

dently burned and totally destroyed—of course all the inhabitants turned out to witness the unwelcome conflagration. Among others who were present was Recompense Stanbery, the son of the first deacon of the church and the father of our esteemed townsman William C. Stanbery. While the flames were consuming the timbers of the revered old structure, Mr. Stanbery said: “Brethren there is no better time to resolve to rebuild than now, as we stand around these smouldering embers.” He then announced his own subscription for the purpose. His example was contagious, one and another followed, and a considerable portion of the amount needed for the new house was raised then and there. Before the beginning of the new year, work was commenced and a new edifice, larger than the former one was erected. Recompense Stanbery, Joseph Bradford, John B. Osborn, Samuel B. Miller and David Osborn were the building committee who superintended the work to its completion. The new building cost about three thousand dollars and was paid for by contributions received almost exclusively from this vicinity, though the First Church of New York City sent some assistance to her mother in her time of need. There is little doubt that the spot upon which the new house was built was the same as that upon which the old one had stood, and that that ground had been donated to the church by William Darby, its first Ruling Elder; and consisted of five square chains, comprising the entire old burying ground. The other lands possessed by the church at this time was what was known as “the parsonage farm,” and consisted of fifteen acres on the Plains, and twelve acres on the