TOO MANY CHURCHES IN THE COUNTRY.

Communication VI.

If Christians once come to believe there are too many churches in the rural portions of our land, an essential step to the reduction of their number growing will hardly be denied by any intelligent student of church affairs. Another step in the same direction is the increasing desire for denominational harmony and the inclination to eliminate what disturbs this harmony. Straws show which way the wind of occupied by them for more than thirty church unity blows. Some years ago building up his own church but without regard to other churches in the neighdenomination's church in a certain other churches of the place. He began after his usual method practically ignorcommunity had been enjoying several years of delightful church comity. His own people relished the new order of popular gene ally that his most heroic efforts failed to achieve the results that

A denominational rally was being held in a certain place where it had the largest church. One of their strongest preachers was imported to make an address. This address was a laudation of his own branch of the church from beginning to end with a reiterated plea for more zealous study of the doctrines of the denomination. It was all right. It was a denominational meeting. If others did not like it, they need no listen. I do not know that members of other churches made any criticism; but came before anything could be done to is the law with us and since the repeatmuch fault was found by members of his own church. They seemed to fear it would alienate the good will of the other christians of the community, and they did not want that. Many little incidents of this sort reveal the sincere fellowship underlying the churches and the awaking desire that the barriers to its free exercise might be removed

usually followed his labors.

Another indication of growing church comity and a means to its exercise is the cil of the Churches of Christ in America, "to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in both places. Jesus Christ as their Divine Lord and fellowship service and cooperation among them for the prosecution of work that can be better done in union." This organization represents thirty-two about 16,000,000 whose influence "is herein devoted to the application of lages; and will doubtless in time be found a means of promoting voluntary consolidation and cooperation.

Again during the last generation have united to form one branch, and tent have developed. In Canada three great churches-Congregational, Methodist Episcopal, and Presbyterianhave been conferring on the subject of union with very hopeful prospects of success. Thruout the world various movements are underway looking to the union of important Protestant bodies, two or more or all of them. These movements have assumed such proportions that some of the ablest men in the various denominations are willing to give time and others their money to advance

More definite still, in some of the New England states, at least, leading denominations have organized Commissions to promote a union into one of the churches in overchurched communities : and in some instances these efforts have it to the school yard. been successful. Other instances in other parts of our land are known where the local churches have of their own accord come together and formed a union church, or sometimes a church of a denomination to which none of the uniting churches previously belonged. Whether these consolidations have in all cases prospered I know not; but in some is reported.

All these things are encouraging to munities not yet ready for consolidation so that there will be no mistake. there should be cooperation. Not only does the spirit of Christianity suggest this; but more and more is it becoming evident that certain kinds of work for dren of light alone fail to read the the establishment of the kingdom in a meaning of the times? The melanneighborhood can be better done and in choly multiplication of churches is some cases only done, by a united effort known to all; viewed from the social of the churches.

quotation from one who has thoroly feebleness of congregations, the meager States with a high appreciation of the and jealousies, the utter failure to inplace of the church in all true progress, spire and lead the community, consti-Wilbert L. Anderson : " There is a lim- tute an arraignment of the common ited sphere within which the consolida- sense and Christianity of those responsition of farms is demanded; there is a ble for this condition against which de-wide-spread movement for the consoli-fense is impossible."

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MUSSER HOME BURNED.

Emanuel Musser Dies Twenty Miputes After Being Removed from Burning

The home of Emanuel Musser, east poring house, and died within twenty and against the granting of licenses in minutes after the rescue.

Mr. and Mrs. Musser, both of whom are aged people, lived in the old home To His Honor, Ellis L. Orvis, years. They lived alone, and on Saturthe first floor and to a point of safety. window and began calling.

having with him a number of young citizens. people whom he had taken to Under former remonstrances we had then the cries of a man for help heard. ruling, as we are informed, rendered in A ladder was procured, and the elderly some of the other counties of the state, gentleman was taken from his burn- so as to give efficiency to the wishes of relieve him.

less than \$3000

Anti-jaloon League Meeting.

ance at the Union Church, Farmers great majority of our citizens. Mills, on Sunday afternoon, and in organization in 1908 of a Federal Coun- the evening of the same day in the Reformed Church at Centre Hall, Good sized audier ces greeted him in

He had no trouble in holding the Savior, and to promote the spirit of attention of his audience, though his appeal was made to the intelligence and common sense, rather than to the feelings. He substantiated his statements, and solicited questions along Christian bodies, with a membership of any point not clear to his hearers He proved that there is cause for the agitation of the temperance question the law of Christ to every relation of in our country. but that agitation human life. " Auxiliaries to this Fed- alone is not sufficient; that a united eral Council are being organized in the effort on the part of all christian men various states, counties, cities, and vil- and women must be made to destroy this monstrous traffic; that the Anti-Saloon League is but the crystallization of this united effort, working for the securing of a Local Option Law. house, at Centre Hall railroad station, many important branches of the church His address was well prepared and from W. H. Bartholomew, and the well delivered, and his appeal was to price is said to have been \$30 %. The practically no new branches of great ex- the best manhood and womanhood of our country to rise and defend the Dreese, of Lemont. nation from this iniquitous traffic.

Fawn Brenks Its Back

A fawn wandered from Old Tussey, Thursday afternoon, galloped through woods and meadows until it reached a fence, breaking its back. The school regret the little animal struck the fence with such force as to break its back.

The scholars rushed to the scene, disentangled the animal, and carried

A game warden ordered the fawn to be killed, and the carcass sent to the Bellefonte hospital, and this was done

Change of Dates.

Persons holding lecture course tickets will please note that the date of both the lecture and the musical have been changed. Dr. McGirk will be the Evangelical church on Sunday cases great gain to all religious interests here Tuesday evening, February 20th; evening. and the Jubilee Singers, Tuesday eve- Rev. H. A. Benfer, presiding elder ning, March 5 It might be advisable the believer in church unity. In com- to correct these dates on your tickets,

[Continued from Previous Column.] dation of schools ; why should the chilside, the division of the people, the split-Let me close these articles with a ing up of resources, the poverty and studied the rural situation in the United equipment, the unholy competitions

W. HENRY SCHOYLER.

Expression on License Question. The sentiment on the license question, the sentiment of the large majority of the people in Centre Hall, is expressed in the following note that through their attorney was presented of State College, was totally destroyed to the Judge Orvis by the resident paso'clock. Mr. Musser was taken from five churches in Centre Hall, at the the attic window, conveyed to a neigh- time appointed to hear petitions for

Centre county:

Judge of the Courts of Centre Co.: We the undersigned, resident pastors a man, who had a great reputation for day night retired as usual. A little and joint committeemen of the various before twelve o'clock the couple were churches in Centre Hall boro, respectfulawakened by a bright light and the ly enter our most earnest and solemn borhood, came to take charge of his crackling of fismes of fire, and to their protest against the granting to any one, norror they discovered their home to now or hereafter, a license to sell intoxivillage, It was a strong church, nearly be on fire. As quickly as possible cating beverages in our boro. We beas strong as the united forces of the they arose, and made an effort to reach lieve that the granting of such license serves no good purpose, and only puts Mrs. Musser descended the front stair- temptation in the way of the young and ing the presence of other churches. The way, and soon an outer door. Mr. the weak, brings anxiety and sorrow to Musser thought he was following his the parents and children whose loved wife, and went to the rear stairway. ones lose their manhood and respecta-E-cape was cut off by that way, and bility thru strong drink; moreover many things so little and his course was so un- the man became bewildered. He whose money is needed to buy food, went to the third floor, threw open a clothing and shelter and to pay honest debts are tempted by the open bar be-Just at the opportune moment, Phil- youd their power to resist to spend their efficiency of teaching how improved," renders efficient, unselfish service. ip Hoover, the farmer on the Museer money for that which only injures them farm, came driving along in a sled, and diminishes their power to be useful

Boalsburg for an evening's outing, hoped that the Court's interpretation of good ta'k on the su'j'c'. The fire, of course, was observed, and the law would be in accordance with the ing home. He was taken to a nearby the great majority of our citizens and so the shock was so severe that death lage : but since the ruling of the Court ed ruling seems to make further remon-The fire is thought to have been trance useless we refrain from remoncaused by a defect in an open fire place. strating for this reason alone and not bea licensed bar in Centre Hall is not needed or surrender our conviction that license here is an evil and an evil only. D Loyd Claycomb, E-q, of Al- We believe that in speaking as above we toons, presented the cause of temper- express the views and convictions of the

Respectfully submitted. REV. W. H. SCHUYLER, Prest. REV. S. A. SNYDER, Secretary, REV. FRED. W. BARRY, REV. R. RAYMOND JONES. GEORGE L. GOODHART, J. T. POTTER. JOHN H. WEBER, DR. H. F. BITNER, E. M. HUYETT, -D. F. LUSE, W. W. SPANGLER. W. H BARTHOLOMEW, DANIEL DAUP,

WILLIAM B. FIEDLER. Committee.

Kimport Bays Business Stand. Former Prothonotary A. B. Kimport, last week, purcussed the Bartholomew store room and dwelling purchase was made through I.

The property has been occupied by J. Frank Smith, the present register of Centre county, for almost fourteen Stuart, tract of land in State College. years.

Whether or not Mr. Kimport in tends locating in Centre Hall with a point near Manor Hill school house, view of conducting a general mercan- fonte. \$550. where it became entangled in a wire tile business, or whether he will come here at all the Reporter is unable to tract of land in Benner twp. \$6000 children watched the fawn approach, say. Whoever occupies the business and expected to witness a fine specta- stand will find it a good one, and if December 16, 1911, tract of land in Bencle when the nimble animal would Mr. Kimport decides to come here per twp. \$3600. leap over the fence, but to their great himself he will have a fine opportunity to do first-class business.

Woodward.

Howard Orndorf who had been very ill is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Guisewite spent a day in Brush Valley last week. Oa Sunday Mrs. Mary Motz entertained a number of people from Union

county. James Ketru and daughter, Mrs. William Ful'z were to Millheim or

Preaching services will be held in

of the United Evangelical church preached on Sunday forenoon. Messrs, J. B. Ard and B. F. Cohn

made a business trip to Lewisburg and

Vicksburg last week. Hasten Long and family, of Fiedler, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grenoble.

spent a day in this place last week. Prof. Dietrich, teacher of the Woodward schools, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family at Hublersburg. Harry Stover and family spent a

day last week with Mr. Stover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stover, in Aaronsburg. If you are in need of a sled, or sleigh tre Hall and Oak Hall Station.

TEACHER'S LOCAL INSTITUTE.

Teachers and Directors Practically Ignored the Sessions, While Attendance of Patrops Was Good. The school directors and rehool

teachers have little interest in their township, Elmer E Royer and Will be reprinted here : iam Bower, were the only representatives from the most important bodies circulations running into the many ries thus sustained. of officers elected by the people who hundreds of thousands daily have a gave encouragement to the institute peculiar power of their own. But if

by their presence. these are residents of Centre Hall, and weighed them in the balance against The teachers present were: Prof. C. towns in America, it would be as R Neff. D. Ross Bushman, Ethel though you weighed a city office Grieb, Helen Bartholomew, Thomas building against Pike's Peak-and the L Moore, John C. Bailey, Mary Ho- local press would be Pike's Peak. man, Ruth Bower, Elizabeth Bitner, The local editor speaks to his readers Viola Harter, Domer Ishler, R. U as one friend speaks to another

of teaching" were discussed by Prof. fight he has made and is making W. A Krise and C. R. Neff, and "The They know for how small a reward he was dwelt on by Rev. F. W. Barry and And a word from him means more over their property on Old Nittany. Miss Homan, none of the other speak. than many columns from some anony. ers being present. R U. Wasson was mous and unknown 'editor of the big feeding alfalfs to milch cows has been called on by the chairman and gave a city. The politicians of this country discovered by Mrs. J. W. Shook, of

signed to Rav. W. H. Schuyler, and that they do. A man writing fearlessthree teachers. Dr. Schuyler had the 'y in some Congressman's or some subject to himself and gave some valhouse, and although not at all injured banish the evil from our beautiful vil- uable expressions Miss Grieb follow- keep that public official 'straight' ed with a recital of a poem, which than all the metropolitan dailies put was well rendered.

"What should be taught in the public school, " was the foundation of a the local newspaper as an advertising stirring talk by Prof. Neff, whose ideas medium and says it is unfortunate The loss occasioned by the fire is not scause we have changed our views that on any suffet pertaining to public that the business men of the country schools are well worth the hearing. Were it possible to do so, the Reporter the man who has something really to escape the death paralty. The rewould gladly give space to every word worth while could multiply his sales uttered by him on the subject named. by ten, make himself known to

in the school room, " was a subject as put himself at the head of his line of signed to three teachers and a profes- competition. sional man, none of whom were pres ent. Dr. Schuyler and Prof. Neff gave the subject some attention.

H. Putf, Mrs. Samuel S. Kreamer, should do their share toward supportwith Prof P. H. Meyer as organist.

Centrs County Association Banquet.

at a recent meeting held at the home winter banquet of the association man who advertises widely and wisely the hands of the treasurer. Monday, February 19:h.

Transfers of Real Estate.

B. F. Davis, et al to Annie Harper, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$125. Annie C. Rowland et al to Centre-Clearfield St. R. R, tract of land in Philipsburg. \$3500.

Elizabeth M. Shattuck to Ellen M.

G. Edward Haupt et ux to William W. Laird et ux, tract of land in Belle

I. J. Dreese to William Brennan, Robert F. Hunter to W. F. Raynolds,

John H. Luz et al to Robert F. Hunter, December 16, 1911, tract of land in Benner twp. \$3600.

1811, tract of land in Walker twp. \$390 | half-price. Henry H. Fredericks et al to A. R. Lee, April 1, 1811, tract of land in Har-

ris twp. \$5000. uary 6, tract of land in Harris twp. this remarkable remedy.

John H. Musser et ux to Jonathan Harter and Samuel Musser, tract of land in Millheim. \$200. Harry E. Fleisher et ux to Susan Fleisher, tract of land in Potter twp cure.

Charles W. Whitehill to James C.

To The Dairymen,

I have recently received a car of Sucreue Dairy Feed. This feed has proven to be one of the best dairy feeds on the market, one of the feeds William Motz, of Monessen, and that brings satisfactory results. Try Mrs. Edward Mauck, of Millheim, it and be convinced. It is also an excellent feed for calves and young shoats.

> R D. FOREMAN. Centre Hall.

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Cnambarlaiu's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. dold by

JUDE BO BY THE CITY DAILY.

The New Yo k Journal's Opinion of the Importance of the Country Weekly

The editor of the New York Journal is recognized as one of the most vigorhas been taken. That this conviction is by fire on Sunday night, about twelve tors and a committee from each of the respective positions as officers and instructors if their attendance at the the country. Recently in a four collocal institute held in Centre Hall, on umn editorial he told why the socalled Saturday, signifies anything. One "local" new pipers constitute the director from Centre Hall, H. G. greatest force for good in the country. Strohmeier, and two from Potter Extracts from it are good enough to

"Big metropolitan newspapers with you took all the metropolitan news-Twelve teachers were present, six of papers of the United States and one was a visitor from another district the press of the small cities and They know him by sight. The know At the forenoon session "Methods his record. They know the hard know well the power of the local spring Mills, and she is now feeding "The parent as a factor in a well editor. They respect it and fear it- a better balanced ration to her cows regulated school, " was a suffect as and it is a good thing for the country than heretof re. Senator's home town dan do more to together .. "

The editorial especially commends "The necessity of proper ventilation millions that do not know him and

After further tribute to the country

newspaper, the article concludes : "Toat is why we have in the past Both sessions of the igstitute were and do today and shall in the future intersperse i with music furnished by try to impress on our readers and on a number of ladies, namely, Mrs. John big advertisers the fact that they Mrs Thomas L. Moore, Mrs. L. G. ing the local press of this country. Rearick, Miss Helen Bartholomew, There would be and could be no philcountry."

To all of which we little country felows emphatically say amen.

MURRAY & BITNER'S SUCCESS.

Great Popularity of Plan to Sell Medicine at Half-Price and Guarantee A Cure.

Murray & Bitner the enterprising druggists rather than await the ordipary methods of introduction, urged the Dr. Howard Co. to secure a quick S. Musser, of Aaronsburg. Since the Mary R. W. Gordon to L. W. Peters the cure of constipation and dyspepsis proving rapidly and it is the fond and A. F. Hockman, December 28, by offering the regular 50; bottle at nope of her many friends that she

The wonderful success of this plan health. was a great surprise even to Murray & Bitner and today scores of people here Thomas Meyer to L. E. Kidder, Jan- in Centre Hall are using and praising John Parker, and now they are sorry.

In addition to selling a 503 bottle of Dr. Howard's specific for 25; Murray College, and were drawn on the First & Bitner have so much faith in the National Bank, Bellefonte, where Mr. Remedy that they will refund the money to anyone whom it does not

When your head aches your stomach does not digest ford easily Mingle, and Sim Baum. The first Gilliland, tract of land in College twp. and naturally when there is constipation, specks before the eyes, tired feeling, giddiness, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, heart burn, sour stomseb, roaring or ringing in the ears, melaucholy and liver troubles Dr. Howard's specific will cure you. If it dose not it will not cost you a cent.

> This latest achievement of science is of great value in curing sick beadache. Phousands of women are today free from that painful disease solely through the use of this specific.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chambertain's Cough Remedy is most eff-ctual of for colds, croup and whooping eaugh and that it contains no barauful drug. For sale by all dealers.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS,

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

George E. Breon sold his driving horse to Ezra Harter, of near Spring

Coasting on the foot of Nittany Mountain was in fine condition for

several days during the past week. Last Thursday Mrs. Henry Swab, of Centre Hall, had the misfortune to fall and has since suffered from the irju-

Edward Allison, prominently connected with affairs at Potters Mills for many years, was quite ill last week, but is now very much better.

Edmond Conrad, editor and proprietor of the McVeytown Journal, died at the age of seventy-two years. He was a veteran of the civil war.

Centre County Pomona Grange is in session today (Thursday) in Grange Arcadia. Installation of officers is one of the items on the program.

George Thomas and son Hail Columbia, of Nittany Mountain, last week, went to Howard to inspect a farm they may buy after the state takes

The splendil re u'ts obtained from

A. W. Dale, of Oak Hall, is one of the many farmers in Centre county who will quit the old farm next spring. Mr. Dale will move to Boalsburg, and will be followed to the Dale homestead by his son, Luther Dale.

William Sthrader has escaped the nangman's noose. His sentence has been commuted to life imprisonment. Many Mifflin county business men are ignorant of hat power, and that aided Schrader in his successful effort mainder of his life will be spent in the

Western Penitentiary. William D. Strunk will move from the Benner farm, about April 1st, to one of the Struble farms, near the Zion railroad station, where he will be employed by Howard Struble. Mr. Struble lives on the farm next to the station, and the one Mr. Strunk will occupy adjoins it. The Strunk sale advertised in these columns will take

prace as announced. The thirty-fifth annual report of the anthropy about it, simply wise self. Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance interest should make every citizen buy Company, P. of H., appears in this ishis local paper and make every adver- sue. The company's condition is first-The board of directors of the Centre tiser contribute according to his means class. The territory in which it in-County Association of Philadelphia, to the support of the local press. The sures has been contracted, as the citized that buys his local paper gets statement says, and the result is inof the president, Dr. Roland G. Cur. his money back many times over in surance has been cheapened. The tin, decided to hold the next mid- protection of his interests. And the company now has a good balance in

> in the local press gets his money back | Charged with affixing canceled post many times over in cash returns. The age stamps to letters and pocketing people should not be niggardly in sup- the equivalent in cash, John H. Beck, port of those that do good work, a clerk in the State College postoffice Business men and the public general- is under arrest. He evidently had ly should be especially broad-minded been carrying on this small business for and liberal in their support of the some time. The clerk is a native of local newspapers that represent and Marion township, and before vecomtensify public opinion throughout the ing a clerk in the postofice was one of the carriers at State College. He will have his hearing in March at Scran-// ton, and is now under bond.

The Keystone Gazette says : On Friday of last week Mrs. Lewis Mensch, of Aaronsburg, mother of Charles F. Mensch of the Gazatte, underwent a serious operation at her home. The operation was performed by a specialist of New York City assisted by the family physician, Dr. C. sale for their celebrated specific for operation Mrs. Mensch has been imwill speedily regain her usual good

Several Bellefonte merchants cashed checks for a stranger calling himself The checks were forgeries, and bore the name of B. F. Homan, of State Homan did not have an a mount. The parties who dealt with the young man, aged about twenty, were Potter-Hoy Hardware Company, A. C. party has the Parker-Homan check for \$8 00 and the other two each hold one for \$18 00.

Charles H. Vonada, of Sylvan Grove, Kansas, is at the home of his uncle, Lanson Burris, west of Centre Hall. Mr. Vonada has just completed. his three-year enlistment in Uncle Sam's army, having received an honorable discharge after the troops were called from the recent Mexican uprising. He thinks the army just the place to round out the man and prepare him for better work in civil life. During his term of army life Mr. Vonada was in every state in the union with the exception of a few eastern states, and on his present trip he hopes to complete the circuit. By trade Mr. Vonada is a parber.