

But should our hopes be fulfilled, and a good list of subscribers be sent in, this would enable the Committee proportionably to extend the size and scope of the *Gazette*, and increase its interest.

The Editors would desire also to impress especially upon the Clergy the importance of their furnishing prompt and concise reports of any Church work, or Church incidents in their respective parishes. The Editors have no means of engaging or remunerating agents to do this duty, and unless they are furnished with news it will be impossible for them to insert it. We would particularly request the Rural Deans to assist them in this matter.

With respect to the character of the communications themselves, we may be permitted to say that the very limited space at our disposal will necessarily preclude any long or elaborate notices, so that the utmost brevity and condensation will be required.

Moreover we would respectfully draw the attention of our correspondents to the resolution of Synod, that "on no plea whatsoever should its pages be used for purposes of controversy, and therefore all topics of a controversial character, whether in editorial or communicated articles, must be studiously excluded."

To this principle we shall be bound rigidly to adhere, and shall therefore be called to exercise a strict and impartial scrutiny as to that point, over all the selections inserted in the *Gazette*, as well as the various communications and reports with which we hope to be favored.

The Editors trust that under the Divine guidance they will be able, if they receive the cordial co-operation of their brethren, so to conduct the proposed publication that it may merit the confidence and secure the support of all members of the Church.

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO THE *SYNOD GAZETTE*.

At the last meeting of Synod, the question proposed by the Rev. Rural Dean Givins, of publishing a *Synod Gazette*, was on motion of Dr. Hodgins, referred to this Committee in the following terms (Journal of Synod, 1873, p. 66):—That it be an instruction to the Committee on Printing to consider the advisability of Publishing a Monthly Periodical, containing the following matter, and to report at the next Session of Synod:—

1. The Annual Report and its Appendices.
2. Report of Proceedings of the Quarterly Meetings of Synod Committees, Sunday School Meetings, and Reports from Missionaries.
3. Notices of Episcopal and Archidiaconal Visitations, Ruri-Decanal Meetings, and Synodical Meetings.
4. Register of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Consecrations of Churches, Church Openings, and all information of a general character likely to prove beneficial to the interests of the Church.