

PREFACE.

The Editor has again, as in former years, to tender his best thanks to those who have so readily responded to his enquiries; as also to the clerks of all the Presbyterian Churches in the United States, who, without a single exception, not only forwarded copies of the "Minutes" of their Supreme Courts, but also in some cases supplemented the printed "Minutes" by additions in MSS.; and specially to those writers of our own church who have given permanent value to the Year Book of 1877 by their able papers, on a few topics that concern very closely our Presbyterianism in the Dominion of Canada.

This year considerable space is given to the Rules, Forms of Procedure, and Provisional enactments adopted by the last General Assembly, with the view of supplying to the officebearers and members of the church a handy book of reference in regard to matters that must often be cited, but which are scattered at large, necessarily, in our admirable "Minutes" of last year.

It was also thought wise to give larger space than usual this year to the Presbyterian Churches of the United States (a pleasing and instructive study to Canadians), in the hope that next year, through the information that must come to us by the meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance in Edinburgh, a space even larger may be given to the Presbyterian Churches of Europe.

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