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A BOON.

The present number is issued under a change in our postal regulations, which cannot fall to prove beneficial. Henceforth our subscribers will receive the *Presbyterian*, as well as other newspapers, free of Canadian postage. We trust that this boon may be fully appreciated, and that, as one of its results, we may be able to report greater promptness in the remitting of the small subscriptions to our paper. We are gratified to state that our receipts thus far are larger than usual, but there are still many subscribers in arrear. This should not be so, the *Presbyterian* is no speculation. It is edited and published solely with the view of contributing somewhat to the spread of true Religion and the advancement of our Church. In a similar spirit, then, ought it to be cheerfully and warmly sustained.

ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.—We again take the liberty respectfully to request the friends and members of our Church in Canada and the other provinces to communicate such information as they may think calculated to promote its interests and welfare; we need scarcely add that such communications will at all times receive every attention at our hands.

THE MEETING OF SYNOD.

We publish in the present issue of our periodical a report of the proceedings of the Synod of our Church. The address of the Moderator, at the close of the Session of the Court, will be found well worthy of attentive perusal. Many subjects of interest were discussed, and we trust that the action and deliberations of this Synod will be productive of good to the Church. It is indeed gratifying to witness the efforts made to draw more closely the bonds of brotherhood between our own Synod and those of the Church in the Lower Provinces. Our brethren there have been making the most praiseworthy exertions for the extension of the Church, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse and the manifestation of Christian sympathy will prove cheering to both sections of the Church, while the result may yet be the meeting of a General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in British North America. We trust that the subject of Lay representation will receive the careful consideration of our Sessions. It is very important that the Eldership should be brought to take a deeper and more active interest in the proceedings of our Church Judicatories. After attendance at meetings of Presbytery or Synod a warmer interest cannot but be felt in all the operations of

the Church at large as well as locally. Much difficulty has often been felt as to with whom the granting of churches for religious purposes other than those of worship should rest, and it is well that an authoritative decision of the Synod has been come to, declaring it to lie with the Kirk Sessions. The position of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund is in many respects gratifying, but, now that so many new annuitants have in the Providence of God been cast upon it, we trust that congregations will see it their duty to give it a larger measure of support, and will extend to the forthcoming appeal of the Commissioners of the Fund a warm and generous response. The appointment of a Standing Committee on Church property is not without importance. The affording of information as to the proper legal mode of acquiring and holding Church property, the ascertaining of the extent of such property now held, and the collection of statistics as to the efforts in Church and Manse erection from time to time being made, will naturally fall within the province of their duties, and prove useful to our Church. The Synod opened under solemn and affecting circumstances; the attendance was numerous, and a feeling of humiliation was manifested, while, entering upon the duties of the Synod, it