

CLERICAL GUIDE ADVERTISER.

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British North America, with full biographical notices. It is intended to be an Annual Register, containing a complete Calendar, notices of Educational Institutions, Act for the Provincial Synod, charges of the Metropolitan and the Bishop of Nova Scotia, Parish Guide for each Diocese, Canons of the Provincial Synod, and such a mass of general ecclesiastical information withal; that it will soon be felt to be absolutely indispensable in every Clergyman's study; and wherever and whenever any information is sought respecting the Church in this country.—*Dominion Churchman.*

THE CLERICAL GUIDE.—This is a very carefully prepared and neatly executed book, containing a variety of information in a form convenient and useful for those who desire to know the particulars which the editor has brought together. Understanding this to be the first work of the sort accomplished in Canada, we have much pleasure in congratulating the editor on his enterprise, and expressing the hope that the "Guide" for 1876 will be the first of a series succeeding one another in stately order for many years to come, witnessing and chronicling the successive phases of Church life, and, we hope and pray, the gradual spread of her principles and restoration of the waste places. A book of this kind may be compared in some respect to a University Calendar. It has a present interest, but its value does not stop here. Year after year, placed on the shelves with its predecessors, awaiting there in dignified peace the calendars of the future, it becomes one of a cherished set of memorials of the past, taken down at times when the dates alone are almost enough to bring tears to the eye; and now, consulted for some requisite piece of information; again, read with the mixed feelings prompted by musings of

"—men and things long gone,
And all the pleasant days that were."

Accordingly we trust, first, that the Clergy and others will subscribe for the **CLERICAL GUIDE** with a view not only to the present, but the future; and, secondly, that the same consideration will induce them to take pains to furnish the editor all the necessary information regularly and promptly. A glance at the book shows how general has been the response to the editor's circular of questions. Beside information about the Clergy, their parishes, work and writings (where any), short biographical sketches of the Bishops, past and present, and brief accounts of the formation of Dioceses in B. N. A., the "Guide" contains interesting matter under other heads: the Calendar, with foot notes and short extracts from various writers, matter about the Anglican Church in B. N. A., and the Provincial Synod, its Constitution, Rules, Delegates, Officers, Committees, Canons, including form of shortened service' etc.; the Metropolitan's address, and space not permitting the publication of the charges of all the Bishops, that of the Bishop of Nova Scotia (A.D. 1874), being the next senior Bishop to the Metropolitan whose charge could be procured; statistics of population; alphabetical lists of Priests and Deacons; succession of Archbishops of Canterbury, names of Bishops of the Anglican Communion. Possibly not the least welcome part of the book to the country Clergy and reading laity, would be the advertisements of well-selected theological books, especially if they are, as we assume will be the case, annually re-arranged to keep up to the new publications. As to the time to come, advertisements of this kind form a very pleasant part of a periodical, taken up thirty or forty years after its publication, especially in an age when the movements in religious thought are so rapid.—*The Church Magazine.*

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THE OTTAWA CLERICAL GUIDE.—We gladly welcome this Guide, as its name indicates. It contains a vast amount of can be obtained nowhere else in the country. One of the most striking features of the Bishops and Provincial Synod, which of us commencing that body, with a complete form, may be made also a very complete and useful