

PREFACE.

A cursory examination of *The Presbyterian Year Book* for 1878, will convince the reader that the information therein contained, this year, is more extensive, and complete than in any former issue. For this result the reader is indebted to the Officers of different Presbyterian Churches throughout the world, who with great kindness, and with only one omission, furnished promptly the information within their range and copies of official documents. Excellent hints also were received from correspondents in various places, and valuable help in correcting *Roll of Synods and Presbyteries* down to the end of 1877, from Dr. Reid, Toronto. Very full and varied information about the Presbyterianism of the world was submitted to the General Presbyterian Council which sat in Edinburgh last July; and of these Reports the Editor has made use, in as far as regards the Eastern Hemisphere; but the information contained in the Reports as regards the Western Hemisphere, from necessity, dates a year back, being, indeed, as regards the Presbyterian churches of the United States the contents of our own Year Book for 1877.

Special attention is directed to the valuable papers contributed to our pages this year by the Rev. Mr. Murray, Editor of the *Presbyterian Witness*, Halifax; Professor Gregg, Toronto; and Dr. Proudfoot, London.

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