

H. J. HUIDEKOPER, ESQ.

THIS rare and excellent man closed his earthly career on the 22d May last, in the 79th year of his age. He was the father and founder of the Meadville Theological School, and as such he commanded our especial respect. The following pages relating to him we take from a more lengthened notice in the Boston *Christian Register* :—

Mr. Huidekoper was educated as a Calvinist, according to the Heidelberg catechism, and at an early age was regularly admitted to the Dutch Reformed Church. An account of his change of views would probably, better than almost anything, give a true idea of the man, for it was an example of the fidelity and thoroughness and good faith which characterized him in all relations. When his children had reached the age at which they must necessarily begin to receive religious impressions and opinions of some sort, he felt that their instruction, in so important a matter, could not be delegated to another. He had never doubted the faith in which he had been reared, but in teaching his children, he felt the need of a more thorough acquaintance with what he was to teach. To prepare himself for this responsible work, he took what he had always regarded as the great doctrines of Christianity, and, with reference to each one, read the New Testament through, writing out every passage which he supposed could have a bearing on it. Besides other doctrines, less open to controversy, he pursued this course with reference to the Trinity, the Atonement, Total Depravity, &c., and after a full collection of whatever he could find in the Scriptures, to illustrate the subject in hand, he sat down to the subject of it, with the purpose