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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

In reply to parties anxiously inquiring if they can be supplied with copies of "The Presbyterian" from the commencement, we regret that we are under the necessity of informing them that there is no possibility of doing so at the Publisher's office.

ARRIVAL OF REV. MR. STORY.

We understand that the Rev. Robert Story, of Roseneath, Scotland, arrived (by the "North Briton") in Montreal towards the middle of last month. He has entered upon the discharge of his duties as assistant in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, to the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D.D.; and will, it is believed, prove a valuable accession to our Canadian Church.—a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word. We cordially welcome this young minister to Canada.

THE REV. J. M. BROOKE, D. D.

We are gratified to observe that the Rev. John M. Brooke, D. D., of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Minister of our Church there, and who, it will be recollected, was present as the first delegate to the Canadian Synod from that of New Brunswick at Kingston two years ago, has been lately appointed Chaplain to the Legislative Council of New Brunswick. He succeeded the late Archdeacon Coaker,

who for nearly 30 years discharged the duties of the Chaplain.

While we are satisfied that the new Chaplain will discharge the responsible duties of his office with dignity and solemnity, we are rejoiced at the recognition, by the Legislative Council in New Brunswick, of the equality of the branch of the Church of Scotland in New Brunswick with that of the Church of England. It was only after a long contest that the like admission was made in Canada with respect to the Clergy Reserves.

STANDING ORDERS OF SYNOD.

Nothing tends more to the orderly conducting of business in Church Courts than the regular and punctual observance of those rules which are formed for the securing of that most desirable end. It is easy enough to make good laws; every thing depends upon their careful observance. Disorderly procedure is never so censurable, as when it arises in violation of laws self-imposed.

At last meeting of Synod the three standing orders, which we copy below from the Synod minutes, were unanimously agreed to. We are firmly convinced that, if observed, they will be instrumental to a very great degree in facilitating and furthering the business of the Supreme Court. We hope that all parties concerned will be careful to observe them.

The framing of a printed docket of

business for the use of members of Synod is of the greatest consequence, but this will not be satisfactorily attained unless that part of the standing order which requires all papers whatsoever, intended for the meeting of Synod, to be in the hands of the Clerk, at least, five clear days before the meeting be fully attended to.

The order respecting the form of written papers, and the recommendation to print them in certain cases, is of much greater importance than is at first sight apparent, and than most people are aware of. Presbyterian clerks are required to leave their Rolls in the hands of the Synod clerk, at least four days before the meeting of Synod, and we would call their attention to the circumstances that in giving the dates of Minister's appointments, it is not the dates of induction to their present charges that are wanted, but the dates of their appointments to the first charges they have held in connection with our Synod. We have italicised some of the most important clauses.

PRESBYTERY ROLLS.

That the Presbytery Clerks furnish full and accurate particulars under the following headings, placed in the following order, viz.: *Ministers, Dates of Appointment*, (that is, of Ministers to their first charges in this Church), *Post Office Addresses* (that is, of Ministers), *Elders, Charges*; that they fill up these columns in a clear and distinct handwriting, being careful to spell the names of persons as the persons themselves do, and the names of places as the inhabitants and Post Office authorities are accustomed to spell them, and to affix marks