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ERRATUM.

At page 64, instead of *Williamsburgh*, read: *Matilda*, Rev. Thos. Scott, \$6.

MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

The SYNOD of CANADA will meet at Montreal on the last Wednesday (the 26th) of May next.

The SYNOD of NOVA SCOTIA will meet at Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the last Wednesday (the 30th) of June next.

Correspondent—Rev. Alex. McGillivray.
Alternate—Rev. Allan Pollok.

The SYNOD of NEW BRUNSWICK will meet at Newcastle on the third Thursday (the 15th) of July.

By arrangement, the Synod alternates with that of Nova Scotia in sending a delegate to Canada. The Rev. John Ross is delegate from the Synod of New Brunswick to that of Nova Scotia.

BOUND VOLUMES OF THE JUVENILE PRESBYTERIAN.

In reply to occasional inquiries we would say that our publisher will furnish a few bound copies of the 1st and 2nd volumes of the *Juvenile Presbyterian*,

delivered, postage free, to any address for 5s., and the 2nd volume alone, bound singly for 3s. He will also bind volumes, if delivered to him free of expense, for 1s. 3d. per volume, either singly or the two volumes in one Book. We doubt not many will be pleased to secure the preservation of their numbers in this way.

The third volume has been commenced. This is a suitable time to subscribe. The price is 1s. 3d. per annum for a single copy, or 1s. if 25 copies are taken. It has now a circulation of over 2500. We recommend it to all our congregations.

THE FRENCH MISSION.

We are glad to mention, as an evidence that means would be forthcoming, if the Synod prosecuted this interesting work with energy, faithfulness and zeal, that a friend of the Mission in Edinburgh has collected £3 16s. 6d. stg. for our Mission to the French Canadians. We regret to say that comparatively few of our congregations have given heed to the injunction of Synod as to collections in its behalf; and the Committee have been, in consequence, hampered and restrained from engaging labourers and putting the Mission in an effective state. We hope that before the meeting of Synod some remittances may yet be received. The example our Edinburgh friend has set is a good one. It should be imitated.

SCOTCH STUDENTS AT OXFORD.

A short time ago some very depreciating articles on the Scottish Universities appeared in the *London Times*. The system of training and the state of learning in these Institutions were represented as very inferior and insufficient. The talk in which *The Thunderer* indulged was clever and plausible; but it lacked the essential characteristic of truthfulness. "Facts are chief that winna ding," and we therefore have pleasure in inserting the following letter showing the distinction which two Glasgow students have attained at Oxford, and furnishing a very satisfactory rejoinder to the wrathful and sneering productions referred to:—

To the Editor of the Scotsman.

March 20, 1858.

SIR,—As many of your readers may not be aware that the "Ireland Scholarship" is the highest honour that can be attained by undergraduates at Oxford, they may not estimate aright the credit that Scotland has gained by its having just been adjudged to Mr. David B. Monro, scholar of Balliol College, and the second place in the contest to Mr. George R. Luke, of the same College. Neither of these gentlemen was a pupil of mine, though Mr. George Luke was dux of the Edinburgh Academy in 1853, but both are Snell's exhibitioners from Glasgow at Balliol; and my object in writing to you (besides justice to the Professors of Humanity and Greek, Messrs. Ramsay and Lushington) is to draw attention to the