

is certain, it will not soon be forgotten. The Presbyterian Board of Publication, too, will be held in pleasant remembrance in connection with the conversazione to which they invited the delegates and their friends. Few Churches can boast of such a Board, and few Boards have such splendid apartments in which to conduct their business. How it is all managed is not easily discovered. The building alone cost over \$200,000, and it is free of debt. Its revenues last year were \$191,787, the larger portion of which was derived from the sale of books and periodicals published under its own supervision—\$34,266 being the contributions of individuals, churches, and legacies. The profits of the concern are employed in the support of missionaries in the Home fields, whose work is principally directed to the formation of Sabbath-schools in destitute and neglected localities. Nor shall we forget the Young Men's Christian Association who invited us to spend an evening in their palatial rooms, and provided a charming entertainment consisting of an exhibition of very fine stereopticon views of Indian scenery which were cleverly described by Mr. Sheshadri. The Sabbath-schools of Philadelphia also invited the Council to visit them in detail, as well as *en masse*, and many delightful meetings there were of this kind. The largest Sabbath-school in the city, and probably in the world, is that connected with Bethany Church, of which Mr. John Wanamaker is the superintendent. It is said to have on its roll 2200 scholars ranging from five to seventy-five years of age. It is one of the "Institutions" of Philadelphia best worth seeing. The farewell meetings in many of the Churches on the Sabbath evening were also occasions of very great interest. In many instances the churches could not contain the people, and the school-rooms attached to them were filled to overflowing. The last ovation connected with the Council is not the least worthy of mention. To many of us it was the fulfilment of a long-cherished desire, brought about by an invitation from the President and Faculties of Princeton College to the delegates and their friends to visit that celebrated seat of learning. A special train was provided, and between three and four hundred availed themselves of the invitation. The *first* reception was in the chapel of the Theological Seminary which we were told is now sixty-eight years old, and we have been also given to understand that this old Seminary still glories in its conservatism of the old Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechism. The *second* reception was in the First Presbyterian Church, which was also filled to the door. Dr. McCosh's warm address of welcome drew from Dr. Main, of Edinburgh, and Dr. John Marshall Lang, and

Sheshadri, eloquent responses and touching tributes to the memories of some of the illustrious men who in their life-time had been connected with the College. We visited the old kirk-yard in which are the graves of Witherspoon, and Jonathan Edwards, and the Alexanders, and rare old Dr. Hodge. We walked about the College Park, lost, almost, in admiration at the natural beauty of the situation, and the variety and beauty of the buildings. We sat down to a splendid banquet in the University Hotel, and we came away from Princeton saying, like the Queen of Sheba,—"It was a true report that I heard in mine own land, and behold the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard."

The American Board.

THE MEETINGS of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were held last month at Lowell. For three days three thousand people were held together by the simple eloquence of a great cause. There was no advertising of eloquent speakers. There was no business transacted, except the passing of a resolution of respect to the memory of Dr. Rufus Anderson, the late Secretary of the Board, and the election of officers for the ensuing year. "These gatherings," says the CHRISTIAN UNION, "are chiefly of Congregationalists, but they are not congregational gatherings, and one might have attended every meeting and heard every speech and hardly known to what denomination these Christians belonged. The managers of National Councils and General Assemblies and other like ecclesiastical conventions might, if they would, learn a lesson from the suggestive fact that the Church assemblages in which the American public take a genuine, profound and increasing interest are those of the Episcopal Church Congress, the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, the Evangelical Alliance, and the American Board; meetings which take no votes, declare no opinions, open the door to no strife, and divert no energy to machine building, but give their whole time and thought to a free discussion of the themes that concern the kingdom of God."