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The *Seventh Volume* of the "PRESBYTERIAN" commences with the present number.

In pursuance of an intimation, given in the December number for 1852, we discontinued to send copies to such parties as, having received that number with the address in red ink, failed to remit their arrears within the time specified. They amounted to about 150. At the same time we discontinued to send copies to about 50 individuals in Great Britain and the United States, who had previously received them *gratuitously*. We feel much satisfaction in now announcing that, notwithstanding this curtailment of names, the accession of new subscribers to our List, especially during the last few months, has been such that our former issue of 2000 copies per month has been resumed. We gladly embrace this opportunity of tendering our thanks to the parties, clerical and lay, through whose friendly co-operation the accession has been brought about. We highly appreciate the encouraging terms in which not a few of them have been pleased to express themselves in regard to the usefulness and acceptableness of our Journal generally. We have been cheered and essentially aided in our labours by those friends who have *statedly*, or nearly so, favoured us either with original articles on subjects of general importance and interest or with ecclesiastical intelligence from their respective localities. In

acknowledging our great indebtedness to these parties, we venture to express our confident expectation that their favours, instead of being withdrawn, may be greatly increased in number, as upon such communications we must mainly rely towards rendering the columns of our Periodical to answer the important purposes for which it was designed. We would also express an earnest wish that some, whom we count our sincere well-wishers, but from whom we have very seldom or never received co-operation in this manner, may be induced to aid us *thus* in our endeavours, as we feel assured that their communications would greatly enhance the value of the "Presbyterian" in the eyes of many of its readers.

We have corresponded with clergymen of our Church at Home, and from the tenor of the reply to our application we are led to indulge the hope of receiving an *occasional* article from that quarter.

Instead of addressing to our readers a few reflections suited to the season, to which the Almighty has in His great mercy prolonged our lives, and thereby laid us under renewed obligations of gratitude and responsibilities, we have selected for their prayerful perusal a touching appeal on the subject from the elegant pen of the pious CHARLES MOIR.

"Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest." "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation."

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Annual Collection in aid of this excellent Scheme of our Church will be made in all the congregations in obedience to the order of Synod on an early Sabbath in January. In our number for August we published the sixth Annual Report of the managers, giving ample details respecting the condition of the Fund and the claims upon it. Since that time, we believe, no additions have been made to its revenue, but in the interim two annuitants (widows of ministers lately deceased) have been added to the list. At present there are 7 widows receiving annuities, which, considering the short time the Fund has been in existence, and the number of ministers within the bounds of the Synod, is more than could have been counted on. It will therefore be impossible for the managers, however much they may desire it, to increase the annuities, which at present are necessarily small, unless the next and succeeding congregational collections greatly surpass any that have yet been taken up. That there is ample room, and ability too, on the part of many of our congregations to add to their collections was made sufficiently apparent in the last Report. It was there shown that, while 2 congregations contributed over £20 annually,

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