

A Protest.

The NEWS enters its earnest protest against the spirit shown in a card which was circulated about town last week, signed by three clergymen, who claimed to represent the "Sherman Churches." Which one of them represented the Universalist Church is not known, but as its pastor nor any of the members was not consulted in the matter, they feel that it was a very direct insult to them, whether intended or not. If this were the first time such a narrow and Pharisaical spirit had been shown here, it might have been passed by as simply an accident. But, it is the same spirit which has been manifested here for 40 years or more. Children have been taught by their parents that the Universalist church was not a Christian church and so the spirit has been kept up for all these years. When we remember that the theology of that church is more preached today than even in so-called orthodox churches of this place, than the doctrines for which they are supposed to stand, we are led to ask, "How can these things be?" In all other respects, Sherman is abreast of the age, but in its religious intolerance, we say it with regret, it is 50 years behind the times.

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