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TO SUBSCRIBERS IN ARREAR.

We shall avail ourselves of the permission, accorded by the new postal regulations, and enclose with our September issue accounts to all such subscribers as are in arrear. We trust they will receive prompt attention.

DESECRATION OF THE SABBATH BY RAILWAY EXCURSIONS.—We noticed with feelings of pain and regret, in our City papers an advertisement in prominent type from the Grand Trunk Railway Company, inviting our citizens to participate in a desecration of the Sabbath. "In order that those, whose occupations prevent them from leaving their employment during the week, may have an opportunity of recruiting their health and enjoying a trip into the country," is the language of this rationalistic intimation of the running of "a special train," to accommodate those who, allured by the invitation of this great Company, shall choose to forget "the assembling of themselves together" for the worship of their Maker, Preserver and Judge. We deeply regret that such an example should be set by the officials of a Company with whose interests those of our Province are so inti-

mately associated. We fear it is but the forerunner of a systematic neglect of the Sabbath, and we therefore record our decided protest against such improper conduct. It must be borne in mind that the Province has a large stake in the Company, that its means are largely engaged in it, and that at its Board of Directors the Executive of Canada is represented. The matter then becomes much more important, it assumes a national aspect, and the country becomes responsible for the act of the Company. We trust that the exponents of public opinion will record their dissatisfaction with such breaches of the Sabbath, while we are confident that the mass of our people will, if need be, unite in urgent remonstrances to the Executive Government against the continuance of such breaches of the command "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

With the present number we commence the insertion of a somewhat full Report of the proceedings of this venerable Body, which we have carefully condensed from the *Edinburgh Post*. We conceive that the space thus allotted will not be grudged by our readers, for we believe it to be important that they should be furnished with the means of familiarizing themselves with

the working of the Parent Church. In these proceedings there is abundant evidence of active progress and energetic action on the part of the Parent Church. We pray that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may continue to abide with her, and that she may long continue to prove an honoured instrument for the spread of the "Truth as it is in Jesus" to the nations of the World.

CHURCH IN CANADA.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

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| Markham, per Rev. J. Gordon,..... | £3 | 8 | 9 |
| Scarboro', per Rev. J. Bain,..... | 4 | 13 | 0 |
| Wawanosh, per Rev. J. Stuart,..... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Smith's Falls, per Rev. Sol. Mylne, .. | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Montreal, 30th July, 1855. | | | |
| JOHN GREENSHIELDS, <i>Treasurer</i> | | | |

SYNOD OF CANADA JEWISH MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

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| Amount formerly noticed,..... | £38 | 12 | 6 |
| Perth, St. Andrew's Church, per Rev. Mr. Bain,..... | 16 | 2 | 11 |
| North Dorchester, per Rev. Mr. McEwan,..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kingston, June, 1855. | | | |
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