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We would call the attention of those who think it desirable that the *Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette* should continue to be published to the fact, that if it was not remunerative when Mr. Rowsell was able to keep in type matter which was set for *The Church*, he cannot be expected to carry it on after the completion of the current volume, in December, at the same price, unless a certain amount, to cover expenses, is guaranteed to him. We had hoped that a united effort would have been made to sustain the paper, and that ere this we should have felt justified in publishing it at least twice a month (often than that is, we think, unnecessary). We have gone on, uncomplainingly, devoting our time and labor, often at serious personal inconvenience, in the hope that the publisher would meet with such encouragement that he would be enabled to relieve us, and afford to pay for the services of an editor who had more leisure at his disposal; but we have been disappointed. It was at our solicitation that Mr. Rowsell tried the experiment; therefore we feel bound to continue the work so long as he requires our services; but unless steps are speedily taken by others to increase the circulation of the paper, or to put it upon a better footing, we would advise him on no account to enter upon another volume.

We commend the following suggestions, which we extract from an editorial of the *Echo* of the 30th ult., headed "The Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette," and take this occasion of thanking our contemporary for the kindly feeling which he has on several occasions expressed towards us:—

"This is the only publication which has any valid claim to the style and standing of an official organ in the three dioceses of Quebec, Toronto, and Montreal. We believe it has the sanction of the three Bishops in that capacity, and as such is entirely neutral in the party discussions of the day. It is very desirable that such a publication should be supported as a convenient and unexceptionable medium of communication from the authorities to the clergy and laity, and also as a record of transactions of the various Church Societies, and a register of Church proceedings. As such it ought to be published at least every week. If the Societies making use of its pages, and all persons publishing notices in it, were to pay a reasonable sum for this privilege, and if as an official non-party organ it were taken by all the clergy and such of the laity as were interested in the prosperity of our Canadian Church, we suppose the publisher would be able at least to clear his

expenses. Those who desired to print and circulate reports of societies or meetings might subscribe for extra copies containing them, and thus a fund would be provided. It might contain also a very full list of births, deaths, and marriages, for each of which a small sum might be charged, or extra copies taken by those who insert such notices for distribution, to their friends."

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 5th Sept., 1855.

A meeting of the Central Board of, the Church Society was held this day the Venerable Archdeacon Lower in the chair. It was moved by the Chairman of the Lay Committee, seconded by James Armstrong, Esq., and

Resolved—That having received a certificate from the Rev. J. C. Davidson, Missionary at Chaudière, to the effect that the new church there had been roofed in, the sum of £25, voted by the Central Board on the 3rd of July last, be paid by the Treasurer.

The Secretary informed the meeting that a supply of books had been received from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

An abstract of the Treasurer's account was laid on the table, from which it appeared that the following sums had been received:—

Rev. W. Morris, subscription	£1	17	6
Annual subscription at Buckingham	3	0	0
Collection after sermon	1	5	0
Col. Wilgress, for 1854 and 5	5	0	0
Rev. J. Ellegood, subscription	1	17	6
Rev. Canon Gibson, do	1	17	6
Rev. W. Bond, in addition to life sub.	1	5	0
Mrs. Archbold's subscription	1	5	0
Miss Day	0	2	6
J. N. Hall	1	5	0
W. B. Lamb	1	0	0
Cash from Mrs. J. J. Gibb, Treasurer of Ladies' Committee	102	3	8
Subscription from No. 1 Co. R. C. Rifles, omitted in February, 1853, by Rev. C. Morice	1	6	3
Rev. J. Mountain's subscription ...	1	17	6
Collection for Missionary purposes	1	3	7½
Half of annual subscription	4	7	10½
June 13—Rev. J. S. Syke's annual subscription	1	17	6

CONFIRMATION TOUR.

The following narrative has been communicated to us for publication:—
The Lord Bishop of Montreal has

recently visited and held Confirmations at the following places in this Diocese:

Lachine, Sunday, August 12—9 males; 11 females; total, 20. Rev. J. Flanagan.

Lake Brandon, Aug. 20—3 females. Rev. W. Merrick.

Berthier, Sunday morning, Aug. 20—3 males; 2 females; total, 5. Rev. W. Merrick.

Sorel, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 20—9 males; 12 females; total, 21. Rev. W. Anderson.

Petite Nation, Aug. 23—6 males; 7 females; total, 13. Rev. W. Morris.

Clarendon, Sunday, Aug. 26—17 males; 16 females; total, 33. Rev. J. S. Sykes.

The church at Berthier, which has long been in an unfinished state, is now nearly completed. The congregation have been exerting themselves during the last year, and have raised sufficient money to put up the interior, build a gallery and erect a spire; and have also arranged for the purchase of a glebe of ten acres, with a residence for the clergyman, on a lot close to the village.—These are evidences that the labours of the Rev. W. Merrick are not unappreciated. But it would be most desirable, if sufficient funds could be raised for the purpose, that an additional clergyman should be appointed to take charge of the country in the rear of Berthier at Lake Brandon, together with Ramsey and Kildare, now forming parts of the mission of the Rev. C. Rollit. The districts under the charge of both these clergymen are far too extensive, and, in connection with the bad roads, make it impossible to give that attention to the different stations which is so necessary.

At Petite Nation the service was held in a little church commenced since the Bishop's last visit, but which is not yet quite completed. An address was presented to his lordship before service by Asa Cooke, Esq., (Mayor) and others, on behalf of the congregation, congratulating him on their now being able to assemble in a building erected specially for divine worship, and not in a small inconvenient school-house, as they were obliged to do on a former visit. Here again there is a wide field open for additional labourers. The Rev. W. Morris, now stationed at Buckingham, (as successor to the Rev. R.L. Stephenson, who commenced the work in this district), is the only clergyman of the Church of England resident between Granville and Aylmer, having under his