

allow time to the Venerable Archdeacon to revoke his error until Wednesday, the 1st of October next: when, if no such revocation as is required by the statute of Elisabeth aforesaid shall be made and delivered by that time into the Registry of Bath and Wells, he will, in obedience to the said statute, pronounce sentence in this Court, which will be adjourned to Tuesday, the 21st day of October next.

The Court was accordingly adjourned to the 21st of October.

### WHY AM I A PRESBYTERIAN?

—“Because in that Church the Gospel was presented to my heart with such power as to convince me of sin, and bring me to the knowledge of the Truth as it is in Jesus; because I like its order and simplicity of worship; and because its government seems to me as agreeable to Scripture as it is favourable to the rights of the people; but little will it avail us in the day of retribution, that we belonged to a Church of pure doctrine, Scriptural order and inexhaustible resources, if we have not the vitality and power of godliness in our heart and life. O! then, beloved children, be not like the degenerate Hebrews who ‘spoke half in the language of Ashdod and could not speak in the Jews’ language, but according to the language of each people’; but, as you need a whole Christ, be His entirely, not in word only, but in deed and in truth. And, as far as your influence extends, plead with those, who have been brought up in our excellent faith, not to forsake the Lord God of their Fathers. While they possess a speculative belief in the Truth, they have not the excuse of ignorance to plead, yet do they fall short of that assimilating faith which shall enable them to benefit by their doctrinal knowledge, and embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to them in the Gospel. O! that such would place a higher value on the heritage they cast from them so unwisely; and, instead of reaching to that which will not profit in the day of their calamity, that they might fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life.”

The above is the commencement and conclusion of a little work written by a lady under the title which is at the head of the article, for the use especially of young people, and which in a very interesting manner explains what many of the readers of the *Presbyterian* should be acquainted with. It is published at Philadelphia, and, that they may be able to give an intelligent reply to any who may ask a reason of the *faith* that they profess, having been baptized into it, and called by its distinctive appellation, might well be placed in the hands of some of our readers.—*Comm.*

### WONDERS OF THE CREATED UNIVERSE.

WHAT mere assertion will make any one believe that in one second of time, in one beat of the pendulum of a clock, a ray of light travels over one hundred and ninety-two thousand miles, and would, therefore, perform their tour of the world in

about the same time that it requires to wink our eyelids and in much less than a swift runner occupies in taking a single stride? What mortal man can be made to believe, without demonstration, that the sun is almost a million times larger than the earth; and that, although so remote from us, a cannon ball shot directly towards, and maintaining its full speed, would be twenty years in reaching it, it yet affects the earth by its attraction in an inappreciable instant of time! Who would not ask for demonstration, when told that a gnat's wing, in its ordinary flight, beats many hundred times a second; or that there exist animated and regularly organised beings, many thousands of whose bodies; laid close together, would not extend an inch? But what are these to the astonishing truths which modern optical inquirers have disclosed, which teach us that every point of a medium through which a ray of light passes is affected with a succession of periodical movements, regularly recurring at equal intervals, no less than five hundred million of millions of times in a second. That it is by such movements communicated with the nerves of your eyes that we see; nay, more, that it is the difference in the frequency of their recurrence which affects us with the sense of the diversity of colour. That, for instance, in acquiring the sensation of redness, our eyes are affected four hundred and eighty-two millions of times; of yellowness, five hundred and forty-two millions of times; of violet, seven millions of times per second. Do not such things sound more like the ravings of madmen than the sober conclusions to which any one may most certainly arrive, who will only be at the trouble of examining the chain or reasoning by which they have been obtained?

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There will be a general meeting of the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, to be held in the College Building, on Wednesday, the 15th October next, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

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