

At noon, the hour appointed, a large assembly was collected in the audience chamber of the University, one-half of whom were students and their friends, and the other half were the celebrities of the city, and other guests who had been especially invited. These two divisions of the company were separated by a balustrade, which divides the beautiful hall into two nearly equal parts. The honorary division was divided with well cushioned seats, but the students were not thus favored, and were obliged to maintain a standing position throughout the lengthened exercises. A rougher looking set of men, or one more plainly dressed, could hardly be found in any of our least favored colleges, than this body of German students; at the same time, it is very rarely, if ever, the case, that in any other city than Berlin, so large a number of truly learned men, both young and old, are assembled on one occasion.

Foremost among the persons who were present, must be mentioned the venerable Humboldt, whose noble features and benignant smile seemed to attract the attention of all. He was not in scholastic robes, but wore upon his plain black dress the decorations of royal orders, with which he has been honored. Before the commencement of the exercises, many who were present exchanged salutations with him, in a manner which showed how highly he was revered. Near him sat the cabinet ministers, and high officers of the army and navy, in their official uniforms, members of the diplomatic corps, the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Prussia, Dr. Neander, and other clergymen, as well as other persons of distinction. When the audience was assembled, the doors at one end of the hall were thrown open, and the four faculties of the University entered in dignified procession. They were preceded by two beadles, dressed in bright red cloaks, and each bearing the mace of office. Then came "his Magnificence, the Rector, Dr. Encke," widely celebrated for his astronomical investigations, dressed in the gold embroidered purple robe of his office, and wearing at his side a sword, and upon his breast the emblems of seven or eight different orders. He was supported by the judge of the University, who is at the head of the University discipline, as the rector is of the science of the institution. Then came the theological faculty, in black gowns, with purple facings; the law faculty, in black gowns with scarlet facings; the medical faculty, with crimson facings; and the philosophical faculty with blue facings. At the head of each of these four bodies was its dean, who, instead of wearing a black gown, wore one entirely of the color of the faculty he represented. Almost every one of the professors was decorated with one or more orders. Among the eminent professors who were present, may be mentioned Ritter the geographer, Hengsternberg the theological writer, Trendelenberg the philosopher, Mitscherlich the chemist, Dove the physicist, Strauss the preacher, Strahl the jurist, and many others of scarcely less celebrity.

When they were seated, the court singers—a choir of male voices almost unequalled—sang a choral hymn.

The rector then proceeded to deliver a discourse, commemorative of the founder of the University, in the course of which he reviewed the discoveries in astronomy which took place during the life-time of that monarch, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the encouragement which his Majesty had extended to different departments of science. The discourse continued for more than an hour and a half.

At its close, the rector proceeded to announce the prizes of the year. The report of each faculty was read, giving the title of the essay to which the premium was awarded, and the sealed envelopes were then broken in presence of the assembly, and the names of the successful candidates, hitherto unknown, were publicly declared. It was difficult to say whether the eagerness of the professors or the students was greater, to hear the announcement of each fortunate writer. The themes for the prizes of the next year were then announced, and the exercises closed by the same choir singing the following hymn:

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott zu unsern Zeiten:
Es ist ja doch kein Andre nicht,
Der für uns könnte streiten,
Denn du unser Gott alleine.

The procession of professors then retired, and the students sauntered about the University, exchanging their comments and congratulations. In all, three hundred persons may have been present, no ladies being invited.

The annual election of University Rector took place immediately before this festival. Prof. Encke, who has held this office for the academic year now closed, is succeeded by Dr. Mitscherlich, professor in ordinary of chemistry. He is a man of great ability, and is understood to represent the conservative school of politics.—*Cor. Norton's Gazette.*

UNITED STATES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

Roswell S. Burrows, Esq., of Albion, Orleans county, has made a munificent donation of three thousand dollars for the benefit of the Neander Library, in the University of Rochester. Mr. B. is one of the corporation of the University, and among the most liberal of its friends. . . . The Trustees of Amherst College have elected the Rev. Wm. A. Stearns, D. D., of Cambridgeport, as President of that Institution, in place of Dr. Hitchcock, who resigned on account of enfeebled health. . . . Orestes A. Brownson, says the *Boston Bee*, has accepted the invitation tendered him by the Rev. Dr. Newman and the directors of the Irish University, to accept a professorship in that institution. His salary is about \$3,000 a year. He is now preparing his first course of lectures. It is understood that this engagement will not interfere with his *Review*. . . . The new *Universalist College* is located at Somerville, just out of Boston, on a commanding eminence. The ground, valued at \$20,000, was presented by Mr. Tufts, of Somerville. Hosea Ballou, D. D., is now on a visit to Europe for the purpose of purchasing a library. . . . The Trustees of the Wesleyan College, at Middletown, Conn., have bestowed the honorary degree of L. L. D. upon Francis Hall, Esq., for so many years the efficient editor of the *New York Commercial Advertiser*. . . . Dr. Terrell has given \$20,000 to endow an Agricultural Professorship in Franklin College, Georgia. He has suggested Dr. Daniel Lee, the editor of the *Southern Cultivator*, and an editor of the *Rochester American* as a suitable person to fill the chair. . . . The Recent Meeting of the American Institute of Instruction (the 25th Annual), at Providence, was an occasion of exceeding interest to the large number of delegates who took part in the exercises. Addresses were made on educational topics by Rev. Dr. Wayland, Rev. E. B. Huntington, Elbridge Smith, Esq., Rev. E. Beecher, D. D., W. Hooker, M. D., and Geo. Sumner, Esq. . . . A valuable Theological Library, consisting of about 4,000 vols., a part of the estate of the late Dr. Philo, Professor of Theology at the University of Halle, has been purchased for Yale College New Haven. . . . The American Institute, desirous of adding to its library such documents and works as have from time to time been published by the various State Governments, municipal and other corporations, has appointed Messrs. John Disturnell, Ralph Lockwood, Alexander Knox, Robert Loyett, Wm. A. Whitbeck, Alanson Nash, William Hibbard and Edwin Williams an Exchange Committee to procure such works. The Institute having issued 8 vols. of its transactions from 1846 to 1853, each volume containing over 500 pages, bound, this Committee is empowered to make exchange of these works with similar institutions in the United States and Canadas. The Institute has been twenty years forming the Library of 7,000 volumes, now in its rooms at No. 351 Broadway, and the object of this step is to make it yet more extensive and valuable. . . . Dr. Wm. Terrill, of Sparta, has given to the Georgia State University at Athens, the munificent sum of \$20,000, to endow a professorship of Agriculture. In pursuance of the donor's wishes, the professor of Agriculture is to give a free course of lectures each year. . . . The Alumni of Yale College are busy raising \$150,000 for the improvement of their Alma Mater. \$80,000 of the \$150,000 fund has been subscribed, and efforts are to be made to complete the amount. S. B. Crittenden, Esq., lately of New Haven, offered to raise his subscription from \$5,000 to \$15,000, and his generous example will be followed by others.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL STATISTICS.—The following statistics are taken from the reports of superintendents made within the last four years, showing a large increase of benefits, without a dollar of increased expenditures:

	Pupils.	Teachers.	Averaged school time.	Appropriation paid.
In 1850	424,834	10,907	5m. 1 day	\$186,773 24
" 1851	453,642	11,929	5m. 2 days	193,004 80
" 1852	480,778	11,713	5m.	190,266 19
" 1853	474,555	11,230	5m.	184,390 27

Thus, it is demonstrated that whilst the State expenditure for public schools has decreased since 1849, the number of pupils have swollen to fifty thousand, and the corps of teachers multiplied three hundred and twenty-three.

Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

In Russia, there are this year in course of publication ninety-five newspapers, and sixty-six magazines and periodicals, devoted to the proceedings of learned societies. Of these seventy-six newspapers and forty-eight magazines are in the Russian language; fifteen newspapers and ten