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TO OUR READERS.

With this month's issue we complete the second year's existence of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*. During this period we have not been charged by any party with departing from the principles set forth in our Prospectus. The existence of our periodical arose from a desire to chronicle all events which might be considered interesting to our Zion in the North American and Sister Dioceses, particularly as regarded the operations of the several Missionary Societies in each of them. In addition to this information, we, in every issue, gave extracts from the old-country papers, of ecclesiastical events, which we considered would interest those members of our Church, scattered over the vast area of our North American Colonies, who, though with the feelings of colonists, still longed for intelligence of ecclesiastical affairs taking place in the loved homes which they had left. Since the late postal arrangements in the mother country took effect, we have been unable to do that justice to that particular department which we had previously done, but the fault ought not to be attributed to us.

As the proprietor and publisher of this periodical has hitherto failed to receive that support which he had a right to expect from the members of the Church in the Three Dioceses, he felt inclined to let it drop at the expiration of this volume; but he has been prevailed on to give it another year's trial, on the condition that the price shall be 3s. 9d. per annum. If the subscription be paid within the first month, a discount of 1s. 3d. will be allowed; so that to prompt-paying subscribers the *Gazette* will still be furnished at the price of 2s. 6d. per annum.

In the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* will be found, as from its commencement, the reports of the several Diocesan Church Societies; the account of the receipts during the previous months for their several objects, which ought to ensure it the patronage of the several District Branches of the Church Society, of the Clergy and Churchwardens, as also of those of the Laity who would in one small volume collate matters which had transpired in their diocese and several parishes during the year.

We have been enabled to make such

arrangements, that at the commencement of the third year, we trust the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* will be rendered more useful and popular by a regular supply of MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE. We are led to believe that such a supply is desired by the Clergy, and that it would be acceptable to many of the Laity. We shall therefore endeavor to furnish it from the proceedings of the various Societies connected with the Church of England and Ireland, and Sister Churches, without respect to any preferences we may have for one more than another.

Should either of the Bishops of the Three Dioceses desire to issue a special notification to his Clergy, as on a previous occasion, the publisher of the *Gazette* will issue an "Extra," and send it to all subscribers in that particular Diocese to which such notice has reference.

The current year may emphatically be termed the probationary year of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*. Hitherto, the conductors have, from some cause or other, not met with that encouragement which they consider they had a right to expect. They are not, however, daunted: they are ready still gratuitously to do all in their power to ensure to the *Gazette* the unanimous support of the members of our Church, in the Three Dioceses at least. If at the expiration of the next volume it is found, as at present, not to have answered the object of its projectors, it will be given up.

The January number will contain an authorized list of the Clergy and their Missions in the Three Dioceses. A limited number of copies only will be published, and subscribers to the current volume are requested to give in their names at an early date.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE,
5th December, 1855.

A meeting of the Central Board was held this day, the Lord Bishop in the Chair.

On application from the Rev. W. Merrick, of Berthier, for a grant of £25, to finish the Church at that place, was recommended to the favorable consideration of the next meeting of the Central Board.

Notice was given by the Chairman of the Book and Tract Committee, that an application would be made at the next meeting for a grant not exceeding £60, for the purchase of Books. It was Resolved, that the Dean of Montreal, Ven. Archdeacon Lower, Rev. Canon Gilson, Rev. W. Bond, Dr. Holmes and R. S. Tyler, be a Committee to prepare resolutions and nominate movers and seconders thereof; and to make such preparations as may be required for the General Meeting, to be held on the third Tuesday in January next.

The Treasurer's account was laid on the table, and it was Resolved, that the Lay Committee be recommended to resume their operations.

The following sums have been received since the last meeting:

Collected at the Meeting of the Clerical Association, at Milton, . . .	£0 13 0
Rev. W. Haensel's sub.	1 5 0
From a member of St. Stephen's Church,	1 5 0
Thos. N. Johnston's sub.	2 0 0
Subscriptions from St. Andrew's, . . .	11 13 3
From Mrs. J. J. Gibb, Treasurer of Parochial Association,	103 10 1
Collection at Sherburnton,	1 10 0
do Chambly,	3 8 0
do Milton,	1 11 3
do Aylmer,	2 0 0
do St. Stephen's, Montreal	6 7 0
do Lachine,	5 5 0

THE SABREVOIS MISSION,

LOWER CANADA.

Extract from rules of the Society.

2 The management of the Society shall be under the direction of persons who are members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and all the agents of the Society shall likewise be members of the same.

3 The selection, appointment, removal, and field of labour of all the agents, together with the amount of their respective salaries, shall rest entirely with the Committee of the Society. The Clergymen employed by the Society shall be subject to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of their Dioceses; and the schools shall be open at all times to the Diocesan, and the parochial or missionary Clergy in their respective districts.

Subscriptions and donations of money or effects will be thankfully received by the secretary, the president of the ladies' association, or any member of the Committee.

On the eastern bank of the Richelieu, about eight miles from St. John's and twenty-nine from Montreal, in the Seigneurie of Sabrevois, may be seen a neat little church and parsonage, possessing a deep interest in the minds of earnest Christians. They were erected at the ex-