Hoetry.

Evening Prayer. I come to Thee to-night, In my lone closet where no eyes can see, And dare to crave an interview with thee, Father of love and light.

Softly the moonbeams shine, On the still branches of the shadowy trees, While all sweet sounds of the evening breeze Steal through the slumbering vine.

Thou gav'st the calm repose That rests on all-the air, the birds, the flowers The human spirit in its weary hours, Now at the bright day's close.

'T is nature's time for prayer; The silent praise of the glorious sky, The earth's orisons profound and high, To heaver their blessings bear.

With them my soul would bend In humble reverence at thy holy throne, Trusting the merits of the Son alone Thy sceptre to extend.

If I this day have striven With thy blessed Spirit, or have bowed the knee To aught of earth, in weak idolatry, I pray to be forgiven.

If in my heart has been An unforgiving thought, or word, or look, Tho deep the malice which I scarce could brook, Wash me from the dark sin.

If I have turned away From grief or suffering which I might relieve, Careless the cup of water e'en to give, Forgive me, Lord, I pray.

And teach me how to feel My sinful wanderings with deeper smart, And more of mercy and of grace impart, My sinfulness to heal.

Father! my soul would be Pure as the drops of eve's unsullied dew; And as the stars whose nightly course is true, So would I be to thee. Not for myself alone

Would I these blessings of thy love implore, But for each penitent the wide world o'er, Whom thou hast called thine own. And for my heart's best friends.

Whose steadfast kindness o'er my painful years Has watched to soothe afflictions, grief, and tears My warmest prayer ascends.

Should o'er their path decline The light of gladness, or of hope or health, Be thou their solace, joy, and wealth, As they have long been mine.

And now, O Father, take The heart cast with humble faith on thee, And cleanse its depths from each impurity. For my Redeemer's sake.

Literary Hotices.

THE INSTITUTES OF MEDICINE. By Martin Paine, M.D., LL.D. Seventh Edition. Pp. 1,130, 8vo. New-York: Harper & Brothers. For sale in Pittsburgh.

This is evidently a learned work; the production of a philosophical mind. It manifests great industry and unusual powers of discrimination. .. The doctrine of Vitalism is maintained, in opposition to that of Organic Chemistry, Solidism, and Humoralism.

The physiological department must be entertaining and instructive to every investigating mind. The pathology and therapeutics belong more definitely to the medical practitioner; though even in these branches, the common reader may find a benefit amply repaying his time and attention. The Faculty we should suppose would, one and all, desire the volume. Without it the library of the modern physician would be imperfect.

The work was first published in 1847; and the fact that it is already in its seventh edition, is incontestable evidence of its great value to the medical profession.

THE RISEN REDEEMER: The Gospel History from the Resurrection to the Day of Pentecost. By F. W. Krummacher, D.D., Author of "Elijah the Tishbite." Translated from the German by John T. Betts. 12mo., pp. 298. New-York: Robert Carter & Brothers. For sale by R. S. Davis, Wood Street, Pittsburgh.

The bodily resurrection of Christ constitutes one of the cardinal points of the Gospel system. The apostle emphatically exclaims, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." Knowing the importance of this doctrine as underlaying the Christian's faith, infidels have for ages made it a special object of assault, but as Dr. Krummache well remarks, "however zealously the rash work of destruction has been prosecuted, it has, up to the present hour, been a failure. The miracle of the third day has resisted all levers and engines exerted against it by refined subtility, as completely as if they were no more than the jugglery of a paltry legerdemain." Still, however, the Gospel account of the resurrection and the events connected with it, seems to many encompassed with grave, if not insuperable difficulties; and to such especially we commend the present work: as one of the prominent ends for which it was written was, to clear away the difficulties of the conscientious doubter in regard to this subject. The attention of all may be profitably bestowed upon these resurrection discourses, as, besides the strengthening of the faith of the wavering, they were written with a view also to general Christian edification. They will be found rich in doctrinal. practical, and experimental suggestions.

THE THOUGHTS OF GOD. By Rev. J. R. MacDuff, D. D., Author of "Morning and Night Watches," "Words and Mind of Jesus," etc. 18mo. Pp. 144. New-York: Robert Carten & Brothers. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pitts-

The Christian's views of the Divine Attributes, words and works, are at best sadly defective; and his meditations on the Supreme Being are, in most instances, entirely too infrequent. To those who would obtain clearer views of God, and who would be enabled to meditate upon him more acceptably and profitably, the present production of a well-known spiritually-minded author will prove of invaluable service.

SIMPLE CONVERSATIONS ON ENGINEER. ING, WITH ILLUSTRATIONS FROM NATURE, AND APPLICATIONS TO SPIRITUAL LIFE. For the Usan of Sunday Schools. 18mo. Pp. 155. Philadelphia: Lutheran Board of Publication, No. 42 North Ninth Street.

In the little volume before us, almost everything connected, either directly or indirectly, with the construction and use of a railroad is ingeniously laid under contribution for the suggestion of religious information. The principl of analogy is, we think, rather overstrained; and we discover in the book a considerable tincture of Arminianism. Still, however, its literary merits are highly creditable to its author, and its religious sentiments are in the main worthy of much commendation.

For the Poung.

For the Little Ones.

I have a little infant class, Of boys and girls a score; And when the sun is shining bright, Ten or a dozen more.

How glad I am when Sabbath comes. And I once more can greet Those happy faces, filled with joy, When they their teacher meet.

There's Julia, Fanny, Herbert, John, Eddie and Nannie too; But if I stop to tell their names, I fear of tiring you.

Now, shall I tell you what it is The children mostly prize: And how they'll stop their whispering, And open wide their eyes?

A story; yes, a story, please! Do tell us, teacher dear: And then they strict attention give, That they the whole may hear.

And much I hope that they will learn, Through the instruction given, To tread the road that leads to bliss, To happiness and heaven.

"Seven Times."

Little Milly, who felt very happy sitting in the sunshine, was anxious to do something to please the good God who had made such a beautiful world. So, as she learned her verse-"And if thy brother trespass against the seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying I repent, thou shalt forgive him "—her gray eyes looked very thoughtful, and her small mouth grew firm with some very important

Pretty soon down stairs she came to the dining-room, and found nobody there but brother Frank, who had two years the start of her in the race of life, but was not so far ahead as you might suppose. He was mouth, though you couldn't have expected anything better from such a pout. "Real mean to spend such a day as this in school!" and the book he held in his hand was transferred to his foot and sent spinning in the forgive." air, from whence it returned with a broken back and two fluttering leaves.

"O Frank!" cried Milly, isn't that my arithmetic? and you know I was trying to despair. keep it like a new book."

"I declare it is," said Frank, in a tone of real regret. "I thought it was mine; I'm sorry; wont you forgive me?" "Yes," said Milly, slowly picking up the scattered leaves, and thinking of her verse, "yes, I suppose so;" and under her

breath she added, "One." Breakfast over, they started for school together. "Milly," cried Frank, suddenly, "here comes a big dog—tongue out, red eyes! Look out for hydrophobia!"

"Why, just think how very sad it would be to have to pray—'And forgive us our moved. Trespasses as we forgive Frank, who has trespassed against us.'"

Milly's cheeks grew burning red. She hardship

Poor Milly ran forward in great terror, -bright as a mirror-had a great, white,

unsightly gaze. Milly burst into tears, not about the elbow, for she could bear pain like a hero, and she knew that Nature, with the help of that experienced old tailor, Time, would soon set in a patch so nicely, joined that she could never find the seam; but the new shoe, that was hopeless. "O Frank! how could you?" cried Milly. "And the dog was only good old

Cato, that wouldn't hurt a fly !" "Why, Milly, I'm sure I never thought you'd fall. I only meant to give you a nice little run. It's too bad you're hurt. I'm so sorry; wont you forgive me? "Yes," said Milly, swallowing a lump in her throat, "I'll try. Two," she sighed

softly, to herself. At school Frank was still very aggravating, and Milly had great temptation to forget her verse. He borrowed her slate-peneil, and lost it, and once, when she went up to her class, his feet grew suddenly long, and Milly, stumbling over them, fell, to her great mortification, amid the laughter of the school. But Frank was so sorry. How could he help his feet being so big? He tried very hard to keep them under the desk, but there was only room there for one. He was so sorry; and patient Milly had to forgive him. There were one or two other grievances in the morning which I haven't time to relate. We will pass on to the time when school was out. and Milly found, to her great dismay, that there had been a sudden change in the weather, and the rain was pouring in torrents, but chivalrous Frank borrowed an

umbrella, and tucking Milly's plump hand under his arm, started off as valiant as Greatheart. "Look out!" cried Milly. "You swing the umbrella so, that half the time it drips

on my head." "A little water wont hurt you, will it?" cried careless Frank. But when they reached home, poor Milly found that the coloring-matter had run from the umbrella, and long dingy streams disfigured the cherry lining of her pretty hood.

"Well, now, that is too bad," cried Frank, observing her blank look of dismay "I declare 'Dot,' I'd change caps in a minute with you, if you would like

Neat little Milly looked at Frank's battered thatching, and mournfully shook her head.

"Well, Milly, you know I did n't mean to. I'm sure you'd forgive me if you knew how sorry I felt."

"I do forgive you," said Milly, with an effort, and she counted something on her fingers. "Seven," said she to herself, with a great sigh of relief.

had parted from her nuspand—parted with him in the flush of health and in the vigor the worship of images and relies; the minof manhood—and what a year of trial and gling of spiritual things with political and
fear it had been! He had taken part in material interests; tyrannical and covetous What have you been counting all day,

Milly ?" asked Frank, curiously. Milly did not answer; but as she ran in first lieutenancy; but now, after a year's ecclesiastics, laymen, willingly listen to dinner, a very self-satisfied smile was on absence, he was coming home. The long evangelical preaching; but the mass of her face, and she repeated to herself, " Seven times. Well, I hope God has been pleased, for it has been very hard; and I'm so glad it's over, for I don't think I could hold out any longer."

It rained so hard in the afternoon, that Milly and Frank were allowed to stay at home and study in the play-room.

Milly's eyes brightened. She could not strained utterance in sobs and weeping. and the Italian priests.

resist the temptation, and running from the room, she soon returned with the treasure. Vulsed. Then the overleaping floods drew nity of from 450 to 500 souls. They be-Carefully she put in the little golden key, back, and she felt calmer and stronger. long to various nations—Germans, English, and turned it with the greatest caution; but "Mother?" It was the voice of Alice, Swiss, etc. Several are converted Greeks mischievous Frank slipped a little wooden Mrs. Dunlap turned and looked into her or Jews. They enjoy full liberty in the wedge into the delicate works, and when she | child's face, that wore a strange, almost a exercise of their religion. paused and listened, with smiling lips, and stern expression. head turned on the side, the wonderful box "What is it, dear?" Mrs. Dunlap con- in number, constitute the remainder of the was mute.

"What is it?" cried she, turning quite |

"O," said Frank, magnificently, "don't asked quickly: be alarmed. I'm a great magician. Just let me put my finger in the box one second, and all will be right."

Milly entrusted it to him with trembling hands. In went Frank' confident fingers, but they pulled out the wedge a little too roughly. Snap! went some delicate spring; there was a dreary noise, as if the whole upon her mother, she wept convulsively. box were going to fly in pieces, and then all was still. Frank examined the box with we shall see him, and know all." Can you ever forgive me?"

eighth time! My dear, darling music-box! You did it on purpose! You're very bad

Poor remorseless Frank offered no opposition, and across the hall she ran, with stumbled right into Uncle Charley's arms. "Hity tity, what's the matter now?" But before the words were out of his mouth, Milly was pouring forth her story.
Uncle Charley looked grave when she

finished. "And so you think it is right to be angry now?" "Yes," said little Milly, impetuously. "It is quite right. I've forgiven him seven times. This makes eight. "But didn't you know," said Uncle

brother seven times, but until seventy times seven?' "Seventy times seven!" cried Milly, looking quite bewildered. "O, I'm sorry ever begun. I shall have to give up trying

o please God that way."

"I hope not," said Uncle Charley.
"But you don't know how hard it is to smiling. "And I shouldn't wonder if the disciples knew it, too," said he, half to himself, "when, as soon as the command was far ahead as you might suppose. He was looking very discontented. "Real mean!" given, they cried, with one accord. 'Lord, increase our faith.' Yes, little Milly," he continued, aloud, "It certainly is hard, but we must always keep trying, and not count the times, either; for I think 'seventy tiful eyes! times seven,' means that we should always

> "O, I can't do it," sobbed Milly, turn ing determinedly away from poor Frank, who stood in the doorway, the image of "I'll give you my new book of travels

> Milly, and save all my money till I can buy you another box," cried Frank, in doleful tones. But Milly would not listen. "Very well," said Uncle Charley, "I would advise you not to say 'Our Father,'

for a day or two." "Why?" said Milly, in great surprise.

Milly's cheeks grew burning red. She too frightened to see where she stepped. Down went one foot into a treacherous hole, and the rest of Milly came tumbling after.

In a result of the sorrowful figure in the door, threw her the sorrowful figure in the door. This was a serious mishap; for the skin arms around his neck, and had a "good was quite rubbed from one dimpled elbow. cry" on the left pocket of his brown round and worst of all, one of the morocco shoes about.

Good-hearted, blundering Frank has grown much more tender and careful of his would see his honest eves fill with affection-'m quite sure till 'seventy times seven.' -Lynde Palmer.

For the Fireside.

Coming Home.

"Your father is coming home," said Mrs. Dunlap, in a constrained voice, looking up from a letter which she had just taken from and its branches stretch over the land an envelope. There was something unnat- Let it be hewn down and cast into the fire ural in her manner, and an unusual paleness in her face.

Three children started from different parts of the room, and crowding around their mother, answered, in many joyful words, to the unexpected intelligence.
"I'm so glad! I'm so glad!" shouted little Andrew, five years old, dancing and clapping his hands.

Dunlap tried, but vainly, to look joyful.

"I hope——" Alice faltered in her words. "I hope, mother, that he is n't——." She checked herself, and the hue of her who are strongly attached to the walls of

mother's face was reflected in her own- | this city, rendered sacred by the memories 'is n't sick, or—or—wounded!" of their fathers. The Polish or German A momentary shiver ran along the nerves Jews are a little better educated and more "is n't sick, or-or-wounded!"

her hand.

"He's been sick, dear," she replied. partly turning away, so that Alice might than the Old Testament, and imagine that not read all that she knew was writing they are performing a meritorious work beitself in her countenance; and, leaving the fore God by studying the rabbinical tradichildren, she went to her own room, and tions. They live principally on the alms shutting the door, fastened it. Her face which they receive from the Jews in Euwas white as she reopened the letter which rope, Asia and America; for they believe she had held crushed in her hand, and read that the prayers and reading of the Talmud, it for the second time. It was from an performed in the city of David, help to officer of the company in which her hus-band held the rank of first lieutenant, and posterity throughout the rest of the world. stated briefly that he had been wounded in a recent battle, and was on his way home Church, number 4,500 to 5,000 within in a dovernment transport. As to the Jerusalem. M. Gobat, after a careful incharacter of the wound, nothing was said. It was almost a year since Mrs. Dunlap had parted from her husband-parted with many battles, bearing himself bravely always, and had passed from the ranks to a There are exceptions, and some Greeks, and anxiously looked for day was at hand. this sect are unenlightened and degraded. To-morrow she was to see him again. To-

long absent—what then? Mrs. Dunlap had borne up all day as well as in his pastoral duties, and pretends calmly as possible, for the sake of her chil- to control the Christians of other denomiome and study in the play-room.

"O dear," said Frank, with a yawn.

Before I hegin this (rule of three rabia) dren; but, as the evening closed down, nations. These Papists, who are mostly strength began to fail, and she withdrew to priests or monks, have frequently quarrels Before I begin this 'rule of three which one of the chambers, that she might be among themselves. The Franciscans pos puzzles me, let's have one little tune out alone, and let the pent-up anguish of mind sess large revenues, and are not disposed of that music-box Uncle Charley gave you." that was almost suffocating her, have unre- to obey the orders of the patriarch Valerga

trolled her voice.

"Father is wounded!" The mother started and shuddered. Then

"How do you know? Who told you? "No one told me; but I feel it mother. Did n't the letter say he was wounded?" Mrs. Dunlap was silent. Alice could bear the pressure on her feelings no longer. A strong cry as of one in sudden pain, broke from her lips, and throwing herself "Let us hope for the pest. To-morrov

a dismayed face. "Milly," said he, at Pale and weak from suffering, Mrs. Dun-length, with an effort, "it's broke—spoiled! lap on the morrow was sitting with Alice leaning against her, waiting for the return "No!" said little Milly, stamping her of her husband's brothers, who had gone little foot and bursting into vehement tears. down to the landing at which the transport "I can't, and I need n't, either. It's the bearing sick and wounded soldiers were expected to arrive. Nine, ten, eleven o'clock had come, but they were still waiting in to me! I'll run right to your room and suspense and anguish. For more than half tear your kite, and spoil every thing I can of the morning they had stood at the window, eager to catch the first sight of a messenger, or of him in whom their hearts were bound up. How would he come streaming eyes and burning cheeks, and What would be his condition? Would he come at all? The wounded die! How fruitless questions and paralyzing fears wrought with them, bringing dismay and

error Mrs. Dunlap, and Alice, who had seemed to grow to womanhood in a few hours, sat thus alone, waiting, hearkening, suffering. Andrew and May, too young to comprehend the situation, were at play in the next room, that opened into a garden, out of which a gate led to the street. All at once Charley, "That there is another verse where they were still, and then May exclaimed, Jesus tells Peter not only to forgive his in a voice of glad surprise!

"Why papa!" and Andrew echoed the

" Papa!" It seemed to Mrs. Dunlap that she was bound to the chair in which she sat. She made an effort to rise, but could not stir. A faintness and blindness came over her. Alice had bounded to her feet, and was keep forgiving and forgiving," wept Milly. already half way to the door which she "Yes, I think I do," said Uncle Charley, gained an instant afterwards. Stooping to gained an instant afterwards. Stooping to Andrew and May, she saw her father. One arm was around both, and he was hugging them to his heart. The other arm was bandaged. He arose as she came forward. How pale and wasted he was! How bronzed his fine face; how deep in their orbits and changed in expression his beau-

> "Father! O father!" she cried, giving way wildly to her feelings and springing toward him. He had lifted himself from his stooping posture at sight of Alice, and advanced to meet her, but in a weak way: She stood still, a pace or two distant, as if some invisible power had arrested her steps; then advanced, and laid her face gently against him, sobbing, "O father! Dear, dear father!" Mrs. Dunlap heard all this, but still she

had no power to stir. She was in a kind of waking nightmare; and not until her husband entered, with the children cling-"Why, just think how very sad it would | ing to him was the spell or paralysis re-

And so he had come home to her—come home with a shattered arm, and wasted by hardships and sickness not spoken of in Yet, as Mrs. Dunlap stood up and looked into his changed face, that bore so many lines of suffering and exhaustion, she said "Thank God, that it is no worse!" And again, as she laid her wet face against his little sister since then; and as for her, if bosom, "Thank God!" And yet again, you should ask Frank, "How often does with her hot kisses on his lips, and cheeks, Milly forgive now?—till seven times?" you and forehead, "Thank God! thank God!" It might have been worse. Alas! In ate tears, as he answers, softly, "Milly is how many thousands of instances has it not too good to count, and I don't dare to; but been worse. Ah, these comings home! how many thousands of instances has it not Once, suggestive of joy; now, of sorrow. From distant places, after a long sojourn, the beloved turn their faces homeward, and their welcome is in tears instead of smiles. They went forth strong-limbed, and in the full vigor of manhood; they come back sick or maimed, or dead, bringing shadow

nstead of sunshine. It is an evil tree that gives fruit to the people like this, and we shall never dwell in safety while its roots strike into our soil,

Miscellaneous.

Religion in Jerusalem and Palestine. The ancient metropolis of Judea, con tains about 20,000 inhabitants. This is a "And I'm so glad," said Alice—grave very small number if we compare it with womanly Alice, who had caught the sunvery small number if we compare it with light of just ten Summers in her golden get that Jerusalem has been often devashair. She was standing at her mother's tated, ruined and burned, and that it is knees, and looking into and reading her now under a cruel and servile despotism. How long will it be before the day of deliv-"To-morrow we shall see him." Mrs. erance shall dawn on this city where the

Son of God was crucified. Among the 20,000 inhabitants, 10.000 are Jews-a degraded and unfortunate race, of Mrs. Dunlap, rattling the open letter in moral than the Spanish Jews; but both are, for the most part, grossly ignorant. They read the Talmud a great deal more The Greeks, or Christians of the Eastern vestigation, gives a sad account of their religious, moral and social condition. No knowledge of the Word of God among them; bishops, ignorant priests, fanatical monks. The Latins or Roman Catholics in Jerumorrow! Ah, when the veil of to-morrow salem compose a congregation numbering was lifted, and stood face to face with the about 900. The patriarch, named Valerga,

displays great pomposity in his dress as

Lastly, the Mussulmans, 3,000 to 4,000 population of Jerusalem. They make up

for their numerical inferiority by their military and social prerogatives. The gov-

ernor of the city must be Mohammedan. He has under his command an armed force which maintains public order. The judges and other magistrates are also chosen among the disciples of the false prophet. These Mussulmans respect the life and property of the Christians, because they fear the great Powers of Europe. But their hatred toward the disciples of Christ is always the same; and if any calamity should come upon them, they would be ready to imitate the horrible massacres of Damascus and

Mount Lebanon. In the other provinces of Palestine, the Mussulmans are more numerous. There are, however, Christians and Jews at Nazareth, Bethlehem, in the remote mountains etc. There are thirty Samaritan families living at Nablous, the ancient capital of Samaria. They persist in believing that Mount Gerizim is the most acceptable spot spiritual leader, is a well-meaning man who has consented to read the Bible through attentively; but his hereditary prejudices have as yet prevented him from accepting the Gospel.

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