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General Assembly.

Owing to the failure of the mails, our reports of the proceedings-save those contained in our Editorial Correspondencewould be.

West Liberty University.

This is the name of the Institution proposed to be founded by the Synods of Ohio and Cincinnati. It is reported that the Agent, Luther Smith, Esq., is meeting with great success everywhere; and that if the wealthier congregations will exhibit a liberfeeble, to which applications have, as yet, \$200,000 will soon be secured.

Centre College, Ky.

It is well known that great prosperity has attended this institution for some time; the number of students has greatly increased. and frequent outpourings of the Holy Spirit have been received. Owing to this prosperity, President Young has issued an appeal to its patrons, presenting strongly the need of another Professorship, and an addi- of men. The Spirit taught the apostles to write, tional building. No doubt the appeal will and teaches ministers to preach, and makes hearreceive a becoming response. Nearly two hundred students are in attendance.

Reformed Synod, New Side.

The General Synod of this Church met in Cedarville, Ohio, on the 21st, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Alexander Clarke, of Amherst, Nova Scotia, from John xvii: 2. Sixty-one members, clerical and lay, were present. The Rev. John A. tion and extension. She is his body; precious erator; Rev. John N. McLeod, D. D., of makes her beauteous. She is his own; the ob-Crawford, of Xenia, O., was elected Mod-New York, Stated Clerk; and the Rev. Father's face, perfect, without spot or wrinkle, Spencer L. Finney, of New York, Assistant | with exceeding joy. Every believer is a recipient. Clerk. The Annual Address, by appoint- Not one shall lack any grace. All shall be like ment of the Presbyterian Historical So- him. He will be the Head, and they the memciety, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. bers. McLeod, on the Life and Character of James Renwick, the last of the Scottish Martyrs.

More Ministers Taken Away.

The Rev. David S. Todd died at Natchez, Miss, on the 4th inst. Of him, Dr. Rice, to be accomplished by preaching. Every opof the St. Louis Presbyterian, says:

We have known brother Todd long and sult will come. intimately, and we have known few more devotedly pious men. His life was spent in constant labor in his Master's cause, and in all straits. They may sow in tears, but they to an uncommon extent the Divine blessing shall reap in joy. crowned his labors. He is interred in a spot selected by himself near the church, in Canton, where he labored for the last six listened to with profound attention, by a crowded

And on the 15th of April, the Rev. Jno. M. Morrow, Stated Supply of the Presbyterian church in Beersheba, Miss., died at Pontotoc, in that State. Of him, the True Wit-

Mr. Morrow was a useful man, not only in his active labors, but also in his example, walk and conversation. He was a willing and faithful worker, and did a great deal of missionary labor within the bounds of Tombeckbee Presbytery-more, by far, than any | elected. Dr. Sloan was appointed Temporary other member of that body. His death is a Clerk. real loss both to the Presbytery and Synod, and doubtless will be felt as such.

General Synod of the Associate Reformed

This body assembled in the city of New York, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Findley, from Eph. v: 25-27. The Rev. David R. Kerr, editor of the Preacher and United Presbyterian, of this city, was | tion, Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D.; Publication, Rev. elected Moderator. The three subjects of J. A. Brown, D. D.; Church Extension, Rev. most interest, in the proceedings of this Jonathan Greenleaf; Narrative on the State of body, will be the revision or improvement of Religion, Rev. W. M. Scott, D. D.; and Systhe Psalmody in use, union with the Associate Church, and the establishment of a port on Proceedings of the Assembly; to which denominational College.

Thus far the prospect of union on the On the choice of a Moderator, there was a litbasis proposed, does not seem encouraging. the more feeling manifested than we have noticed According to the report of the Committee at any time since the disruption, in 1838. For this on the decisions of the Presbyteries with we could see scarcely an adequate reason. There respect to this subject, the votes in favor of union on the proposed basis were 154, and each well qualified for the position. Happily, opposed to union on such basis, 94. Eight however, the zeal was not from opposition to one Presbyteries had not reported the strength but from a partiality to the other. It was love of their vote; but six of them opposed the to, and a desire to honor, a valued minister with basis, and two supported it. Dr. M'Carroll, whose excellences the individual members were of Newburg, N. Y., expressed the opinion that he did not believe the Synod could act sively known. His position as Secretary of the with harmony on the subject; and estima- Board of Education, and his presence and promited that only fourteen of the twenty-seven nence as an officer of that Board, at every Gen-Presbyteries would go into the union, and eral Assembly, cause him to be familiarly recogthat seven of these would go unwillingly, nized by brethren from every quarter. Dr. Swift, occupying but the place of a pastor, and while there were thirteen that refused posi-but taking his turn with his co-Presbyters, in -s tively to submit to the union on the terms going to the Assembly, must necessarily be less

The General Assembly of 1857.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States, now in session at Lexington, Ky., is likely to possess fully the usual interest of such meetings. The union of some three hundred ministers and elders, the representatives of the Presbyteries from North and South, East and West, in fraternal harmony, is an occasion of rejoicing for every friend of Zion, and every lover of his country. May the boundaries of our Church never grow less, and the number of her members never be diminished. May she ever be one throughout the whole length and breadth of the land-one body, one in faith, and one in effort; and may the country where she has her happy home, long enjoy God's richest blessings.

Lexington is one of the noted cities of the State, containing about eight thousand inhabitants, and situated in the midst of a very exensive, highly fertile, and well cultivated district. The land is a limestone, gently rolling, and well timbered. There are no mountains, nor high hills, as far as the eye can reach. The members from Pennsylvania, in traveling thither, noticed as singular, the sparseness of the habitations amidst so widely extended and such beautiful cultivated fields. This indicates large plantations, and a population not very numerous But the great want, in the eyes of Pennsylvanians, is that of barns. In journeying through the valleys of the Keystone State, you may see five of these useful structures, for one which is visible here; and each of them a splendid palace in comparison with what is to be seen in even the best cultivated regions which we have yet visited South of the Ohio But it is not the country which we most note. It is the Assem-

The Church has our love. OPENING SERVICES.

bly. This fills the eye and expands the heart.

On the 21st of May, at 11 o'clock A. M., about two hundred and fifty Commissioners from the Presbyteries assembled in the First Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. J. D. Matthews, D.D., is pastor. The last Moderator of the Assembly, Rev. Dr. McFarland, being unable to attend, on account of ill health, the opening sermon was are not as full this week as we hoped they preached by Dr. Hoge, of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Leland, of Columbia Seminary, a recent Moderator, was present, but declined preaching, being severely unwell. The Invocation Hymn, and reading of the Scriptures, were by Dr. M'Gill, of Princeton Theological Seminary. Prayer was

made by Dr. Swift, of Allegheny City. Dr. Hoge's sermon was on the text, Matt, xxviii: 20. " And lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." This, the preacher observed, is a high commission. It comes from the highest source-from the God-man, Mediator, ality corresponding with that evinced by the It devolves the greatest responsibilities upon those to whom it is given. They are charged been principally confined, the endowment of with the dispensation of truth and grace, for man's eternal salvation. They are sent to all nations. The succession is to all whom he shall call into the ministry. The duty, made obligatory, binds the whole Church, in every age; and the promise is theirs, and shall be, even to the end of the world. The commissioned may be weak in faith and fallible, as were Thomas and Peter, but they have a promise which shall never

> fail them. Jesus Christ is present with his Word, and by his Spirit. He gives his Word its power. His Spirit works, renewing and sanctifying the souls

> All power is in the hands of Jesus Christ. It is variously exhibited. There is much in Divine Providence. It is special, peculiar, and brings things to pass. It is concerned with ministers and people. It is exercised for the perpetuity and extension of the Church. Christ will rule all things to the accomplishing of the great purpose for which he came into the world. He is present in the Church for an end-for her edificain his eyes. He forms her graces; adorns her; ject of his love. He will present her before his

The Church shall never fail. If she declines. for a time, in one place, she will flourish more in another. Her members are transferred to the Church above, but others succeed them here below. In all changes, she still lives; she extends. We live in a day of preparation for great things. The Word goes forth. The time draws near when all the earth shall be embraced in Zion. This is posing power will yield, or be put down. The re-

Christ's presence sustains his servants. He is with them in persecutions, watchings, labors-

The sermon was becoming the patriarch. It was earnest, instructive, encouraging; and was

ORGANIZATION.

After the sermon, Dr. Hoge offered the constituting prayer. Dr. M'Gill, the Permanent Clerk. read a roll of the members whose commissions had been presented. It was unusually defective; but was rapidly filled up by members who arrived too late to have their names previously recorded.

Dr. Van Rensselaer and Dr. Swift were put in nomination for Moderator, and the former was

The organization was not perfected till Friday morning, at which time the Standing Committees were announced. An early adjournment was had on Thursday, to enable the Moderator to form these Committees. The principal ones, with their Chairmen, are. Bills and Overtures, Rev. R. J. Breckinridge, D. D.; Judicial Committee, Rev. E. P. Swift, D. D.; Committee on Theological Seminaries, Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D.; on Domestic Missions, Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D.; Foreign Missions, Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D; Educatematic Benevolence, Rev. S. S. Laws. The Committees will be noticed more fully in our re-

we refer our readers. most intimately acquainted. Such partialities are amiable. Dr. Van Rensselaer is most exten-

ation, and attached to him, by the strongest ties, all important details, we expect to give next

aultitudes of his brethren.

PLACE FOR THE NEXT MEETING. Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Rochester, and New Orleans, were put in nomination for the place of ae next meeting of the Assembly; and a very arnest discussion ensued on their various claims, and on the duties of the Church in seeking to extend her influence. The advocates of New Orplaces did not lack friends who could render a celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the union of the Synods of New York and Philadelhaving been for years divided. On the call of the roll, New Orleans had 137 votes. Philadelphia 112, Rochester 13, and Cincinnati 3; in all 265. New Orleans is hence the place of meeting for the year 1858.

In the discussion, some fears were suggested as o the healthfulness of New Orleans; but the verwhelming response was, that up till the midble as any of its predecessors

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES. The reports from the Seminaries at Princetor Allegheny, Danville, and Prince Edward, were ead on Friday. These institutions all flourish. Princeton has had large accessions to its funds, nereasing its capacity for usefulness, especially in affording aid to worthy but poor candidates. The liberality of the friends of Danville has been inwonted. She now calls for her Fourth Professor. Would that the friends of Allegbeny could be stimulated to a similar activity and liberality! And, may be, if the activity was manifest on the part of those who have the Seminary n immediate charge, the liberality would not be vanting on the part of others. We should reoice to see the thing fairly tried; and to this end we were pleased to observe in the Report of the Directors, that a worthy gentleman had been ntrusted with the duty.

As the Reports were all handed to the Com ittee on Seminaries, and will be again before the House, we shall have occasion for farther

A large number of the members being on Comnone yet prepared for action, the Assembly did

INAUGURATION OF DR. ROBINSON. On the evening of Friday, (May 22d,) the inauguration of Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., as for the purpose. Rev. Dr. Edgar, of Nashville, Tenn., presided, led in prayer, administered the Pledge, and gave the Charge. These exercises

were brief, solemn, and appropriate. Professor Robinson having signed the Pledge, n a book kept for the purpose, binding himself o the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and not to teach any thing inconsistent with the Scriptures of God, nor adverse to the onfession of Faith and Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church; and having received proper, the result of much careful labor. It also artook largely of the Professor's peculiarities. It was somewhat vague, speculative, abstruse, high sounding, manifesting a great want of clear and definite conceptions, and exhibiting a strong desire to attain to something new and magnificent. The Professor evidently intends to magnify his office. He regards the theme of his department, ECCLESIOLOGY, as a new Science-not that there is no History of the Church, but that the Science of colesiastical History is not yet developed. The development is now, by him, to be made. Dr. Robinson has hence a new field to occupy: a field not exhausted, nor trodden down, nor effete sive, most important, capable of yielding the richest, and at the present time, the most needed treasures. May he have the strength, wisdom, prudence, length of days, and, above all, the

grace requisite to cultivate it well. The Inaugural, while greatly vague, and no little inclined to magniloquence, yet contained some pointed home truths, most distinctly and unequivocally uttered. On the Purpose of God, as the centre of the Calvinistic system—the true pect to see in print, and to read with renewed

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT. The representatives of Corresponding bodies, this year, are but few in number. Rev. F. Butler, of the General Association of Vermont, is the only one who has yet appeared. Mr. Butler addressed the Assembly, on Saturday, in a manner at the same time able, and truly fraternal; and the Moderator responded in terms equally liberal, and in a spirit similarly Christian. It was dolightful, and we could not but regret that men of like mind were not present from the other Eastern

esteem and affectionate regard. Mr. Butler presented the thought, that he was sent from a small body to a large one—to the people. He had long known the Presbyterian Church by the hearing of the ear, and desired to mingle with her members. He now enjoyed the

The Moderator responded happily. We also are a liberty-loving people, the friends of educa. | publication of an Annual Almanac. tion, and ardently devoted to the propagation of truth; and, on behalf of the Assembly, he gave at present divided into seven Provinces, the following: the Delegate a re-duplicated welcome.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

This subject elicited, as is usual, deen interest. Dr. C. C. Jones presented the report of the Assembly's Committee on the Board's Report. The receipts, as our readers are aware, were something short of the income of last year, reducing

as a minister, his energy as a Director of the | working capital, for the present, and the hope is | Bishops, and 1,872 Priests, who either at-Seminary at Allegheny, and a pecially the leading cherished, that the churches will not neglect tend to the duties connected with 2,053 part which he took in getting up, organizing, their duty to send in a constantly flowing stream and, for years, while the seat of operations was of supplies. The amount of service performed in Pittsburgh, carrying on the work of the Board and the great success attending it are very of Foreign Missions, gave him an extensive repu- encouraging. An abstract of the Report, with

week. But, excellent as is the cause of Domestic Missions, and great as are the results of the Church's labors, there are still found those who oppose themselves to it-not to the cause, but to the manner in which it is conducted. The leading thought, in some great minds, is, that each Presbytery should supply its own destitutions, eans were numerous and eloquent, and the other and then devote the residue of its means to help others. Dr. Adger, of S. C. told us of one Presason. The claim of Philadelphia was urged bytery, Harmony, which did so, sparing 400 to from the fact that next May will be the time for 500 dollars a year; and this he regarded as a pattern Presbytery. Well, it is not every good pattern which all men can follow. General exphia, making the Presbyterians one body, after perience must be our teacher, and not isolated examples, under peculiar influences. And the being now at work. At the end of another experience of our church testifies strongly against the "pattern" plan of Dr. Adger, and in favor of the Associated plan of the Board, where all contribute, and the feeble are aided and the destitute supplied from the common stock.

The discussion turned mainly on the Committee's statement, that there were 1,600 churches dle of June, that city is ordinarily as healthy as which contributed not a dollar, the past year, to any portion of the United States. It may be as the common fund; and the proposal, hence, that nealthy for residents, who are somewhat acclima- the Assembly shall declare a want of "good ted, and upon whom the heat of May has come standing" on the part of those churches which radually; but there may still be doubt whether | do nothing for the Boards. It was contended by is so for strangers going suddenly into its high opponents that there were churches which did emperature, from the colds of a Northern Win- not contribute to the Boards, which yet gave to er. Doubtless, however, there are ministers and the cause. Harmony Presbytery was cited, and elders, in all the Presbyteries, who will be ready also a church in St. Louis; but it was well reto comply with the providential call. And we sponded that these were samples of a very small would hope that the Presbyteries will be just as lot, and that reproof should not for their sakes ready to bear the increased expenses of their be withheld from the multitude of defaulters. Commissioners. It is surely but reasonable that | The subject is one of much importance, and such should be the case; and this being under- should be ardently pressed. Every church should tood, and the appointments being made early- | contribute to the cause, and every individual say in October—and the selections judicious, the should give. It may be but the widow's mite. Assembly of 1858 may be just as large and as It may be that a church will give a little, and draw out much; but let there be a united and universal co-operation. And let it be liberal too. No man will take a dollar to heaven with him; better then not hoard it up, nor consume it needlessly, but appropriate it to the spread o

> The report was re-committed, the objectionable word erased and the sentence modified, and the whole was then adopted unanimously. The discussion did good.

> It is now Saturday P. M. and the Assembly is taking a rest. By Telegraph we learn that on Monday the Assembly was occupied with Foreign Missions, and that part of Tuesday was devoted to the

The Catholic Almanac for 1857.*

Board of Education.

This is a most suggestive volume. Few of our readers are likely to see it, and very few even of our clerical brethren are likely to make themselves familiar with its pages, which are replete with information of great moment to all the leading minds of our nittees, and much being put into their hands, but | Church. Our past history shows that ante-room to the other. There is no diffiwe are not prone to keep up a No Popery cry, and to foster feelings of strife and ha- Academy a place of attraction to the young tred toward either the priesthood or the female mind. There the influence of procesmembers of the Church of Rome Professor of Eccusionox in the Theological country. Our protest against the apos- romance of devotion and dedication to a Seminary at Danville, took place in the Second tacy of that Church is, nevertheless, happy life of purity and bliss can be brought Presbyterian church. The Directors of the quite as earnest and sincere, and we are in- to do their work at the fitting season, and in Seminary had adjourned to this time and place, clined to believe it is more intelligently their own time; and the numbers in those based than the outery of many political prisons attest with what success the system tricksters and noisy declaimers, who trade works. Neither in the class-rooms, nor in on the partizanship of their followers. Our | this Almanac, is there any record given of business, however, at present, is with the the number of disappointed, broken hearts, Almanac and Directory, lying before us. and withered spirits in these jails, that are During the late war in the Crimea, if. | wasting away their lives in hopeless miserv. amid the invention of death-dealing instruments of long range and desolating energies, for a look, a smile, or for some inadvertence, which it excited, there had been produced the caged inmates are made to endure the his Charge, proceeded to deliver his Inaugural a machine which would have enabled the manifold devices of a despot's will. We Address. This may be denominated a masterly French and British Generals to examine have no recital here of the prayers inflicted performance. It was evidently, as was highly with safety the trenches and defences of the as punishments; of the sleeplessness, the enemy; to see with their own eyes the fastings, the flagellations, the prostrations actual number and position of the regi. on cold pavements—no description of the ments and artillerymen, as they lay behind wasting influence of the ruthless tyranny their walls; to note the advance of the which the female mind endures, when it supplies, as they were added to the ranks suffers unjustly from the caprice or malice of the enemy—thus discovering the points of the tormentor of her own sex, from which which might have been assailed with a fair the victim sees, in her despair, that there is prospect of success, while they ascertained no deliverance. But we have a full array the points of their own line on which the of the names of learned Professors. enforces of the enemy were about to be di- joying the advantages of foreign trainrected—such an instrument would have been ling and thorough education. We have hailed as of inestimable value. And far- the attractions paraded of a cheap educas a subject for genius; but fresh, fertile, exten- ther still, if the Allied Generals could, by tion, in which the Continental languages, such an agency, have discerned what was music, and all the accomplishments which taking place behind the ridge which was mere worldlings desire, may be acquired untopped by the Russian lines-if they could der parties whose pleasing address, fair prohave seen the want of provisions under fessions, and European education, are sure which the enemy suffered, the difficulty to gratify the careless; but we have no setwhich they experienced in bringing forward | ting forth of the vows taken by these sons additional troops and munitions of war, and | and daughters of Loyola; no description of how, as the season advanced, their ability to their modes of process in undermining and system in God's revealed will, according to which | contend successfully was daily diminishing, | proceeding step by step until the convert is all things are brought to pass; and on the Head- the use of such an apparatus would have gained. We would seriously recommend ship of Christ in his house; and on Church Gov- told with decided effect on the issue of the to our brethren in our great cities, to make ernment by Councils, the utterances were direct, campaign. So far as the great issue be- themselves familiar with the actual amount strong and unambiguous. The Address we ex- tween the friends of the Gospel and the sup- of machinery which the Church of Rome porters of Apostolic Christianity in these has now in full operation in their neighbor-United States, on the one hand, and the hoods, in the form of Asylums, free schools. forces of the Bishop of Rome, on the other and other institutions, reminding them, as may serve the purposes of this machine. are formed quite as much for gaining prose-When Popery seeks to undermine and ob. lytes, as for preserving the children of Rotain a position in any neighborhood, like manists to their own faith. the mole, it can work underground, and In another point of view, the Catholic are calculated to alarm or terrify. When, dex of the greatness of the absurdities and Associations to reciprocate the tokens of high and the object can be still farther attained fallen. If the Apostles Peter and Paul representatives of a Church which extended retired lane, and with all the adornments of derstand what is meant by the terms pastor, throughout the land. But though they were few, sculpture, painting, and architecture, the Presbytery, prayer to God, the Lord's Supthey loved the Gospel, and loved God's people. gorgeous ecclesiastical establishment will be per, the Lord's Day, and such other terms They were an educated, orderly, liberty-loving placed in the most prominent position, of our Presbyterian phraseology. But sup-

each ruled by an Archbishop, together with

*THE METROPOLITAN CATHOLIC ALMANA and Laity's Directory. 1857. Baltimore: Lucar three collects, secrets, or post communions; expectations and the blessed virgin Mary; p. 12.

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churches, 829 stations, 35 Ecclesiastical Institutions, or hold Professorships in 29 Colleges; while female Academies are reported as numbering 134. It appears that in 1808 there were only two Bishops in the country, having under their care sixty-eight Priests, who served eighty churches, two Ecclesias.

tical Institutions, and one College; while two female Academies only had been established. The importance of securing the young, by means of education, especially by the proselytizing of those who are to be the mothers of the next generation, soon became apparent; and hence we find that in 1830 there were twenty female Academies in operation. In ten years more, this number had more than doubled, forty-seven decade, we find the same ratio holds good, and ninety-one female training Academies are reported; while in 1857 the entire number reaches to one hundred and thirty-four. The wisdom of the serpent is also dis-

played, in which the situations of these es-

tablishments are chosen. For instance, although Washington is pre-eminently a Protestant city, yet, as it is the centre of political influence for the Union, and a place in which the families of important personages are brought together in connexion with their legislative duties, we find that the most minute attention is paid to the educational wants of these families. Thus we have the Georgetown, College, D. C., with twelve members in the faculty; the Washington Seminary, with nine members in the faculty; the Ladies' Academy of the Visitation, Georgetown, D. C.; and the Convent and Academy of the Visitation, in Washington. In addition to these, there is a plentiful supply of free schools and institutions into which the children of the humbler classes may be brought, and the work of perversion accomplished. In St. Vincent's Female Asylum, there are one hundred and fifteen, and provision is being made for two hundred; and at the Female Orphan Asylum, there are three hundred pupils taught by Daughters of Charity. So it is also in Baltimore, in Cincinnati, and in all the great centres of our population; and the danger is all the more imminent in those places where our common school system has not been adopted, to meet the necessities of the rising generation. The cunning of the system, and the deep knowledge of human nature which the managers of these establishments possess, is displayed by the connexion of the female

Academy and the Convent. Hence it so often comes to pass that the one is but an culty in rendering the class room of the We have no record of the manner in which

hand, are concerned, the Almanac before us | we now do, of the fact that these schools without displaying any apparent results that Almanac is suggestive. We mean as an inhowever, the vantage ground is secured, errors into which the Romish Church has by a manifestation of great success, then were now in the flesh, and present in any of the mass-house can be brought out of the our Presbyterial assemblies, they would unwhere, by means of vestments, incense, posing these Apostles not to be cognizant of music, pantomimes, and the whole para- any thing which had taken place in the privilege. Mr. B. paid a pleasant compliment to phernalia of esthetics, the net may be Church since they had finished their work the noble State of Kentucky. He spoke in glow- spread for the emotional who feel, but do on earth, or supposing any one who had ing terms of the benefits resulting from union not reason. Now, that in England and in learned Christianity from the writings of and fraternal intercourse between those who love the United States the Romish Church has these, and the other Apostles alone, to have evangelical truth; and he would chestin the attained to a commanding importance, the this book put into their hands, and that they fact is heralded forth to the world, by the were ordered to attend to its instructions on the subject of Divine worship, what would The Church of Rome, in this country, is they comprehend by reading such items as

> "The office of every day is either double, semithe Apostolic Vicariates of the Indian Territory and Upper Michigan. In these seven vigils and on semi-doubles within paschal time, Provinces, there are 41 dioceses, with 39 is found in the votive mass of the Blessed Virgin

Sunday, the other of the octave;" p. 12. Or what would they understand by the Monday in September. directions for worship, indicated as foliors

in the Calendar, for the 20th day of May: "Rogat. Day and Vig. of. Ascens. St. Bernadin of Sienna, C. Semid, Less. 1. Noct. Beatus Vir. ent, but I observed his majestic form the less. and com. of vig. in L. and M. 3d col. of benevolent face in the church on the Rogat and last gosp. of vigil. Gl. White. (After Lauds Lit. of S.S.) Vesp. of fol."!!! Again, in turning to the first day of

August, they would be directed thus: "St. Peter's Chains, fr. d. 9th less, and com of S. S. after St. Paul (Oot.) in L. and M. Gl. number required. Whoever is sent in Cr. Pref. of Ap.p. W. In V. com. of St. Paul. Sol and Sund. (Oct.) and St. Steph."

lics on this Continent should be fully ac- of this field West of the Alleghenies. quainted with the long roll of Saints' names, terial interests in preference to moral and which are to be found in the head quarters tellectual, its calls on the East for help who of the system in Europe. It was, therefore, it is abundantly able to take care of its thoughtful and wise to give a list for Amer- its youthfulness and wildness, have all help ican use, of those dead men and women to to make us undervalue it. But a week whom recourse may be had in times of dis- here has given me a new and vastly enlartress. And yet, in this list there are a ture greatness of this empire. Of all this goodly number of parties named, whom we it needs religion; the conservative influence suspect it would require all the intelli- of the Bible and the institutions of the f. gence that the best informed votaries of pel under an able, evangelical and w superstition possess, to enable them to identify. Who, for instance, was "Hedwiggis' Widow?" When did she live; what did she perform; what are her powers; or is she only to be addressed by widows? Then, again, we have "John Bef. Lat. Gate," "John of the Cross," "John of Matha C.,

and "John of God C." The term "oblate" is pretty well understood by school boys and tyros in astronomy; but we imagine that it would puzzle even some of our sophomores to tell who the "Oblate Sisters of Providence" are! They could, no doubt, define an "oblate spheroid:" but to describe what constituted a person a "Sister of Providence," or a Brother of Providence, but above all, an "Oblate Sister of Providence," would Rev. EDGAR WOODS' Post Office address seem somewhat arduous. The Almanac solves this ethnological puzzle, however, by telling us that the "Oblate Sisters of Provi- Mr. WM. T. PRICE, late of Union Seminary dence" are to be found in Richmond Street, Baltimore, and that they are a community of colored women, who conduct two schools for colored male and female children. We close by observing, that documents of a statistical character, like this Almanac, should be found more frequently than they are, on the library tables of our pastors and Mr. JAMES Y. MITCHELL, late of Pri

professors. Their use would serve as a stimulant and a directory. No books written by Protestants are as valuable, in order to expose the errors and monstrosities of Rev. B. S. KRIDER'S Post Office address the Romish system, as the Text books and authorized formularies of the Papacy. St. Vincent's Manual, The Glories of Mary, and the different formularies connected with the sodality of the Sacred Heart. in addition to the Catechism, the Decrees Rev. T. M. CUNNINGHAM was installed and Canons of the Tridentine Council, and the Breviary, are for this purpose invaluable. While such works afford the most nowerful arguments in refutation of the errors of the apostacy, so the Catholic Almanac, as a guide and directory of progress, is equally Rev. JESSE WIMPY, late a member of important; and we commend it to the yearly perusal of our clerical brethren.

Western Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Prime, of the New York Observer, gives the following account of the position, progress, and prospects, of this Institution, and also of the services connected with the closing exercises of the last Rev. S. P. DUNHAM was installed paster Graduating Class. The Dr. seems to have been surprised by the number of students in attendance at the Seminary, and the dense Presbyterian population of the adjacent country.

ALLEGHENY, May 15, 1857.

Messrs. Editors: The Western Theolog-

ical Seminary at this place is at present in a higher state of prosperity than it has ever enjoyed before. To my surprise I found that eighty-two students were in attendance, placing this Institution, in point of numbers, among the very first in the country. Perhaps Princeton, Andover, and the New York Seminaries are alone before it. Its professors are Drs. Elliott, Jacobus and Plumer, men of great fitness for their places and the work. Doubtless the reputation of these men has drawn many of the students here, but the position of the Seminary in the midst of the strongest Presbyterian community in the United States, must always command a large supply of young men for this school of sacred learning. You may go, in a straight line, fifty miles West of Pitts. burg without going out of the bounds of a Church of Rome," and the preacher, the Presbyterian congregation. The Old School Rollin H. Hale, D.D., of the First Baptist conchurch is pursuing the very doubtful policy | Boston. The text was, Acts v: 38, 39. of multiplying theological Seminaries in the | cording to the report given of the lecture in West, instead of fostering one or two, that Boston Journal, the lecturer took the grewill with far greater economy and efficiency that there were some elements of truth it educate all the students the churches will Romish system, and that many of its errors furnish. One first rate school is better than the cause of its vitality and permanency: half a dozen second rate. I could form an that the proper method for us to deal within opinion of the success of this Seminary from to seek out and acknowledge the good, leaving the exhibition made by the graduating class our republican institutions, our free schools on Wednesday evening of this week. The untrammeled press, and the influences of class select three of their number to deliver Churches, to correct the evil. orations at the close of the year. One of A New Orthodox Church, in Cambridge. these speakers is to represent each of the be ready for occupancy in July. departments of theological study. The first departments of theological study. The first orator of the evening was J. H. Clark, of Scholleburg Pa who delivered a brief relation between the Rev. Dr. Harver, and the part of the relation between the Rev. Dr. Harver, and the part of Schellsburg, Pa., who delivered a brief church of Thompsonville, Ct., was dissolved the church of Thompsonville, Ct., was dissolved to the church of the c sermon, logical, Scriptural, fervid and impress-the request of the pastor, by the Preshte He was followed by E. L. Belden, of Wheel- Connecticut, which met in Thompsonvilleing, who exhibited the historical evidence 28th ult. Dr. Harvey is one of the oldest of Christianity with marked ability, answering the arguments of modern neology and prominent. He now retires from active infidelity with so much skill and force, as to on account of increasing age and give the best proof of his being thoroughly health. versed in the literature of this department of theological science. His speaking was earnest, forcible and pungent, rousing and Asylum, have held their first meeting fixing the hearer's attention. The last speaker was David A. Cunningham, of New the last Legislature. The Hon. B. F. Butter Pittsburgh, Ohio, whose discourse on pol- been elected President, and Wm. E. Dodge, I emic theology was an able demonstration of urer. This is the first regularly organized the sphere, the duties and the usefulness of lum for the benefit of the drunkard, in the the well furnished champion of Divine The charter authorizes the committal and delighted the charter authorizes the cha truth. The sincerity of purpose, seriousness tion of inebriates under the control of the of manner, earnest and thoughtful presentation of inebriates valuer the control of this subject, commended it and the second of which \$32,000 have already to speaker to the audience, and laid the foundation of a good hope of his future The usual diploma or certificate was then

awarded to the class of eighteen young men, who have completed their course of study. Dr. Elliott pronounced an appropriate farewell address. Dr. Plumer presented each Managers, and Physicians of the Insane Asylu one of them with a Bible in the the name are among the subscribers. Three hundred of the Faculty, and added a few parting gymen have subscribed \$3,000. High anticit words. One of the class, Mr. J. R. Burtions of usefulness, in recovering the bodily s gett, then stepped forward, and in behalf of mental health of even confirmed drunkards, the class, made a beautiful farewell address ontertained. post communions; ex. to the Professors, which touched the hearts occur within an octave, of all who heard it. Dr Jacobus offered Contant have changed their policy already; 61

on which are said two collects, &c.; one of the prayer, and Dr. Swift gave notice the next session will commence on the

The venerable Dr. Herron, now eighty-fourth year, President of the of Directors, was not well enough to be, ent, but I observed his majestic form vious evening, when an address was delied before the Society of Inquiry.

The General Assembly will probably another to the Professors in this Semin as four seems to be the present orthogen will occupy a post destined to be one of and commanding influence. It is impre It could scarcely be expected that Catho- | ble to over estimate the prospective greater view of the present ability as well as the taught ministry.

But I have a hundred things to say: no time to say one of them now.

Ecclesiastical.

Rev. JOHN G. BIDDLE, principal of Winchester (Tenn.,) Female Acadea died on the 23d nlt.

Rev. JOHN H. MILLER has received .. accepted a call from the churches of bo totoc and Harmony, in the Presbyten

Chickasaw. Rev. A. McFARLAND has commenced boring in Cambridge, Indiana, as State

Supply. Rev. PETER HASSINGER has been invited take charge of the Sugar Creek charge

in Kaskaskia Presbytery, Ill. changed from Wheeling, Va., to Col-

bus, Ohio. Va., was licensed to preach the Gospe the Presbytery of Greenbrier, on

2d nlt. Rev. JOHN R. DUNDAS having received accepted a call from the church of V chester, desires to be addressed at 3 chester, Columbiana County, Ohio, ins.

of Richmond, Jefferson Co., Ohio. ton Theological Seminary, has accept call from the church at Phillipsburg,

Jersey. changed from Bethany, to Mount Vern

North Carolina. Rev. John H. Brown, D. D., late of L. ington, Ky., was installed pastor of First Presbyterian church of Springs.

Illinois, on the 3d inst. tor of the First Presbyterian church

Indianapolis, on the 7th inst. Rev. J. M. P. ATKINSON, of Winches Va., has been elected President of Ha

den Sidney College, Va. Richland Presbytery, New School, has cepted an invitation to labor as the Sta Supply of the Walnut Grove char Arkansas, under the care of the Pres tery of Memphis, Old School.

Rev. L. Gano has accepted an invitation supply the church in Newton, Illineis. Rev. WM. KIER has accepted an invitati to supply the church in Dunleith, Illin

the church at Bainbridge, Ohio, on: 14th inst. Rev. J. G. Symmes has removed from 1 ison, Ind., to Cranberry, New Jen The Presbytery of Madison, at their stated meeting, refused to dismiss hir

go to Cranberry, but at a subsequenceting his dismissal was granted. Rev. JOHN GRASTY has been installed ! tor of the churches of Fincastle Mountain Union, Va.

Rev. Josian Milligan's Post Office dress is changed from Triadelphia, V to Princeton, Ill. He goes to supply church at Princeton.

Rev. H. M. SMITH has been ordained installed pastor of the Third Presbyter church, New Orleans.

Eastern Summary. BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

The subject for the Annual Dudleian Lecte

ters in the State, and has been one of the

The Trustees of the New York State Inte

subscribed. Probably no medical institution ever been initiated with so general a concurre of the profession. More than one thousand hundred physicians in the State petitioned in charter; and seven hundred of these have