

THERE are more than fifty vacant pastorates in the Reformed Church of France; some of them of six or seven years' standing.

FOUR hundred and eighty-four ministers left the Kirk at the Disruption; one hundred and five of these are still alive.

THE Sustentation Fund of the English Presbyterian Church pays each pastor \$1,000 per annum, and the committee insists that the rate be raised.

DR. A. A. HODGE, of Princeton, has withdrawn from the editorship of that staunch magazine, *The Presbyterian Review*. A Canadian, Dr. Patton, also of Princeton, succeeds him.

DR. RANKENE is to be the next Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; Dr. H. Bonar, of the Free Church; and Dr. Edmond, of the English Presbyterian Church.

AN English rector, Dr. Hayman, has been urging "the revival of the rights of the presbyters as the governing body or council of the church." Like Bishop Lightfoot, he holds that the bishop of the early church was the chairman of the presbytery.

DR. BENSON, it is said, changed Wellington College from a charity school into a public school like Rugby. In Lincoln he created a theological school and other institutions. At Truro he had to form a diocese and rear a cathedral. With such a training he should be well fitted for the work of reaching the masses, which work the English Church now recognizes that she has hitherto failed to accomplish.

THE London *Times* reminds us that the late Dean Close, of Carlisle, represented a school now dead. In his prime he used to thunder from the platform against the vagaries of his fellow-churchmen. The evangelical doctrines are not dead in the

churches; there are still many who hold firmly and preach boldly the great doctrines for which Dean Close contended, but they do not belong, as he did, to the "platform phase of churchmanship."

THE new Archbishop of Canterbury was until lately a favorite among Dissenters. But in his address to the Diocesan Conference last October in defence of the Church against the Liberationists, he used the following words—"When I see the crafty forgeries and miles of printed falsities which are rolled out and about by our self-appointed would-be deliverers, it is time we spoke out." We need hardly expect the Church and the Liberationists to understand each other.

THE general conference of the M. E. Church of Canada has resolved that the proposed basis of union does not do away with the episcopacy or destroy the plan of itinerant general superintendency. There is, however, greater opposition in the C. M. Church to the basis proposed by the committee. Dr. Sutherland answers, in strong terms, in the *Guardian* of last week, an editorial article lately published in that newspaper against the terms, and is sharply replied to in a second editorial.

COLLEGE NOTES.

THE number of third year students in our five theological colleges is under twenty-five.—*Record*. Knox alone claims fifteen.

THE endowment fund continues still to grow but very slowly we regret. The amounts subscribed are small even in the aggregate. The list in Toronto now sums up \$30,000. Hamilton has given upwards of \$5,000, and St. Catharines nearly \$2,000. Profs. Gregg and McLaren were in Hamilton on Friday prosecuting the canvass still further.