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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The *Gazette* has now been issued for nine months, and we have often been cheered in our work by the kindly expressions of approbation which have reached us from parties in the three dioceses. We copy the following paragraphs, extracted from the *Echo* of the 1st inst.:

"CANADIAN ECCLESIASTICAL GAZETTE.—This publication appears to increase in interest, and seems so well adapted to its purposes that it is a pity it does not come out at shorter intervals. If the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* continues to be as judiciously edited as it now is, wholly avoiding all expression of opinion, and being really and truly a mere gazette of official notices and statements, and as a record of official deeds, with other religious information of general interest, it ought to be universally taken among our clerical and lay members, and published every week."

But in order to carry on a paper something more than good words are required. We think that we have not in the slightest degree diverged from the course we set forth in our prospectus. The Publisher has been carrying on the paper as yet at a loss, which threatens to be too serious a one for him to incur another year, unless some exertions are made on the part of the friends of the paper to place it on a more satisfactory footing. The Parochial and District branches of the Church Society will shortly be holding their meetings, and then their lengthy reports will be sent for publication. In return the Publisher certainly has a right to expect the paper to be supported by them. Each district might pay a fair price for printing its report, and the parent society for the printing the long list of acknowledgments which is published weekly; then the paper might be issued at least semi-monthly. It is not for want of matter, but for want of funds, that it is now brought out only once a month. We have often by us interesting reports of societies, and other ecclesiastical intelligence, which our space forbids our noticing. At the present price of materials and wages it would be impossible to publish it bi-monthly for less than three times the amount now charged as a subscription; and only then if it was generally taken. It will be observed that the Publisher has not given a single advertisement, though, owing to his connection with *The Church*, he might profitably have done so. The gentleman who con-

ducts it does so without receiving any remuneration, and at very great inconvenience, as his time is otherwise fully employed. If, therefore, it is desirable that the *Gazette* should be carried on after the expiration of the present volume, such arrangements must be entered into as will secure the one against loss, and encourage the other, by shewing that his labours are appreciated.

Special Notices.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal left that city on the 31st ult., to hold confirmations at the different missions of the Church of England, on the Ottawa. On his return, his Lordship will visit the Eastern Townships, and hold a general ordination for that diocese in the Church of St. Luke, at Waterloo, on Friday the 29th of September. Service to commence at 10 o'clock.

Additional confirmation appointments throughout the Guelph Rural Deanery, &c., &c., during September, 1854.

Travelling	}	Monday " 18.
		Tuesday " 19.
		Wednesday " 20.
		Thursday " 21.
		Friday " 22, 2 P.M.
Huntingford.....		Saturday " 23, 11 A.M.
Ingersoll.....		Sunday " 24, 11 I.M.
Woodstock.....		

ARCHIDIACONAL VISITATIONS.

THE ARCHDEACON OF YORK will (D.V.) resume his visitations as follows:

Shanty Bay	Monday	"	18, 11 A.M.
Barrie	"	"	6 1/2 P.M.
Penetanguishine ...	Tuesday	"	19, 4 1/2 P.M.

* The first three here named were postponed from the former visitation.

NOTICE.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next General Ordination in the Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday the 8th of October. Candidates for Holy Orders, whether of Deacon or Priest, are requested to communicate without delay, to the Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., Examining Chaplain, their intention to offer themselves, and to be present for examination in the Library of the Parochial School-house at Toronto, on the Wednesday previous to the day of Ordination, at 9 o'clock, A.M. They are required to be furnished with the usual Testimonials, and the *vis quis* attested in the ordinary manner.

CHURCH SOCIETY REPORT.

We are requested to state that the delay in the issuing of the Report has been caused by the impossibility of getting the

requisite paper—a want which appears to be felt all over the world. A supply has been promised our publisher next week.

COLLECTION FOR WIDOW AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Clergy are reminded that the time appointed by the *Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto* for preaching the sermon and taking up the collection for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy is the month of October.

From the Halifax Church Times.

HALIFAX, August 5, 1854.

REV AND DEAR SIR:—I purpose (D.V.) to hold a Visitation at Halifax on Wednesday, October 11

Having visited every parish once, and the greater part of the diocese more than once, since my appointment, and knowing that the clergy cannot leave their cures without serious inconvenience, both to themselves and to their congregations, I have deferred calling them together in the hope that the questions relating to colonial church assemblies would be settled by the Imperial Parliament. Being disappointed in this, I have at length determined, without further delay, to summon a meeting of the clergy and lay delegates to be held on the day following the visitation day, in order that the members of the church may decide for themselves whether they will hold periodical assemblies or not. If this question is decided in the negative, the business will be thereby concluded. If in affirmative, we shall then proceed to frame regulations for our own guidance, and for future elections of lay members; but no questions except with reference to the constitution and by-laws or standing orders of the assembly will be proposed at this meeting.

It has been allowed by speakers of all parties, in both houses of parliament, that the members of the church in the colonies ought to enjoy the privilege of meeting together, to frame such regulations for their own government as may be required by local circumstances, but various causes have prevented the passage of the bills, which have been introduced into the House of Commons for the purpose of removing any doubts that may exist as to their present position. One objection is, that no legislation is required, and that we have already full liberty to meet according to our own pleasure. This opinion has been acted upon in some dioceses, and it is open to us, if we please, to follow the example of our brethren.

Last year, a bill, prepared with great care by the bench of bishops, was approved by the government, and passed by the house of Lords, where it was introduced by the archbishop of Canterbury. In the Lower House its consideration was deferred because it was not sent down until late in the Session. In March last a new Bill, introduced by the Solicitor General, passed the second reading by the overwhelming major