#### Hoetry.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Acrostic. BY REQUEST.

N ear to thee, my Saviour and King, A lways thus may I be; N earer, yet nearer, my soul still bring, C ause me to follow, and closely cling, Y ielding my heart to thee.

J esus, my blessed Redeemer, lives. A nd only on him I rely; N or can I ever salvation receive,

E xcept unto him I cry. J ust as I am, sinful and poor, O Saviour, I come to thee; L et me never cease knocking at mercy's do

L et the leper but bathe, and find a cure, Y et in Love's cleansing sea! Nichlesville, April, 1859.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Presbytery of Iowa.

received from the Presbytery of Logansport, and a coll put into his hands from the Mt. Pleasant

The following petition was directed church. It was accepted, and arrangements were made for his installation. The pastoral re-lation of Rev. Salmon Cowles to the West Point church, and that of Rev. John E. Woods to the Bentonsport church, were dissolved. Rev. Francis B. Dinsmore, and Elder William Thompson, were appointed Commissioners to the

General Assembly. In relation to the North Western Theological Seminary, Presbytery
Resolved, That in the judgment of this Presbytery, the establishment of such an Institution is a sideratum, at a period as early as may be con-

sistent with its permanency.

Resolved, That in our opinion the city of Indianapolis is not a suitable location for said Institution, inasmuch as it does not occupy a position in the great Territory of the North West sufficiently central.

Resolved, That the location of such a Seminary should be left to the entire uncontrolled judgment of the whole Church, as represented in the Gener-

al Assembly.

The following Minute was adopted: ACTION IN RELATION TO DANCING AND OTHER IM-

MORALITIES. WHEREAS, The Moral Law, as illustrated and WHEREAS, The Moral law, as ittustrated and enforced by the precepts of the Gospel, is the great standard of Christian morality and the great rule and directory of Christian life; and whereas whatever doctrine or practice conflicts with its letter or its spirit, must, by all fair and logical reasoning, be considered as unbecoming and inexpedient on the part of professing Christians; and whereas the practice of promiscuous dancing is neither encouraged by the letter or spirit of any precept of the great code of Christian morals; and whereas the General Assembly of 1818, in a pastoral letter to the whole Presbyterian Church in the United States, have included this question able amusement, in the category of theatrical and other kindred dissipations, and declared it to be, in their judgment as dangerous as it is plausible and fascinating, inasmuch as it "steals away precious time, dissipates religious impressions and hardens the heart;" and whereas an enlightened public sentiment in the world, though it may not restrain the world's practices on this behalf, nevertheless condems it and urges it as a repreach to the cause of Christ, when practiced by individual

Christians; therefore,
Resolved. That while this Presbytery presumes not to legislate where Christ has not legislated, it is nevertheless competent to declare and expound authoritatively, the enactments of Christ, as touching the immoralities and inexpediencies of Christian conduct within the churches over which

Resolved, That while the practice of dancing at parties, cotilions or balls, or even in the parlors of Christians, or training children to dance—as also the practice of card playing in any form-is unwarranted by the letter or spirit of any precept or approved practice connected with the kingdom of Christ, the experience of thousands warrants the declaration, that it is mischievous in all its tendencies—that it forms no part of the faith or practice of the kingdom of Christ—that professors of religion cannot indulge in any of these amusements withoutcompromising their Christian character, conforming to the world, maintaining the "appearance of evil," grieving the Spirit of God, unfitting their own minds for the spiritual services that God requires, and encouraging the impenifent by their example to reject

the Gospel and continue in sin. Resolved, That the Sessions of our churches, by virtue of their ordination vows, are bound to study the purity as well as the unity and peace of to exercise a faithful parental supervision over the conduct of the members on this behalf as well as in relation to all other improprieties, and "with long suffering and patience" to exhort, rebuke, or exclude from the Lord's in the practice of dancing, or any of the immor-

alities named above. Resolved, That these resolutions, as also the action of the Presbytery in 1856, be read as soon as convenient from the pulpits of our respective churches, and that it be, and hereby is, enjoined upon all the Sessions of our churches to discharge faithfully their duties on this behalf.

Resolved, That this action be published in one or more of the papers of our Church.

CHANCEY P. TAYLOR, Moderator. Timothy Stearns, Stated Clerk.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Presbytery of St. Paul. The Presbytery of St. Paul met at Minneapolis on Tuesday, April 26th. All the members pres-

Holcombe, elder, alternates. Upon the Overture sent down by the last General Assembly to the Presbyteries, with reference to the Demission of the Ministerial Office, Presbytery took the following action:

Resolved. That the Overture from the General Assembly (p. 289, minutes of 1858,) in regard to swered in the negative. After considerable discussion, this reso'ution

was unanimously adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That this Presbytery regard with anxiety the condition of the Domestic Missionary work, one most vital to the enlargement, influence, and honor of our beloved Church, to the welfare of our land, and to the advancement of our dear Redeemer's kingdom on earth. Scattered thousands of our members in the new and growing portions of our Territory, many organized but weak churches, and large districts of country blighted for want of evangelical effort, all cry out for a vastly more extended and vigor-ous exercise of this arm of the Church. We ous exercise of this arm of the Church. We see with apprehension the surpassing energy with

exclusion, most important regions, especially in the yalley of the Mississippi and on the Pacific Rosolved, That we desire humbly and importunately to represent to the General Assembly, the necessity as presented to our eyes, of a will find this book brim full of literary reminthorough reconstitution of this departs the Church's influence, as to its aims, its spirit,

which other denominations are absorbing our

elements of growth, and occupying almost to our

and its working power. Resolved, That the General Assembly be solicited to consider and determine upon the practicability of appointing five district Secrets ties, whose whole business it shall be to explore the Springs, and the quiet country retreat during unoccupied fields, to visit, counsel, and cluster into the most convenient charges, feeble congregations, to assist in the advantageous location of ministers, animated by a missionary spirit, and more especially of the younger class, with which a beneficent Saviour is enriching and recruiting Sunday Scholars. By Robert Moffat. 18mo., our aggressive strength, to urge the general adoption of plans of systematic benevolence, and otherwise to superintend and further the interest and enkindle more fervently the zeal of the membership of the Presbyterian Church in the

United States of America. The following was also unanimously adopted: Resolved, That this Presbytery warmly sympathises with the proposition emanating from our beloved brethren in India, to observe in common with the churches in other parts of the Christian world, the 8th of January, 1860, as a day of universal prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the heathen nations, and we would express the hope that our General Assembly will, at its The last evening of the session was spent in

baye strength long to coatinue his useful labors, and prove as efficient as a domestic missionary, as he has been a foreign.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Presbytery of Maumee. The Maumee Presbytery met on the 12th inst., in Hicksville, and had the most pleasant and encouraging meeting that we have enjoyed for

our churches are now supplied, or are about to be supplied with the stated preaching of the Gospel, with the exception of two very small congregations where there is no present hope for success. We have, indeed, but five ministers in our body, but we have two licentiates laboring with acceptance in our bounds, and Brother E. B. Raffensperger is about to settle, with pleasant prospects, in Toledo. All our churches which have the stated means of grace, seem to be in a favorable condition; an unusual number of converts have been added to a number of the congregations; and in our church (Union) quite an extensive revivel has been enjoyed.

Rev. Wm. M. Reed, after an enamination in all the course required by our Book of Government of candidates for ordination, was received from the German Reformed Church into our body.
Rev. D. S. Anderson, and J. L. Hosac, were

approinted Commissioners to the General Assembly, and Rev. J. M. Layman, and Armstrong Erwin, alternates. despecting the North-Western Theological Seminary it was

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Presbytery, that the North-Western Theological Semi-nary be under the entire control of the General Assembly; that it should be so located as to cor-At the late meeting of the Presbytery of Iowa, held in Libertyville, Rev. A. C. McClelland, was The following petition was directed to be pre-

sented to the Assembly, viz:
To the General Assembly of the Preshyterian Church, in session at Indianapolis, on the third Thursday of May, 1859, the Presbytery of Maumee would petition that a new Synod be organized, consisting of the Presbyteries of Maumee, Findley, and Sydney, and also of Marion, if it consent. The Synod to be named Maumee.

The Overture respecting the Demission of the Ministerial Office, was answered in the negative, at our meeting last Winter.

LUKE DORLAND, Stated Clerk. For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

The Presbytery of Columbus. This Presbytery met in the First church of Columbus, on the 19th of April. The reports on the State of Religion showed that the churches

were in a bealthy and growing condition. The Rev. G. L. Kalb, and Elder E. C. Clarke, of Circleville, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly. Mr. D. D. Christy, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Cedar, was received under our care, and appointed stated supply to the churches of Blendon and Mifflin till next meeting. The Overture of the General Assembly in regard to Demitting

the exercise of the Ministerial Office, was answered in the affirmative. Rev. W. S. Rogers was heard in regard to the Oxford Female College, and that Institution was recommended to the liberality of the churches.

Supplies were appointed as follows:

Dublin—Rev. Washburn, Third Sabbath of
May; Rev. Finley, Second Sabbath of June;
Rev. Johnson, Second Sabbath in July; Rev.
Hoge, Second Sabbath of August; Rev. Hubhard Second Sabbath of Santambar. Rev. Wanda bard, Second Sabbath of September; Rev. Woods, Second Sabbath of October.

Lower Liberty—Rev. Dr Hoge, Fourth Sabbath of April; Rev. Dunlap, Fourth Sabbath of May; Rev. Hubbard, Fourth Sabbath in June; Rev. Washburn, Fourth Sabtath in July; Rev.

Smith, Fourth Sabbath in August; Rev. Tidball. Fourth Sabbath in September.

Messrs. Hoge and Galbraith were appointed to hold a meeting at Amanda, and administer the Lord's Supper. Smith and Maynard to hold a like meeting at Mifflin; Hoge and Johnson at Blendon; Maynard and Hoge, at Lithopolis. The time of these meetings to be determined by the Committees, in consultation with the pastors or Sessions of the churches to be visited. The next stated meeting of Presbytery is to be

held in Kingston, on the first Tuesday of October. J. D. SMITH, Stated Clerk.

### Literary Hotices.

ESTHER, the Hebrew-Persian Queen. By Rev. W. A. Scott, D.D., of San Francisco. Pp. 353. San Francisco: H. H. Bancroft & Co.

Dr. Scott is well known not only as an elequent and able preacher, and an indefatigable pastor, but also as a fervid and instructive writer. While in New Orleans, he published a series of lectures on "Daniel: A Model for Young Men;" and since his removal to California, he has given the Church and the world "The Wedge of Gold," "Trade and Letters," and "The Giant Judge;" all of which have acquired a wide reputation. And now he comes before us with a new volume on the Hebrew-Persian Queen, originally delivered as lectures. The great idea table, such as, after kind admonition, persevere seized upon in this, and his other publications, seems to be that the whole of sacred Scripture is intended for the instruction of mankind and the edification of the Church, and that to confine ourselves to particular parts or isolated passages, is to deprive ourselves of much of the benefit intended for us, and also to do violence to the Word of God. He would have all the books of Scripture read and studied by the people, and discussed from the pulpit, so that their history, beauties, and truths, might be made to appear, and that the Bible might be brought to occupy its proper place in the intellect, in the heart, in our worship, and in the daily concerns of life. One reason of the selection of subjects he has made, is to be found in The Rev. Levi Hughes presented a letter of the fact that they occupy portions of the holy dismission from the Presbytery of Logansport, and was received as a member of the Presbytery this idea in view, Dr. Scott has taken up the Rev. J. G. Riheldoffer and Elder F. McCormick | Book of Esther, from which he has deduced the were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly, and Rev. J. C. Caldwell and Hon. Wm. graphical, and biographical disquisitions, in overwhelming refutations of errorists of various classes, and in earnest presentations, by forcible arguments and vivid illustrations, of the most important social, political, and religious truths. In all his researches and dissertations, the great on of the Ministerial Office, be an- aim of Dr. Scott, of whatever he treats, is to make the Messiah appear as the Redeemer of the world.

Mosaios. By the Auther of "Salad for the Solitary," &c. Pp. 420. New York: Charles Scribner, 124 Grand Street. London: Richard Bentley. Pittsburgh: John S. Davison. 1859. This new work, by the well-known author of "Salad for the Solitary," is, as its name indicates, an assemblage of the best sayings from the best authors, concerning "Author Craft," "Youth and Age," "The Human Face Divine," "The Witchery of Wit," "Single Blessedness," "Origin of Celebrated Books," "Night and Day," "Fame," "The Magic of Music," and "The Bright Side." The selections have been taken from a wide field of reading, and laid down and fitted together with excellent judgment and taste; while the author enlivens the whole by a most genial fancy and attractive style. The reader iscences of the sayings of the wise, of quaint and piquant illustrations, of delicious humor, of the sallies of wit, and of profound suggestion. It is the thoughtful; a capital book for the sea side, the Springs, and the quiet country retreat during the Summer. The publisher has done his part admirably, as he always does.

Sunday Scholars. By Robert Moffat. 18mo., pp. 72. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of This is another capital little book just added to

the catalogue of our Board. We desire to see nothing more appropriate for our Sabbath School Libraries: It is fraught with thrilling interest, and yet it is a mere missionary narrative.

THE CONVALESCENT. By N. Parker Willis. Pp. 458. New York: Charles Scribner, 124 Grand Street. Pittsburgh: John S. Davison, Wood

Street. 1859. Mr. Willis has been for many years struggling against the progress of hereditary consumption, coming session, advise the observance of that day throughout our own and by all branches, in this and with much success. But during his retirement at Idlewild, he has not been an idler, but an attentive reader, an admirer of Nature in all her The last evening of the session was spent in connexion with the congregation, in public religious exercises. It was a missionary meeting; addresses were delivered by Rev. Wm. Speer, of the Presbytery of California, and the Rev. S. Jackson, late of Spencer Academy.

Brother Speer is now preaching to one of our churches, and expects to become a member of our Presbytery at its next meeting. His health, the public has never grown weary.

Also works the insurance of this addresses were delivered to others, in his own inviting style, through the columns of the Home Journal.

Of his letters, the public has never grown weary.

His command of appropriate language, and his addresses were the improving under the influence of this addresses were delivered by the command of appropriate language, and also seems to be improving under the influence of this invigorating climate, and we trust that he may convey his own particular shades of ideas, have collection of these letters, extending over an age of the Bullan Special section of these letters, extending over an age of the broken leg, and in a few weeks that the may convey his own particular shades of ideas, have beware of bad company."

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#### THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE.

interval of several years, giving the author's the parrot was as lively as ever. But it reflections on books, scenery, and distinguished never forgot its adventure in the corn-field, herefacters, visits to Washington Irving, to the South, and to the East, his efforts in checking in play with quarrelsome companions, it in Catechism.

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MOTHERS AND INFANTS. NUESES AND NUESING. By Dr. Al. Donne, late head of the Clinical Department of the Faculty of Paris," &c., &c. Pp. 303. Boston: Phillips, Sampson & Co. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 1859. This is a translation from the French of a reatise on nursing, weaning, and the general treatment of children, by an eminent lecturer in the medical schools of Paris, who has made the subject of which it treats, his specialty, and who was selected by Louis Philippe to make choice of a suitable nurse for the Count of Paris. In a series of chapters he discusses all the conditions of the nourishment of infancy, artificial nursing, teething, regimen, &c. All the questions that arise with regard to the rearing and health of the child are here presented by a most competent author, on the most approved principles, and in language that can be understood by all, so that the book is a valuable one to every mother and to all who have the care of infants.

Love Me Little, Love Me Long. By Charles Reade, author of "White Lies," &c. 12mo., pp. 485. New York: Harper & Brothers. treatment of children, by an eminent lecturer in

LOVE ME LITTLE, LOVE ME LONG. By Charles Reade. nuthor of "White Lies," &c. 12mo., pp. 435. New York: Harper & Brothers. 1859. This author has risen into the upper rank of

what is popularly called light literature, and his writings are in great demand in Britain. Our engagements have prevented us from doing more than glanding at the volume in order to ascertain

practiced by the followers of Alexander Campbell. In defence of infant baptism, and baptism by sprinkling, the author introduces a Methodist preacher, into whose mouth he puts weak arguments, and then, as the author supposes, he silences him. But we hope that in the next attempt of this kind, Mr. Challen will allow the character he introduces to defend infant baptism. and baptism by sprinkling, to use the arguments any Presbyterian or Methodist capable of disussing these subjects, would use, and he will ind that victory will be no easy task.

THE LIFE OF NORTH AMERICAN INSECTS. By B. Jaeger, late Professor of Zoology and Botany in the College of New Jersey. Assisted by H. C. Preston, M. D., with numerous illustrations. 12mo., pp. 319. New York: Harper & Brothers. 1869.

The condition of our being, attaches us to the kingdom of nature around us, and the more minutely we examine into the wonders of that kingdom, the greater will our delight be with the objects of investigation, and the more enlarged will our conceptions be of the wisdom of the great Creator of all. This delightful volume has been published at a fitting season. The approach of Spring, heralds the appearance of the insect world in all their wondrous variety and beauty. The young in the families of city life are looking forward to their Summer tours, or their retirement in the country. Here, then, is a fitting manual for such scenes. How much real enjoyment is lost by the young in our households, because of the want of such scientific knowledge, as this book conveys! We hope that it may have an extensive circulation.

MORE ABOUT JESUS. With illustrations and a map. By the author of "Peep of Day,"
"Reading without Tesrs," &c., &c. Small 8vo., pp. 246. New York; Harper & Brothers. 1859.

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THE COLLEGE JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE, or May, is on our table. It presents to the reader quite a variety of matters belonging to the healing art.

## For the Poung.

The Farmer's Parrot:

OR, KEEP OUT OF BAD COMPANY. One beautiful Spring, a farmer, after working busily for several weeks, succeeded in planting one of his largest fields in corn. But the neighboring crows, not having the fear of the law in their hearts, and being any thing but tee totalers, found their way to the farmer's cornfield, and departed frequently, corned. The farmer, not being willing that the germs of a future crop should be destroyed by either fair or foul means, determined to drive the bold marauders to their nests. Accordingly, he loaded up his trusty gun, with the intention of giving them, upon their next visit, a warm

Now the farmer had a parrot, as talkative and mischievous as those birds usually are, and being very tame, it was allowed its free dom to come and go at pleasure. Strolling around some time after the farmer's declaration of war against birds in general, and crows in particular, whom should it see but a number of those bold, black robbers en gaged industriously in the farmer like occupation of raising corn. "Pretty Poll" being a lover of company, without much caring whether good or bad, hopped over all obstructions, and was soon engaged with them, in what I suppose was quite an interesting conversation on the many advantages of a country over a city life. Their friendly talk might have been quite prolonged, had not a passing wind wafted it to the ears of the farmer, who was leisurely smoking his

calumet by the cozy fireside. Up started he, breaking in his hurry the "pipe of peace"-a bad omen for the crows fired, and with the report, was heard the death scream of three crows, and an agon-

izing shriek from poor Poll. As the farmer advanced to see what exeoution he had made, the unwounded crows arose in the air, loudly pleading their cause as the departed. On looking among the murdered orows, great was his surprise to see stretched upon the ground his mischievous parrot, with feathers sadly ruffled, and a broken leg.
"You foolish bird," cried the farmer,

this comes of keeping bad company." The parrot did not reply—probably be cause it did not know exactly what to say; but it looked very solemn, which answered but it looked very solemn, which answered ust as well. On carrying it to the house the children, seeing its wounded leg, exclaimed-"What did it, papa-what hurt our

pretty Poll?" "Bad company-bad company!" answered the parrot in a solemn voice. fired, and received a shot intended for them.

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than glanding at the volume in order to ascertain its general character.

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