

THE CHURCH OF OLD ENGLAND.

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TO THE CHURCH OF MONTREAL.

We publish two thousand copies of *The Church of Old England* monthly, and have only a little more than seven hundred subscribers. This leaves on our hands and at our expense thirteen hundred copies for distribution. That the members of the Church may have an opportunity of judging of the merits of this magazine we have determined to send it for three or four months to all the pewholders in the city without any charge, in the hope that at the end of that time Episcopalians will consent to pay one dollar per year for the handsomest periodical in the Province.

Surely it is better that this magazine should go into the hands of Church people and be read by them than to be idle and useless in our hands.

We do not send it to you thus, friends, to reproach you for not coming forward promptly and aiding us in this enterprise, for we know that most of you have never seen *The Church of Old England*, and the Editor is without means to employ solicitors to enlarge its circulation. It is, therefore, as one friend speaks to another, he most respectfully appeals to you and asks only that you review it and test its merits for a quarter of a year, after which you

will be free to subscribe for it or decline it.

We are very anxious to have stories suitable for our young friends, and would be obliged to our lady friends if they would hand in such as would please old and young. Old stories are likely to be the best, besides they have the merit of being generally forgotten, and will be relished by those who have read them.

THE TIME TO ISSUE.

We have been industrious and persevering in getting out this number in order to make our issue day always near the first of the month. Those, therefore, who wish to write for the magazine will remember this point and have their compositions on hand in proper time.

As yet we have had no ladies to write for us, a thing which surprises us very much.

We have, however, a number of ladies who send us subscribers when they can, which is a great encouragement, for which we thank them.

A number of persons of learning and good taste have benefited the magazine greatly by sending selections of a most valuable character, for which we return our thanks, and can assure them that it is the true way to make the journal useful and influential.