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CHANGE OF TERMS, &c.

We find it necessary to modify our terms and, after much thought, and some consul tation with our brethren, ministers and others, we propose the following :

1. The price of the Banner, on and after January 1st, 1864, will be two dollars a year, in advance.

2. A minister, or other person, sending us TEN names and twenty dollars, will be entitled to an additional paper. And also one additional for the next ten ; &c. N. B.-Ministers of small means, and having no charge, can have their paper still for \$1.50.

*_*__Theological Students can have the Banner still at the dollar.

Ministers who have been subscri bers, but have become unable to pay, will have their paper continued gratuitously.

3. Commendations of Schools, Books, &c Notices of "Surprises," &c., "Cards,' and all other matters which are mainly of personal interest, will be charged for, at 10 cents a line.

Though we have put the Banner, by the above, more on a business footing than formerly, we still adhere to the CO-OPERA TIVE principle. Our desire is, in conjunction with Pastors and Elders, to train the young for honor and usefulness, and to help all onward in the way to a glorious immor tality. We hence labor assiduously, and use money freely, to give the Banner the very best practicable adaptations. Our erent. Foreign Correspondence, our Summary o Eastern News, and our War Articles are highly commended. Our Editorials discuss matters of living interest. Our General News is comprehensive. 'Our Book Notices are honest. Our Selections are varied and instructive. Our Correspondents write well. Families which grow up being babitual readers of the Banner, wil be intelligent, enterprising, liberal, and virtuous; as well as sound in the faith.

We hence ask Ministers and Elders,

MINISTERS AND THE CONSCRIPTION. Among the amendments proposed, in Congress, to the Conscription Act, we observe one offered by Mr. DIXON, of Connecticut, to exempt all clergymen.

A law conscripting the ministers of religion, and forcing them into the battle-field to engage in deeds of enmity and slaughter, is a new thing in human history. It is a piece of conduct which has no sanction in God's Word, and no precedent, as we believe, in any Christian nation. It is not justified by the practice of any civil-

ized people. Even pagans have always regarded as sacred, and free from impressment to perform deeds of blood, all who ministered at their altars. Examples there are of priests leading armies, and fighting battles. But as a system, such a course

has not been encouraged, and as a matter of legal requirement, it is an anomoly. As ministers we claim all the rights of

of Rev. J. H. CLARK. Upwards of forty have professed conversion. Close Communion.-A correspondent furishes us a brief article, on our first page, on this important subject. It is plain and

Another writes :

kind. EASTERN SUMMARY.

IN AN ARTICLE which lately appeared in citizens. We look for protection. We the New-York Observer, on the subject of him."

NEW-ENGLAND.

also hold ourselves bound to obey the laws. | the Unitarian controversy in Boston, the | And we ask for no special exemptions, as a writer remarked : "When the Rev. Dr. | tice above noticed is that which publishers matter of personal right. The country Beecher arrived in Boston, some years of objectionable books sometimes adopt in since, and found the 'orthodox' ministers | order to secure for them an extensive circuhas the same right to our services, as it has habitually exchanging pulpits with the lation. For example, the Christian Times to the services of all others. What we speak of relates to no personal claims of Unitarians, he denounced the practice. happens, in a review of Renan's Life of Jeours to any favors or any distinctions for The result was, a separation of the 'liberal' our own sake. It regards the fitness of Christians, as they were called, from the ablest effort "-alluding thus rather extravthings; the honor of religion; the benefit 'orthodox.' Out of it grew heated controversies and theological disquisitions displayed by the author. The New-York of the people. The ministers of religion are not only the spiritual guides of the without number; finally, things narrowing | publisher, wholly disregarding the adverse people, showing them the way to immortal to the point of charging 'Unitarianism as criticism of the Times, adroitly garbles the

joy. They are also the conservators of practical infidelity." public morals. The State stands, laws are obeyed, life is safe, property is secure, by Beecher in his Boston pastorate, and who culars as the unqualified commendation of the influence of their teaching. The com- speaks of his deceased predecessor in terms a religious journal! munity suffers a loss-a loss in a vital part of admiration and love, makes, in a

-when they are called away from their appropriate work. of two statements in the paragraph above Ministers are, in their sacred office, di-

quoted. So far from being on such terms rectly the servants of God, and men should of intimacy as the first writer implies, Dr. | entrap the unwary. not force them from his work and put them W. states that the orthodox and Unitarian into another service. It is dishonoring to pastors and churches of Boston have never God. It is a robbing of God. It is irrevbeen more distinctly and decidedly separa-

ted, both as to doctrine and practice, than Ministers are the ambassadors of Jesus Christ. He has chosen them to this end : they were at the time of Dr. Beecher's arhas endowed and commissioned them. He ing been effected by the withdrawal of the claims their perpetual service; and they "liberal" from the "orthodox" Chrishave yowed that service to him; and neither may they voluntarily abandon it, tians, the reverse was the case. On this short of eighteen thousand. point, Dr. W. observes : nor may his people force them to relin-

"With the single exception of Dr. Codquish it. Their business is, to effect reconman's church in Dorchester, I believe that. ciliation. He sends them to promote good in every instance of defection from orthowill in the world. The Gospel they preach is the Gospel of peace-" Peace on earth." It is wrong to force them from the work of rians, went out from them, leaving all order. We understand that the University behind, and built and furnished for thempeace, into the field of strife. We are, however, not absolutely opposed

selves with the church. Forty-seven an- | the stage, so that it could be advertised nounced themselves on the Lord's side for that we would take part in the meeting?" the first time. Nineteen were baptized. It 'No, we would not take any part, nor sit was a solemn scene, and one which is sel- on platform, nor attend the meeting at all ! dom witnessed. Many others have ex- Nevertheless, in a day or two we saw ourpressed a hope in Christ, and the good work | selves announced in the most jubilant manis progressing with increasing interest." ner as a speaker on that occasion !

"In some ire we addressed a note to the offender, threatening to expose him. He "I am pleased to learn that a special promised to withdraw the advertisementwork of grace is in progress in the church which he did on the morning of the day of Pleasant Grove, on Schooley's M- untain, for the meeting, after it had stood for a New-Jersey, formerly under the pastoral care of Rev. H. W. HUNT, now under that week-and as to apology, when the meet-ing came off, the offender came forward and stated that he was sorry to say that 'Mr. Beecher had hoped to be present, but that other engagements had prevented !'-leav

ing the audience to understand that an agreement had been broken! On reading this wanton explanation the next morning in the newspapers, we passed through all

the colors of the rainbow, and no plan seemed severe enough for this miscreant committee-man, and we have suffered him to go unpunished to this day, simply because we have not yet yet made up our mind what punishment is good enough for

Somewhat similar to the fraudulent prac sus, to speak of this Infidel work as " Man's agantly to the merely intellectual ability incautious expression, and exultingly par-Rev. Dr. Winslow, who succeeded Dr. ades it in his extensively distributed cir-

The case complained of by Mr. Beecher communication to the last Observer, some is mainly one of annoyance, as regards the important as well as interesting corrections person imposed upon : that to which we refer is chiefly reprehensible because of the moral danger, into which it is calculated to

A WRITER in the Evangelist character izes Poughkeepsie, N. Y., as a "City of Schools." Exclusive of the city free schools and Vassar Female College, which is expected to go into operation next Fall. rival. And instead of the separation hav- it has not less than seven or eight large institutions for the education of young men and women. Its population falls a little

VASSAR FEMALE COLLEGE, above allud ed to, owes its origin to the munificent lib erality of Matthew Vassar, who two years doxy in churches and ministers, the ortho- ago set apart \$400,000 for the purpose of dox separated themselves from the Unita- establishing a female college of the highest selves new houses of worship. Instead of system of Europe is to be adopted in the institution, so that the studies will be com bined into distinct and practically independent departments. We are pleased to see that of the nine departments, or the place. "schools" mentioned on the programme, nence and importance. The following paragraph from the report of the Committee on Faculties and Studies will commend itself especially of the attention of those to whom is entrusted the education of youth : "Any scheme of training which overlooks or undervalues the religious element is fatally defective. The young girl put into your hands to be moulded into the loveliest type of perfect womanhhood is an immortal spirit, capable of endless progres ing as the wax to the seal, it is your privilege as co-workers with God, to stamp on her heart the image of the Redeemer, and so to educate her for the paradise above Religious instruction, therefore, should oc cupy the first and highest place in our programme of studies. Utterly loathing and repudiating the spirit of sectarianism, we still insist that the fundamental principles Campbell. country church of the Congregational order | of Christianity in which believers in Reve lation agree; the sublime precepts of the Gospel; the spotless example of Jesus Christ and the atoning sacrifice in the death of our great High Priest, should form Connecticut, takes to task his desponding | the base and foundation of our educational brother "Rusticus," whose letter to the structure. To bring our pupils fully under the influence of religious truth they must enjoy the earnest and faithful preaching of the Gospel; they must store their memories with the rich treasures of the Holy Scriptures; they must have time and fore the conscripts will be marshalled into tive comfort on his salary of \$600; and so opportunity for self-inspection and for secret communion with the Father of spirits. More than all they must see the power and purity and sweetness of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ exemplified in the daily walk and conversation of earnest, consist ent and happy Christian teachers."

such sum to be paid without regard to any | which brings the cedars of Lebanon and | Bethel, Upper St. Clair, bounty which may be paid or offered from the gold of Ophir to build and beautify any other source; Provided, that no such the house of God. What though there is bounty shall be awarded until the claim sometimes apparent delay, and even retrothereof be duly verified with satisfactory gression. So does the tree appear to lose vouchers."

For the Presbyterian Banner. Dedication of the Presbyterian Church in Batler.

MESSBS. EDITORS :- The new Presbyterian church of Butler was dedicated to the service of God on Wednesday, the 9th inst. (Dec. 9th, 1863). Rev. Dr. Wm. D. How-ard, of Pittsburgh, preached the sermon and made the dedicating prayer. Rev. David | back with gratitude to the advances made, Hall, and Rev. Ephraim Ogden, together with the pastor, Rev. Loyal Young, participated in the exercises.

eloquent, and the earnest attention of the much cordial friendship among the differlarge audience showed that it was highly | entreligious denominations. Ephraim has appreciated. In the evening Rev. David not envied Judah, and Judah has not vexed Hall preached a sermon of peculiar beauty | Ephraim. With the pastors of the United every thing conspired to make it an occa- Church, my intercourse has been long-consion of joy. The following Statement was made by

the pastor, after which a contribution was made, amounting to \$225, the different churches contributing liberally. ONE THAT WAS PRESENT.

STATEMENT.

This is not only a dedication, but it is an anniversary. It is an interesting fact, that we have unwittingly reared and dedicated this building just fifty years after the organization (or I might say reörganizing) of the church. We build a monument on this semicentennial anniversary, to the memory of that able and devoted man of God, who fifty years ago took upon him the spiritual charge of the people of this town and vicinity-the Rev. John Mc-Pherrin.

The Gospel was preached by Presbyte rian missionaries, who were the pioncers in this region of country, as early as 1797, under the shadow of the spreading forest trees. A tent was erected about a mile and a half N. E. of this place, with a clap- with with willing hands wrought as opportunity board cover to shelter the preacher. It was on a sidehill near the Connoquenessing, and was called Thorn's Tent. This was our first house of worship.

In 1805 this tent gave way to a log church, about five miles north of Butler; and a Presbyterian church was organized embracing this whole neighborhood. It was really the organization of this church. but the name given to it was Harmony. Three of our present aged members were members of the Harmony church fifty-eight years ago; viz.: James McCurdy, Esq., his wife, and Mr. Robert Thorn. Harmony church was re-constructed in 1813, and named Butler, and Mr. McPherrin began preaching statedly in the Butler Court Iouse. This was just fifty years ago. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian church was organized in Butler as early as be built up again in strength and beauty. 1810, five years after Harmony church was organized, and three years before the re- \$6,000. This, with a few ex construction of this church. Though that gifts by public men, amountin church twice made out calls for pastors,

Glasgow, Pine Grove, Penn' its vitality when its leaves are sere and fallen. So did Israel take many a zigzag march in the desert. But in Springtime the latent life of the tree bursts forth again in a thousand leaves and blossoms. And the children of Israel, after all their wanderings, at length planted their feet on the promised land. The building of a new church is an era; it marks progress. It invites us to look | Burgettstown, Penn and forward with joyful hope. The other churches of this place have also gained, like us, in strength and num-Dr. Howard's sermon was very able and bers, and as a general thing there has been and interest. The day was pleasant, and Presbyterian Church, and the Episcopal tinued and pleasant. To their talents and uniform kindness, I take this opportunity to bear my glad testimony. Dr. Wiblock

Greenville. Pisgah. Sturgeonville, has been pastor of his (the United Presbyterian) church forty-four years. Rev. Wm. Cherry Tree, White has been pastor of his (the Episco-Bethesda, pal) church twenty-six years. Our com-Scrubgrass bined pastorate would amount to one hundred years. HWe are all still wedded to our Milledgeville Pigeon Creek, Cool Spring, first love, having our original charges. The other clergymen amongst us have

come much more recently, but we welcome them to their several fields of labor. To the Trustees of this church the thanks of the congregation are due, and no

doubt heartily given, for their great energy and careful attention to the business entrusted to them. It has required much time and labor. The masons, carpenters, plasterers, and painters, have performed faithfully their parts. The ladies have constantly aided the enterprise, and their skill is apparent in the tasteful adjustment of the furniture. While the members of the congregation generally have come and offered. And "so built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to

work." But we must not forget to ascribe to God both our will and ability to build a house to his name. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." We have the satisfaction of having a well built church, the foundation resting on a solid rock May it be an emblem of the faith of those that worship

in it, built on the rock Christ Jesus. The trouble with our late church was, that the foundation of the South wall was defective. Now in the reconstruction all is alike firm, fit to endure for ages. So may it be with our beloved country. May the Southern wall which has given way, because the corner-stone was defective, soon Freeport,

Perry, Saltsburg Mansfield and Mt. Pisgah, Penn's Canonsburg, New Salem and Dunlap's Creek, Penn's Centre, Mercer County, Concord, Armstrong County Glade Run. Kerr Hil. Long Island, Unity cong., Pa., taken in Latrobe church Montour, Penn's North Butler Sandy Lake. Forest Grove. Lopewell, Armagh. Leatherwood 9.(0 Pine Creek, Raccoon, Washington County, Penn'a Meadville. ····· 38.66 Connellsvill ••••• 81 fa Tent. Favette County. ---- 241; Rich Hill 9.7 Spring Hill Furnace. 5.6j 3.2 8.65 • • • • • • Harrison City, ----- 8,64 Church (Saltsburg Presh'v) ····· 17.16 ····· 6.54 Mt. Pleasant, Mercer County 4.79 5.25 8.66 9,66 eechburg, ••••• 8.44 Boiling Spring Sunbury, Pleasant Valley, 2.0..... 8.41 Fairmount, New Lisbon, Perrysville, Cadiz. Martinsville. Olivesburg, Carrollton Bloomfield Short Creek Wheeling Valley Brownsville. Berlin. Bethesda Corinth. Ionroevil Rehabath and Newto Island Creek. Centre, Mt. Eston Richland. East Liverpool. Canton. Fairmont Allen Grove. Wolf Run, Bethel, Bull Creek, LUTHEBAN CHURCHES. Fayetteville: Penn³ Salisbur Freeport 2.30Reedsburg. Ohio. BAPTIST CHURCHES. Harlansburg, Penn'a. . 12.66 8.10 East Birmingham, " The building of this church has cost about Sharpsburg,

whose duty it is to nurture the people, to make the Banner their co-adjutor. Have it, if possible, in every family.

We also ask all our readers, including la dies and children, to aid us in extending our circulation. Get us one subscriber, get another, and still another. Get enough to have your own paper free. Or get enough to have a paper free for some poor family. Do good.

DB. HOWARD'S SERMON.

The sermon of Dr. HOWARD, before the Synod of Pittsburgh, is published in accordance with Synod's request. It is gotten up very neatly, and issues from the press of J. MCMILLAN, Wood Street. Subscribers can obtain it at the Presbyterian Book Rooms, on Hand Street. A few copies are there also for sale.

The sermon is founded on PAUL's words to TIMOTHY : " This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." In the exposition the preacher finds what is occurring in our own day and country. as belonging to the "perilous times." The sermon is excellent. It was listened to by the Synod with deep attention, and with a very cordial approbation, and, by the Christian and the patriot it will, as we think, be read with equal delight.

We may recur to this discourse before long, and enrich our columns by an extract.

The Second Report of the Committee of Maryland, U. S. Christian Commission, is a document of much value. It shows the working of the Commission, and its bencfits to the sick and wounded. Many incidents deeply interesting to the Christian, are narrated, and many facts are stated which belong to a proper history of the war. The account which it gives of the Battle of Gettysbmrg, written by Rev. A. B. CROSS, is among the most graffic and thrilling which we have seen. The more we read of that battle, the more are we impressed with its importance; and the more do we admire Gen. MEADE, and the brave men who executed his commands. Before entering into the fight he exhorted all to do their duty, and trust in God for the result ; and after their toils and heroism had won the victory, he said to them : "It is right and proper to return thanks to the Almighty Disposer of events, that in the goodness of his providence he has thought fit to give victory to the cause of the just' Men of such a spirit we rejoice to see at the head of our armies.

The Missionary Box.-We invite attention to the reprint on our fourth page, under this heading. Our lady friends, and especially the young, will read it, we are sure, with deep emotion. And we cannot but think that it will greatly enhance, in their benevolent Christian estimation, the value of the Sewing Circle.

Zed.-The letter from the Army, over this signature, is graphic, and reliable. The writer tells you of sufferings in which you ought to sympathize. Those men are the defenders of the Union. Future peace is to result from their labors and losses.

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have a work to do, under God, for their them having been effected by Dr. Beecher's country-a work appropriate to their sacred denunciation, the separation had long beoffice, and one which their country needs. | fore been made by the voluntary withdrawal office, and one which their country needs. The Gospel should be preached in the camp, and on the march, as well as elsewhere. Unitarians did not leave the orthodox, but is to be regarded as the first in promi-Its sacred ministrations are needed in the the orthodox left the Unitarians. The hospital, and on shipboard. Wherever Unitarians were so 'liberal,' that they men are, the Gospel is needed; and when would stand almost anything, even 'brimthe Government calls men from their homes church, if the orthodox would own them to all Christian readers, and is deserving and employs them in its service, it should and exchange pulpits. Unitarians are genprovide them with the means of grace- | erally excellent proof against denunciation. with the ministers of religion. And we Liberal, kind, genial, patient, they care less

enough will volunteer, of the right kind, accept these and draft none. If enough will not volunteer, then conscript them. So if there are not ministers enough, and of the right qualifications, offering to serve in the army and navy, then enforce a conscription, till the want is supplied. That is, employ men trained and consecrated to a sacred work, in their appropriate calling. ful as a pastor, and his people part with It is possible that the new bill may be hurried through both Houses of Congress, immediately; there being a necessity for important modifications in the law, before the 5th of January. But even then a sup- hundred and forty-two members. plementary bill can be adopted, providing that all ministers already drafted, and to be drafted, shall be employed as Chaplains; or shall find acceptable substitutes for the Chaplaincy. Suppose the drawing to commence on the 5th of January, as contemplated, weeks, if not months, must pass be-

armed and brigaded, still, those who are ministers might be permitted to exchange their swords for Bibles-to cease from the work of destroying men's bodies, and attend to the saving of men's souls.

Theological students, licentiates, and wife and children could have twenty dollars ministers drafted, if any, beyond those a year allowed us for wearing apparel, we needed as Chaplains, would be appropriately employed as hospital nurses.

Ministers, as we remarked about the time likely to remain good and warm thirty-one the conscription bill of last March was passed, may be chargeable with bringing upon the say twenty-three dollars, at a clothing country this public disrespect to the sacred store, four years ago, bid fair to hold out office. So many of them were fomenters which I bought two years ago for fifty of the strife; so many abounded in bloodthirsty denunciations; so many sought few times before,) is as good as new. My the sword as officers in the army. But vest, &c., ought to be replaced once in two still, the right should prevail. Religion or three years, if I could afford it." should be honored. There have been cases in which both prophet and priest might take up the sword ; but such have been few and extraordinary. Such a case, as we conceive, does not now exist. The minister of Jesus Christ, now, will far better serve his God and his country by consistently serving in the Gospel, than by entering the ranks with weapons of death.

We commend this subject to the serious consideration of the members of Congress. We commend it also to citizens and politicians who have access to their representatives. If the Christian press will duly

a reformation. If the secular press will in the last Independent, against the reckjoin in the effort, we will surely be relieved less and dishonorable devices which are not from this worse than Pagan feature in our unfrequently employed by the managers of fifty thousand dollars be and the same is legislation.

REVIVALS.

to the conscripting of clergymen. They from the orthodox, or a separation between say of ministers just as of others. If men for what orthodoxy claims as doctrinal truth, than for social virtues and refinements. At least, such has been my experience, in no small intercourse with them." REV. DR. BRACE, of the First Congregational church in Milford, Conn., has just | sion in knowledge and happiness. Yield closed his pastorate of eighteen years, and is about to enter upon his editorial con-

> nexion with the Religious Herald, of Hartford. Dr. B. has been eminently successhim with great reluctance. The First church in Milford is said to be the largest in the State, numbering, as it does, five "A YANKEE PASTOR," hailing from

Boston Recorder, on the perplexities of poorly paid ministers, has excited considerable attention. He thinks he might manage to get along with comparacamp. And even if they were in the field, he might, all will be ready to say, if he could or would imitate the Yankee Pastor in his shifts of economy. On this point, the latter says quite quaintly :

"I don't suppose that brother Rusticus is at all extravagant, but if myself and should lay up money out of it. My blue broadcloath cloak, as good as new, was presented to me thirty-one years ago, and is years longer. My coat and surtoat, costing

four years longer. My stove-pipe hat, cents, (it having been on a man's head a

our Connecticut friend must surely make Jews to hear the claims of Jesus.

Christian ambassador.

NEW-YORK.

UNDER THE HEADING, "Fraudulent discuss it, there will be ground of hope for Use of Names," Mr. Beecher remonstrates,

> public meetings to get up an excitement bereby appropriated for the payment of a and draw crowded houses. The following bounty of two hundred and fifty dollars to incident in his own experience Mr. Beecher relates, in illustration of the offence to

In denouncing sectarianism, we of course understand the Committee as condemning that unchristian spirit which regards the interests of a sect as paramount to all other considerations.« Denominationalism good men will approve of, while they are intolerant of bigoted sectarianism.

PHILADELPHIA. THE Sixth Anniversary of the Protest ant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of

Christianity among the Jews, was celebrated recently in this city. According to the annual report, the labors of the Society We think most of our plain coun- are performed among adults only, and the try congregations would criticize with no difficulties thus attending its operations ittle severity their pastor's unstylish ap, are great. An encouraging disposition, pearance, were it anything like that which however, is said to be manifest among the

IT IS STATED that Rev. J. S. Willis among his people. We must regard the latter, however, as indulging in a vein of who has for nearly two years been the pas ironical pleasantry, rather than as seriously tor of the Spring Garden M. E church, presenting his own case for imitation. Un- has accepted a call of the Presbyterian pretending gentility of dress is in no small church, New School, Seventeenth and Fil degree essential to the usefulness of the bert Streets, Philadelphia. AN ORDINANCE providing a bounty for

volunteers, under the late call of the Pres

Mayor of the city, and is as follows: "The Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of one million two hundred and

been borne entirely by me they were not responded to; and the congregation. So was the church had no stated minister till 1819, built by the members, no fore when their present worthy pastor settled in asked. I am happy to anno enter this house of worship fre

Rev. John McPherrin was therefore the We desire your good wish first settled minister in this vicinity, by fourprayers. And as to those of teen years; and the first stated preacher in narily worship in other churc the town of Butler, by six years. But we always be happy to see your claim no preëminence on account of priorsanctuary, when, your own ity. We only wish to present historical absent, you choose to wors facts. As we dedicate this church to-day, And may the God of Israel b we would thankfully recall God's mercy to vou all. us and our fathers during these fifty years For two years Rev. John McPherrin preached in the Court House. Then the stone church was built on this identical spot in the year 1815.

I hold in my hand the original subscripof Western Pennsylvania, tion paper, in the handwriting of John the following contributions, Weyman, Esq., supplemented in the hand-1st to 15th of December : writing of Hon. John Gilmore. Their names head the list with thirty dollars each Rev. John McPherrin subscribed Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh,.... fifty dollars. Of the eighty names on the East Liberty,..... Simpson Chapel, Duquesne Boro' list of subscribers, it is believed that but Mercer, Pa.,..... Centreville, Pa.,.... seven survive. Their names are, Robert Thorn, John L. Maxwell, James McCurdy, Perryopolis, Pa.,..... John Negley, John Elliott, Joseph Thorn, Smicksburg, Pa..... and Wm. Gibson. The first Trustees were, Milton, Pa., Salem, Pa.... John Weyman, John Potts, and William Port Perry, Pa

Wilkinsburg, Pa.,.... Braddocksfield, Pa.,.... This stone church was the religious home of the congregation, where they met as Lawrenceville, Pa,,. brethren, and enjoyed times of refreshing Sardis, Pa..... New Hamburg, Pa., for about seventeen years: Rev. John Mc-Richland, P Pherrin ministered in it about seven years, Greenville, Pa.... till his death, and Rev. John Coulter about Mechanicksburg, Pa.,... ten years. We would have been glad to Freedom, Pa see father Coulter with us to-day in our Centreville, Pa... Harrisville, Pa. prosperity, to which his former faith-Wallaceville, Pa.,.... ministrations so much contributed. Browns. Pa.. He aided greatly in the erection of the Birmingham, Pa.,.... late brick church, but retired from the Ross Chapel, Latrobe, Pa Allegheny Circuit, Mariboro', oversight of this flock before the house was completed. We would welcome him Carrollton amongst us to-day. Serus in coelum red-Hanover Circuit, Somerton,

In the year 1833, on the last Sabbath of New Lishon November, we entered the late brick Westchester, and Pleasant Grove, church. and on the first Wednesday in De-Limaville, Harlem, cember the present pastor was ordained and Hendrysburg. installed over this congregation-thirty | Deersville, years and five days ago; so that this is also Williamsport, the thirtieth anniversary of my settlement | Elkton, in this church. Had we time, it would be

Adamsville pleasant and profitable to recount the many Alliance and Mt. Union. mercies of God that have strewn our path-Wellsburg, West Va.,.. way during these thirty years. But I must forbear.

1st. M. Prot. church, Pittsburgh, Time has wrought great changes since I became the pastor of this church. Of my one hundred and five communicants then on the list, only twenty-two remain with Cannonsburg, (Rev. D. H. French us. Some have removed to other parts of Bethel, Westmoreland county, our great country, but the greater part have | Peter's Creek, gone to the land of silence. And former buildings in which this congregation wor-Centreville, Conneaut Lake. 1st and 2d, Mercer, shipped have all disappeared. 1st. New Wilmington, Not a trace of Thorn's Tent can be

Cochranton, found. Harmony church is gone. The Canonsburg, (Rev. J. W. Bain.) stone church and the old Court House have Bethel, Monr been removed. And of the late brick church, not one tile is left upon another. McKeesport, Burgettstown, But all these changes have marked pro-Unity, Monroeville gress. God has said to the church at every Laurel Hill. Craigsville, change, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, Birmingham and let them stretch forth the curtains of Cherry Run, (Rev. S. C. Reid) their habitations; spare not, lengthen thy Tarentum, Cherry Run, (Rev. J. R. Slentz,) cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

Without progress man becomes impa-tient. God loves progress in that which is 1st U. P. ch., Pittsb'gh, (addition Salt Creek, Ohio, White Eyes, " ident, has received the signature of the We have # first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." The little Sixth church, Pittsburgh, germ matures into the mountain oak, re-Fourth " sisting a thousand storms. The unfledged New Alexandria. nestling develops into the soaring eagle; Bethany, Allegheny county, and the feeble infant grows into a Samson, Concord Callensburg, able to push down the huge pillars sup-Cross Roads each volunteer who, in pursuance of the porting Dagon's temple.

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56,000. This, with a few exceptions of	Calvary Episcopal church, East Liberty	19.75	
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proclamation made on the seventeenth day Rocky Spring, Sharpsburg, " -.. 89.00 Rev. Dr. R. DAVIDSON has accepted a casupposed to be by no means brilliant, de- Sharpsbur A note to the Presbyterian says: of October last by the President of the " ... 43.40 " ... 40.00 "Last Sabbath week was a day long to which he justly calls attention : Rev. Joseph Sweetman, of Saratoga Coun-ty, N. Y., died of paralysis, Dec. 10th., in the ninetieth year of his age. He is said to have been the first graduate of Union College, N. Y. velops into a Newton, tracing "the mighty Brownsville and Little Redstone, to Huntingdon, Long Island, N. Y., and has commenced his pastoral duties in that " ... 38.76 " ... 60.00) " ... 19.40 place. New Salem, Beaver county, Rev. R. H. ALLEN, recently of Walna " ... 45.00 Hills, Ohio, has accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian church of Nashville. " ... 76.05 " ... 31.82 Tennessee. " ... 30.00