THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE.

Poetry.

For the Freebyterian Banner and Advocate Acrostic.

C ome tell me, fair Cynthia, where's happines found? Y our pathway with roses and sweets has been

crowned : N o cloud of adversity darkens your brow. T o sadden your heart, or discomfort you now. H ope smiles on the future, and banishes fear; I n everything, something to please eye and ear, A nd day succeeds day without sorrow or care.

J ust pause and reflect ! Say, is happiness thine ? A mid these gay scenes, dost thou never repine ; N or turn with disgust from these follies, and

mourn. E 'en resolving, sometimes, never more to return

M siden, O seek not, in scenes such as these, C alm comfort to gain-'t is a false, fleeting peace D iscover true pleasure's retreat, if you can, O r say, is it found in the dwellings of man? N o! unalloyed pleasure can not be found here ; A las we are sinful 's the secret, I fear. L ol happiness perfect is found but in HEAVEN, D isburdened of sin, there pure rest is given! August, 1857. MARY

Literary Hotices.

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THE COLLEGE JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE, for September, is before us.

This Journal is published at Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Faculty of the Eclectic College of Medi-

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Explained by Joseph Addison Alexander. In two vols., 12mo., pp. 462 and 498. New York: Charles Scribner, 377 Broadway. 1857.

We have waited for the publication of this work with much expectancy, and now that it has appeared, it has realized all our anticipations. The materials of this Commentary were collected The materials of this Commentary were collected tober; at Rochester, First Sabbath in November; and prepared for publication in order to meet at Camden, Third Sabbath in October; at the wants of ministers and students, but after the first Chapter was in type, Dr. Alexander changed his plan, omitting all that was fitted for changed his plan, omitting all that was fitted for minister the Lord's Supper at Oxford, and the mere scholar, reducing the size, and making Hughes to preach one Sabbath in November, at the work more popular in character, and conse- Oxford. quently more generally useful. This will account for the omission of much Greek that would otherwise have appeared; but the learned author last Tuesday in March at 7 o'clock P. M., the does not need to be continually using Greek terms time for the next stated meeting of Presbytery. in order to keep the community aware of the fact that he is extensively and profoundly learned. We have no doubt whatever, but that this Commentary will speedily be recognized on both sides of the Atlantic, as possessing all the excellences of the other expository works which have raised the name of Dr. Alexander to the high position which it occupies among the eminent Bib- 16th inst. lical Interpreters of the age. We wish to guard our readers from falling into a mistake as to the amount of learning which pervades these vol-in the church of Patterson.

umes. They are eminently surcharged with The following supplies were appointed to our earning, which will appear on every page to educated men. The half educated, and those who mistake long quotations and multitudinous the error that this is a want of erudition. We Meeks. commend the work most heartily to students and ministers, stating that even ordinary readers will not fail to profit by its rich and lucid expositions.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Richland Presbytery. This Presbytery held its semi-annual meeting, Savannah, on the 8th and 9th of September, and had a pleasant and harmonious session The following items are thought to be of pub-

lic interest : Mr. Daniel W. Cooper was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for licensure. Rev. Wm. Dalzell was dismissed to the Presbytery of Findlay.

Presbytery adopted the following preamble and resolutions in relation to the West Liberty University, founded by the Synods of Ohio and Cininnati eld, Wis.

WHEREAS, The Synods of Ohio and Cincinnati have entered upon the work of Establishing a University of the "first class," to be under their exclusive control; and, whereas this Presbytery regard this as an exceedingly important enter prise, having an intimate connexion with the in-terests of the churches; therefore,

Resolved, That the Presbytery commend this enterprise to the enlarged liberality of the churches under our care; and as Rev. R. H Hollyday appears in our midst as agent, he^w₄ is hereby recommended to the cordial co-operation of all our pastors and churches. *Resolved*, That it is the clear conviction of this Presburged to the conviction of this s follows:

Ontonagon, Sept. 11, 1857.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate

Slavery.

Presbytery that our churches ought not to be satisfied in giving less than an average of ten iollars per member to this enterprise. Presbytery resolved to ask Synod to adopt the action of this Presbytery, at the June meeting, or a similar testimony on the subject of Slavery.

J. P. CALDWELL, S. C.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Presbytery of Logansport.

The Presbytery of Logansport met at Rock Creek on Tuesday, the first inst. Rev. Robert Irwin, Sr., was elected Moderator, and Rev. Robert Irwin, Jr., Clerk for the ensuing year. Rev. W. M. Stryker was received from the resbytery of White Water.

The churches paid in the amount assessed to defray the expenses of Synodical Directors of our College and Seminary, except Bethlehem, Rochester, La Fayette, Kokomo, and Frankfort. These churches not being represented, were delinquent The amount being two cents a member, may be sent to the Stated Clerk before the meeting of

Synod. Mr., Wm., P. Koutz, of Logansport, after a very satisfactory examination, was licensed to preach the Gospel

Mr. Isaac B. Moore, a licentiate, was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Schuyler. The churches all reported settlement with

their ministers, except Camden, Mill Creek, Monticello, and Centre. Reported delinquent, Rossville. The following Supplies were appointed : Kouts to preach at Kokomo, First Sabbath in Oc-Frankfort, First Sabbath in December; at La Fayette, First Sabbath in January; at Oxford, First Sabbath in February. Bro. Wright to ad-

McCleland and Wright were appointed to organize a church at Waverly, if the way be open. La Fayette was chosen as the place, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in South Bend during the sessions of Synod.

E. W. WBIGHT, Stated Clerk.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Presbytery of Findlay.

The Presbytery of Findlay held its stated Fall neeting in the Blanchard church, on the 15th and Rev. William Dalzell was received from the Church

field must be filled He had organized his little For the Boung. church only two weeks before. And his people were going forward with high hopes to erect a nouse of worship, for which they had begun to raise funds a year before they obtained their minister. For their sakes, in their sudden be-reavement and desolation, we plead. Any one

who comes must be at Cleveland or Detroit, on is way, by the last week of October, at farthest. et him bring with him only such articles in cracks and knot-holes, and sundry other and Currer Bell. eneral, as he would furnish himself for any other field; or, if he prefers, every thing neces-eary may be obtained here. For any farther particulars, the undersigned may be addressed, at Ontonagon, Mich., or Mr. J. H. Nourse, at Bay-J. IRWIN SMITH.

used as a granary, and the door was kept carefully closed. The old rat used to hear Action of the Presbytery of Wooster on the sound of the grain as it was poured upon

by making an entrance through an oak board partition. So, one night, after all was quiet in the house. he set himself miscovariation. the floor or into the barrels, and had a The Presbytery being asked, by overture, to lefine the position of our Church on the subject f Slavery, referred the matter to a Special Committee, whose Report, after discussion and amendnent, was adopted by a unanimous vote, and is

partition. So, one night, after all was quiet in the house, he set himself vigorously about the undertaking; and though he found it rather a jaw aching operation, yet he kept up such an incessant nibbling, that long be-fore daylight his task was accomplished, and his hard toil was rewarded by a plentiful re-past at the pile of grain. For some days and nights he passed in and out at pleasure, and enjoyed high living without let or him-drance. But the proprietor at length dis-covered the hole which he had made "WHEREAS, It is charged by many, that the resbyterian Church (O. S.) sanctions and susains the institution of Slavery as right and Scriptural, and some in our congregations are grieved thereby, and believing that the opinions pronulged by many in our body, in the South, affords too much ground for reiterating the above named his hard toil was rewarded by a plentiful re-charge, the Presbytery of Wooster feel called nast at the mile of grain. Her set the on to state our views of the actions of our Church, in reference to Slavery and slave-holding in this country. The only Acts of the General Assembly that we need notice, are those of 1818 and 1845. It is though by many that these are inconsistent with each other, and by others, that inconsistent with each other, and by others, that through the partition, and at once conthe action of 1845 was designed as a commentary amounting to a repeal of the action of 1818. cluded that he would lay an embargo upon After a careful examination of the Assembly's that sort of fun; so he thrust a file into the Acts in the two cases, we are clearly of the opinion, hole.

that when the time, occasion, and object of each are fairly considered, they are essentially harmo-nious. The Assembly of 1818 expressed their The next time the old rat essayed to pass n, he found a slight impediment in his way; adgment on the subject of Slavery in general. The Assembly of 1845 had mainly, if not exclu-sively in view, the simple question, "whether and he tried in vain to remove it. At length said his ratship, "I know what I can do: for I know what I have done. I can gnaw

The hastened of the simple question, "whether the bolding of slaves is, under all circumstances, a heinous in, calling for the discipline of the Church?" This precise aspect of the subject was not urged on the attention of the Assembly of 1818, and yet its decision clearly involved the ground now distinctly stated and answered by the Assembly of 1845. There were no memorials or poel the action of 1818, but there were, to have it pronounce on slave-holding as sinful per se, and make it a term of Christian communion. Hence, the Assembly directed the burden of its announce-ment to the question browned to the subject were the construction browned to the subject was and urged on the attention of the Assembly of the site of a subject was hole." So at it he went again. He thought that the file was a good deal harder than the board; but he was determined not to give it up. Indeed, it was a prominent article in his creed, never to back out. "Ah, a workman is known by his chips," said he, as he looked and discovered quite a little as he looked and discovered quite a little ment to the question brought directly to its nopile that looked very much like ivory sawtice by the memorials. This was natural and dust, though he wondered that his chips oroper; and yet the Assembly guards against being understood as approving the system of should be so *light-colored*. "I shall fetch Slavery, too generally prevailing in our land. it yet," said he; and he applied himself The action of 1845 was neither a repeal, nor an explanation of the action of 1818, but a declarawith renewed vigor.

But at length he discovered some blood tion of sentiment always before assumed and acted on the file where he had been gnawing. upon, but never before calling for so explicit a statement. This position is affirmed by the As-sembly of 1846, when they say, "Our Church has, mouth, when behold ! he made this dir from time to time, during a period of nearly sixty | covery-that, instead, of gnawing the file, years, expressed its views on the subject of Slavery. the file had actually gnawed his teeth quite During all this period it has held and uttered, down to the gums. For a moment he stood

confounded. At last he said, "For once I With due deference to the highest Judicatory of our Church, we could wish that the spirit and have made a fool of myself."

anguage of the Assembly of 1845, so far as there And so he had; for he was not only was a general reference to the system of Slavery in our country, had been more decidedly disapobliged to go supperless to bed, but, what was of vastly more consequence, he had lost proving, and more in unison with the language good set of teeth that would be quite inand spirit of the Assembly of 1818. This differlispensable in procuring his future suppers. ence in the animus of the two actions, we think. has been the main cause of the perplexity and And here we will leave his ratship, in order dissatisfaction in regard to the action of 1845, which has prevailed in certain portions of our to make an application of the story. Men ought to be wiser than rats: but

they are not, for they also frequently gnaw In view of the conflicting opinions, both in and out of our Church, on this subject, this Presbya file. tery regards it a right and a duty to give expres-A person gnaws a file when, just for the ion to its views on the matter.

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Blanchard-One Sabbath in November, Mr. Meeks. One Sabbath in January, Mr. Hollyday. Enon Valley-One Sabbath in November, Mr. references for scholarship, could alone fall into Van Eman. One Sabbath in January, Mr. Harmony-One Sabbath in October, Mr. Dal-

Delphos-One Sabbath in November, Mr. Fry. One Sabbath at discretion, Mr. Elcock. In reference to the stated supply system, the

following resolutions were adopted: Resolved. That it is the opinion of this Presbytery, that the stated supply system, which has grown into such general prevalence in the churches of our connexion, is an element foreign o our system; and, in its practical working, not favorable to the highest state of prosperity in our churches.

Resolved, That, holding this view, we advise our churches, as far as practicable, to abandon this system. and settle their ministers as pastors, according to the provisions of our Book. The Presbytery directed its Sixteenth Standing Rule to be published, for the information of

the churches. It is as follows: "The delegate from each congregation shall

report a settlement with their pastor, or stated supply, at each Fall meeting of Presbytery; Presbytery shall also institute an inquiry into the discharge of relative duties of pastor or stated supply, and people." Rev. H. B. Fry, Rev. R. M. Badeau, and A. the feeling at one time arose to such a pitch, that | Boyd, elder, are a Committee of Presbytery to ecure, if practicable, an itinerant missionary to

labor in the bounds of this Presbytery. R. H. HOLLYDAY, Stated Clerk. P. S. At least two ministers might now be

comfortably located in the vacancies of this Prestions, are invited to look this way. R. H. H.

> For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Presbytery of Lake Superior.

The Presbytery of Lake Superior, at its recent ler, a Standing Committee on Missions, within its bounds. And Presbytery directed the Committee to procure, if possible, this Fall, a minister to abor as itinerant missionary, for the supply of t range of towns and villages which are growing up on the North shore, and around the head of his lake.

These towns would at present form a field somewhat like a Methodist circuit, and in a few years everal of them will be able singly to settle and upport a minister. The engagement is regarded by the Presbytery as a very hopeful one, and pevaliarly inviting for a young man, or for a min-ster in a debilitated state of health, who needs reedom and exercise.

The writer has been a resident in this region etween five and six years, and has been preachng in it for the last four years, enjoying extrastate of decline as to leave but little hope of his ver being permitted to preach at all. The of the Lake Superior country is anrivalled. And its unparalleled supply of iron and copper, its abundant resources for agriculure, con merce, and manufactures, render and inportant as an ancouraging field for usefulness, than any other egion upon our continent. Its growth, in all the ssential elements of true progress, is now very apid. Either for the Christian citizen, or the hristian minister, it has extraordinary inducenents

Our Presbytery, at its organization, comprised but three ministers; if one should fall, it must be dissolved. Our isolated position makes it imossible for us to receive accessions during more han one-half of the year. A concerted scheme ad been projected, an onset made, and an effort

till waged to supplant our work in this region, it has been projected, an onset made, and an enor-till waged to supplant our work in this region, and bring over all that our Church have gained in past years into a most singularly provided combination, which was to be called a Presbyery, and joined to the New School Assembly. view of these circumstances, it seemed eminently ecessary to the Presbytery, in order to maintain the proposed missionary, at least, should be at not obtained. ts own integrity, and secure our cause here, that

But, lo! God's ways are not our ways, nor his houghts our thoughts. From out of peculiar lifficulties our Presbytery had been obtained. In the midst of singular afflictions and embarrass-God hath done it. We kiss his hand, for we

is to make application through some public chan-

1. We regard as unscriptural, and highly pericious in its tendency, the doctrine, that slaveholding, in all circumstances, must necessarily be sinful, and ought to be made a term of Christian ommunion. We hold, "that since Christ and his Apostles did not make the holding of slaves a bar communion, we have no authority to do so." 2. We hold, as equally unscriptural and wrong, the doctrine that the Scriptures sanction and jus tify Slavery; that it is a good and desirable initution, and ought to be perpetuated. We believe that the Scripture doctrine concerning domestic Slavery and despotism in the State, is the same. It does not enjoin nor expressly forbid either. It simply assumes that a Christian may consistently, in certain circumstances, be an autocrat in the State, or a master of slaves. It would be just as fair and logical to justify and defend the right and expediency of despotism in the

State, from Scripture, as to justify and defend the right and expediency of domestic Slavery. 3d. We regard the system of Slavery, as genrally prevailing in our land, "as utterly inconsistent with the law of God, which requires us to love our neighbor as ourselves ' and as totally

reconcilable with the spirit and principles of the Gospel of Christ;" as evil in its moral, social, and political effects on all classes coming within its immediate influences, and, so far as it goes, on the whole country; that all good men ought to desire and labor in every way sanctioned by Scripture and sound discretion, for its speedy re-

4th. We deprecate the union with our Assem- and again. He finally came to the "unanibly, of that part of the New School body that mous conclusion." in his own mind, that he has seceded, until we are assured that they agree with us on the subject of Slavery, and the doc-trines of the Confession of Faith; believing that such a union would promote distractions and division in our beloved Church, and greatly injure her prosperity.

5th. We regard the cry of "agitation," raised by those who would suppress all discussion on the relation of our Church to Slavery, as unwise and

6th. We regard the application of the epithet abolition," in its modern acceptation, to those folding the fore-mentioned views, as a violation of the Ninth Commandment. It was ordered that this action be forwarded or publication to the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate, the Presbyterian of the West, and the Cleveland Herald. J. W. HANNA, S. C. Northfield, O., Sept. 2, 1857.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Presbytery of Zanesville. The Presbytery of Zanesville met at Pleasant

Hill, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. James M. Platt, from 1. Pet. ii: 5. There were present fifteen ministers and fourteen elders

Among other items, the following were transscted :

The Rev. Wm. Keisel, a German minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was received on probation, as a foreign minister, and appointed to labor among the Germans in Newark, O. The report of the Trustees of the Miller Academy, shows that institution to be in a pros-

perous condition; and Presbytery directed the Trustees to undertake its partial endowment, by raising a permanent fund of at least five thousand dollars.

Rev. Josiah Milligan was dismissed to the Presbytery of Rock River. Presbytery directed that contributions be taken

n all our churches, and placed in the hands of Rev. M. A. Hoge, Treasurer, to defray the expenses incurred in the last sickness, &c., of the widow of the late Rev. Wm. Wallace, deceased. The churches of Olive, Bristol, Mt. Zion, Hopewell, Buffalo, and M'Connellsville, were granted leave to supply themselves till the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and the following supplies were apointed to the church of

Mt. Pleasant-Mr. Alexander. First Sabbath of October. Mr. Ferguson, First Sabbath of November. Mr. Hamilton, First Sabhath of December. Mr. Hoge, First Sabbath of January. Mr. Lowe, First Sabbath of February. Mr. Milligan, First Sabbath of March. Mr. Wilson, First Sabbath of April. Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the

Moderator, during the sessions of Synod in WM. M. ROBINSON, Stated Clerk. Newark, Sept. 18, 1857.

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sake of *naving his own way*, he obstinately persists in doing that which is against his own interest-that which injures himself a vast deal more than any body else. An illustration:-A boy, whose name I

feel a little delivacy about mentioning, once States. required him to do; so when he was called to dinner, to show his independence, said, with pouting lips-

He overheard his sister say-

grouted out more than ever-

mother say---

bear.

"I'don't want any supper."

oly roor policy to gnaw a file.

So he had the blessed satisfaction of hav-

ing his own way, and went supperless to bed,

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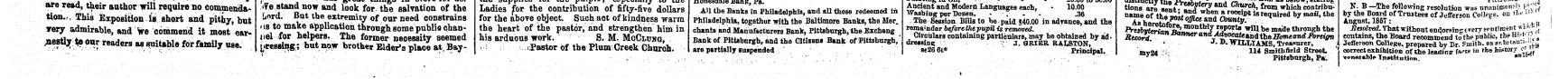
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