

# THE PRESBYTERIAN.

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On the first Wednesday of June, the highest Court of our Church meets at Toronto. It ought to be looked upon as a matter of duty by the representatives of the different Congregations throughout the Province to be present, and to assist by their counsels in promoting every object which may tend to the promotion of the prosperity of the Church, as well as of the cause of religion. Important measures will be discussed, and we trust that the complaint yearly made of the small attendance of Elders will not be necessary at this meeting. The whole business should not be left in the hands of the Ministers, not that there is any reason to find fault with the decisions hitherto arrived at, but because the care and responsibility of legislation should not be thrown altogether on their shoulders. There are matters of business, in which the advice of the Elders, as men acquainted with business, is abso-

lutely necessary. Besides, Congregations should be fully represented in all our Church Courts, and their representatives be present to obtain an accurate acquaintance with the working of the Schemes of the Church, so that they may be enabled to lay their claims before the people. This, no printed report can do.

We shall give as full a report of the proceedings of the Synod, in our next number, as our space will admit of.

Our readers will find among the contents of this number a continuation of "Glimpses of the Life of the Rev. William Ross." A pressure of other duties has prevented our respected correspondent from continuing his communications so regularly as he had anticipated. The interesting account of the struggles and successes of Mr. Ross will be read with pleasure, particularly coming from one who had an intimate personal knowledge of the subject of these "Glimpses." A continuation of them has been promised.

## News of our Church.

**PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.**—The usual quarterly meeting of this court was held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 9th day of May. The members present were the Rev. G. D. Ferguson, moderator; the Revs. Dr. Spence, William Y. Canning, William White, James Sierveright, J. B. Mullan, and J. C. Smith.

A report from H. J. Borthwick of his labours in the mission field of Portland, since last meeting of Presbytery, was read by the moderator. The Presbytery received the report, and resolved, that whereas Mr. Borthwick is not in a position to perform the duties of an ordained missionary, assigned to him by this Presbytery, on the 24th of August, 1864, owing to the position which he holds as master of an academy at Ottawa, the Presbytery deems it expedient, henceforth, to regard Mr. Borthwick as a minis-

ter without charge, residing within their bounds. The Presbytery at the same time desires to express its thankfulness to Mr. Borthwick for his past services, and would be most happy to receive any services which it might be in his power to render in the future.

Mr. Millar, ordained missionary, read a short report of his labours in Mountain and South Gower, since last meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery received the report, but at the same time resolved, that as it would be unadvisable to continue Mr. Millar's labours in South Gower and Mountain, on account of the divided state of these congregations; and as there was no other field within the bounds in which the missionary would be required, the Presbytery would recommend Mr. Millar to turn his attention to some other field.

A call from the congregation of Peterboro,