

much artistic skill. There is a classic purity about the drawing of the figures, and the lines and shadows of the drapery remind us of the clear and graphic style of Albert Durer. A more suitable or pleasing book for children has not been published this season.

THE HOME-SCENES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT; OR, CHRIST IN THE FAMILY. By the Rev. THEOPHILUS STORK, D.D. Philadelphia: *Lindsay & Blakiston*. Montreal: *Dawson*.

This volume is dedicated "To all who have a home on earth, to love or hope for one in heaven." It is written by its pious author to arrest what he deems a growing tendency in American society, namely, to depreciate the home-institution as a divine ordinance and economy for the culture of youth and the spiritual elevation of society. His aim is to direct anew the attention of Christians to the home-institution. The first chapter treats of Home in its true ideal, its characteristics, and its relations. The facts which he cites to establish the connection of the family and the Church, are very striking and most encouraging to Christian parents. Nine-tenths, it would appear, of all the conversions during a powerful work of grace, in 1831, were connected with pious families; and it is estimated that ninety-nine hundredths of all the ministers of the Gospel came from families where one parental heart, at least, was in true sympathy with Christ. The other chapters are: The Holy Family; Cana, or the Bridal Scene; Cornelius, or the Family Altar; Bethany; Emmaus, or the Home of Old Age. The literature and the piety of this volume are of a high order. It is largely interspersed with illustrative anecdotes and apposite quotations from the best writers in prose and poetry. We regard this as a most seasonable book, and one that should be carefully read and considered by all parents. To the home department of Christian ethics it is an admirable contribution.

We have received from B. DAWSON, Montreal, the following books:—

RELIGIOUS TRUTH, illustrated from Science, in addresses and sermons on special occasions, by EDWARD HITCHCOCK, D.D., L.L.D. *Boston: Phillips, Sampson & Co., 1856.* p.p. 422.

This is a most attractive and instructive work, worthy of the pen of its distinguished author. We trust it will receive a wide circulation.

THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS, by GEO. D. ARMSTRONG, D.D. *New York: Charles Scribner, 1857,* p.p. 319.

This is an able and seasonable discussion of a subject which requires the close attention of the Church. We recommend Dr. Armstrong's Book, and shall refer to it in an early number.

We have also received the CHILDRENS' PAPER, January, 1857. T. Nelson & Sons, *Edinburgh & Toronto.*

An excellent Periodical, beautifully illustrated, and worthy of a large circulation in families and Sabbath Schools.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

ECCLÉSIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN PRUSSIA.—The great Evangelical Conference which the King of Prussia had summoned to meet at Berlin in the month of November, has just closed its deliberations. The persons who took part in this important meeting represented very fairly every party in the Prussian Church, as well as the local and political interests of different provinces. The advisers of the King showed a sincere desire to learn the mind of the Church, by making such a selection of distinguished, earnest men, as gave almost universal satisfaction. There were five questions proposed for discussion: 1st, the constitution of the separate congregation; 2d, deacons' courts; 3d, the liturgy; 4th, the marriage of those that had been divorced; 5th, the provincial synods, and the calling of a General Assembly. On the first point the great majority of the Conference decided in favor of a Presbyterian form, as being the best for maintaining the rights and developing the life of the individual Church. Ultra-Lutheranism, in advancing the power