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EDITORIAL.

With this Number of the DIOCESAN GAZETTE we enter upon our fourth year. We are permitted, therefore, to look back and note the progress of our attempt to provide a paper, that should be interesting and helpful to every Parish in the Diocese; and, as we do so, we are filled with thankfulness and even with a certain amount of legitimate pride. For, each year, there has been more matter, and matter more worth reading, and yet the annual Subscription has been merely nominal, indeed so small, that it is within the reach of every family in the Diocese. This happy result must be attributed to several reasons, viz.: better and more varied contributions, honorary editing, good and cheap printing, and last, though not least, free mailing.

And now, for the year 1897, we are encouraged to launch out upon a new venture: we propose, in fact, to give with each issue a good and interesting picture. And in order that these pictures may be easily detached and preserved all together in a book or folio, or framed for the decoration of the home, we will print them on separate paper and simply place one in each copy of our GAZETTE. But it must be quite clear to even a novice in such matters, that the GAZETTE, accompanied by a picture so well finished as that offered with this month's issue, cannot be produced for two cents per copy. And, therefore, in order that the Annual Subscription may still be only twenty-five cents, a few friends have sent us a special donation to assist in defraying the additional expense. These friends we thank,

and we trust there will be many others, who will like to help in a similar manner, either by contributing a special donation or by themselves offering for their GAZETTE a subscription of fifty cents instead of twenty-five, while others can further the same object by recommending the GAZETTE to their friends and obtaining new subscribers.

There is one little financial change this year, to which we wish to draw attention, and that is, that in future all extra single copies of any particular issue will be charged three cents each instead of two; and we would also mention, that with a view to the special interest, which naturally attaches to this our first picture, we have printed a good many extra copies of both the GAZETTE and the Bishop's Portrait. We shall be glad, therefore, to dispose of them, as long as they last, at three cents each.

Trusting that all our readers will continue to take interest in our efforts and to help us by their co-operation, we leave the matter in their hands and wish to them all a "very Happy New Year."

The Bishop's Engagements for January.

Friday, January 1st (Circumcision and New Year's Day).—Celebrate Holy Communion and preach at S. Paul's Church, Quebec City, 10.30. A.M. Reception at Bishopsthorpe 2.30 to 6 P.M.

Sunday, January 3rd.—Celebrate the Holy Communion and preach at the Cathedral, 11 A.M. Preach at S. Matthew's Church, Quebec, 7 P. M.