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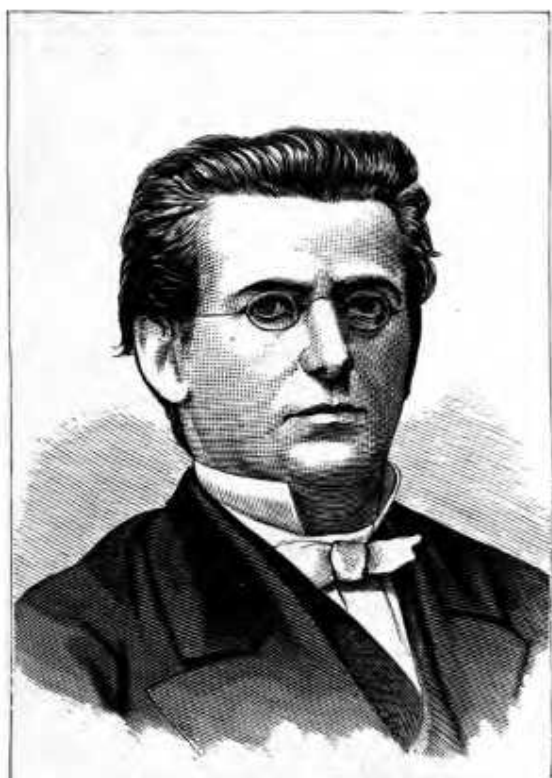
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Christlieb received his classical education at Maulbronn and Tübingen; in the former place he was a pupil of the famous Greek scholar, Dr. Baumlein. He entered, in 1851, the University of Tübingen, to which Germany is indebted for a large number of profound theologians.

His teachers at the University were Oehler, Landerer, Beck, and Baur. He learned from all of them, but followed none exclusively. They needed not to bring him to Christ, as he came to the University, true to his name (Christlieb), a lover of Christ. After having honorably passed his theological examination, he re-