

court-house, a prison, and a spacious college, in which are eighty students, exclusive of those in the academy connected with the college. It is but about two years since this seminary began to confer degrees. At present, it is supported by private donations, and the fees paid for tuition; but the corporation intend, if possible, to obtain for the use of their institution a part of the lands now allotted by law for Burlington College.

The village of Middlebury is situated on both sides the Otter Creek, at a place where there is a remarkable fall of about twenty feet in the stream. It is to this circumstance that the place is probably indebted for its rapid growth; for the water is made to work several grist-mills, saw-mills, clothing-mills, carding-machines, a forge, and a trip-hammer. But what attracted our more particular attention was a stone-mill, or machine for cutting marble into slabs. The quarry from which the blocks are taken is literally at the door, so that it requires much more of it to be cut away to afford a convenient passage into the mill. The marble is white, a little clouded, and has a very fine grain. The machine will cut a block into six or seven slabs at a single operation, in a quarter the time it would require two men to cut it once. The quarry was discovered and the machine erected within a year, by a Mr. Judd, the proprietor of them, who is confined within the prison yard for debt. He intends to transport the marble for sale to New York.

August 14th. Leaving Middlebury, we rode a few rods on a turnpike which they were constructing, leading to Woodstock, after which we travelled several miles through a charming country, along the bank of