

CHURCH CHRONICLE

FOR THE

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

"Men speak not with the instruments of writing, neither write with the instruments of speech, and yet things recorded with one and uttered with the other may be preached well enough for both."

HOOKEE, Bk. V. c. 21.

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TO OUR READERS.

The want of a Periodical which should give information respecting the condition and work of the English Church alike in our own country, in England and throughout the world, has been long felt by most of the Clergy and many of the Laity in this Diocese. Never since the reformation has God been pleased to infuse a more vigorous life into the church of which we are a part. The hearts of her ministers and people have been stirred up to a deep and lively interest in the prosperity and extension of the Church; they have been taught to love her with no narrow, selfish affection, but as the body of Christ, the instrumentality which God Himself has appointed for the preservation and publication of the Gospel, for bringing men to Christ that they may be saved. This has led multitudes of her members to give themselves to prayer, and devote their time, their property and their influence to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. And God has been pleased to bless the work which he put into the hearts of His servants to undertake.

The increased zeal and earnestness of the Parochial Clergy; the ever enlarging number of men and women who give up their time to visiting the sick and poor, to teaching the young and the ignorant; the new Churches and School Houses which are rising not by scores but by hundreds in populous towns and remote hamlets; the increasing incomes of our Missionary and other Benevolent societies; all combine to prove that our Church is instinct with a new life from God, and is putting forth her strength for His glory and for man's welfare. If we turn our eyes from the condition of the Church in England to its condition in our Colonial empire and in other parts of the world we shall find equal cause to admire and adore the goodness of God in thus "reviving His