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EDUCATION—PROFESSION.

Gerardus Clarkson, grandson of the Secretary, was born in the City of New York, in the year 1737. He was the youngest of six children of Matthew Clarkson and Cornelia De Peyster, his wife. At the age of 40 the father was removed by death, when Mrs. Clarkson, with her children, took up her residence at New Brunswick, N. J., and later on married Reverend Gilbert Tennent, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in that place. In 1743 Mr. Tennent, with his family, removed to Philadelphia, preaching to the First Presbyterian congregation, and afterwards founded the Second Presbyterian Church, situated at the northwest corner of Arch and Third streets. Their home in this city, is called in Watson's "Annals," Bedminster Country Seat, on the northeast corner of Fourth street and Brewers Alley (now Wood street).

Mr. Tennent took a lively interest in what was known as the *"Log College," founded by his father, the Rev.

* See notice of Centennial in September 1889.