Niterary Hotices.

BOOKS sent to us for a Notice, will be duly attended to. These from publishers in Phila- grammar, which would be in place in a critical delphia, New York, do, may be left at our exercise in an Academy, but which is out of Philadelphia Office, 27 South 10th St., below Chestnut, in care of Joseph M. Wilson, Esq.

HOPE FOR MY COUNTRY, showing the Divinity of pose only of shewing the writer's acquaintance Jesus Christ, and his Care over his Church, as exhibiting in the past History of our Country.
In Two Parts. Part I. pp. 64, 8vo. By J.
J. Janeway, D.D. New Brunswick: Press of
J. Terhune.

This is an admirable production, of an octogenarian, pious, sound, patriotic. The author presents us with four reasons for his hope. I. Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, is truly God, having universal power, in heaven and on earth. II. He has provided his saints an abode in North America, where they enjoy civil and religious liberty. III. He has given the reviving influences of his Spirit. IV. His Saints are spreading abroad the influence of religious truth, by Bible and Missionary Societies, &c., and exerting a salutary influence on the affairs of the nation. These are truths and facts which the Christian can contemplate with bright anticipations while he feels their influence in urging him forward to act well his part in all religious and social affairs.

VILLAS AND COTTAGES. A series of designs prepared for execution in the United States. By Calvert Vaux, Architect; late Downing & Vaux, Newburgh on the Hudson. Illustrated by 300 engravings. 8vo., pp. 318. New York: Harper & Brothers, Franklin Square. 1857.

This is a delightful book, and altogether to our taste. We wish that we knew what term to use in commending it, in order to promote its extensive circulation. Educated foreigners, on visiting the United States, are quite captivated by the magnificence of our noble rivers, and the multitudinous sites of the most romantic and varied character which are presented on their margins not to be found in abundance, and where a judi- after the deluge, and is now probably in the able edifices, would not render these scenes quite that Noah had any children after the flood, we pictorial and delightful. In many cases, howtaste and uneducated minds, has only served to born to these. As no daughters are named. deface these localities by structures of the most | we may supply the omission from the law of absurd, and outre forms that have cost the possessors a much larger sum than would have been sufficient, in the hands of a competent architect, to have erected unobjectionable and comfortable habitations. Hence it has come to pass that we have Grecian temples, two and three stories high—church steeples upon stables, pillars sustaining nothing, and columns cut across the middle, under a pediment, by a huge gallery, and time is thirty-six years.—Gen. xi: 12—26. manifold other equally absurd architectural Two additional generations might be born abominations. Some years since, the actual want up to the 85th year of the life of Abraham. of educated architects left our people either in This according to the laws of geometric their own hands, or what was as bad, in the series, would swell the second of these, or hands of pretentious builders self-called the twelfth from Shem, to almost 293 architects, who were the authors of many millions. Shem, Arphaxad, Selah, and monuments of ignorance and bad taste. Now, Eber, are all still alive. But as life dehowever, no such want can be complained of creased from the time of Peleg to an average Our large cities are abundantly supplied with of 233 years; and in the elder Nahor to an highly educated men of first-class attainments average, up to Moses, of 153 years, we may men who possess this eminent qualification which not count more than three entire generations is essential to a true artist, namely, the capacity as alive at one time, in the age of Abraham: of anticipating the appearance of their work | yet, this would give a populat when surrounded with the drapery of foliage, and when shaded by the effects of trees, and all estimate of geographers. Therefore, in the the accessories which are intended to produce a later years of the life of Abraham, there full and finished effect on the mind of the spec- might be mighty and extensive empires tator. In fact, no man can be a finished archipeculiar talent of the landscape gardner. These since then. We do not affirm this to be the professions run into each other. Now, the book before us comes from the hands of an artist combining all these attributes. The associate of the Bible, it shows the futile nature of obthe lamented Downing—enjoying much of his jections to Scripture history, because it made the departed genius so well known and es- early dates. teemed in his own land, and which had even have not space to criticise the different designs history, as well as that of later date, conhere given. They all have merit, while very firms what is intimated by the author of many of them are of the highest order of artistic Genesis, that the territory between, either beauty. Among this class we would point to de- profited by the commerce or was affected by signs Nos. 21 and 25, which are perfect gems, which could not be surpassed for external effect, while internally they afford all that convenience

netrical Functions, by Gerardus Beekman Docharty, L. L. D., Professor of Mathematics in the New York Free Academy, &c., &c. 12mo., pp. 189. New York: Harper & Brothers. 1857.

We have already had occasion to commend the tise on Geometry and Trigonometry, which he of Bashan. Thence they passed down has given to the public. We are so old-fashioned among the head springs which flowed into as to esteem Euclid yet as a text book. In so the Jordan, till they came to the plain of far as a knowledge is concerned of the nature of Paran, which touches the gulf of Elath. mathematical demonstration, we think that can into which, at that time, the Jordan emptied be well acquired from the old Greek Geometer. After examining this treatise with some care, we have no hesitation in saying that it is the production of a learned man, and will, no doubt, serve as well as either the works of Leslie, Legendre, or other compilers who have sought to make an arrangement different from that of Euclid. In leader. The invading army, however, soon some respects this book is an improvement on evince their superiority, and taking captive Legendre.

HISTORY OF KING RICHARD THE FIRST OF ENG-LAND. By Jacob Abbott. With Engravings. 12mo., pp. New York: Harper & Brothers.

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Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, &c. New York: Dana & Co., 381, Broadway. 1856.

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The Bible.

Bible Narratives.—No. 23. THE WAR OF THE KINGS .- GEN. XIV.

That there had been war before this, can hardly be doubted. The deluge was probably a punishment for "the wickedness o man." not only in the murder of individuals, but in the destruction of families and tribes. Even if we pass the Bible notice of the establishment of the kingdom of Nimrod, which could hardly be peaceful, the twelve years servitude of the kings of Siddim could scarcely be brought about, without either the actual march of armies into the midst, or the knowledge of their existence, and of the effect of their prowess in other countries and other times. This, however, is the first recorded war; and it is described in Bible history to show us Abraham's prominence and power, and how a separation from his family, now the covenant people of God, was followed by suffering and loss.

It may throw some light upon the circumstances of this war, upon the period in which it happened, and the fear of Abraham which followed, and was allayed by a vision of the for villas and cottage residences of a tasteful Almighty, that an estimate be given of the character. There are few of our rising towns probable population of the world at this and cities where situations of great beauty are time. Abraham is the eleventh generation cious expenditure of money in the erection of suit- 85th year of his life. As we are not told may take the first of the series in his sons and ever, the possession of wealth by men of vulgar their wives. The Bible names sixteen sons equality of the two sexes. This would give thirty-two for the second term of a geometric series, with a ratio of five and one-third. This would give near twenty millions for the But cast out the fraction, take a ratio of five, and it gives 11,718,750, as the children of the generation to which Zerah belonged. The average length of generations up to this world almost half as large as the present established; and the population of the globe, tect who does not possess a goodly share of the a generation or two later, may have reached case, but since this result is reached by a regular law of advance from data given in spirit, fully comprehending the principles which names great empires and immense armies at

Nimrod and Misraim, sons of Ham, foundgiven him a European reputation-Mr. Vaux is ed empires, the one upon the Euphrates, wonderfully varied and versatile in his designs and the other upon the Nile. The change without being absurd or extravagant in his orna- of population during several generations of a mentation; he is suggestive, to an extraordinary | period remarkable for a spirit of emigration, degree, and the effect of this book cannot but be | might very much alter the relations which most influential in advancing the cultivation of subsisted at first between different races and architectural science in the public mind. We settlements. Still, the earliest authentic the wars of these two overshadowing powers. Perhaps, at this time the empire of the Euphrates was in the ascendent, and the and luxury might demand. We hope that this delightful and most suggestive book may have a delightful and most suggestive book may have a duction of a race of emigrant shepherds, from whom the Israelites at first had sympathy, ELEMENTS OF PLANE AND SOLID GEOMETRY. To. and with whom they mingled to a considergether with the elements of Plane and Spherical Trigonometry, and an article on Inverse then, of the expedition of Chedorlaomer, would be to secure a safe route for travel between the two countries. This would be deemed a just ground for the conquest of all the tribes which lay on either side of it.

The path of this invading army sent works of Dr. Docharty on Arithmetic and Alge- forth by Chedorlaomer and his confederates, bra, and here we have an equally valuable trea. was through Ashteroth, in the Eastern part its waters. Thence they marched up the valley, which, since the destruction of the cities of the plain, is dry, and is at present called Wady Eljaib, till they reached the country of the Pentapolis. Here they are met by the whole effective force of five all who were not slain, or who had escaped to the mountains, they march on their home-

ward route. Abraham, hearing through one who had escaped, of the capture of Lot, forms a confederacy with three brother princes, and hastens to intercept the army of Chedorlaomer, in the passes of Lebanon. By mascus, he marched at least one hundred and fifty miles; this, with an equal distance accomplished in much less time than eight

A desire naturally arises in the mind to with what weapons the dealt forth death this distant day be gratified, since the Bible is ellent, except so far as it gives facts inci-

Lot, although he seems to have been an equal of Abraham in servants or subjects, and wealth, is lost in the population of Sodom. This would indicate that the plain

portant cities, it is not unreasonable to con- moment as you think not of. Oh, come sider the country to be as densely peopled then, knowing that your hour is at hand, as the whole of Canaan was in the time of and eat this passover, as if it might be to David and Solomon. There might be, at you the last as well as the first. least, a population of two hundred thousand, according to this estimate, sustained by first martyr of the Reformation in Scotland,

nore than three centuries. houlders of his heroes, Paris and Menelaus. G. W. S.

Selected.

Remembering Christ at the Communion

xtract from " The Well in the Valley," a Sunday School Union.

says to you. Remember him in what he to sit down at this table a little, and attend was, what he became, what he did, what he to me while I address an exhortation to you, s, and what he will be. How terrible is and pray over the bread which we are about he as an enemy, and how estimable is he as to eat, as brethren of Christ; and then I a friend!—a friend always at hand, able and shall bid you farewell." In the meantime, willing to help, able and ready to advise, and able and ready to protect. His grace is sufficient for every trial, and his strength it, Wishart began a short and clear discourse adequate to every weakness; and you may upon the Last Supper, and the sufferings come with boldness to his throne of grace, in the assurance that you shall there obtain grace an hour. He especially exhorted them to lay and mercy in every time of need. Let past experience embolden and encourage you to minds might be filled with love to one and do this in humble, cheerful and joyful re- other, and so become perfect members of membrance of him, by whose grace you have Christ, who daily intercedes that we through come thus far. Here devote yourself to him, our sacrifice, may obtain eternal life. him, and implore his grace, that you may and implore his grace, that you may strive even until death shall terminate your abors in rest, and peace, and joy.

service in which man can engage. It brings | death; but for himself a more bitter cup King of Saints, there to hold converse and ing the Gospel. After this he again retired communion with the Lord that bought us. to his chamber, and finished his own pri-How sweet and awful is the place! It is vate devotions. dinance, says Beza, "was celebrated with a profound silence, and under a solemn awe

is present, really present. "There am I," says Christ; "Lo, I am with you always." Our Lord unseen, yet ever near, His presence makes us feel That we inspired with holy fear, May reverently kneel.

Our communion, therefore, is a personal pproach to a personal and present Saviour. Believing in God, we believe also in him.

been visible among them." Yes, the Deity

We need not now ascend the heavens, To bring our blessed Saviour down, Here every heart his face enlivens, He is himself his banquet's crown; To every faithful soul appears, And shows his real presence here.

Yes, my dear reader, this is not merely a ommemoration—it is a communion. The King is among his guests. He comes in and abides with them, and sups with them. But he comes down as a deliverer-a Saviour-a Sanctifier, and a Comforter, to all that mourn in Zion—to all that look for his appearing, and to all that come unto him, desiring to see Jesus," and to be "healed of their sins" And as the elements evidently set before us Jesus Christ and him crucified, and as every act of the minister represents Christ, in his gracious and condecending presence and power, a very presnt help and hope, so also does every act of the communicant imply a personal faith n this present Saviour-love to him, coming o him, and appropriation of him as a living, oving, all seeing, and all-sufficient Saviour. In coming, then, to the communion, enleavor to realize all that Christ here teachs, offers, promises, and pledges to you as a poor, needy, helpless sinner. Come to him as such. Come as really desiring and re-

nuiring all that is here signified, signed and Come, that your soul may know The blessings of Christ's love, The streams that through the desert flow,

The manna from above Come, and relying on his word. Be filled with heavenly food ; Your meat, the body of the Lord, Your drink, his precious blood.

Say, now, O God, I'm thine, And go rejoicing on your way, Renewed with strength Divine.

Come to meet Christ now, that you may with an unseen Saviour in heaven. pe prepared to meet him and to lean on him of Siddim was at this time thickly settled. all through the wilderness, and to find him was at that time a friend to the Reformation, but This valuable Commentary is characterized by Since it is compared to the garden of the your rod and staff as you pass over the Jor-not openly, for fear of the priests. the same excellences which we have described as | Lord for fertility, and contained, within the | dan of death. The day and the hour of

the yield of the plain, besides those was to be executed, the priests sent two who chose to dwell there whilst their Franciscan monks to acquaint him that the flocks were driven to the mountains to time of his death drew near, and to ask if he be pastured. Thus, in an age when all wished to confess his sins to them, as was males able to go forth to war were customary. He replied, that he had no need nrolled, forty thousand warriors might be for friars, nor any wish to converse with prought into the field. These citizen sol- them, but if they would gratify him so far, diers, from the midst of a luxuriant people, he would be happy to be visited by the might be scattered by half this number of learned man who had preached the day betrained warriors from Mesopotamia. These, again, might be routed in a night attack, by Abraham, the Leonidas of Palestine, though bishop, came to the prison in the Castle, his band did number but a few hundreds. where Wishart was confined, and held a This estimate may appear large to some; long conversation with him, intermingled yet they will think it within the bounds of with many tears. At length, after he had probability who give any credence to the ceased weeping, from which he could not great works and numerous armies, named by refrain, he kindly asked, whether he would profane historians, of Ninus and Semiramis, not wish to partake of the sacrament of the the founders of the Assyrian empire; and Supper? "Most willingly," answered the they will deem it small who take the trouble martyr. "If, according to Christ's appointto compute the population which might ment, it be shown forth in both kinds, spring from three families in ten or twelve | namely, in bread and wine." Winram imgenerations, each sweeping over a period of mediately returned to the bishops, and, with Country, a view of conciliating them, informed them Before the flood, men were acquainted that the prisoner solemnly affirmed his innowith working "in brass and iron." The cence of the crime with which he was builders of the ark, and of the city and charged, and that he did not say so to avert lower of Babel, would not be less artistic his impending death, but only to leave a than their ill-fated antediluvian ancestors. testimony to man of that innocence which Therefore, in reading of early wars, we are was known to God. The effect, however, not bound to think only of Indian wooden was quite opposite; the Cardinal (Beaton,) bows, and flint pointed arrows. Arms, as inflamed with rage, exclaimed, "As for you, good as Greek could boast of at the siege Mr. snb prior, we know very well already of Troy, seven hundred years later, may what you are." Winram then asked whethhave been carried by the soldiers of Chedor- er the prisoner would be allowed the comlaomer. Abraham, too, may have borne munion of the holy body and blood of the the bended bow," "brazen shield," Saviour? when the other priests, after hav-"shining javelins," "pointed spears," and ing consulted a little together, gave it as "glittering sword," like those described by their opinion, "that it did not appear proper Homer, as in the hands or upon the that an obstinate heretic, condemned by the Church, should have any Church privileges.' This determination was reported to Wishart; and it does not appear that he saw Mr. Winram again. At nine o'clock, the friends and domestics

of the governor having assembled to breakfast, he was asked whether he would partake with them: to which he frankly replied, "With more pleasure than I have done for some time past; for I perceive you are devout men, and fellow-members of the We are permitted to publish the following same body of Christ with me, and also because I know this will be the last food I shall partake of on earth." Then addresssnan parcage of on earth.

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ing the governor, "I invite you, in the name of God, and by that love which you Remember, then dear reader, what Christ | bear to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. thanks, and broke the bread and gave a little to each; and in like manner, he gave the Such, then, being the nature of the wine, after he himself had tasted, entreating Lord's Supper, it is at once apparent that them to remember, in this sacrament, along it is the most holy, solemn, and spiritual with him, the last memorial of Christ's is into the very presence-chamber of the was prepared, for no other reason than preach-

none other than the house of God, and the | Probably, since the institution of the very gate of heaven. It is holy ground. Lord's Supper, it has seldom been cele-Holinesss alone becometh it. To all profane | brated under circumstances more solemn and unbelieving despisers it is as a consum- and affecting than on this first celebration ing fire. Let all such keep back, and draw of it in Protestant Scotland. Wishart was not hither till they put off the old man a man of the most mild and amiable temwith his dec-itful lusts, and put on the new | per, of a sweet and venerable appearance. man, which, after God, is created in right. and his manners are said to have been pareousness and true holiness. "For my own ticularly engaging. He had been a kind part," said Calvin, when required by the intimate in the governor's family for nearly Council and Senate to admit Bertelier to two months, and during that time seems to the communion, "after the example of have conciliated the affections of his keener Chrysostom, I avow that I will suffer myself and attendants, the most of whom had to be slain at the table, rather than allow | probabley through his means, become "parthis hand to deliver the sacred symbols of takers of like precious faith," as he adthe Lord's body and blood to adjudged de- dressed them, upon this occasion, as perspisers of God." This was uttered with sons whom he knew to be fellow-members of such authority, and produced such an effect, the same body of Christ. In less than three that Perrin, the President, himself imme- hours he was to stand in the presence of diately whispered to Bertelier that he must | that God and Saviour whose dying love they not present himself as a communicant. He | were commemorating, and to be honored, to accordingly withdrew; and the sacred or glorify his name, by passing through the he address them—with what reverential atin all present, as if the Deity himself had tention would they listen! With what a pressure of the powers of the world to come resting upon him, would he speak and they hear, and both participate in the two-fold emblems of a Saviour's complete and perfect sacrifice! Scarcely can a scene of deeper interest be imagined, excepting, perhaps, some which soon followed, when,

"Leaning on his spear, The lyart vet'ran heard the Word of God," and from this holy banquet gathered strength to contend earnestly for the faith, and to witness a good confession before many wit-

witness a good confession before many witnesses on the gibbet or at the stake.

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When on that immortal even Ever known again, The unleavened bread was given, The Lamb of God was slain.

And as holy writ had told, In dim type of old, Ate they the dread sacrifice, Girt for great emprise.

Then for men of every nation Broke Christ the sacred bread, That on him and his salvation Each and all might feed.

And the cup-his blood to save-Unto all he gave, Pledge of everlasting bliss,

Pledge of everlasting bliss,

"Drink ye all—drink all—of this."†

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He knows what wandering hearts we have, Apt to forget his glorious face, And to refresh our minds, he gave

These kind memorials of his grace. Come, then, into his very presence. your affections on Him, that though you see him not with bodily eyes, yet believing, you may rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of

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