

the prescribed course of College studies. They say that the term bachelor, in its proper sense, does not signify, or, at least, does not always signify, an unmarried man,—but that it applies to any one who can pass satisfactorily through the academic course of sophomore, junior and senior; and that hereafter females as well as males, in Genesee College, shall be entitled to receive the degrees of A.B. and A.M.—*Christian Inquirer*.

[Most wisely did the wisest of men declare the price of a virtuous woman to be above rubies. We have the highest respect for the female sex; but it horrifies us to conceive of them as Bachelors. It is delightful to see them Mistresses of Hearts; but for this, they require arts, not to be learned in a College, and of which a diploma is not the proper attestation—arts better veiled than blazoned. To them, the adage is specially applicable—*Artis est celare artem*.]

AMERICAN DOCTORATES.—We hear a great deal said in disparagement of American literary titles, and of the view taken of them in the Old World. We are of opinion that a great mistake prevails on that subject. Drs. Candlish and Cunningham, of Scotland; Drs. Grandpierre and D'Aubigne, of Switzerland; and Dr. Hamilton, of London, all got their titles from Princeton College; and Drs. Cooke and Stewart, of Ireland; Drs. John Brown, Shaw, and Fraser, of Scotland; Dr. Gaussén, of Switzerland; and Dr. Monod, of France, all got their titles from Jefferson College; besides many others conferred by these and other colleges. Nor do we see that any titles conferred by any European University, sound louder, look bigger, stick faster, or last longer, than those conferred by our American Colleges on the afore-named divines, however much some Europeans may affect to despise them as well as everything else American.—*St. Louis Presbyterian*.

[That most of the above names are of the first order of celebrity, cannot be disputed, and it would be easy to add to the list. Two things, however, are to be observed: first, considering the shoals of American graduates, it is almost impossible that a few respectable individuals should not be found included; secondly, some of the Universities and Colleges probably do exercise a sound and judicious discretion in conferring their honors, which will be really valuable of course. But it is notorious that the procedure of many other of the American Institutions is characterised by absolute profligacy. Those, therefore, who hold degrees from reputable Institutions, ought to indicate the source from which their titles are derived, as English graduates generally add to theirs "Oxon," or "Cantab"; for A.M. or D.D. at large, is certainly not worth the ink. We lately accompanied a friend, residing in Montreal, to one of our public institutions, where he was requested to inscribe his name in the Visitors' Book. As he wrote simply his name, it was suggested that he should add M.D., it being well known that he was a physician. He did so, and remarked, "I could have written D.D. also." We expressed some surprise that, though we had been long and rather intimately acquainted with him, we had never heard of his receiving the latter title. "Oh," said he, "I got it long ago; but I almost never make the slightest reference to it; D.D. implies nothing!"]

ANCIENT IMPORTED CHURCH.—The oldest church now existing in the United States, is one near Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, Virginia. It was built in the reign of Charles I., between the years 1630 and 1635. The brick, lime, and timber were imported from England. The timber is English oak, and was framed in England. The structure is of brick, erected in the most substantial manner. The mortar has become so hardened that it will strike fire in collision with steel.—*Presbyterian*.

POPISH COUNCIL IN NEW YORK.—Archbishop Hughes, as we understand, has summoned a Council of the Bishops of this Province, with their Theologians and the Heads of Religious Orders, to assemble at the Cathedral on the first Sunday in October. The Suffragan Bishops of the Province of New York are—

Right Rev. Dr. McCloskey, Bishop of Albany.

Right Rev. Dr. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Boston.

Right Rev. Dr. Timon, Bishop of Buffalo.

Right Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Bishop of Hartford.

Right Rev. Dr. Loughlin, Bishop of Brooklyn.

Right Rev. Dr. Bayley, Bishop of Newark, and

Right Rev. Dr. de Goesbriand, Bishop of Burlington, Vt.

This will be the first Roman Catholic Council of the Province of New York, and