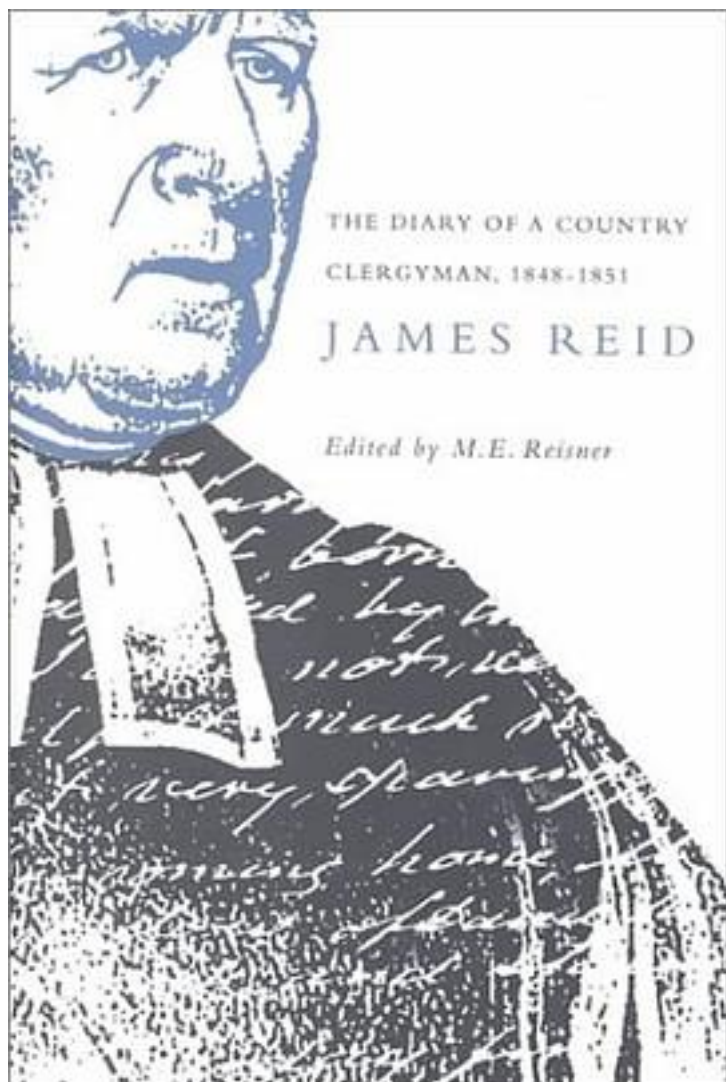


# The Diary of a Country Clergyman 1848-1851



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The texture of life in pre-Confederation settlements has been traced chiefly through the published diaries of women in Upper Canada. "The Diary of a Country Clergyman", a welcome complement to these narratives, introduces a male perspective on rural life in Lower Canada. A crusty yet diffident Scot, James Reid began his career as a sectarian evangelical missionary. The diary finds him thirty years later as a moderate, if conservative, Anglican clergyman. Through this remarkable document, village routines and intrigues, as well as Reid's circle of friends and his clerical colleagues, come vividly to life. His private reflections on the tensions and growing pains experienced by the colonial church at a formative stage in its evolution, and his reaction to events on the wider political scene, give us valuable insights into his life the times. Reid was a man of considerable complexity and his foibles and vanities are apparent in his narrative. The glimpses of his home life shed much light on gender relations and the history of the family. The diary has been edited and annotated by M.E. Reisner, who provides the background to Reid's narrative. Her informative biographical sketches, collected in an appendix, shed further light on representative local figures and the community dynamics of his town. "The Diary of a Country Clergyman" will be of interest to the general reader and social historian alike.

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