failed, when by a little timely assistance they might themselves have prevented that which they affect to lament.

His Lordship the Bishop of Rupert's Land has done us the honor to send the following ecclesiastical intelligence:

**ORDINATION, RUPERT'S LAND.**—On Sunday, December 25th (Christmas day), the Bishop held an ordination in St. John's Church, Red River, when the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, B.A., and the Rev. Griffith O. Corbett, Col. Church Society, were ordained Priests, and Mr. James Settee, Native Catechist, was admitted to the Order of Deacon.

**VISITATION.**—On Tuesday, Dec'ber 27th, the Bishop held his Triennial Visitation in Saint John's Church, on which occasion the Rev. Wm. Cochran, of St. Andrew's Church, Red River, who has laboured for more than a quarter of a century in the country, was appointed First Archdeacon of Assiniboia, comprising the Red River and Fairford; and the Rev. James Hunter, of Christ Church, Cumberland, who has translated the Gospel of St. Matthew and the greater part of the Prayer Book into the Cree language, was appointed First Archdeacon of Cumberland, comprising the Saskatchewan and York.

From his Lordship's letter, we learn that the total number of the clergy at present in his diocese is 15.

## TRINITY COLLEGE.

We have great pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the munificent donation recently made to Trinity College by the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron.—That gentleman has provided for the permanent endowment of two scholarships open to the sons of clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland resident and doing duty in any part of British North America, with a preference *ceteris paribus*, to those who intend to receive Holy Orders. The scholarships are of the annual value of £25 currency, and the first will be open for competition in October next.

## NOTICES.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto gives notice that it is his intention, with the Divine permission, to hold Confirmations in the Niagara District during the month of May next; in the Gore and Districts West of Hamilton, in the months of June and July; and in August at the Manitowahning Mission, and Sault Ste. Marie, &c., Lake Huron. A list of the days and places of Confirmation will be published hereafter, and his Lordship requests that notice may be given to him as early as possible of such new Stations as may have been established, or new parishes organized, at which confirmations are required to be held or churches to be consecrated.

Although former usage required that every candidate for confirmation should have attained the full age of fifteen, the Bishop, in order to meet the frequent applications of the clergy in favour of persons somewhat younger, is induced to admit such candidates as have completed their fourteenth year, provided they be specially recommended by their respective pastors. The clergy will be pleased to have in readiness and furnish to the Bishop, previous to commencing the service of the day, a list containing the names and ages of the several candidates, whom they are to present for the holy rite.

Some years ago the Bishop called the attention of his brethren the clergy to the advantage of registering in their parish books the names of the confirmed, to which they might afterwards usefully refer, and he will be much gratified to inspect them in the Missions where this has been done.

The Bishop embraces this occasion to renew his anxious desire, that the candidates for confirmation should be fully instructed in those solemn obligations and responsibilities which they are in their own persons about to assume; and that every practical means may be employed to render them fully acquainted with all that pertains to the faith and practice of members of the true Church of Christ.

The Rector and Churchwardens of St. James's gratefully acknowledge the donation of £17 19s. 11., from Captain Beresford, being the balance due on the Parochial School House.