

the bottle was sealed, and the whole was deposited in a cavity underneath the stone. The stone being lowered into its proper position and duly adjusted, Captain Horton took the mallet, and striking the stone in the usual form, said, "I lay the foundation stone of a Wesleyan College in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I pray God that his blessing may rest on this enterprise, that the building may be speedily erected, and that thousands of young persons may be trained in it, who shall be ornaments and blessings to their country, the church, and the world." The Rev. Edward Sweetman then addressed the assembly. Another hymn was then sung, and the benediction was pronounced.—*Abridged from the Colonial Times.*

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

A valuable document on the proposed amended Charter of the London University has lately been published. . . . The Earl of Derby has supplied the vacancy at the Irish Education Board, caused by the death of Archbishop Murray, by Mr. Blackburn, the Lord Chancellor. . . . The Rev. John George Beresford, Archbishop of Armagh, has contributed £3000 for a magnificent bell tower at Trinity College, Dublin, of which his grace is Chancellor. . . . The usual examination of the teachers connected with the National Board of Education, took place in June, and, from various recent causes, appeared to excite a more than ordinary share of public interest. The Lord Lieutenant took the chair, surrounded by the visitors and teachers, and the examination having terminated, delivered an address which was received with the most enthusiastic applause. . . . Three students have recently been expelled from the Congregational College of St. John's Wood, London, for their "rejection of the supreme authority of the Sacred Scriptures." . . . Funds, chiefly from the United States, continue to reach Dublin in aid of the projected R. C. University. At the last monthly meeting £3543 was announced. . . . It is reported that the Danish Government contemplate the suppression of the University of Kisel by its incorporation with that of Copenhagen. . . . Madame Goldschmidt (Jenny Lind,) has transmitted £10,000 to the Swedish government, for the erection of schools in destitute districts.

Cambridge University.—From an interesting letter in the *Boston Post* we select the following in relation to the University of Cambridge, England:

There is material enough here for a score of letters, but I shall not write you a history of Cambridge now. Some of your readers may think of Cambridge university as like "Yale" or "Amherst,"—a mere college—It is a UNIVERSITY, comprising seventeen colleges and halls. It began on so small a scale as a mere place of residents for a few students, where teachers—principally ecclesiastics—taught them for small fees—actually but a few pence daily, and has since grown to such enormous dimensions, that it is very difficult to understand or comprehend the scope of such an immense establishment. The "senate" consisting of professors, ministers, tutors, "scholars"—those who have scholarships,—"fellows"—those who succeed to fellowships, provosts, presidents, &c., number a little over 3200; and the undergraduates, or students proper, a little over 6000; so that instead of one of Sidney Smyth's military schools with thirty-four professors, and seventeen ensigns for students, educating half an ensign to each professor! We have here about one student and three quarters to a professor, or person in authority. Respecting the income of Cambridge university, no certain data can be obtained, for those who are interested will not give any information. At Oxford it is the same. Her Majesty's commission, appointed during Lord John Russell's administration, made "enquiries," but the authorities of both the universities told them to go about their business. If it is not known with certainty about the income of the various colleges, some shrewd guesses have been made, and they clearly establish the fact that the advantages extended towards young men who wish to obtain an education, are nothing compared to the money expended; and further, that in scarce a single instance is the will or wishes of the early founders carried out. It is the most expensive place in the world probably to obtain an education, and the amount of funds is so enormous, that without a doubt they would pay every tuition fee, and for all the books also, in the education of every young person educated among the millions inhabiting New York and the New England states, in every one of the schools and colleges there in operation. Trinity college alone has over 1000 persons on its establishment, a majority of whom receive their whole support from the college. In this college appear many illustrious names. Since 1600, have been educated here, Robert Devereux, earl of Essex; the favorite of Queen Elizabeth, Sir Edward Coke—he who rode "upon Littleton" into a world of fame; Lord Bacon; Fulke Grenville, Lord Brook; Dr. John Downe; Cowley, the poet; Dr. Barrow; Nathaniel Lee, the dramatist; glorious John Dryden, John Ray, Sir Isaac Newton; Porson, the famous Greek professor, who was picked up drunk; and last—chronologically—George Gordon, Lord Byron, the author of Childe Harold's pilgrimage. The most

interesting edifice in Cambridge, taking its contents into consideration, is Trinity College Library. It is 190 feet long, 40 wide, and 38 feet high. the recess containing the books, have not their partitions extended quite half way to the roof, and this while it gives ample room for books, displays the elegant and lofty proportions of the library to good advantage. On the top of the recesses, on the left, are busts of ancient characters, and on the right, eminent moderns. The former are Homer, Virgil, Horace, Marcus Aurelius, Seneca, M. Brutus, Julius Cæsar, Cicero, Demosthenes, Plato, Socrates, Democritus and Anacreon. With the moderns are Shakespeare, Milton, Dryden, Pope, Newton, Spencer, Beaumont, Fletcher, Addison, Locke, Ben Jonson, Inigo Jones and Dr. Hooper. By far the most interesting piece of sculpture in Trinity College Library, is the statue of Byron by Thorwaldsen. It is executed in white marble; the poet in a sitting posture on a pedestal, with one hand on a broken Grecian column. The sculptor has shown his good sense by putting the poet "in his habit as he lived," with a cloak on, and in modern English costume. Appendages are seen in a skull and an owl, the bird of wisdom. No statue of any person of modern times has ever interested me more than this. What a countenance he has! The statue occupies the post of honor, in the library, being in the centre, near the upper end of the room. Very little honour, though, to the college authorities in having it here. This statue was executed by the great Danish sculptor in Copenhagen, for a gentleman in England, and on its arrival in London, owing to some cause, I believe the death of the owner, it remained in the custom house for some years, and was finally, after repeated solicitations, purchased for a small sum, and placed here in the college where he received his education. This is the only full length statue in the library. This library of Trinity College was erected from designs by Sir Christopher Wren, and cost about £20,000. As a collection of books, manuscripts, works of art, and instruments, the universities of Oxford and Cambridge possess undoubted advantages over smaller and younger institutions, but that the direct intentions of the beneficent founders have been laid aside in a great many instances by the recipients of fat benefices, is as plain as the Alps to a Swiss traveller. Look at the one example of King's College. Grants were originally made by King Henry 6th to found this college for the purpose of educating poor boys from Eton school. It has 70 fellows and scholars, and only educates four students, every three years, all of whom must be from Eton School. The "fellows" and "scholars" are always kept to the original number of seventy, and as a death occurs the vacancy is filled from the ranks of the four who are being educated. The "fellowship" or "scholarship" of King's College, is simply a provision for life, a home, and income, without any duties to perform.

UNITED STATES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

The Foundation stone of an academy has been laid at Stockton, California, by the Rev. Mr. Benson, missionary of the M.E. Church. . . . The academy at San Jose, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Kimberlin, is also favourably reported. . . . The primary department of the "University of the Pacific" was opened at Santa Clara, early in May, under favourable auspices, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Bannister. It has fifty-four students, and a small graduating class has been organized. . . . The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary N. Y., have made arrangements to add two stories to the Seminary building, which will furnish thirty-six spacious study rooms, and seventy two sleeping apartments, in addition to those now in use, except some attic dormitories. The rooms are to be lighted with gas, and bathing-rooms fitted up in the basement. These additions and improvements are expected to be ready for use at the beginning of the next term in the Autumn. . . . At the recent annual commencement of Brown University, at Providence, R.I., James B. Angell, was elected professor of modern languages, and the Rev. Henry Day was elected professor of natural philosophy and civil engineering. . . . The Providence Journal says that "the prospects of the University have at no former period been so flattering. A fund has been created for the purposes of education, and admirably invested, amounting to \$181,000. The number of students admitted during the year has been 109. The Library now consists of nearly 25,000 volumes." . . . At the annual commencement of St. John's (R. Catholic) College, at Fordham, N. Y., on Thursday last, the degree of LL. D. was conferred on Thos. F. Meagher. . . . We learn by the Worcester Transcript that the Holy Cross R. C. College, Massachusetts, has been destroyed by fire and that there was no insurance on the college. The building cost about \$30,000, and including the furniture, &c. the loss will be about \$50,000.

Commencement at Harvard University.—The annual commencement at Harvard College was observed on Wednesday, July 21. The governor and council, and other members of the state government, were escorted to Cambridge by the Lancers. Shortly after, a procession of the officers of the college, graduating class and others, preceded by the Boston