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Such was the celebrated pledge of this memorable man ; and nobly did he, by his untiring energy and industry, redeem his solemn vow to promote popular education among his fellow countrymen.

Gustavus Fredrick Dinter, or, as he was at a later date more generally styled, School-Councillor Dinter, was born in Borna, near Leipsic, in Saxony, in 1760. A cotemporary memoir states, that he first distinguished himself as principal of a Teacher's seminary in Saxony, whence he was invited by the Prussian government to the station of School-Councillor for Eastern-Prussia. "He resides at Königsberg, and spend about ninety days in the year in visiting the schools of his province, and is incessantly employed nearly thirteen hours a day for the rest of his time, in the active duties of his office : and that he may devote himself the more exclusively to his work, he lives unmarried. He complains that his laborious occupation prevents his writing as much as he wishes for the public, yet, in addition to his official duties, he lectures several times a week, during term-time in the University at Königsberg, and always has in his house a number of indigent boys, whose education he superintends, and, though poor himself, gives them board and clothing. He has made it a rule to spend every Wednesday afternoon, and, if possible, one whole day in the week besides, in writing for the press ; and thus, by making the best use of every moment of time, though he was nearly forty years old before his career as an author commenced, he has contrived to publish more than sixty original works, some of them extending to several volumes, and all of them popular. Of one book, a school catechism, fifty thousand copies, were sold previous to 1830 ; and of his large work, the School-Teacher's Bible, in 9 volumes 8vo., thirty thousand copies were sold in less than ten years.

"He is often interrupted by persons who are attracted by his fame, or desire his advice ; and while conversing with his visitors, that no time may be lost, he employs himself in knitting ; and thus not only supplies himself with stockings and mittens, suited to that cold

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GUSTAVUS FREDRICK DINTER,—BORN 1760, DIED 1831, *ÆTAS*, 71 YEARS.

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"Ich versprach Gott : Ich will jedes preussische Bauerkind für ein Wesen ansehen, das mich bei Gott verklagen kann, wenn ich ihm nicht die beste Menschen-und Christen-Bildung schaffe, die ich ihm zu schaffen vermag."

"I promised God, that I would look upon every Prussian peasant child as a being who could complain of me before God, if I did not provide for him the best education as a man and a Christian, which it was possible for me to provide."

Dinter's Letter to Baron Von Allenstein.