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## The Presbyterian.

✍ We have much satisfaction in announcing to our readers that in our number for August will appear the excellent discourse which the Rev. Alexander Spence, Moderator, preached before the Synod at Toronto on the 31st May, and which he was requested by the Synod to publish. In our next there will also appear a communication from an esteemed correspondent on the ASPECT OF OUR TIMES. On account of the space devoted to the proceedings of our Synod and of the General Assembly at Home, we are under the necessity of deferring several *Selections* besides much *Missionary and Religious Intelligence*.

### MEETING OF SYNOD.

Owing to the attention of a clerical friend in forwarding us the Reports, we are enabled to present to our readers a fuller account of the proceedings of this judicatory of our Church than usual. The proceedings were on the whole harmonious and indicative of steady progress. Our Church is advancing surely. During this Synodical year, we have to record, already no less than ten will be added to the List of our Clergy, thus causing the Sabbath-bell to be heard in many a place, where it had been long silent. It is satisfactory to find so large a proportion of this number from among the alumni of our own College. We heartily approve of the effort sanctioned by the Synod for the purpose of aiding this very important Institution, and we feel confident the appeal will be generously responded to. We refer our readers with pleasure to the interesting Address of the Moderator, the Rev. Professor Williamson, for a review of the leading proceedings of the Synod.

## OUR DUTY TO OUR PASTORS AND TEACHERS.

Now that the country is enjoying the blessing of prosperity and every branch of industry is flourishing, persons in business and those engaged in the various mechanical and industrial pursuits as well as the agriculturists of our provinces are participating in the benefits of general prosperity to a very great extent. But with this general prosperity has also come an enhancement of the prices of articles of consumption, food and necessaries, which presses very hardly on those classes of the community that are dependent for a livelihood upon fixed and limited sources of income. The Banking Institutions of the country in a worthy spirit of liberality are raising the salaries of their employes. Merchants are doing the same. The labouring classes are in the receipt of unexampled remuneration; but how, in the midst of all this increase of the value of toil, do two very important and hardly worked classes of the community, the pastors and the teachers, fare? We fear but indifferently; an increase of wealth often closes the open hand instead of stimulating to increased, judicious liberality. Situated as pastors and teachers are, performing, as they do, functions and duties so important to the well-being of society and the best interests of our race, it is only right and fitting that a generous support should be freely accorded to them. Yet how niggardly a pittance is sometimes and not too often doled out to them! This should not be so; and, laymen writing in a lay paper, speaking to laymen, we call upon our brethren of the laity to deal liberally and justly with their pastors and teachers. In view of the enhancement of all the necessaries of life larger means should be placed at their disposal, so as to relieve them from the effects of the increase of the value

of the necessaries of life cramping their narrow means. We commend this subject to the prayerful consideration of our readers. Their duty is plain, their responsibility is clear, it cannot be avoided. We know that these words will meet a prompt response from many a liberal Christian heart, and, should they lead others to ponder on their duty, some small measure of good will have been effected.

*"Even so hath God ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."* 1.6 cor. ix. 14.

## THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

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### LOCHIEL CONGREGATION.

We are pleased to learn that the Rev. Mr. McDonnell, recently appointed by the Colonial Committee in compliance with the request of the people for a pastor to the charge of this Congregation, has arrived at the scene of his labours. We wish him all success in his important duties, and trust that his work will be followed by a blessing. It is encouraging indeed thus to witness the waste places of our Zion being so rapidly supplied.