

## Chapter VII.—Buildings for the purposes of Literature, Science, Charity, and Public Amusement.

**Adelphi Theatre.**—A very small establishment, so called, is placed at the corner of North and Saratoga streets. It is but rarely opened for dramatic performances, and is more frequently used for exhibitions of paintings, &c.

**Asbury College.**—Established in 1816; now situated at the corner of North and Fayette streets; it receives none but day students. The number of pupils at this time is sixty, M. Power, Principal.

**Assembly Rooms.**—This building, located at the corner of Holliday and Fayette streets, has lately been altered in height from two to three stories, and otherwise improved. The dancing rooms are on the second floor. Cost of the building \$38,000 before the alteration. It was built in 1787.

**Baltimore College.**—Nearly opposite the Cathedral, in Mulberry street. It is exclusively devoted to day scholars; the number of which at present are 130. This college is attached to the University of Maryland. The dimensions of the building are 82 feet by 50. Principal John Preutiss.

**Concert Hall.**—In south Charles street. It contains a large room very suitable for balls, &c.

**Commerce Street Assembly Rooms.**—These are situated in Commerce street, and adapted to the same purposes as the preceding.

**Female Orphan Asylum.**—Incorporated in 1808, and intended to afford shelter and education to destitute orphan children. It is situated in Mulberry near Park street.

**Front Street Theatre.**—This is the largest theatre in the city, but very plain on its exterior. It can easily be arranged, to answer the purpose of a circus, for which, indeed, it was originally intended. The cost was \$27,000.

**Holliday Street Theatre.**—This house is small, but very tasteful; its front is ornamented with six Doric pilasters. It is the Baltimore Drury, the oldest and most fashionable theatre in the city. The original cost of this building was \$50,000.

**Library.**—The Baltimore Library is on the lower floor of the Assembly Rooms, at the corner of Holliday and Fayette streets, entrance on Holliday street. It was incorporated in 1796. At present this is a very large and valuable collection of books.

**McKim's Free School.**—Among the public buildings which ornament Baltimore, we must consider as deserving of particular notice, the Free School, at the corner of east Baltimore and Aisquith streets. It is a superb structure, built after the model of the Temple of Theseus in Athens, and owes its origin to the munificence of Isaac McKim, esq. son of the late John McKim.

**Museum.**—The Baltimore Museum is at the corner of Baltimore and Calvert streets. Its external appearance is perhaps, superior to that of any similar establishment in the United States.



