

gle individual who was not supposed desirous to have it. At both of our commencements a few copies were sent, unordered, and *uncharged*, to persons who it was hoped would be willing to aid our circulation, but with this exception, no one in the province has received the Magazine who was not understood to have ordered it, either by himself or another. It may here be remarked, that it would materially facilitate the publication of such periodicals as ours, if the postal arrangements of the province were based on the same liberal principle as those of Britain. At home, a publication which is not strictly a newspaper, if it bear a newspaper *stamp* is allowed the privileges of a *stamped* newspaper, provided it weigh less than three ounces, no matter though it have a cover attached and be printed on several sheets. Why should not a similar publication here have, *unstamped*, the privileges of an *unstamped* newspaper? Were such the case a Magazine like ours, tho' doubled in size and weight would be subject to only half its present postage.

It would be inexcusable to take leave of our readers without congratulating them on the passing of the bill for Secularizing the Clergy Reserves, The measure may be not unexceptionable, but it is surely a vast boon; and we earnestly hope that, under the Divine blessing it will contribute largely to the civil, and ecclesiastical—the social, and religious wellbeing of the community. The course of public opinion and of legislation is manifestly and strongly in the direction of the distinctive principles of our church, which seem destined to a speedy and glorious triumph. Oh! that we had wisdom, energy, and zeal duly to improve an opportunity so favorable and auspicious.

It only remains that, admonished by the season, we solemnly advert to the lapse of time with its dread responsibilities. When a few years more are come, the privileges and duties, the joys and sorrows of the present shall be no more; and for weal or for woe, an entrance must be made on the awful endless future. O! that we were wise, that we understood this, that we would consider our latter end. Behold now is the time of acceptance, behold now is the day of salvation. Let us give diligence to make our calling and election sure. Let us redeem the time and do with our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do. And humbly and devoutly recognizing the absolute need of succor from on high, let us pray: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Return, O Lord how long? let it repent thee concerning thy servants. O! satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.