# THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE

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#### Review.

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LANE SEMINARY, CINCINNATI. - This Institution (New School) has thirty students, from eleven different States.

OBITUARIES SO numerous and so long have crowded on us, that we are obliged, this week, to appropriate to them two columns of our fourth page !

THE SECOND PRESEVTERIAN CHURCH. GERMANTOWN, PA., was organized, Dec. 31st, consisting of twelve members. It will, doubtless, increase rapidly.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT .- We have received a dollar from "A Minister's Wife," and forwarded it as requested. ALSO, five dollars from "C. M. B.," which bas been forwarded.

A UNION CONVENTION of the Ministers and Elders of the A. R. Church and the Presbyterians in S. Carolina, is proposed, to be held at Columbia, March 30th. The suggestion extends to N. Carolina and Georgia.

A NEW WORK .- " The Church of God." by Rev. Stuart Robinson, is in press, and to be published by Joseph M. Wilson, 111 tion in a state of purity in Adam, the fall. South-Tenth Street, Philadelphia. It is a and all the doctrines therewith connected. development of the Professor's Lecture at would necessarily be rejected as untrue. his inauguration. We shall look for it with This the skeptic knows, and this result he interest.

REV. D. A. TYNG, of Philadelphia, lectured before the Young Men's Christian ing, greatly to the gratification of a very respectable audience. His subject, "Manhood, True and False," was treated with great ability.

#### Clergymen Deceased.

Rev. W. McCullough, of Erie Presbytery, died on the 1st inst. Rev. ISAAC W. PLATT, of Wes

Skeptics usually pride themselves on the fact that all the articles of their belief have been submitted to a severe test of ratiocination; that evidence has been demanded of the most unimpeachable character: that it has been submitted to the sternest process of inexorable logic; and that only after conclusions have been arrived at by irresistable

demonstration. have their minds assented to desire a renoval. If, however, in the haste of mailing, this signal should be omitted, we the propositions which they believe. To receive as true the facts of the Bible. especially the facts connected with the birth, life, and death of the Saviour, they esteem as a mark of blind credulity, or drivelling superstition. This is especially the case with those parts of the narrative where the manifestations of Divine power are recorded ;

because it is felt that if these facts can be set aside, the doctrines with which they are connected must be swept away with them, and thus all that is humiliating and offensive to the natural mind in Christianity, will be removed out of the way. If the subject were not so solemn and momentous as it isseeing that it involves the truthfulness of

the Bible as a revelation from God, and the consequent misery of those who reject its teachings and refuse the Saviour whom it reveals-it would be amusing to witness the daring presumption; the forgetfulness of scientific truths, when convenience demands; the mis-statement and ignoring of facts ; the avoidance of indubitable evidence at hand ; the silly dogmatism, and the unreasoning credulity,\* which characterize the writings

of modern infidelity. For instance, one system of unbelief, represented in the "Vestiges of Creation," propounds the doctrine, that by a law of de-

velopment which exists in the universe, the family of man came into its present state through a series of changes from lower forms of organization. Now, this monstrous proposition is not based on experience, on the evidence of fact, or on any evidence that would satisfy a skeptic, when he is not assailing

Divine truth. If, however, the position of "The Vestiges" were true, then our creawishes to see accomplished.

Then, again, geological discovery has been adduced as affording incontestible evidence Association of Allegheny, on Tuesday even- the formation of the world. When, howof the errors of Moses in his record of ever, the testimony of geology is fairly and honestly received, it is found to establish the fact beyond dispute that there was a time in the history of the past, when it could be said of the different tribes and classes of

beings that now exist, or have lived on the earth, that they were not; and that again there was a time when they were called into

wound in the side of the Saviour. How is endeavor, in an illogical manner, to found sylvania hill, and looking out on the ex- We had marked other subjects for notice,

is required, if the large vessels connected tree after tree yielding to the strokes of the with the heart are interfered with, they woodmen; and thus, from valley to valley,

must be tied to prevent the exudation of and section to section, he mentally followed blood. Even such a reference to medical the adventurous pioneers. Let the mind authority was not required, for this writer expand, and take into the picture a similar distinctly admits that it was possible that the process in adjoining States, until the aggrewound, apart from the crucifizion, was suffi- gate is arrived at of that herculean toil, that religion.

In the same way he deals with the facts of A similar mode of calculation may be

stances had really occurred.

Dr. McCosh, (the author of the celebrated and sciences.

provision is made, and that, in consequence, lishing House deservedly stands, "The New | pen. many young men are left to nurse the doubts | American Cyclopedia" will invest it with which arise in their minds when they are in additional fame. Efforts of a similar chartheir undergraduate course. They continue acter have already been made by others to reason and doubt until they reject the among us, but with indifferent success. In

erary hacks, they manage to gain a subsistence by writing skeptical essays, with all the the Westminster Review.

Our readers may perceive that the article to which we have referred is a misnomer. and had the Reviewer been honest, he would have headed his paper, "The Weakness of before a shilling had been laid out on paper, Christianity." He had an object, however, in view. As Romanism insists, that on the subject of transubstantiation and other points the faithful shall believe, and not reason, so Romanism, as a whole, is not to be reasoned

as Protestantism appeals to the exercise of

American Science.\*

| brought before the minds of their descend-There are various modes of admeasure- ants in the South of France, their theology this attempted to be done? Why, by refer- ment, by means of which the amazing growth had mainly assumed the appearance of a ring to certain passages in Origen and and progress of our country may be dis- protest against the errors and abominations Euthymius, who wrote when anatomy was cerned. We have known a foreign visitor of Rome. Hence the hostility of that pernot understood as it is at present, and who to take his stand on the top of a lofty Penn- secuting power.

an argument for the Deity of the Saviour, panding valleys, and the numerous home- but our space is already fully occupied, and on the fact that after death the blood did steads on either side of him, allow his we must close by again expressing our great exude from his side, as John has recorded. mind to survey the past. In fancy he satisfaction at the appearance of this volume, Now, had this infidel Reviewer been really endeavored to recall the appearance of the which favorably introduces to the reading anxious to ascertain the truth on the sub- hardy emigrant and his frugal household, public, one of the greatest works which any ject, he would have found that immediately entering the wilderness in which he was to publishing House of our country or age has after death, when a post mortem examination | find his future home. In fancy he saw | attempted to issue.

Revivals.

HOLLY SPRINGS MISS., GRANDVIEW, ILL., and GEORGETOWN, D. C. We learn that the Presbyterian Church in each of these places is enjoying a precious revival of rudiments of common school instruction.

cient to deprive of life; and he does not indomitable energy, and that wondrous thrift CLARION, MILL CREEK, and BETHESDA, even attempt to prove that this, which he ad- which have been displayed on this Contiin Clarion Presbytery, Pa. See letter of mits was possible, was not actually realized. nent by the Anglo-Saxon race. Mr. Sutton

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO. A gentleman the Resurrection, dogmatically asserting, adopted with our cities and our towns; and who, with intense delight, enjoyed last Sabwithout proof, or hinting that certain sup- astonishing results in this department will bath in Steubenville, and attended Commuposable things may have taken place, and appear, when ours are compared with nion in the First Presbyterian church, Rev. then reasoning as if these imagined circum- the stationary localities of the Old World, H. G. Comingo, pastor, informs us that which seem to have reached an early and there is a delightful revival there in pro-

As we have said, the article is one of the stunted maturity, and then to have prepared gress. Upwards of fifty members were added most unblushing assaults on Christianity for assuming the garb of venerable age. to the Communion, of whom forty-five were which we have ever read. While perusing | The restless activity of our people may be as | on examination. Five adults were baptized, it, we repeatedly thought of a statement clearly demonstrated, if we pass out of the one of them a colored woman. A large one; England, nine; Wales, one; and Scotlately made in a Belfast paper, by the Rev. region of the physical into that of the arts proportion of the new communicants are land, one. young men. There are nearly an equal

work on the Moral Government of God,) in These thoughts have been suggested by number of persons, to those received, who a letter on the reforms required in Scot- an examination of the beginning of a great are still regarded as serious inquirers, and tish Colleges. He argued that a change National Work, which the Messrs. Apple- for whom hopes are entertained. Many of was demanded in the religious training ton, of New York; have commenced to issue, the cases of awakening possessed a special of students in the Scottish Universities, the first volume of which is now lying interest. We trust that the pastor will give for which he contends that no adequate before us. High as the name of this Pub- us an account of the work, from his own

#### Board of Education.

We received a printed slip from the Board, with requests to the churches, relafaith of their fathers; and then, abandoning the first place, the outlay of capital which is tive to the Day of Prayer and the following their views of the ministry and their country, required to prepare such an enormous work. Sabbath; but it arrived when our paper they remove to London, where, as mere lit- and to send it forth to the public before any was nearly through the press. The Board returns can be realized, is such that few had received much aid, in answer to their establishments are equal to the undertaking. previous call, but not yet enough to meet hard headedness of their countrymen, for We remember having heard, when the cele- the fourth quarter's appropriations to canbrated "Abbotsford Edition" of Sir Walter | didates. More general, or more liberal con-Scott's works was in process of preparation. tributions are indispensable to the carrying that the publishers spent, on engraving on of the work. Every church should alone, the sum of forty thousand pounds, take up a collection for this good cause, annually, and every member of the congreprinting, and binding. In an Encyclopedia, gation should give.

where the volumes must be so nunierous-The native Christians of the Sandwich where maps and illustrative sections are to Island set a noble example in this respect. be exhibited, and where the whole field of A missionary thence stated, recently, in a knowledge is to be traveled over, the writ- public address, that they never attend the with. Its puerilities, and absurdities, and ers to be employed, and the expense to be monthly concert of prayer without an offerblasphemies, cannot be defended by reason, encountered, are such that success can only ing. If they have no money, they carry nor by Scripture correctly reasoned on ; and be expected where resources, pecuniary and something else, such as a fowl, a garden regetable, or a stick of wood. How truly

## Western Penitentiary.

The annual report, for 1857, of this well conducted Institution, presents some matters of interest. The Moral Instructor, Mr. Thomas Crump-

ton, has religious services, in different wards, so arranged that every prisoner may attend twice in three weeks. He also visits the prisoners separately, instructing them, and supplying them with books.

Mr. Crumpton regards neglect of education as a prevalent cause or occasion of crime. Many of the convicts are unable to read correctly. The want of a capacity to read with case and understanding, induces men to seek enjoyment in carousals and intoxication; and these expose and stimulate to crime. Of all the prisoners, not more than a dozen have been taught beyond the There are at present incarcerated one hun-

dred and eighty-seven persons; of whom twenty are colored, two are females, but eighteen were temperate. and one hundred and four were never married. Of the whole number, seventy-one are from Allegheny ninety-seven to twenty; also a series of IGA County, eighteen from Blair, thirteen from lutions instructing the Senators, and reques. Washington, and twelve from Erie. All the farmers of the district have supplied but seven, and the professional ranks none. The State of Pennsylvania has furnished, by nativity, ninety-nine : the other States, thirty; Germany, twenty-six; Ireland, twenty-

# Worth Noting.

The American Presbyterian says: "Contributors to our columns would contheir articles short. An article a half column in length, is more apt to be read than one a column long; and when the matter in

such communications. There is so much worth in this paragraph that we transfer it to our columns, and request to it the particular attention of contributors. Where an article possesses uncommon interest, two or three columns may be read; but, in nearly all cases, the more a man writes, the less information does he communicate-he will be the less read-his piece will be passed over, with the notice of only two or three sentences at the head of two or three paragraphs. Take an interesting subject and treat it with point, perspicacity and tected from even the appearance of evil. brevity, and you will be welcomed by editor and reader.

# Dedication at Pine Grove Mills, Pa. On Sabbath, the 14th inst., an edifice

EASTERN SUMMARY BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND

The Bill to Admit Atheists to testify in Courts of Justice, which passed the Hone by a large majority, has been defeated in the Senate by a vote of twenty to fifteen. The friends of the measure made active and strenuous efforts to secure a reconsideration but failed. The number of real Atheists is very small, but it would have been very dis. reputable for the State of Massachusetts to have been the first of the American States to ignore the necessity for an acknowledge ment of the Divine existence and accounts. bility by those called to bear witness Atheists have rights that are to be esteemed inviolable by State or Church ; but the in terests of a great commonwealth, avowedly Christian, are not to be imperilled in the

way attempted by the bill that has been ra iected. The amendment to the Constitution reauiring an Additional Residence of two vears before voting, from naturalized citi zens, has passed the lower House by a reing the representatives in Congress to only

the Lecompton Constitution. At a meeting of the Creditors of La rence, Stone & Co., it was ascertained the the claims against the firm amounted to SI

100.000.

The Atlantic Monthly encounters a strong opposition and the severest criticism.  $F_{rom}^{\circ}$ all parts of the country, newspapers come freighted with strictures and comments However, most of these have reference only fer a favor upon the Editors, and secure a to a few articles, which are commonly at. hearing from our constituents, by making tributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson, and which contained some things highly object. tionable. It would be well for the editor to hand runs through two or three or four avoid similar causes of offence in the future. columns, unless possessed of uncommon in-terest, it will not be read. Justice to those articles in this new claimant for public favor, who take our paper, compels us to decline have possessed much substantial merit, and give evidence of great capabilities for widely extended usefulness, if the proper cirection be taken.

> The Rev. Mr. Kalloch, notwithstanding the efforts of his people to induce him to alter the determination expressed some time ago, has preached his farewell sermon, and retired from the ministry to the practice of the law. He has done this from a conviction that his ministerial influence would be lessened, and that the Church may be mo-

While successful attempts are being made in New York for the better Observance of the Lord's Day, there is an effort on the part of some in this city to secularize it to a still greater degree. The first public moveerected by the Presbyterian congregation at ment in this way is a series of "Fashionable this place, was solemnly dedicated to the Readings" given by Mrs. Barrows, on Sabservice of God. The editor of this paper, bath evening. The object is to relieve this assisted by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Steven- desecration of sacred time, as far as possible, son, and by Rev. Mr. Mosher, of the Evan- of some of its objectionable features, upon gelical Lutheran Church, conducted the the plea of imparting instruction, cultivating services. The church is of brick, forty feet a correct taste, and occupying the thoughts by fifty ; substantial, comfortable, and neatly of these who might be disposed to frequent less reputable places, if this entertainment The congregation is small, and not wealthy: was not provided. But the actual effect is but willing minds and united efforts can ac- the setting aside of God's command, and to teach men to disregard his authority. The Congregationalist proposes to Split little more than half the cost. On the day | the Difference between Calvinism and Ar. of dedication, however, the congregation, | minianism, that the old controversy may be desirous not to leave the laborer unpaid, nor settled. For this purpose the editor gives have the house built for God encumbered with | in parallel columns what he supposes to be debt, and estimating how the Lord had the distinguishing points of Calvinism and prospered them, consecrated to the object Arminianism, and then proposes a system before them \$1,688, the amount needed. to be educed from the two. But with re-This is worthy of being noted for example's spect to the Calvinistic system he not only sake. No church should abide in debt. splits off from the phraseology, but as is Debt is a serious drawback upon comfort, usual with most projects of the kind, from the substance. The editor's labors in this way will not, probably, be more successful

being, either by the miracle of a direct New York, died on the 9th inst., aged sixtycreation, or-what no philosopher will adnine vears.

mit-that they started into being without a We have not been put in possession of particulars relative to either of these breth- a cause. This very science, then, from which so much was expected by the infidel.

and which conducts him down into the bowels Church Extension. of the earth, points its finger to the evidence We request a special regard to the paper | which the rocks have held in store for centuof the Committee on this subject, in another ries, and demonstrates the reality of miraccolumn. It presents some cheering facts, ulous operations. And yet modern skeptical and much very important information The

with the prosperity and extension of our teachings, and reason as calmly on the ab-Zion, and every church member, and every surdity of belief in miracles as if this light good citizen who believes in Presbyterianism, of the age had never shone. should co-operate.

Narratives Wanted.

The attention of the Church Sessions, in the Presbytery of Ohio, is called to the following Minute; the object of Presbytery being to secure a report, to be read at the meeting on the first Tuesday in April, preparatory to its being forwarded to the General Assembly.

Resolved. That Pastors and Sessions be requested to forward the Narrative of the to David M'Kinney, D.D., at least ten days But these have been brief and fragmentary prior to the next meeting. R. M'PHERSON, Clerk.

The Convention at Cincinnati.

Last week we published the Address to the Churches, of this very interesting Convention, and also a letter from "N. W." giving a very spirited and attractive account authentic copy of the Minutes for our issue of this week, but no copy has arrived. We have editorial reports in the Cincinnati Gazette and the Presbyterian of the West, but they were not the "certified copy" which we understand the Convention, by resolution, asked us to publish.

"You Stopped My Paper,"

to yourself and family, and then think of the small amount of money we ask for it. and never stop, while you live and move.

#### Washington College, Pa.

The Semi-Annual Examination of the students of Washington College, will commence on Wednesday, the 10th of March, at 9 o'clock A. M., and continue until Wednesday noon, of the following week. P. M.

and Wilson, Rev. Mr. Brownson, Rev. Mr. Comingo, and G. Baird, Esq.

The Committee of Examination for the Synod are, Rev. J. S. Pomroy, Rev. W. O. Stratton, Rev. Samuel Boyd, and Bev. Robert Herron. THOMAS M'KENNAN,

Sec. Board Trustees.

their minds, can conveniently forget its We have been led into this train of thought, by an article in the Westminster Review. on "The Religious Weakness of

Protestantism." It is by far the most unblushing, insulting, and low specimen of infidelity which we have ever seen in that journal. Very often as bitter and as bold specimens of unbelief have appeared in its notices of "Contemporary Literature "-the first article in this section of the present number, a notice of "Dr. Ewald's His-State of Religion in their respective churches tory 'of Christ," is of this character.

in their nature, while the paper before us is a permanent essay, occupying upwards of twenty-five columns in the body of the Remen.

As we have already hinted, the great object of the writer is to attack those portions of the Gospels in which the inspired penmen of its proceedings. We had hoped for an record the fast connected with the miraculous conception, death and resurrection of the Saviour. He avows that he has not given full utterance to all the licentious ribaldry that was pent up within his breast. We had thought that the days of low, licentious attacks on the Gospels had passed away when the miserable inebriate Paine had gone to his award ; but the present

writer tells us that in consequence of the Well, dear friend, we are very sorry for influence of a friend. he consented to hold it. We would greatly prefer to continue, if back a portion of his argument, because it you would only give us the due authoriza- would "shock religious decorum ;" and he tion. Just look at the value of our journal is " warned that the topic is too delicate !" On the subject of the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Saviour, the Reviewer and of the immense expenditure we put upon does little more than present a re-hash of the it; paying each for every sheet of paper we silly dogmatism of Strauss, which we had use, and for all labor performed, and for a thought a writer in so learned a Quarterly large amount of mental aid, and for all per- as the Westminster, might have known had sonal and family expenses. Then estimate been overwhelmingly assailed by Volkmar. the importance of promptitude on your part, According to this writer, and those whom and resolve that your paper shall start again, he follows, Jesus did not die on the cross, although the credible witnesses who record

the transaction tell us that he did-that he was actually dead, and that a Roman soldier pierced his side, from which blood issued. On what grounds do our readers think the death of Jesus is denied? Why on none but the bare assertion of these men, made in the middle of the nineteenth century ! The Board of Trustees will meet on Pilate did not wish him to be put to death, Wednesday, the 17th of March, at 2 o'clock and he was only therefore permitted to hang a short time on the cross! They wish to es-The Committee of Examination for the tablish the fact that he did not die; and Board of Trustees are, Rev. Drs. Stockton therefore they assert, that he did not die, and then we are to expect that they have demonstrated their position. Having thus settled this point, the Reviewer strives to set aside the evidence of John respecting

\*On this point our readers may consult with much profit, the celebrated casay on "Reason and Faith," by Rodgers.

men's minds, and the conclusions to which men must come by an examination of the Word of God, then the object of this opposer is to shew that that Word, is so contradictory and unsafe, as an authority of into the hands of a number of ready book ultimate appeal, that any system must be weak, which rests on its authority.

We think that the time is rapidly coming, when all men who have command of the process and who believe the Bible to be a revelation from God, must be at pains to let the reading community know the real character of this Review. If infidels, and the lowest the Atlantic, for we'regret to say that, on class of Socinians-mere Humanitariansboth sides, it prevailed. are willing to pay for the support of a Review, for the religious and moral journals, of this Quarterly as worthy of general circulation. even though it frequently displays great the expression of private dogmatic judgtalent in its articles, on politics, travel, anments, and from the introduction of sectaritiquities, and history. No medical journal an comments, which would be antagonistic would commend a hotel or a boarding house to the impartial historical character which in which the dishes presented three or four such a work should bear. The materials nutritious articles of diet, but in one a quan- thus prepared, have all passed under the tity of strychnine, in another a portion of critical review of the editors, and a character prussic acid, and in a third a deadly meas- of unity has thus been secured for the entire ure of laudanum, were likely to be found. | work. We are assured that similar dili-It may be said that this argument is an gence will be used in the preparation of the acknowledgment that Christianity is really subsequent volumes; and that an unceasing weak, and that we must be conscious of that effort will be made to keep the publication

weakness, if we are not willing to commend up to the level of the latest information in to the attention of all readers of the commu- every branch of knowledge. That this nity the differentskeptical productions which | pledge will be fully redeemed, we doubt not ; emenate from the press. Such is not the and that this great work will take its place case. We make no such admission. But in our libraries, as a standard of reference, we know that the great mass of the people, we fully expect and desire. in every nation and in every age, are not, Reviewers are supposed to delight as

have not been, and will not be profoundly much in displaying their keenness and abillearned in anatomy, antiquities, history, ity to detect shortcomings, as in pointing out ethics, metaphysics, languages, logic, and good qualities: and, therefore, in virtue of urisprudence. The great bustle and busour office, as we have honestly commended ness of life falls on the masses of our people, this great store-house of learning as being and it is only those who are popularly called worthy the liberal patronage of our countrythe learned, whether they are found in the men, we may be allowed to say that. in pulpit, at the bar, in the class-room, or in some things, we should like to see an imother professional avocations, who, generally provement in the subsequent volumes. We speaking, will be found qualified to discuss refer to maps, and illustrative sections. such questions. If infidels, then, choose to American books excel in this mode of comsustain their own periodicals, the educated municating knowledge. The time was, when who wish to do battle for Christianity can "picture books" were considered to be fit easily see as much of them as may be reonly for children. We are wiser now on mired for this end; and the time is, we this point than our fathers were, and knowhink at hand, when the mind of the Chrising more of the workings of the human tian community must be made up as to the mind, we understand how much is learned line of conduct to be adopted in patronizing by the eye, and we make our books and or rejecting this Review. magazines accordingly. In the volume be-

ections.

Help Needed.

Mr. John Shearer, a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian congregation at Hagerstown,

receiving aid toward the relieving of the church edifice from debt. A church of tionable that Romish writers have endeayeleven members, in the midst of a people ored to blacken their character, and to deprovide a house of worship, whither to invite their families and fellow men. The house is built forty feet by sixty, at a cost of \$3.000. tenets, is unquestionable; but we are in-Their means are exhausted, and they earn- clined to think that in the lapse of ages, estly ask relief, being involved still in a debt and in consequence of the new subjects

tellectual. are profusely abundant Then, again, if the Messrs. Appleton had consistent this with a profession of Christimerely wished to see their names on the anity! title-page of an Encyclopedia, it would have

been an easy matter for them to have put Creek Agency, Arkansas. The work of the Lord progresses at Kow etah and Tallahassee. We learn, by a recent compilers, the Penny Cyclopedia, the Lon-

don, the Metropolitan, and the Edinletter, that since November 1st, five persons burgh, and from these, and a few Biographhave been added to the church on profession Ical Dictionarios and Text Books, a work of -C their faith in Christ, and that air children pretentious magnitude might have been furhave been baptized. These indications of nished. We hope that this mode of bookthe Lord's favor, serve greatly to encourage making has come to an end on both sides of and cheer the missionaries.

A public discussion was held, some months ago, in the Creek Nation, on the subject of We are assured that in the proparation of Baptism, between Rev. H. F. Bucknel why, let them do so. But there are many this volume nearly one hundred writers have and Rev. R. M. Loughridge. The result is who will agree with us, that it will not do | taken part, including persons in almost every | spoken of as being highly beneficial to the quarter of the United States, in Great Brit, cause of truth. Much knowledge on the country and of England, to commend this ain, and on the Continent of Europe. They | nature of the ordinance, the proper subjects have merely been directed to abstain from of Baptism, and the Scriptural mode of administering the ordinance, was communicated. Attention was arrested ; doubters were established in the true faith : the Baptist brethren were taught to be more respectful and peaceful, and the churches have been more flourishing.

> Ordinarilly, we greatly prefer written to oral discussions on great religious questions; but when a people are not readers, either from want of education or lack of interest. the oral mode, conducted by propositions and responses from day to day, has great advantages,

Responsibility of Railroad Companies These institutions should be held to a full account for all injuries to person and property, resulting from any want of due care on their part. But we have often thought that individuals should be held equally obligated to remunerate them, when by the individual's want of care, the Company was subjected to loss. If an animal, which should be kept in an enclosure, is permitted to run at large, and is killed on the Railroad, and at the time throws the cars off the track. doing great damage, the owner of the animal is the guilty person, and should be so held in law. If a man should carelessly ride, or drive his carriage or wagon on the track. causing the destruction of his own property, together with great damage to the road, the train, and the passengers, he should be held responsible to the Company, and not the Company to him. It has been thus decided in a late suit

against the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company - at least so far as to clear the Company. A Mr. fore us, we have only one map-but it is a O'Brian had driven his two-horse wagon or good one-of the Anthracite region of Pennthe Railroad, when the train was approach sylvania, and a number of accompanying ing, and being run down, he sued for dam ages. After a three days' trial, the jury On the vexed subject of the doctrinal brought in a verdict for the defendant. tenets of the Albigenses, it is unques-Judge Woodward charged the jury : "1st That a person about to cross a Railroad who greatly need the Gospel, undertook to pict them as vile heretics, because of their track, is in duty bound to stop and look in opposition to the Romish See. That the both directions, and listen before crossing. and where to accommodate and instruct Paulicians and their descendants in the 2d. That if the plaintiff contributed in the slightest degree to the accident in question, East were infected with several Manichzan he could not recover, although the Railroad Company were negligent."

This is common sense and even-banded \* THE NEW AMERICAN CYCLOPEDIA; a Popular we hope he will find a ready response from the favored ones in this world's goods, who are willing to contribute to a good cause. \* THE NEW AMERICAN CYCLOPEDIA; a Popular Dictionary of General Knowledge. Edited by George Ripley and Charles A. Dana. Vol. I. Svo. picton & Co., Broadway. London, 16 Little Brit. ain. 1858. justice, and will do much to produce caution,

finished, at a cost of \$3,400.

complish much. What was regarded a pretty liberal subscription, had raised but a usefulness, and liberality.

# Colleges.

The New York Observer says : "We have received the annual statement

which it appears that in 47 colleges there are 8.540 students, of whom 3,082 are professors of religion. There were during the last year 429 hopeful conversions. There were 987 who intend to become ministers, and 68 who intend to become missionaries. The number reported the previous year as intending to become ministers was 1,043."

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Acknowledgment.

BABCLAY, Iowa, Feb. 13, 1858. REV. DR. MCKINNEY-Dear Sir :-- Permit me through your excellent paper, to acknowledge the donation of \$35 dollars, through the Rev. Dr. M. W. Jacobus; \$25 from Henry Shelden, Esq., and the balance from an unknown friend. all these friends I return my sincere and To heart-felt thanks. That these friends may find preciousness in the promise of Christ, that he that giveth even a cup of cold water to a disciple in the name of a disciple, shall, by no mean lose his reward, is the earnest prayer of the recipient of this valuable gift. J. D. CALDWELL

Ecclesiastical.

Rev. T. B. VAN EMAN desires correspond. ents to address him at Bentlevsville. Washington Co., Pa.

Mr. T. W. HOOPER, a licentiate of Hanover Presbytery, has been called to the churches of Pole Green and Salem, in Hanover Co., Va. Correspondents will please address him at Richmond, Va.

Rev. WM. BROWN'S Post Office address is changed from Cline's Mills to Mt. Sidney, Augusta Co., Va. Rev. THOMAS E. PECK has accepted a call

from the Central church of Baltimore, and has entered upon his duties as pastor. Rev. JOSEPH. H. MYERS, late of St. Augustine, Florida, has been installed pastor of the First church, Plainfield, New Jersey, by the Presbytery of Elizabethtown. Rev. DANIEL MCGILVARY, of the Synod of North Carolina, is soon to go out as mis-

Rev. WM. Young's Post Office address is changed from Huntsville, Logan County, Ohio, to Findley, Hancock County, Ohio Rev. JAMES COULTER has resigned the pastoral charge of the churches of Harmons-

Rev. ROBERT F. TAYLOR, late of Dallas, Texas, has accepted an invitation to sup-boarding. ply the church of Vernov, Ind., and re-

than the work of Dr. Edward Beecher, published some time ago, which was to establish the true doctrine of original sin, in opposiof the religious condition of colleges, from | tion to all the different Evangelical creeds, and to unite all.

> An increased degree of Religious Feeling has been manifested for some time in the churches served by Drs. Adams and Kirk, as well as in some of the other Orthodox Congregational churches.

A Man of War is not a very probable place to expect a revival of religion. But "the Word of God is not bound." Ten

conversions have recently occurred on beard the receiving ship Ohio, at the Charlestown Navy Yard. These persons represent six different nations, and some of them, until recently, had never entered a house of worship or heard the voice of prayer. A number of inquirers are still found on board the sime vessel.

The Rev. Henry Jessup and wife sailed this week, from this port, for Smyrna, to reenter upon their missionary work. Mr. Jessup is a son of Judge Jessup, of Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Union Thelogi cal Seminary, New York. He has already had several years' experience in the missionary work, at his present destination.

NEW YORK.

Cold Weather has come ; the sleigh bells have been ringing merrily; and a plentiful supply of ice has been secured. Thus one source of apprehension for the coming Sam mer has been removed.

The Arrivals of Strangers at the hotels continue to be numerous. Sales of the plainer qualities of dry goods are increasing but some kinds of fancy goods are disposed of with great rapidity. Fashion must be gratified at whatever expense, and however great the results of extravagance. Economy in dress and household is not one of ou sionary of the Presbyterian Board, to national virtues. The habits of the metrop olis have their imitators in every inland city and town.

The Real Estate Business is unusually dull : although rents have not decreased to any appreciable degree. Indeed the rents are so high, and the expenses of housekeepburg and Evansburg, in the Presbytery ing are so great, that there seems to be little prospect at present, for a decrease of the idle, gossiping, and ruinous system of hotel

Ind., is now in our city with the hope of

