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In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity.

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We request our subscribers to make remittances to us only in registered letters, or in the form of post-office money orders or bank checks.

Formerly there may have been some ground for the remark that "the only effect of registration is only to make the letter more liable to be stolen."

Notices to Postmasters.—Postmasters throughout the country will save trouble by obeying the law in respect to newspapers, etc.

APOLOGY.—Owing to the unavoidable delay which occurred in changing our printing office, no paper could be issued last week.

To Our Readers.—With this paper, a new volume opens.

One year of labor, anxiety, and fear, in the history of our paper, has expired.

To those who care to know the facts connected with the origin of the Lutheran and Visitor, the truth is patent that the arduous undertaking of starting a new paper was not one of our own seeking, but from which, as Editors, we shrinked until satisfied that longer refusal would work serious detriment to our beloved Zion in the South.

And while, on the one hand, we teach and defend the doctrines of the Church as understood and taught by the fathers, while, on the other, we insist on the renewing influences of the Holy Spirit.

A number of changes have been made, with which our patrons, in the main, we are sure, will concur.

Another change to which we are sure our patrons will not object is, the terms.

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world renowned, and venerable AUGUSTINE CONFESSOR. In harmony, we can not only best promote our own, but each other's and the Church's interest.

But to return from this digression: The Editors of the Lutheran and Visitor in asking the continued patronage of their friends and of the Church, have no new pledges to make as to their future course.

It is no part of our desire or purpose to elevate the form above the power of godliness—to inculcate sound evangelical doctrine, at the expense of a living transforming faith.

No "form of sound words," independent of the vital and renewing power of the Holy Ghost, can serve as a substitute for the new birth, without which the Saviour has declared, we "can not see the kingdom of God."

And what is true of these two great lights in our Church, is true of hundreds of others through whose faith and preaching and example, myriads of redeemed spirits were trained for the abode and bliss of heaven.

For the same reason, the expressed wish of a number of our brethren, we change the name from Lutheran and Visitor to the shorter and more easily expressed, Lutheran Visitor.

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Let therefore the friends of both papers, in the spirit of generous rivalry, rally to the support of each, and the blessing of God will attend the one work which we are both aiming to accomplish.

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Where is the Post Master General?

Others complain besides our subscribers. Let them read what the Southern Presbyterian says, with patience, and hope for the better time that is coming.

Philadelphia. 'Is walking into us this week; but he does it pleasantly, and he brings with him a cooling breeze, fragrant with the invigorating, briny odor of Old Atlantic, which we love dearly.'

However, we are, for all that, opposed to furloughing strong and healthy soldiers of the cross. We, of course, do not apply this to the sick, wounded and crippled laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Ragerstown Female Seminary.

As long as every Synod has not an Educational Institution for the daughters of the Church, necessity is laid upon us to send them abroad, and of course Lutherans send to Lutheran institutions in preference to those of other churches, even if our own schools are a few miles further off.

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We feel sad, depressed, discouraged and disheartened when we reflect on what the Lutheran Church ought to do, and accomplish, but utterly neglects and refuses to perform.

To the Ladies' Memorial Associations of the South.

When the papers announced that on the day set apart for the decoration of the graves of the Federal dead at the Arlington Cemetery, near Washington City, a United States officer, with a detachment of troops detailed for the express purpose, kept guard over a few Confederate graves within the enclosure, to prevent visitors from putting flowers upon these graves either in ignorance or intentionally, and that this officer had made his guards walk past, not around, but upon the graves, and had offered to the graves and to the few persons who in ignorance (for no one seems to have done it knowingly) threw flowers upon them, every insult and indignity his rage could invent, there went through the South, with the news, a deep-thrill of pleasure.

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Rev. Horace... Rev. Edward... Rev. Charles A. Aiken... Rev. Dr. W. A. Stuart... Antonio Arrighi... In Seville, Spain... The Waldenses... The Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, D.D., Professor in the Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, died at his residence in Prince Edward county, Virginia, on Sabbath morning, the 1st inst. He had reached an advanced age. For many years he was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Frederickburg, Virginia, and went from there to fill the chair of Theology in the Seminary for the space of twenty-eight years, discharging all the duties of his office with great fidelity and diligence. His long life was filled with good deeds, and devotion to the service of his Master. His old age has been serene and peaceful, and his death will be mourned by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and several children. His funeral will be held on Monday next at 10 o'clock, at the residence of his wife. Burial will be in the cemetery at 11 o'clock. The Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D.D., of Newberry, S. C., will officiate at the funeral. The services will be in German.