Depoted to Politics, News, Agriculture, Internal Improvements, Commerce, the Arts and Sciences, Morality, and the Family Circle.

VOL. XII .- NEW SERIES.

I. J. BRUNER, Editor and Proprietor.

For the Watchman.

Watchman of the 6th inst, an article from the National Intelligencer, on the action of the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, in relation to the application of the North Carolina Classia Mr. Davis, of Lincolnton, on the importance of of the Gergan Reformed Church, to form a con- the study of the English Language. The next nection with said Synod of the Dutch Reformed session will commence on the 3d Monday in Church; and as many of the readers of the January. The friends and patrons of the Calan are members of the German Re- lege will be gratified to learn that the Apparatus formed Church, and of course interested in this which has been a desideratum in the study of movement, it would be well to give still further some branches of science, will be furnished by infor mation in relation to it.

The Intelligencer has correctly stated that the churches under the care of the North Carolina Classis profess the same faith as the Reformed Church ; both these churches having the same standard, the Heidelberg Catechism. There is, however, a national distinction between these two churches which Anglo-Americans often mishend by confounding the word German annual courses over the "Swift Course," in this and Dutch. These are two languages as diverse city, commenced hast Tuesday. Among the from each other as the English and Dutch, many entries for the sporting characters to back though like the English belong to the Teutonic their judgment on, we find the name of Brown stock. At present these branches of the Chris. Dick, of New Orleans notoriety, Frank Brien, tian Church are under two different organiza. Invincible, Rough and Ready, Kunsas, and last. tions in America although they were at first un- but not least, that of Mary Blue Skin. der the same organization in this country ; as The races opened on Tuesday with two mile the Synod of the German Reformed Church, heats, best two in three, between Brown Dick and the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church and Mary Blae Skin, the latter having but were both formed under the auspices of the Sy- few friends in the course, but ere the race was nod of North Holland, and continued in connec. half through, she (if she could have spoken) tion with it till the year 1794, when on account might have said "save me from my friends." of the inconvenience of sending delegates to Eu. The purse offered by the club was \$500, Mary

rope the connection was amicably dissolved, and Blue Skin winning. each Synod managed its own affairs. The North The weather was so unfavorable that the rates Carolina Classis stood in connection with the were postponed till Saturday, when Mary Blue Synod of the German Reformed Church of North Skin, Liroun Dick, Intincible, and Frank Er-America, until recently on account of the favor win, competed for the purse of \$350, in a single shown by the Synod to innovations of Dr. No. dash of three miles. Mary Blue Skin again vin, it withdrew from Synod; and having had winning;-time 6.16}. To day, the purse is assurances from many of the prominent mem. \$1300, and "Molly." will have to pull harder bers of the Dutch Reformed Synod of a welcome than usual, as I understand Little Master will reception in their midst, and not being desirous of appear against her. Mary has hundreds of remaining in an isolated and independent con- friends, and should she be beaten thousands of dition to make application to form a connection dollars will change hands

with said Synod for the mutual advantage of the I now change the subject to inform you o Classis and the Synod in the way of Church ex. the burning of two blocks of buildings in the tension among the Germans of the South and city of Marietta, on yesterday morning. The South-west. The Classis accordingly appointed fire originated in a kitchen attached to the Ma a commissioner with an alternate to attend the rietta Hotel, immediately consuming the whole meeting of the Dutch Synod which met in June, block ; and as the wind was high, easily comin the city of New Brunswick. At which time municated to the adjoining block, and in two Box. T. Butler, the alternate attended, and pre- short hours, two whole blocks of the "Beautiful agated the application of the Classis before the City," were in one heap of rains. Just one Synod. A few fiery abolitionists immediately year from the 24th of this month, the fine brick opposed the proposed connection on account of block of the same city, facing on one side of the connection of this Classis with slavery. This the public square, and on the other the W. & was nothing more than what was expected and A. R. R., was consumed. The loss of yesterwhat the Classis was prepared for, but during the day's fire, however, is much greater than that of inent members of the Synod opposed the mea- crally, feel a heavy loss in the burning of the sursion the ground of expediency, maintaining Hotel, kept by Mr. W. A. M. Lanier, of Greens Inspell. boro', N. C. that it would introduce an exciting element among them. The commissioner seeing the ap- DISPOSITION OF THE \$3,000,000 DUE plication was producing undue excitement among MEXICO. them, generously withdrew it, with the remark WASHINGTON, November 18. that if even the slaves of the South were to be The Report of the Boundary survey has been benefitted, it must be by the church and, by the church South. This remark had its appropriate and the United States, and was placed by Maj effect, and many of the members of Synod Emory in the State Department on yesterday spring that the withdrawal at the time was like. It is probable, therefore, that the Cabinet will present them in an unfavorable light before this union, solicited the commissioner to leave the application for further action at the Fall Session of Synod, which recently met in New York .---- drafts. This however, he would not do until requested and the second state of the ROBBERY. by a unanimous resolution of Synod. At the A robbery was committed in a store on King Fall Session the application again came up, and a protracted and exciting discussion followed, much in substance as quoted from the National Intelligencer and was disposed of in the summa-ry manner there stated. It is but just to atate that this action does not form a proper test of the strength of abolitionism in the Dutch church, the strength of abolitionism in the Duten church, as it was sustained mainly by expediency men, among whom was Dr. Bethune, who was him-self a host in the Synod. And as the Synod was a delegated body it is likely that it was ac-cidentally constituted of such men as were most adverse to the reception of the Classis. As the decamped, leaving a note in the yard, addressed Dutch Reformed Church is confined to the free States, and has no connection with slavery it was finared that its extension into a slave state would bring about the agitation on the question would take the trouble to visit him at that of slavery so much to be deprecated in some place.- Charleston Mercury. other churches. Still, however, the Synod, it seems, has acted inconsistently and unkindly to the Classis of North Carolina, after the assurances We learn, from good authority, that the Rus-We learn, from good authority, that the Rus-sian Government has purchased the above fire-arms-100,000 old United States muskets, we believe-and the same are now in process of alteration into semi-Minie rifles, at Colt's estabgiven of a favorable reception, and the request of the Synod to continue the application. And it will be difficult after all to separate their measure of expediency from the anti-slavery move-ment at the North. At least, whether justly lar fact, that the chief belligerent parties in the present European war, have come to the city of Hartford, Connecticut, to obtain their best arms or unjustly, the abelitionists will cousider it as a triumph in their favor. It will be still more diffi-Messra. Robbins & Lawrence are turning ou the command of our Savior to go and preach the gospel to every creature; and to be in subordi-bation to the over the subordi-besides a large quantity of other sume Erter, geoper to every creature; and to be in subordi-nation to the powers that be, and are ordained of God. For although it is stated that there were other objections to the admission of the Classis besides the question of slavery it does not appear that they had much weight in determin-ing the action of the Synod.

commendation of those who were competent judges. The students particularly excelled in the exercises of the exhibition. These exercises Ms. Eorros : As you have copied into the together with the music, performed by the Lin-

the commencement of the session.

Editor Watchman : (1+1)

- - - - that there and the marin with

Georgia Correspondence.

The past week has been one of both interest

and excitement to the lovers of the Turf. The

ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 12, 1855.

coln band, gave much interest to the occasion. The annual address to the Philomathean and The Dead. Athenean Societies, was delivered by the Rev. The many of the many of the " O lavita ! O la morte ! Bello e dolce morir, fa certo allora, Che amante la vita, aunto lo morte."-Tamo

> The dead ! the much-loved dead !... Who doth not years to know The secret of their dwelling place, And to what land they go? What heart but asks with secret tone,

POETICAL.

For some sure knowledge of its own? We cannot blot them out 97bol and From membry's written paget . 746 We cannot coust them strangers, but. As birds in prison cage, We beat against the from bar

That keeps us from those friends afar. Oblivion may not hang Its cantain o'er their graves There is no water we can sip, Like Lethe's lulling wave ; But fond affection's moaning wall Breaks from us like the antumn gale.

Grief cannot win them back : And yet with frequent tear, We question of their hidden lot, And list with throbbing ear,

For some low unswer that may rol Through the hushed temple of the soul. We love them-love them yet !

But is our love returned? Is memory's hearth now cold and dark Where once the heart-fire burned ? Nor do the laborers now gone home,

Look for the weary ones to come ! We wrong them by the thought :---Affections cannot die ; Man is still man where er he poes // And oh ! how strong the tie Which links us, as with fellers fast, Unto the future and the past. 101. 11. Deuth would be dark indeed, If, with this mortal shroud, We threw off all the sympathies "Phat in our being crowd," And entered on the spirit-land, A stranger, mid a strauger-band. Far pleasanter to think.

That each familiar face. Now gazes on us as of old, From its mysterious place, With love, that neither death nor change Hath power to sever or estrange. Ob ! who will dare to say,

" This is an idle dream ?" Who that hath given one captive dove To sour by its own stream, But fancies that its breathings low. Float around them wherease'er they go?

Mother ! couldst thou endure To think thyself formet By her, who was thy life, thy air,

Wouldst thou not live in doubt and fear,

If all thy bright hopes perished here?

The sunbeam of thy lot

And brother ! sister ! child !

Ye all have loved the light

Of many a dearly cheriahed one,

Now taken from your sight,

And can ge deem that when ye meet,

SALISBURY, N. C., NOVEMBER 27, 1855.

Rockingtiam (N. C.) Democrat. We entirely agree with the Editor of the Democrat, in his reflections on the subject. With him, we can readily believe the boy "sees a snake," and es-pecially when about the still-house; but how those tracks were made, why it spoke to him, see what it was, and when he was tied in the source of the New Region of the New Re as the first serpent did to mother Eve, and why still house he had clover in his hat, and he saw years, a padlock on their line, a consorbin on facured the clover and the still house he had clover in his hat, and he saw it is that no gun, when pointed at it, will "ex- the anake come and peep in the house, having a plore," are indeed mysteries to us unfathomable. face, eyes, mouth, tongue and all, precisel We may add that "anaia" are occasionally seen a man he perfectly knew, and all but the head in these parts, and that they leave their " mark" was precisely like a rattle-snake ; and it scared him prodigiously. Then on Sunday last, 28th too, like the Rockingham sanke; but whether discussion of the sankes, or only make believe anakes, to my house, who doubted the reality of the or artificial snakes, is more than we can "ex-plore." We believe, however, that they are produced by a species of still-worm. We distinct- they might be convinced, all of them respectable men, saw the mark of the snake. ly remember seeing, a man not long since, to Yours respectfully, whom it was given to behold a monstrous snake

with four eyes, with goggles on each eye, and List of men's names who saw the mark of the fanned-for the air was hot-by thirty-six bat snake : wings at a time, attached to only four bats !-

Just think of that. The same man saw a cat Taylor, Jefferson Hudson, James Thacker, Geo. Troxler, Constantine Troxler, James Atkins, Sam' mew. The inference we drew from all this-Lemmons, Franklin Lemmons, D. M. Molloy, with a charcoal-was, that the man " wore clover in his hat" and was in the habit of "smiling Josephus Vaugha, G. W. Lester.

privately" and of observing things, per consequence, thus publicly. Alfred it seems, was tied, and no doubt with a rope; but our man was tied with a habit-and he saw best and most al

readers from the story. Mr. Stone speaks with much cornestness, and no doubt feels what he that the Americans, who must always have an that occasion, there are scarcely any who have says. We ask none of our readers to form an agitation going on, have, for a year or two past, not since been bankrupts, through the very trade opinion on the subject, yet we bespeak for the been becoming more and more excited on the with the South, which they pawned their liberstory their "most distinguished consideration." disunion question, The Southern States have ties to preserve. Twenty years more of expe-

Stone, containing a "Snake Storr," The affair was said or done at Washington, that their com- West, are worth more to them than that of the seems to be "all taik" over in that region. One plaints have for sometime coased to alarm the South-impoverished by her own account ; and of the "neighbors" has since called in and sub- friends of Republican government. But when impoverished, as they have good reason to know, of the "neighbors" has since called in and sub-stantisted the facts in the letter. Mr.S. is a reliable man and his son " don't tell fies." The tion of the minority from the South, began open- neath its hot and heavy trend. Whatever trade latter is much alarmed, his health, we learn is ly to question whether the Union be really a there may be with the West Indies is worth as giving away under the effects of the singular very divine instrument, seeing the moral sacri- much to them now as it would be if owned by occular delusion. The tracks of the snake, con- fices it has required, it was evident to all Europe, the South ; and they will be slow to risk their occular delusion. The tracks of the snake, con-stitute an exception to the general run of men- as it had been to all wise Americans, that the other foreign trade by collision with the great in the river. There he is said to have heard the we can readily believe the Union must break up in disorder, unless its sub- naval power of the world. tal hallucinatio boy " sees a make ;" but that it makes a track jects could agree (and agree soon) to weed out Again they truly revere the act of Union is rather hard to swallow, were it not attested by men of veracity :-

A CURIOUS SNAKE. Mearra, Editors : We have a very mysterious heart of the Union-openly acknowledge the subserviency. They know-every man, woman left the Judge to continue his favorite aquation Meases, Editors ; We have a very in a loo on heart or the Union-openly acanon country in a subserviency. They are the subserviency is a subserviency in the state of the sports by himself. other places about my farm. The snake is in-visible to all persons who have been to see it. Union has spoken thus. After referring to a Republic exerted their utmost ingenuity, to limit It has never been discovered by no person ex-cept my son Alfred, and wherever he goes by ton, this central paper says: "We need not rehimself the snake appears. The anake first appears to in the Still House, and he ran up to my dwelling house in great excitement and the South are arrayed against the North and the South are arrayed against spread and influence. Now, that the free States told me he saw a very large rattlesnake lying each other, with political parties in the field extold the net saw a very large ratiescance types in the fire in the Still house. And I made all clusively sectional in their organizations, the days the haste I possibly could to the Still Heuse, and of the Union are necessarily numbered. The promise now that they see the free settlers of when I got there I found nothing of the snake Charleston Mercury, therefore, is but carrying Kansas, who are actually the majority of the was accustomed to float away for miles from Siat all, and I made considerable search for the snake for I was afraid to stay in the Still House of nights, supposing that a rattle snake lived in or about the Still House, so I abandoned the idea of stilling of nights and still altogether in daytime, and Alfred being my principal stiller, ty, than she complains of the treason, and of daytime, and Alfred being my puncipal strine, I sends him off to still again the next day, and he saw the snake again. And I exerted all the power I could in order to get to the still house before the snake could get away, and it had ab-before the snake could get away, and it had abscould again; and my son told me where he respects, in comparison with the North. One of the alliance between New and Old England in the most curious features of the whole contro- a crisis which tests the very principles that are could, and I found nothing of the snake, but I versy is the incompatibility of the pleas of the the life-blood of both, must be stronger than the excitement brought out a great many of my party which began the sectional quarrel. The Union which the Northern and the Southern reachement brought out a great many of my party once ogan are sectional quarter. The Union which the Northern and the Southern neighbors in order to try to see, and to try to kill the make, but none of them after all their searches could find it; and it kept ou appear-ing to my son every time he want to the still have carried all their points, from the beginning. their guns, in order to watch for the anake, in order that they might shoot it, but noue of them their guns in the bands of my son, for him to shoot it, and with guns too that pever miss fring, but he could get none of the guns to go off. Some of them wald fall half-bent, and not off. Some of them would tall han over when he territory, of whose richness they hold out temptwould pall the cock down, and after my ueigh-bors had been to my house from time to time to see the snake, and none of them could ever see it, they began to conclude that it was all a lie if a negroes a very good thing. After playing part of my son, and George W. Lester, fast and loose with the Union for above twenty and others, and concluded to shoot at the spot where my son told them it was, and Mr. Lester went on to the place, and my son seeing the snake all the while, and telling him, (Mr. Lest ter,) that the snake was under his feet, and that it would bite him, and Mr. Lester standing all the while with his gun in his hand and looking all the while, with all the eyes he had, and could all the while, with all the eyes he had, and could eupidity, and the prejudices of that class (large know that the fillibustering order of warfare is ed in the Seven Years' War, was always a welsee nothing of the anake at all, which acared him prodigiously. Then Mr. Lester left his gun for Alfred to shoot the sunke himself, so my son some time after went down to the still house. and sure enough he found the sanke again, and the gun of Mr. Lester in his (my son's) hand, well loaded, primed, and I believe there is not a better gun in the State, for it is said this gun never missed firms, when tried, but my non better gun in the State, for it is said this gun usual. To crown all, the Cabinet at Washing-took good aim at the snake and the cock fell ton is devoted to Southern interests, to an extent took good aim at the snake and the cock fell half-bent—he tried again and not a particle of fire was seen; he tried four times and the gun would not explore; he was told to turn the mur-rie of the gan in a different direction, which he did, and it fired as clear as any gun you ever heard, but still the neighbors said if it was a anake it would make a track. But I myself was bouid to believe what my son said, for I never where objections to the administor of the grant regime to set the statement of allowing with the made.
Scientife American.
A ABSCONDED DEBROR.
A Mannes or make register in the statement on and our framework and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on and for a law register in the statement on a la

A WONDERFUL SNAKE STORY. We capy the following curious, wonderful, per-plexing, and perspicuous "anakestory" from the Rockingham (N. C.) Democrat. We entirely then I did not suffer Alfred to stay about the The Northern States have even less interest in of the reasons which compel us to agree with

their press ; now a chain cordon round the court- destiny" of their country to possess other peohouse in Boston ; and now the murder of a citi- pled' territories; but we hope that there are zen of Massachusetts on his own threshold in Northern men enough to save the Republic, who Illinois, for his righteous determination to work see something better than this to be the " manihis own printing press under the laws of that fest destiny" of a commonwealth dowered with free State. They have borne more indignitica the highest hopes and best wishes of the fore-

NUMBER XXVII

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

TABLE TRAITS WITH SOMETHING ON THEM. By Dr. Doran. New York-Redfield.

Dr. Doran's anecdotical books are so lively, entertaining and full of information, that we are glad to see that Mr. Redfield is continuing their republication. The volume on "Habits and Men," recently reprinted, was highly amusing, North for their freedom of the seas is clear but the "Table Traits" will afford even more enenough to those who are aware of a remarkatertainment. The author must be an indefatigable reader with a vast library at command, and must be gifted with a remarkably retentive memory, to bring together such a rich collection of facts and incidents illustrative of the enting and drinking peculiarities of individuals and nations in all ages of the world. We extract a few paragraphs which may serve to whet the appetite for a full feast of Dr. Doran's good things :--

A WATER LAWYER AND WATER DIVINE. "The late Vice-Chancellor of England, Sir ancelotte Shadwell, was as indefatigable a bathr as the monk noticed by Bede. Every morning throughout the year, during his residence at casion, a party, in urgent need of an injunction. after looking for the Judge in a hundred places where he was not to be found, at length took case, listening to the details as the astonished applicants read them, and now and then performthe compromise which renders it now unworka- framed by their fathers, as they have shown only ing a frolicksome "summersault," when they ble. The Washington newspapers of recent too well by their exaggerated and costly dread paused for want of breath. The injunction was dates-the tidings which came from the very of danger, to it during twenty years of political granted, it is said; after which the applicants

" If the late amiable and able Vice-Chancellor

From the London News EUROPE FORESEES A DISSOLUTION OF Fancuil Hall, in Boston, (the "Cradle of Liber-THE UNION. ways when thus tied. But we are detaining our We are telling no news to the world in stating action. Of the long line of requisitionists on

been so accustomed to threaten secession from rience have now shown them that their foreign A SNAKE STORY. We publish the following letter from Mr, the Union, when anything that they did not like commerce, and that of the free States of the

goes by ton, this central paper says: "We need not re- never have been founded if its builders had sup- Singleton a water-divine. When tator to the

ble fact, duly noted by those most nearly concerned. There was, in 1895, a great meeting in ty,") called by "the property and standing" of the city to put down the abolitionists and their

A Stanton

than we have space to tell, so that they are now most men of the earth. asking each other, even in their newspapers, "Was not the government of England harmless, compared to the tyrannical government of slave-O. B. STONE.

holders ?" And now the time for throwing off the voke, evidently near at hand, will probably be decided by the declaration of war against Edward Goolsby, Obadiah Vernan, Josiah Fr England, if the Washington Cabinet should perpetrate that act.' That there is nothing in their commerce with the South which compensate the

and the second s

Hearts will not hold communion sweet ? Alas! if it be so. That in the burialsurn The soul must garner up the love,

That once did in it burn, Better to know not of the worth Of true affection on this earth. Better to live alone, Unblessing and unblest,

Than thus to meet and mingle thought, Then from the immortal breast Shut out the memory of the past, Like day beams from a forest wast.

Oht no tit cannot be tall a staff Ye! the long-lost of years! Mid all the changes of this life, Its thousand joys and fears, We love to think that round ye move,

Making an atmosphere of fore. Ye are not dead to us; But as bright stars unseen We hold that ye are ever near, Though death intrudes between, Like some thin cloud, that wells from sight The countless spangles of the night.

Your influence is still felt In many a varied hour : The dewy morn brings thoughts of you ; Ye give the twilight power ; And when the Sabbath sunshine On your white tombs, ye fill our breasts.

No spathy has struck Its ice-buit through our hearts ; Yours are among our household names; Your memory ne'er departs ; And far, far sweetest are the flowers Ye planted in our favorite howers.

el asili to stall in dation i sone Friends ! I would crave like boon When laid within death's vanita :

Speak of me often, though it be Only to tell my faults ; For better that some hearts he taught Even of my follies than of nought.

Oh 1 yes remember me In gentleness and love : Let not the chasm be early filled That tracks my last remove ; But grant me still that little spot ;--Friends 1 dearest friends ? forget menot.

find the vast North-west territory thrown open Hugh, Earl Percy, being expert swimmers, and promise-now that they see the free settlers of tion of less daring venturers. The Archdeacon ance, they are hardly likely to join the despotie

them to succeed in aggressive warfare in Europe. then from an ambush." The men of the North know this. And if they "Now, old Ziethen, after the triumph achiesthe one proposed, and the one which they must come guest at the table of Frederick the Second.

the stream ; but when he was better known, his

COURAGE AND RELIGION OF A GERMAN GENERAL. " There is a story told in connection with the great Frederick which is a good table trait in its way. Joachim Von Ziethen was one of the bravest of the generals who stood by Frederick the Great, in a victory or defeat. He was the son of a poor gentleman, and had little education save

tion. Brave they are; capable of endurance, which shall enable him to ride through the enthusiasm, self-denial, self-sacrifice, everything storms which keep him from his desired haven that can glorify a good cause and render it victorious, but their origin, their institutions, and Prussia ; but among his comrades he was known their national temper vaise them above that pro- only as " good Father Ziethen." He was remarfessional military training and individual mili- kable for his swiftness at once of resolve and exmen, discipline, or experience which can enable astonished Prussian as "falling on one like Zie-