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Our Reception.

In issuing this, the second number of the *Diocesan Gazette*, we have first of all to thank the Clergy and Laity, who have extended such a kind welcome to our new venture.

From all parts of the Diocese we have received most encouraging promises of support, showing that the hope we expressed last month is by no means a groundless one, viz.—that the regular circulation of Church news will result in a fuller realisation of our corporate existence, and consequently in the promotion of Church life and activity.

We are indebted to many of our Clergy for valuable suggestions, one of which we have adopted this month, the addition of a Calendar on the last page of the *Gazette*. We trust that this will prove useful to our readers, both as a reminder of the Church Seasons as they come round, and as a notice of Diocesan meetings. Other suggestions we shall hope to adopt as time and space permit, and we shall be only too glad to hear of any new ideas, which may suggest themselves to our friends, for the improvement of the *Gazette*. Of course the work connected with preparing and issuing a record of this kind is by no means light, and, in order to make it a success, we must depend on the generous help of all our Clergy. Except in a few cases it is impossible for us to send out the *Gazette* direct to our subscribers, and we must depend on each Clergyman to distribute the copies in his own Parish. With a view to this, we must impress upon the Clergy the necessity of informing us in good time, each month, of the exact number of copies they require for their Parish, unless they give us an order for a

fixed number of copies per month, and we would also earnestly urge all our readers to send us any news of general interest not later than the last week of each month, so that our *Gazette* may be a full and complete record of Church work in every part of the Diocese.

All communications in the way of news, and money collected for copies of this paper, should be forwarded to the Honorary Editor, Rev. R. A. Parrock, Bishopsthorpe, Quebec City. When our correspondents send us news of special interest, it would be well for them to forward similar accounts to the Editor of the *Canadian Churchman*, Box 2640, Toronto, and to the Editor of the *Church Guardian*, Box 504, Montreal.

Lenten Pastoral.

To the Editor of the *Quebec Diocesan Gazette*

DEAR SIR, The following Letter, which appeared in the Quebec Diocesan Record, a Paper of like nature with your own, in March, 1880, signed by all the Clergy of Quebec City, seems to be in every way so wise and useful that I cordially adopt its words, and trust that our Clergy and People throughout the Diocese will endeavour to act upon its advice.

I am, dear sir,

Yours very truly,

A. H. QUEBEC.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY, 1880.

BRETHREN,—We wish to urge you to arrange your time and your engagements for the next six weeks with a direct view to Lent, and the important purposes for which the Church has for so many centuries set apart these Forty Days, which remind us of our Lord's Fasting and Temptation in the wilderness.