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Our readers are reminded that, with the year, our first volume closes. The only complaints we have received have arisen from irregularities in the Post Office department. If one paper reaches its destination, the whole for the same place must, as they are sent in one package, and every subscriber's name called over and compared with its contents previous to closing it.

We trust that the periodical has been found useful and interesting, and that the small subscription for the ensuing year will be promptly and cheerfully paid. As many parochial reports will be sent to us for publication in the course of the next two or three months, we think the different branches, in return, should order, and pay for a number of extra copies, of at least the number which contains their report. A small paper, like ours, introduced into the families of our rural districts will be generally read through, and so by degrees a greater interest taken in church matters.

We are requested to state that the reports of the Church Society for the various parishes have all been packed up, and, whenever the way in which they should be forwarded was known, sent off. Several of the subscription lists were sent in late, and others withheld altogether, so that it was almost impossible to form a correct estimate of the number of copies which would be required. 3,500 were printed, and, as usual, one copy packed up for every subscriber of a dollar, and a few extra ones; but after some had been sent off, and nearly all packed up, it was discovered that there would be a deficiency, and therefore some of the largest parcels were opened, and a few copies extracted. If any of the clergy have more than they need circulate, they will oblige the Secretary of the Society by taking the first opportunity of returning them to the office. We are also requested to draw attention to the amendment made in the third by-law made at the last meeting, enforcing the recommendation contained in the report adopted at the annual meeting.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

On Sunday morning last a sermon was preached in the College Chapel by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, after which an offertory was made for the purposes of the Patriotic Fund. The sum collected was £29 18s.

CLERGY RESERVES ACT.

The following is a correct copy of the Reserve Bill as it passed the two Houses of the Legislature:—

An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of Monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes.

Whereas by the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the Session held in the thirty-first year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, and intitled, *An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, intitled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,"* it is among other things enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, to authorize the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of each of the Provinces of Upper Canada and of Lower Canada respectively, or the person administering the Government therein, to make from out of the Lands of the Crown within such Provinces, such allotment and appropriation of Lands as therein mentioned, for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the same; and it was further enacted, that all and every the rents, profits and emoluments which might at any time arise from such Lands so allotted and appropriated as aforesaid, should be applicable solely for the maintenance and support of a Protestant Clergy within the Province in which the same should be situated, and to no other purpose whatever. And whereas in pursuance of the said Act, such allotments and appropriations of Land as aforesaid have been from time to time reserved for the purposes therein mentioned, which lands are known in this Province by the name of *The Clergy Reserves*; And whereas by another Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the Session held in the seventh and eighth years of the Reign of King George the Fourth, and intitled, *An Act to authorize the Sale of a part of the Clergy Reserves in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada*, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of the said Provinces, or either of them, was empowered, with the consent of the Executive Council of such Province, and in pursuance of His Majesty's instructions, to sell and convey in fee simple or for any less estate or interest, a part of the said Clergy Reserves in each of the said Provinces, not exceeding in either Province one fourth part of the Reserves within the same, nor exceeding one hundred thousand acres in either of them in any one year, and it was enacted that the proceeds of such sales should, by the proper officers, be invested in the Public Funds of the United Kingdom, and that the Dividends and Interest of the monies so invested should be appropriated in the manner provided by the said last mentioned Act; and further, that it should be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor

or person administering the Government of either of the said Provinces, with the consent of the Executive Council thereof, and in pursuance of His Majesty's instructions, to give or grant in exchange for any part of the said Clergy Reserves any lands within the said Province, of equal value with such Clergy Reserves so to be taken in exchange, or to accept in exchange for any such Clergy Reserves from any person or persons any lands of equal value, and that any lands so taken in exchange for any such Clergy Reserves should be holden by the Crown in trust for the purposes to which the Clergy Reserves were appropriated by the Acts firstly and secondly above cited: And whereas by another Act of the said Parliament, passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, intitled, *An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of Canada, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof*, other and further provision is made for the sale of the whole of the said Clergy Reserves, and for the investment of the proceeds of such sale and the distribution of the Interest and Dividends on such investments, and of the Interest on sales of Clergy Reserves on credit or Rents arising from Clergy Reserves demised for a term of years, subject to the provision that the quantity of the said Clergy Reserves so to be sold in any one year shall not in the whole exceed One Hundred Thousand Acres, without the previous approbation in writing of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and to other the restrictions and conditions in the said Act mentioned and imposed; and so much of the Act herein first cited as relates to any reservations of land to be made after the passing of the Act herein last cited, in Upper Canada or Lower Canada, for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, is repealed. And whereas by another Act of the said Parliament, passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, *An Act to authorize the Legislature of the Province of Canada to make provision concerning the Clergy Reserves in that Province, and the proceeds thereof*, it is in effect enacted that it shall be lawful for the Legislature of the Province of Canada, from time to time, by any Act or Acts to be for that purpose made and enacted in the manner and subject to the conditions required by the Act of the said Parliament passed in the Session thereof held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, sections thirty-seven, thirty-eight and thirty-nine, in respect of Acts made and enacted by the said Legislature, to vary or repeal all or any of the provisions of the Act herein last above cited for or concerning the sale, alienation or disposal of the said Clergy Reserves, and for or concerning the investment of the proceeds of all sales then made or thereafter to be made of such Reserves, and for or concerning the appropriation and application of such proceeds and investments, the Interests and Dividends accruing on Sales on Credit of such Reserves, the Rents of such Reserves for the