Literary Hotices.

BOOKS sent to us for a Notice, will be duly attended to. Those from publishers in Philadelphia, New York, 26., may be left at our Philadelphia Office, 27 South 10th St., below Chestnut, in care of Joseph M. Wilson, Esq.

BRAINERD'S REMARKS on the work of Grace un der his Ministry among the Indians. Assurance of Faith, a Scottish Anecdote, by Casar Mallan, D.D., of Geneva.

These are excellent Tracts, published by the Board of Publication of the Reformed Dutch Church. We hail our Dutch brethren as co-laborers in the production of good books, and hope that the Boards of the two Churches will possess and circulate each other's works.

THE VALUE AND SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE; & Discourse, by Rev. N. C. Burt, of Baltimore. This Discourse is founded on the command. "Thou shalt not kill." It was preached in the Franklin Street Church, Baltimore, and is well worthy of publication. Mr. Burt shows, by many considerations, that Human Life is eminently valuable, and urges its preservation; and, among the means of preserving it, he presumes not to find any more effective than the due enforcement of God's law. The man who contemplates the shedding of his brother's blood, should know, and feel assuredly, that under the inexorable law of his Creator, his own blood must be the to our natural and commercial advantages. We penalty.

THE SISTERS OF SOLEURB: A Tale of the Sixteenth Coutury. By C. J. W. 16mo., pp. 272. Philadelphia: Parry & McMillan. 1857.

Of all the numerous works in which the differences between Protestantism and Popery are exhibited in connexion with a tale, we know none desirable; for there is not an institution of more truthful to nature and fact than the "Sis- this order within a radius of seventy miles ters of Soleure." The work is of the same nature of us. as "Father Butler," by Carelton, and "Father | In the Academy we have weekly lectures, Clement," by Grace Kennedy, differing from them of a literary or scientific kind, for the intelmerely in the fact that British scenes are por- lectual improvement of our students and trayed in the two former, while the accessories of citizens. They embrace a wide range of the tale before us are Swiss and Continental. subjects. They are home-made productions, The incidents are laid in the year 1579, and thus but none the worse for that. True Amerithe period immediately succeeding the great up- can like, we are fond of, and, therefore enheaval of the mind of Central Europe, by the courage domestic manufacture of all kinds. Reformation, is depicted. The book is well And certain am I, Mr. Editor, that most of known, and has met with much acceptance in these are more substantial productions than Great Britain, as it is wonderfully dramatic and some that are given by those over-lauded attractive.

TRAVELS AND RESEARCHES IN CHALDEA AND SUSI-ANA; with an account of Excavations at Warks, the "Erech" of Nimrod, and Shush, "Shustimes, are as destitute of originality and han the Palace" of Esther, in 1849-52, under the orders of Major General Sir W. F. Williams, of Kars, Bart., K. C. P., M. P., and also of the William Kennett Loftus, F. G. S. 8vo., pp. 486. two learned professors, three intelligent phy-New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 580 sicians, two legislators, one congressman, a

public, on oriental antiquities. It contains the that we do not greatly stand in need of an result of lengthened sojourns in the regions men- extensive importation of foreign orators. tioned in the title; first, in connexion with the Turco-Persian Frontier Commission in 1849-52; and secondly, in conduct of the Expedition sent out by the Assyrian Excavation Fund at the end | creations of strangers' brains for an evenof the year 1853. The volume does not record ing's entertainment. It will tend greatly the discovery of buildings, such as have been to develop latent talent, arouse thought, refound in Assyria; but it comprises accounts of fine taste, and advance intellectual improvecities existing centuries before the greatness and ment. Why do not more of the young men in magnificence of Nineveh rose to astonish the Eastern world, and of sites containing the funeral remains and relics of primeval races. The discoveries here described, which were made at mignly, the same production of the coveries here described, which were made at "Fifty—and My Expenses." Why not determine the country reading Shush, during the progress of the Frontier Com- velop these elements by thought, reading mission, are exceedingly interesting and important. They are valuable in a Biblical, as well as in an Historical sense, for the identifying, beyond write, speak, and you will improve. Let the the reach of cavil, the locality of "Shushan the sun of science shine in upon that cold, dark, Palace," where the events transpired which are bleak mental world of yours, and soon intelmentioned in the book of Esther. They also set- lectual beatuy and fruit will become abuntle many difficult questions connected with the dant. What a pity to see so many noble opography of Susa, and the geography of the youth keeping their minds paralyzed in the Greek campaigns in Persia, under Alexander the frigid zone of idleness and ignorance, when Great, and his successors. The volume is abun- by a few months of intellectual activity they dantly supplied with maps and illustrations; and | might rise far above him whom they now look from what we have here stated, our readers will up to, with round-eyed wonder, as a rara perceive that it is a book of no ordinary value. avis! Why do they not shake from their spir-We look with great interest to any work which its the mantle of indolence, and step boldly makes us acquainted with the territory bounded upon the great platform of manhood? It by the Persian Gulf, the Caspian, the Black Sea, and the Mediterranean. It was the birth-place of the human family, and has more than once been the theatre on which the destiny of the world has been decided. All the intimations of the present point to it, as the scene of mighty operations which are pregnant with effects on the commerce of all civilized lands, and on the you will rise to a noble destiny. Do you Southern nations of Asia. The present commotions in Persia are but the prelude to the coming struggle-a struggle of which the advent will be more rapid, because of the turn which affairs have taken in the European lands which still acknowledge the Moslem sway. Into this subject connexion; and we close our observation on this connexion; and we close our observation on this valuable record of oriental researches, by assuring are blessed, without being painfully solicitestimony to that chain of evidences, which the bottle !- throw down those cards !-drop lands and monuments of the East are now so rap- that filthy novel !- leave those wicked comthe literal correctness of the historical and topo-

THE NORTH AMERICAN MEDICO CHIRURGICAL RE-VIBW. A Bi-monthly Journal, edited by S. D. Gross, M. D., Professor of Surgery in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; and T. G. Richardson, Professor of Anatomy in the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, Philadelphia. pp. 160. Philadelphia: J. B. Lip-pincott & Co. London: Turner & Co., Pater Noster Row. Paris: Hector Bossange et Vils. The above is the name of a new Medical Journal, the first number (for January) of which is before us. The gentlemen who have charge of the editorial chair, are well known to the Profession in the South-west, by the ability with which they have heretofore conducted the Louisville Review. Since their translation to Philadelphia, they have purchased the Medical Examiner, a pe- an Church and the Catholic, this special disriodical, holding, for many years, a high place in medical periodical literature, and have merged gregation, almost without a church edifice; the two journals in the one whose title we have whereas, the latter is a very large churchgiven above. From the known ability of the editors, and the long list of collaborators, the profession have the best of guarantees for having in for the congregation.* The other will never the Review a periodical of a high grade, and re- be able to get a congregation for their house. liable in character. Subscriptions received by the Publishers, or by Joseph M. Wilson, Bookseller and Publisher, 27 S. 10th St., Philadelphia

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate, Some Things about our Town.

There are many towns, and many folks live in them, and most are disposed to boast no little. There is, however, in large numbers of towns, a great similarity in privileges, responsibilities and wants; and if I by, their parsimony. ED. shall speak judiciously of one, my remarks may tend to stimulate a multitude. I shall try; noting, at the same time, some of our

Our Town is not large, but, like Jerusa-lem of old, it is "compactly built together." Our local advantages are only equaled by the energy and general intelligence of our citizens. Of these, however, an exuberant

hitherto kept us from boasting; and herein, I think we differ from most other localities in

Although not entirely blind to the high destiny to which "we must inevitably rise, so soon as our railroads are all completed.' yet, we have never aspired to the dignity of city, nor imagined, for a moment, that our community was the Eden of earth.

The country around us is too hilly to be unhealthy, and too level to be unfruitful. It is neither prairie-like, nor mountainous; combining all the peculiar excellences of both, with the disadvantages of neither. Timber, wood, water, coal, and stone are abundant and cheap. These, with quantities of excellent hay, grain, pork, and all kinds of provisions and provender for man and beast, are daily sold in our market, in Centre Street, where we have a market house, half a mile in length, with the blue heavens as a covering, not quite equaling, however, the magnificence and stir of an Ori-

ental bazaar. In intelligence, wealth and influence, our town ranks high. Our mills are of the first order. Our bank is managed to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, by the most efficient, active and accommodating President and Cashier that can be found this side of Wall Street. And our merchants pay out hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly, in traffic and exchange.

Our educational privileges are fully equal have an elegant Union school. We have, also, a male Academy of the first class, un der religious control, conducted in a manner that merits the highest commendation. And we are soon to have, it is said, a grand Female Seminary, for the more thorough instruction of our daughters. This is most

traveling lecturers of modern times, who go from place to place, like organ grinders, to give a momentary entertainment, rather than times, are as destitute of originality and truth, as they are inflated in diction, and bombastic in style. And when I tell you that Assyrian Excavation Fund in 1853-4. By there are living in our town five ministers, great many noted teachers, and any number This important work will speedily assert for it- of elequent, students, besides a few other self a prominent place among the valuable publications which have of late years been given to the will doubtless agree with me in thinking Let every town like ours, raise its own

> than if they depend, as many do, on the all the elements of intellectuality that those itinerant elocutionists have, who repeat, stands ready to receive, and sustain them. Why do they paddle about a duck-pond,

lecturers, and much more good will result

with the noble eagle, to imperial heights? Ah, young man, leave off your loafing. idling, drinking, gaming! Look up! Fledge your wings with thought, and soon changes which are rapidly approaching in the really love those low walks of indolence and degradation that you so often frequent? Do you never think of the future? Is a present sensual gratification of your sordid desire, the full limit of your ambition? How then are you better than an irrational animal? Are your appetites and passions everything, and your mind and soul nothing? we propose to enter at some length, in another I never see you spending those golden days our readers that it will be found to add another | tous in regard to your future. Break that idly presenting, for confirming and establishing panions !-- arise from that bed of sloth, and let your better nature breathe, for a time, graphical statements of the Old Testament nar- the more congenial atmosphere of purity, wisdom, and truth, and you will experience its renovating power. Live no longer like a fool, lest like a fool you abide, and

when God has given them pinions to soar,

These remarks, Mr. Editor, are designed for some sluggish, wicked, thoughtless boys in "our town," (in many towns,) who are real eye-sores to every patriotic and Christian citizen of the place. Were it not for a few loafers, and some liquor, ours would be one of the greenest spots in this world's moral desert, for our religious privileges even surpass our commercial and intellectual advantages.

Of our six churches, I shall make but one comparison. There is, besides the radical doctrinal differences between the Presbyterisimilarity. The former is a very large conedifice, almost without a congregation. However, the one is able to build a house And so I end what I had to say about our town. ZED.

* If the people are numerous, and able to build. we trust that their willingness will be speedily manifest. It is both shameful and sinful, for a large, wealthy, and intelligent congregation, to abide long in a little, untasteful, and incommodious church edifice. They need not feed their pride, nor waste their means, on meretricious ornaments; but they should make room and comfort in the house consecrated to God, and have it a building which would not proclaim to every passer

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Church at Alliance, Ohio.

MR. EDITOR:-The Missionary Committee of preaching every Sabbath morning in this place, and spending the afternoons between two other

PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE.

Ever since operations have been commence there has been marked attention on the part of The missionary stationed there, spent the whole of the Sabbath (Feb. 8,) in Alliance, and with the assistance of brethren, continued the meetings through the week, closing on yesterday with the observance of the Supper. On Saturday the Session received, on certificate, seven, and on examination seven; in all, fourteen—increasing the membership from nine to twenty-three; from three male members to eight—seven young married men, six of whom have the hearty co opera tion of their wives; and they are all, to appear ances, permanently located in, and convenient to

These facts are given more especially for the information of the members of New Lisbon Presytery, as it will be necessary, at the next meetng, to take important action concerning this enrprise.
Alliance, O., Feb. 16., 1857.

For the Presbyterian Bannerand Advocate.

Acknowledgment. MR. EDITOR :- Permit me, through the Banne and Advocate, to tender my grateful acknowledg-ments to the members of my church, and other adies and gentlemen of Superior, for the multi-plied tokens of favor bestowed by them during he period of my labors amongst them. And especially, for the renewed substantial evidence of than \$160. Cheerfully and freely have they given. May they receive acunquely from on any And as they thus encourage the hearts, and hold up the hands of others, so may Grace, Mercy, and Peace be multiplied unto them.

J. M. BARNETT,

Missionary Pastor of the First Presbyteris Church, (O. S.) Superior, Wisconsin.

The Bible

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Bible Narratives, No. 22.

arah in the harem.—gen. xii: 11—20. If the numerical equality of the sexes has, n every age, been as at present, as we have good reason to believe, then God, in nature are we told whether Abraham, meanwhile, and in providence, writes the law that no man should be the husband of more than one wife. This law is confirmed by the sovereign acts of Jehovah, in forming but one wife to show his love at creation, and his riches increased by his flocks being pern allowing but one for each husband to nanifest his mercy at the deluge. But as woman was the first in transgression, so she nust bear the first and heaviest weight of nanity. Thus, we look not in vain for the fulfillment of the curse pronounced upon Eve and her daughters: 'Thy desire shall be, (thou shalt submit,) to thy husband, and ne shall rule over thee." Only by a special romise, in connexion with the appearance f the Messiah, does this fruit of the fall become less bitter to woman's taste—1. Tim. i : 15.

Far back in antediluvian times, in the must burn, formed by a conviction of rivalry lavished her all which she can bestow.

hysical and moral nature, and expounded acred to be at once disregarded. Hence, though the monarch might seize the sisters or daughters of his most worthy subjects, and place them in his seraglio, unwilling paramours, to be wasted by its atmosphere, corruptible treasures by corroding millews, yet the wife might not be torn away from the arms of an affectionate husband. The husband, however, who was so unfortunate as to have a wife of unusual beauty. without ample power of protection, was by no means in an enviable position. His wife

f Egypt or Philistia. Abraham, familiar with the corruptions of all happy and good children. the age, and aware of the attractiveness of I am going to tell you about Frank, Emhis wife, considered his life in danger, and ma and "Vennie," two little boys and a litsupposed that he could be safe only through | tle girl, whom I spent my holidays with. er faithful "kindness" toward him when Frank and Emma were brother and sister, inknown as her husband; and perhaps and Vennie was their cousin. hrough some happy stratagem, if necessity called for its exercise. Possibly, he may over to his Uncle's, who lived in the next have persuaded himself that, since driven | square, to see Frank and Emma, and to talk by famine from the country designated by over and wonder what "Kriss Kinkle," Jehovah as his home, and the home of his would put into their stockings. Their Grandrace, he must now resort to worldly means ma, who lived with Emma's father, told for safety. However these things may be, them some funny stories; and in this way we ought not to place the conduct of Abra- they passed the time, until it was time for ham in the light which shines from a com- Vennie to go home. Bennie, the waiterpleted revelation. The traditions of the past, man, came for him; and after he had put on and one or two special precepts from the his nice, warm coat and gloves, he kissed his Almighty, were all the rays that shone upon | dear old Grandma, and set off home. When his path. To us, even these may seem he got there, he found his two sisters, who brighter than to him, since, as the reflected had came from school to spend the holidays. light from satellites, they may come strength- Of course, he was very glad to see his dear ened by that of many others. Sarah's sisters, and to welcome them home, after beauty, too, must be estimated in accordance | their long absence. After supper, his sister with the circumstances, and the times. Her Kate took him up to his neat little bed in complexion, as a daughter of Shem, may the nursery. have been what a modern Caucassion would | The next morning, he was up very early have been what a modern Caucassion would call Asiatic, swarthy, or orange brown; still, to see what was in his stocking. Well, he beautiful," (and she looked, as she said t would be ruddy to the eye of the darker- found a good many sugar-plums, of all colors, skinned sons of Ham. Herage at this time and some raisins; and when his sisters told charm the eye of a prince who might select it like a good boy. After breakfast, Emma mother! she had saved much (for her) the fairest, and the youngest of all the came over with a little basket of presents from her scant earnings to clothe her boy he modest countenance, the fascinating lips | boat, a wooden soldier, and several other eflecting the loveliness of a soul full of small things. harms, than in the mere blushes of girlect in choosing a queen-wife, for anything est little baby I have ever seen. the Bible tells us to the contrary, as to cause her years to surround her with additional

by the Nile, till Sarah's beauty was the ed ourselves very much. modesty, rather than any want of ability, on silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty, and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers in Watches, Jewelty and mylo-if silver Ware. Pittsburgh, dealers i

famine within the limits of the empire. The moment when Sarah enters the royal arithmetic, and writes in his copy-book chariot, or palanquin, and her lovely form is every day. lost to the eyes of her husband and his Emma goes to school and is a good most faithful servants, or subjects, presents little girl, and is much loved by her teacher. a scene well worthy of the finest touches of Some time again, I will tell you more the painter's pencil Perhaps the heart about these children, and how they get would be thrilled still more, could we read along with their studies. the deep feelings of the chief actors in this I hope you all know what we celebrate event of ancient history. The Bible, how- Christmas for. Do you not? For fear ever, does not satisfy our curiosity. We some of you do not, I will tell you. It is are left to fill up the picture by what is com- not known precisely at what time of the mon to fallen humanity. A momentary year our Lord was born; but some learned agony rests upon the face of Abraham, the men of old, said that they thought it was

effect of a guilty conscience lashing him for about the twenty-fifth day of December; his lack of faith in an All-seeing and Omnip-otent God. This speedily changes into a mingled exhibition of grief and anger. Now, he feels like mustering his trusty warriors, and making a desperate effort to rescue | world to become a baby, and grow up to be and bring back the one deepest in the affec- a man, and then to suffer, as he did, for the tions of his heart. Again, he reflects upon sins of the wicked? Yes, dear children, his utter helplessness, and upon his sin in and if either you or I are ever tempted to be teaching his wife to say, "She is a sister." angry with our lot in this world, and feel He, therefore, struggles to calm the warlike envious when we see rich people and chilspirit, and strives to wait patiently the work- dren dressed in handsome, gay clothes, let ings of Providence, during several tardy us remember this verse: "He was a man of months. Sarah's emotions are those of a socrows, and acquainted with griefs," and their kind feelings, on Thursday evening, Jan.

15th, in the form of a pecuniary donation, and other "material aid," to the amount of more from home, and from the familiar and loved head." Just think of that; he had no place objects of by-gone years, emotions of a cap- to lay his head; but was born and laid in May they receive abundantly from on high tive away among strangers, who try to the corner of the manger, where the domesplease and to interest, but all whose efforts tic animals ate their hay. He had no fine to minister comfort only make the heart white gowns, or sweet little crib to lie in, adder, as they bring up the memory of enderest ties rudely broken, and the gloomy or long coarse clothes, and slept in a manger. hought that death may be the price of loyal

love. Woman, with all the mildness and pliancy of her nature, is capable of performing deeds of the greatest heroism—heroism of noble daring, like that of the women last at the Cross, and first at the Sepulchre; and heroism of silent agony and suffering, like that of the wife of the patriarch, burying in her bosom a secret which, if retained, she might place upon her head a queenly crown of empire.

How long Sarah was in the palace of the king, the Bible does not inform us. Nor as a brother, was allowed to visit his absent wife. Yet, we are told that on her account he was treated kindly; and that he either shared of royal wealth in court favors, or mitted to graze, at the pleasure of the keepers, without the usual exactions of great monarchs from tributary and dependent tribes. This respect shown to Abrathe degradation she has brought upon hu- ham, together with the customs of ancient Eastern princes on occasions like this one. confirmed by the nature of the miracles wrought for Sarah's return, leads us to name ten or twelve months as the period of her residence in the royal palace.

Oriental manners, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, are almost without change. Therefore, a similar case in the palace of Shushan, fourteen centuries later, as recorded in the book of Esther, may be family of the first fratricide, we find woman referred to as strikingly illustrative of degraded. The wives of Lamech must this event of sacred history. The young isten to words paliating crime, and assert- Hadassah, though the most beautiful of all ing authority, not as from a husband, but as the maidens of the empire, and though she from a cruel master. After the deluge, per-haps, woman first felt man's hand oppressive "twelve months of purification" by myrrh the successors or imitators of Nimrod. and sweet odors, before "she is taken into In the harem of great kings she must sit, king Ahasuerus, into his house royal," to be while her beauty, unlamented, wastes, and queen instead of Vashti. Through this her love, unrequited, dies, or is turned into course of preparation, the wife of Abraham hatred. Ere long, however, in humbler was probably passing while in the house of walks of life, her jealousy is kindled, and | Pharaoh, and while, afterwards, on another occasion, in the palace of the king of Gerar. in the affections of the one to whom she has Before this period fixed by custom ended, vowed undying love, and on whom she has the judgments of God were manifest, (Gen. xii: 1. Comp. xx: 18,) and Sarah was In the days of Abraham, perhaps polygamy sent back unharmed to the embraces of her ad already become the common, yet ill- husband. Her return would gladden the concealed, compromise between lust and law. home of the Patriarch, as Spring gladdens But the law of marriage stamped upon man's forest and field; and the remarkable circumstances connected with it would strengthen his origin, and in his social history, is too his faith in God, and make it, as health after sickness, to appear more valuable than former-

M-town, 1856.

For the Young.

ly, leading its possessor to exhibit it in its

fullest and largest vigor. G. W. S.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate MY DEAR LITTLE COUSINS:-I hope I may not be thought too late in wishing you might be loyal, yet as a subject he might all a very happy New-Year. I presume you not be able to parry off all the secret efforts | all enjoyed yourselves during the merry holito make his wife a widow. We have an days, which are just passed. I do not know illustration of this in the case of Uriah, in whether you all spent your Christmas and better times than those of Abraham, and New-Year's days at home, or whether you under a better ruler than any of the kings went to your kind Uncle's, or dear Grandparents; but I do sincerely hope you were

The night before Christmas, Vennie went

vas sixty-five or seventy. "How then, is him to put them away till after breakfast, possible," asks one, "that she could so for fear they would make him sick, he did

During the morning we. Vennie and I hood; and that Sarah, not yet being a mother, went over to see Emma's tree, which quite retained, as some such females now till over groaned under the good things which had fifty, at an advanced age, all the winning been given to her. Frank had a table. graces of the meridian lite of her sex. Grandma and Uncle's family were all invited Such, too, may have been the age of to Vennie's father's to dinner, and a merry xx: 2;) and such may have been their ob- with baby Bella, who, I think, is the sweet-

charms, and with increased appropriateness and retired to bed, quite well pleased with tory, as follows: for the position they wished her to occupy. their happy Christmas.

are useless, for she is considered, not as the might have seen him with his books in the pened to be, into the creek, and thus the wife, but as the sister of a wealthy pastoral sitting room, studying very hard. He is Bible was abused."

the part of our writers and speakers, has | and four of them, on account of feeble health; | chief, who has recently been driven by | only eight years old, and studies spelling, defining, reading two verses in the Bible.

but was wrapped in "swaddling clothes," There is a pretty piece of postry I will try to find for you. If you want to read the story of the birth of Christ, you will find it in the "second chapter of Luke." It is a pretty story, and I hope if there are any hildren who read this paper, that have not read the story of the birth of Christ, they will do it as soon as they lay my story away. Here is this piece of poetry; it is by Bishop Heber.

While Shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down. And glory shone around.

Fear not, said he, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind; Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you, and all mankind.

To you in David's town this day, Is born of David's line, The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign.

The heavenly Babe you there shall find, To human view displayed, All meanly wrapt in swathing bands, And in a manger laid."

With much love I am, as ever, your iffectionate cousin, ANNIE ST. AMBYON.

Phila, Jan. 9, 1857.

Poetrp.

On Hearing of a Beloved Sister's Death. Oh, happy thought! that friends who love, Will, one day, meet in realms above, And sing an everlasting song, With saints and angels' happy throng.

A father, brother, sister, twin, Clothed in robes all free from sin; With palms of victory, see them stand, In holy joy, at God's right hand.

Then, can I wish them back again? Ah, no! the thought but gives me pain; Yet I would live, that so I may Go there and spend an endless day.

Miscellaneous.

There are four grand arguments for the truth of the Bible. The first is the miracles on record; the second, the prophecies; the third, the goodness of the doctrine; the fourth, the moral character of the penmen. The miracles flow from Divine power; the prophecies, from Divine understanding; the excellence of the doctrine, from Divine goodness: the moral character of the penmen, from Divine purity. Thus, Christianity is built upon these four immovable pillars, the power, the understanding, the goodness, the purity of God. The Bible must be one of these things; either an invention of good men, or good angels; of bad men, or bad angels; or a revelation from God. But it could not be the invention of good men, or angels, for they neither would nor could make a book telling lies at the time, saying "Thus saith the Lord," when they knew it all to be their own invention. It could not be the invention of wicked men or devils, for they could not make a book which commands all duty, which forbids all sin, and which condemns their souls to all eternity. The conclusion is irresistible—the Bible must be given by Divine inspiration.—Bishop Simpson.

The Mother's Appeal. In the Knickerbocker, for January, we find the following touching bit of human nature:

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