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Pataskala Presbytery, O., embraces the counties of Stark; Tuscarawas, Coshocton, Muskingum, Berry, Fairfield and Licking. By reference to a map you will perceive its long and irregular shape, from North East to South-West. 8 of the twenty-two churches East to South-West. 8 of the twenty-two churches are in Licking county, 4 in Fairfield, 3 in Perry, 2 in Muskingum, 2 in Coshocton, 2 in Stark, and 1 in Thistarawas. One of our ministers (the Rev. Abra-ham S. Avery), has been called to his final rest with-in the year. He had recently moved from New Lex-ington Object to Lawrenceburg. Indiana. Of the 16 ington, Ohio, to Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Of the 16

two Assemblies. The Second Presbyterian church of Newark, during the past summer, has been enaged in erecting a very commodious house of wor-ship at an expense of some \$30,000 to \$32,000. The material is brick. The church in Jersey, of which the Rev. C. M. Putnam is pastor, and has been for nearly forty years, has found it necessary to enlarge the house of worship although comparatively enlarge the house of worship, although comparatively new, and have done so during the summer at an ex-pense, I am told, of nearly \$2,000. T. W. HowE.

Wabash College reached, the XXXVIth Anni-versary of the driving of the first stake to mark its site on the 23d of November: On the 21st of No-vember, 1832, several gentlemen had met in Crawfordsville to discuss the question of the necessity and feasibility of a college. The leading men were ministers and home missionaries. Only seven were present, and those unanimously resolved to make