

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS.

A FEW particulars of the Oxford University Press, now brought into such close connexion with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be read with interest. As already stated, the offer of Mr. Henry Frowde, publisher to the University of Oxford, to issue 'The Presbyterian Book of Praise,' was accepted by the Hymnal Committee on Oct. 2, 1896. The Oxford Press was in an exceptional position. It is almost entirely self-sufficing—it does its own paper-making, ink-making, type-founding, electrotyping, stereotyping, letterpress, lithographic, and all kinds of printing and bookbinding; and few, if any, other houses could offer such facilities. This historic press is the only one in the world which can show a list of its productions for upwards of 300 years. It has manifested continuous activity since 1585. The first book which it issued was the treatise of Tyrannius Rufinus on the Apostles' Creed, ascribed to St. Jerome, and bearing the date 1468, generally supposed to be an early printer's error for 1478. The first Oxford Bible and