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### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We beg to inform our Subscriber in Seymour, West that, to the best of our knowledge, there is no Agent in Canada for the "Edinburgh Christian Magazine." The Publishers are 'Paton and Ritchie.'

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### THE JUVENILE PRESBYTERIAN.

As our readers are aware, the Association some time ago determined upon the issue of a juvenile paper in connection with the *Presbyterian*. In reply to the prospectus a sufficient number of subscribers were obtained to encourage the Publication Committee to issue the first number. Accordingly last month our subscribers were put in possession of the April number of the *Juvenile Presbyterian*. Its typographical execution and general appearance are creditable to the establishment of the publisher, while the wood-cuts are such as to prove the ability of the engraver. The frontispiece is handsomely executed and is improved from that in use by the *Juvenile Messenger of the English Presbyterian Church*. It is not the intention to repeat the issue to all of our subscribers. They have been placed in possession of a specimen number. It is for them to transmit their orders if they desire to receive it for the future. The second number is issued this month, and it will be continued monthly. Such a publication must prove

useful. It is for our friends to sustain it. The price is very low. Each monthly number contains 16 pages, and, when 25 copies are subscribed, the cost is 25s. per annum, or 1s. each. Single copies for a year 1s. 3d.

### THE MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Annual Meeting of this, the highest judicatory of the Canadian Church, will be held at the City of Kingston in St. Andrew's Church on the last Wednesday in May, the 28th where we trust that there will be a large attendance of both Ministers and Elders. The session will be an exceedingly important one, as matters of grave interest with regard to the future of our Church will doubtless come under discussion. It has been a subject of regret that so few Elders feel it their duty to take part in the deliberations of the Synod; but we trust that there will be an improvement in this respect. Besides the adjustment of the position of the temporalities of the Church, and the appointment of a Board of Officers for their management, there will be many features of interest. It is probable that Delegates from the Nova Scotian and New Brunswick Synods will be present, to reciprocate the movement initiated last year; and that the subject of a General Assembly for British North America will come under discussion. We trust a way may soon be opened for so important an effort. One result of the attendance last

year of correspondents to the Synods of the Lower Provinces was the favourable position assumed towards Queen's College by those bodies. We hope that the suggestion made at the last Synod will be complied with, and that the authorities of Queen's College will be prepared with a report detailing the number of Students attending the Theological, Medical and Arts Faculties, and giving information with regard to the Institution generally. Such a report, would, we are satisfied, prove interesting and useful, and do much to draw out the sympathies of the people towards the College, and induce them to contribute liberally to the Building Fund.

The subjects of Sabbath observance, Sabbath Schools and Statistics, and the supply of the Ministry for existing and future vacancies, will also probably come under review. The position of the French Mission will claim attention with a view to its maintenance and extension. The Home and Foreign Missions will also require consideration. While we think that in each Presbytery of our Church at least one Missionary should be employed, if the men can only be obtained, we conceive that the time has fully come when our Synod might safely enter upon a Foreign Mission. We are persuaded that such an effort would have a most beneficial effect, and, if decided on, our sympathies would lead us to care for the long wandering sheep of the House of Israel. We are aware that the Parent Church contemplates the com-