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The number for January, 1876, commences the eighteenth volume of the QUARTERLY. We introduce several improvements. The leading characteristics of the past volumes are all retained, and three new departments are added:

I.—Comparative Statistics. Under this head we shall give, in tabulated form, the more important statistics of all the leading denominations, so that our readers can see at a glance the comparative standing of the different branches of the church of Christ, both as to constituent elements and benevolent work.

II.—Vital Statistics. Under this designation we shall give the names of all the ministers of our denomination who died during the year immediately preceding, alphabetically arranged, with the essential statistics concerning each, so far as it is possible to secure them. This department will not be biographical, and, therefore, will not intrench upon the Necrology, nor will it supersede the Quarterly Record, yet it will be more full and more convenient for future reference than the Quarterly Record.

III.—New, Post-Office Ministerial Addresses. The January number gives the address of every Congregational minister who is laboring officially with any church and is a member of any Association or Conference. Each succeeding number of the QUARTERLY will give, so far as is practicable, under the above head, the names of all Congregational ministers who shall have changed their address since the issue of the preceding number, with their new post-office address. That the latest address may be given, so far as is possible, in every case, we request all our ministers who may change their address between the issuing of the Minutes of the State Associations and the first of January, to send us a postal card informing us of the change. In every case where there is a change during the year, we request the brother to inform us of the fact, so that all the changes may be noted in the QUARTERLY, and the latest address be communicated to the public.

These new departments will involve much labor and expense. Our design is to make the QUARTERLY subservient more than ever the interests of our ministerial brethren and of our denomination. We hope to make it, not only what the *Congregational Year-Book* is to our brethren in England, but far superior to that publication in every respect.

In the steel engravings and biographical sketches given in the QUARTERLY, we intend to have a representation of different phases of public life. In the volume for 1876 we purpose to give our readers an engraving of Rev. David Bacon, identified with pioneer missionary life, the father of Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D., and a sketch of him written by the honored son; another of Gov. Buckingham, with a memoir of him by Dr. Tarbox; to be followed by one of "Father Clay," so long home missionary superintendent in Wisconsin, with a biographical sketch written by Pres. Chapin, of Beloit.

From the Vermont Chronicle of Oct. 16, 1875.

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