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WE beg leave to tender our grateful acknowledgements to our numerous friends, who have expressed their approbation of our first number. Of the large number of copies which we issued, and which we directed to all parts of the Province, with the request that those who did not wish to become subscribers would return them, about *twenty-four* have been sent back. Such a hearty reception will stimulate us to endeavor to make the Church Chronicle worthy of the patronage already shewn it. Our arrangements are now in a tolerably complete state, and we trust to be able to make our summary of news, which will be almost exclusively ecclesiastical, comprehensive as well as interesting. We must repeat the invitation to our friends to send to us accounts of all matters of general interest, such as meetings of the Diocesan Church Society, building or enlarging of Churches, &c., &c. We shall be happy to receive communications on all matters connected with the welfare of the Church, reserving, of course, to ourselves a discretionary power as to their publication in our columns.

We need hardly remind our readers that our periodical cannot be supported without funds, and we must therefore request them to forward the amount of their subscription to Miss M. J. Katzmann, at the Provincial Bookstore, Halifax, as soon as possible. We may add that those who wish it can pay their subscription in postage stamps.

For the convenience of our subscribers in P. E. Island, we have arranged with Mr. Hubbard to receive subscriptions to the N. S. Church Chronicle.

THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

IN our July number we endeavoured to give an account of the condition of the Church in Nova Scotia, with especial reference to its numbers and geographical position, if we may be allowed the expression. It must have been felt by all who gave any consideration to the statistics then given that, in spite of the improvement that has taken place in the last few years, the number of our Clergy is still insufficient for the requirements of our people. To increase their number must be one of the first objects to which our efforts should be directed. At present we have several sources whence the salaries of our Clergy are paid, either wholly or in part. Let us briefly look at each of these in turn, in order that we may ascertain what our resources are, and which of them may most readily be increased.