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RENT OF MINISTERS.—Our Church has about seven hundred vacant congregations. Where are ministers to be found? What is their sustenance to come from?

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY REVIEW.—The December number of this higher organ of New School theological inquiry, contains some valuable articles.

The Seminary at Danville. Rev. Stephen Yorkes, called by the last General Assembly to the Chair of Oriental and Biblical Literature in the Theological Seminary at Danville, was inducted into office on the 16th of December.

The Board of Directors have ordered the session to close ten days earlier than usual, so that a report may be sent to the next Assembly.

The Presbyterian Expositor Is a monthly periodical, published at Chicago, under the editorial care of Rev. N. L. Rice, D. D., pp. 56; price \$1.50.

The Day of Fasting and Prayer. The late Convention of Synods, at this place, recommended the observing of the First Thursday in January as a day of fasting and prayer.

The New Year. A happy New Year to all our readers. May the Divine favors be abundant to each one; in temporal things so far as God will sanctify them to the receiver's real benefit.

Home and Foreign Record. The number of this Journal, for January, is promptly sent forth; conveying to the churches the condition of their great central operations.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS. The reports from missionaries are encouraging. They labor in the cause, and struggle against difficulties; but they read the promises, and are permitted to rejoice in indications that the word preached by them, a portion of it at least, is the good seed in good ground.

EDUCATION. We regard every Presbyterian as bound to aid this cause; and he will feel his obligation to aid this cause; and he will feel his obligation to aid this cause.

A Reviving Time. Nearly a year ago, (January 10th, 1857,) we directed the attention of our readers to an investigation of the thought, whether, in God's Word, and by analogy, and by the history of the gracious outpourings of His Spirit, there was a season of the year which might properly be regarded as a REVIVING TIME.

Suppose, then, that pastors and churches shall regard this particular season of the year, as their favored time of gathering; and shall adapt their labors thereto—their preachings, visitations, catechisings, personal addresses to the young, their business, their leisure, all their arrangements.

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gation just as he appreciates a numerous and well qualified ministry. The Church will have just such laborers to supply her congregations and extend her boundaries, as she shall use the means of producing.

INDIA.—The latest dates are from Calcutta, Sept 21st. Mrs. Newton died, at Sabatu, of typhoid fever, Sept. 2d. Mrs. Foreman was convalescent. Mrs. Janvier was stronger, but a visit to this country was still regarded as needful.

THE OTHER MISSIONS do not present any thing new or peculiar. DONATIONS in November, \$7,962.

CHURCH EXTENSION. Though we have not a great deal to record, either of the doings of this Committee or the Church's liberality toward it—and the former is dependent on the latter—we would yet still keep it before our readers.

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHERS.—With the present number of our paper I send you this proposition for the purpose of securing you in promoting the interests of our paper.

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But, 4. It is not singular that the paper conveying such a proposition, should be marked "PRIVATE," and that a promise should be annexed, that the "compensation" should be regarded as "confidential."

THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. The October number of this Quarterly was long in reaching us; but it comes rich. The articles are—I. The Sabbath Controversy; II. The Messianic Interpretation of Isaiah 53; III. The Alphabet of Natural Theology; IV. The Influence of Stimulents on the Manifestation of Mind; V. Our Problem; VI. Testimony of the Rocks; VII. Critical Notices.

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The Hartford papers publish a statement of the bequests of the late David Watkinson, a wealthy merchant of that city, who died on the Sabbath, December 16th, at the age of eighty.

Besides the above, there are sundry legacies to individuals, making up a total of over half a million of dollars.

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PHILADELPHIA. Thomas Allison, Esq., late President of the Bank of Pennsylvania, has written a letter from Nice, Italy, to his brother, expressing intense surprise at the charges made against him in connection with this Bank; declaring that he had no idea that he was indebted to the Bank; denying that he was ever engaged in speculation, and stating that on leaving the country, he gave full power of attorney to two friends, authorizing them to sell real estate to meet any demands against him; and that absconding debtors do not usually take their families with them, as he did. He is now suffering greatly in mind and body, partly from the suspicious excited against him.

Philadelphia has long been celebrated for the variety and extent of its Miscellaneous Manufactures, in which Horace Greely says it surpasses every other city in the world. The North American says there seems to be a disposition to retire from this business on the part of some, and to enter into the various channels of trade, and warns against it as certain to be, in the end, injurious to the persons themselves, and to the growth, wealth, and importance of the city.

The people of this city are beginning to feel proud of their Polytechnic College, which has been very successful in its efforts toward scientific and industrial education. The last graduating class promulgates well. Of the four graduates in Civil Engineering, one immediately obtained an appointment on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, and another is in the employ of the Great Western Railroad of France. The graduate in Chemistry now fills a Professorship in that branch in the interior of Pennsylvania. And the graduate in Mechanical Engineering is attached to one of the large machine works in this city.

The Episcopal Recorder says that there are now fifty students in the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Gambier, Ohio, a larger number than were ever at one time before, in any one Theological School of that denomination in the land.

The Day Prayer-Meeting in the Unit Methodist church, continues to be well attended.

Rev. A. P. HAPPER'S Post Office address is Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. D. A. MURDOCK'S Post Office address is changed from Otes Mission, Kansas, to Doniphan, Kansas.

Rev. WM. A. WEST'S Post Office address is changed from Dry Run, Pa., to Spring Run, Franklin County, Pa. Pastoral relation unchanged.

Rev. JOSEPH R. WILSON, D.D., desires correspondents and publishers to address him hereafter at Augusta, Ga.

Rev. P. A. MCMARTIN'S pastoral relation to the church at Cape Island, New Jersey, has been dissolved. Post Office address unchanged.

Rev. L. S. FINN has received a call from the church of Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. ROBERT CRAWFORD'S Post Office address is changed from Chester, Pa., to Deerfield, Mass.

Rev. G. L. MORE'S Post Office address is changed from Doakville, Choctaw Nation, to New Orleans, La.