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MY HUSBAND'S SECRET

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Bruised, weary, despairing, I pressed my child to my bosom, and longed for death to take us, too, into that great future for which I had no fear now. He had opened its massive doors-I had caught one glimpse had seen its great glory reflected on the face of my beloved as he passed in, and then, alas I the portals closed, and I stood shivering in the dark, cold world, weak and weary.

Aunt Posey was then a friend in need. Most tenderly was the little one cared for; and, when it was fed and dressed, the good, kind creature would come with her burden, and say:

"There, darling, lay up close to mother; put your little hands on her face; tell her you 'll be good baby if she will live for you. There I see, he smiles, sure as the world, and it's jest his blessed father's smile. Look! do, dear honey, look !"

And I did look, and, sure enough, Aunt Posey was right it was his father's smile, and though the tears would come, I was comforted.

I don't know how it was at that time. I suppose I had friends-I think Aunt Posey told me of neighbors and friends, who came, as is customary in the country, to offer their consolation and kind offices. I did not see many, and those I remember were wives and mothers, happy in their families, and strangers to my sorrow.

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One day the pastor called. I did not care to see bim; he, too, had probably little of grief. He would come with those cant phrases of consolation which to the real mourner are barbed arrows. Perhaps he would say, as many do, "You loved your idol too much, and God in mercy has removed it." Just such hard, bitter things I have often heard said when the wounded heart knows that it has never loved half enough. Do n't you khow, poor stricken wife, can't you bear witness with me that at such a time your heart bleeds at the remembrance of every impatient word you have spoken, over every look that was not tenderness and love? Don't you feel as if you had not known one half the value of the treasure till it was removed ? Love our friends too much ! Heaven grant that some Messiah may come again to know that others understand your sorrow." earth to open the blind eyes that we may see more plearly. Many a loving angel walks by our side that he once had the sweetest, beautifulest wife; here, and we know him not, giving him only half but she died in the first year of their marriage. our hearts. No; I speak to mourning hearts. Let That was long, long ago; but I heard old Mrs. Jenus be more loying and gentle and kind to the loved kins say that Squire Maurice wanted her, but she ones who surround our daily paths; let us so cher- loved the poor minister best. She was one of them ish them that, when they are removed from us, no] sad reproaches may mingle with our grief at their loss. As I was saying, the thought of such trite, heartless words as many a clergyman feels himself called upon to give to the mourners in his flock, made meshrink from seeing Mr. Harmon, and when Aunt Posey said, " Mrs. Perry, the minister is in the parlor, let me smooth your hair and help you dress; it may Jacob's ladder to my poor soul." be, honey, he 'll say sweet, comforting words to ye, and tell ye about the golden crowns and the harps all gold, too, that they have in heaven, and where the streets are all bright gold, too ; and -----" "Stop, Aunt Posey, please stop, I don't want gold crowns, nor gold harps, nor golden streets. I wand, oh auntie, I want the strong, loving heart to not how to pray about them as we ought, we yet rest upon. 1'm weak; I don't want gold, but thank thee that we are sure that in all these things strength. I'm so weak, auntie, and the way seems thou meanest us good, and out of these sceming long and dark and cold." "Ye forget, honey dear, that there's something together for the highest advantage of thine every written in God's word about our ' weakness made | ohild. We thank thee for that other, that transcenperfect in his strength ;' and do n't you believe the dear, blessed Saviour loves you and feels for you, and home whereunto thou gatherest the spirits of just -and-I was going to say something more, but I'm men made perfect, and for our dear ones who have feared you'll think it disrespectful to the Saviour if I say it." "No, no, Annt Posey; I know you would never intentionally say anything of that nature when speaking of our Saviour. What were you going to say ?" "" Why, don't you 'know, darling, it says in the Bible 'he was like us-had our nature ?' Now do n't that consolation which trust in God only can give. you think the son who loved his mother, and was so dutiful, would have loved wife and children, and did it he give up all these enjoyments, because he had resurrection, or the hope of the Christian. a great work to do for a wicked world ? Yes, honey. his loving, kind heart feels for you. Can't you trust he was wont to dress in life. I could not call him him, chile, and let him comfort your poor, sad heart?" Augt Posey said this as she helped me to dress, sat by his side. There lay the mass of dark hair and while Mr. Harmon was waiting to see me. I con. brushed aside on the high, white forehead, just as fess there was more comfort in her words than all I he used to wear it, and the hands, so long and this expected to get from the man of God ; indeed, they and white, now lay crossed upon the breast as they strengthened me for the interview. When I went into the room, Mr. Harmon, a tall, my babe, that he might not disturb the sleeper, and grave man, with hair just touched with silver, was the next moment the illusion was dispelled, and all standing before a picture of Sidney, (a perfect life-likeness it was,) and with his back to the door. His hands were clasped behind him-thin, white hands they this alternation of feeling; but more terrible by far were-looking more so perhaps from contrast to the was the thought of the faneral day. There is someblack coat ; he stooped a little, as most students-in- thing to me very repugnant in the mode of conductdeed there was always about him the abstracted ing country funerals. I shrank from the crowd, and look of one who lived much with books. He did the curious gaze of those who only came to look on not, for an instant, observe my satrance, and my Erit impulse was to turn back even then, and send | custom of walking in procession around the coffin an erones by Aunt Posey, but the slight rastle of friend and foe, relative and stranger, while the poor, my dram attracted his attention, and he turned; stricken mourner, worn with grief, sits waiting the came toward me, and as he took my hand; said; at this time i deep grief loves silence and collinged only wished that I might go to the grave in the mild Louisell erry clock, clock decementary at Market e 1. 85

brought me here, but my heart impelled me to come and say, I sympathize with you, for I know your SOTTOW."

"You, sir ?" I said, my tears making my utterance hardly audible-" But the death of an infant, (I knew he had lost one young child,) great as is the loss, is not like my sorrow."

"" No, not like your loss; when I laid my little one in the grave, my heart yearned over it, but the feeling was disappointed hope-the shadow thrown on a bright foreground; but, when after a long friendship, begun in childhood and consummated in marriage with one whose very life was interwoven with mine, I can't tell you the fullness of my joy. Barth was so bright that I forgot the grave. I did not dream that the angel with the sable wings could come near us. I looked down through a long vista of years, and saw only two, with tottering steps and dimmed eyes, walking hand in hand through the dark valley, separated, as I supposed, only by a short interval from the long rest of heaven. But in six months after our marriage, Mary-my Mary -the light of my eyes, life of my life, soul of my soul, was removed suddenly by death !"

He paused. It seemed as if the memory of those days overcame him. He turned leaned his head upon his hand, as he stood near the mantle, and appeared lost in deep thought. Here, indeed, had I found one who could fathom my sorrow. I had often looked upon him as one living above the world, ready to drop the mantle of flesh, and mingle with the pure spirits above. I knew not of the invisible golden chain that was every day lessening to draw him upward.

After what he had told me, there was little need of the old hackneyed phrases of comfort. Enough that he could say, "I have suffered the same." He prayed with me, and as he prayed, my own spirit, like a poor, wounded dove, tried to accend upward, too; but, alas! I could not rise, and fell to earth weaker than before.

His visit, however, led me out of myself-another, too, had suffered the same sorrow. Whatever new ties had been formed, it was evident to me that he had not forgotten the wife of his youth. How keen must have been the agony, the memory of which could bring such an expression of deep grief upon the features after so many years had passed !

When I returned to my room, and took the baby from Posey, she noticed that I had been weeping : And did n't he comfort ye, my poor birdle ?"

"It is some comfort. Auntle, to have sympathy, to

"To be sure it is, honey, and I might have told ye

It was no regard to the conventionalities of life that | early twilight, with the few who loved my husband | open for him-the plain box in which the coffin | you ? together we can watch beside his couch, and in his life, and thus bear him quietly to his long was secured, the lowering of that box down, down home. 🛸

As I sat musing; and in my heart shrinking from the sad rites of the morrow, brother Maurice entered. | olently. His step was light as a woman's, and I did not see him till he stood at' the head of the blessed sleeper. and for a moment gazed silently upon him.

"That is a noble head," said he, " and the face is the box, the soil near the grave fell in, partly filling very like that of our mother. She had the same long it. The grave-digger was troubled, and said : eye-lashes, and abundant, dark hair." I burst into tears.

"Mary," said our brother, "fiet me aid you in this least, to shovel this out." time of trial. I will take all care from you, only express your wishes." at and what you are the I told him freely my dread of the morrow.

" I feel for you and with you," said he. "Such if the first shovelful of earth fell on my own heart. publicity, and such indulgence of curiosity, is as re I shall never forget the sensation if I live a thousand pugnant to delicacy as to the feelings of the mourn- years. All the quiet of the past hour was gone, and er. We will manage matters differently. Only the I could hardly help exclaiming : neighbors will be here, and all who wish to take farewell of the dead, must do to before you leave the room. Leave all to me, and when we go to the grave, it. We were a few steps from the large family monremember I am his eldest brother, and will be your ument, beneath which reposed the remains of his protector. You will go in my carriage, and I will father. He found me a seat in its shadow, where I strive as much as possible to shield you from public could sit and lean against the marble. He stood curiosity." and the second 1 sweetly modulated-the very tones carried quiet and Men measure time by the clock in their daily avoca-

what he said, she looked so doubtful, and gave such Ten minutes I an ominous shake of the head, that I was puzzled. Every minute seemed an hour. And then came After some hesitation, she said :

"Well, I might as well speak out as keep it in; against the box, as it was lowered to its resting place. the truth is, Mr. Madrice is a 'ristocrat-he do n't God forgive me, but at that moment my whole soul like common sort o' folk, and he jea likes the chance rebelled against His ways with man. Why had he to have the funeral all among ourselves, 'cause he created us thus to suffer? Why had he emthinks there aint no families is equal to the Per- bittered the fountain of my whole life? Hencerys. Now, I've a notion myself that good blood forth it could send forth only bitter waters. I had is not to be despised. The old Judge used to say, borns everything else but the trembling of that cord (I mean your husband's father,) that it never would in the bands of those four strong men; the knell, run pure ; that if folks got out of the mud, they the pall, the bier, the open grave, the last farewell ; would bring some of the stains with them. But' but that grating sound told me that I should never though I'm not for being too common with that more see him on earth who was dearer than all the sort," and here Posey held her head erect, and the world beside. It was the stern, rough reality of gold beads on her fat neck shore with great lustre death, now. I could bear no more. Kind nature as she spoke, "yet Mr. Sidney was a great favorite came to my aid, a sort of swoon, or fainting fit atwith everybody-he had n't an obemy in this wide tacked me, and I was unconscious for some minutes. world, and what will they all say if they can't come They took me home, and it was well that I was too to follow him to the grave ? No, no, I'm afraid worn and weary to heed anything, for I had thought you 'll bear the blame, and Mr. Maurice will have I could never re-enter the home that death had made the pleasure of the privacy."" so desolate.

. I was only amused, not convinced by Aunt Posey, and feeling that it would be such a relief to cast all care upon Maurice, made no objection to his arrangements. I looked upon Maurice, as a father, and felt thankful to trust him, and he fulfilled his promise well.

I sat in my own bed-room with Fanny by my side, (she came the day before the funeral.) Aunt Hannah, brother Henry, a brother that I have not mentioned before, who lived on a farm a short dis-

away from sunlight and air. Now they were all before me, and my heart failed me. I trembled vi-

"Be calm, Mary," said Maurice gently, as he felt me tremble, " it will soon be over."

But just then, while the coffin was being placed in

"I am sorry, gentlemen, but it often happens in this kind of earth. It Will take ten minutes, at

I heard those words, though spoken in a low voice, as distinctly as if he had been close at my side, and oh I they grated on my earl It seemed as

"Give me back my dead! Give me back my dead!" Maurice saw my agitation, for I could not restrain near, saying no word of comfort, (how could he?) Maurice's voice, as I have said, was low and but ready to aid and support me. Ten minutes i comfort with them. But when I told Aunt Posey tions, but not so do our hearts sometimes measure it.

that strange, dreadful sound, the friction of the rope



smooth his passage to the grave." "No, Frank, he must be my first care; another

must not step between us. Already he will receive attentions from none but me. I owe everything to him. Have I not been his darling for many years? Has he not been father and mother both, since she who bore that blessed relation passed to her home above? Now that brother Philip, his pride and joy, has joined our sainted one, and he is left a sad old man, with vision darkened, shall J, his daughter. desert him, and leave him to the care of menials? God forbid! Oh. Frank. call it not sacrifice, if all my heart holds dear is offered upon this altar! I know that he would bid me be your wife, for he is unselfish still, but right and duty forbid, and I obey. hoped to have spared you the pain of this interview, therefore I endeavored to break the tidings to you when you were on the continent; but you could not seem to realize it."

"No, Bertha, I supposed it but the wild enthusiasm of the moment that would be dissipated when you looked into the future, and saw the cheerless waste of life stretching out before you. I never dreamed it had settled down into a stern conviction, coloring all with its sombre hue. But. Bertha. I must believe you never loved me, or' you could not thus yield me up so easily."

Her face grew white. He had no conception of the suffering she had undergone. Yielded up easily ! Her very life had been bound up in his, until it seemed as if death would be preferable to a separation. God and her own soul alone knew the heart. rending agony that had been hers. She felt that she must bring this scene to a close, for already her fortitude was giving way. He had watched her closely as he spoke, and now he added,

"Perhaps another has come between us, and you make this an excuse to break an engagement that as become irksome to you."

The color mantled on her check, the head was raised proudly, while the lip ourled with scorn.

"You are unjust, to say the least, and if you please to place that interpretation upon my motives or actions, I shall certainly not demean myself by repelling the accusation," and she turned to leave the room, but his hand stayed her.

"Forgive me, Bertha, I did not mean it; your sruelty almost drives me wild; but stay "-and his face brightened-" will you not promise to become my bride when you are free? I can wait, if you will only promise."

"No, Frank; it would seem to be speculating, and hoping for my father's death. I will not bind you to me by any fetters. Long years may elapse, and the crown of youth be faded from my brow. while age will leave its silver token there, before I should be free to take new vows upon myself; then honor would bid you link your life to mine, when love would fly dismayed. No; the renunciation

sweet, loving creters that never stay world."

"Perhaps there was a mistake in sending her here, and God made it right as soon as possible." The idea of God's rectifying mistakes was so absurd, that I could n't help smiling. The expression caused Posey to be still more communicative.

"Did n't he pray with you?-his prayers are

"Yes, Auntie, he did pray, and I can tell you just what he said - I'll never forget it: . We remember, our Father, the sorrows with which thou triest us: how often we stoop at the bitter waters, and fill our mouths with sadness, and if we dare not thank thee for these things, if we know

evils still producest good, making all things work dent world, beyond this globe of matter-for that gone thither before us, and bless thee that they are still not less near because they are transfigured with immortal glory, and have passed on in the road we ourselves must also tread." "

Aunt Posey listened most gravely and_earnestly. She had known trouble, and understood the power of At that time my whole life was clouded. I found no consolation, no, not even in the promises of the

Sidney lay on the couch in the parlor, dressed as dead. Hour after hour, with my babe in my arms. I always were in sleep. Involuntarily, I would hush the strong waves of my sorrow rolled over me.

They who have watched beside the dead, know all grief from a morbid love of excitement. Then the conclusion of this slow torture. As I sat alone with

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tance from Burnside, and who, though I had seen him but a short time, seemed to be a quiet, kindhearted man. Aunt Posey, who was never far from clouds lay drifted in irregular masses along the me, held the baby in her arms, and he slept while dark sky. The wind moaned drearily through the Mr. Harmon read an appropriate service for the trees, until it seemed as if some anguished spirit dead, and offered a prayer. Some two or three was sobbing in the rain-drops, and shrieking in the voices in an adjoining room chanted most sweetly a howling gale.

raquiem just before we left the house. Our carriage was waiting at a side door near where I sat, walked with difficulty, he bade Aunt Poscy sit be- ing.

side me. She did so, bringing the babe, who was still sleeping. I can't express the comfort that this which I should some day lean.

It was a beautiful day; the air was balmy with Spring fragrance, or, perchance, with southern tleman-had been conversing in low, earnest tones; breezes laden with the aroma of flowers from more southern lands, the sky was deeply blue, and, as we He was tall, with a high, broad forehead, from which wound slowly up the hillside to the silent city of the the brown hair was thrown carelessly back. There dead, all at once a strange quiet stole into my heart. was a troubled look in the hazel eye, while an al-"He is not dead, but liveth still." a voice seemed to whisper to mo, and "I go to prepare a place for you," tures. The lady stood leaning against one of the The last may seem irreverent as applied to a human picture-frames. She was tall and slender. Her being, but I could not resist the impression that he dark hair was banded smoothly back from the who had so lovingly prepared an earthly home for broad, white brow, while a slight flush rested upon me, was waiting in a mansion above to welcome me the usually pale face, and the dark grey eyes were home. "Only a little while," I said to myself, and I will go to him, and there will be no more came toward her.

separation." "Be faithful unto death," came an round at those in the carriage, wondering if they heard it, too. I saw only Maurice, who was stooping to pick up the fan which I had just dropped.

"Are you better, Mary ?" he said. "Yes," I said, "I am not faint now,".

"Shall you feel able to get out of the carriege, as nothing in thus renouncing what has been my beais quatomary, when we arrive at the foot of the hill ?" "Yes, I think so," and in truth lifelt strong just upon my finger, I have anticipated with joy the then, only needing as. I believed then, a, little pa- hour that should ratify our engagement and make flence till I, too, should lie down on youder green me your wife, and if I now return it, it is because hill. The grave was on a little rise of ground. We duty, saored duty, points another way. Then take alighted, and left Posey with the babe in the car it back, Frank, and with it the love and prayers riage, while we walked up. A few staps, and I be- of her who can never be more to you than she is gan to totter. I was dissy and faint, but my now."

rested on his shoulder.

whing to issue in the second in the boost ing where the birds and me, too? Surely, your father does not know where the air was so soothing, where the birds and me, too? Surely, your father does not know roamed all the day long, and where the sweet wild flowers loved to bloom. I thought I was strong wither two lives in order to minister unto him. Showers loved to bloom. I thought I was strong wither two lives in order to minister unto him. Showers loved to bloom. I thought I was strong wither two lives in order to minister unto him. Showers loved to bloom. I thought I was strong wither two lives in order to minister unto him. Showers loved to bloom is the deep, dark grave, Wby not give me the right to share your vigils with

CHAPTER I.

It was a wild December evening. Huge black

It was a night when the rich, seated in their comfortable homes, thought of the poor with compasand Maurice placed me in it, and noticing that I sion, and many good resolutions formed in their bewas very pale, and indeed I was so faint that I half would, alas! fade with the smile of the morn-

In vivid contrast to the wild scene without, was the pleasant parlor in the mansion of Mr. Holmes. gave me, to have my boy-his child near me. Little The gas gave forth a soft, mellow light, while the unconscious sleeper, that he was then, I felt that warm air was redolent with the breath of summer. there was latent strength in that little frame, upon for in the conservatory rich and rare exotics bloomed in defiance of the rain and hail without.

The only occupants of the room-a lady and genbut now the latter arose and walked to the window. most angry expression rested upon the manly feahumid and ead. The gentleman now turned and

"This, then, is your final decision, Bertha ?" he answer, to me so audible that I started and looked said, with a slight huskiness of voice, "for a mere whim that you call duty, you will deliberately blast all my hopes of happiness, and turn the cup of joy, which I deemed overflowing, into bitterest gall ?"

"Oh, hush, Frank !" she pleaded. "Would you make my task harder still ? Do you think I suffer con light so long? Ever since you placed this ring

brother's strong arm was around me, and my head ... He flung the ring to the floor, and ground it beneath his heel, while his frame shook with emotion. rested on his shoulder. I thought, before I left the carriage, that I was "This, then, is woman's constancy?" he groaned. Willing to leave my husband in this beautiful spot, "Oh, Bertha, why will you thus sacrifice yourself,

must be entire now-no delusive hope must lead up on until it turns to ashes in our grasp. You will find some flower yet to wear next your heart that will efface my image from your mind."

"It is you who are unjust now. As if I could ever find one who would be to me what you have been ! Oh, Berthal Berthal your hand has held a bitter draught to my lips, and my life henceforth will be dark and gloomy."

"Frank, let us not prolong this interview." Her voice was tremulous with emotion. "It brings nought but sadness to us both. Farewell! and remember, whether prosperous and happy, or sad and weary, my prayers will always attend you."

He placed his arm around her, pressed one kiss upon the sweet lips, and was gone, while Bertha Holmes sank back upon the lounge, feeling that with her own hand she had shut out light and happiness" from her path.

Frank Raymond and Bertha Holmes had been betrothed for four years. He was a rising young lawyer, with great talents, and bid fair to become a bright star in his profession. His story was like many engraven upon earth's tablets-the struggle of a noble, aspiring nature, through the crust of poverty, neglect and scorn. Five years before, he had entered the charmed circle where Bertha moved, and had chosen 'her for his heart's idol. True, there were fairer faces and more golden fayors in other homes; but she, with her calm, strong nature, wellstored mind, and loving heart, commanded his admiration, and won his love. At seventeen she had placed her hand in his, promising to become his bride, when her father would yield her up; but Mr. Holmes had bade him not come for her until her twenty-first birthday. For two years he had traveled in Europe, associating with the first minds of the age.

During that time, Philip Holmes, in the pride and . trength of his vigorous young life, was struck. down by the Death Angel laying the doting fatherhelpless upon a sick bed, from which he arose ta. find the fair face of Nature forever shut from his. view, and compelled, a shattered wreck, to langes henceforth upon the arm of his loving Bertha, and most nobly did she receive the trust thus given here. Her life was laid upon the altar, everything must become subservient to this great duty, beaceforth ... he must live only for him.

Bertha Holmes was not the woman to place her. hand to the plow, and then turn back. From the hour that she dismissed, her lover, she resolutely. shut from her heart the love-dream that had so long. rested there. Her lips obanted its funeral dirge A set of the set of the

tinually mourn for it. Duty, with uperrise fager. pointed out her path; and, she did not consider herself a martyr because she had the strength to walk therein.

True, a feeling of regret would sometimes simost overpower her, as she heard with what rapid strides Frank was mounting the hill of Fame, and she thought, perhaps she had mistaken the voice of duty; but this was quickly dispelled, as she turned to her father and saw the smile that lit his face as he heard her step; and when his volce-said: "My darling Bertha, what should I do without you?" she felt well repaid.

Frank had called twice since that night that brought so much sorrow to both young hearts, but Bertha had declined seeing him, and he went away, jealous and angry. June came with balmy breezes and gentle zephyrs, garlanding the earth with roses.

One calm, bright Sabbath morning, Bertha sat by her window gazing into the street. The musical chime of bells sent forth their invitations for the multitude to enter their respective ohurches and an indescribable longing seized her to join the living stream that was moving on with measured step to the harmony of the world around. Turning to look at her father, she saw that he was asleep, and calling a servant to attend to his wahts, should he awaken, she hastily donned her street apparel, and joined the moving crowd. She cared not whither her steps led her; only a feverish desire for change possessed her soul; co, yielding to outside pressure, she allowed herself to be borne into the nearest church. Noticing that it was densely packed, she sought a corner and sat down, absorbed in her own reflections. Then the organ pealed forth a grand anthem, and she became lost to her surroundings, until a whisper startled her, and turning, she saw a bridal party enter. Every faculty was now sharpened and strained to its utmost tension. Surely, she knew that manly form; but who was it dared to stand by his side? She must be dreaming; a cold hand was pressing on her heart ; she-would arouse from the terrible nightmare. Why this throbbing pain in her head? She heard the minister pronounce his name-" Frank Raymond "-and it seemed as if every nerve thrilled with pain. Oh, God! was it for this she ventured forth ? With brain and heart on fire, she heard the mystic words pronounced that bound the couple in one. Her quick eye took in the slight girlish figure, with her splendid hair falling in golden brown tresses to her waist, the rosebud lips were parted, and the large violet eyes were lifted in fond affection to the being by ber side.

Amid all that vost throng, Frank Raymond saw but one face, and that lifted itself between his bride and him. Calm and white, with cold glittering eyes, it smiled in mockery. Bertha endeavored to reach the door, but, wedged in the crowd, she heard one remark to another :

"Who would have thought that Frank Raymond would have been caught by the pretty baby-face of Esther Blake. She is very ignorant. Take my word for it, he will tire of her in three months. It was a surprise to every one-it was only whispered to a few list evening; but such news will spread, as the crowded church amply testifies."

How Bortha regained her own door she never knew. Entering the parlor, she encountered her father.

"My child, what is it I hear?" he exclaimed. "Frank Raymond married? Is it true? I thought you were his affianced bride. What does it mean ?"

"Yes, he is married, dear father. I have myself witnessed the ceremony," she replied, although her voice sounded hard and unnatural. "With regard to his vows to me, I released him six months ago. 1 want no husbaud," she continued, with an attempt at playfulness, "while my father lives."

"Bertha, I fear I have been selfish not to have thought of this before. Are you sure you do not regret it now ?"

world, with its righteous judgment, said she had paced the room last in thought. grown cold and proud; but those who looked into "Oh, Lucifor 1 Son of the Morning Lhow hast

from their unfathomable depths.

stamped new beauty on the face, and added fresh both suffer in their unequal relation. I saw by her graces to the slender form. She had matured into manner that she had determined upon something, God's best gift to man, a noble, true hearted woman. and if I can assist her, most gladly will I do it Wherever she moved, talent, genius and wisdom fol- She has all the elements to develop' into a noble wolowed in her train. The statesman, with the high- man, if I am not mistaken. If cultivated, she, with est honors of his country at his feet, the ambitious her sweet beauty, would make a most fitting comyouth with the trump of fame already sounding panion for him. However, I can judge better this forth his name, and the disappointed, weary ones afternoon, if she calls to see me, as I hope she will." battling in life's stern conflict, came to her for appreciation and sympathy.

child wife without a tremor or a flutter. The world feeling that amid all the throng that had danced atwhispered that the young lawyer was already tired tendance upon thee that evening, there were none to of his pretty bride, and certainly, if coldness and fill that woid draped with memories of the" by gone." neglect and open contempt in voice and feature were any oriterion, it was, alas ! too true. Bertha had announced " Mrs. Raymond," and the next instant noticed this, and she longed to comfort the gentle the child wife entered, with a sad, wistful look in wife and bless the husband.

of Bertha Holmes echoes to the music of merry feet same time divesting her of her wrappings. and gay laughter. Age, silver crowned in wisdom's path-youth, with shining raiment and keen edged then Esther'exclaimed : wit, met to offer their congratulations to the young mistress of festivities upon her birthday.

Her quick intuition and ready tact assigned to have met, there are none who have a heart like each their place. None were left to bloom alone yours. Will you seelye my confidence ?" against the wall. Some were drawn into the charmed "Poor child," was the response : "I will be your circle of quict converse, while others tripped lightly friend, and aid you to the best of my ability. at the command of the inspiring music, and their Clouds and sunshine are necessary for our growth : hostess moved among them, their presiding genius. the one is as essential as the other, although it is

Leaving Frank engaged with his own peculiar hard for our poor, weak human, natures to comprefriends, she led Esther away to see her birds and hend it. Go on, darling, and call me Bertha, if I flowers and many rare geme that kind friends had am to be your friend." brought her from distant lands. The young wife in "Thank you, I will. You overheard that converher artless way expressed her delight, and prattled sation between those two gentlemen last evening, in on in childlike glee.

of Nature now, but I fear neglect and coldness will and in which I wish for your assistance." My husere long wither these tendrils of her heart that are band is mortified and ashamed, although I trust he now put forth so ardently to twine around her still loves me ; it would kill me if I thought he did friends."

The next instant Esther started and looked up in- resolved that I will study and improve so that he quiringly, as a kiss was pressed upon her brow; shall yet be proud of his little wife." but before she could speak, Bertha had glided away. A shade came over the sweet face, and she murmured :

"I love Miss Holmes dearly, she is so grand, good and learned. I wonder if she would not help me if I should tell her my 'resolve ?' She does not laugh at twin-brother, Willie, and myself. When we were my blunders as the rest do, and to-night I saw her old enough, we began to go to school ; but only about rebuke Mr. Clark with her eye when he was making three weeks had passed, before Willie fell from a sport of what I said."

a gentleman, who came to claim her hand for the if I left him. When we were twelve, mother folnext quadrille.

Later in the evening, as Bertha moved among her guests, she heard one gentleman remark to another : died, I was over fifteen, and then I felt ashamed to "How troubled and disheartened Frank Raymond seems. He looks nearly ready to die with mortifica- care for learning in women, that they never chose tion every time that doll wife of his speaks. How in the name of reason could he throw himself away met Frank, and I loved him; he was so great and upon that baby face? There is Miss Holmes, now, learned. But I was frightened when he asked me would suit him to a charm; she could understand and appreciate him."

"People say that he was jilted in that quarter." was the reply, " but I hardly believe it myself. Half he should love me just as well-that I should be his the marriages are as unsuitable as that one. It little sunbeam. Now it vexes him, because I can't only proves that wise people are fools sometimes. talk with his friends, and he knows that they laugh Did you notice Judge Abbott and Mrs. Raymond and deride me behind his back. I am sure aunt did promenading the rooms to night? She made a most not know, or she would never have said that men ridiculous blunder, then, but luckily there were not did not prize knowledge in a woman. I watched the many who heard it. They stopped before a painting gentlemen around you last evening, and they seemed of a scene in Italy, and the Judge was speaking of to drink in every word you said, while you talked the ruins, when she inquired if there had not been a about such wonderful foreign things, and books and

Morning had saluted the earth ere Bertha stood its record written on human hearts in amiles and Morning had minied the earth ere Bertha stood tears, and Bertha again mingles in society. The alone in her disordered parlors. Then she slowly

her deep grey orbs saw love and warmth welling up thou fallen I" she solloquized; "That idol that I once worshiped is indeed dethroned ; but still I nity

BANNER OF LIGHT.

Her years of tender devotion to others had him, and also his young wife, for I see that they Ah, Bertha Holmes, unselfish still, although thy woman's beart was even then aching for love and She could now meet Frank Raymond and his sympathy-longing for some true arm to lean upon. That afternoon as Bertha sat writing, a servant the violet eyes, that touched Bertha's heart, and

Once again, after six years' solitude, the mansion drawing her to her side she kissed her fondly, at the They chatted awhile upon indifferent topics, and

> "I have come to you, Miss Holmes, because I am unhappy, and want a friend, and of all those that I

> which I played so prominent a part? Well, that

"Ah?" thought her friend, "she is a sweet obild confirmed me in a resolution I had already formed. not," and her eyes filled with tears, " and now I am

> "A very good 'resolution, Esther," responded her friend, " and I will assist you to carry it into effect; but first tell.me of your childhood."

" My father died when I was very young, and my mother was obliged to work hard to support my loft and injured his spine, and then I was obliged to But her meditations were suddenly interrupted by stay at home to 'amuse him, for he was not happy lowed father. and Willie and me went to live with an aunt. There'I learnt to read, but when Willie go to school; besides, aunt said that men did n't those for wives. When I was almost seventeen, I to be his wife, and I told him that I did n't know. anything about the wonderful things that he talked about, and he said he did n't care if I did n't, that

in one--in that way, i balleve in it, as God's best And springing forward she caught the paper, her. alther existence. But I am forgetting," she added, with a smile, " that you do not comprehend me."

"No. not now, but I shall some time. May I will not discommode you in the least ?"

"Come to-morrow, if you like, and, believe me, it will be a pleasure to assist you; but Esther, you must be a loving little wife at home; just as you are now-not be regardless of your husband's comfort in deak is filled with just such scraps as this." looking forward to the wisdom that you intend to gain, and do not be too hopeful, and thus become discouraged in the outset. It will require patience iwritten? I wish to read it. Do not burn up one and perseverance in order to accomplish the desired piece; and I think, now, that when Mr. Raymond end; but if you labor faithfully, and with determi. nation, you will be successful."

"I will remember what you say, and I thank you very much for your kindness," was the tearful reply. "I feel as if you had imparted some of your own strength to me, and you have eased my heart of its dull, aching pain ;" and she kissed Bertha adieu. and left the house with a light step.

CHAPTER III.

Therweeks now sped with flying feet, and each afternoon Bertha welcomed her friend. The latter was making fine progress, and did oredit to the efforts of her kind teacher. With great natural abilitles was added an intense desire to become an object of pride and admiration to her husband, and also to show the world that he had not made the mistake they supposed; and with these as incentives, she applied herself with such determined diligence, that Bertha was delighted and surprised.

A strong friendship had grown up between the two women, at which the world marveled. The one was so strong, calm and self-reliant, while the other was like a delicate, shrinking plant, that seemed as if it must twine itself around something, or it could not survive the beating, rushing whirlwind of life. One morning, weary of the dust and bustle of the city. Bertha took a book and wandered away from the house. About a mile from the town was a beautiful grove called Willow Dale, and hither she bent her steps. It was a spot rich in varied scenery, and here she felt that she might cheer and refresh her spirit, away from the bustling, rushing throng.

The sun rode majestically through the cloudless heavens. The zephyrs, fragrant with the love-offerings of the gentle flowers, made low, sweet music to accompany the carol of, the feathered songeters. All Nature smiled in her gala dress.

In the central part of the dell a huge rock lifted its towering head, as if, in the upheaving and, convulsions of the earth, this had been thrown out as a stronghold for Nature. By its side willows bent their graceful, swaying branches, as if they guarded the entrance to the stone castle, while a rivulet went winding itself among their foots like a bright thread of silver. Bertha walked to the spot, and, concealed by the foliage, she sat down to view the scene.

Stately elms lifted their heads, supporting olinging vines. Sturdy oaks raised their towering tops into the glorious sunshine, while their leaves gave forth a musical murmur, as if they were happy in the glad baptism. They had struggled like giant men with the overwhelming tempests that had come rushing over the country to. meet them, and now they were polishing their armor, and preparing for another battle. A brook went leaping and dancing over the rocks, seeming now but sporting and joyous; but let. the Storm-King sound the clarion of war, and sweep his retainers over, its bosom, and straightway it would lash itself in fury, and become white and foamy with its angry passions.

Every nerve and fibre of Bertha's frame thrilled with delight, as she sat there absorbed in the scene before her. Ten, fifteen minutes passed away, and

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" It is only some of my soribblings: I did not know it was in the book.

"Erouse mor dear," replied her friend. " It was commence to study before long ? and are you sure it thoughtless in, me reading it, but I supposed at first that it was part of your lesson ; but tell me, do you often write like that ?"

"Yes, quite often. I do n't know that I told you. but my father used to write a great deal, and my

Well, darling," responded Bertha, "in three months" time will you bring me all the poetry that you have returns he will indeed be proud of you."

Oh, what a rich glow of exultation rested on the young wife's cheek, even when she was assisting her husband to depart. Her friend's words rang in her ear, and softened the pang of separation.

Bertha sat musing, after her pupil had gone. "I knew she had talents," she soliloquized, "but I did not dream that she had drank at the fountain of poesy. Ah, Eether, your husband will be proud of vou, as well he may; and it will not be long ere those that have mocked and laughed at thy ignorance will be the first to kneel in abject homage at thy feet "

At [the expiration of the alloted time, Mrs. Raymond brought her friend the contents of her desk, wondering what her intentions were; but as she did not seem inclined to tell her, she thought no more about it, being only intent upon the progress she should make ere she welcomed her dear Frank. And the world, surprised at her strict seclusion, during her husband's absence, pronounced her a most devoted wife.

Day after day was shot from the golden shaft of Time, and Bertha, mingling in society, found Graham Stewart ever by her side; almost unconsciously to herself, his image now filled her mind. And he, as he looked into her calm, sweet face and truth-telling eyes, felt that she was his ideal of all that was noble in woman.

Again Winter came, with icy breath and chilling hand, looking Nature in his stern embrace.

One afternoon Esther came dancing into her friend's boudoir, her face fairly beaming with delight "Frank will come in to-morrow's steamer." she exclaimed. "To-day is Tuesday, and the invitations are out for Mrs. Abbott's soirce on Friday. Oh, how surprised he will be. And, Bertha, were it not for you, I could not have carried my resolution into $\sim 10^{-1}$ effect."

Her friend glanced at the bright face and replied ; " I am well repaid for my care, in your happiness. But you are not indebted to me for your cultivation, but, to your own diligence and perseverance. But have you seen the new book just issued ?. It is a collection of perfect gems. I prophesy for it a great circulation," and she held up an elegantly bound volume.

Esther took it, and opening at the title page, read Dewdrops. By Viola." She glanced through the book in a bewildered, amazed manner, and then exclaimed "Tell me, Bertha, what does it mean? Are not these my pieces ?"

"Yes, darling, your own productions. As the publishers agreed with me in my estimation of them. have ventured to bring them, out as a surprise to yourself as well as your husband." To her astonishment, the young wife sank back upon a lounge and burst into tears.

"Forgive me, dear," exclaimed her friend ; "I ught to have consulted you, but I supposed you would be pleased. I had no idea that it would affect you thus. I am very sorry."

" Dear Bertha, do not reproach yourself. These are only tears of joy. I am certainly becoming very nervous. But tell me, am I really a poetess ? And did they think those scribblings, wor lication ?"

"Quite sure. I shall never leave you, unless you force me from you. You are my all."

Yet the father was not fully satisfied ; he thought her cheerfulness assumed. But as the days glided away, and her voice rang forth in sweet melody, and her laugh sounded clear and joyous, he thought that he might have been mistaken, and, after all, she had not excrificed herself for him.

That marriage ceremony, like a flash of lightning, revealed the hidden recesses of Bertha's heart, and she found that, spite of her assumed renunciation, she had cherished the hope of one day becoming his bride. Then she nerved herself to her task, and at midnight stood again alone by the tomb of her dead love, and throwing open the doors she kissed the pale, cold lips, and then laid the head back, and locking the tomb, dropped the key into the ocean depths of oblivion, forever.

CHAPTER IL.

Summer ripened into autumn, and Nature, draped in gorgeous splendor, wrapped her misty veil about her, and awaited the coming of the Snow King. His cold breath came sweeping over hill and plain, pressing kisses on her cheek, until blushes mantled on her brow. Then slowly, one by one, she dropped her offerings at his feet, and yielded up her life to him. Now Bertha stands alone in her large parlor. Two days before she had heard the dip of the " boatman's oar," and as her father passed from her view she almost caught a glimpse of the glorified ones that bore him hence. To-day she has followed his form to its last resting place, and now she knows. the snow is failing upon his new made grave, and a sense of dreary desolation sweeps over her soul.

What work will next claim her care and attention? The strong heart cries for some burden to bear, that it may not sink beneath its own weight. In the silence of midnight a revelation was given her. 'T was like a rebuke unto her soul.

"Oh, God !" she oried, "I have grown selfish in my love. I have held myself aloof in proud reserve from suffering humanity. Content with one object to care for, I have not comforted as I might."

The wrotched inmates of cellars and garrets now bleased the gentle being that came among them. Many a suffering one felt new life pulsate through their veins at her approach. Dying forms rested in her arms, and blessed her with their latest breath. Magdalens, branded with infamy by the righteous world, bowed in tears at the feet of her who gave them loving words and bread, pointing ever to the day-spring of hope.

Papers rang with praises of the unknown benefactor of several charitable institutions, and Bertha Rolmes, in her quiet dwelling, smiled at their conjectures, for her nature would not permit hor to blason her deeds before the world. Another year was whirled into the past, leaving

fire raging in Europe lately, for she heard everybody talking about the ruins. Frank, who stood near, looked as if he would sink to the floor, while Judge Abbott, grave and sedate as he is, could scarcely repress a laugh."

Bertha waited to hear no more, but turned away As she passed the nearest window, she discovered Esther in the recess, almost hidden by the heavy curtain." One glance at the flushed face revealed the fact that she had heard all. The violet eyes flashed, and the ruby lips were compressed. Her friend bent down and placed her arm around her, and for a moment the young wife's head rested on her shoul

"Miss Holmes," she said abruptly, "I wish Frank was here; I want to go home; and I have a favor to ask: may I come and see you to-morrow?"

" Certainly, dear, I shall be happy to see you ; but come with me to my boudoir, now, and 1 will find your husband and send him to you."

Ten minutes after, as Bertha was exploring the rooms in search of Mr. Raymond, she entered the conservatory, and found him standing before some camelias, with a most disconsolate expression of countenance. He started as she approached.

you, Miss Holmes-Bertha ?" he inquired.

Her voice was low and calm as she replied : "Now that you have recalled it. I believe I do recollect it. But we have not time to discuss flowers not be shut against them, that their intellects are as now; your wife is awaiting you in my boudoir." An expression of contempt passed over his fea-

"Oh. Bertha I Bertha I" he exclaimed passionately, "I must speak, or I shall die. Oh, why did I not the bowels of the earth, unlocking its treasures wait until you were free, then you would now be my with his magic will, woman can ever be his compan. cherished bride." I love only you. 1 was mad when lon. In past time, and even to-day, marriage has stood before the altar; I did not know what I was been thought to be the goal of every woman's exist. doing, and now I am bound in iron chains. But I will ence. Society, has debarred her from every avenue break them, my treasure! my darling! if you will wherein she might elevate her mind and cultivate only be mine. We will fy to some sunny land, and her understanding. Her aspirations have never you shall be my queen! my life! Say, shall it not be so?"

"Mr. Raymond." she exclaimed, " would you for-

drag me thus to infamy and ruin. It is only a base lieved it to be the end and aim for which they were passion that possesses you, which you baptize with created. Once there were a few sisters stigmatized the holy name of love. Do you indeed think me as 'strong minded;' now they find it is not an epithet such a monster as thus to trample to death your of reproach, save in the eyes of prejudice, and God's sweet home-flower? I could hide my head in very voice is ever speaking unto the soul, to develop and humiliation that you did not respect me more than oultivate strength of mind,"

Godlike power, and shake off this incubus that she spoke-her cheek glowing, and her eye flashingweighs you down. If your wife is uneducated, in. | while Mrs. Raymond sat upon the soft, gazing upon struct her, Stand up boldly to receive the consequences of your indiscretion, if such it be, not shrink spoke :

quences of your indiscretion, if such it be, not shrink spose: away, leaving her to bear your neglect and the abuse of the world alone." In an instant she was, gone, and Frank stood be wildered for a moment, and then turned to seek his to our peace and happiness. When heart mosts

wife.

pictures, that you almost took away my breath." Bertha smiled.

"You have told me quite a story, little one," she said. "You did your duty in remaining by your sick brother, and are certainly not to blame in that respect ; but now it is demanded of you to turn your present advantages to account, that you may fill your appropriate station by your husband's side, and become an ornament to the circle in which you move. Take my word for it, dear, you will yet as. tonish your husband by the amount of 'knowledge that this little head can contain. You shall come to me every day, and I will mark out a course of reading for you to pursue, and you shall study the languages."

"Oh how kind you are," exclaimed Esther, joy flashing and sparkling in her eyes, where but a few moments before the tear-drops had rested. "I am resolved I will be all that Frank wishes I were, and we will not say a word to him about our secret," and she clasped her hands In ecstacy.

Her friend had sat apparently absorbed in thought. while she was speaking, and she now said:

"Esther, your aunt was right in some measure. "Do you remember when I presented this plant to with regard to women, although the age that has looked upon them as mere playthings, created for man's enjoyment, is passing away. People begin to realize that the golden gates of knowledge should. bright, their minds as strong, and their perceptions as clear as their brothers, and whether man soars to the stars and searches the heavens with his light.

ning glance to read their mysteries, or sinks into been allowed to wing their flight above the domestic circle; but ever has she been held as an appendage

to man. Mothers have instilled this into their ever orush out my faith in man. I love you not, daughters minds, and they have breathed it in with neither do you love me, or you would not think to every breath they drew, until they have really be-

to insult me thus. Be a man ! Rise up in all your | Bertha had risen, and was paoing the room, as

her in wondering admiration. At last, the latter

heart, soul moets soul, and our life-streams blend

raising her eyes she met the gaze of a stranger, who, seated upon an opposite bank, was apparently sketching her leafy bower. Surprise kept her motionless for a moment, and then rising, she was about to move away, when the intruder spoke.

"Pardon me, lady. I fear I have disturbed you in your retirement. This spot, so rich in its beautisul scenery, must be my excuse. I was not aware that you were in the bower until a few moments since," and bowing gracefully, he turned away, while Bertha, gathering her mantle about her, left Nature's sanctuary, to mingle again with the world.

That evening, as she sat in her parlor, a servant announced Judge Abbott and Mr. Stewart. Rising, she came forward to welcome her guests, and was introduced by the Judge to his nephew, in whom she recognized the stranger of the morning. The uncle smiled when their meeting was related to him. Bertha felt somewhat embarrassed at first, but soon recovering herself, she listened with delight to Mr. Stewart's animated description of scenes and places in the Old World; and Graham Stewart was fascinated, in his turn, with the intelligence and winning manners of the lady.

Bertha's thoughts afterwards reverted to that evening with pleasure; while the artist was obliged toJacknowledge, that although he had mingled with England's proud daughters, Spain's dark-haired maidens, and Italy's dazzling beauties, yet he had ever remained true to, his art, until the sweet face of Bertha Holmes flitted before him. The acquaint. generous nature, read to him from the pages of her ance thus commenced, ripened into friendship.

Bertha's room, her cheeks glowing, and panting shook with deep feeling as he said that the from excitement. The latter looked up, and smilingly remarked :

"You are not very scholarly; what has happened to excite you so?"

"Oh, Frank is going to Texas ; he thinks he is on the track of some important evidence in that forgery. case, and he says he may be obliged to go to Europe before he returns, in which case I shall not see him sgain for six months., Now don't you think by the time he returns I shall be so much improved | velvet, that, fell in graceful folds around her alender that we can tell him our secret."

"I do not doubt it, if you continue progressing,". was the reply. "But have you finished your translation ?"

"Ob, yes, I just ran over for you to see it, and

Bertha took the book, and opening it, complimented her upon the neatness of the exercise, and as she did so, a piece of paper fluttered out and fell to the floor. Picking it up she glanced at it any as she grew more interested in the theme they were posing it to be a part of the translation. The young wife was gazing from the window, and did not observe the morement; but she turned quickly, as her companion explained; What a perfect gam of poetry. Who is the Author ?"

"Yes, you are really and truly a poetess," was the laughing reply. "And to your last query the book fully responds."

"Oh, was there ever any one as happy as I am ?" exclaimed Esther, laying her head upon her friend's shoulder. "I see, now, that clouds and sunshine are essential to our growth, as you said. But who would have assisted me as you have ?"

"Probably others with the same opportunity. One reason we do so little good in the world, is because our hearts and hands are aching for some great object on which to lavish our attention, while we neglect what lies at our feet-trying to lift mountains when we should move molehills. When you see others in distress, and as unhappy as you were, although in a different manper, endeavor to, alleviate their suffer, ings, and in that way your fancied obligations to me will be canceled. Fancied, I say, for my efforts in your behalf have blessed me-so I acquit you of all indebtedness."

" But, Bertha, I can never be as great and noble as yourself. I can never do the good that you have." "Darling, it is not designed that you should, fill my place. Only be true to yourself, and occupy your own appointed station to the best of your ability, and you will be performing your daty alike to God and humanity."

That night Graham Stewart sought Bertha Holmes to learn his, fate ; and she, confiding in his noble; heart's history, and, then placing her hand, in his One afternoon Mrs. Raymond, came rushing into she was pressed to his manly breast ; and his role

"Bertha 1 My Bertha'l. God helping, you shall never regret this hour." It is evening, and Judge Abbott's splendid mansion is one blaze of light, Jeweled, matrons, rosy maidens, noble men and aspiring youths mingle in one grand tableaux, while, merry voloes and gay laughter float upon the perfumed, preezes Among the last to enter the crowded rooms wers Graham Stewart and Bertha Holmes. The latter was robed in a purple figure. A golden oross lay upon her breast, and a single , fower, neatled, in, the dark, glossy braids of her hair (Frank Raymond and his wife had preorded them but a few moments, . Esther was beautiful in an erare silk, with a spray of sowers twined then I must hasten home and assist Frank in his in her shining hair. preparations for departures engaged in animated conversation, while ber goy reparter and morry laugh rang forth alre. Ray, mond, stood by her, side, timid and retiring; but discussing, she, forgot the world outside, and, was soon engaged in an earnest, argument, with Judge Abbott, while the others hushed their tones to listen.

Frank Raymond had been descing in subther form, but had now joined the group, and was regarding his wife in amazement. Her theaks were fished

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her eyes apartiled, while her wice rang forth sweet " from the Hanner of fight, it and alser. Beddenly Graham Riewart laid his hand Justicity A VOICE TO, THE PEORLE. mon the Judge's shoulder, explainings and you man and the start of the own weapons, too. . You will be obliged to soknowle edge yourself vapquished. Hereafter, do not attempt page Jourpois value with a lady or sure desat all And oppress glooms wave o'er the central band Indo and deriver all date with wolk w follow." The Judge, laughingly acknowledged, the charge,

Portentous storm broods darkly o'er the land.

2. Of patriot Hearts, by dim foreboding clouded.

It is the time that tries men's souls anew.

For vain the cruel rain of battle falleth

In sacrificial heart-drops to the sod,

In acceptation of the boon divine

Thrice consecrated by the voice that calleth

Vain the outpourings of the hoarded treasure,

If Inspiration, freed from shackled measure,

With the fulfillment of completed life.

In vain the rising of your martial sons,

If yet undisciplined your hand-clasp shons

In the heart-annals of the free and brave,

Sharing the hero's meed, the patriot's grave.

Banish thy arrant pride, oh lund of beauty !

Cast from thee all the demons that possess,

With lawless might, the sacred place of duty,

Cast from thee, Mother, all that grieves the good,

And for the wrongs of ages grant redress

Unto the world expectant, that from thee

On earth or in the spirit-realms above !

And in thy simple Wisdom understood

Over thy children all, that not in vain

Unfurl the star-flag of protecting love

May prove the passing of War's terror-reign l

Portentous storm broods darkly o'er the land;

The nation's hope rests on the central band

Rise, patient thousands, from ignoble rest i

The torturing march of policy, that flings

Shrouding our household peace with sable wings.

Over the land its counterplots of treason,

And with united soul and voice proclaim

- Uttered at intervals without a thought;

A symboled glory with fulfillment fraught,

Shall wave the Star-Flag of the Brave and Free!

MARRIAGE.

There is much general interest in this subject be-

side that of Aunt. Myra: and her views, and a few

have made it a subject of much thought and obser-

reason for changing my views of placing the mar-

former article, and but little difficulty in adopting

But wave its mandate proudly to the air,

Let it not rest inactive as a prayer

Norristown, Pa., Oct. 26, 1862.

Of freemen, bound unto no creed or faction.

Choose wisely now 'twixt apathy and action;

Awaits illuminating Liberty I

If Freedom's heart breath glow not there serene;

Teach not high Wisdom Truths, for man to glean

Your waving banner's pride, your boasts of glory,

The swarthy brother's, famed with you in story,

An erring nation to its Father-God, and

but begged, as a recompense, that Mrs. Raymand To battle sternly for the Good and True. would favor him with ber hand for the next quadrille. Eather had started back covered with confusion when Mr. Stewart's volce first struck her ear, but a smile from Bortha reassured her, and accepting the Judge's proffered arm, she walked away, throwing a langhing glance over her shoulder at her astonished Of human brotherhood at Freedom's shrine. husband. And he was destined to be still more surpriced, when he heard it whiepered that his wife mas the writer of the new book of poems. Could it be possible? Already he had perused them. He remembered the tender pathos of some, the thrilling From bloody harvest fields; ideas rife power of others, and the glory and sublimity that enveloped them all. Could it be possible that his wife, his Esther, was such a sweet, gifted creature ? And his heart swelled with love and pride.

1. Some time elapsed ere he was able to draw her from the throng that pressed around ; then he led her to the library, and asked to hear her story. Remorse filled his soul, as he thought of his neglect; while she, with artless, childlike simplicity, told him of her "resolve ;" how she had tolled and labored. when heart and brain were weary, all for her hushand's love. She cared not for the plaudits of the world, only that she might become his pride and joy. My little Esther, I am not worthy of you," was all the reply he made as he pressed a kiss to her ruby lips; but the young wife's whole being thrilled, for his look had spoken volumes.

Judge Abbott had announced that evening, with much pride, the engagement of his nephew, and although it excited some remark, yet few were surprised, and many congratulations were offered the gentleman and his affianced bride. a latter

Late in the evening, as Bertha stood in a recess of Oh, as you love the holiest and the best, the drawing-room, she heard two gentleman conversing.

Well, is n't Frank Raymond a lucky dog?" re-Stay by your mighty watchword, men of reason ! marked one. ... His wife is certainly the belle of the evening. Did you ever see such a transformation ? She really collpses Miss Holmes, I think. I suppose that is the scoret of their remarkable friendship." . " Yes, Miss Holmes remained her friend when Freedom to all, in the dear Father's name !-

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sothers only laughed at and derided her ignorance. Mrs. Raymond made a resolve ; and that she kent it is manifest in her triumph to-night. But with regard to her colipsing Bertha, that, in my mind, is Till over North and South, o'er land and sea, impossible. If her head be not turned by the adulation and flattery that she now receives, where once she was neglected, she may, in time, develop into a calm, strong and noble woman, like her friend." " "I should almost think you were a lover of the lady's; you are so earnestly defending her," laughed

the first speaker. I never aspired to that. I never considered my-

self worthy of her," was the reply ; "therefore, I have contented myself with worshiping at a distance. Of all my acquaintances, Graham Stewart is the more words by me may not be out of place, as I only one that merits her. They have my good wishes." Their voices suddenly ceased, and Bertha stood vation for years, and have not put all I know of it lost in thought, when the ourtains parted, and Frank in my little book, "The Fugitive Wife." I see no Raymond stood before her. They both started in surprise; but the latter, recovering himself, extended riage structure on the four corners referred to in a his hand, exclaiming: A

"God bless you, Miss Holmes ! You have taught it for general use, although one of Aunt 'Myra's me a lesson. Allow me to congratulate you upon nieces thinks those intending marriage could not your approaching happiness, and may the love and know whether there was sexual harmony or not care you have so nobly bestowed upon others, be without a trial for a season, before the consummashowered in blessings upon you, springing up and tion of legal marriage, and concluded I would recommend it. A do not like to have my theory beautifying your pilgrimage through life." patched by unskillful workmen, nor daubed by un-

Thanking him for his good wishes, she said : "We have both learned a lesson, Mr. Raymond.

tempered mortar. We must take circumstances as they come, and weave There are two ways of obtaining knowledge. One them into life's fabric. It rests with us to make it is by studying the sciences, and the other by experi-

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should marry the stupid, the refined the gross and ignorant, the most moral the most vicious, &c. . We have had a great amount of unsuccessful lexperiments in reforming rakes, drunkards and de- An Hour with Mr. Mansfield. bauchees; and it is time, if people will not heed . Having often heard of this most extraordinary Science, that they give heed to experience. No one In mourning vells the household fanes are shrouded,

> posterity, either, from science or experience, the true laws those genial, affable and unobtrusive persone, in of social and sexual harmony and happiness. Kin- whose atmosphere we are wont to feel so comfortable dred souls of like dispositions, attractions and pas- and home-like--no ostentatious display of his gift-sions, fear to marry, though not of blood relation, no overstrained effort to convince people of the genlest it should be a cold marriage, or " breeding in uineness of the communications-but, on the conand in," when they are really the only ones that trary, an entire willingness to submit himself and can make harmonious homes, (with a few rare ex. the power that controls him to the open and candid ceptions that only prove the rule.) Extremes meet investigation of all who may favor him with their and marry, and in the cat and dog life, have occa. patronage. sionally a child, better and smarter than the average; like the reckless and desperate strikes of the gambler cometimes, winning a prize, but oftener liever in the faith.) but a cordial invitation from Mr. losing all. a. Har an and the

> be) and Nature, ever seeking an equilibrium, throws might not wish to give me a kind and soul cheering the offspring over to the other extreme. Hence the common saying, that preachers' sons are almost dium was controlled by my spirit-guide in a most always rakes, or rowdles. Nature never will perpetuste a race of pious people, por a nobility, to trample out the lives of the poor. Bich families must phase of controlment, it would have vanished ere the raise spendthrifts ; only the medium line is held hour elapsed. Indeed, I returned home feeling that truly by nature to the great destiny of the race. I truly had received tangible messages from the and this is true in form also. For giants cannot good and wise beings who had long cheered and conget a race of giants, nor dwarfs of dwarfs. Your ex. soled me through the ordeals, extremes and vicissitremes in any department are only the giants and tudes of earth-life. dwarfs, and Nature will cross them fast enough . That Mr. M. has done much in calling the attenwithout our trying to aid her by marrying a giant tion of the more influential portion of our commu what we do in characters, and with as little success of the intellectual and thinking, as well as the as we should have in improving forms, or making skeptical classes-more stirring thought, more anx. harmony with giants and dwarfs. Lowell, Mass., Oct. 11, 1862.

Written for the Banner of Light. AUTUMNAL THOUGHTS. BY JOANNA GBANT.

O, bounteous Autumn ! never fairer seemed Than in this hour of strife and dread alarms The splendor of thy fast receding glory,

The radiant vision of thy dazzling charms. Imbued and burnished by the fervid heaven, Profuse thy marvelous blooms and fruits are poured; While measureless the wealth by Ceres given, In golden piles is stored.

But what avail thy rich and varied offerings, To saddened eyes whose light of joy is fied? To aching hearts whose noblest, best, and dearest, Lie with the martyred dead?

Thy blaze of beauty hath suggestive seeming, Of purple rains on fateful fields expended, From earth by subile alchemy updrawn. To deck thee out in hues superb and splendid.

With boding thoughts we bade farewell to Summer: Her silver ships sailed from our changeful skies, And vanished in the distant, deepening ether, Like airy argosies.

Now thon, full-orbed, dost give us generous greeting-But vengeance still pursues the stricken nation; Summer is gone, and Autumn hulokly waning, Yet no strong arm hath brought to us salvation.

From sught of mortal form or earthly presence . The soul of Human Bope and Freedom turns, And from her wounded hands in keenest anguish Each broken reed she spurns.

Prostrate she lies before the great White Throne, And cries aloud to God For His atoning Justice to come down

And stay the avenging rod.

From place and power, usurped by traitorous guile,

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medium, and learning at length that he had arrived false theory has caused more unhappy marriages to sojourn for a time in our midst, I accordingly was than that of mating extremes in gharacter, form, one of the first to make his acquaintance, and bid and dispesition, for happy unions and the good of him a Godspeed in showing to our somewhat credulous population the wonderful and beautiful work-It sometimes seems as if society never will learn, ings of test mediumship. I found in him one of

I was not seeking for a test or demonstration, (having for the last twelve years been a firm be-M. as well as a kindling desire within, prompted me Like marries like, in piety or vice, (as it should to seat myself at the table to see if the good friends word; and I hardly had become seated ere the mebeautiful, wonderful, and reliable manner, and had I ever entertained a doubt in regard to this peculiar

to a dwarf to get better children; and yet this is nity to this subject-that he has awoke in the minds ions injury and thorough investigation than any one who has before visited us, there is no doubt : indeed. our people who are at all interested in Progression, have long been calling and waiting for tests. Nothelse would satisfy them; and it seems our brother came just at the right time, and ere long, if I mistake not, the field will be open for the inspirational teacher, who will, no doubt, be ready and well prepared for the future harvest that awaits him on our beautiful Pacific coast.

Mr. M. will soon avail himself of the many invitations he has received, to visit the principal cities and interior mining towns throughout the State. among which are San Jose, Nevada, Grass Valley, San Juan, Marysville, Columbia and Sonora, having convinced by letter many of the residents of the above-named places of the reliability of his most wonderful power; and we sincerely feel that he will accomplish much good, in preparing and smoothing the way for those of other phases of development. But the "present crisis " is now of course the allabsorbing topic, and the female portion of the State are at present too busy in making bandages and preparing lint for the "next steamer," to devote much time or thought to the truths and principles of the Philosophy of the Future. But we hope and trust there is a good time coming, when the clouds and tempests of strife and conflict may be succeeded by the glorious dawning of Peace, whose spotless banners shall be all unfurled to the morning light of Freedom. Then may the wise intelligences of the unseen realm dispense through their chosen instrumentalities the great living truths and revelations of the Spiritual Philosophy.

ELIZA A. PITTSINGER. San Francisco, Sept 30, 1862.

Letter from London-P. B. Randolph. MR. EDITOR-Thinking that you and your readers would like to hear from Dr. P. B. Randolph, I hasten to give you an account of his doings. He, has left Egypt, where he became a great favorite with people

thodoxy, it seems, subsided, at least fer the time, by her commanding eloquence and logic. "The daily Free Press of the 26th of Sept. pronounced her reasonings very powerful. The other city papers admired her talents, and surpassing elegance, dignity of style, and beauty of phraseology. Expecting you will not consider this communication too long, and that you will allow a place for it soon, I remain always, respectfully yours, MABOUS GUNN. London, Canada West, Oct. 16, 1862.

Letter from a Co-Laborer in Vermont. The inquiry is often made, why I do not have my appointments published, and as it is always gratifying to me to hear through the BANNER of the progress of our beautiful faith, it may not be amiss to relate something of my whereabouts.

Six years have nearly passed since I entered the field as a trance-speaker. My time has been occupied with (a few exceptions) on the west side of the Green Mountaing. Since last January, I have been speaking in Williston, Vt., each alternate Sunday. Here are many well developed minds, both men and women, who have the great good of humanity at heart, and are ever willing to labor for the same. One fourth of the time I spent at Huntington, the other fourth in places where invitations were left to be answered at my earliest convenience.

About the middle of September, I received an urgent request from Mr. Daniel Wilder, of Plymouth, to visit the east side of the mountains, and knowing him to have been one of the pioneers in the cause of Spiritualism, who had been instrumental in bringing before the public, as a lecturer, our worthy sister and co-worker, Miss A. W. Sprague, I accepted the invitation. Sunday, October 5th, I spoke in the Town Hall at Ludlow, giving three discourses to full houses. At the close of which Mr. Wilder proposed to establish spiritual meetings once a month, for one year, which was readily acceded to by some in that and adjoining towns, and judging from Mr. Wilder's determined efforts, and the amount of intellect represented in the audience, I doubt not he will sucseed. This intelligence may seem surprising to many who attended the Spiritual Convention in Ludlow, five years ago when the opposition was so great they could not procure a place to hold their meeting. and a gentleman by the name of Miller, member of the Congregational Church, offered his front yard, which was gratefully accepted; and the good seed then sown, must spring up ere long, and bear much fruit. Tuesday evening I spoke at Grahamville, Ludlow. Friday evening, the 10th, I spoke at Plymouth. Stopped over night with the mother of Slies Sprague, where I found many precious mementos of her untiring zeal to elevate humanity. God bless the dear sainted mother of such a worthy daughter ! and I need not ask that good angels may ever attend her, for I know she will attract no other.

Sunday, Oct. 12th, I gave two lectures at South Reading, where there are earnest laborers and co-workers in extending the cause of truth. Friday evening, Oct. 17th, I lectured at East Middlebury, where I met several inquiring minds. Sunday, Oct. 19th, brought me again to Huntington, where I always find warm friends with strong hearts, ever ready to assist in spreading this glorious light.

Thus onward I roam over valley and mountain, Sipping at rills, or drinking at fountains. Be this as it may, my greatest endeavor Shall be, to labor for truth, e'en now and forever. MRS. S. A. HORTON. Brandon, Vi, Oct. 20, 1862.

Letter from Dr. Harlow.

On the eve of my departure for the war, I promised to communicate, occasionally, through your interesting paper, keeping your numerous readers posted relative to anything of interest and importance that might fall under my observation.

However, having as yet seen little more than the poetry of war? I cannot speak from personal experience of those sterner and more severe things that try men's souls, and put to the greatest stretch th physical endurance. But I am expecting soon to be immersed; as far as the duties of my profession require, in the deadly strife and turmoil of the battle-field. I am at home on a flying trip of a day or two: but have just received a despatch announcing the sudden movement of our regiment, ordering me to report forthwith in person. Judging from the courage and character of our officers and soldiers, I doubt not but many a poor rebel in "Dixie" will bite the dust before Spring, at the crack of our Enfield rifles. While duty and humanity prompt in the faithful discharge of such offices of kindness and attention to both friend and foe, as are expected from a surgeon, no pains shall be spared, on my part, in rendering every aid and assistance in my power to such of the unfortunate sick, wounded and dying, among our own brave boys coming under my care. For, this I have left the ease and endearments of home, and hope no poor soldier will have it to say that I have ever been recreant to the trust imposed on me. Although many thorough-going Spiritualists are found among officers and soldiers, the army is not the place for the promulgation and spread of our glorious philosophy. Spirits of a refined and elevated character are doing all they can. Still they cannot approach a battle field, and mingle in the scenes of carnage and strife, manifesting their power and presence as in places of retirement and quiet. I am happy to say that Dr. Morgan still continues to give undiminished proof and evidence of his presence and willingness to communicate. During my absence, all inquiries and orders for. Spiritoscopes, will be promptly attended to in the person of my better half, whose high order of spiritual devel. opment will qualify her for the task.

well. Cherish it faithfully, and peace and happiness will dwell within your doors."

and, taking Frank's arm, she returned to the com- they do now, usually after the marriage ceremony. pany. The grey dawn of morning had crept over But science will teach me as correctly before the marthe city ere the last carriage and its inmates was whirled away.

. Two months passed. One evening, when the stars smiled down upon the sleeping earth, a large company assembled in the mansion of Bertha Holmes. Without, the earth, was draped in white, while glittering pendants upon tree and shrub rivaled the light within, where a summer fragrance wooed the soul in dreamy, calm delight. Costly plotures, that

spoke of sunny Italy and her gifted sons, gazed down upon the scene. A fountain flung its silvery spray, Ings which belong to the married life. and laughed at its own music. Diamonds glanced.

iewels gleamed, rich velvets, rustling silks and pure white muslius mingled together in one bright, glowing picture. Suddenly a hush fell upon the multitude. and all bent forward eagerly as the folding-doors were thrown back, and Graham Stewart and Bertha Holmes stood before the man of God. Slowly, solemply were the words spoken that merged their lives in one, and Bertha Stewart-Bertha Holmes no one will know that lobelis will make him vomit, and longer -- turned to receive the congratulations of, her | cannot learn it by study, he may eat it -- I am satisa spirit as she stood there, so sweet and pure, envel- the relation of the sexes and sexual intercourse, are oped in a snowy mist.

As Mr. and Mrs. Raymond came forward to offer their good wishes, his eyes rested now as fondly upon his little wife, as they once rested, upon the bride to attain the knowledge from books or teachers, and Find's happiness, seemed like a Bird of Paradise. Her a resolve," she whispered, had made a heaven for her upon earth, and Bertha, gazing into her husband's even and seeing the love beaming there, "resolved " never to lose it. Service in the strain of

Infuence of Thought Upon Thought.

In the presence of some persons we are made conclous of our best and plearest thoughts and expresclons, while in the presence of others our thoughts and expres-are stupid and confused. Mind, influences mind in a way yet unexplained. Monta, evincing clear and deep thought, lying unopened dpon the table of a self-pollution, and of course, destructive to offerring. sensitive writer, will etimilate clear and deep . Science and Nature both teach better without thought-while books of an opposite character will trial; but trials have confirmed their teaching;

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bright or gloomy. You have found a treasure that ment. If you cannot know that fire will burn withyou had overlooked. Thank God, it was not taken out putting your hand in it, thrust it in and learn from you when you did not appreciate it. Guard it the fact ; but science will teach me the truth as reliably. If a passionless woman cannot know she can not be the happy wife of a man boiling over with vas-

At that instant there was a call for Miss Holmes, sion, and will know, she must try it; that is the way riage, and without the experiment, as she will know by it, and if either party does not know what the

passions are, and how they are manifest, without indulgence, certainly such party is not qualified to marry, In those cases (numerous I know,) where two are for a time sexually mated, happy, and satisfactory to each other, and then become dissatisfied and part, it is almost invariably, from abuse of nature and of each other ; usually by excess and dis-

sipation, and destruction of the better and finer feel-

There is nothing connected with true marriage. as I understand it, that cannot be learned by a thorough study of Physiology and Nature, even without resorting to experiment, if the parties have capacity of comprehending scientific truth. But if a person wants to know the earth is round, and cannot learn without, he may by traveling, round it; but I can learn its form, without the journey. If friends. She seemed to the proud groom almost like fied without the experiment. The laws that govern as fixed, and certain, and reliable as these, and as easily learned ; but our present defective social system of marriages does not even allow young people

More him. Esther, radiant in her own, and her hence forces the experiments that result in the thousands of wretched lives, unhappy marriages, and broken up families that meet us at every turn

of the road as we travel in city or country. Another subject as little understood, is that of "breeding in and in," as it is called; but what writers generally mean by " breeding in and in," cannot always discover., If they mean relatives mar. rying each other, of course we would not advise a man to marry his grandmother, nor granddaughter ; produce an opposite effect. Beery thought produced has an invisible influence within the circle of its own sphere of the dircle larger er smaller and so of every thought writ-

That mid their shattered fragments men may own The Lord alone as King I 15.

For ne'er shall white-robed Peace give benison, Till Right shall rule supreme; And the foul presence of Oppressive Wrong Pass like a demon-dream, . good

No more to sear the conscience and make black The hearts that should enshrine The holy fires of sacred Liberty," Guarding her light divine; 35 +

That her beneficent illuminations Might from the dark, ensanguined chaos draw The heavenly order, giving happy nations Eternal Trnth for Law.

NAMELE88. BY BESSIE GBAT.

There's an emerald region in every heart, A mine where our jewels are sleeping; There's brilliancy that can never depart, While it brightens our smile in a moment of joy,

Or softens a tear when we 're weeping.

here are pearls in our mine that we sometimes watch, When the forms that surround 'us are dreaming; face, or a step, or a hand on the latch,

Or a voice that we loved for a soft-spoken word, Are pearls of a marvelous gleaming.

grave in the church vard-a coffin. a pall. A funeral hymn solemnly singing. heart has grown cold at a Heaven-sent call, And its clay is a pearl in our emerald shrine, Where jewels in clusters are clinging.'

there are words that we heard when the lips they would brighten with warmth at our greeting:

n the shadows of time they were long ago scaled. And their sunshine yet dwells 'mong the gems of

our mine, In a radiance soft and unfleeting.

There are faces we knew when the river of life In musical numbers was flowing;

They have all floated out on the surges of strife. Leaving naught in our mine but a diamond of love With the beauty of buried days glowing. This emerald shrine may be darkened by woe,

Or the allver of aga o'er us creeping: But our jewels will ever be bright in their glow. Till our hearts are in dust neath the veil of the

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Sair Baonifions. "There is not one of us who has wion we can make better as well as happier. Evary day calls upon us for saorifices of small selfishness, for forbearance under provocation, and for the Emma Hardinge in Canada. subjugation of will propensities. Drop the stone c Ma Epiron-In justice to the citizens and press you were about to throw in retailation, for insult; uncleach that flat with which you were about to re-

of high and lofty station, and with the Dervishes. Persian Magicians, and miracle-workers, whom he astonished and confounded with exhibitions of the higher sort of magic, by means of his most wonderful crystal globe-which globe also, in his hands and others, astonished not a few of us English people, before he went to the Orient.

He has learned in the East very many of the dark secrets of the Oriental magicians ; and many of the things described by him in his letters to me are indeed of an astounding nature.

He crossed the Red Sea where Moses did, in company with one of the most celebrated Arab physicians of the day, and three other dealers in mystery. He crossed the Asiatic Desert and returned, after receiving a series of instructions in Arab medicine. Persian metaphisics, and Egyptian magic. He then explored the Pyramids; went up and down the Nile : visited Bubastis; went to Syria, and visited Jeffa, Ramah; Bethlehem, and Jerusalem; made friends with the Beni Joseph; got copies of their three thousand five hundred years' old manuscripts at Nablous; proved the story of the Dead Sea, Lot's Wife, Sodom and Gomorrah, the Jordan, &c. Then went to Byrant to meet another distinguished dealer with the dead. We next find him in Cyprus, Rhodes, Smyrna, Gellipolis, Constantinople, where he "became hand and glove " with the greatest living medium-the celebrated negro of Stamboul, with whom he tested magio at his leisure. He then visited Prinkipo, at the house of the chief physician of his majesty, the Sultan.

We expect him in England during October, whence he immediately leaves for America, although a wide, useful, and profitable field is before him here; but his ardent search after the mysteries of medicine and the human soul, will not permit him to remain, although it is doubtful if he can do as well in America as he might do this side of the Atlantic. When he last wrote me, he was well, hopeful, and sanguine of success in the grand object of his journey.

You may expect some strange revelations from his tongue and pen when he reaches you, surpassing All that has yet been produced by this remarkable genius. Antes and

Hoping that the cause of troth is prospering with you, as it is with us, I remain yours, &o. E. O'CONNOR.

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of London, O. W., may I request you will record in your valuable columns, by first convenience, that portion like the venom or meps; experients winked the City Hall, by that excellent lady, Miss Emins the for lear is of cleansing virtue; but these pentential doubte that comes into your thoughts he Satan Hardinge, on the evenings of 28d, 24th, and 26th doubte must be still kept dropping; one enower will doubte the section; by the Mayor of the eleven of the eleven of the section; by the Mayor of the eleven of the section; by the Mayor of the eleven of the section; by the Mayor of the eleven of the section; by the Mayor of the eleven of the section; by the Mayor of the eleven of the section; by the Mayor of the city, and the prejudices of Or. but a course, star provides the he properly are not governed

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A. HARLOW, M. D. Chagrin Fulls, Ohio, Oct. 26, 1862.

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TALENTS .--- Disappointed men, who think they. have talents, and who hint that their talents have. not been properly rewarded, usually finish their ca-reer by writing their own history; but in detailing their misfortunes, they only let us into the secret of their mistakes ; and in accusing the patrons of blinds ness, make it appear that they ought rather to have accused them of sagacity ; since it would seem that they saw too much, rather than too little ; namely, that second-rate performances were too often made the foundation for first-rate pretensions. - Colton.

Genius lays its eggs with ostrich-like carelessness in the sands of the world, most of them to be crush. ed under the feet of men and beasts, and some to hatch and furnish feathers for the cap of medicority or duliness; or to plume the shafts aimed at the parent heart.

Repontance hath a purifying power, and every, tear is of cleansing virtue; but these penitential clouds must be still kept dropping; one shower will

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In Politics.

It is a mistake to think that human nature, any more than water, can rise above its own level. It has natural limitations which even itself cannot surpass. No man can go into political life, where the democratio idea prevails at least, and expect to bring out of the life he leads anything like the notions with which he went in. Politics compel men to study men, not to say anything about their practising upon them. All political combinations are corrupt, and must continue to be more or less so, simply because human nature is what it is: in some future time we may have millennial conduct from them, but not now. Hence, the great want of the time is, of purer men to administer the government on its highest and most enduring principles.

It is idle to stand off and rail at men because they are no better than they are; go in among them and surprise them with your better example. Unless we are in the current of affairs we can hope to do nothing; this standing on the shore and waiting for the river to ran by is slim business, and will return but a meagre dividend. One must have a place whereon to place his lever, or his power is nought; one must actualiy possess the sympathy and confidence of the masses, or he may talk at them till his tongue is palsied

That is an excellent sort of wisdom, in these matters, which combines the wisdom of the serpent with the harmlessness of the dove. Can mortal man offer anything superior? Dreamers never work on the people ; that is to say, so as to move them to action and endeavor. Theorizers are not altogether the most efficient men. " Impracticable" is the epithet with which men of sense sting those who have no contributions to bring to the affairs of State and party, and no one could wish to have a harsher adjective applied to his character, if he has any aspirations of a public and popular nature. Jefferson used to caution his followers in Virginia not to let the head of the new party of progress get out of sight of the tail. That was not because he was not ready, for himself, to go to any length ; but because, in reducing general principles to practice, and so making them of any sort of value to the world, he thought it wiser to wait until the mass of men had come up to that point where another advance was politic and necessary. In the individual's experience, this may not be worth thinking about ; but in inaugurating and conducting general popular movements, it is of the very first consequence to final success.

And that is simply Politics. It is policy. And if we are told that we can afford to throw policy, and all that kind of trash, to the winds, we are told it by persons of no influence, of no reserved power, and with no sort of prospects for ever moving their fellowmen to action. When we all get off the earth. and do not have to walk with feet as most of us do, it may answer to talk about never minding these matters ; but so long as human beings are just what they are, and it is so desirable to bring them gradually up to a still higher estate, just so long are circumstances of every kind to be reckoned into the account. If a dreamy theorist goes into politics, he either gets his eyes open very soon, or else he retires, from total lack of resources and power, excusing himself as gracefully as he can by insisting that he is "disgusted." It is an easy way to get off. We may, no doubt, many times be disgusted with human nature. but it is scarcely modest to forget that we belong to the race ourselves. Good sense is worth a thousand fue-spun theories and speculations. The inspiration of common sense ought to be the first possession for which every man should pray continually. If the rough side of politics avails to teach it, even that oft denounced evil will have served an invaluable end.

Spirit Photographs.

In a recent number of the BANNER we alluded to BOUL APPINITY. By A. B. Child, M. D. Boston : he advent of this new and startling phase of the Wm. White & Co., Publishers, 158 Washington the advent of this new and startling phase of the Spiritual Phenomena, and promised to keep our readers informed in regard to it. Since our last issue we have visited on several occasions the establishment of Mrs. Stuart, 258 Washington street and ascertained that the photographing of spirits continues to be successful. Many of the pictures are fully recognized as those of deceased friends. The artist-medium, Mr. W. H. Mumler, informs us that he takes but from two to six pictures a day, (although he has orders for many more,) in consequence of the drain upon his vital powers by the spirits being so great as to rapidly exhaust his strength. He hopes, however, in a short time to be able to procure a larger number of pictures each day, when he more thoroughly systemizes his labors. Some new and interesting developments have been made within a few days, which we note in brief :

Dr. H. F. Gardner had a sitting for a picture which he considers a perfect success. Four forms besides himself appear upon the plate, three of which are quite distinct ; but the other one, being in the background, is indistinct. He considers this paper, he tells what he knows, and what he knows new manifestation entirely legitimate, and authorizes us to refer any one to him personally in proof of what he asserts.

Miss Jenny Lord, the musical medium, sat for a picture, and received the form of a friend with a guitar in his hand, which she recognised as her us what he truly knew and did not repeat from some guardian spirit. She sat the second time, mentally other lips-the whole community would go to hear requesting that the guitar might be placed in her lap. On the artist developing the picture, there was plainly visible, resting in her lap, a guitar Child undertaken to do by his attentive and sympawith a spirit hand upon it.

'Mrs. Dr. Ware received a form, which she and her sister recognize as a former nurse to their mother.

Mr. John J. Ewell received a form, which he at once recognized as his sister. He showed it to his skepti cal father, and asked him if he knew who it was. Why, yes," he answered, with much emotion, " this s your sister."

A gentleman from Salem received a form which he ecognized. This war the figure of a female leaning forward and clasping with its shadowy hand a vase f flowers upon the table. -

Mr. Bassett, of Marblehead, had a form which he ecognized.

Mr. Williard had a form which he recognized as Dr. Adams.

A lady from a neighboring town received the likeness of her deceased husband; and was highly pleased, as she previously had no ploture of him. A Universalist minister, whose name we are not

at liberty to give, had the form of a dear departed friend presented, which he recognised at once, and find it out? remarked, "There is only one picture of this per-

son in existence, and that is in Connecticut." A great many others have had plotures which they ecognize, whose names we are not permitted to make public. Some have had plotures which they do not recognize ; and, it is not to be wondered at, as there are so many spirits who wish to return and be identified by their friends, that they do not, owing to their anxiety, get in a position before the camera at the proper time to be photographed vividly.

Upon the whole-and we have scrutinized this ew feature in Spiritualism olosely-we must admit that we cannot perceive any deception whatever on the part of the artist. On the contrary, he is willing that any person should examine his apparatus before he takes a picture, and be present during the whole process, as stated in a descriptive article by Dr. Child, which appeared in our last issue. The price for six spirit pictures, we understand, is

five dollars. No More Superstition.

New Publications.

stret. "Atom attracts its kindred atom, love attracts its corre-sponding love, thought schoes to thought, beauty throbs with beauty, and affaity clams. its own."

It seems as if we need but mention the title of a new publication by Dr. Child, to be met on all sides with a perfect appreciation of its spirit and value. A soul all aglow with the faith it cherishes-an energy of expression that fitly matches the thought seeking utterance-a frankness that is full of friendliness, and a candor that overruns with hearty sympathy-complete devotion to his own ideal, so as to make it appear how wholly he is possessed with the inspiration that moves him-these are traits in the literary performances of our author, which mark bim in no ordinary degree. He hates shams, and loves simple realities. He goes perpetually in quest of truth, and finds her in places where other men have passed her by. In all his speculations and experiences, Dr. Child is ever himself, and not some other man or men.

In this handsome brochure, so fair of type and merely for himself, of the law, the reality, and the blessed fruits of spirit love. Emerson savs somewhere, that if he knew that the minister, or orator,

who is to hold forth in some appointed place, would really tell us of his inward and individual life, tell him in crowds; though they were obliged to depart on their hands and knees. That very thing has Dr. thetic readers.

He does not attempt to define Soul Affinity, for that he cannot do; he only talks and tells about it. He regards it as a universe of glorious light, that is to fillour beaven with ineffable love and truth. He thinks it a vast, but undefined reality. He utters a solemn and most impressive truth when he says that this revelation of each one's soul affinity cannot be

acceptable to those who have yet the stormy seas of earthly love and conflict to wade through. It will be only a stupid blank to those who have great earthly desires yet to satiate, and great earthly ex-

periences yet to endure." It is not necessary that we should undertake any analysis of the central ides, or belief, of this little book ; it is to be caught by each one's intuition, and can be reasoned, or argued, into no one. The perusal of it, however, is calculated to make all both purer and happier for having read it. The human soul is a terrible reality for each of its possessors; and its other half, its real affinity-who would not give worlds untold to

For sale at this office. Price fifteen cents.

ANSWERS TO EVER-RECUBRING QUESTIONS FROM THE PEOPLE. A Sequel to the "Penetralia." By A. J. Davis.

We alluded to this new book of. Mr. Davis in a brief notice in last week's BANNE. It merits a more extended review. Those who perused and even studied a former work in the same field by the same author, will best understand the character and scope of this. The Questions asked Mr. Davis in that. which he answered to such general satisfaction and profit; have very naturally awakened a desire to ask new ones, and on topics of experience not clearly kindred, either. Here we discover that a great many kinds of individual experience are here disclosed by these inquiries, showing how active-active without cesention-is the soul of man. It yearns continually for light; and, as Goethe himself oried in his dying hour, so does the human soul continually cry for "Light, more light !" So powerful a medium as Mr. Davis has long been known to be, was just the person to whom all descriptions of persons, with all depths and varieties of experience, would apply for aid to elucidate the problems that appear dark to them. And he has proved over again, that he is gifted with a power to bless in this way, vouchsafed to but few mortals. Open the book where we may; there is everywhere a point, or a problem, in which we have a decided personal interest: Mr. Davis grapples with them all, as they are presented, with a calmness of spirit and a clearness of insight that establishes his worth in this field of labor far above that of other men. One person would be advised of his health ; another of his spiritual culture ; and a third would better understand the laws of the invisible world; and all such inquiries, sincerely addressed, Mr. Davis has taken up and replied to as they deserve to be. Take this and his other volume of the same character, and we have a digest of true spiritual philosophy such as could have been secured in no other way so well. It is a marriage of the speculative and the practical, of the manifestations and the law, in a manner that brings it close to the comprehension and enjoyment of every individual reader. For sale at this office.

Shall the Free Meetings be Continued? ualism and liberal ideas, but who are not members enable the society to go on successfully in the future. No doubt those who attend regularly will do all they meetings could not well be dispensed with.

On Sunday, November 2d, John Wetherbee, Jr., secretary of the Committee who have charge of the losophy-to contribute as liberally as their several circumstances would permit, for said object. He said that he and other members of the Committee. would present subscription papers at the close of the services, and for a few weeks to come, for the signatures of those who were disposed to aid in sustain decide the question as to the expediency of continuthe amount subscribed within a few weeks was suf- and the barrels never get heated. ficient to warrant it, then the Committee would engage speakers, and the meetings would be continued. He would make no argument to the friends present of Burlington, lows, was fired from a Parrot 100+ of the necessity or the desirableness of these meetings. | pounder, and penetrated six one inch iron plates and for the large average attendance for the past year saved him that trouble. He further stated that if one hundred people would subscribe from five to twenty-five dollars each, or averaging about fifteen dollars, the thing would be accomplished. He said a fair proportion of the funds for the current year came from those who were seldom, if ever, at the meetings, yet desired them to be supported, and he had no doubt the same would be the case the coming year; and he hoped the friends would not only subscribe, but take some little pains to interest others to do the same; as the audience, to a degree, was changeable, an appeal by the committee from the desk would fail to reach a molety even of the friends of the cause in this vicinity.

We are requested to state that subscriptions or sums of money will be very acceptably received by any of the Committee, at the Hall, also by J. Wetherbee, Jr., corner of State and Devonshire street, Dr. Gardner, at the Pavilion, and at the BANNER OF LIGHT office.

: Inspiration. ::

How few men are really great Shakspeare says some men are born great, and some have greatness thrust dpon them." But those who are born great ; i. e., his fine physical organism was so receptive that his spirit was continually receiving great truths from the spirit-world. Here is a speel. men of such inspiration : " The perfection of the Divine system is revealed in the mutual dependencies which unite all creatures. All lean upon one another, and give while they receive support. No man is unnecessary ; no man stands alone. God has brought us thus near to each other, that his goodness may be reflected from heart to heart." Such were the teachings of the great and good Dr. Channing while living here on earth: Such are the teachings of the disembodied spirits who approach us to-day. The same sentiments-although differently expressed -were taught by Thomas Paine, the statesman and philosopher. The former's teachings were and are endorsed by the Christian world-the latter's were and are condemned. Yet both were inspired men, and labored disinterestedly for the good of human. ity, alike. Oh, when will the Christian world learn wisdom? When will they cease to condemn?

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Inter An Archer New Inventions Since January last, the expenses of the Spiritual Our war is Trapidly bringing out the Invention Meetings in Lyceum Hall; in this city, have been de- genius of the world." New inventions for the destroyed frayed by subscriptions, and the meetings have been tien of human beings, haval ships, fortifications. free to all. The experiment has been a success, as towns, "dat, and of almost daily occurrence." In the the large audiences fally demonstrate. Now the not safe to predict that the same of war " win uestion to be solved within a few weeks is, whether | cease in time, in consequence of the perfection to hey shall be continued free, through the coming which the fighting apparatus shall have attained ? year. They should be, by all means. snowen doubt -that the good time spoken of, when nations will be not there are hundreds who are interested in Boirit- compelled to " learn war no more" shall arrive Nations will then harmonize, or at least, by impera. of the congregation worshiping there, who, would tive necessity, come together in a unity of self-initial willingly contribute to the support of, these free ests, or compromise, in order to save themselves meetings, if they knew their aid was needed. We from, perhaps, almost utter annihilation. We give can assure all such that their assistance is needed to below a few of the more recent improvementation A letter from on board the United States steam sloop of war Kearsage, states that the first assistant can to accomplish so desirable an abject. These engineer, James W. Whittaker, of Trenton, N. J. has made a discovery that surpasses all other modes of destroying iron clad vessels, and that even the Monitor and New Ironsides would be helpless before meetings, made a statement of the affairs of the So it. It can be got ready for action in three weeks ciety, and said, that in order to continue the meet. No description is given of the discovery or its mode ings after January next, it will be necessary to of operation. The inventor has been ordered home raise a fund of about \$2,000, to cover the expenses; to present his invention to the Navy Department and the Committee proposed raising it by subscrip- in person. It revolutionizes the whole theory of tion, and asked all those who were interested, and naval warfare, and as long as its use is confined to wished the meetings sustained-all who desired the our own navy, no other power in the world can be promulgation of liberal ideas and the Spiritual phi- successful, no matter how many or what class of iron-olad ships may be brought against us the seis ' The Revolving Battery, invented some time since by Mr. Joel H. Williams, of Skowhegan, Maine, has been approved, it is said, by Gen. Rodman, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance. The machine throws musket balls, from six or more barrels-it being easy to ing the meetings, and the success of this plan would work it up to the capacity of five thousand to its thousand per minute. It revolves to any point in ing free meetings another year. He stated that if the horizon, there is no cessation in the discharge.

In an experiment in projectiles, at West Point, a short time since, a shell invented by C. W. Stafford, solid oak backing. it wi stal .

In England there seems to be great doubt whether cannon or plates will carry the day. At a trial at Shoeburyness, on the 27th of September, a solid shot weighing 129 pounds, and fired with a obarge of 28 pounds of powder six hundred yards, completely demolished a Warrior target ; and a shell weighing 181 pounds, with 25 pounds of powder, went quite through the target, bursting when it reached the inner skin, and tearing it all to pieces. It appears therefore, that the Warrior could offer no adequate resistance to such a missile. We have been led to suppose that iron plating, not too heavy for a vessel, had been made so strong as-to-be-impervious to the shot of the heaviest cannon ; but now it appears that by means of new adaptations and inventions, cannon balls can be made to smash in the sides of any vessel, however heavily plated.

An improvement in the composition of gunpowder has recently been made, by which a third more force is obtained than formerly. Many people argue that the more destructive the engines of war become, the sooner this infernal method of settling difficulties will be abolished. According to present appearances, that time is not far

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BY WM. M. BOBINSON.

Sec. 1. 13 26. 1 Another year is crumbling out of time; The red leaves drop-poor Autumn's bleeding tears; The daises, lingering latest on her brow, . Their heaven-turned eyes mad Boreas wildly blears.

nother month will weave the shroud of sn To robe like pity round the tomb of time. Buried lie memories braided into flowers-Sweet, but short living as the poet's rhyme.

The War.

There are evidently secessionists in Maine, yet. We have recently received an anonymous letter, post-marked "Portland," and signed "Sela Sela," in which the writer attempts to " haul 'us over the coals " for recommending that the war be prosecuted with vigor to a speedy peace. He reiterates the old hackpied phrase of the Southern leaders, " Let us alone." without hinting one word about how much. property the "chivalry " have stolen from the General Government. Well may a thief ory, "Let me alone," when he is discovered carrying off his booty. But that wont do. Justice weighs all things in her accurate scales, and if men attempt to set up the king. dom of Mammon on earth, they will find that it is not "a paying business" in the long run. We should have profited by the past. But as we have not, we must be purified by being obliged to pass through the same fire that those of ancient days did. God's Kingdom is about to be set up on the earth; and the sooner the people learn this, the sooner they will endeavor to deal justly one with another. They have yet to learn that there is much more to live for than the mere accumulation of this world's goods. Universal Freedom is written in letters of living light upon the heavens-and the angel hosts are descending to earth to inaugurate it here. The revolution has already begun, and when the New Era dawns upon us, after the storm has subsided, we shall all praise God for the chastening and that has brought us back to duty. " Love one mother, will then be our motto, and we shall have War no more..

A Gentle Hint.

Several of our subscribers write that the BANNER is sought for by many of their neighbors, and that they lend their copies until they are all worn out Wa certainly do not object to have our friends spread the new gospel in this way among the poor, who cannot efford to subscribe : but we do object to their lending the paper to those who are amply ablo to subscribe, but too penurious to do so. Make such mberride. You will aid the cause far more by doing this than by lending the BANNER, and thereby prewenting an increase of our subscription list.

too much thought to gods and devils, heavens and hells, and too little to humanity." It is true. If we are to labor and strive for any single object that is really worthy of our efforts, it should be for Humanity. We want to practice justice more for ourselves, and teach it to others by example. We ought to look out for the present comfort and happiness of people first, before attempting to interest them in any far-off and future heaven, or to frighten them with any bugbear of an untried and unfathomable hell. All our civil and social institutions need reforming, regulating, and re-establishing, a good ways before the readjusting of the points of creeds that relate to nothing present and nothing practical. For these institutions are the very rungs, or rounds, in the ladder by which we all climb; and it is of the first importance that they be servicable and sound. They are means to a final end, or object, not finalities themselves; and so long as they are the only effectual means by the aid of which we may work out our own happiness and salvation, it becomes us all to attend entirely to them and let the old shells of exploded superstitions go.

Too Hasty.

Fanaticism is simply a senseless impatience. Fanatics see one point, and see it with such intense clearness as to lose sight of all other points, which enter into relation with it. It is as if one should look steadily at the san, or at a glaring color, and then suddenly look away; he would say that there were no other colors, and simply because he could not see them. How very absurd it would be for him to rave at those whose powers of vision had not become confused and blurred, like his own. Zeal is well, and enthusiasm is entirely after nature ; both give an impetus to any cause. But all zeal and epthusiasm is worse than all deliberation and no zeal. The rapid diffusion of thought in relation to some leading idea is well calculated to make fanaties; what is needed is, that we should resolve to be calm and deliberate, and never shut the door in the face of cool reason and judgment.

The Labor Question.

We find that John Scott, Esq., of Belfast, Ireland, is engaged in discussing the very important problem of Labor and Wealth; more especially those points which relate to the production, distribution; and exchange of wealth upon equitable principles, the practice of which will benefit and elevate all classes of society. We wish we could find room in our columns for either the whole of one article of his on this subject which has fallen under our eye; it is a question that bears directly upon human happiness. and must soon undergo a more thorough discussion than ever before from new standpoints. Mr. Boott events of the highest consequence started. writes clearly, and we trust he will be able to see that his writings are productive of good.

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Victor Hugo on American Affhirs.

VICTOR HUGO, an eloquent apostle of Human Librtv-whose voice like an archangel's trumpet makes the bones of the D ad Past rattle in the tombs of the Ages-is watching the progress of events on this. Continent with intense and solemn interest. In 1859, with the prescience that infallibly perceives. the shadows of coming events; and in words such as only kindle in the brain, and burn in the eye and on the tongue of genius, he predicted the dissolution of the American Union and the destruction of slav. ery. I have before me an autograph communica, tion to a friend in this country, elicited by the death of JOHN BROWN, in which his profound interest in American affairs, finds eloquent and forcible expression. It is under date of Jan. 21, 1861, and the import of material parts, of the letter may be derived from the subjoined translation. S. B. B. JOHN BROWN is both a bero and a martyr; his execution was a crime-his gallows a cross. You will remember that I wrote beneath his picture-"Pio Christo eicus Christus."

When in December, 1859, and afflicted, with the deepest psin, I did prophesy to America the dissoluion of the Union, I did not expect that the result would follow my word so soon The impending events, then only distinguishable by their shadows, and now visible to every one who stood on the scaffold of John Brown; and to-day, the dissolution of the American Union-the greatest calamity and the abolition of slavery-the greatest progress and conquest-are "a fait accompla." Therefore, let be erect before the eyes of all ment, like a standard, the gallows of Charlestown, as the point where those two JOHN BROWN! & name, that ought to be repeated. without interruption, to the Republicans of America.

because it will lead them to duty-to the slaves, be A man's money seldom grows more than half as fast same it calls them to Laberty. The total statistic the lave of it. I shake your hand, Viords Houd.

Prayer and Patriotism.

Speaking of the plan proposed by several hundred of the women of Boston, to their sex throughout the United States, to assemble at their several places of worship and offer stated prayer for the Union arms, and the lives of the brave soldiers who have enlisted in defence of their native land and its institutions, a New York cotemporary says that there can be no sort of question that the patriotic women of the country have done good service since the war commenced, but the Boston ladies now appear to be disposed to abandon patriotism for piety, to the great detriment of the cause. They will benefit the soldiers more, says the paper alluded to, by soraping lint, than by psalm-singing. One yard of sticking. plaster will be of more service to the victims of a battle-field, than the longest prayer that feminine volubility could pour forth. They may pray for soldiers' and sailors' families; but the objects of their sanctimonious solicitude would like to know how many of said prayers would pay a quarter's rent, or satisfy the claim of the corner grocery man?

All Round the Lot.

There is nothing like trying every dish placed on the table. We could wonder once how it was post oiling by Mr. Abderson, while in an abnormal tible for a man to change about from one denominawhy men are not changing round pretty much all above have taken more than one day's labor of the the time. Rev. Matthew Hale Smith means to do so, artist, in his normal condition. The newspapers say he has recently The pictures will be kept of exhibition, for a few politician. He has been a Presbyterian, Universa- public can have Tree acoust.

list, Dutch Reformed, Episcopallan, and Trinitarian Congregationalist, off and on, these four years past. and now he has joined the Hard Shell Baptists." the good to be had, and the evil to be abunned in to complete our file for which we will pay ten centre, each and all the denomination, Matthew Hale Smith is of more if required. that man. He is or for a long time has been the New York correspondent of the Journal in this city and his numerous notices of preaching and churches Dr. E. L. Lyon speaks before this Sodiety on Bun-would show that he sither he clergyment, or bught day next, afternoon and syching.

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War's bloody fingers, grasping at our hearts, Have borne rich treasures to his selfish keep. We built his throne above our happy homes; He, thirsty Vampyre, drinks our life-blood deep I

We, Jephthab-like, fain feed his hungry maw With sacrifices from our treasuring hearts. The golden life tide of earth's noblest ones .Bat added fierceness to his thirst imparts.

Another year is crumbling out of time. A had had had Bid vanish with it all that long has stood, and awit . like gibbering demons with a frightful mein, 191019 To block the path of Human Brotherhood

(But God be with us as we press along. To shield and strengthen till our work is done: To clutch the sabre with more earnest grip. And night at Freedom o'er the unerring gun I) (in all i Another year I and when its unwrit page at i Martin Shall open lay before our waiting view, Let's heed the lesson the old year imparts LET MAN BE TRUE TO GOD, AS GOD TO MAN IS TRUE I.

Camp of 8th Mass. Battery, }-Weather South and the weather , induced mailing. ant Valley; Md.

Mr. Anderson, the Spirit-Artist.

Mr. Anderson has just executed two portraits. life size, of a young woman who has been in the spirit-world eleven years; one representing her in earth-life-the other in spirit life. The pictures were ordered by Mr. Joseph Noble, of Patterson, N. J., and are pronounded to be very good Il to the by her parents. These are certainly very interest ing plotures for any one to look upon graceful, handsome, and lovely. They were done in penstate, in two hours and twenty-five minutes. The tional oreed to another; but our wonder now is wreaths of flowers that adorn the plotures would joined the Baptist Communion. They describe him | days only, at the picture frame store of Mesers. A

as " half-lawyer, half-preacher, with a sprinkling of A. Child & Co., No. 19 Tremont street, to which the Alignen and Frank

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We are in want of a single copy of No. 1 of our Is n't that a pretty broad record ? Certainly, if fret volume of the BANNER; also No. 6 of the same ever any one man had a right to talk to others of vojumer ales one copy of No. 6 of the soona volume,

Lyceum Hall Meatings.

2 'A bishop ones said to's little abild ? . ir you will salf These messages are unusually in teresting ribis you will tell me where God is I will give you an orange of its for you will tell me where the messages are unusually in teresting ribis you will tell me where the hird s answer.

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denter an Why Colonination To Bull This question is so well put, and so soughly Atwe give the following passage without any comments of our own, for the benefit of pur readers :

ments of our own, for the benefit of our readers r "Why is Oolonization necessary ? There is a belt of territory now spatially populated, and inhabited chiefly by negroes; extending from the Dismal Swamp to the Capes of Fordar and from these Capes to the Brance-generally level, and from from rocks and stones-of the average with of marry one hundred miles-its area at least two hundred miles lions of acres-competent to austain forty millions of negroes, or ten times the number which now exist within the United States. Here are vast forests inc-troons with turpentine, annually prodeding piton its; froel and slip timber, with material for houses, boats, fael and lightwood, while the mossy drapery of the rosin and ship-timber, with material for nonses, boats, fael and lightwood, while the mossy drapery of the trees is suitable for pillows and oughtons. Here is a soll, which, with proper outivation, can produce rice, cord, ootton, tobacco and indigo, and is, admirably sdapted to the outure of the ground nut and sweet potato! Here are river and indigs abounding in fish and the light. potato: Here are rivers and increas abounding in fish and shell-fish. Here's a climate often fatai to the white, but suited to the negro. Here are no harsh winters or chilling snows. Along the coast we may rear black seamen for our Southern steamers-cooks, atewards, and mariners for our West India voyages. Has not Nature designed a black fringe for this coast? Has not the importation of the negro has

coast? Has not the importation of the negro been designed by Providence to reclaim this coast, and to give to his progeny permanent and appropriate homes 7 And, to use a favorite pbrase of the Bouth, does not Manifest Destiny point to this consummation?---and why should the negro be exiled from these shores? Does he not cling like the white man to his native And are not his tastes, wishes, and attachments to be consulted-a question so important to his race ?

But it may be urged, that this is not public do-main-that it has been already appropriated, and is now the property of the Southern planter. But here now the property of the Southern planter. But here is a public exigency, and the remedy should be pro-portioned to the exigency. The right of eminent do-main should be exercised by the nation either directly after conquest, or through the States or Territories it may establish. By that right, in England, and in most of our States, private property is taken for high ways or railways."

Tracts on the Battle-Field, have! The idea of going upon a battle-field, among Tracts ! . And yet we have evidence of such consumpapers by a correspondent on the spot, in Maryland, however useful religious instruction may be in gencolportorial appliances, can hardly be recommended we can entertain no sort of real regard? to take the place of those attentions which would ease the parting soul in its release, by assuaging the agonies of dissolution. In a late instance, a poor fellow in one of the hospitals seemed moved to mirth the bandaged stumps of his limbs, from which both feet had been removed by amputation. Even his de plorable condition could not repress his sense of the ridiculous, at having advice forced upon him so ut-Some of the hospitals, too, are embellished by the patient who is trembling between two worlds, on can be embalmed and sent back to his friends !

Hugo's Waterloo.

The Editor of Harper's Monthly, in criticizing Hugo's novel " Les Miserables," says of his episodidal description of the battle of Waterloo: "Thus forty double-columned pages are occupied with a minute, There have been many books written upon the sub-

Correspondence in Brief. aduti Miss Fior, of Plymouth; Mass. a school girl of gred in the October, number of the Atlantic, that afteen, writes us a pretty letter, saying that Autumn suggests both pleasant and melancholy recollections. Bhe speaks of the pleasant rambles of school-girls in fields and forests when freed from the prison of the school house, on Baturday afternoon, and of the melancholy suggestion caused by the failing leaves, the changing, decaying aspect of external naturehow we are reminded that these are emblems of our, earthly life. Like the leaf we must fall to the earth, and like all external nature, once green and flourishing, but now withered and decaying, so our earthly bodies, now full of life and vigor, must change, wither, decay, and fall to dust. - The Autumn is but the precursor of the cold and loy winter, and the winter is the precursor of new life that shall spring forth with expanding buds and flowering beauty. Let us resolve to plant the geeds of goodness now. that shall, bear for us flowers of fragrance and fruits of usefulness when life shall again come forth ;

from death. and prairie become BRITO BLANCO, New York City, requests us to tell the reason why Miss Emma Hardinge, Mrs. C. L. V. Hatch, and other speakers, do not come to that city and speak, as he says they have promised to do? In answer to this question, we must confess our

inability to answer. But we presume the reason is, because their services have not been secured by the Spiritualists in that place. They can answer for themselves.

When One Gets Up.

Why is it that men cannot "hold their horses." as the vulgar phrase goes, the instant they touch the point of decided success? It is a good deal easier for persons to endure obstacles and opposition than to bear success. When they find they have doubled the stormy cape of their difficulties, then What absurd and out-of time notions some people they give in ; they surrender the reins and seem to lose self control entirely. Hence, why is it not true the wounded and dying, and administering doses of that obstacles are best for the generality of us, if not even for the whole of us? To get up in the mate folly, even if it be not decided inhumanity, in world-as it is called-is often but getting into a an account furnished one of the leading New York position where a person shows his poorest and meanest qualities to the worst advantage; he gets up to just after the late sanguinary conflicts there at betray just what he was lucky enough to conceal, South Mountain and Antietam. He remarks that, when in humbler circumstances. And yet we all pray and strive for a chance to get out of our preeral, it is not believed that the distribution of tracts sent condition and go up higher, and little think of to the fresh viotims of a battle will be productive of the actual misfortune it would be for us. Why may as much benefit as the dressing of wounds, supply of | we not become intimately acquainted with ourselves, necessary food, and alleviation of bodily suffering. and still not figure in the eyes of those who have no Even the shrift of a dying soldier, accomplished with sort of sympathy for us, and for whom, in return

The Assemblies at Lyceum Hall.

The assembly on Wednesday evening of last week -the opening night of the season-was attended by by the presentation of a tract on the sin of dancing; a select company; even more than could have been and upon inquiry as to the cause of such unseasona - expected, owing to the excitement of the day attendble hilarity, he drew up the coverlet and revealed ant upon the departure of the Massachusetts regiments for the seat of war. But we found there old and young. Many of the familiar faces we recognized that were seen at the last winter's Sociablesand all expressed themselves pleased with the manterly inappropriate to his unfortunate circumstances agement, and apparently enjoyed themselves well. On Wednesday evening, 12th inst., the second asdisplay of cheering advertisements, informing the sembly will take place, when we hope to meet a large party there -- for nothing gives more zest to a what conditions the body he may leave or abandon re-union of this description than a full house. The young 'uns must get ready to go, and take the old 'uns along with them. 1.

Returning Thanks.

The broadest way I can acknowledge the receipt of the many kind words and heartfelt expressions of gratitude and approbation I have received for the rattling, flashing, dashing, yet perfectly clear and sentiments in my little book, which is hardly a year coherent account of the battle of Waterloo, in order to introduce two characters in the last four lines. the friends who so cordially, greet the "Fugitive," that their sympathies are fully appreciated, and their efforts to extend its circulation will bring them of Carlyle. Victor Hugo seizes the whole plan of the gratitude of thousands beside the author and the hattle upon both sides, or, to speak more accu- publisher. It was designed as a feeler, stretched rately, he conceives a distinct plan of the battle. He out to reach kindred hands, and to call out kindred sentiments, that we may unite and save the instituand then subordinates everything to the description tion of marriage from entire destruction, which is of certain leading and controlling movements. If sure to overtake it, from its multitude of evils and he had tried to grasp everything, to give you at once enemies, unless redeemed and rescued by the hands of reformers. The old doctors D.D.'s and LLD.'s. be a brilliant jumble, and your conception would be have nearly drugged it to death, and now only Spiritualists and spirit aid can'save it. Let us try. Those who send me \$1, will receive five copies by mail, till Feb. 1st., or while I am in New England, We have all of us been more or less exercised For address, see BANNER notice of Lecturers. I offer about the speech made not long since by Mr. Glad- this to extend it, as I have no pecuniary interest in WARREN CHASE.

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His diet is potatoes and milk. 1993

A great deal is said about the wives making home happy. Digby wonders if the husbands can't do some.

LETTERS, UNCALLED FOR, _There is a letter remaining at this office for H. Melville Fay. Also one for Dr. L. L. Farnsworth. Sec. Bella

Horace Dean, IL. M. Brigham, A. E. Noble G. A. Brooks, and Mrs. M. S. Furman have our thanks for responding to our call for missing back numbers of the BANNER.

Draiting has ceased in Boston, and those who were caught by it, are to be let off, as a sufficient number of volunteers are ready to take their places. This is as It should be. The selfishness of the city authorities succumbed to the liberality of the citizens.

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We have received from an unknown friend a large card with a series of varied paintings upon it, interblended with numerous suggestive scrolls. It is so unique in appearance as to baffle description-evidently, however, a work of much patient labor. It is entitled ... The Chart of Life."

The young lady who eloped some months since with a "gallant major," has returned with a minor in her arms.

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Digby has just received a note frum Jo Cose. Poor walk without crutches or cane. to is in a sad fix, according to his own account. Hear him: "I have had a severe time with rheumatism for about six weeks; after which, Job like, an abscess, so painful that I could scarcely sleep at all. I have grown so thin that my friends take me for an automaton fritter, walking round to find the molasses. In fact. I'm so sharp I should give you an awful cutting un if I should see you. I ve been waiting a long time to get over it: but it's getting over me. However, I suppose I shall see what the matter is by-and-by. Adieu."

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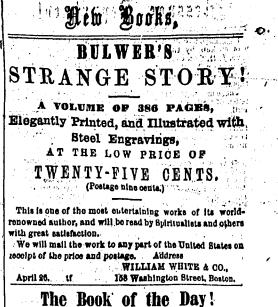
W, P. HOMER, So and δJ Bedrait attent. Solon, for many years was troubled with Heart Complaint, so bad that at times he was unable to attend to his business; aftor one operation he was able to run up stairs, work in his garden, and attend to his business; be bas since gained twelve pounds.

Mrs. E. COREY, of Cambridgeport, Mass.-Belatica; so lame that she could not walk without assistance; after one walk a mile free from pain. , Mrs. S. A. GOODHUE, Lowell, Mass.—" Prolapsws Uteri"

and Spinal difficulties, and for several years was troubled with fits; was entirely oured.

child could neither walk or sit alone, or tak, and took no notice of anything. After one operation be began to improve, and has so far gained as to be able to walk alone, can talk, takes notice of everything, laughs and sings; and appears perfectly well.

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with fits; was entirely oured. H. E. BARTLETT, Lowell, Mass. Hip complaint and ul-cers; this complaint was of long simuling and past cure, on account of the decay of the hone, but is now free from pain and ulcers, and can sit down on a hard seat without juin, and

Capt. W. H. LAMPSON'S OHILD, Lowell. Mass .-- The

BLIJAH L. ST. JOHN, son of Moses E St. John, Simsbury, CL, troubled with Spinal Difficulty and Rheumatism of lege, hips, arms, and shoulders; was not able to help himself for more than a year; was not able to walk of lift his arms; af-ter one operation of fifteen minutes was able to run, jump or

(ar one operation of niceen minutes was note to real, jump of move in any way.
 Mrs. HENRY LOOMIS Southwick; Mass., troubled with fits and Spinal Difficulties; could not walk without much difficulty; perfectly oured by one operation.
 Mrs. WM. JENKINS, Unionvine, Conn., troubled for over the second s

two years with chronic Liver Complaint and Rheumatism; had a large lump on her side which was very painful; was unable to lie down; cured by one operation, and is as well as ever.

JOSEPH H. ELDRIDGE, formerly of the Hartford Police-nore recently on Hartford and New Haven Railroad-was ELLA ROBERTS, Hartford, Conn , was completely para-

th instant, we had a mortheast analysis and is more back to more back and hands freely, and is grad-ually getting the control of her feet

ject, but none leaves so vivid and distinct a conception as this. And this effect is due to the masterly the panorams of the whole battle, the account would as chaotic as that of most battles really is." est han

magazata Mr. Gladstane.

stane in England. But a private letter, to Dr. Bel. the book. lows, of New York; makes it appear that he said what he did merely as a feeler, to ascertain wif the people of England would follow up in any move-ment of the British Government looking to the re-France have joined in a determination to propose, by way of mediation, that the two sections of the -country establish an armistice for four or six months. and that unless they can arrange a permanent peace within that time, the Southern Confederacy is to be much doubt it.

Rheumatism.

cause is: so thin whayish humor, which by reason of for our last week's issbe:] ! its thinness doth' not swell the parts, and because the substance thereof, not apt to turn to guifor, or rence, on Wednesday, Noy. 19th. matter, it naver maketh imposthumes, but only certain inflammatory disposition, arising from the fever of the wheylen kumor.

Now the cause of it is to be ascribed to the liver, which being affected with a bot distemper, and being weakened, breeds not good, blood, fit for to nourish, and, affects the whole body with weakness, whereby and, affects the whole body with weakness, whereby it becometh exceedingly displayed to receive all super-fluities. And from the displayed to receive all super-the liver, great quantities of setti humor do arise, which being detained in the missipher become vi-dously corrupt, are there dissetted and torned to the hature of wheyleh and blood water shifts, she not heavy binden is by nature case, to the missipher being and being etrung chough tonset is ont of the wide body. Ap-

Quincy, Nov., 1, 1862.

Announcements.

E. L. Lyon will lecture in Boston next Sunday; Miss Lizzie Doten in Marblehead; N. Frank White cognition of the South." This gentleman's opinion in Springfield; Warren Chase in Quincy; Mrs. M. M. is, that the speech will be condemned ; and he is Wood in Lowell; Frank, L., Wadsworth in Taunton; jnst as confident that the Cabinet daye not do any. Hrs. E. A. Bliss in Plymonth; Mrs. E. A. Kingsbury thing unless they feel themselves backed by the in Somers, Conn. 11 Mrs. S. A. Horton in Bridgewater, people. The report published in one of the New Vt.; M. S. Townsend in Providence, B. I.; Miss Em-York journals, is to the effect that England and ma Houston in Bangori Me.: Chas, A. Hayden in South Newburgh, Me.; Mrs. Laura DeForce Gordon in Portland, Me.; Miss Emma Hardinge in Philadelphia. Urish Clark is just recovering from a long and severe sttack of the western intermittant fever. and was reported last (Oct. 80th.) as recruiting at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. C. McSparren, Erie, recognized as a distinct power by them. We very, Pa., under an engagement to give a course of lectures in the Universalist church in that city. He can be addressed in care of A. M. Scott, Oubs, Allegany Oo, N, Y., if the letters are mailed to reach him there Hippoprates says of this disease, that its primary by November 10th. [We received the above too late

Mrs. A. A. Corrier will speak in the City Hall, Law

To Correspondents.

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[We on mot engage to return rejected manuscripts.] Mrs. L. P. K., DETROIT, MICH .- The money has been received and credit duly given.

T. G. C., PHILADELPHIA, We do not know the ad dress of O. S. Leavitt. Will this gentleman have the kindness to inform us where a letter would reach him? J. G., PROVIDENCE.--- We like your last contribu-

bution, and hope to hear from you often. 1.1110

inge (2 The new process of embalming: our fallen officers, at Washington, is simple, expeditions, and pertain. It is only used in the establishment of Dr. Holmes, where The offering crouge courses is out of the interview would eat and a pipe from this waive of the ma-dimply opened and a pipe from this waive of the interview would eat and the interview would eat and destroy more grain that would be write and hard, and will hold good for any length of 101;002 men.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTION .- The Republican ticket was successful at the late election, and Gov. Andrew was reëlected by a majority of about twenty-two thousand votes. 1.310

Gen. Bragg did n't save his bacon when he retreated rom Kentucky-not all of it, as he had to destroy 2500 barrels of the pork which he had stolen.

Prentice save he has heard of but one old woman who has kissed her cow, but he knows of many thon sand young ones who have kissed very great calves.

Should the Democrats get possession of the Federal Government, would they not reatore Slavery in the District of Columbia?

It is expected that the revenue from the customs this fiscal year, will be the greatest ever known. The Government tax on the telegraphic dispatches to the seven daily papers in Boston, amounts to \$40 per week. They can ill afford to pay it. Intelligence is taxed, it seems to us, more than anything else. Half the papers in the country will be obliged to suspend altogether, under the heavy taxation put upon them. It is unequal in the extreme. Digital and Market

News of the proclamation is finding its way among the slaves, who know more about it than is know to our soldiers in the South.

Digby says he knows a very little of the literature of Tunis or Algiers, but there are a great many fine books in Morocco.

"I never complained of my condition." says the Persian poet Sadi, ... but once, when my feet were bare. and I had no money to buy shoes; but I met a man without feet, and became contented with my lot."

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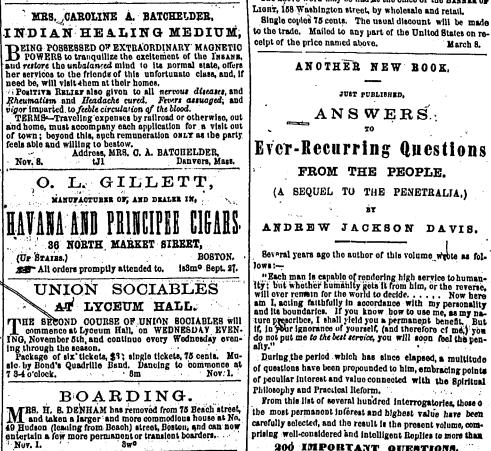
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MESSAGES TO BE PUBLISHED.

Thiesday, Oct. 14.—Invocation; John C. Calhoun of Bouth Carolina; Benjamin Frazer, of the john Maine Regiment, killed in the battle of South Mountain; Sarah Elizabeth Vaughan, of Boston, Maas, to her mother in New Hamp-chice, and brothers in this city; Theodore II. Price, of Nims's Battery, who died in New Orleans; Minnie Jarvis, to her mother.

Invocation.

Oh, thou nameless Principle, thou who holdest within thyself the past. present and future, thou mighty Unknown of the Universe, we again presume to address thee through human lips, to adore thee through the halls of mortality, for have we not a right to lift our voices in prayer unto thee, ou Holy Ono? Verily we have, for within the deep recesses of our souls, we feel thy presence and acknowledge thy love. And although we can never hope to fully comprehend thee, yet, oh Father, we know enough of thee to love and adore thee ; enough of thee to teach us how to live while sojourning in the halls of mortality. Oh, spirit of Love, we ask that thou mayst endow us with faith-faith such as exists within thy higher courts. And though we see thee in the external world, and hear thy voice even amid the storms of material life, yet grant, oh Father, that we may feel that same reliance upon thee which now sustains us, when we turn within the temple of our own souls to worship and adore thee. Our Father who art in heaven, earth and hell, our souls will ever adore thee, ever sing glad anthems of joy unto thee, our Creator. Amen. Oct. 9.

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Ques .-- Why are the communications purporting to come from the spirit-world ofttimes so vague and indistinct as to leave doubts on our mind of their genuineness? Will the inhabitants of that spiritworld please demonstrate the truth of their position to us?

Ans -- When Galileo was called before the court, and it was there demanded of him that he should prove to those present that the world was round, and moved upon its axis, was he able to demonstrate it to those who criticised him? was he able to force his theory upon minds not ready to receive it? We think he was not, although he declared to the people that the earth was round-he knew it to be so-that it also moved upon its own axis, yet he was not capable of demonstrating his theory to the assembly before whom he was called to speak. Nevertheless, the world moved on, and the principles he was striving to bring up from the great heart of science to the external world, in all their beauty and perfectness, in all their manhood, still remained firm in the mind of the humble astronomer, who had received his knowledge from spiritual sources-until the minds of humanity became sufficiently enlightened and willing to receive those great truths which are now to be found in the archives of science.

Spiritualism holds about the same position, relatively, as the science demonstrated by Gulileo to his incredulous countrymen. They looked upon him as insane, as a fool, and denounced not only his theory but himself also, because he was unable to prove to their darkened minds the theory which was but then in its infancy. Spiritualism is a child, and therefore you must not expect it will be able to put forth all the requisites of manhood, for though the principle is old as God himself, yet the manifestations are new; and it will require not alone a year's time, but many centuries for them to come to their manhood. "Why are the communications purporting so come from the spirit-world ofttimes so vague and indistinct as to leave doubts on our mind of their genuineness ?" If there is a spirit world prepared by God for the reception of the disembodied spirits of his children, then that world and those inhabitants are governed by laws as immutable and unchangable as God, and you would not presume to understand but a small portion of those laws, nor would you hardly presume to understand him who is the acknowledged author of those laws, in your finite wisdom. Now as this law is as immutable as your Creator, you will not suppose, if you are a reasonable being, that you will understand all that law in the few years allotted to you for living upon the earth. The human mind has a variety of thoughts, and the ways and means for the transmission of those thoughts to the minds of others are almost as various as the thoughts to be communicated. But we know of no way or means for the accomplishment of this task that is perfect in itself. Even with you in the tangible, or that which you call the real world, you are at fault also, in the method of man-ifesting with each other. There is not perfection with you in the mundanc sphere. A friend in New York may wish to communicate with you by letter, but unless all the apparatus employed operate in a way to throw its magnetic life upon you, you are liable to receive anything but what your friend would have you receive. Modern Spiritualism is dependent upon similar means for the successful result of its mission. and if those means are imperfect, it is but natural to suppose that the communications received from the inhabitants of the invisible world should often be so vague and incorrect as to excite unbelief of their scenuineness in the minds of humanity, for there are many ways to make wrong out of right, and to make black out of white and white out of black, even in the earth sphere. Should you desire to telegraph to a friend living in a distant city, it would be necessary that the wires be perfect, that the operators at either end understand their business well, that the atmospheric elements be in a certain harmonious condition, in order to insure the speedy and correct transmission of your message. So it is with Spiritualism, and it is utterly impossible to demonstrate it to humanity, until the minds of mortality are in a proper condition to receive its great truths. We style the theory of modern Spiritualism a science, and one of the profoundest, kind. Indeed, the human mind is scarcely capable of dealing with even the smallest problems of that great sol-Thus our infinite Father, in his wiedom and love for his earthly children, reveals only so much of Spiritualism to the minds of humanity as he be-lieves to be absolutely necessary for their future comfort and their happiness while on the earth. Is it well for mortality to deal with that it cannot comprehend? Verily it is well, for by so doing you nnfold and develop your own soul. What though a Frankjin had desisted in his attempts to draw slootricity from the clouds, merely because his first offorts in that direction were not rewarded with per-, fort success? - Would he not have been less that a

fool to abandon his work? Verily he would. And thinks there never was a truth too big to be spoken for to govern either myself or others to any extent. again the question arises, Shall we Spiritualists of anywhere. When my father goes home to my Oh, thou mortal, whose feet have scarce wandered to day ever receive any carthly reward for our la-mother, in Chicago, he may tell her about my com-beyond the plains of earth, whose eyes have never to-day ever receive any carinity reward for our is mother, in Unicage, he may tell her houdd my com-bors? We balleys you will, to a certain extent, and ing, and perhaps/she'll feel like having me come coming generations shall receive the full fruit of the home and talk, with her. Can I go? [Have you tree you are now nourishing and fostering with so said all you wish to?] No, I aint; but I can't here. much care. You of to-day must of necessity act as Tell him it's from Adella, or Adele, he used to call pioneers in this cause. You cannot expect to receive me. Good by.

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he ripe fruit of the tree that is to-day but a sanlife could possibly do. Oh, could you witness their stranger. I reckoned on something different, but intense anxiety as they stand watching the transit we miss our reckoning oftentimes, you know. of their communications from the spirit-world to

would now receive only the man.

General Reno.

of this body 1 for the present time control, and in was n't long in going over. I suppose I received the doing this, I may not as fully represent myself as I whole of my wounds in the space of three quarters may desire to. I am aware also, that no statement of an hour.

child of Jehovah, if I were not grateful for the privi- pany, yau see. On the contrary, I'm as happy and leges here accorded me as an individual spirit.

out certain plans that had forced themselves upon back with, but when you come to ask the owners to my brain, for the good of my country. But it has lend them to you to take a long tramp out to see Dieased an All-Wise God to separate my spirit from your folks, it's another thing. [I think your friends my body, and in consequence of this separation I am will find persons in Wisconsin through whom you my body, and in consequence of this separation I am with and persons in "Nobisin through whom you not so well able to serve my country as when that spirit was dwelling in the flesh. But I believe, as I [Laver saw one.] don't mean women, stranger, did while here on the earth, and am assured that I have slill the power to guide and direct certain [1'] hunt them up, if there are any to be found near. minds, according to the light I have received as a where my folks live.

performance of whatever seems to me to be duty. To the noble band of soldiers once under my comnever fear to be led by it, for it will not lead you astray. Many of you have sought, my friendship, my counsel, in days passed; many of you have

uccess. My family, those dear ones who are wedded to me by ties of love too holy to admit of their public inroduction here, to them I would say, you have my blessing, my presence, my prayers that an All Wise

as God has endowed me with. Again, one word more to the brave band of solwill bless you, though darkness menace you at every hand. Live holy lives, as you prize your future condition of life; live in accordance with the light God has given you, and ask no man what is right or what is wrong. 1 am General Reno. Farewell. Oct. 9.

Lieutenant Jacob Buckingham.

I'm not used to this method of spirit-return. In-

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ling. Novertheless, in the name of Science, we de-mand that you seek on, though you stumble ever Tenth Wisconisin Regiment, Company I. My name and anon over the numerous obstacles that lay in used to be John H. Garrick; I do n't know what it your pathway. Remember that the inhabitants of is now. Stranger, I'm pretty well. If you are de-the spirit-world are, like yourselves, dependent upon prived of your own body, it do n't matter much. I material means in transmitting their messages to lost my body and found a woman's. That's more friends on earth, and that they deplore the imper- than I bargained for, stranger. [You expected to fections of their subjects more than you in finite have a body similar to your own.] That's so,

Well, I suppose I may say I hailed from Rockville, friends on carth you would have at least pity and Wisconsin. I've got folks there that I'd like to sympathy for them, and receive the child, where you talk to, and although they feel mighty sorry that I'm gone, yet they won't look for me back in this shape. Well, this kind of a uniform, stranger-it's

a close fit, and I do n't think 1 should care about It is with feelings of gratitude to God and those wearing it all the time. Now, my folks do n't know who have kindly extended me their assistance, that anything about how 1 went over, so I thought I'd I avail myself of the privileges offered here. I am come back and tell them. I got pretty well riddled. deeply sensible of the fact that I am using a body I was shot or wounded seven times. Bo you see they which is totally different from the one I once owned. found me a pretty hard nut to crack. I's a hard I am aware that I shall be obliged to obey the laws nut, but when they took me here, [throat] I reckon I

of mine can prove positively my identity to the friends I desire to meet; but as I'm here and have power to speak, I should feel unworthy to be called a when we come to soar aloft, I did n't lack for comcontented as one could wish to be, but the devil of it A few weeks since, and I was in the possession of is, how to get back-that is, just as you want to. my own body; a few weeks ago I hoped to carry You 'll find enough bodies that you can use to come

spirit, according to the power I have as a spirit; I'm here to beg them to give up their old ideas of and I shall not be slow, if I know myself, in the religion, that have so long kept their souls in darkness. They 're human, you know, and are most terribly mistaken in their notions of religion, and I mand I would say, live in strict allegiance to your aint going to say they aint. And I want to let them God; follow the diotates of your conscience, and know that there's a place up here, where I am, never fear to be led by it, for it will not lead you that's plenty good enough for them or any body else to live in. Now I want them to knock down those d-----d walls of religion. [Remember there are ladies looked to me for sympathy and aid, and to you who present.] Well, beg your pardon. Well, stranger, relied upon me while with you on the earth, I would the church has shut the eyes of some people so inhere say that I am alive still, and am able to guide fernally tight, that they can't see a wink outside its you, able to assist you in many ways, able to shield walls. Now, I want my folks, then, to come right you from the dangers that surround you. And ac. out of those forms of religion, which have kept them cording as is your faith in your spirit guides, so shall be their strength, their power to serve you. Boys, be faithful to God and yourselves, and you need not have any fears in regard to your ultimate was not the right way-and I went across without any, and if I had n't been one of the lucklest fellows that ever lived, I suppose I should have gone direct to hell. But I happened to be one of your lucky,

happy sort, that never finds hell anywhere. Now, my folks will go to hell if they don't tarn Father will make you happy in this world and here round. I mean by that that they 'll be unhappy after. And if there shall be born in your souls a and discontented with their condition in the other lesire to meet me personally, I will avail myself of world, and I think, now, they 'd better pack up their all the means in my power to give you such strength | trucks and leave the church, and come right out

here where God lives. Well, stranger, I've done better than I thought I diers who were once under my command. God has should in coming here to day. Tell my wife not to blessed you, though he has taken me from you. God mourn for me, for 1'm much better off than I ever expected to be, and would n't come back to earth again to live if I could. Good by to you. If I get as many bullets through my body going out of this as when 1 went before, 1 shan't know myself. [Have you any children?] Two children-little ones. Well, good by to you. Oot. 9.

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Oh Life. Life Eternal. we would stretch out our hands unto thee, and tune the harps of our being deed, I am a novice in all matters pertaining to hands unto thee, and tune the barps of our being Spiritualism, and if it were not that I earnestly de unto thy praise. We would know thee alone, and sire to meet and commune with my friends I would wait until a little better versed in the science. I have lived as a spirit without my body little more than two weeks, having lost that body at the battle from thence we will behold the kingdome of earth, ay, of Antietam Greek. I am Lieutenant Jacob Buck-and the kingdoms of the spirit-world also, for within inchem of Charleston South Caroling and as you the compass of thy realm are to be found heaven. may presame; your enemy, and yet your friend, so earth and hell, and we cannot but adore thee, for far as the things pertaining to the spirit are con- thy worship is the worship of the spheres. Oh Life. cerned. I meet you for the purpose of communing we are thine and thou art ours, and we will hence-with my friends, and I believe that I shall be able to forth know no. death, for we believe that thou art King of Kings and Lord of Lords. To thy great ing here I would lay aside all enmity, and if I did temple, oh Life, we would bring all our problems, disagree with you politically, I would not bring that great and small, and by the power of individual reason we are sure that they will be outworked and disagreement here to day. I have a father, three brothers, a wife and two returned to us again. Ob Life, we are thy children, children. Before the breaking out of this what you and thou art our parent. We know that darkness and death fill the present bour, and life itself seems fit to call reign of reason, my family resided in dead ; yet when we look about us, we feel that thou art with us in glory, with us leading us unto the Holy Court; and surely, oh Life, we are safe in thy eternal embrace. Oct. 13.

much crave, and be determined to rend in twain the veil that hides you from the spirit-world. Do this, and you will find that instead of remaining a noth ing in the world of thought, you shall know you are a God, and have command over all things.

Our heavenly Father, has implanted within the scale of his oblidren a desire for spiritual knowl-edge. Oh, cherish it well, and, believe us, it will draw to itself wisdom-such as the angels' already possess-day by day, and hour by hour, until you, h Son of the living God, shall be able to perceive, him to exert his influence in another direction. that you are c free agent. Oh, within thy soul ites slumbering an embryo God, and what is greater in heaven or hell? And, oh man, know that within yourself there is a bright gem that shall light you up he is striving to the best of his abilities to establish the steep of Fame, and give you wisdom over all. . gents

agency is limited. The child, as well as those who brethren. have arrived at manhood, is a free agent, as far as its wisdom goes.

iness that pertains to the things of this life it is not always necessary, for we sometimes find more real Always necessary, for we sometimes and more tand earthly enjoyment or happiness among the poor and ignorant classes of society, than we find among those who have stored their being with knowledge. Mantle for all, and though he dearly loves the home earthly enjoyment or happiness among the poor and

A .- There is none. To us they are one and the ame. The same principle exists in the two. The outer covering is the only difference.

Q.-Was Judas Iscariot a free moral agent? A.-To a small extent he was, but we believe for a time seem to oripple your power and threat. adas was not possessed of wisdom or power suffi- en your rain. Your Republic may seem to die, udas was not possessed of wisdom or power sufficient to constitute him a free agent to any great degree. That is to say, though he had the power is good exists within its borders. Therefore, within himself, he knew it not, for in his case it re- in the ultimate, it lives; and as it can, as we

Will all mankind finally be saved?

A.—Most certainly they will. Q.—To what extent did Juday Iscariot suffer ? A.—Time is not with us a with you. We meas-

ire time in the spirit-world very differently from what you do on the earth. Judas has suffered because of ignorance, as he did while in the form. He committed acts here on the earth, that he would by the light of wisdom. Ignorance of ourselves and to your final victory over your Southern enemies. the laws by which we move and have our being, cause us to commit crimes while in the flesh, for which we must suffer hereafter, and the place which retary of State at this time? Judas Iscariot now occupies as a spirit, is just such a one as he who sins deeply while in the flesh might expect to dwell in hereafter.

Q.- Can you describe that place?

A .- To him it would be hell. The soul or spirit of man, under all conditions of life, gravitates to its own conceptions of right ? proper position. Nature is always true to herself and to her laws, and never makes any mistakes, and if you as a spirit are dissatisfied with your con-dition, you have no right to be, for believe us, your time? condition is one of Nature, a lawful condition, which you have engrafted, upon yourselves either by will- him to do so, and that the heart ful disobedience to God's laws-which are also the ripe and ready for its reception. aws of your own being-or by ignorance, and from which you cannot hope to escape until your spirit has atoned for its disobedience, or paid the penalty 8.-M suffering and sorrow in the spirit world.

ourself from that condition? A .- No, certainly you cannot, for all sins committed by the spirit while in mortal, must be atoned was the man for your time, and that through him for sooner or later, and if not on earth, then in the great good would accrue, not only to humanity, but world of spirit. Suppose the child plunges its hand to your country. into the fire. It knows no better ; it has no wisdom ; Q .- But were there not some particular circumbut the law gives the penalty for the act, just as | stances that caused the issue of that Emancipation surely as if the act had been a willful one, and the Proclamation? child suffers for having done injury to its physical being. Thus, you see, that you must stone for every mistep taken during your sojourn upon the earth, no matter how thick the veil of ignorance be that conceals the right from your spiritual gaze. Q.-Is the length of a man's life on earth appointed to him by a higher power?

A .- We do not think it is, materially considered; owes its origin to spiritual inharmony and disorder

A .- They are, A Janus is not a Confacius, though the two are equally good in point of wisdom and love. Nevertheless, they are individually different in looked beyond the material, we would ask you to their ideas of Christiauity. There is as much divery turn within your own soul for that wisdom you so sity of opinion in the spirit-world as upon the earth? Q.On what side of the present contest is Gal-

houn, as a spirit, most active 7 A .-- Calhoun mourns the course he took while here on the earth. He deplores the ignorance that surrounded him like a thick well, and blinded his mortal eyes to the right. And much as he may have desired to serve the party to which he belonged when on earth in this great national contest, yet the change which his political sentiments have in dergone since his solourn in the spirit-land, compela Q.-Is he active on the other side?

A.—He is active on the side of right; and though he may still cling to some of his former ideas, yet the steep of Fame, and give you wisdom over all. the reign of Freedom throughout his native land. Q.—At what age do children become free moral While in mortality he would have held slaves; now, as a spirit, he would not, for he perceives that they. A. We affirm that man-the race of which you like himself, are children of God, and therefore are one-is yet in childhood, and therefore your free should not be held in bondage by their white

Q.-In what sphere is Franklin particularly ac-

s wisdom goes. Q.—ls knowledge necessary to happiness? A.—To spiritual happiness it is; but to the hap-iness that pertains to the things of this life it is not Q.—As a Virginian, where does Washington stand?

those who have stored their being with knowledge. mantle for all, and though he usury loves the home Happiness in the spirit-world must be the result of wiedom. Q.—Is there any difference between wisdom and knowledge? fall. Therefore, he strives to bind you together.

Q .- Will the Republic fall, or not? A .- It may, and doubtless will seem to fall : but it will be only the action of natural forces that will

but, believe us, it cannot die while so much that pathy and affection which are so necessary to your.

future strength and prosperity as a nation. Q-Is not this war a struggle between the principles of light and darkness?

A .- It is, and you all know that light contains those elements which had their birth in darkness. Again, your Northern armies hold within their power those positive forces of nature, which never have done had he been guided to any extent must eventually triumph over the negative, and lead

Q .- Do Madison, Webster and Calhoun exert an influence upon the minds of the President and Sec-

A .- They each and all exert their influence, each in his own particular way.

Q .- Why did the President issue his Emancipation Proclamation against his own ideas of right? SPIRIT .- Are you sure that he did so against his

QUESTIONER .- Yes, he says so. But was there not some especial reason unknown to us which caused

S .- There was. He knew the hour had come for him to do so, and that the hearts of humanity were

Q.-Yes; but he did not think so. He said he

8.-Men do not always talk what they mean, you of the sins committed by it while in mortal, by long know. We told you months ago that President Lincoln would perform acts and do deeds that his own Q.-If you are not a free agent, cannot you free party would not countehance or approve of at the ourself from that condition? President was in rapport with the angels; that he

8.-There were. President Lincoln is in the possession of all his senses, and knows well what he is doing .-- Ofttimes he enters within the closet of his own soul, and there holds communion with the angels. He becomes, as it were, an instrument for good In the hands of his spirit guides. He is the effect following the great cause of this national evil, which

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ngham, of Charleston, South Carolina, and, as you adhere to my determination, which was that in com-

are pleased to term rebellion, but what I shall see Charleston ; since then they have removed to the country. My father and brothers-two of themstill remain in Charleston. One brother is in the Confederate Army. I desire, first, to inform them of my death, for they, as yet, are ignorant of the fact. The rumor with them is that I have been wounded, and am now your prisoner; and their anxiety in my behalf is intense. So intense is it, that were all the powers of earth opposed to my coming, or that which is held by the spirit world, I think I should still be able to return to my friends in spite of human will, we are almost inclined to on earth. Be kind enough to inform them, first, question man's power, and to baptize ourselves with that I am no longer living upon the earth, and that was wounded first in the shoulder, and subsequently hot through the head, and died quietly, without much suffering. You will also inform them of my ability to return and commune with them, and of my desire to do so. You will also say to them that I shall maintain a neutral position as far as the present contest between the North and South is concerned/ 1 have laid down my arms, not to take them up again. have my reason for doing so. I know that many who are ushered into the spirit-world are just as anxious to renew the fight here as before death, but condition, for we know that he must live a slave in that is not the case with me; and if friends are kind the visible world and in the next. Man has an inenough to call me home, I ask that they make no reference to the past, as far as. that matter is concerned. Farewell.

Adelia Delaney.

'm a going to, if I can't talk well,

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wont be, because folks think they will be when they that he, could protect himself from the sun's rays, pan't be,

My mother lives in Chicago, and I've a little ploying the wisdom which the Great Spirit had brother there, too. My father is Lieutenant Delaney given him to his own use and advantage, -George Delaney is his name. He is sick now, but

want to come, and the folks here all want to come. too. There's such a crowd, that I can't talk what I

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Questions and Answers.

QUES -Are we mortals in any sense free agents? ANS.-This received question we propose to briefly cofisider. "Are we mortals in any sense free agents?" When we look abroad over the wast sen of human life, and find its waves rolling and surging, question man's power, and to baptize ourselves with doubt in regard to your free agency as mortals. But when we rend aside the thin, misty fabric that hides you from the world unknown, and penetrate into that world beyond the tomb, and behold the cause, the background of life, then we perceive you are to a certain extent free agents.

Man's free agency extends just so far as his wisdom, n') further. He is capable of acting for him-self just so far as his wisdom goes; but if he is devoid of wisdom-fer that has been given to man in minute quantities 11 the best-then we deplore his nate power by which he may overcome all his surroundings, by which he may become master of all creation.

But at present man is in his infancy. He knows Adelia Delaney. very little of the laws of his physical being, very Oh dear met There's so many folks here what's little of the laws of his spiritual being, very little of stronger than I am, that I can't talk well. But I the laws of his moral being; thus he must of neces promised my father that I certainly would come, so sity be a slave to those conditions. A few years past, and the savage knew not how to protect him-I was eight years old the month I died, and I've self from the fury of the elements. The rains de-while I was sick or after I was dead, and just a few and he was unable to protect himself either from nights ago I went to him in a dream, and told him the smile or frown of the elements, because wisdom could come, and certainly would come and speak was waiting for the voice of the archangel to wake to him. And my father said that if I did come he him to life. When the savage began by slow degrees should be the happiest man in the world. Bet the to know himself and his power, then he began to see

Thus, you see, that man in the infancy of life is he will get well. He is sick from fatigue and hard- not a free agent. He cannot be, because all the ships, and not from wounds, though he's been in visible world proves to you that his power, strength battle, and I was with him. My mother would like his all, lies in "wisdom, or in the unfelding of that for me to come, if she was n't afraid of Spiritualism. internal self, the Anowledge of which comes to him But she's afraid of it, so I sha n't say much to her by slow but sure degrees. Man's free agency comes now, for it's to my father I want most to come. He then through widdom; but time must be, given by wants me to come since he dreamed of me, and I ages for the unfolding of the intellect of man.

Are we mortals, in any sense free agents ? We perceive that our questioner, who stretches out into what I died with. What I died with. My father must n't drink whiskey. It confuses says to himself, flow is it that all size in life soems him, and makes him unit for his work. My grand soldwed with more power, than I am endowed father says it's right for me to say so to him. His with I cannot be a free agent, for I have not pow-

but spiritually considered, it certainly is appointed by God.

Q-Is knowledge gained more rapidly in the spirit-world than in the earth sphere?

A .- The knowledge of mind is gained more rapid. there. Here on the earth you have various conlitions of artificial life. In the spirit-world you sions of his spiritual intuitions to the multitude. have the knowledge of soul and the real or spiritual But to those who know him and are intimately as-

-What is the rank or condition of Christ in the spirit world?

A .-- A spirit possessing all the requisites of God ; a clear and perfect unfolding of love. Love is the fulfilling of the law, and Christ has achieved that worship his example as your Saviour.

Q.-Do we do right in regarding him as human? A .- He was human and divine: So are you. Jesus was human, because he wore, like you, a morwelling upon the earth.

Q.—Are there any spirits in the other sphere equal o him?

A.-There are very many. Q .- Are the great events in our world governed

r caused by certain changes which are taking place in the spirit world? or, in other words, is this present national conflict of ours the result of inharmony and strife among the elements of the other world?

A .- We may say it is, and speak the truth. You are now living in the dawning of a new epoch. The ages are changing; and all institutions, whether moral, political, physical, or spiritual are all changing their colors-are putting off the crysalis of death, and donning the garments of new life. The present convulsion, which has already caused you so much woe, is but an effect of a spiritual cause.

Q .- Do you think that this war is the result of a struggle for power between Democracy and Aristooracy in the spirit spheres ?

A .- It is most certainly.

Q.-Has Democracy got to rule ? A.-Yes, in its highest and broadest sense. You, as a people, have written Freedom upon your banners, but within your walls there has been nought but slavery and oppression, for you have never understood the meaning of the term Freedom. But, believe us, you live in the dawning of better times. The earth that has slumbered in darkness is about to awake to life and light. The reign of Freedom is about to be established upon the American Continent. And though this great reform be accomplished only through war and darkness, and though the face of all pature seems shadowed with desolation and ruin, yet unto you as loss of my body, yet I would not return to live upon a nation this child of. Peace and Freedom shall earth again, if F could. [Do you remember where surely be born. Q.—Must not all great nhannes to muchoest it.]

Q.-Must not all great changes be purchased with violence and bloodshed?

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in the celestial spheres.

Q-ls he a believer in Spiritualism ? A .- Internally he is ; externally he is not.

Q .- Do you mean that he makes no professions of his faith in Spiritualism ?

A.-I do. President Lincoln makes no professociated with him, his reliance upon spiritual things is no secret. Therefore, internally he is a Spiritualist, while externally he is not.

Q.—Are not most people so? A.—There are too many who are. We do not. however, blame President Lincoln, for we know that fulfillment of God's law. Therefore you may well he rides upon the sea of public thought; we know. that he is held with love and reverence in the hearts of many of his countrymen; and we know that there are also those of his own people who look upon him with distrust. Again, we say, he may be called the al form; and divine, so far as he lived up to his effect of the great sause that has its existence in piritual convictions of right and wrong, while God. He is an instrument in the hands of ministering spirits.

Q.-Was this war prophesied in the Bible ? A .-- Read the Bible by the light of reason, and bring the developments of modern Spiritualism to bear upon it, and you will find it to be so. Oct. 18.

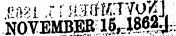
Col. Alexander Harris.

Mr. Chairman, I am a stranger, and know nothing of what you require. [You have only to give the truth and some circumstances of your life, by means of which your friends may recognise you.] I was known here as Colonel Alexander Harris. am from Kentucky, was wounded in the battle of Antietam, and died shortly after.

Previous to death I made a promise to friends to the effect that I would return, if I could, and communicate of my condition. I was in my forty-sec-ond year when I died. In my early life I was a printer, and worked as a journeyman in New Or-leans. Subsequently, I became engaged in business in Kentucky, and I call that my home When dtill war broke ont, I joined the Confederate army, and . lost my life fighting against the Union and the Constitution, or I should say, the Constitution, for there

was in reality no Union. Now, sir, can fask for a hearing through your oolumns, and am I entitled to the same privileges as you would extend to one who was your friend? [Certainly.] As a test to my acquaintances, I will say, that I was wounded in my left arm, and suffered. amputation of that limb shortly after I left the field. I was also wounded in the shoulder." My life perhaps, might, have been saved had I been at tended to in season, and though I suffer some incomet venience with regard to coming here to day from the

"I have a favor to ask. It is this : that you will ask the friends to , whom I come, to forward you, if A.—Yes; violence must be done to the physical they can something that shall give you proof that it as well as to the spiritual, in order that all great am the person I say I am. If they recognize me, systems of reform may be inaugurated upon the I would have them tell you so. [Please give us earth.] the address of some person whom you are particularly



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EMMA HABDINGE.

" Spirit is like the thread whereon are strung The beads or worlds of life. If may be here Is may be there that I shall live again ; But live again I shall where'er I be.-[Festus.

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The supreme good is to live according to a just conception of the real nature of things.

FREEDOM'S EDICT.

Waited for patiently, waited for long All through the evil days, sorely and eadly: Called for through trial and hoped for through wrong, See I how the heart of the nation grows strong I See ! how the lips break in Thanksgiving song ! Never could tidings be welcomed more gladly.

These the glad tidings ; the shackles shall fall, The gyves from the wrists of slaves shall be broken I In the name of the Nation, there 's Freedom for all [All through the length and the breadth of our land Each in his Liberty equal shall stand.

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Being men, nothing pertaining to humanity should be beneath our consideration.

THE TRANSITION.

BY C. D. GRISWOLD, M. D.

We feel the impress of the coming storm before the violence of the tempest is manifest, or the sound thereof falls upon the car. Impending events have their shadows, and they darken the horizon of the mind while the outward world is yet sunny and cheerful. In all times past great eras have been preceded by warning voices, and signs and wonders. Man heeded them not, but the events of which they spoke came to pass.

In the early daying modern Spiritualism there were those who deemed the phenomena as the prepractical demands of humanity. F. T. LANE. cursors of revolution and a new state of things. Some deemed these uncarthly developments as merely a sign, indicating only evil to man. But Spiritualism is not merely signs and wonders; it is an intelligent forewarning voice from the heavens to man. telling him that a new order of things is to take the place of the old on the earth, and that disorder, discord, destruction and desolation must first come to open the way for the broader, deeper and more permanent foundations of the new. Power belongs only to God. Man should possess it only as God manifests it through him ; but man. has not obeyed this law, for he has usurped not only the power, but the will of God; and hence, even that which he hath shall be taken from him. Wealth is the means by which human good may be accomplished, and it has no other legi imate use; but man has violated the law in appropriating it to the uses of selfishness, and hence this also shall be taken from him Glory belongs only to God, but man has sought to glorify himself, and hence in the strife for glory he shall come to shame. The love of power, the love of wealth, and the love of honor, as dominant passions and chief aims of life, must pass away. These are the sime of those whose vision extends not beyond the confines of this world of materiality; but thank God, and the angels of heaven, the windows of the celestial world are being opened, and all who will may look in, and many there are who embrace the opportunities given. How great is the ohacie in popular sentiment toward Spiritualism within a few years! There are few who now doubt but that spirits may and do come. and their only hesitancy in acknowledging the fact comes from their reluctance to be proved in the wrong by their teachings. The conditions of immortality which were once deemed intangible and uncertain, are now being discovered as positive and enduring realities; while all human affairs-the material interests of this life-are crumbling and breaking up in disorder, and essentially passing away. There is no cortainty in the possession of wealth; power, strengthened by an army to-day, may pass into other hands ere to-morrow, or become extinct, and the glory of man is as evanescent as the morning dew. Who shall say material things are more real than the spiritual? That the worldly interests of this life are more desirable than the conditions which shall prepare us to enter the land of the immortals ? Oh most vain, foolish, short sighted man 1 What a shadow of darkness has obscured thy vision in the past I Awake, and see the rising sun that is to illuminate the world and dissipate the clouds which have shut out heaven from thy vision. The world is moving-its crust of materiality is breaking updiscord and confusion must reign for a time; for when was a new life given to the world, except by the rending of primative conditions-with sorrow and suffering. But oh how soothing is the thought that every pang urges forward the new life, and that by and by the reward for all this wee may be

folded upon the breast in calmuess and peace. When successful manifestations by the spirits, because the the world begin to grow brighter, and the signs of dark circles than in the light. the promised time of peace and good-will will be realized by all. Oh how vividly bright and beautiful does the world seem as presented to my interior

vision, shorn of all that prompts man's inhumanity to his fellow man-when doing good to one another shall be the chief aim --- when the language of reproach shall be classed with the dead tongues-when strifes shall have ceased except in the way of human good and the love of the neighbor as one's self shall be practically exemplified on the earth. When shall this time come? When the world wills it ! It will come, it must come, for the hand of God has written the decree in the law of human progress; but it cannot come until all the power and wealth and glory of the world has been swept away, and a new beginning is opened up in which all things shall be rendered unto God in subservience of the uses of hu. man good. Call this visionary if you will, but it is a glimpse of that which is higher and better than the condition of the world now, and there is nothing that is higher and better that ever found its way to the conception of man but what he must reach in time, for progress is the eternal law, and passes through all conditions. True, the gulf that yawns between now and then, is deep down, dark and terrible, but it is not impassable, and the hither side will be reached in time. Let all gird on the armor of Truth, and buckle on the shield of Justice, and press onward, prepared for whatever may come.

Spiritual Phenomena.

We wish to refer to an account of a seance published in the BANNER of Oct. 25th, not for the purpose of making our communication personal in its able to comprehend it, and so apply its teachings application, ... but because that seance suggests sev- that humanity will be benefited and elevated by its eral queries :

"Ten pellets were collected by a gentleman and placed in a vase, and the top covered with his hand. A few seconds after, one of these pellets was found tied up in a handkerchief on the floor."

How did the spirits extract the pellet? It was evidently not eliminated through the side of the vase nor through the hand, but must have been abstracted before the gentleman had time to cover the vase after depositing the pellets. The act, then, on the part of the spirits, was a species of legerdemain, the covering of the vase being merely for effect. It is, therefore, a fair presumption that other things were done with a similar intent. Let us see : .

"A number of cards were placed on the carpet a few inches apart, with three or four pencils of different colors, and the cloth from the table placed over them, one pencil being placed upright in the centre of the cloth, so that it did not lay flat on the cards."

A bevy of spirits-unless they were some of Randolph's monads-could not be ensconced under that miniature tent; hence if the drawings were made with spirit hands, the spirits must have stood outside, with the cloth between them and their work. If the drawings were made in this manner, we do not see the use of the cloth. We incline to the opinion that the work on the cards was produced by a kind of spirit-photography, and in this case the cloth may have been of service, but the pencils were not. There is evidence that the pencils were not used, for there were only three or four furnished, and one of them was used for a support, yet the embellishmonts on the cards showed pink, green, blue, red and yellow colors.

We do not make these criticisms to quibble, but because the spirits made superfluous requirements, which would only serve to bewilder and mislead the investigator. Spiritualism has furnished an incon-gruous mass of evidence which will require much patience and critical acumen to analyze. There is a greater tendency to mystify spiritual phenomena than to resolve them into simple facts. In our esgerness for spirit intercourse we blindly comply with any condition; but we shall find that the discussion of the "why" and "wherefore" of ALL con-ditions is a matter of much practical importance. Strip "new ideas" of their verbiage, and spiritual phenomena of their superfluities, and mere wonderseekers will no longer stand agape in the path of Progress, the New Religion will be shorn of much that is now mysterious, and be better adapted to the

the world's idels are all broken and east down, and atmospheria properties which they require evapohuman hearts and human thoughts are turned rate under its rays. This is undoubtedly the reason heavenward to God as the only refuge left, then will why we have more wonderful manifestations in Bro. Lane says :

"There is a greater tendency to mystify spiritual phenomena than to resolve them into simple facts."

is that so? Are we mortals accountable for the mystery that envelops the spiritual phenomena? By no means. Mystery is a fundamental law of Nature, and the spiritual phenomena are in perfect harmony with Nature. Are not all the works of Nature mysterious to human comprehension? No one has yet discovered how the delicate amber-tints of a flower are produced. 'Yet when, in obedience to: the laws of Nature, it opens its petals to glorify its Creator, we still continue to look upon it in admiration and wonder, mentally asking how such a beautiful flower is created. Can we "resolve them into facts ?" Can we, by searching, find out God's mysteries? Human nature is ever unsatisfied, ever craving for more. When the child asks who made the rainbow, and is told that God made it, he at once asks the pertinent question, " How ?" for its little inquiring mind naturally desires to "resolve" the seorets behind 'the clouds; but after listening atten! tively to the best explanation its tutor can give, it runs to its play, still intuitively saying, "I wish I knew how it was done !" . The skeptic in Spiritualism is often found in the same ostegory with the child: and unless his soul is open to the inspiration from the unseen world, he asks in vain for a solution of its mysteries, for the soul alone can comprehend them, although it has no language by which to impart them to human materiality. The world is yet in its infancy as regards these things; but it is undoubtedly receiving the new light as fast as it is revelations. . If we are patient waiters, and well digest what we receive, little by little, we shall be far wiser and better in the end.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [OFFICIAL.] BY HIS EXCELLENCY, JOHN A. ANDREW. Governor. A PROCLAMATION For a Day of Public Thanksgiving and · Praise.

By and with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby appoint THURSDAY, the 27th day of November current, to be observed throughout this Commonwealth as a day of PUBLIC THANKSGIV-ING AND PRAISE. And I do earnestly invite and request all the people of Massachusetts to set apart that day for the grateful and happy remembrance of the boundless mercies and loving kindness of Him in whose name our fathers planted our Commonwealth, and to whose service they consecrated their lives and devoted their posterity.

"The Lord hath established His Throne in the Heavens: and His Kingdom ruleth over all." He is the "Sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might, which none is able to withstand;" and to Him only belong ascriptions of Glory, who is "the only giver of Victory." Let our hearts, therefore, ascend—higher than all the interests that entangle, all the doubts that bewilder, the passions that ensuare, and the prejudices that obscure-consenting to be led, illumined and gov-

erned by His Infinite intelligence and Love. In the meditations of the House of Praise, let us take comfort and be thankful for the numberless manifestations of heroic and manly virtue, which, amid the distractions of war, in the duties of the camp and in the perils of battle, have illustrated the character of the sons of Massachusetts-and for the sorine and beautiful devotion with which her daughters have given the dearest offerings of their hearts to the support of their Country, and for the defence of Humanity.

Let us not forget the bountiful bestowments of the year, filling the granaries of the husbandman, and rewarding the toil of the laborer, the enterprise, thrift and industry of all our peeple. No pestilence We willingly give place to the above candid com- hath lurked in the darkness of night, nor assailed munication. We will not attempt to give a satisfac- us in the light of day. Calamity hath not overwhelmed us, nor hath any enemy destroyed. Rising to the height of our great occasion, rein-forced by courage, conviction and faith, it has been the privilege of our country to perceive, in the workfaithful, unto Him " who gathereth together the outcasts of Israel, who healeth the broken in heart." we owe a new song of Thanksgiving. "He sheweth His word unto Jacob, His statutes and His judgnation." Putting aside all fear of man which bringeth a snare, may this people put on the strength which is the divine promise and gift to the faithful and obedient ; " let the high praises of God be in their mouth: and a two-edged sword in their hand." Not with malice and wickedness, but with sincerity and truth, let us keep this feast; and while we "eat the fat and drink the sweet, forget not to send a portion to him for whom nothing is prepared." Let us remember or oppressed, and pledge the devotion of our lives to the resoue of our country from the evils of rebellion, oppression and wrong-and may we all so order our conduct hereafter, that we may neither be ashamed to live, nor afraid to die. Given at the Council Chamber in Boston this twenty seventh day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and the eightyseventh of the independence of the United States of America. JOHN A. ANDREW. By His Frcellency the Governor, with the advice of OLIVER WABNER, Secretary. the Council. the Council.) OLIVER WARNER, Secret God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

week from the time of the attack, he bade adieu to the endearments of earth, for the bright land "just over the river." He was a member of the Masonia Order thirty-eight years, and was buried with Masonia fonors. He served for a long time in the capacity of Town Clerk and Postmaster, discharging the duties of those offices with marked ability. He was an affec-tionate and devoted husband, a kind and loving fath-er, a confidential, and trustworthy friend, to all who made him that round and trustworthy friend, to all who er, a confidential, and trustworthy friend, to all who made blin their confident, and courieous and affable with strangers, who were always welcome at his house and table. During his sickness he expressed a wish to have all his friends that could, call and see him, and those who were with him in his happent, moments, seemed to him, as it were, angels, and his heart over flowed with gratitude for the kindness, care, and at tention so willingly bestowed upon him, while life's flickering light was growing dim. He was a consolen-tious believer in the ministration of angels, and in his last hours, in full view of the mystical change that awaited him, he gave unmistakable evidence of the sustaining power of a faith in divine love; by request-ing, and joining with his family around his bedside, in singing of the rest and joys of a home, in the spirit in sloging of the rest and joys of a home in the spirit-land, and shouting hallelujah in a spirit of triumphant joy. Thus sweetly and composedly he closed his eyes on the joys and sorrows of earth, to open them in a bright home in the "house of many mansions," there to drink of the River of Life, that gusheth forth there to drink of the fiver of Life, that guesten forth from the fount of infinite Love, and floweth on through fields of celestial beauty, where pain and anguish nev-er enter, nor sorrow cause a tear. 'T is there he basks in the eternal sunlight of supernal glory, and joins with heavenly warblers in chanting songs of sweetest melody.

like a rare flower, was pure in the "Father's" ema-nation of good. Many friends, when this notice meets their eye, will drop a tear in remembrance of his true and manly earth-life, and as the sigh goes forth, may it prove an echo, that their inner life may be by the applit ministon made more non-rate in the be by his spirit mission, made more perfect in the Father's fove. Like a dew drop to moisten the cup or heart, and draw angels nearer within, may his pure spirit comfort the loved ones in their earthly hom He has two brothers in the Union army. E. M. P.

Died in Greenburgh, Trambull Co., Ohio, the 20th day of Sept., 1862, the wife of ROSWELL BABILETT, Esq., aged 62 years 2 months, and 19 days.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS. ~

LYCEND CHURCH, LYCEND HALL, TERMONT STREET, (oppo-site head of Bonooi street.) — Meetings are held every Bunday by the Society of Spiritualists, at 2:45 and 71-2 r. M. Ad-mission Free. Lecturers engaged: — Dr. E. L. Lyon, Nov. 16: Miss Lizzle Doten, Nov. 23 and 30; J. B. Loveland, Dec. 7 and 14; Mrs. Fannie Davis Smith, Dec. 21 and 26.

CONFERENCE HALL, NO. 14 BROMFIELDSTERET, BOSTON.-The Spiritumi Conference meets every Tuesday even uing, at 7 1-8 o'clock.

CHARLESTOWN.-The Spiritualists of Obarlestown hold neetings every Sunday morning it 10 1-2 o'clock, and 7 in he evening, in Seminary Hall, Union street, corner of Law ence. Every arrangement is made to have these meetings increating and instructive. Buritualicts and all others in-terested are cordially invited. Conference in the morning-'MARBLEWRAD.-- Meetings are hold in Bassett's new Hall

Mrs. A. M. Spence Nov. 33 and 33; N. Frauk White, Dec. 7 and 14; Mrs. M S. Townsend, Dec. 91 and 98.

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with heavenly warblers in Chanting Bouge of Bweekeet
melody.
He is only spread his angel.wings,
He is not dead;
He is only crossed the river. Death,
To catch in heaven a holier breath;
In lovelit bowers he sweetly sings,
With Life's bright crown upon his head.
PASSED ON TO THE HOME WHERE ANGELS DWELL.
EDWARD F. PERKINS, of Salem, oldest son of Edward
B. and Elizabeth P. Perkins. He left his home for
China, two years ago; the climate not agreeing with
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tory solution to its queries, but simply offer the following suggestions:

The pellets were carefully counted and placed in the vase while all the party were watching the ings of Providence, the opening ways of a Sublime transaction, and were fully satisfied that it was fair- Duty. And to him who hath never deserted the ly done, the room being brilliantly lighted at the time, and the pellet found tied up in the handkerchief was clearly identified by the one who wrote it. Suffice it to say there were fo doubts in regard to ments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any these two facts. Now, then, comes the question, How did the spirits extract the pellet?" A satisfactory answer is not easily given. But it seems to be a reasonable hypothesis, that if the spirits can combine, by a chemical process peculiarly their own. the atmospheric properties and the magnetism from the human body, and unite their constituent parts so as to form a tangible substance, such as a hand, foot, an arm, and even a body, all resembling a hu- on that day the claims of all who are poor or desolate man organism, (and there is evidence that this has been done.) that they can also form a veil thick enough to hide, for the time being, any object they desire to screen from natural sight (but not impervious to clairvoyant sight), and thus remove a pel-

let. and by the same force the it up in a handker-

chief? To illustrate: We heard a lady of veracity say, that, at a seance where she was present, a similar test was being given, when a little girl-a mere child-being_clairvoyant, exclaimed, "Oh, they are taking one of the papers out," (meaning the spirits) and on being asked how they did it, she replied They lifted up the gentleman's hand a little and from metal window sashes, among other particulars slipped the paper out, and then let his hand down again." It will not readily be believed that this and afterward, if the owner has no use for them, they mere child" used deception. But here arises might be sold for old iron." another question : How could the gentleman's hand be raised and he not know it? Is it not possible for spirits to throw a magnetism into the arm, of such a nature that it could be gently and impercept thus subjecting those who desire in this way to com ibly raised, or lowered, as the spirits desired, and at municate with their spirit friends to much trouble the same time continue the pressure in the paim of and uncertainty, we have made arrangements with a the hand, the same as when it was really on the COMPETENT MEDIUM to answer letters of this class. The vase, employing the same force to do it that is required to tip a table or lift a plano? That being conditions are such that a spirit addressed cannot the case, the person would feel sure that he had not respond, the money and letter sent to us will be retaken his hand from off the vase, and consequently turned within two weeks after its receipt. We can that the pellet was safe within, until it was discovered elsewhere.

As to the number of pencils above alluded to, we as they can under the circumstances. Address will state that there were four beside the upright "BANNER OF LIGHT," 158 Washington street, Boston one which, if counted in, would make up the five different colors. But we do not imagine the pencils were used, otherwise than to furnish material from were used, otherwise than to furnish material from which to extract colors. The suggestion of our oor respondent, that " the work on the cards was pro-duced by a kind of spirit photography," seems to be senable one.

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MISS EMMA HABDINGS will lecture in Philadelphia in Nov.; in Springfield, Mass., in.January." Address, care of Bela Marsh, 14 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass. Letters will e forwarded.

H. B. STOREE, inspirational speaker, will lecture in Plyouth, the last two Sundays of Nov. His servic be secured for other Sundays in this vicinity, by address-ing him at 75 Beach stree Boston.

Miss Lizzim DOTEN will lecture in Marblehead, Nov. 16; in Boston, Nov. 23 and 20; in Philadelphia through Dec. Address, care of Banner of Light.

F. L. WADSWORTH will lecture in Taunton, Nov. 16, 23 and 80. Address accordingly. He will answer calls to lec-ture in the east.

MES. M. S. Townsend will speak in Providence, R. I., dur ing Nov.; in Marblehead, Dec. 21 and 28; in Philadelphia, Pa in May,

N. FRANK WHITE will speak in Springfield, the five Sundays of Nov.; in Marblehead, Dec. 7 and 14; in Guincy, Dec. 21 and 28; in Taunton, Jan. 4 and 11; Futnam, Com. dur-ing Feb.; Philadelphia in March.

WARREN ORASE speaks in Quincy, first four Sundays in Nov.; in Taunton, four Sundays in Dec.; In Providence, R., I., during January. He will receive subscriptions for the Banner of Light.

MES. E. A. BLISS will speak in Plymouth, Mess., the re maining Sundays in November, and will answer calls for week-evenings in the violativ, or calls for forther engage-ments, addressed through November in care of John Battles, Nymouth, Mass.: Permanent address, Springfield, Mass

MISS ENMA HOUSTON, will lecture three months in Ban-gor, Me., commencing Nov. 16, and continuing until Feb. 18, 1883. These wishing to engage her services week evenings, or Sundays after that date. can address her there.

MRS. ANANDA M. SPENCE will speak at Marblehead Nov

MILL MARTHA L. BROKWITH, trance speaker, will lecture In Somers, Conn., Dec 21 and 28. Will answer calls to lec-ture during the winter. Address at New Haven, care of George Beckwith. Beference. H. B. Storer, Boston.

Mas. A. P. Thompson s'address till further notice is 129 Bunker Hill street, Oharlestown, Mass.

OHARLES A. HATDER, will speak in Bouth Newburgh Nov. 12; In Blockton, Nov. 23; In Blocksport, Nov. 30; In Bradley, Dec. 7 and 14; In Kenduskesg, Dec. 31; In Brad-ford, Dec. 38; In Richer, the Gist Bunday in January, 1863, Address as above or Livermore Falls, Me.

MRS. AUGUSTA A. CUBRIER will speak in the City Hall, Lawrence, Nov. 19. Address, box 816, Lowell, Mass. MRS. S. A. HORTON WIll lecture in Bridgewater, VL. Nov.

16. Address, Brandon, VL.

Miss Svara M. Johnson, trance medium, respectfully informs the spiritual public that she will answer calls t re during November, previous to leaving the country for loarague. Address, 588 Green street, New York

Mas. M. M. Wood (formerly Mrs. Macumber.) will lecture a Lowell, in November. Address, West Killingly, Conn. MRS, E. A. KINGSBURY will speak in Bomers, Conn., the first four Sundays in Nov ; in Providence, R. I., during Dec. Mas. LAURA DEFOACE GORDOR will lecture in Portland. Me. during Moy. Will receive calls to lecture in New Eng-iand until February. Please address immediately, as above. L. E. Ocoristy, trace speaker, will lecture in foldo, Ohlo, four arst Bundays in Nov. ; Clyde, Ohio, last Sunday in Nov.; Cleveland, O., in Dea.; Mrs. B. A. Coonley, will give Recitationa. Both are clairoyants. Will speak week even-ings in violativy of Sunday appointments. Address scored-

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