

brethren on the Lord's day. Brother Thomas Bradt conversing with him concerning the future, asked if there was any thing of this world for which he desired to remain. He replied "There is nothing—I am ready to die." The church and his family feel his loss; yet we sorrow not as others who are without the gospel hope.

A. CLENDENAN.

#### ANOTHER SECESSION FROM THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH.

A Lancaster correspondent of the *Patriot* writes:—"The extraordinary 'Essay' of the Hon. and Rev. Baptist W. Noel is effecting a great work. Amongst the friends of the State-Church who have read the book, and on whose minds its contents have had a telling and practical influence, is the Rev. John Dodson, Vicar of Cockerham, near Lancaster. Convinced by the facts it details, and the arguments it supplies, of the evils and unscriptural character of the present Establishment, he has nobly imitated the example of Mr. Noel, and for ever abandoned it. Last Friday or Saturday, he sent in his resignation to the Bishop of the diocese, which was accepted, and in the afternoon of last Sabbath, preached his farewell sermon to a crowded congregation. In taking this step, Mr. Dodson has made many sacrifices. He has left a living worth £650 a-year, and given up a beautiful residence.

#### WRITERS FOR THE WITNESS.

To the few correspondents who aid in making the pages of the *Witness* valuable, in tendering our thanks, we have a word of explanation. It is seldom that we accompany a letter, article, or essay with any or many comments. We have no taste and certainly as little talent for extra commendation, either within or without the precincts of flattery. Hence we say little in praise of our fellow-helpers who correspond. But we appreciate them. The community, too, puts a just value upon their labours. Of this we have the best evidence. D. O.

☞ We anticipated hearing, ere this, from the Williamsville, Tully, and Cicero meetings.

☞ As will be seen by reference to another page, we shall shortly have a fresh supply of the "Christian Melodeon," by A. S. Hayden. Those desirous of securing a copy of this favorite work, should speak for it in time. It sells cheap. We shall speak definitely of the terms hereafter.

☞ The brethren in St. Vincent will please let us know, as frequently as possible, their state and standing, conflicts and progress.