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## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

In bringing the second volume of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* to a close, it becomes necessary to state that so large a proportion of the Subscribers are still in arrear, that it will be impossible to issue the first number of the Third Volume, until sufficient encouragement shall have been obtained to enable the publisher to undertake it without risk. The original publisher having retired from that branch of business, new arrangements are in view, which, it is hoped, will secure the more regular delivery of the paper throughout the Province, and also afford greater facilities for collecting the subscriptions. But, as has been intimated above, the issue of the next number must depend upon the success which may attend this effort to induce subscribers in arrear to send in the amounts due by them.

N. B.—The issue of the present number has been delayed in order that it might contain the recent proceedings of the Central Board of the Church Society.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**PARISH OF QUEBEC.**—The number of communicants in this Parish on Easter Day was nearly 700.—At St. Matthew's Chapel (early communion for members of the Cathedral Congregation), 62.—Cathedral, 400.—Trinity Chapel, 100.—St. Peter's Chapel, 69.—St. Paul's, 27. The numbers at the Cathedral and Trinity Chapel could not be ascertained with exactness, and it is believed the former exceeded that given by at least 30. There was daily Service and Sermon in the Cathedral on every day in Passion Week, and on Easter Monday and Tuesday. On Good Friday there was also Afternoon Service at the Cathedral, and Morning Service at all the Chapels where it is held on Sundays, and at St. Matthews and All Saints in the evening. Throughout Lent, in addition to the daily prayers at All Saints' Chapel, there was service and sermon every Wednesday and Friday afternoon at the Cathedral and Trinity Chapel, and on Thursday evenings at St. Matthew's Chapel.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Cathedral for the election of Church-Wardens and Select Vestrymen, was held on Monday in Easter-week, when the Honorable W. Walker was re-appointed to the charge of the Pew-Rents, and Mr. W. Poston elected Warden in charge of the Poor-Fund. The amount of weekly collections for the poor, from Easter 1851, was shewn to have been £449 17s 11½d, exclusive of four special collections, amounting, together, to £161 13s 0d.—(This does not include the annual collections for the Canada Military Asylum and St. George's Society.)

The Annual Examination of the National Schools took place on the 15th and 16th April, the boys being examined on the 15th and the girls on the 16th. His Excellency the Governor General honored the Boys' School with his presence. There were present also the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Reverend Official Mackie, D. D., with several others of the Clergy, the Rector of the High School, and many other friends, both ladies and gentlemen, of the Institution. The younger classes were examined in Reading and Arithmetic, Geography and Writing from dictation—and the 1st and 2d Classes, in Writing from memory, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geo-

graphy, Elements of Astronomy and Natural Philosophy, and also the Holy Scriptures—in all of which subjects the answering was such as to reflect very great credit on the Master of the School. At the close of the examination, His Excellency distributed prizes, and was afterwards pleased, in an address to the boys, to express his high gratification at the proficiency exhibited by them, and at the evidence which it yielded to the zeal and ability of their teacher. In enumerating the many advantages enjoyed in the school, (among which His Excellency instanced the admirable qualifications of the Master, the superintendence of the Committee, and especially of the Clergy, and above all, the interest taken in the school by their Diocesan,) His Excellency reminded the boys that they were responsible for the right use of them, and concluded by promising to pay another visit to them, that he might have the opportunity of seeing the every-day work in the several classes.

From the unpropitious state of the weather many persons were unable to attend the Examination of the Girls' School. Her Excellency the Countess of Elgin and Kincardine had kindly expressed her wish to attend, but was prevented from doing so by indisposition. The result of this examination was equally creditable with that of the boys. The subjects selected were English History, Arithmetic, Composition, Elements of Astronomy, Reading, Writing, from memory and Dictation, and Scripture Lessons. Several maps, and specimens of different kinds of needlework were also exhibited, and the proceedings were varied, at intervals, by singing. At the conclusion of the Examination, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese delivered the prizes and afterwards made a short address to the children, in which his Lordship took occasion to render his testimony to the care and efficiency of Mrs. Hatherly, the Mistress of the School, and to express his great satisfaction at the result of the examination of both schools.

A gloom has since been thrown over the Female School and Orphan Asylum by the early death of an inmate of the last mentioned institution, after an illness of a very few days. She had been a longer time in the Asylum than any other of the children, having been left, in infancy, in a basket at the door of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, by whom she was soon afterwards placed within its walls. Her short and severe illness deprived her of consciousness, but it was consolatory to know that she had recently come forward to Confirmation, having fully satisfied the Clergyman who examined her, and had followed up that act by partaking, on both the occasions which had offered themselves, of the Holy Communion. It was very gratifying also to hear the testimony borne by those who had the most ample opportunities of observation, to her general improvement, and increased seriousness of deportment since her Confirmation. It would be unjust not to mention the kind and constant attention which she received during her illness from the lady on duty at the Asylum, as well as other ladies of the Committee, the Physician who affords his gratuitous services to the Institution, the mistress of the School, and her Sunday School teacher. Her name had been called in the list of those who received prizes at the Examination, as well as on Easter Sunday, when some rewards were distributed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to the deserving children of the Sunday School. Those who were interested in her are thankful to be able to believe that her name was found written in the Lamb's Book of Life.