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## The Presbyterian.

We regret that, through an oversight in our Office, the Accounts of Subscribers in arrears, which were ready for transmission, were not enclosed in the November No., as therein announced. We trust that these Subscribers on receipt of their accounts will promptly respond to the call.

As we are desirous that as much of the matter in type as possible should appear in this No., the "Contents for 1861," Volume 14th, will accompany the January No. of 1862.

P.S.—The account of the meeting of the Presbytery of Cupar, containing the acceptance of Dr. Leitch's resignation, &c., has just come to hand as we go to press. In order to furnish our readers with it in this No., we have detained the issue for a couple of days.

## THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

### MELBOURNE RIDGE AND BROMPTON GORE.

We learn with satisfaction that the ladies of Melbourne Ridge and Brompton Gore recently presented a purse containing a handsome sum of money to Mr. Walter Ross, A. B., Student of Divinity, Queen's College, who had been labouring as Catechist during the summer months in that vicinity. The purse was presented as a

slight token of their appreciation of his labours in reorganising and successfully conducting their Sabbath School. The number in attendance was about 80.

### CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF A CHURCH EDIFICE AT ARTHUR. WATERDOWN AND NELSON.

Formerly acknowledged.....	\$39 25
GUELPH.	
David Allan.....	20 00
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D. Benedict.....	1 00
	\$20 00

Received payment in full,

JOHN WHYTE.

Arthur, Oct. 19, 1861.

## OBITUARY.

Departed this life on the 13th of October, 1861, Mr. Samuel Davison in the 49th year of his age after a severe and protracted illness of a complicated nature, which he bore with patience and resignation to the will of God.

The deceased, who was a native of Ireland, emigrated with his parents to Canada, 1819, and was among the first settlers of the township of Nepean, where he resided until the end of his earthly pilgrimage.

Although he received but an ordinary education, he was a man of sound judgement and good sense, and, when consulted on subjects even of the most difficult nature, he was ever ready to give his advice. As a patriot he felt a deep interest in the welfare and improvement of the country, and occupied a prominent place in the history of this section of Canada. He filled several offices of honour and responsibility with credit to himself and advantage to the community. As a Magistrate of the County and Reeve of the Township, his decisions were respected and his requests attended to. For many years he held a seat in the County Council and took a leading part in the deliberations and labors of that body. His fellow-councillors feel that they have not only lost a councillor but also a steady friend. As a Christian, he was a useful, consistent and exemplary member of the Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. Ever feeling deeply interested in its prosperity, as an Elder of the Church of Richmond, C.W., for the last 12 years he faithfully discharged the duties of that responsible office. The last opportunity he had of attending the public ordinances of the sanctuary was on last Communion Sabbath, when, after partaking of and assisting in distributing the emblems of the Saviour's broken body and shed blood, he said, I feel this is likely the last opportunity I shall