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ARRIVALS BY THE "NORTH BRITON."

We are glad to notice that Dr. Lawson, Professor of Chemistry and Natural History, Queen's College; the Rev. William Simpson, of Lachine; and the Rev. Peter Thompson, missionary for the Bathurst Presbytery, were passengers by the "North Briton," which arrived at Quebec on the 21st ult.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

A meeting of the Commission of Synod is appointed by the Synod to be held at Kingston on the first Wednesday (the 6th) of this month. All members of last meeting of Synod are members of Commission, and a quorum of nine, of whom five must be ministers, is required for the transaction of business. Minutes of Synod, 1858, page 36.

REPORTS.

We place before our readers, in this number, the Reports presented to last meeting of Synod on Sabbath Observance, Church Property, and the Indian Orphanage Scheme. These matters are all of great importance to the Church at large, and we bespeak for those several Reports an attentive perusal. That on Church Property contains a number of excellent suggestions, and, were they adopted and acted upon, very many of those unseemly strifes and bitter heartburnings, which from time to time disturb the Christian community, would be prevented. The history

of the past teaches that Church Property of all kinds should be secured in the plainest and most decided terms, and managed in the most careful manner.

THE CHURCH IN CEYLON.

By a Ceylon newspaper, recently received, we learn that a very influential and interesting meeting of Presbyterians, adherents of the Church of Scotland, was lately held at Kandy with the view of protesting against the manifest partiality exhibited by the Council of that Colony in fixing the salaries of Chaplains, and of asserting the claims of Ministers of the Church of Scotland to equal rights in this matter with the Church of England. It appears that the Bishop of the latter Church has £2000 per annum, and his chaplains £600 and £700, while the chaplains of the Scottish Establishment have their salaries rated at £450. This is an obvious injustice. We hold that in all British Colonies the ministers of our Church are entitled to as generous a consideration and as large a support as the ministers of the Sister Establishment. Both are National Institutions, and the one has as important a work to do, and can do it as well, as the other. There is not the shadow of a reason why the Church of Scotland should be placed in a less favorable position than the Church of England; but the very best of reasons may be given why the former should not be treated as if inferior to the latter. There are Colonies in which our Church has submitted too quietly to the indignity of unequal support. We keenly sympathise with the indignant protestations of our

fellow-churchmen in Ceylon, and will be glad to learn that they do not cease their present earnest movement until they accomplish their object.

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

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Queen's College,
Kingston, 17th Sept., 1858.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

From the (Kingston) Daily News.
A notice of the commencement of the 5th session of the Medical Department of Queen's College appears in our advertising columns of to-day. We have observed, by a perusal of the announcement referred to in the advertisement, that the number of students matriculated last year was 64—an increase of 7 over the previous year. This, considering the late "hard times," which affected the pockets of parents of medical students as well as others, must be considered a very successful issue of last year's course, as other Provincial Medical Schools have registered a considerable decrease, owing, as is alleged by them, to the late financial crisis. A large addition to the number of students is expected during the approaching session; and a handsome and commodious building is being erected for their accommodation. The reputation of Dr. Lawson, whose powers of communicating knowledge and whose zeal and enthusiasm for the advancement of his pupils are described by