

## No. XIII.

## THE TREASURER'S NOTE.

Six months ago, Mr. Leask, our Treasurer, furnished me, at his own suggestion, and to show me how prosperously things were getting on, the following note. How it comes that things are all wrong *now*, it is not for me to explain.

" Seat rents received for the year ending March, 1854....	£383	4	2½
Do. do. do. 1855....	375	5	6

Deficiency for 1855.....	£7	18	8½
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Deficiency accounted for by large amount of arrears £100 4s.

" No. of new sittings let for year ending March, 1855, 163	£23	2	1
Sittings given up, 90.....	13	13	10½

Increase for 1855, 73.....per quarter...	£11	9	2½
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Now my remarks are these:—

Suppose only £100 of outstanding rents has been got in			
we stand thus.....1855...	£475	5	6
Do. 1854...	373	4	2½

Increase.....	£92	1	3½
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Of the 163 "new sittings" taken during the year, *the whole* may be considered as so many representatives of actual occupants; and I should think that 163 seats really taken and paid for may very fairly represent 200 old and young. It is otherwise with the 90 sittings "given up." These do not *necessarily* indicate 90 *hearers lost to us*; for there are many cases occurring of families taking fewer seats one year than another, and yet remaining in the Church.

## No. XIV.

## SPECIMEN OF MR. PYPER'S MODE OF DEFENCE AGAINST THE PROTESTERS.

On October 23rd, 1855, when nine protests were given in to the Session, subscribed by 178 members of the congregation, 135 being communicants, Mr. Pyper, *by anticipation*, having prepared a reply of considerable length, laid it on the table, and then took his leave. Mr. Campbell followed his example, but declining to table his defence. Mr. Pyper's defence was one of 22 papers given in to the Presbytery as bearing on the case, and for some reason which I never could comprehend, not allowed to be read.

As a specimen of the style and sentiment of this gentleman, whom a gradation of Courts have ordered me to ordain as an Elder, I select the introduction and the conclusion, the intermediate parts being harsh tirades against three of the protesters.