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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are reluctantly compelled to postpone the insertion of a *Lay Reader's* communication, it being received too late. As a rule, correspondence should be in our hands not later than the 17th of each month. We cannot insure the appearance of articles, received later, in the first number.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We have to request subscribers, who may not receive their copies of the *Presbyterian* with due regularity, to notify us, as the Numbers are properly issued from the Office; and every care will be taken to remedy any errors in transmission or direction.

TO PRESBYTERY CLERKS.

We have again urgently to request Clerks of Presbyteries to furnish us with accounts of inductions and other notices of matters interesting to the Church. Since the Synod several inductions and translations have taken place, which should have been noticed, had we been put in possession of information in regard to them.

PRINTED MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of Synod have been printed in the usual pamphlet form. Copies have been addressed and despatched to each Minister, with a view to their being distributed, as far as they will go, among the members of Kirk-sessions and others interested in the proceedings. It is possible that omissions may have occurred. The Synod Clerk will supply them on their being intimated to him. Copies of the Minutes of 1856 can also be furnished to any Ministers who may not have been supplied.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

We are glad to be able to announce that the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland are now directing their attention to Canada, and are acting with the same vigour and promptitude which characterized their dealings with Nova Scotia. The Montreal Presbytery, some time ago, transmitted a statement of their vacancies, and, as is elsewhere announced in reply, the Rev. Mr. Herald was appointed as a Missionary within its bounds. This is an appropriate name, for we trust he will prove but the advance-guard of a strong detachment of true Heralds of the good tidings.

We have further great pleasure in announcing that the Rev. John Moffatt and the Rev. John Rennie have since been designated as ordained Missionaries to the same Presbytery, and are expected to sail for Canada about the middle of September.

This is truly encouraging, and we would again strongly urge the various Presbyteries to transmit the list of vacancies and openings for Missionary labour within their bounds to any member of the Committee appointed by the Synod at its recent meeting for the purpose of transmitting a statement to the Colonial Committee. Let not laxness on our part defeat the favourable intentions of the Colonial Committee.

BAPTISMS IN INDIA.—THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

We are in receipt of the *Home Record* for August. At Bombay a young Hindoo of the Banian caste had been baptised by Mr. Sheriff, who hoped in his next letter to announce the reception of several more. During the year eight converts had been brought in at Bombay.

The *Record* contains an announcement of much importance to British America, and testifies the lively interest felt in our