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# Titerary Department. Written for the Banner of Light. HESTER GRAHAM'S HATE.

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"Nice ripe strawberries. Please buy some strawberries: Only twenty cents a basket." said a sweet woles to two gentlemen; who stood conversing by the ustens of an elegant/mansion.

..... They turned to look at the speaker. She was a lit. tleithing, the most noticeable feature being a pair of great brown eyes, that gazed pleadingly into their faces. 1. 11.

\*\* See, I 've sold all but these, and if you'll only take them, then I can go home. I'm so tired | I've been out all day, leaving my noor, sick mother alone." . .. Oh bother !! said one, ... what story will you trump up to the next person that you meet. We can't stop to trade. Go to the basement door, and perhaps you'll find a market. Come, Leonard, we shall be late. . Every minute seems an age." And springing up the steps, he knocked the basket from the child's outstretched hand, and the next instant its contents were rolling in every direction.

A flush stole over her face, and her eyes grew dark. "Only see what he 's done !" she exclaimed. "They are all spoilt now; for even if I could pick every one of them up. I should be ashamed to offer them to anybody in that state. He must come back and pay me for them."

The one addressed as Leonard had paused, instead of following, his companion, and he now held out some money, saying:

\*\* Never mind him. He's in a great hurry. Take this, and run home." She drew back with a resolute look. '

"Thank you, sir. I'm not a beggar. It Isn't right that you should pay for them, because you did

n't do it; and if your friend will not, why I must bear the loss, that 's all." He laughed, and called:

"Here, Ray, you are wanted. You've upset the little girl's fruit, and she insists upon it that you must settle the bill. By my faith, she 's a sturdy little democrat."

The young man appeared again at the door.

"What's that? I tipped the basket over? Ah. I'm afraid that's only a trick, and a very foolish one besides, as you might have sold them instead of wasting them so. You see I'm posted. I've met with your class before. It's very wrong for you to try to extort money in that way. Now you had better take yourself off, and be more honest in future."

"I am never anything else," she said, indignantly; " but you are a very had man, to knock over my straw-

him ?" "Yes, child, I am he."

er 's got. How happy she will be. But why have n't ure to you; but I am glad for her sake that I have you written to let her know that you were living?" "I have, many, many times; but finally my letters were all returned, the postmaster saying that your parents had gone away, and although he bad made the most diligent inquiries, he found it impossible to trace them."

... Oh, we moved about a great deal when father was alive. Somehow he was n't contented long in a place, o we kept changing."

"Well, I feared that you were all dead. I came from the East Indias six months ago, and have advertised and hunted for you ever since. When I met you to day, I was intending to go to the hotel, pack my valise, and take the evening train to New York, there to prosecute my search. I recognized you from your esemblance to your mother. You are the very image or what she was at your age. Still I do not know as I should have noticed you particularly, if you had not the sight of your face has done me a world of good-been humming a tune that she used to sing. Poor Then the thought that my child will be provided for, Luoy | I fear that she has had a hard time of it. But | in case I die, is very comforting." where have you been, child ?"

"Selling strawberries in the city. I had pretty good luck to-day, so I am going home earlier than isual."

" My God I is it possible that you are reduced a low as that ?". "Oh, we are quite well off, to what we were two years ago. You see father was sick a long time, and our money was all gone, and then mother had to ron in debt for his medicine, but after he died she was so

fortunate as to get work at a shop where they pay much better than they do at other places. Now she began to feel quite encouraged, and finally she did n't we anything; but a fortnight ago she went to carry a bundle home, and got caught in the rain, and she's

been sick ever since. We did n't want to spend what little money we'd laid by, so I've been out selling atrawberries every day for a week. We live down this lane, in that old house."

"What I there? I should think you'd freeze to death in the winter. It looks as though the wind held high carnival there sometimes."

She laughed. " I guess you'd have thought so, if you 'd been here the other night. I was really afraid that the rafters would tumble in. Still we are comfortable there, and our landlord is very kind. He does not press us for the rent, but lets us pay when we can. There is some fruit on the place, and I made considerable money selling it last summer, or at least it seemed a good deal to me. Here we are. I guess the sight of you will do mother more good than medicine. You stay in the yard while I tell her that you 've come: if she should see you right off, the shock might hurt her,

you know." ... Poverty has made her thoughtful beyond her

gone where father is. Do you know anything about, would meet with much that would wound her proud. sensitive spirit. I don't know but what the discipline has done her good."

" Oh, are you, truly? I'm so glad. Now I think it is an't see as you could have done any different, of it, you do look a little like that picture that moth. Lucy, and she has been a nice, brave girl, a real treasfound you, for she is getting so old, that she would soon feel degraded to pursue that occupation.".

" Oh, I should n't have gone out after this summer, uncle, for mother said that I might help her about her sewing in the fall. You see I shall be eleven years old next winter."

"What ! eleven, and no bigger than that? Why, child, I should think that you had been living on air. Just as soon as you're mother gets better, we will travel around and see the world a little, and then you you shall go to school.!!

"Uh, how nice that will be !" she said, gleefully; now I can have all the books I want." "Yes, but I must see some roses blooming on those

pale cheeks first. Lucy, are you tired ?" "Not much. I feel a great deal better since you

came. Joy is an excellent restorative, you know, and

"But, mother, you are not going to die. You are to get well, you know." "Yes, darling, I think I shall now; but the proba-

bility that i might pass away has saddened me at times; but I need not have been troubled, for the Lord would have raised up friends for the orphan."

Hester now went to prepare her mother's tea, while Mr. Grant, rising, said that he would go to the hotel, procure his valise, and returning, remain with them until they were ready to leave that spot for pleasanter

A week passed, and then Mrs. Graham and her daughter bade farewell to the old mansion and its memories. they had known sorrow, therefore the cup of joy did not intoxicate.

Hester said to herself with burning cheek: " In the gay world to which I am going, I wonder if I shall ever behold those two gentlemen? They vill not be apt to know me, but I shall never forget them. That cruel Ray I hate, but the other I like."

#### CHAPTER II.

Seven years have glided by since the events record ed in our first chapter, and: now we behold Mrs. Graham again. She is seated in a luxuriantly furnished apartment, gazing dreamily at the glowing grate. Suddenly the door opens, and a radiant vision enters. The mother's face lit with a smile of pride.

"Well, Hester, darling, are you ready ?". "Yes-will I do? You know it is my first ball, and of course I am particularly anxious about my appearance," and the petite figure came forward and

glowing light flashed from the mystical deeps of the

"But I don't think I ever saw you look quite so

"Flatterer," replied the lady, bending to kiss the

But some would turn from the blooming girl to gaze

She was nearly a head taller than Hester, and the

black velvet robe that fell so gracefully around her slen-

der figure, was very becoming. A diamond pin fastened

the costly lace at her throat, while the brown hair was

combed smoothly back and knotted low upon her

They were now enveloping themselves in their furs,

"I have been thinking to-night of dear uncle Ed-

ward. Do you remember that to-morrow is the anni-

at the more mature charms of the parent.

neck, confined by a jeweled dart.

when suddenly the maiden said:

versary of his death?"

rosy cheek.

made a low, sweeping courtesy. Do? In the fond parent's eyes she was perfect. you."

inot like to have me place you within the range of complimented to be compared to that little ragamafsuch a powerful battery; but come, I see you are de fin.". With a good night, they separated, termined, and if I do n't present you, some one else

The seasons came and went. A year tripped by. will." "Miss Graham, allow me to introduce my friend. Mr. Ashton. Mr. Ashton. Miss Graham."

The color came and went in the girl's cheek as she responded to his polite salutation. Ah, she knew that face, and for a moment it seemed to her as if it times she concluded that it was the former, and then must be a mutual recognition. Then she laughed inwardly at the absurdity of his dreaming for one instant that she and the littldatrawberry girl were the same. If he was here, perhaps that hat-ful Ray was also present, and even while she thought, she glanced around the room and beheld the object of her detestation gazing admiringly upon her. A thrill of triumph vibrated through her heart, and then she turned and chatted gaily with her companion,

After a time, she carelessly inquired: "Who is that tall, dark-complexioned gentleman yonder conversing with so much animation ?!\*

"What? the person by the window? Oh, that is Ray St. Leon. But I warn you, Miss Graham, that he is no ladies' man; on the contrary, entirely devoted to tened, and then, when he had finished, she briefly re his books. That sylph in white by his side is his sis. ter, Grace; and by the way; you and she have displayed exquisite taste in your dress, which the various groups of butterflies would do well to imitate."

"Do you know I detest flattery," she replied, almos pettishly. "Why can't a gentleman converse with one of the opposite sex five minutes without endeavoring to compliment. There are very few that treat us as if we were sensible beings, you appear to think that we delight to be fed on froth.'

"Well, is not that the case with the greater number ?" he said, smiling; "most of them cannot appreciate anything more substantial, although I am happy to perceive that you can."

"There it is again. I shall not accept that libel apon my sex, and then swallow the sugar that you know. I had a twin sister that I almost worshiped. have attempted to administer after it. But, Mr. St. Leon is speaking now upon the . tariff' question. rather a singular subject to introduce in the balloom.

Her companion shrugged his shoulders.

"He 'ss good fellow, but somewhat eccentric." Just then a gentleman came up, and claimed her and for a quadrille.

" Pardon me, Miss Graham, I intended to have engaged you for this dance," exclaimed Mr. Ashton; will you favor me for the next ?!! She smiling assented, and then taking her partner's arm, walked away.

Leonard Ashton stood watching her graceful move ments for a while, and then crossing the room, he laid his hand on his friends's arm, exclaiming:

"Ray, you are in luck. Miss Graham, the belle par excellence.' has honored you so much as to inquire who you were. Probably attracted by your distinguished figure. Come with me, and I'll introduce | called my words | but they had gone forth and were

Hester Graham had many suitors, but gradually they all withdrew from the field except Ray St. Leon and Leonard Ashton. Madam Rumor was very much puszled to decide which would be the fortunate one, somewas as positively certain that it was the latter.' One evening, Ray St. Leon sought the object of his

love, determined to know his fate. Sometimes he had an unpleasant conviction that his friend always recelved a more cordial welcome than he. Still he felt that Mrs. Graham encouraged his suit.

They conversed for a while upon indifferent subjects. Several times had his confession of love trembled upon his lins, but she seemed to read his thoughts, and skillfully evaded all tender toples.

At last, in a voice tremulous with emotion, be told her how dear she was to him, and asked her to become his bride.

With burning check and throbbing heart, she liscapitulated the strawberry scene.

... Mr. St. Leon, that girl has ever remembered your harsh words, and grown up hating you." . A take " Is it possible that you are she'?"

"I am. If I ever found myself regarding you with any interest, I mentally rehearsed that interview, until I was steeled against you." 1.46

Re arose and paced the floor. "Oh, liester | my ill-humor, then, has brought a heavy, heavy punishment All my bright dreams are vanishing, and I have only myself to blame. You may not believe me, but I do most solemnly affirm that your pleading eyes have haunted me ever since. I was almost drazy with grief at that time, and that must excuse my conduct in part. We all err sometimes, you She was good and beautiful. One morning she left home with our parents to go on a journey. How did I dream, as I kissed her cheek upon which the roses of health bloomed so brightly, that when next I gazed upon her Death would have claimed her for his own, but it was even so. A railroad casualty occurred, and my dear Gertrude was one of the victims offered upon the altar of man's carelessness. Just before you came up I received a telegraphic despatch, announcing the sad faot, and bidding me basten with my younger sister, if I desired to look apon her once again in life. It was too late; she was traveling the cold and starless path ere l-arrived. Leonard 'Ashton was going'in the same train to meet a friend, so he had accompanled me to my father's house to break the news to Grace, while I prepared for departure. It was then von accosted us. Everything seemed insignificant aside from my great woe, and your presence annoyed me. Five minutes after, how gladly would I have 'rerecorded against me. Will you not at least grant me

berries, and then abuse me so."

"You did really upset them, Ray, when you ran ap the steps," interposed his friend.

"Oh, if I did, I am willing to pay for them; but I should not have believed it if you had not said so. Such children will lie as fast as they can speak. It's their trade." So saying, he gave her a quarter of a dollar, and then turned to enter the house; but she called to him to receive the change.

"Oh, you may have the whole," he carelessly rejoined. "I'll make you a present of it."

... I want 'only what belongs to mo," she retorted, with flashing eyes, as she flung the coin at his feet, " and if I was starving, I'd never receive a gift from you.!!

"Hal ha !" laughed Leonard Ashton, "you 've got the mitten now, Ray, and no mistake. She 's a spunky little piece, anyway."

!! Perhaps I was rather harsh with her," replied the other, thoughtfully. "She's above the common run of street pedlars, and my words may have deeply wounded her.

... Oh. nonsense | She's probably used to that kind of talk. It was fun, though, to watch her."

"I can't help wishing that I'd been more gentle; but my mind was so absorbed in thinking of poor Gertrude, that her presence annoyed me. Sorrow made me selfish."

Well. I declare, Ray, before I'd let that beggargirl trouble me so ! She is n't worth another thought. I'll warrant you that her heart is n't broken."

Leonard Ashton soon forgot the circumstance; but those brown orbs, with their smouldering fires, haunted Bay St. Leon for months.

In the meantime the child slowly wended her way home. She wept a little as she walked along; but of. tener she clenched her small hands, saying:

"I hate him ! I hate him ! He'r a naughty, had man, to try to cheat me as he did. 'And then he wanted to give me five cents ! Just as though I'd take it. after what he said. I suppose he calls himself a gentleman. How I wish I was rich i I would n't treat a poor little girl as he did me. Mother says it's wicked to hate anybody; but I do hate him, and I'll never forgot it-no, never | I like the other one, though. he had such a pleasant smile, and was real kind. If it had n't been for him. I should n't have got anything for my strawberries."

She was out of the city now, and the green fields, the breezes, heavy with fragrance, and the singing birds calmed the tumult in her breast. So after a time she skipped along, swinging ber sunbonnet over her arm, and humming snatches of song.

A gentleman on the opposite side of the street paused and gazed at her, walked on a little way, and then, as if some memory was stirring in his heart, tarned and hastened to overtake her. Presently he reached her side.

" Little girl," he said, "is not your name Graham ?" "Yes. sir," she replied, looking up into his heavy,

bearded face with wondering eyes. .. What are your parents' given names?"

"James and Lucy; but father is dead now."

... Found at last." murmured her questioner. Then he added, " Did you ever hear your mother speak of a brother-Edward Grant ?"

" Oh yes, sir; but he went way off before I was born and she has n't heard anything from him this great

years," said the uncle to himself, as he waited outaide.

"Hester I" called a voice from the inner room. ... Here I am, mother," and she tripped hastily across the floor, and pressed her lips to the cheek of a pale but still lovely woman who was reclining upon the bed. "Yon are home early, darling," said the invalid, as

she returned the fond embrace.

"Yes, I had very good luck to-day. Has the time great, brown eyes. "Well, mother, dear," she said, after a pause, "I been very long since morning?'

"Not so tedious as if I had had nothing to do. suppose we might as well put on onr things, as Peter sewed considerable this forenoon, and for the last hour will be here with the carriage presently. Do be very or two have been usleep, and I had such a beautiful careful and not break any hearts to night." dream. I seemed to see all the dear ones of my youth. . " Oh, fle, child I cautioning me, a staid matron ! but Edward was not there, and somehow I feel almost Take that advice to yourself." certain that he must be living." beautiful, ma chere mere," persisted the daughter.

"He is, mother. I have just met a gentleman that knows all about him, and as I thought that you would like to talk, with him, I invited him to come home with me. 1 left him out by the door. Do you feel equal to seeing him?"

" Certainly, dear; call him in. Anybody that brings me information from the absent one is very well come."

Hester returned to her uncle, and cautioning him to he very careful, ushered him into her mother's presence: but at the sound of his voice, his sister oried:

" Oh, Edward, Edward I" and fell back fainting. Her daughter sprinkled some water in her face, and the soon revived, and was able to listen to his story. "So you have been suffering with poverty, while 1 had enough and to spare," he said, in conclusion. Well, that time is now past, henceforth you belong

to me." ... But I thought you were married. Where is your wife?" inquired his listener.

" Her pure spirit went home to God a year ago, and our little boy survived her but one week. I am now childless and alone. Until I join my sainted Lois, heart the lesson of peace." you and Hester must be my care."

"Shall you take us away from bere, uncle?" inquired his niece, with dilated eyes; " and shall we alscene of gayety to night." ways live with you, and won't mother have to sew for a living any longer ?"

" Quite an avalanche of questions, little one. Rest assured that as soon as your mother is able, we shall go, as this party is given in compliment to us as leave this old shell; and as for her working, she need strangers in the place, so we will cast aside all regretnever lift her finger to do another stitch, unless she ful thoughts for the present."

pleases, and you may eat all your strawberries. Do you regret it? Is it so very pleasant, going out to and soon they were whirling away. sell them'?" Mrs. Carlton's mansion seemed like fairy-land. The

The flush on her obeek deepened. He had unwit- large, lofty rooms so brilliantly lighted; the thoutingly struck the chord that had vibrated so painfully sand voices of mirth and gladness; the rastle of two hours before, and she replied with a vehemence silks and muslins; the air heavy with the fragrance that startled them: of rich, gorgeous flowers, that swaved dreamly on "No. I do n't like it at all. The boys and girls jeer their stalks; and over all sweet, witching music, that

and taunt me because I wont stop to play with them, | lulled the senses into calm delight. and the grown up people push me around and are Conspicuous in this scene of almost Oriental beau-

cross, and say hard things, and try to cheat me; but I ty, the fairest of the fair, shone Hester Graham. should n't tell you this if there was to be no change, Light-beated, gay and joyous, she flitted through the for while we were so poor, it was my duty to go, and mazes of the dance, drawing all within the circle of

then I could bear their abuse."

"She is very impetuous, Edward," said the fond mother, stroking the golden brown curls that nestice divinity yonder, who is flirting so vigorously with close by her side; " but also very solf-reliant. I never Charley Grey." said a young man, laying his hand knew her to utter one word of complaint before. It upon that lady's shoulder.

... What I Leonard, smitten already ?" she replied. was a great trial for me to send her into the street to while. Sometimes she crics, and says she guesses he's i mingle with the rade children, for I knew that she is ugbing. "I am afraid that Mins Henshaw would

her charms.

Her dress of floating lace was looped up with blush roses. Her hair of dun-gold fell in massive curls to her waist, and the spray of half open buds, that caught the ringlets back from one white temple, seemed to forth. quiver with delight that they were thus honored. A gold chain encircled her. neck, while bracelets of the ame material clasped the polished arms. A smile played around the tiny, crimson-lipped mouth, and a

Five minutes later, as Hester Graham stood face t face with Ray St. Leon, her long eye lashes swept her check to conceal the sparkle of triumph that flashed

" I vow, she 's a beauty !" exclaimed Leonard Ashton, as he paced the floor of his chamber, after he had returned from the party; " and if it 's true, that she 's an heiress, as Mrs. Grundy declares, why, I don't know but what I 'll make her happy by asking her to become my wife. In that case, why Louisa Henshaw will have to look somewhere else for a husband. I'm glad I have n't committed myself in that quarter. She 'll feel badly, I suppose; but land ! I can't marry all the girls. I must have the tin, anyway, and of course I prefer a fair to a homely encumbrance."

At the same time that he was solilognizing in that strain, Ray St. Leon's thoughts were also dwelling up on the same beautiful object.

If she is as good as she is lovely, then have I indeed found the ideal of my dreams. God grant that I may win her love."

Ah, if Hester Graham could but have read their hearts she would not then have been saying to herself:

"What a pleasant agreeable young man Leonard Ashon is; but Ray St. Leon, I hate you I'

The next evening both gentlemen were seated in Mrs. Graham's parlor. They tarried an hour or two, and then withdrew. - - 44

After they were gone. Hester said:

"You are a very good judge of character, mother; tell me what you think of those two young men that bave just left us."

" I was the most favorably impressed with Mr. St. Leon. His high, open brow, and the tones of his to her seamstress the next morning, as she entered the purpose, a nobleness of soul that all the wiles of so- now, that you are pining to see that mother and sister phistry could never turn from the right path. As for of yours. You 've been here a fortnight, i believe. Mr. Ashion, I should think that he always floated Well, you have accomplished so much more than I qx. with the popular tide. Very superficial, he is all pected during that time, that I can let you have a things to all men."

"You have read two characters, only you have given to Mr. St. Leon that which belongs to Mr. Ash ton."

"It is singular that we should view them so differently, but' I judged by my first impressions; perhaps I shall find them erroneous." " Is n't she beautiful ?" exclaimed Leonard Ash-

ton, as they walked down the street. "Yes, she truly is; but her chief charm is her fresh

ness. There are no studied ways, no artificial manners. Most of our other belies are flowers of hot-house growth; she is a wild rose with the dew still sparkling giving you a pleasure will be a great incentive. Beon it."

"Well, old boy, you are getting poetical; but I see how the land lies. Cupid has shot one of his arrows strances, either with eyes or lips. Put on your bonfrom those brown orbs of hers, and it has pierced the net and shawl. I am going out in the carriage, and heart of the fastidious and the hitherto invincible Ray St. Leon. But I'll warn you that I Intend to enter the lists, and, judging by past conquests, shall prove a formidable rival. Look out that I do not bear the prize off from under your very eyes."

"If I only had a dash of your conceit, Leonard, was the laughing reply, "I might be more hopeful than I am now. I acknowledge that she strangely in. terests me. By the way, speaking of her eyes, they omehow remind me of that little strawberry girl,"

rour forgiveness? His tone, so indescribably mournful throughout his navistion, affected her deeply, and she now extended her hand, saying, with childlike frankness:

"It is I that ought to grave pardon. I have been a cruck merciless judge, totally unmindful that there might be palliating circumstances."

He caught the slender fingers eagerly, and pressed them to his lips; she withdrew them, flushing crimson. "Now you will reconsider your decision? May I not hope that the hour will come when I can call you by the saored name of wife ?"

" I will think of you as a friend, Mr. St. Leon; further than that I can be nothing to you. I am to be married in two months." His face grew deadly pale.

.. is it possible ? May I inquire who the happy man la 911 - ---100.1

" Leonard Ashton." 

"And you love him ?"

She raised her head proudly, her sweet countenance illumined."

"With my whole heart, or I should not give him my hand." " God bless you, Miss Graham. May you never re-

gret your choice," and the next instant the street door closed after him.

" That is the man I have hatred for eight years," murmured Hester; " but to night my heart is so softened that I pity him. Well, I am a consistent creature !"

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"Miss Everett; you look ill," said Hester Graham couple of holidays, just as well as not."

"You are very kind," and the grateful tears sprang to the eyes of her listener. "If all my employers were as thoughtful, my lot would be comparatively easy. Still I do not think I had botter take advantage. of your generosity, for there is a great deal yet to bedone. So, with your permission, I will take the will for the deed."

"No you wont do any such thing. I exercise despotic sway in this house, and woo to all those who attempt to disobey my commands. I can ply the needle myself while you are goue, and the thought that I am sides, it will not be such a terrible affair if everything is not finished off a la mode. Now no more remanwill take you right to your mother's door," a group

... Well, Leonard Ashton, I just beheld a sight that I guess would have made you open your eyes," ex-

claimed a young man, as he met that gentleman on the "What marvelous object was it "" sidewalk.

"Why, that elegant Miss Graham was riding out with her seamstress." "Impossible, Heater would not so demean herself. with her scamstress." •• Ha, ha 1 I am thankful that Miss Graham does not ear that observation. She would not feel very highly •• It's a fact, nevertheless; and I honor her for her

"Mrs. Carlton, do pray introduce me to that little

hear that observation. She would not feel very highly

tation. It is not well to let our private griefs interfere with other people's enjoyment. It seems best to

At that instant the servant announced the carriage,

The tears were gleaming in Hester's eyes. "Mother darling, you do not wish to go to this ... I thought of this, dear, when I accepted the invi-

"As if I could forget ! Two years have passed -Ince then. Oh. it was a fearful, stormy night | but he went forth to light and rest; and I in my madness prayed that I might accompany him. Time heals all

wonnds, and now I can speak calmly of that change. Our heavenly Father has taught my sorely wounded

# BANNER OF LIGHT.

... But just think in what a predicament you will be

Hester then went to her chamber, telling her mother

that when the company began to collect in the eve-

ning, to send her guardian, Mr. Tracey, to her. When

he came, she told him how she was situated, and then

Then the band discoursed sweet music, and soon

Never had Hester appeared so radiantly beautiful.

A month passed, and Maud Everett's mother, worn

In the meantime Hester received a letter from the

A reply was immediately despatched, recommending

Leonard Ashton married six months after his dis-

light feet were tripping gaily in the dance.

independence. Isuppose, however, that you will teach her better when she becomes your bride."

\*\* I most certainly shall. She's young, and somewhat romantio now, you know; but then she will defer all such matters to my superior judgment." And lifting his hat, he passed on.

"Buperlor fiddlestick i" muttered honest Charley Grey, looking after him. You are a conceited fool, Leonard Ashton, and God pity that fair young creature when she becomes your wife."

That evening Hester seated herself on an ottoman by her mother's side, saying:

"You can't think how pleased Miss Everett was that I gave her leave to go home. I am glad that you suggested paying her for her work in advance, as she "cally seemed to need the money."

"Ah, child, only those that have passed through a similar experience can understand how welcome their hard-carned wages are. I should judge that she had seen better days."

" Oh yes. She told me that she had known much sorrow: but I think she rather shrinks from conversing about the past. I am becoming much attached to her. Don't you call here very pretty ?"

'. Who is that?" said Leonard Ashton, who had entered unobserved by the absorbed girl, and now as she turned her head, he bent and caught a kiss from her ripe lips.

Be careful how you announce your presence in that way again," she exclaimed, springing up with a sparkle in her eye.

"Pardon me," he replied, bowing with mock gravity; "but, really, I found it impossible to resist the temptation. I was like a bee slpping honey from a flower. But who were you speaking of, when I came in ?"

"Well, Mr. Curjosity, it was my seamstress."

" Oh !" There was contempt in his tone. " I supposed that it was some of your friends; and, by the way, I was told that you were seen riding with that person this morning. Was it so ?"

"Yes; and she was a most entertaining companion. I think I shall invite her to go out with me again some day."

"Oh, Hester, you are very Utopian in your ideas; and in your ignorance of the world's ways you are liable to be imposed upon by any designing creature. You must not allow familiarity in your servants, or you will become the town talk."

\*\* I believe I understand the rules of propriety," she coolly replied, "and rest assured that as long as my conscience does not upbraid me, I do not feel at all concerned if I do become the subject of conversation among the people, only regretting, for their sakes, that they have not a more worthy topic to discuss. As for the lady that you refer to, she once moved in the same circles that I do; and is poverty such a crime that she is now to be deharred from association with intelligence and refinement? She is much more beautiful and accomplished than many of those whom you term the upper ten."

... All that may be; still, as she has fallen into obacurity, it is better for her to remain there. Society has pronounced her edict of banishment upon all such. and it is useless for us to attempt to set it aside."

"Society! And do not we help to compose that wonderful tribunal ?" she said scornfully. "If we openly condemued all such selfish acts, instead of applauding, we might in time reverse the decree."

"You are an eloquent little pleader," he replied, laughing; " but your logic is not very sound. Your beart rules your head. Women were not made to argue on such subjects as these, and all your talking will never amount to anything."

"But, Mr. Ashton, I think that the position that you have endeavored to maintain during this conversation is a false one," remarked Mrs. Graham, who had not before spik in. .. In this country, where fortunes are made and lost in a single day, such petty distinctions ought to be dispensed with. Worth should be the standard, not wealth.

... That will do very well for a theory, but can never be carried into practice. We may respect worth, but it is mistaken kindness when we endeavor to raise it from its natural sphere." And now feeling that the conversation had not placed him in a very favorable light before the ladies, he requested Hester to sing for blm.

Bhe soon forgot everything that had been unpleasant; but not so the mother.

Then meeting her friend's curious gaze, she blushed that it was better for her to hope on until her heart

"I believe I am not well," abe murmured, rising grew sick. Quite an idea. If you have concluded with a painful motion. As she turned to leave the your explanation, your presence can now be dispensed room, her companion, rousing from her lethargy, ex with. We both wish you avery good morning." "But, Hester, you will not turn me off in this

"Stop a moment. I want to speak with you," then way?" perceiving a locket at her feet, she added. ... Here is . Better I turn you off before marriage than you something you dropped." turn me off after, if I should happen to lose my money, Beside, I am afraid you have not had time for . reflec-

Maud sprang forward and caught it from her hand, but not before Hester had beheld the handsome face of tion."" Leonard Ashton.

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"How came you by that ?" she inquired almost in to-night when the wedding guests arrive. What will they say when the bridegroom does not appear? sternly.

Can you bear their smiles and jests?" "Some other time I will inform you, but not to "Oh, that does not trouble me in the least. I can light," and again she moved wearly toward the be as gay and joyous as the rest. Aye, and thankful, door; but the next instant the key turned in the lock, too, when I think of my narrow escape." and Miss Graham, cold and calm now, led her back to He gnashed his teeth in impotent rage as he went the lounge, saying : down the steps.

" Tell me now. I must know." The poor seamstress laid her head upon the pillow,

while convulsive sobs shook her frame. "Would to God I had died before I ever came here," she wailed. "Let me go from the house, and forget

when she descended to the parlor clad in her bridal that I ever crossed your path. Oh, why did I not flee robes, with the exception of her yell, he addressed the ore this terrible moment arrived ?" Maud Everett, listen to me ! If you were my sister crowd as follows : " Ladies and gentlemen-Miss Graham desires me do not think I could love you better, or feel a great to announce to you that her wedding is indefinitely er interest in your welfare than I now do; and if you postponed; but that she hopes you will all enjoy yourhave one particle of affection for me, you will tell me. selves in the highest possible degree, even if you do

without reserve, why you became so pale when I mennot witness a marriage ceremony.' tioned Leonard Ashton's name; why you fainted here to night, and how his picture happened to be in your possession. What has he been to you?"

"The same that he is to you. Hester Graham-my True, she heard many whispered remarks, and some manced husband. Five years ago, when I was seventeen, I moved in the highest circles. Thoughtless, ill-natured surmises, but she performed her part with light-hearted and gay, with every luxury that wealth unfaltering composure, although she drew a sigh of could procure, the idel of my proud father, how should relief when the last guest had departed. Then the mask fell from her face. She was alone with her achever dream that such a thing as misfortune could rear its head in my paradise. I lived in perpetual ing heart. sunshine. There were many then that sought my by grief and care, departed for the better land. smiles, and foremost among these, and the most attentive was Leonard Ashton. I loved him with all the principal of the seminary in which she had acquired strength of my passionate nature. His honeyed words

her education, stating that the teacher in music and were sweetest nectar to my soul. A year passed away French had left, and that she was desirous of filling and we were engaged. He was all devotion: I the happiest of the happy. At last it wanted but one the vacancy as soon as possible. week of our marriage. One evening I returned with

my lover from a pleasure excursion, and as he had an Miss Everett for the situation, and the result was, the engagement, I bade him adieu at the door of my home, next day after her mother's funeral, Maud bade adieu and then tripped lightly into the house. I entered to her kind friends, the Grahams, and with her little with a heart full of loy and gladness, and oh, what a sister started for Dudley. sight met my gaze. My father was dead. He had cut the thread of life with his own hands. My mother lay missal by Hester. With his usual conceit he oberishin a fit. Several physicians were in attendance. The ed the flattering illusion that she had long since re-

affrighted servants were huddled together, speculating pented of her decision in sackcloth and asbest so with upon the cause of the tragedy. The explanation was all the petty malice of a weak mind, he sent her his soon apparent-my father was a bankrupt. Oh, what wedding cards. Could he have seen the smile with which she cast a terrible funeral that was ! The cold greetings and them aside, he would have realized that no thought

averted looks that we met on every side ! He who should have supported me in that hour of trial, held of him had power to ruffle hor serenity. True, she had suffered, and her trust and confidence himself aloof. Still, it was long before I would admit, even to my own soul, that he to whom I had given had, in a measure, departed; but she had learned wisdom, and though for a time she felt that she had paid my heart's best affection had deserted me in my advera high price for the lesson, yet still she was glad that sity. We left our splendid home and sought obscure

lodgings. The creditors kindly allowed us to take a it had come to her, although her soul shrank from passing through another such an experience. lew mementoes of our former grandeur, but our other Fo she mingled in society, and listened with a cold household gods were placed under the hammer. Now. by slights and scorn, did I learn the bitter truth that smile to the adulation that was poured upon her shrine, Miss Everett the beiress, and Miss Everett the seamrepelling all expressions of love. stress were two different persons. One day my little Sometimes she met Ray St. Leon. His manner was

sister came to me with eyes swollen from weepingrespectful, nothing more. He neither avoided nor Let us go from here, Maud,' she said, 'l do n't sought her society. " My dear, did you hear the fire bells last night?" love to stay in this place. The children plague me and call me a pauper; and Mary Lovett says that she hald Mrs. Graham, to her daughter, as they sat at heard Mr. Ashton tell her brother that he should not breakfast one morning. "No, mother, I slept unusually sound. What was marry you now, for it would be such a disgrace to him that he should die of shame in a week.' " destroyed ?"

"Now my cup of bitterness seemed overflowing. many families, but it was supposed that they had all That decided me to leave the city and go among stran. got out in safety when, to the horror of the bystanders. gers. I had only remained there in the fond hope that he did love me, and would seek me again. That speech a child appeared at one of the windows in the third revealed him as the mercenary and heartless wretch story. They said its ories were heart rending, and its poor mother was almost frantic. It required two men that he really was. I have never beheld his face since that awful evening, nor heard his voice until to night, to hold her to prevent her rushing into the flames after when old memories thronged upon me so that I faint. It. None dared attempt its rescue, for it seemed cered. Now, Hester, forgive me the pain my recital has tain death; but at last one brave, man risked his life

and brought the child forth in safety, although he caused you." Her listener had sat quietly all the time she had been broke his arm, and was also badly burned." speaking, Her color never went nor came; not a muscle moved, but now she said, in a hard, unnatural cheeks glowing. "Do you know his name? Probatone:

"Oh, do n't be frightened pretty one. Do n't you see how it is raining. I shall be obliged to insist upon your sharing my umbrella; besides, I do n't like to see you walking alone-it do n't look welt."

to free herself from his hold. "Could n't, possibly. As I told you before, it is

against my principles to allow-" The sentence remained unfinished, for the next in

stant he was extended in the gutter. " Lady," said the new comer, as he spurned the prostrate man with his foot. .. the brute is now powerless to molest you. Will you accept my escort home?" til the time arrives, we must have commerce, and with The well known voice caused Hester to spring quickly forward.

"Many thanks, Mr. St. Leon, for your timely ap. pearance."

ment, as he drew her arm within his own, " how came of merchandize is one and the same-differing only in you forth at this hour unprotected ?"

" I went to Mrs. Brown's, in Bickford place, for mother, and night came before I thought of it. I had property which we call merchandize, and which results no resource, however, but to make the best of my way from the application of laber to fixed property, is the home, which I was in hopes I might do without moles. only foundation for currency or banking. tation. How happened you to be on the spot so quickly? Did you hear me scream ?"

"Yes, and then I saw you struggling in the ruffian's hands, although I did not recognize you. You must that in addition to the working capital, and not as promise me now that you will not be so imprudent part of it, these may be taken as guaranties that the sgain."

.. You may rest assured that I shall not. I got too thoroughly frightened to desire to repeat the adventure. a bank, save as to the redemption of its notes, which They had now arrived at Mrs. Graham's door, where are issued as substitutes for business notes less widely they were met by that lady herself, who, in her anxiety known. at her daughter's protracted absence, was about to send a servant in quest of her.

Ray accepted her invitation to walk in, while Hester hastened to change her wet garments. When she do in addition to the loaning of its own capital and returned to the parlor she found Mr. St. Leon pacing deposits. the floor. Her mother had just been called from the oom.

They chatted gaily for a few moments, and then a pause ensued. At last the gentleman said :

.. Hester, it was here that you once refused to me the greatest boon that man can ask of woman. Will only be redeemed at its own counter, but at the comyou think me presumptuous if I again dare my fate, mercial centre of the section where the bank is locatand plead for you to become my wife ?"

A flush of glad surprise overspread her countenance. "But you are aware that the Mechanic's Bank has working of what is called the Suffolk Bank Systemfailed. Did you know that my property was nearly a system not recognized by law, but self-imposed by all invested there ? "

"That makes no difference to me, darling. It is you want, not your money. Will you at last crown my in 1852 were asked to legalize this system and make it highest hopes ?"

She placed both her hands in his.

ruse by which I sought to test your love. I said my England, where for forty years, within the memory of funds were invested there, but they were withdrawn the writer, it has supplied the best and cheapest bankbefore the crash came."

quired, in an accent of reproach." "No; but after I was so deceived in Leonard Ash-

ton, I said I would try all that bowed before me. knew what the result would be in your case." At this instant, Mrs. Graham returned, and Ray led

the blushing Hester to her, saying :

"Will you give your treasure to me?"

She glanced from one to the other, and while the glad tears welled to her eyes, exclaimed :

"To none could I so cheerfully relinquish her as a daughter."

Then he took his first-his betrothal kiss, from the maiden's lips. While she, looking archiy in his face, said :

"Although I tenderly nourished my hate, dear Ray, it would change to love."

Written for the Banner of Light.

WE WRITE BLESSINGS IN SAND. EVILS IN MARBLE."

#### BY BANA TUTTLE.

I saw a young girl with an innocent brow. And eves to which beautiful Juno would bow. And cheeks that were glowing with roses and health Bow her head on her hand, and sigh, " If I had wealth ! My efforts for happiness all seem in vain, My beauty is nothing, my dress is so plain;

Original Essays.

## "Unhand mo," she exclaimed, as she vainly strove FINANCE, BANKING AND CURRENCY.

The time will come when the development of new forces will so far increase production, that we shall only need to put forth the hand and take without cost, what we need for consumption. All will labor, and all be satisfied. Thus is it in the spirit world, and thus have we reason to hope it may be here. But, uncommerce, we must have currency, and with that,

banking. The merchandize which each creates must have a representative-and this is all currency. The form is "Why, Miss Graham," he exclaimed, in astonish- immaterial; the essential nature of all representative degree.

Let us be careful to remember that the convertible

Public debt, or debt of any kind, all stocks and real estate should be rigidly excluded from the banking house. (especially if it be a bank of issue) except public shall not lose by using bank notes as money.

The public at large have but little direct interest in

The bank does not create additional currency, bat simply endorses business paper in a more convenient form for general use. At any rate, this is all it should

This last it can do without legislation, or interference. But no government should permit the issue of bank-notes under its sanction, without imposing an equitable tax on the circulation, and taking the most ample security from the bank that the notes shall not ed.

This is done substantially in New England by the the banks themselves. In fact, when the Banking Committee in this State

imperative, they flatly refused. We have it, then, as we have many other good things, in spite of legisla-"Ray, I am yours now and evermore. Pardon the tion. It should be not only legalized here in New note currency the world has ever had, but throughout "Did you think that I was so mercenary?" he in- the country-aye, throughout the globe.

There is no good reason why each community in this great country, even to the smallest hamlet which has commerce, should not have a safe, convenient, cheap bank-note currency, proportioned to the necersities of each case-always sufficient, and never redundant.

To secure this confessedly desirable result, we must abandon all attempts to found our banking operations npon public debt. There never was a greater financial error than the one made by our General Governyourself. May she prove as good a wife as she has been ment in its effort to coax or drive our business people into the adoption of this plan.

> Not only are there strong suspicions as to the soundness of the plan now, and a considerable change in the tone of Mr. McCulloch since his first commendatory letter in relation to it, but Mr. Chase was fairly warned long before the consequences came, and told that just this inflation of prices would take place as the result of his system generally. The system will be abandoned, but not until our people have had their eyes opened by suffering.

> The disappearance of wealth when prices come suddenly to the general commercial standard, from which they have advanced rapidly but gradully more than fifty per cent., will be sufficient to wake us all. We shall all see then, what some can see now, that the fictitious increase of values of stocks and merchandize in this country within two years, is more than double the present cost of the war I

We shall then realize that a false system of Finance,

# "How very kind and considerate. You thought

"Ah. I fear that he is not calculated to make my child happy, but she trusts in him so implicitly that she beholds nothing but what her fond love excuses. He hides his faults under a fascinating exterior. Oh, if she had only preferred Mr. St. Leon, I should have been much better pleased;" and with a sigh she left the room.

The days of joy and mirth flashed in and out, until a month passed. One morning as Hester and Miss Everett sat at work, the latter said:

"During the time that I have been here, I have never happened to hear the name of the gentleman to whom you have pledged your hand."

" That is certainly very singular." I thought that I had mentioned it a dozen times. Well, then, in three weeks from to-night I shall become Mrs. Leonard Ash ton."

Maud Everett started, turned deadly pale, and pressed her hand to her side.

Hester glanced toward her, and then sprang up in alarm.

"You are ill. Shall I not ring for something ?" " Oh no; I am better now. It was only a sudden spasm."

" You sit too steady. I shall not allow it. Come down stairs and practice that last duet with me. You need a change. No remonstrating. Do you think that I want that white face of yours haunting me in my dreams ?"

The weeks sped quickly, and the night before her wedding-day Hester Graham sat alone in the parlor, Presently the door opened, and her lover stood by her aide.

" Darling, to morrow night at this hour you will be all my own-my blessed wife. How slowly time lags, It seems as if the precious moment would never come."

He attempted to draw her to him, but she shrank away.

"I am in a strange mood," she said, with a faint smile. " I hardly know what alls me. As the time draws near I am almost overwhelmed with an awful sense of the important step I am about to take."

se Bat you do not regret that I possess your troth. plight ?" he anxiously inquired.

"Oh no, Leonard. I love you too well for that. Oome, let us have some music; perhaps that will banish my gloomy thoughts."

An hour slipped by, and then, with a long, lingering kiss, he bade her good night.

Bhe went into the library, thinking she would read a while before retiring. The gas was burning low. Turning on a bright jet, she paused and looked around the room, and her eye fell upon the pallid face of Mand Everett, who lay extended upon the lounge.

.... Poor thing !" she murmured; ... she has fainted bere all alone. I am afraid she has overtaxed her strength lately. She is so proud and independent that she will not let me favor her when I would. The life of a seamstress is a hard lot for her. I wish I could met her some other employment."

A glass of water stood on the table, and after sprinkling some in her face, the suffering girl opened her eyes and looked about in a bewildered way. Something attached to a slender gold chain she held tightly clasped in her hand.

.....Oh, Leonard ! Leonard ! how could you be so crud el," she said, faintly. 2.2

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" I should never have forgiven you if you had not told me. You can go now. Good-night."

When the sun rose in the morning, it looked into the library windows, and beheld Hester Graham, seat ed there just as she sat when Miss Everett left her. She entered that room a joyous, impulsive girl; she vent out a calm, resolute woman.

#### CHAPTER IV.

his boarding-house, a note was handed him from his ness." bride elect, requesting an immediate interview.

"How very fond of me she is," he soliloquized. was there only last evening, and now she can't wait tered the parlor equipped for a walk, one cold, bleak until to-night before she sees me again. These women are queer creatures. She need n't expect, though, that I shall always run at her beck and nod after mar rlage. Then it will be her turn to obey me. One thing I am determined upon : that Argus eved mother of hers shall keep a separate establishment." Half an hour after, he entered Mrs. Graham's

gant parlor, and found his betrothed alone. "What is it, darling? What is wanting, my own

wife, so soon to be?" She raised her beautiful face and looked into his

eyes. " I sent for you to say that we shall not be united to-might, nor ever."

He recoiled. "Why, Hester, you are crazy ! What does this mean ?"

"Simply, that another has a prior claim. Come. will introduce you," and throwing open the foldingdoors that separated the two parlors, she led him to his former love, saying :

" Miss Everett, Mr. Ashton. Mr. Ashton, Miss Ev. erett."

If she had desired further proof of his duplicity, she had it in his changing color.

" My darling-my Hester, come back into the next room and let me explain,"

"I can listen to what you have to say here," she coldly replied. " It is true that I once esteemed Miss Everett very

highly, but I did not know what it was to love until I

met you. In an impulsive moment I rashly made her an offer of marriage, which she accepted. When I had had time for reflection I saw my folly. Then a circumstance of a painful nature occurred in her family. My depart. prospects were fair, but I knew that they would be in.

stantly blighted if I married the daughter of a suicide Was it strange that I should shrink from such an alliance?"

"Poverty is a hard master. Mr. Ashton. I think I understand your feelings. If she had inherited more startled to find that night was fairly upon her.

wealth, instead of losing what she had, your esteem would have changed into love." rejoined Hester, in summoned up all her courage and hastened on. To the same calm tone; " but what I most admire, is add to her discomfort, a drizzling rain began to fail. your gentlemanly conduct in leaving her without a Drunken men reeled by her, cursing and swearing, word.

He bit his lip.

view."

"That was true heroism," exclaimed Hester, her bly some one in the lower walks of life, for none of the rich would peril their precious necks for a beggar."

An old house on Eim street. It was occupied by

"Oh, my daughter, that is a hard speech. There is courage, bravery, and a noble forgetfulness of self among all classes, and my hero is one that I should expect would do such a deed. It was Ray St. Leon."

"Such a man I hated," thought Hester to herself; flinging aside his noble heart for one that was worthless, blind fool that I was, and now, God help me, I love him; but pride shall wrap my secret in its wind-About nine o'clock, as Leonard Ashton was leaving | ing sheet, and the world shall never suspect my weak-

"Why, mother dear, you are not intending to go out this afternoon," exclaimed Hester, as her parent enday. "It is certainly very imprudent when you are suffering so severely with that cough. Can you not postnone your call until some other time ? "

"Not very well, love. I promised the old blind woman in Bickford place, that I would bring her some broth to-day; and then I thought I would surprise little Nora Flannigan with some grape jelly. They are always so grateful for every little attention, that it is a pleasure to me to go."

"I do n't doubt it; but still you are more fitted to lie on the lounge, than to face this northeast wind, so why not let me play the good fairy; I should like it very much."

" If you only would I should feel quite relieved. They will be as glad to see you as me, and I shall be perfectly contented then to stay at home. I had thought of inviting you to go in my place, but I had an impression that you had an engagement."

"Oh, no, nothing of any consequence. I will go at once."

She found it a long, cold walk, but the pleasure with which she was greeted, amply compensated her for her trouble.

Observing a book upon the bed where the blind woman lay, she offered to read to her.

"Thank you, Miss; I should like to have yon very much," was the grateful reply. ... Sometimes the children come in and spell over some of the words, but it do n't sound nice and smooth as it does when your mother talks it. God bless her."

Hester opened the volume, which was "Pilgrim's Progress," and was soon so much engaged in her occupation that time passed unbeeded. Suddenly the gathering twilight roused her, and she hastily prepared to

It was several minutes before she could free herself from the loquacious old lady; and then when she had descended one flight of stairs. Nors's mother detained her to tell her how pleased her child was with the fruit, so that by the time she reached the street, she was

Inwardly blaming herself for her improdence, she causing her heart to throb with terror. She had now

nearly gained the crowded thoroughfare, when, aud-"I sought to spare us both the agony of an inter. denly, her arm was caught in a rude grasp. She screamed involuntarily.

Compared with a lady I merit disdain, And I own it were stoles not to complain. My parents are old-fashioned people, although They are upright, and loving, and noble, I know, But the last in the country to make any show. 1 am quite out of place in this glittering world, And the darts of misfortune upon me are hurled." It is strange, it is strange that our minds are so planned We write evils on marble, and blessings on sand.

l looked on a poet with that on his face Which naught but Divinity's finger can trace; A heart in his bosom which happiness caught : From the great soul of Nature, and throbbed int thought;

Thought burst into music, and music took wings, And whispered the listener of rapturous thiugs; Dim eyes were turned skyward, wan faces grew bright, And the sinner grew heartsick, and searched for the

Right.

Oh; nothing can rob him of pleasure, I said, head:

But a beautiful lady rejected his hand, And married his rival, with houses and land. She chose to wear diamonds in tangible shape, So the post sold his, and bought jet and black crape, Bankrupted his brain, and, in face of his God, He cursed his existence, and frowned on the rod. It is strange, it is strange that the mind is so planned We write evils in marble, and blessings in sand.

saw a fond husband. The joy of his life Was a bright, laughing boy, and a true-hearted wife. He builded a home, filled with beautiful things, As costly and grand as the castles of kings. Chill airs never blew on the idols he loved, And the world bowed before him wherever he moved. He laughed at the luck which had filled to the brim His goblet of gold, while his brothers had tin, And scantily filled. But reverses came on. And ere he scarce knew it, his riches were gone. A strange freak of fortune which favored mankind. Dispersed them, like thistle downs thrown to the wind. Love still wore its evergreens-they are the same In palace or cottage. Want, even in name, Was a stranger, but nothing of joy could be borrow; Who ate cream yesterday must have cream for to-morrow.

His ill-gotten splendors he could not forget. And he died-died a victim to foolish regret. It is strange, it is strange that the mind is so planned We write evils on marble, and blessings in sand.

saw an old man, who was nearing the tomb; He knew that it led into glory through gloom; His life had been long, his adversities few, His nights broke in sunshine, his clouds into blue. His children were dutiful, talented, true; His wife had as much as Penelope's truth. And she loved him in age as she loved him in youth. He, too, was forgetful. He shook his white head-This world is all emptiness," gravely he said. Our hopes are delusive-our joys only baubles-We have one enjoyment to legions of troubles !"

It is strange, it is strange that the mind is so planned: We write evils on marble, and bleasings in sand.

Currency and Banking has loaded us with a debt at least twenty-five per cent. larger than need be. One of the consequences now is, that our own State' is obliged, in order to get the fifteen thousand men we need for the war, to create a debt of nearly five million or dollars for honnties alone I in addition to all former expenditures, and the immense and increasing amount for State aid.

Now who is to pay all this debt when prices are reduced, as they must be, to the old general level? The debt will be paid. Massachusetts will not falter, but the load will be heavy.

It is not to be expected, that any suggestions the writer of this can offer will be accepted now-far from it. But the readers of the BANNER are seekers for truth-not such as will support their old theories; or notions merely, but truth which will bear pressure and do service.

To all such I address myself, and ask them to consider carefully the proposition that all operations in relation to Banking and Currency must be founded With his great, loving heart, and his great, thinking upon merchandize-upon property which is really convertible, and not upon real estate-public stocks, or debt of any description. These last may be used as outside supports, but never as the basis, or foundation.

> If I am correct in this, as I believe I am, then in time we shall unite upon the details, and sooner or later secure what we are all entitled to have, but which as yet has never existed in a perfect form on earth. But the idea proves that it may exist, and we have but to work and wait. W.3

> > "PURE CHRISTIANITY." BY S. Y. BRADSTREET.

It may be remembered that sometime in May last an article over my signature appeared in the columns of the BANNER with the above caption, to which several attempts at answering subsequently appeared, both in print and anonymous manuscript. A few days since I received from some person unknown to me in Boston, a perfect curiosity in the shape of a package of closely written, partly illegible and lengthy manuscript, which seemed to be designed for publics. tion in the BANNER, in answer to my article above referred to.

The reason I have not before noticed any of the various "answers" made to that article, is because in every instance they dodge the points at issue-made no answers to the main questions, which composed the weight of the article, but spent their whole force in matters having nothing to do with the main points of inquiry; such as quoting from the Bible, the opinions of other men as authority, and urging the same as proof of positions taken without the least attempt at argumentative proof to back up the correctness of said opinions.

Now I assert, without the fear of successful contradiction, that those questions involved in that article cannot be reasonably answered without yielding the point of authoritative infallibility claimed by so many for Christ's teachings; as found in the New Testament. For just so soon as reason is appealed to in order to "harmonize" discordant sentiments, that moment arbitrary authority, in the same degree, dis-

#### appears, and reason is found occupying the supreme beach in the mental court, judging "sacred things " just as it ought to.

And now, dear " Christians," I have no battles to fight with you. The inharmonics of which I have complained, or pointed out to you, are only what ap par when Christ's teachings, or the whole Bible, if you please, is viewed from your own standpoint or platform; or, in other words, through your own glasses. But when I step forward to the point from whence I view things-(vis.): reason and experienco-all is harmony; even the Bible is full of harmony. All of God's universe, and that which pertains to it, are in the most perfect agreement with the causes or conditions which produce them, and the ends to be accomplished. Ende 1, Not There are no ende, but everlasting cycles of progression. Inharmony appears only when mistaken views prevail-when we take things for what they are not, instead of what they really are. Here is the great mistake of the people called .. Christians " with regard to the Bible. It is taken for what it is not; hence inharmony appears, and painful perplexity is the natural result of such conditions or circumstances.

Let the Bible stand a perfect representative of the condition of the numerous minds that produced it, or from which it was a natural outgrowth in all its parts and bearings, and perfect harmony and agreement will appear, and not till then. The mistake is in you, my honest but misguided friends, and not in the Bible; and the very course you take with respect to it in this age of progression and increasing light, is more calculated to "destroy" that book than any course you or any one else can pursue. But I am disposed to stand up against all odds, and boldly vindicate the true character, and perpetuate the proper use of the Bible. In my manner of treatment, it will live to bless. In yours it will die to he forgotten, or remembored as foolishness. How would we succeed in establishing and maintaining the reputation of scholar and gentleman for an individual who is constantly making blunders in etiquette and general information? But should our sims at repute for this person be no higher than his real condition, do n't you see how easily maintained would be the conscious, truthful Witness who fears no cross-questionings? Here, then, is the whole difficulty of onr harrassed and troubled " Christians," whose perplexity increases with the march of mind around them. I highly prize the Bible, and would not dispense with. or "destroy " it.

Monticello, Iowa, Jan. 4, 1864.

## **REPLY TO JOEL E. HENDRICKS.**

DEAR SIR - In an annual parallax, the distance object is its distance, and not from the ends of the center of the base-line of the parallax. I said the star's distance from the sun's center, and not because i partly adopted Herschel's definition. Your reference to Sir John's and Worcester's meaning of annual par-Allax; is harmonious without doubt with your own view; but Worcester's dictionary on Astronomical Terms, is, I think, susceptible of great improvement. Noah Webster, the grand Master of Lexicographers, and the keystone in the arch of literary men, says:

"Annual Parallax : the change of place in a heaven ly body, in consequence of being viewed at opposite extremities of the earth's orbit."

I commend this definition to you as being in agree ment with the facts in the case; and when you, or any other man, bisects the isosceles triangle, which is formed from the diameter of the earth's orbit with the observed star in its vertex, and from this data reason trigonometrically, as Herschel has, you are guilty of a rape in science.

To find the star's distance: RULE.

As the sine of 1":

Is to radjus : :

So is the diameter of the earth's orbit in miles : The demonstration by simple proportion-To the star's distance from the sun's center in miles.

As 1": 206, 264", 98 :: 190, 099, 562 miles: 39,210, 882.853.938 miles. Hence the star's distance is proved to be twice as much as Herschel's distance.

The measure of the diameter of the earth's orbit.

### Written for the lianner of Light. THE LOVED AND LOST.

BY DR. J. DWIGHT STILLMAN.

. You have loved, and have lost the treasure forever. And cold is the heart once genial and true." Why should you repine? 'T is conditions that sever. And the love that has fled is in heaven for you.

Angels are hovering, and upward will bear you From the jarring externals that rob thee of peace; The burden will fall from thy soul as they tear thee From idols and sorrows that hourly increase.

There are strands on the ocean no ship bath encountered.

Where the waters are placid and the sky ever clear; Chough the mariner's hope in his compass is centered. His course is a conflict of doubting and fear.

Look forth to the stars. as night doth enshroud thee: Seek light from above, and joyfully wait For love that more holy and pure shall enwrap thee. Untarnished by passion, unsuilled by hate.

Thus pure in thy thoughts and soul's aspiration, Pare spirits will seek to cheerfully blend. Till silent and still there will come inspiration, To fill thee with heaven, that never shall end.

A heaven on earth is a rational pleasure-A heaven diffusive, t' embrace in its fold The sighing and earth-worn that seek for a treasure In mystical shadows of a "City of Gold."

Then love on and live on, fulfilling love's labor. Seeking outcasts in tears from affection and home. Who sensibly feel the worth of a neighbor. While driven by hate or ambition to roam.

Harmony within will make heaven around you; And smiles that are genial and beaming with love. Will radiant gather, till hands that have bound you More glorious shine than you dream of above. Whitewater, Mich.

## Correspondence.

"A New Year's Gift from Muna."

The above is the title of a most beautiful poem from the spirit authoress, " Muna"-an " Indian " spiritgiven through the medlumship of Joseph D. Stiles, and published in the BANNER of Jan. 23, 1864. The medium claims for it .. no particular literary merit," which shows either excessive modesty on his part, as from the center of the base-line of the parallax to the disclaiming oredit for that which he affirms himself to have been the unconscious instrument of penning, or base-line; because the sun's center coincides with the that he does not sufficiently appreciate the esthetical in poetic numbers. If Mr. Stiles can command the attention of his muse frequently enough. I doubt not the readers of the BANNER would welcome the appearance of effusions like the above. weekly. the year round. " Literary merit," in poetry, we conceive to be the projecting before the mental vision of conceptions and imagery, not only ornately expressed, but lifelike in their susceptibility to apprehension, and graphic in delineation; and if the poem of Muna's does not realize in a most happy and striking degree these condi tions, it is either a misfortune or felicity (I hardly know which) to be over critical or appreciative.

Respecting the interest which attaches to all revelations concerning the spirit world, we are often told by mediums and lecturers that the curiosity phase of Spir. itualism has about done its work, and will soon give place to the philosophical. So long as faith can never take the place of sight, nor speculation, nor belief, even, that of realization, Spiritualism can never dispense with its sensuous auxiliaries without the bazard of retrograding. For five years I have resided at Niagara, and though the physical conformation of its scenery became minutely stamped upon my memory, yet I found that seeing was, after all, the only way of realizing the vastitude of the great spectacle-that knowledge itself, even, lost its power of conveying to

the mind the fullness of reality, without constantly

replenishing it by re-witnessing the scene. The primary and immediate object of Spiritualism s, to demonstrate the immortality of the soul; and to enjoy intensely an immortal existence, the spirit must earn its right to enjoyment by fighting manfully the battles of life, in all things pertaining to progressive existence. It is its incumbent duty-when mature enough-to enter the lists and ally itself with all moral, social and political reformatory movements. But before it can exercise a notential influence as an auxiliary instrumentality, it must acquire strength from its own inherent province and its own specific design. Spiritualism may acquire a resultant influence by its adnascence to reformatory objects, but in proportion to the moral weight of its associations; in this respect, it will be ignored and eclipsed as a deserving cause. 'No; let Spiritualism for the present expend its chief efforts in self-development, relying wholly upon sensuous demonstrations of its reality, and the philosophy of immortality which its truths must necessarily volve. The moral effect of perusing one such work as " Life

possibly be attributed to these spirits who have left I desired new would be " the greatest calamity that | IMPRESSIONS OF THE SPIRIT-WORLD .- NO. 4. can inform Mr. Dow that there are very many such | from whence it emanated. cases as he relates occurring every day in every part of the land. With a desire for more light on this important phase

of spiritual manifestations. I remain, yours, Ohicago, Ill., Jan. 22, 1864. H. S.

#### A Social Talk.

I read the discussions, as reported in the BANNER that have engaged the attention of our spiritual possible that both acts are directed by the same power. friends, with much interest and pleasure-that of Dec. and that power an invisible and external intelligence? 21st, "To Return Kindness for Unkindness," with What a stupendous question! Who can answer it? especial gratification: Perhaps the view taken in a more recent discussion, that our efforts to promote human happiness originate in selfish motives, is incorrect. To my mind it seems a thorough and most From Vermont.-Singular Incident. unfortunate misapprehension, which practical benevo. MESSRS EDITORS, -At the base of one of our highest lence could never tolerate nor suggest.

mercies which we are daily and hourly receiving at here, what must its living manifestion be. his hands.

Christ tells us. .. By love serve one another; love please himself?

To perform an act of kindness, and of tender mercy. face also. It is thought by some who have seen the promote the happiness of another, and at the sacrifice of time, labor, health and life itself, shall we call this selfish? The life of a fellow creature is in imminent Is this the prompting of selfishness?

We may not from mixed motives; we may perform an apparently good act from bad motives; but shall we, therefore, say disinterested benevolence is to be found in no human breast?

There are men, there are women-yes, thank God ! there are children, too-whose hearts are full to over flowing with love and good will for the whole human family, the natural language of whose countemances declare to you at the first glance that a loving, gentle spirit, a kind and trustworthy heart, is there. But we may be told there are counterfeits ; there are smiling but deceitful faces. there are seducing wiles which are prompted by base and sinister motives, that are designed to lure us to disappointment or ruin, to say nothing of that too numerous portion of humanity who gratify their evil propensities without disguise and without remorse.

The character of selfishness is then well understood it is to seek our own gratification, whether corporeal or spiritual, regardless of the welfare of others. Can we so misconceive or descorate the godlike virtue of benevolence as to identify its motive with the same odious term? If so, all virtue is a fallacy, and disinterested benevolence can have no existence in heaven or on earth.

Such is not the meaning of language in its ordinary acceptation, nor in the straight forward apprehension of sound common sense. Philology is an interesting and no doubt useful study. It sometimes assumes to tel us not only from whence words came, but whither they are going; yet we cannot consent to see the term selfish applied to acts of godlike benevolence without an earnest remonstrance against so barbarous a profanation. such a thorough, practicable and inexplicable con

founding of all that is lovely and all that is hateful. Our worthy friends must not call these remarks a lisrespectful, unkind or aimless criticism. It is a effort to redeem the first, the best, the most indispensa ble duty of man, which is the cultivation of the benev plent affections from the stigma of a term, most incon iderately applied, which comprises all that is base and demoralizing. Our own happiness is best secured by striving to promote the happiness of others. This motive, so far as the human character may be compared to the divine, is godlike. And so far as sound common sense prevails, and the just apprehension of words to express the language of the soul may be found, this motive for action not only comprises all that is lovely and divine in the character of man, but all that may be esteemed purely unselfish. W. 8. W.

mangled or diseased bodies. There is evidently light could befail mo i' but that all would be made clear and knowledge needed on this point. My experience gradually and as fast as I could receive it. There are assures me of the truth of what the spirits say con- specific reasons known to me why this caution was cerning this mode of freeing themselves from the ef. needed, and I have to acknowledge my deep sense of fects of the diseases by which they left the form. I the wisdom and beneficence of the directing mind

Now, coupled with the failure of your BANNEB to come to hand. I am perplexed-or convinced? How am I to account for the simultaneousness of the two transactions? The caution not to explore too hastily coming from one place, at one time, and the withholding the papers, which I counted upon as an aid in my investigations, going on at the same time, in a different locality, both point to the same end. Can it be J. FORSYTH. Yours truly.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 30th, 1864.

green mountains lies the busy village of East Middle. The Omnipresent Ruler of the universe has given us bury, where I dispensed the food of the spirit to a large a beautiful world, stored with rich blessings, of which and appreciative audience on the 24th. Having heard the whole human family are invited to partake. Some of the inertness of the friends of reform at this place. of us return daily thanks to this benevolent and all. I was somewhat surprised to find the neat white church bountiful Providence. But why thank our Heavenly filled with listening auditors, and, while the sweet Father, if the selfish desire to please himself is the tones of the melodeon vibrated on the air, I looked sole motive for all the loving kindness and tender around and thought, if Spiritualism had "died out"

I found considerable excitement on the subject of spirit photographing, occasioned by the fact of there your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to having been the face of a child, so life-like and real, them that hate you. The fruit of the spirit is love, impressed on the plate as to be recognized by the lady joy. peace. long suffering, gentleness, goodness, for whom it was taken. The likeness was not a photofaith." Christ taught his heavenly and soul-cheering graph, but a daguerreotype retaken from an old one doctrine to a barbarous and benighted world, well that had been taken many years ago, of a mother; and knowing the inevitable consequence, the punishment the sweet face which came upon it was a representative of a cruel death. Yet, for our sake, he braved it, and of the child of that mother and niece of the lady who was nailed to the cross. Shall it be said, we may not desired the likeness of the departed mother. But the bless and thank our Saviour for this sacrifice, for he lady refused to accept one on which the child's face poured out his heart's blood, not for our sake, but to was impressed until by repeated efforts it was found the mother could not be obtained without the child's

prompted by the sincere desire to relieve suffering or spirit-photographs by Mumler, to be far more distinct and life-like than those produced by bim. In conversation with the artist. Mr. B. I found him

unacquainted with the manifestations of our philosodanger; we rush to the rescue at the peril of our own. phy, and when asked how it was produced, he answered, apparently in good faith, " I cannot tell. I supposed at first it might be the re-appearance from an old plate; but, selecting one from a new, unused pack, and finding it. If possible, even more perfect than the former ones. I stand in ignorance of the whole matter."

I have succeeded in obtaining a few subscribera" for the BANNER, and hope in due time to obtain more. E. M. WOLCOTT.

Elm Cottage, Rochester, Vt., Jan. 26th, 1864.

#### Written for the Banner of Light. THE SPIRIT-LIFE.

### BY GRACE R. CAMBRON.

Talk not of death-there is no death: The passing of this fleeting breath But ushers into higher life The spirit, with new beauties rife.

The heavenly germ will not expand Until we reach the spirit-land, Where all the budding flowers will ope To fall fruition, born of hope.

A higher life we all might live; God would the new existence give. If we that power would exercise, Which every spirit deifles :

Which makes us of himself a part. And purifies the mind and heart. No human wisdom e'er can learn, No mortal vision can discern

The glorious wonders we can trace Above us, in the world of space. Unheard by the unpractised ear ne the

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BY CORA WILDURN.

Deception, that bane and dread of earth, is there unknown: for no false smiles can there mask a perfidious design, nor can the lips be recreant to the heart's utterances, nor disloyal sentiments usurp the place of sun-bright honesty and truth. The flashes of jeweled light that emanate from the spirit reveal its growth. its mental and its moral status. Oh, blussed land of everlasting realities I there no hypocrisy assumes the saintly garb of truth; there never brood the serpents of suspicion; the basilisk gaze of enmity is nover met there, where the sunshine of love divine fractifies the life-needs, and the flat of decay goes never forth. Oh: land of loveliest repose and most unceasing action f ob. soil of most beautiful endowment I angel birth. place of pure thoughts and soul ennobling deeds t what earthly language can pourtray thy glories ? what combination of imperfect words suffice for the presentation of thy satisfying loveliness?

The winds there never chill; there is no wailing sound in their majestic sweep of power; only music, joy-fraught with messages of love and peace. The sunshine there calls into existence only beautiful forms; it vivifies and never scorches; no paling change is on the flowret's face; no storms disturb the azure and golden tranquility of sea and sky; the purification of the exalted heart has led to the serene enjoyment of Nature's eternal summer reign; the banishment of evil has conducted to the contemplation of the respondent loveliness of good. Harmony has attuned to perfect music the lyre-chords of spirit, and never ceasing inspiration has breathed the baim of love and joy over the flower-domain, as o'er the hearts of the thrice. blessed dwellers there I

There wander hand in hand the linked Beneficents the glowing Charities, the rose-garlanded Sympathies. There Knowledge, crowned and sceptred, walks with amaranth-wreathed Humility, and Patience wears the avmbols of fruition in star-clusters on her placid brow and loving heart. There, clad in transparent folds of silvery-gleaming whiteness, Purity, the High Pricatess of the skies, leads worshiping souls unto the unveiled shrine of Love. There, vestal lilies form the marriage chaplet, and hollest birds of song nestle mid the bridal bowers, and the poet's dream of Eden is verified, and the dreamer's visions are fulfilled. Lacalle, Ill.

Departed.

The mortal form of another new-born spirit was in-terred here in the presence of surviving friends on the 28d of Nov., 1863. Yes, sister Sarah Beeny, after a lingering illness of nearly 20 years. "thou bast gone to thy rost and we will not deplore thee." She was in her 79th year. The twenty years that preceded her depay-tions are clipical with rhanmation, and had to be ture she was crippled with rheumatism, and had to be waited upon like a child. Although she suffered so much during this protracted illness, her soul hore up above it all The certainty of a future and happier life was more than all her suffering, and while her outward body was decaying, her soul was ripening for beaven; and all who came within the sphere of her in-fluence felt called upon to be purer and better. She was a Spiritualist, and a firm believer in the ability of her spirit frienda to ald and comfort her in her hours of angulah, never forgetting to cherish the spirit of internal purity taught by the Nazarene. Her spirit was eminently devotional ; she loved to commune with God and the angels. She almost daily received aweet and refreshing draughts from the upper spheres. She embodied in her spirit and life, as far as able, the true Spiritualist Christian, rejecting all false creeds and doctrines. As she ripened in the higher and nobler emotions of the soul, she found all petty sectarian feeling sink in an unfolding sense of the brotherhood

of man. She left several children to mourn her departure ; but they would not call her back, knowing that their loss is her gain. Junn GREGORY, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Intoa, Jan. 21.

PASSED ON TO THE INNER LIPE-Edward I. Rebp.

PASSED ON TO THE INNER LIFE-Edward I. Rebr., son of Laso and Abigail Hebn, of this city. in the 26th year of his age. Among the influences of a faith in the Spiritual Philosophy, there are few that are more important or consoling than that which it brings not only to the departed, but to all of us, when our loved ones are called home to the better land; and in this instance we have been sustained by the satisfactory evidence that one young how here was not to be a ulicity mand we have been substated by the saturation of volunce that our young brother was not to be a pligrim and stranger in the land to which he was going, but that he was in reality "going home." This young man responded to the call for volunteers to defend our Government, and spent more than a year

in the army: and while on the peninsula of Virginia hat graveyard which has swallowed up so many bright hopes and ford anticipations---he way taken with typhoid fever, from which he recovered, but not in a condition of health to remain in the army; he received an honorable discharge and returned home. Soon, however, the pale and emaciated form indicated that that fell disease, consumption, was lurking in his aya-During the past month, as he grew weaker, his inte-rior faculties became unfolded, and at times he was enabled to see some of the dwellers of the inner life. abled to see some of the dwellers of the inner life, and near the close he realized the presence of these loved ones, and declared that "they had come to lead him home." Thus he passed quietly over the river to the Better Land, where around him flowers of immor-tal beauty shall bloom forever. Brother i when affection prompts these to return to earth, remember that the loved ones here who cherish the more when will beld these dees and we have thy memory now, will hold they dear, and welcome thee to the inmost sanctuary of their souls, and thus shall the links of true affection remain forever unbroken. Philadelphia, Feb. 1, 1864. H. T. C.

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bich is the third term in the proportion, is the result of my own determination of the sun's horizontal parallax, and it is exact to the fraction of a barley-corn. Contrast this accuracy with the looseness of T. Dick, who says that his given distance of the sun from the earth is within two millions of miles, more or less. The Astronomer Royal of England makes an allowance in his distance of five hundred thousand miles. The Royal Republican Astronomer, discarding these wide differences, found the distance to the sun so accurately. that it is true to the merest fraction. I have given the example to find the star's distance in simple proportion, that all your readers may understand the certainty of my claim.

I expect that theoretical men will pitch into me, as they did into Galileo and Newton: but men of thought will. I hope, take the pains to look before they leap. I am prepared to do for the Copernican System of As-, tronomy what Galileo did for the Aristotelian Philosophy of the Law of Falling Bodies. My book is writ-

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There lies before me a manuscript book, which is disproof of the Copernican System of Astrology. Any reliable man wishing to buy one-half of the Copyright, with the privilege of being a joint partner with me in procuring copyrights from other nations, can do so by paying me (10,000) ten thousand dollars. None need apply without the cash. To obviate all marvel. the Yankee who has demonstrated that Sir Isaac Newton failed in his application of the law of gravity to oblate spheroids, may be thought to have written a book worthy the attention of his countrymen.

WM. ISAACS LOOMIS. Pastor of the Baptist Church in Martindale, Columbia

Co., N. Y. ... Jan. 29, 1864.

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Sec. Barriel

TO MY MOTHER.

. gu[From the German,-For the Boston Post.]

With deep attention of the heart and mind. I read the "Book of Life" thou gavest me; And on each blessed page impressed I find How very great the debt I owe to thee.

With aweet emotion do I oft reflect How thou for me exulted hast, and wept-How thou my oradied childbood didst protect, And carefully my youth from error kept.

How me thy love hath followed, near and far. And all my faults hath patiently endured; In every strait thou wert my guiding star, And grief-dispelling was thy every word.

How can I thee repay? My heart doth bring My wanderings o'er. 1 come. as in life's spring. To find again my truest friend on earth BOSCAWEN.

The Church and Mammon are closely allied in • parish'' in England, as the following paragraph conclusively shows :---

" The Bank of England covers an entire parish, and it has a dergyman whose salary is \$100 a year. A room in the bank is kept to represent the church for the sake of keeping up the living and its emoluments."

To be silent, to suffer, to pray, when we cannot act, is acceptable to God. A disappointment, a contradic harsh word received and endured as in his pres ence, is worth more than a long prayer .- Fendon.

in the Spheres," is worth more than the reading of the best miscellaneous reform journal every week for a year. Mankind needs constantly to realize the evidence of the life to come. It needs a constant efflux of divine realities to reassure its ever-recurring doubt and misgiving respecting the certainty that we shall live beyond the present.' There is but one way of falfilling this desire, and that is by constant intercommunication with the invisible world.

By the way, a series of communications on ... What and where is the spirit-world," by our lately departed brother, W. S. Courtney, through Hudson Tuttle, would be of profound interest to all Spiritualists at the present time. V. C. T.

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 25, 1864.

#### Experiences in Spiritualism.

Having read the account of "Experiences in Spiritualism " in the BANNER of Jan. 9th, by Aaron Dow, of Grass Valley, Cal., I feel it my duty to respond: I have been a subject of spiritual experiences from infancy, but my knowledge of the fact was not made clear until five or six years since. I have been consciously controlled by all classes of spirits-by those who had lived good lives while on earth, and whose happiness in the spirit-world was great. The influence of such, as I have many a time realized it, cannot be described, but it is a happiness that will over remain unknown to those who have never enjoyed it, while the influence or presence of spirits less happy and less progressed, is exactly opposite.

The disease or pain from broken limb or mangled form of each spirit, is vividly daguerreotyped on my sensitive being, the pain and distress being the same as that suffered by the spirit previous to leaving the form. The spirits tell us that they are permitted to cast the effects, or memory, of the complaint from which they left the form, upon sensitive persons or mediums, and thus free themselves from what they consider actual aches and pains. Mediums suffer from these unfortunate spirits. The spirits say they get relief by such means ar Mr. Dow states, and also by the simple fact of controlling mediums. The relief experienced by the spirit is instantaneous. The pain experienced by mediums often lasts for hours after the

spirit has withdrawn. The explanation of this interesting phase of Spiritualiam I have never satisfactorily heard. I have often thought that many of the diseases and aches and pains of man and womankind might

#### Mrs. Wilson, Chicago, III.

The above-named lady, Mr. Editor, requests the name of the unfortunate family spoken of in "Incidents of a City Ramble.". I will simply say that am not at liberty to give more than was revealed in that article at present, as there is a reservation of much that transpired, and is transpiring, to be revealed in the future. I am promised by my impressions, that the future of this family will furnish a sketch of much interest to those who believe ... truth more strange than fiction." I will say that the mother has passed future awaits her children, who are now cared for from a source little expected, which convinces me that the spirit .. moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform;" mysterious to those who see not. and believe not, that the bending heavens will yet mold the oppressors of humanity into humanity's protectors; and the interior history of human suffering and human selfishness shall be given to the world-the philosophy of which shall light with gladness the dying mother's soul, and wipe the sad tear from the orphan's eyes. E. DATTON. . . . Huntly, 111.

#### Who Can Tell?

MR. EDITOR-Are Uncle Samuel's Post Office functionaries the only parties responsible for the nondelivery of my BANNER? I have received but one copy since my return from Boston, now nearly a month. If I do not receive one to-day I shall feel somewhat inclined to be a little troublesome ; that is, to ask you to take steps to ascertain fairly if my paper has been regularly mailed. If it has, and then from no cause explainable at this end of the route, it has been literally spirited away. I shall indeed be astounded. A few words explanatory may be interesting, and enable you to selve the difficulty.

Shortly after the appearance, of my letter in the January 9th No. of the BANNEB, I received through the P. O. a very interesting and ably written letter from an unknown correspondent; my reply brought forth another exceedingly convincing and beautiful production, in which, in the form of a postscript, was contained acaution of singularly forcible meaning. The from an unknown correspondent ; my reply brought writer says he was induced to open the letter, after having closed it for mailing, with the view of clearing up and preventing my misunderstanding his views on a certain proposition discussed in said letter-when lo ! he was influenced to substitute, instead of his own thoughts, a message interesting and valuable to ma beyond expression. In this I am forbidden impetuous baste, and told to practice patience-that to know all

No human wisdom can declare The language written everywhere. Save unto whom hath God revealed This new existence; ever sealed Is Nature's book of mysteries, Unladen, all her argosies.

A halo of glory to earth is descending. It comes from the glorified regions above ! The footsteps of angels our pathway attending. Reveal the rich fullness of God's tender love.

When the spirit is fainting with earth-wearing sorrow, She seeks for communion with souls that are freed, and longs for Eternity's endless To morrow. Whose sunlight of glory no shadow will heed.

Oh. earth-weary spirit | toil up o'er the mountain; You 'll soon reach the summit where joy is supreme; Where the waters are gushing from life's flowing fountain,

And the rainbow of love will eternally gleam

#### Jabez Hinshaw.

Our venerable friend, Seth Hinshaw, senior, of Greensboro', Indiana, sends us the following comto the higher life, and through her influence a radiant munication, which he recaived through the spirit dial from his son in the spirit world :

DEAR FATHER .- I have often heard you wish you could hear from your son through the dial. I never had the opportunity till now. I heard that you, or rather Miss Mary Thomas, wrote me a letter, but I never re ceived it. Sampson gave it to another of my name Ceived it. Isampson gave it to another of my name. I am not away from your side much of my time—only when I am with my dear Mary and my dear ohlidren. Father, you do not know how I dote on my darling daughter, and feel interested in her welfare. You have had a happy time in your belief, father, but you will be so much disappointed when you really know how much different it is here—you will then be sorry you had not come here long ago. I an so happy it is not worth my while to try to describe it to giou on paper. Father. I have not much more time to talk, or I could fill traphy beats.

could fill twenty sheets. I still remain your own son JABEZ HINSHAW.

#### To my dear father, sisters and brothers.

#### Meeting at Lockport.

The Friends of Progress in Niagara county held their econd quarterly meeting of the year at Lockport, on Saturday and Sunday, the 5th and 6th of the present nonth.

The most prominent among the speakers were Mrs. Middlebrook, of Bridgeport, Conn., Mrs. E. C. Clark, of Eagle Harbor, and Mr. Havens, of Livingston county. Standing upon a free platform, the speakers seemed to be inspired to utter the most wholesome truths and those of the greatest practical importance. which were listened to by an attentive and appreciative audience.

If our creed bound, sectarian friends could have wit

Sublight of freedom. Our next quarterly meeting will be held on the first Saturday and Sonday of March next: and our yearly meeting, of three days, the second Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Jone, 1864. Speakers passing near Lookport about the time of these meetings, and who responding Secretary, Ira Bronson, Lockport, N. Y. B. J. GREGORY, Sec'y. Lockport, N. Y., Dec., 1863.

Instantly killed at the storming of Mission Ridge, Tenn., on the 26th of November, 1863, Sergeant Don P. Wyman, of Co. G, 74th Regiment Indiana Volun-

teers. This brave soldier was a firm Spiritualist, and an honor to his profession, also was an excellent medium, as a citizen beloved and respected by all, a tried friend and brother, a noble husband, a brave and trusty soldier. He has joined in spirit-life a beautiful daughter; aler. He has joined in spirit-life a beautiful daughter; and though passed from earth, he works for the cause so dear to him---the promotion of the truths of spirit-communion. He selected the subject through the or-ganism of the writer, who delivered the funeral ad-NELLIE L. WILTHIE.

Coldwater, Mich., Jan. 24, 1864.

From Foxcroft, Me., Jan. 17th, Alvin Blood calmly passed through the "Golden Gateway" to the everreen fields of Immortal Life. Fifty-seven years and two months with their varying shades of joy and sadness, of trial and discipline, had he spent in this sphere, and to the many friends who knew of the firm moral principle, the untiring energy which characterized his business and social life, he has left an example

worthy of imitation. He became an early investigator in the Spiritual Phenomena: its philosophio teachings found a respot-sive chord in his heart; thenceforth he has been a zealous and firm advocate of its beautiful truths. meet the "Angel of Death" trustingly; calmly made arrangements for his funeral; requested that a speaker of our beautiful faith should be obtained to conduct the services. We know although the mate-rial has been removed from our view, that our brother still lives and walks and talks with us, rejoicing in the knowledge that

" There is no death; what seems so is transition; This life of mortal breath Is but a suburb of the life elysian,

Whose portal we call Death. E. B.

The Western Facilio Railroad is complete to: San lose, fifty miles. Cars ran the entire length Jan, 16th; taking 2000 passengers from San Francisco, to participate in the grand railroad celebration tendered by the people of Santa Clara county.

A priest said to a peasant whom he |thought rude; You are better fed than taught." ... Shud think I was," replied the olodhopper, .. as I feeds myself, and you teaches me."

Conversation enriches the understanding, but self. ude is the school of genius.

Indisoriminate eulogy and indisoriminate invective are equally good ---- for nothing.

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#### Spirit Manifestations.

At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. W., well known and worthy citizens of Charlestown, where he has been in business and they have lived for twenty three years past, the narrator, with other gentlemen and ladies, being about twenty-two in number, met on the evening of January 23d, at the house of their host in Charlestown, to witness such manifestations (some. times called spiritual) as might accompany or be made in the presence or through the organism of Mrs. Annie Lord Chamberlain, of South Malden, known as a spiritual medium.

The company gathered together in a small diningroom, in which was an extended black walnut table about ten fect long, with rounded ends. The mediumof fair complexion, slight constitution, finely and regularly cut features, spiritud cast of countenance, and apparently not much over twenty years of agewas seated at the head of the table, with a smaller table behind and touching both the back of her chair and the end of the room. The hostess sat next to and on her left side, and another lady on her tight side: their chairs were placed on the lower part of the medium's dress, and thereby prevented her from rising from her seat until the chairs were removed, which was not done till the close of the seance. The ladies and gentiemen seated themselves alternately around the table, commencing with the narrator on the left side of the hostess, and the group closed with the lady who sat on the right side of the medium. As the company was large, and the room comparatively small, they sat so close to one another that their chairs adjoined continwously around the table After the company were seated. there was not sufficient space for even a child to pass on the outside of either end or either side of the oblong circle formed by those seated around the dining table. A violinist, with his violin, sat in one corner of the room, remote from the medium. There was no room for the friendly host to sit in the circle. His heart was larger than his dining-room. As he was desirous of witnessing the performances, he stood by himself in a place from which he could not have approached or reached to the medium or the musical instrumenta which were on the side table, without being noticed by some of the company, and especially by the narrator. In one corner of the room was a tenor drum, but not within reach of the medium. A base viol rested against the small table. On this table were a guitar. a tambourine, an accordeon, a small music box, and eight or ten bells, varying in size from a tea bell to a large dinner bell. A base dram, with a musical triangle tied to it, was secured close to the ceiling, just above and over one end of the small table, which was behind the medium's chair and against one end of the

room. The company were requested to clasp hands, and on no account to unlock their hold, let happen what might. The narrator, in compliance with request, put his right hand, with the fingers toward the medium, between the hands of the hostess, which were npon the table. Mr. C. A. P., a citizen of Charlestown, who sat next to the lady on the right of the medium, placed his left hand, with the fingers toward the medium, between the hands of the lady, which were also on the table. The medium then began, and continued during the whole scance till a moment before its close, to ripidly pass each of her hands, touching on and over the little pile of three hands on either side of her. She said that thereby she acquired the magnetism of the whole circle, and that it was necessary, to sustain her during the seance.

Some familiar melodies and tunes were then sung. In a few minutes the medium appeared to be partially unconscious. Her eyes were clore | and her muscles and nerves apparently relaxed. The hostess said that she was in a trance. Up to this moment the room had not been lighted with gas, as was usually the case, but by the flame of a small lamp. It was now, at the request of the hostess, blown out.

"The singing and the constant passing of the medium's hands on and over the little batteries of three hands each, on her-either side, continued. This movement of the medium's hands was felt without interruption throughout the whole scance by the two ladies, one of whom sat next to and on either side of her, and by the two gentlemen, namely, the narrator and Mr. C. A. P., who each sat one remove beyond and on either side of the medium.

In a few minutes a slight sprinkling of water was perceived on the faces of nearly all the company, who quickly and in pleasant moods expressed their surprise. It seemed as if the spirits, if such they were. whose performances were expected, were disposed to be frolicsome. Soon were heard sounds as if proceeding from twanging the strings of the bass viol and the guitar. Then prolonged strains of sweet and plaintive music, evidently from the guitar, which, to judge from the sound and the vibration of the air, was swiftly car ried around just inside and over the heads of the company. This was repeated two or three times. At one moment the sound appeared so near to each one's forehead, so they said, and so it seemed to the narrator, that each one thought that he or she felt the vibration of the strings ; then the sounds receded, as if going around the room, just over and above the heads of the company. The click of the music-box, while being wound ap, was also heard, and it played one or two melodies. Next were felt delicate and quick touches on the cheeks, heads and necks of the company. So soft and gentle, yet so quick and gliding, were they that they seemed like the sprightly movements and grassful pranks of a sportive child. There was nothing in the temperature of the touch to attract attention. Then the touches were heavier : the whiskers and hair were stroked; the arms, shoulders and ankles were pressed and sometimes clasped. This was done. not only once, but again and again. One person, on saying that she had not been touched, was instantly, and before her utterance was completed, smartly yet gently struck. For the purpose of acknowledging the kindness of the spirits, (for by this time the phenomena, by common consent, were attributed to them, and to no other source whatever,) and at the same time to indicate to one another when and how often the touches and movements were perceived, every one, as he or she personally perceived the touch, audibly said, "Thank you !" The manner of its utterance was as various as were the emotions of the speaker: some of the company hav ing enjoyed a longer acquaintance with spiritual tests. were very familiar and on the best of terms with the spirits; others spoke with hesitation and in a scarcely audible voice, as if they felt it to be a solemn matter to converse with the spirits of the dead.

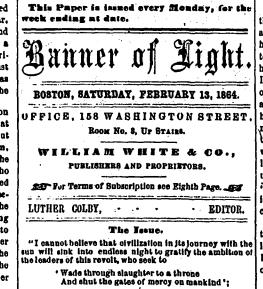
glance off, the large table. Then, as if the invisible pressure of the popular faith and conscience upon it. against his right breast.

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The bostess then said that the manifestations were ended, and that it was necessary to remore the medium casy to see what changes are rapidly going on among into another room before the gas should be lighted : the people in respect of those cramping formulas of otherwise the effect of the light on the medium, in the belief to which a strict subscription is no longer of peculiar condition she then was in, would injure her, any use. The day is dawning. The light comes She was accordingly, at a few minutes before 9 P. M .. streaming from the east, and finds its way into all in an apparently insensible and helpless condition, car- hearts. If the thousands of now silent ones who say ried out by two ladies. The gas was lighted, the books, no word about the working of the spiritual forces bells and musical instruments were seen scattered on within them, were to break forth on a sudden, enthe table and about the room, and the base viol was in couraged by a greater freedom and liberality on the the position just before described. The scance had part of those whom they are habituated to follow, lasted little more than an hour. The room, table and other circumstances were again carefully scrutinized, what astonishment would come over us at the thought the personal experiences at that scance, of those there of such an amount of real spiritual life having been present, were exchanged and compared, and the cause buried under the weight of forms and subscriptions of the phenomena sought for.

After a few days' reflection several of the company, who from their situation at the time, being next or near to the medium. or from other circumstances, knew of The world does move, and we must go with it or be their personal knowledge that she did not and could thrown off. Who would stay to defend the uses of the not have handled or even have touched, without their shell, when the sweet kornel is reached after all this knowledge, the musical instruments, that she did not and could not have made the touches and material im because he tells him where he can enrich himself, and pressions which were at the time attributed to spirits; that no other living person either in or out of the room produced the phenomenon, or was privy to producing them, subscribed a carefully drawn statement of the facts and circumstances, which were as are herein stated. They also attested the sincerity of their belief in the statement. To authenticate the evidence and to attest the sincerity of their belief, they made oaths to the statement before a magistrate. This document has been in the possession of the Editor of the BANNER OF LIGHT. Any person having the single object of investigating the truth of the foregoing can perhaps ob tain further information by applying to him.

January 28, 1864. A. E. G.



And shut the gates of mercy on manking "; but I have a far other and far brighter vision before my gaze. It may be but a vision, but I still chorish it. I see one vast Confederation stretching from the frozen north in one un-broken line to the glowing south, and from the wild billows of the Atlantic westward to the calmer waters of the Pacific; and I see one people, and one law, and one language, and one faith, and, over all that was Coulinout, the home of freedom and refuge for the oppressed of every race and of every elime."—Extract from John Bright's Speech on American Affairs, delivered at Birmingham, England.

#### Grow or Shrink,

We might as well convey our leading idea by a caption of this sort, so long as it accurately expresses what lies in our mind to say. It is the one fact which not all persons, by any means, are apt to keep in their minds, that unless we grow we are certain to shrink ; there is no mean between these two points, and no possible alternative. The forms of faith-or subscrip tion and assent rather-to which we adhere with such an irrational, uncharitable, and thoroughly bigoted of the Jeff Davis arrangements in reference to raising tenacity, exert either one or the other of these two armies, and ought not to be set down as meaning anytendencies--to make us expand or contract, rich or thing more than that he has managed to get about all poor, large or small, better or wors-. Which is it now, in the case of each one of us? This a question that nobody can afford to put aside as if it were not worth an answer, or its urgency did not demand an answer, or would in some way and at some time answer itself. Creeds may have been useful, but they are cramping; we are willing to give them full credit for what they have done for man, but insist that just so soon as man sees and feels that they hinder instead of helping him, and hind instead of releasing him, they are to be thrown down and abandoned. The scaffolding is of the first service in crecting a tructure; but it is not suffered to remain after the edifice is completed, an unsightly and needless appur tenance. Just so with creeds, and formularies, and modes of worship, and prearranged plans of conduct; they are well so long as they are a help to growthafter that they are a dead hindrance. We have discussed this matter over and over again in the BANNER. and suppose weishall continue to discuss it until a great many more minds have tasted freedom than know of its sweets now! An extract from, one of Henry Ward Beecher's sermons, recently delivered. comes in so fitly into the body of our remarks on this score, that we cannot well refrain from making the quotation. Still, the matter for comment and wonder is, that all this is the exception instead of the rulethat a single word should have to be uttered about the liberal tendencies of men and ministers like Beecher. when the only point deserving comment ought naturally to be that men are all so creed-bound as they are, and that the attempted independence of even one ex cites general remark. Beecher's ideas onght to be the rule, not the exception. Said this self-willed preacher to his audience, touching on this subject of free-thinking; "there is nothing imaginary in the statement that the creed power is be gining to prohibit the Bible as really as Rome did. gining to prohibit the Bible as really as Rome did, well of persons, let us say nothing about them. If we though in a subtler way. During the whole course of could only see the interiors of those we accuse, we seven years' study, the Protestant candidate for the ministry sees before him an unauthorized statement. spiked down and stereotyped, of what he must find in the Bible, or be martyred. And does any one acquainted with human nature need to be told that he quainted with human nature need to be told that he knows to have built and that he have been understand, that excuse us, studies under a tremendous pressure of motive? Is but that there is nothing of the kind in our brother's that freedom of opinion—the liberty wherewith Christ or our sister's case that will excuse them. Let us remaketh free? Rome could have given that. Every one of her clergy might have studied the Bible to find the Pontificial creed, on pain of death. Was that lib erty? Hence I say that liberty of opinion in our theological seminaries is a mere form, to say nothing of the thumb screw of criticism, by which every original mind is tortured into negative propriety. The whole boasted liberty of the study consists in a choice of chains-a choice of handcuffs-whether he will wear find there. There is something criminal in saying by large andiences.

performers preterred that way of relieving themselves it must either abandon its old ground-which it will of the instruments, they were thrown with force upon certainly do just as fast as it is driven to-or it must the table, and finally the guitar and base viol were thus be trampled under foot by the great and free spiritual disposed of, and the base viol slided off into the laps of movements of the time. The human mind refuses to two of the company, to their amazement, who sat next take stones for bread much longer, or to subject liseif to and on the left of the narrator, and its head rested to the iron tyranny of a class of men who style themselves the only agents of the Father to his children.

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Reading such a passage as the above, it is perfectly what strange mysteries would they not disclose to us, and conformities and fear | Yet all these strange dis

closures are to be made, else we must believe that there is no growth, no stretch to the spiritual faculties. pains? Who cries out against his neighbor, simply become greater and stronger?

#### Rev. Moses Hull in Boston.

We clip the following extract from the World's Crisis of February 2d:

of February 20: •• It is but a few days since we saw an account of a prominent and able preacher, who had been for years preaching the coming of Christ, the sleep of the dead, and the destruction of the wicked, who had been led by Satan's devices to renonnce his failt in these great-truths and join the Spirlualists, to preach for them, and endeavor to provo that man is immortal. The Lord foresaw that such things would take place, and endet of the word the word the Nuirit and moved the apostle to write— Now the Spirit speaketh expressly. that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."

The " prominent and able preacher" alluded to in the above extract is the Rev. Moses Hull, one of the ablest and most eloquent advocates the Adventists ever had in their ranks; and we take pleasure in announcing to our readers, and to the Adventists generally, that he is to speak before the Spiritualists of this city, in Lyceum Hall, on Sunday next, and we hope that not only Spiritualists, but his late Advent brethren, will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear what he has to say. We understand that he will, in his afternoon lecture, give his biblical reasons for renouncing the doctrine of the sleep of the soul. This is a subject which cannot but interest all who believe in that delusion. Bro. Miles Grant, editor of the Crisis, will indoubtedly be present, and perhaps challenge the prominent and able preacher" to a discussion, as he is the champion of the Advent faith in this part of the country.

We would remind our friends that Mr. Hull intends to remain here a few weeks, and will answer calls to lecture before Spiritualist Societies in this vicinity. His address for the present will be BANNER OF LIGHT

#### Rebel Re-cullstments.

We might naturally expect to hear from the rebels that they had been reenlisting again, for what else is left them to do? Either be conscripted and swept into Jeff. Davis's armies by his barbarous press-gangs, that go scouring the hamlets and plantations of the South, or else come into the arrangement voluntarily. It is Hobson's choice, in any case. The Davis order for

a levy en masse-a thing never heard of, much less practiced, in a civilized corner of the world-is so cruel, so inhuman an order, sweeping all males between tho ages of sixteen and sixty-five into the rebel ranks, that it is just as well, if not a good deal better, for the men in the army whose terms of enlistment have honestly expired to offer to enlist over again, as to offer to go home and then be dragged straight back again by the merciless clutch of military conscription. Such a sort of volunteering is guite on a par with the whole

#### The French Assembly.

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M. Thiers has recently pronounced a speech in the French Legislature which causes general commotion within that body and outside of it. He has finally both shown up the pretence of Napoleon, that the people of France really live under a constitutional form of government, as a sheer delasion; if it were not that, then the people themselves would not be so profoundly pleased with his speech, noither would the Emperor manifest so much dissatisfaction and anxioty. Thiers, who is an experienced statesman, demands for France of free press, free speech, free elections, and a return to the system of ministerial responsibility. The press is now at the mercy of a Chief of Bureau at the Min. | the Seine toward the Institute, you will probably meet a istry of the Interior. Free speech is not tolerated. since it is not permitted individuals or public bodies Look closely as he passes, and you shall see a strongto discuss the acts of Government. He supported his ly marked face, somewhat Jewish in cut, flecked with positions with arguments, too, which were irrefuta. red spots, not wanting in signs of resolution, but yet ble. How the Emperor will get over them, or over pre-occupied, and with an indescribable air of uncerthe excitement in and out of the Assembly which they tainty. The man seems to be disputing with some increate, it is not easy to understand. We think he has visible opponent, and shakes his hand, and even his hands about as full of business as they will hold.

#### Another Call for Men.

The President has just issued a call for 500.000 men to recruit the army up to the standard at which there will be some security for a final triumph and enduring peace, before the end of the current year. It is supposed that this call only means two hundred thousand men, over and above the three hundred thousand sum moned to the field in October-all together making a half-million of men. With this number of fresh men. in addition to the number previously in the field, the expectation is that a sufficient force will be in readiness to take hold of the spring campaign with a will, overwhelm the rebel power and authority, and make an end of the war forthwith. The heavy cost of war, increasing now with alarming tapidity, makes it necessary that one grand movement of this sort should be un. dertaken, with a view to the seasonable closing up of this weary business. Foreign relations, too, enter more or less largely into this logic, as elements urging and leave our wives and children to starvo under the name of freedom for our homes and freeides, is a rich us to reach the end as quickly as we can.

#### ... Lectures by Cora Wilburn.

We wish to call attention to the proposition of this talented and highly inspirational writer, to prepare discourses on the Spiritual Philosophy, Dress and Health Reform, Anti Slavery, and other kindred subjects bearing upon the vital interests of humanity. Our friends living in places remote from cities and large towns-which lecturers rarely, if ever, visitcan assemble together and bave some one of their number read these lectures, and thus sow the seed for a coming harvest. In this way much good can be done in spreading the light of the Spiritual Philosophy. This project should command the serious attention of all Spiritualists and Reformers living in such remote places, especially.

Of the ability of Miss Wilburn to write suitable disoften had opportunities to read many choice produc. unhappy condition of affairs in Rebeldom, from a gentions of her brain. The expense of one of her lectures tieman who left Richmond on the 15th of January. at Lasalle, Illinois.

#### Your Mother.

Yes, young reader, are you kind to your mother? Who was it that took care of you in the cradlewatched over you in the long and weary hours of sickess-maintained her equanimity under all your fretfulness-allayed the burning fever of your parched lips breast? What man or woman can afford, even from selfish considerations, to forget his or her mother, to put her away from him, to be careless whether she is at all times happy? We some of us think we can see fight and accepting the President's Amnesty Proclafaults in our mother; but have we never asked our selves if she has not seen faults in us, years ago, and ceives if she has not seen faults in us, years ago, and over and over again? And how did she behave toward them, painful as they must have been to her? Did she fifteen thousand rebels, and driven in. At the same not have patience, and use charity toward them ? Was | time the rebels also attacked the south side of Trent, she not long suffering? Then can we not at least and were severely repulsed. remember this much in her favor? Can we not remember, too, that a man lives to have but one mother?

#### Lena De L'Orme.

• Lena De L'Orme. The above is the title of a song written and com posed by A. B. Whiting, of Albion, Mich. It is not often that one meets with a prettier musical gem than description of the rebel garrison in Fort Morgan, in Mobile harbor took place Jan. 17th., and the rebel genbast were sent to quell it, when all the guns of the forth of the rebel garrison in Fort Morgan, in Mobile harbor took place Jan. 17th., and the rebel genbast were sent to quell it, when all the guns of

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#### Two Heretics.

The two men whom the theological and sectarian world are talking about to-day with most vehemence, are the Bishop Colenso and Renan. Both have written on the Bible and Bible characters. A sketcher, writing to one of our American journals from Paris, furnishes the following description of these two noted personages, from his own standpoint : " Almost seven feet high, slender, but well formed, remarkably erect and handsome, with clear out features and full of light, there walked the present Banquo of the English Church -Bishop Colenso," " If you chance to pass, on a fine morning, over any of the bridges which lead across thick-set man of moderate height and stoop shouldered. clenches his fist now and then. ) ou have seen the author of . The Life of Jesus.' " It is something to know how noted men look, whether you take much interest in them yourself or not. We seem to see these two men right before us now. But it is fearful to think there are thousands of poor bigots, ready to pray for their decease any day, just as they did for the removal of Theodore Parker.

#### Slavery Gone.

A Baltimore journal prints a letter from a Georgia planter to a friend in East Tennessee, in which he remarks :

"I am fully satisfied that slavery is done in this country, and am not much sorry for it, if we could only have peace and quiet the remainder of our lives. The Legislature of Georgia has passed a militia act requiring all men to be enrolled between the ages of six-teen and sixty, to be turned over to the Confederate Government on a call from the President. So, you see, after being robbed of everythieg we have made, idea. Capt. —, John —, and old —, will be the only men left in the —h district, and not one of them able to cut wood or make a fire. This looks like getting our rights in the territories."

This is the same story we hear from all sides-Border States and Cotton States-in relation to slavery. As a local institution it has "kicked the bucket." As an element of political weight, it long ago disappeared. We are glad to see these proofs of its decay and decease from those chiefly interested in sustain ; ing it, because it will tend to open the eyes of old Hunker politicians of all parties to the fact that slavery no longer has an existence to be talked about. and they can dismiss that dead subject and address themselves to the living questions of the time.

#### Current Events. .

We have heard in confirmation of many of the ruourses, none of our readers can doubt, for they have more which have reached us from Richmond, of the s quite small, compared to their worth. Write to her He has been in the employ of that Government, but having recently lost his wife, he desired to come North, and watching an opportunity, he succeeded in making his escape. He says the story about a coffin and halter being left on Jeff. Davis's door-steps is true. He gives a gloomy account of affairs in that place, and the scarcity of provisions and clothing. Of the forty thou sand inhabitants, but few find employment except those in the Government service. He gave it as his -and pillowed your aching head on her sympathizing opinion that the leaders of the rebellion would make a desperate show of resistance for a while, and during the time make preparations to leave the country, unless the soldiers got the start of them by refusing to mation. The feeling among the people and soldiery in that direction was getting to be quite general.

The rebel papers are complaining of a scarcity of al-most everything, and are especially bitter on the Da-wis Government for conscripting all the men between the ages of sixteen and sixty. They say there will be none left to till the soil, and consequently starvation

Lively and stirring music was next heard, apparently from the tambourine and the bells, marked with a degree of melody, volume, sweetness, crispness and exactness of time, that those of the company who were familiar with the use of such instruments said they had never heard equalled by mortal hands.

The violinist during all this time was in that corner of the room (as was evident by the music drawn from his violin and the sound of his voice) where he had been barricaded by the chairs of the company when the circle was formed. He had, when requested, played npon his violin such airs as the taste of the company had called for. Part of the time his performances had been accompanied by the music of the guitar, tambo. rine and bells, played by the invisibles. Now he was called upon for some of the national airs. He commenced " Hall Columbia." Instantly a noble accompaniment from the base and tenor drums, beat by the invisibles, joined in. Great power and exactness of stroke were apparent. yet the beat was not too loud nor bolsterous, but just right.

Occasionally a book or a bell would now be thrown as from above the medium, diagonally upon, and

anything new. It is shocking to utter words that have not the mould of age upon them." It is high time some such ground was taken by the leading of the very best books that can be used in Spiritualist preachers of the day. Orthodoxy never can stand the meetings. Buy it.

the power there is left into his hands.

#### The Pope Getting Frightened.

In the columns of a European paper we read that the Pope-save his soul !- has become so badly frightened by the presence of Mr. Home, the distinguished medium, at Rome, that he ordered him to depart from the limits of the Eternal City within seventy two hours, taking all his bage and baggage along with him. Mr. Home protested against this summary sort of treatment, but to no effect. He then laid his case before the British Minister resident, he being himself a British subject, and the minister protested for him; the result was, as might have been expected in a case of this character, that the American:born medium was permitted to remain unmolested, although, in order to compromise the affair and let the Pope down "easy." he was forced to sign a positive agreement that he would "practice no fascinations" while he remained. nor call up spirits, or demons, from the nether world. or down from the upper one. The Pope is scared. and the joke of it is he does not seem to know what he is scared about. We hope Mr. Home will insist obstinately on staying near to "His Holiness" until the latter gets completely cured of his childish superstitions.

#### Good Advice.

Warrick Martin, of Waukegan, Illinois, has written a very sensible letter to the Herald of Progress, from which we make the following extracts:

which we make the following extracts: •• I do not like to see Spiritualists trying to write and dog each other down. it is too much like the angry-God, Church policy, of the past, which we, in words, despise. We should abandon the practice of evil speaking, both in public and in private. It in-jures, but cannot benefit us, to dwell upon the imag-inary or real faults of others. If we cannot speak might, perhaps, see much cause for preise and none for blame. At least, let us be silent about others until we become perfect ourselves.

It is often the case that we are the most severe upon others for the very faults of which we ourselves are guilty. We fancy, at such times, there is something where that love works no lil to its neighbor '--'love thinks no evil '-- 'love covers a multitude of sins '--- 'love is not puffed up.' I have always found apirits careful not to injure the reputations of persons. If they can say no good of them, they say no harm. We should imitate them in this."

#### Miss Lizzie Doten's Lectures.

Her lecture on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31st, was, Quietism," during which she gave a history of the the Presbyterian handscuffs, Baptist, Methodist, Epis- sect called "Quietists," which originated from their copal, or other evangelical handcuffs. Hence it has religious belief in Sanctification and Justification. now come to pass, that the ministry themselves dare And in the evening she continued the same subject, not study the Bible. Large portions thereof are sel- but explaining more particularly the doctrine of Sanodom touched. It lies useless lumber; or, if they do tification and Justification. Both lectures were treatstudy and search, they cannot show people what they | ed in her usual acceptable style, and were appreciated

"THE PEALNE OF LIFE," by John S. Adams, is one

The soft, low strains are breathed forth with a sweet and melodious richness which perfectly thrills the soul of the listener - especially when the execution is done by artists. The words of the song are highly spiritual, and bid us listen to a voice from the skies.

- "'T is the voice of an angel love: It tells of a spirit hov'ring nigh,
- Revealing its joys from above. The love of the soul ends not with death, But liveth forever on high:
- Thus my Lena speaks in the zephyr's breath, In the night wind's sweetest sigh."
- We congratulate our friend and co laborer for the

uccess of this morceau of an echo from his harmoni ous soul. It will become very popular, and we doubt not all our musical friends will be anxious to procure a copy. All orders should be addressed to A. B. Whitng, Albion, Mich.

#### The Parker Fraternity Course.

The second lecture of the supplementary course before the Parker Fraternity, by Rev. Robert Collyer, on Tuesday evening, 2d inst., was listened to with profound attention by the appreciative audience present. As a specimen of the speaker's style, we subioin the following:

He wanted to stand where he could catch a glimpse of the great meanings of the events of the day, believ-ing that all is right because God exists, and that in all the future there shall be no slave here forever. It has been observed that the great continents have two slopes from their principal mountain ranges down to the sea; the one is four or five times greater than the the sea; the one is four or five times greater than the other, and that the long slopes are in a general way directed toward the Atlantic or its dependent seas, as if long ago God had determined to group the conti-nents together within the circle of the Atlantic. In the life of the world, Asia is seventy years old, Eu-rope fifty, and Africa we cannot exactly state, but probably just about being born again. We see that every new civilization thus far has sprang up to the question, What does this mean? And I think you gran find but one answer. It means that when this gfand domain lay still and wild far back in the first. The borse-care will leave for Boston at the close of the state of the spiritual meetings in Chelsea. iresh morning of creation, unnumbered centuries be-fore Monroo's greatest grandfather had opened bis eyes o the light. God had said. .. | will make a new world. separate from all the world, and I will keep it for a new man. I will make it for a great common home, all of which shall work out some part of my plans, and that new world I will give utterly to my new man —every mountain and lako, and river, and sea—and I will arrange it that all the treasure that my people can need from the mountains and grandeur of the earth to the singing birds in the woods, shall be to them for an inberitance forever. Every foot of land shall be given to bim, and every river shall be given to him from the head waters to the sea."

The next lecture, on the 16th inst., will be deliv ared by George Thompson, of England.

#### Circulating Library of Spiritual and Miscellaneous Books.

We would remind our readers in Philadelphia and its vicinity that they can procure all the Spiritual Books of note for perusal at Mrs. C. W. Hale's Circuating Library, 931 Race street, at a moderate fee. other spiritual publications.

this. It is arranged in the unusual key of five flats. [the fort were turned upon them and they were driven off, and the stars and stripes were floated over the fort; but during the night while the garrison were off their guard, a large force surprised and captured them, with the exception of four men who made their escape in the darkness in a small boat, and arrived within our lines at Ship Island. Seventy of the revolters were con-demned to be shot in Mobile. There is great disaffec-

tion among the rebel soldiers in and around Mobile. From the insinuations through rebel sources, it is surmleed that Gen. Banks has attacked and captured Mobile. He has been fitting out an expedition lately and marching troops in that direction, and therefore there may be truth in the rumors.

The Convention in Arkansas has adopted a Constiution which provides for the immediate abolition of slavery.

The Legislature of Maryland has passed a bill calling a Convention to provide for the abolition of slavery in that State.

Several engagements have recently taken place in Tennessee, in which the Federal troops were victori-ous. Gen. Longstreet's second attack on Knoxville was a decided repulse.

Considerable manœuvering is being carried on by the armies in Tennessee—each striving to checkmate the other. They will come to blows soon.

Hon. George Head Riddle, a Ropresentative to Con-gress in 1854, has been elected U. S. Senator from Delaware, in place of Senator Bayard.

The U. S. Gunboat Eutaw, made a trial trip on Satand by week, during which she run twenty miles an an hour on her outward trip, and on her return seven-teen and one-seventh miles per hour, wind and tide, being against her. This shows that the navy possess es some of the fastest atcamers, as well as some slow ones.

#### Social Levee in Chelsea.

The horse-cars will leave for Boston at the close of the Levee.

Tickets for sale by the Committee; also at the Banner of Light office, and at the door. Tickets, admit. ting a gentleman and lady, one dollar; single tickets for ladies or children, twenty-five cents.

#### Announcements.

Rev. Moses Hull speaks in Lyccum Hall in this city next Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes speaks in Charlestown next Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Doten speaks in Providence, R. I., the three remaining Sundays in February.

Charles A. Hayden is to speak in Foxboro' next Sunday.

B. J. Finney will lecture to the friends at Troy, N. Y., during the month of February.

Uriah Clark will hold his select spiritual assemblies. in Excter, N. H., Wednesday evening, Feb. 10th; Lynn, Friday evening, the 12th; Taunton, Wednesday This lady keeps for sale the BANNER OF LIGHT and evening, the 17th, and will lecture at the latter place on Sunday, the 14th.

# New Publications.

**BEDEEMEN** AND REDEEMED. By Rev. Charles Beech-er. Boston : i.eo & Shepard. For sale at the Ban ner of Light, Office. These discourses, which Mr. Oharles Beecher has collected into a handsome volume, form the real cause of

all the charges and all the trouble which his Church, or a portion of it, have brought against and had with him. He dedicates the volume to his sainted mother, him. He dedicates the volume to his sainted mother, as he bimself auys, "in the hope that abo will not, on Seconat of it, be sorry for having borne me." We also cerely hope she will experience no such feeling. The substance of the theory herein preached by Mr. Beech if is, that we have had what is tormed a predixistent life, that Adam fell böfore he lived on this planet, and that the race did not fall in Adam. Some persons think his entire theological theory no better than a romane. He holds, for instance, that the haman race are simply fallen angels, who, after having fallen in Heaven, were sent into this world for reformation— this life being given as a term of reform rather than or a prince in Heaven, who kept his place there until the roudikion, which he will continue to exercise until the dawn of the millenium. Christ he holds to be a nature mysteriously united with the Godbead so as to be at once Father and Son; and he is supposed to have existed before the Gration, and to have appeared in the grave. Mr. Beecher arows his belief in the "all the or consider to pure sense the first all of the ornet route of the oracident of the sense and y is a conso-the state or the oracide of the Orthodox School in the grave. Mr. Beecher arows his belief in the "all vation "' of the great majority of the race, and doe not accept the ornet for the Orthodox School in the grave. Mr. Beecher arows his belief in the "all vation "' of the great majority of the race, and doe not accept the ornet for the Orthodox School in the grave. Mr. Beecher arows his belief in the "all vation "' of the great majority of the race, and doe not accept the ornet for the Orthodox School in the grave. Mr. Beecher arows his belief in the "all vation "' of the great majority of the race, and doe not accept the ornet for the lower and belief of the the state the table where he was writing there came first deal of attention, not only among the Churches great deal of attention, not only among the Churches and theological students. He argues his posias he himself says, .. in the hope that she will not, on

tions with ability, earnestness and force, as ho takes them with boldness and sincerity. No man ought to be "afraid" to read his book, especially no man who is so very certain that Mr. Beecher is wrong and heret-ieal. The present volume is an interesting feature of the profound spiritual movements that are taking place at this time, and is very significant when taken in con-nection with such a quotation on the power and tyram-ny of oreeds which we have embodied in our leader of this week. We need not urge all persons to purchase and peruse a volume to which they will naturally be impelled by the spiritual activity of their own natures.

THE ROSE FAMILY. A Fairy Tale. By L. M. Al-cott., James Redpath, Publisher, 22I Washington street, Boston.

Here is an elegant little volume of near fifty pages,

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MARJORIE FLEMING. A Sketch. Being the paper en-tined "I'et Marjorie" A story of child life fifty yours ago. By John Brown, M. D. Boston: Tick-nor & Fields. 1 vol. 16 mo. Price, 20 cents.

The author of this little sketch has acquired an enviable reputation in England. The North British Review, and the London Times speak of him in the highest terms, pronouncing him a man of genius, a humorist, and a student of men, women and dogs. We commend this story to our readers, for we feel assured they will be fully remunerated for the time spent in its perusal.

Mr. Home, the Medlum, again at Rome -is arrested by order of the Pope-Interference of the British Consul, Etc.

BAN NER

The London Times correspondent, writing from Rome January 6th, says ;

Perhaps the most exciting incident of the week is that Mr. Home, of Spiritualism notoriety, had been ordered to leave Rome in three days; and that i may not err in my statement of a fact which has occasioued great sensation. I give you a report of the proceedings

conducted himself, during his residence in Rome, in a strictly legal and gentlemanly manner, and demanded that the obnoxious order should be rescinded. Mon-signor spoke of dangerous powers of fascination, of the prohibition by the Government of all the practices of the black art, and finally assented to Mr. Home's remaining, on condition of his entering into an en-gagement, through Mr. Severn, that he would desist by the favorite author, Miss L. M. Alcott, whose ex-ceedingly popular "Hospital Sketches" will long live in the memory of every reader. The story of the "Rose Family" is told in a most fasolnating style, and will greatly aid and instruct, as well as please, all young minds.

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

book.'

Our increased duties of late have occupied so much of our time that we have failed to promptly respond to many correspondents whose letters require the omission was caused by events beyond our control.

Read the fine story on our first and second pages by all means.

A very interesting Narrative of the Experiences in the inner life of ABTHUR BUCKMINSTER FULLER, late Chaplain of the 16th Regiment of Mass. Volunteers, will soon appear in our columns. Prepared by Dr. H. T. Chlid, of Philadelphia.

NF The accumulation of long articles in our drawer is so great that we shall be obliged to omit for a time our light literature, or a portion of it, in order to make room for these very interesting essays.

13- " Experiences in the Spirit-World, by Henry THE AMERICAN EXCHANCE AND REVIEW. A Miscella-ng of Useful Knowledge and General Literature. Especially devoted to Finance, Instrance, Manufac-teration. Whittemore," which we intended to print in the BAN-

#### A REBEL REVOLT IMMINENT.-The Cincinnati Commercial of Feb. 2d publishes an address (authentic) that has been circulated in Johnston's army by the

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dissatisfied soldiers. In it they say they have been deceived by the rebel leaders; that their time is nearly ont, and they won't be conscripted and leave their families to die of starvation; that conscription plainly shows to the world that they are fast playing out that every intelligent soldier among them knows they are whipped, eto ; and winds up by saying : .. What use is there for us to contend sgainst a dead currency and an empty commissary in the face of the best army ever marshaled for combat? Think of these things, fellow soldiers, and decide what shall be your course. We have made up our minds to go home as soon as our time is out ! "

#### TIME FOR PRAYER.

Morning, noon and even Lift your thoughts to heaven. Angels come at early morn, Giving vigor freshly horn: You will need it in the strife, Met in morn of day, or life.

Toiler, faint and weary,

God is ever near thee. Call again at lull of noon: He will hear thy accents soon. And bear thes up in wans of day, Lest thou shouldst falter on thy way.

Blesséd, holy even 1

Very near to heaven. Angels come in countless numbers,

Walking with thee through thy slambers.

If at morn, and noon, and night, Seek ye ever help and light .- A. C. Gray:

A horse is not known by his harness, but his qualities; so men are to be esteemed for virtue, not wealth.

Next to punctuality, one of the cardinal virtues is punctuation. Remember this, writers for the press.

SENSIBLE -Gen. Grant do n't make speeches.

While our old soldiers are recollisting by regiments, the robel soldiers are deserting by fitties and by hun. dreds to our lines. If these processes go on till Spring, we shall have no cause to complain.

A gentleman was lately boasting of the talents of a servant whom he employed while he was in Europe. when a friend asked, ... Why do n't you import him ?' "Oh," said he, " the duty here would be too great."

Union prisoners continue to sun from Richmond.

Why charge mankind on heav'n their own offence. And call their woes the crimes of Providence? Blind, who themselves their miseries create, And perish by their folly, not their fate .- Pope.

Why is a tender hearted person like a house keeper with but little furniture? Because he is easily moved.

The Empress of France is probably the most extravagant woman living. M. Fould, the Emperor's Minister of Finance, threatens to resign his office unless her enormous drafts upon the treasury are curtailed.

THOMAS PAINE'S BIRTH-DAY .- The 127th anniversary of this interesting event was celebrated on Friday evening, Jan. 20th, as advertised, at the Parker Fraternity rooms, 554 Washington street, and, as usual, was well attended and a very five party.

The New York recruiting offices have secured only call. Wake up, Gothamites.

The deposits in the several Savings Banks in Boston, on the 17th of October, were-Franklin, \$227,-572 95; Provident Institution. \$7,686,205 89; Suffolk. \$3,708,664 48; East Boston, \$227,008; Boath Boston, (new) \$8,046 63; Boston Five Cents, \$4,129,945 99. This do n't look as though we at the North were quite as destitute as certain English prints would have their readers suppose.

BAKED MILK .- Put the milk into a jar; tie white paper over it; let it remain in a moderately warm oven all night, and it will be of the consistency of thin gruel.

Mrs. Partington says she can't perceive why people now-a-days are continually getting up so many new

#### To Correspondents.

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J. F., BUFFALO, N. Y .- The paper is mailed regularly to the party to whom you refer. Why yours is not received is a mystery to us.

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THE AMERICAN ODD FELLOW for February is full of ohoice reading The subject of Odd Fellowship and Life Insurance is again discussed in this number.

THE HEBALD OF HEALTH continues its monthly visits and good advice to humanity. It is deserving of an extensive patronage. . . . .

\*\* The Union Banner'' is the title of a weekly literary paper just come to Light from Chicago. It is indeed a sprightly sheet, showing marked ability in all its departments. W. S. Spencer & Co. are the proprietors: Such a paper is needed at the West.

A weekly paper has just been started in this city, entitled "The Nation." It is devoted to temperance, popular reform, labor, home and country. It makes a fine appearance, is edited with ability, and will, we donbt not-if the publisher fulfills, all he, promisesbecome a permanent institution in newspaperdom. James M. Usher, 27 Cornhill, is the publisher. We wish it success.

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Social Levee in Charlestown. The Spiritualists of Charlestown will give another Social Leves in the City Hall, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th. As excellent speaking, singing and danc ing make up the evening's entertainment, a pleasant time may be expected.

IF If the poor need bread, they have only to call at this office and be put in a way to procure it-" without money and without price."

We love all mankind, and womankind, too. Did we possess the power, we would make them perfectly happy in the mundane sphere, every one. But as that is out of the question, we can only recommend that each strive to do all the good they can, and, our word for it, when they enter the other sphere of life they will enjoy themselves far bettrr than if they had pursued the opposite course on earth.

WORTHY OF IMITATION .- The people of Iowa have an Association to provide a home for the destitute orphans of soldiers fallen in the public defence.

A vain man's motto is, ... Win gold and wear it;" generous one's, " Win gold and share it;" a miser's, "Win gold and spare it;" a profligate's, "Win gold and spend it;" a broker's, " Win gold and lend it;" a gambler's, "Win gold and lose it;" a wise man's, Win gold and use it." Who's the best man?

A National Bank, capital \$200,000, is to be organized at once in Newburyport, Jacob Stone, late of the Ocean Bank, cashier.

A rebel emissary recently jectured at Leicester, England, and at the close of his address the listeners cave three rousing cheers for President, Lincoln, and passed, by an overwhelming majority, a resolution denying the speaker's statements. The English people, always sound at heart, are now beginning to understand the true position of affairs in this country.

There has been no rain in Hungary for nearly two years, and as a consequence the crops last year were very poor, and the stock is dying from want and disease. These Hung(a)ry people must not be allowed to starve.

"A FAMILY JAR."-Many of our correspondents have olipped from various papers and send us for elu. oldation copies of an article with this heading in ref. erence to Mrs. Hatch. We have no desire to pry into any such ... jars." If others have, they had better write to the parties interested.

The comet of 1810, a brilliant fellow, with a tail one and a half degrees in length, is thought to be coming our way.

The lumbermen and wood-haulers of Maine never had better sleighing or finer weather for their business than the present winter. They have good slaying all the year round at Brighton.

> Be true to every inmost thought, And, as thy thought, thy speech; What thou hast not by suffering bought, Presume thou not to teach.

The knitting mills at Seneca Falls, N. Y., now turn out ten thousand pairs of army hose a day.-Boston Post,

Yes; and if there had been mills in operation to nanufacture showle as fast as the above turn out hose, Gen. McOlellan would have been in active service at present time.

The papers say that a right whale recently got ashore off East Hampton, L. I. It was left there.

laid down the newspaper she was reading, and gravely replied: "Why, la | I see they have got to making trout preserves,' jest as though people did n't have enough things to make preserves on, without making 'em of fish."

A man by the name of Bird recently advertized in the London Times that he should in the inture use the name Byrd-thus summarily knocking his I out.

The following is one of HEBNE'S pathetic compositions, Bergetimme :

- A rider through a valley passed, And slowly picked his way. •• Ah, leads this to my love one's arms,
- Or to my grave to-day?" The Echo answered, "Yea, To your grave to-day."
- Then further rode that rider on,
- His breast with gloom oppressed, "Ah, must I then so very soon Fall—in the grave to rest ?" The Echo said, " 'T is best
- In the grave to rest."
- The rider then let fall a tear Down from his brimming eve-
- •• If peace be only in the grave, Then it is good to die." Deep was the Echo's sigh, " It is good to die."

Many men employ their first years in such a manne as to make their last miserable.

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Smith, to his friends, in Augusta, Maine, and his provider Henry. Thursday, Jan. 7.—Invocation ; "The foreknowledge of God as consistent with evil;" Questions and Answers; Hor-ace L. Roberts, a modium, to his friends, in Clarksville, Mo.; James McGuire, to his vifo, in Springfield, N. Y.; Mary Smith, who died at the Catholic Institution in Worcester atreet, Boston, to Sister Agnes, who had charge of the In-

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Monday, Jan. 18. — Invocation: "A Literal Resurrection:" Questions and Answors: Gustivus Moody, to his mother in the vicinity of Culpopper: Thomas Marris, to his mother Hannah Harris, New Haven, Ck; Cordelia Vornon, to hor brother, William O, Kenney, New Bodford Mass. Twesday, Jan. 19. — Invocation: Question and Answers; "Skonowall" Jackson, to his friends; Clars A. Bargent, of War-ner, New Hampshire, to her parents; John Daiy, to his wife, Ellen; Edward Middleton, to his mother and sisters, in Alekama.

wife, Elion; Howaru managers, Alabama. Thursday, Jan, 21.—Invocation; Questions and Answers Thursday, Jan, 21.—Invocation; Questions and Answers Gen. Michael Coronant, to his friends, in New York; Theo-dors Rogers, to Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, of R-leigh, N. O; Bligs Cooper, to her mother, in Jersey City, N. J.; George, (s slave), to his master, Mr. Shelgon.

#### Invocation.

Oh Life, thou art so vast, so grand, we cannot comprehend thee. We know that we live, and we believe that we ever shall live: but from whence we have come and whither we are going, we do not know. Oh Life, we may call thee Lord, God and Jehovah, and still thou art only Life- a mighty, mysterious, incomprehensible power, summed up in one small word. We may analyze the rainbow and the cloud, the tempest and the calm, for these are thy manifestations; but Life we cannot analyze; Life our senses cannot girdle We may return to earth with tidings from our Summer Land, but we cannot tell why we come; and when questioned of the power that propels us, we are speechless. Oh Life, if thy manifestations are so beautiful, what must the entire body be? Oh Life, we are here by thy power, and we feel assured that that power is able to sustain us, for, Life, thou hast given us, if not a knowledge of immortality, surely a belief. If we cannot comprehend the mighty past and future, we can realize the present. If we cannot tell where we dwelt thousands of years in the past. or where we shall dwell in the far-distant future, we know concerning our present abiding-place. We know that there is a mysterious power guiding us, and swift feet are leading us over mountain and through the valley. Oh Life, we will praise thee in the present, which is our eternity. Dec. 17.

#### Questions and Answers.

STIRIT .--- What theme will the friends offer for con-

Q. - Does not our knowledge of God entirely depend are the most perfect to be found. A very fortunate gather them into the mighty treasury of thy loving upon our own unfolding? created a religious intelligence. If we look down into letters home,

the lowest strata of human life, we shall still find Godworship corresponding to the individual, still find that courtesy to us of the Bouth. We hope to be able to the human bends the knee and lifts the voice in prayer | return it some day. to a Supreme Intelligence. And often when it would seem that the former uncivilized races of men who ket-now that I have no North, no South, no East, appeared but half developed as instincts that had no West to fight for-I hope you will consider me not mercly mental power enough, and hardly that, to sus as an enemy, but as a friend. I wish to say as little tain their physical lives, still we find the human then as possible with regard to your civil war. If I enhad a God and worshiped that God. Therefore we gaged in it, it was from a sense of duty. I believed I

upon our own unfoldment. Q .- Is not the study of theology a most useful one, when it does not interfere with practical duty?

A .- Yes, it is, because it will serve you beyond the onditions of mortality.

Q .- Is not the value of any solence known from its 1508?

A .--- Yes, certainly. Q .- What are the uses of theology in this world, if

it come to us simply in the next world? A .- So far as material life is concerned, theology is but of little value, except as a means by which you twenty-two and three I lost an uncle, who left me a shall lay up for yourselves treasures in the spirit-world.

that treasure you cannot make use of while you dwell in the flesh, but when you cast off the physical form, that treasure will be given you with interest in the spirit-world.

Q .- Then the study of Brahminical theology, Egyptian theology, or Heathen theology is as acceptable and good as Christian theology to God, is it not?

A .- Most certainly the Heathen and the Ohristian stand upon the same God-plane. Each form of worship is adapted to the condition of the races worshiping. What better can they do? is not the worship of the Hindoo mother, who casts her babe into the Ganges, as acceptable to her God as your worship? Is it not as acceptable a sacrifice to her God as that of the Christian mother? True, it is a barbarous and unnatural custom, but it is adapted to her peculiar condition. and if she lives up to her highest life, she need not fear that her sacrifice will prove unacceptable to God. Q -And who knows that that sacrifice is acceptable

lo God ? A .- No one, save the individual who makes it. If iuence.

Q.-Does not the same principle apply in the case of an individual who commits murder as with the Hindoo mother? Is it not as applicable in the one case as in the other?

A .- One pertains to crime, to an undeveloped condition of mortality, the other to the highest elements in which the soul lives. There is a great difference, very great. There never was a murder committed where the individual who committed it was at peace with self. That they were self-satisfied, many have so asserted; but there was over an interior antagonism, a light striving to shine through the darkness, but perchance the thick fog of material conditions would not permit it to show itself to the world. It is not the element of soul-life, or the power of religion, that causes men and women to commit orimes. It is the absence of that element in material life. Perhaps had they had more of the religious element in their being

they would have traveled in a different nath. Q. - What is the difference between the Hindoo mother that throws her child into the Ganges, and the Massachusetts mother that throws hers into Charles River, in order to save her good name?

A .-- One does so feeling that her God, the embodiment of her religious nature, demands this; the other because she fears the iron rule of society.

Q .- Does not the Hindoo mother fear the anger of God, in the same way that the Massachusetts mother fears the anger of the world ? In both cases is it not fear ?

A .--- Yes, it is, doubtless; but one is the fear of God, the other the fear of human society.

Q .- But if that God of the Hindoo mother is a mere imaginary idea?

S .- True, that God is an imaginary idea, in the same way as our Gud is an imaginary idea. Nevertheless, our God is quite as real and tangible to our souls as her God is to her. Dec. 17.

set, you Yankees are, and we unfortunate Southerners A .- No, we think not. Man scems to have been are obliged to come North when we wish to send our

Many thanks are due to you Northerners for your

Now that I have laid down the sword and the muscannot think that principle or power is dependent should do right by doing so, and I suppose you all feel about the same. I sha'n't condemn you, and I trust you 'll not condemn me.

I have a wife and two young children-one four, and the other six. I suppose they are at present in Richmond. Before the breaking out of this civil war, we were very comfortably situated; had a very fair supply of the necessaries of life. But at present my family is destitute, and I thought it might be well for me to return and do what I could toward aiding it.

In my younger days I fancied Shakspeare, and took to the stage for a livelihood. But when I was between certain amount of money, and with that I informed myself somewhat in another branch-I will not name at this time-that I found very remunerative, and which I abandoned for musket and sword. But we unfortunates at the South are, if not compelled, to throw our all into the scale; yet ready to do this because we feel that we ought to do so. We do it most of ns feeling sure of success upon the part of the Confederacy, and believing, that if we are successful, we shall be amply rewarded for every sacrifice made up. on our part. We play very deeply, and stake our all. If I mistake not, that is what you at the North do not do, if I am to judge from appearances. So you see if we happen to lose our bodies rather suddenly, those who are dependent upon us for support are apt to suffer; and I for one am very glad that there is an opportunity given us for returning to earth again, and doing what we can for those who are dear to us.

Now I don't like to ask favors of those I don't know, either friends or foes, unless I expect to be able to pay them in some way in the future. But I will ask this much of my brother-in-law, who is now resid they are satisfied, it is the answer returned in conse- ing in the weatern part of the State of New York. and who can, if he is disposed, relieve my family. I may not be able to reward him here for any kindness shown to my family, but when he comes where I am, will endeavor to do so.

> He is Union, I know, and I was the opposite; but that should make no difference in a case like this. He does not know of my death, and perhaps will be disposed to do all he can without my asking him, as my wife is his sister, his only sister.

> Perhaps it will be well for me to ask you to aid me n saying simply this much, from William Allen Crane to Thomas Pettigrew. Will you do that? [Yes; is there any particular town you wish me to direct a pa. per to?] No. it is not now in my mind. I might give you the wrong one should I attempt to do so. [Do you think a paper containing your letter will reach him?] Yes; I am told your method of circulation is what is necessary to reach our friends.

> A gentleman present said, ... May I ask whether the speaker was acquainted with Rev. James B. Tavlor. and Mr. Thomas Rust, of Richmond ?"] I had no acquaintance with them. I think I remember the names. but I had no acquaintance with the gentlemen. Dec. 17. Farewell, sir.

#### James Marsh.

Be kind enough to say that James Marsh, of Company B, 20th Massachusetts, reported here and asks for a privilege of reporting to friends personally. Dec. 17.

#### Susan Sylvester.

My-my-my mother asked me to come here, if I could. She-she wanted me to tell her where my father was; if he was dead, or if he was living. He's -he's-he's living; he is n't-he is n't dead, and he 'll run away--run away, and come home as soon as he can. He was-he was put out with my mother at the time he enlisted, so my mother do n't know wheth-

er he 's living or not. He 's not dead, but went with Sam Houston. General Banks's expedition to Texas. He feels very I am forced by the strength of human attraction to sorry indeed, that he went off as he did. I was with return to my friends. I said, when | lived here in the him last night, and he was thinking of my mother. body, that there was no truth in Spiritualism, and no He 'll run away the first chance he gets, and come home spirit ever did come back, or ever could. But I found to her. [Can you tell all the time what your father is myself floated along with the great current as soon, thinking of?] Yes, sir; when I'm there 1 can. almost, as I entered the spirit-world; and it seemed to Mother thinks he's dead, and she's got on a black me, whether I would or no, that I must return to earth bonnet for him. She's believing in folks coming again and declare that 1 was mistaken when here: for back. She reads the paper every week, and she said certainly no one could have been more mistaken than for me to come here and call my name, Susan Sylves. WAS. ter. [What did you die of ?] I don't know, sir; I. Although I lived seventy-odd years on earth, and was sick. I can't talk any more. [You can go if you did, probably, as much as any other human being in a wish to ] Dec. 17.

soul. We know thou wilt do this. We feel, oh Built's sion of my own body, and I-I hardly know as my of the Univere, that thou wilt not only receive our of. | brief experience will be of much use to those I 've left forings, but will reward us according as the offering on earth; but I could not rest knowing that I'd brought may be. So, our Father, we praise thee in this hour up my two sons in infidelity. I could n't be happy of fime, and in Eternity may these thy oblideen learn knowing, as I well did, that they thought I did n't exto tune their harps anew to praise thee. Jan. 4.

The Cause of the Trouble at Lyceum said. "I do n't see why I can't come as well as any. Hall.

SFIRIT .- What theme will the friends present for our consideration this afternoon?

ism but imperfectly ?"

The effects the audience were able to perceive, but the propelling cause they were not able to discern; consequently many speculations were afloat concern ing the poor controlled one at Lyceum fall yesterday afternoon and evening.

Now we have very little to say upon this subject this afternoon, but what we do say, we trust you will understand clearly and fully. You ask to know something concerning the cause of the effects that were apparent to the audience assembled at Lyceum Hall yesterday afternoon and evening.

Now the cause existed in part with the andiencemany of, whom were prejudiced against the speakerand in part with the speaker, or subject herself. Instead of throwing herself entirely upon the powers controlling, she relied too much upon her own individuality, and that was not able to sustain her. Jan. 4.

#### Questions and Answers.

Ours .- What is the best course to pursue in order to become positive to those evil conditions that exert such a powerful influence on our character in life? ANS -The very best course to pursue we believe to you seem to be surrounded. This is not only a duty est. you owe to yourselves, but to them and the powers that be. It is useless to contend with evil, but not useless

to overcome evil with good. Q.-If mind is developed with the material organi tion, and cannot act without it, how can we know

otherwise than that it is a product of matter ? A .- We believe that mind must ever manifest itself through matter; that it cannot manifest itself aside from matter. Now in speaking of matter in this connection, we do not refer entirely to that class of matter which is in its nature crude and unrefined, for Walter. If I've made a faithful record I was killed in there are as many kinds of matter as there are kinds of influences in the universe. You can only know of tell much about the lapse of time since then. [it's splift through matter. This answer is the only one January, '64, now.] Little later than I thought it was. we have to give to the question propounded.

vorld? A .- Most assuredly it does. Q .- Will the Intelligence please give us a few

thoughts upon the power of magnetism as a healing agent? A .- Magnetism is one of the forces by which all life

is sustained. When there is a superabundance of magnetism, then disease ensues. When there is a lack of it, the same effect is produced. But when magnetism equilibrium between the two, then health must ensue as a natural consequence.

Now magnetism is no more a healing element than is electricity, or the many thousand elements that lie beyond your comprehension. When any portion of the body is diseased, you seek to fill up the vacuum, or bring about, if pessible, harmony, or an equilibrium between the various organs so, that the physical machine may work harmoniously and well.

There are many ways of using magnetism as a healing agent, but one of the most common is by physical manipulations. There is a constant emanation of magnetic anu electric currents from the human body. Thus the power of mediums is at all times dependent upon the exhalations of their magnetic and electric life. The human will is capable of controlling these imponderables, and of making them very valuable servants. If this is so, by action of will you can transmit of your magnetism a sufficient amount-to others who may be deficient in quantity-to do much physical good.

S.-Are there other questions upon this subject or any other ?

It is only about four months since I was in posses. ist-that all that ever was of me was in our old family tomb. So when I heard about folks coming back, I

body else. I think 1 ought to come, for if 1 've madea mistake. I ought to try to rectify it." My name was Harrigan, Thomas Harrigan. I was

QUES. ---- Was this intelligence cognizant of condi-tions at Lycoum Hall on yesterday ?-- and if so, please are in no way disposed to look into this spiritual phifrom Halifax, Nova Scotia. I have two sons there who losophy. Now I want to call them out, if I can, and make them put to a better use than I did, what is now theirs-that's the money I left. They 're following right in my footsteps as fast as they can. It 's true I made a very good foot-path for them in some respects. but in others it's very bad, very bad, and they'd better get out of it as soon as they can and get into a better one.

> If they will give me the privilege of coming to them as I do here, I'll be very glad to avail myself of it, and think I can overthrow, very soon, all ideas. about the non existence of the soul after death that I instilled into their minds when on the earth. I oughtto overthrow it. It's my business to do it, and I'm sure God thinks so, else he would never permit this. great highway to be open for such as me.

> They say there are folks like this in-in our place. and if there are. I want my sons to go to some one of them-go and let me come-go and let me tell of many things that 'll make them know that I am who I say I. am here.

I do not understand your rules here, sir. I make them to suit myself. [That's right. Give such facts as you think your sons would be likely to recognize you by. Do as well as you can.] Well, I think I have. [Please give your sons' names?] Thomas be the educating of those evil influences by whom and Richard; Thomas is my oldest, Richard my young-Jan. 4.

[From a spirit who came to our circle on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 5th., we learn that the cause of Mr. H.'s demise was cancer in the stomach.]

#### Walter Adams.

Halloa i halloa i this is Boston is it? [Yes. Boston, that 's sure ] I'm a green hand and can't run the engine far.

I hailed from Port Hudson. I belonged to the 3d Massachusetts Cavalry, Company B. Name, Adams, a skirmish near Port Hudson, November 16th; can't

I heard something about this coming back, but did n't Q .- Does matter have an existence in the spirit- know anything about it. Please say to the folks I've got here, I 'm right side up with care on t'other side. [Where do your folks reside ?] Here, sir, within a gunshot. Jan. 4.

#### Harry Coburn.

I volunteered my services to help that boy along this way, as I'd heard a little more about it than he had, and as a consequence of helping him, I got so very near. myself, I was obliged to run a little way on the track, in and its sister element is in barmony, or there is an order to go off square. I'm very glad of the opportunity. 1 did n't expect it, though I hoped I should have the privilege of coming, sometime. [We're glad see you.]

I was called Harry Coburn, here. I took sick at the hospital at Port Hudson, and died of fever and bowel complaint; that is common there.

I was steward of the hospital. I should be glad to manifest to any of my friends that I could. I have not much power this way. I did n't know much but this coming back. All I learned was through your paper that was circulated through the hospital. Whenever I had a spare moment I 'd look into it. You see. when I came to find myself a spirit without a bodythese kind of bodies-I began to look into what I could n't find time to here. I'll try to come again. [Did you give your name?] Uobarn, Harry Coburn. Good by, sir. Oh! I died the 9th of November. [Do your parents reside in Boston ?] Aye, sir. Jan. 4.

#### Lizzie Emmons.

Some of you can doubtless understand why I return. when I tell you I have a mother on the earth, and that no other friend, methicks the spirit-work would hardly present beauty enough to prevent my spirit from returning to its own home. Like the hundreds who return, manifesting through your foreign medium bodies. I am a stranger to the laws governing this wondrous theory. I only know that love predominates, and our intense attraction to those we love makes us become speedily acquainted with enough of the powers-enough of the law to avail ourselves of these human bodies for a brief time. I visit you to-day with my sister, and we are so intimately related that I can scarce give you my thoughts without echoing hers. She has little ones to mourn her loss. She has stronger ties than I have, but her excessive physical weakness prevented her from taking advantage of the conditions that are offered to-day. But I would not have our mother think that I alone come forward from the great eternal stage, asking that she recognize me as her child, and not my sister. No. ceive that they differ in quality for one is adapted to I'm not alone, for my sister is here with her love. To our mother she comes with her prayers, that she may unfoldment of physical human nature. The rock, the watch over her children she has left behind on the earth-comes for a blessing for the companion who is electric elements, and this difference in quality exists now mourning her loss. And together we ask our ofttimes where you would suppose there would be not friends, one and all, to receive us, to welcome us, to You cannot tell whether or not we be dead or living. ity of the human is superior to all other classes. It is until you test us by the means God has placed in your ar more subtle, far more powerful, because it is brought power. So test us, try us, give us the power to fold you once more to the bosom of our infinite love, and. we will not abuse the privilege that you give us. Oh, meet us where we can speak, and speak not as we must publicly, but as we would privately, with: that great power of love within our hearts, urging us on; and washing over us like great billows. They never: will swallow us up, but we hope we shall be able to ride triumphantly over them: I know i must identify myself by earthly names-byearthly conditions-earthly dreams; for such they seem? to me. The passages in the book of my earth life. those of them that are divested of love, scem but idle dreams. But I must take some of them up again, that I may be recognized by them. From early childhood I was an actress. Compelled. partly by a love I had for the stage, and partly by other circumstances. I took my stand as a theatrical artist early in life. I made some progress, although the critical world would say, perhaps, that as an actress, I made but little; but if I ever succeeded in lifting one A .- So far as it is related to the future it is an organ- single sorrow from human hearts, I did something, an organized substance. But we do not believe there The profession is not held in so high esteem as it should be. Did you but realize the propelling forces that are active agents, forcing many to take steps they would not otherwise have taken; and again, did you but make use of the lessons that are offered you upon the stage-that are there prescuted, you would, ture existence. I went down to the grave, after living doubtless hold the actor and actress in higher esteem than you do. You would feel that you are one and all of a belief in the hereafter. But I speedily found I was enanting a part in the great drama of life, as they are, and If they have taken a different stand from what you could hardly be convinced that I was not in a dream. did, you should not censure them-you should rather ask yourselves if they are not as near right as your-I was opposed to the clergy, and felt that instead of selves, and then cast your mantle of charity over

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#### sideration ?

QUES -Is there any intelligence greater than that contained in the disembodied world ?

ANS .- Supposing you refer to the mighty spiritworld of all conditions, we will answer, we know of. no greater.

Q .-- At our last sitting I gathered from the speaker that the science of theology was the one he was best acquainted with. Now in view of the experience the controlling spirit has had in this world, and in the spirit-world as well, we wish to know whether there is any science which in its results is as useless as the science of theology?

When measured by a material standard, the science of theology is indeed useless. When measured by a spiritual standard, it is of great value.

Q .- Is not the study of it on earth useless in Its resuits to the soul of man?

A.-No; for the soul lives as much on the earth as it will live in the spirit-world. The soul requires as much food, according to its condition, as the body. You can starve the soul, as you can the physical body. Q .-- Is absolute and certain knowledge that is obtained on the earth useless ?

A .- The science of theology, as it is understood in earth-life, will give you only an approximation to knowledge. It can only furnish the soul with sufficient food, while dwelling in the physical form, to prevent it from retiring into its own inner temple, and, for the time being, abandoning all thoughts of Nature and heaven. Now the more you think concerning the spirit-world to which you are hastening, or absolute spiritual condition now, the better prepared you will be to understand it when you enter upon it hereafter. The soul receives its food by mental action; and the religious element and material element in which soul floats, is the grand highway between human and divine.

Qa.-I understand that the religious sentiment is the element in which the soul floats; but if that sentiment' is not confined wholly and exclusively to our conceptions of God, then the question is, whether in final results it would not be better for the soul of man if it made theology no science at all, and devoted no study at all to it?

A .- We must ever admit that we are ignorant concerning the reality of a Supreme Intelligence, because we cannot comprehend that intelligence as an entity. Theology may give us and will give us a faint glimpse of that atmosphere in which our soul's ideals exist; but aside from its image in our own being, we each and all have separate and distinct ideas with regard to Delty. Therefore in this sense there is a different God contained in every living human being, each one thinking for themselves, their own God being the only one they have any knowledge of, the only one they can worship or understand; and in our opinion it is the only one they ever will know and worship.

Qn .- As every person has its own particular Delty. there must then be just as many Deities as persons. Must there not be just as many systems of God-worship as there are Deities ?--cise where the certainty? A. - Each one has a certainty peculiar to themselver, Yes, we believe there are as many Delties as human couls. | Each one form, or great religious element, fashions its own Deity.

certain direction in that given amount of time, yet I now feel as if I had lived only a moment, that I've been but an atom floating on the sunbeam of an hour; and the past seems more like a fitful dream than a living reality. But the present, with all its vagueness and its ghostly apparel, is the only reality that my soul was ever baptized in. It is not utterly impossible for the enfranchised spirit to return and bear positive intelligence from the land of the hereafter, through the feeble lips of woman. Yet it cannot be come such to the receiver, for positive knowledge is the child of experience. I tell my friends of a hereafter, and that I can return to earth and commune with them under lawful conditions; but they cannot know

I propose to relate briefly my experiences here today, and, through weak female humanity, endeavor to identify mysell. But I cannot give the real, I can only and have our being in thee. Uh our Father, while sketch outlines.

until they have experienced it.

I hope I shall be able to undo all the wrong I committed when on the earth. I did not stand upon a platform with Truth and Wisdom for its foundation. and I worked therefrom as one in a dream. And now 1 see many instances in reviewing my earth-life where humanity might have been benefited. And I see, too, that I failed in my duty to God. But where is Godthe God we have sought for so long? I have n't found him. I've turned to numerous friends in the spiritworld to know where I could find God, and the anoutside our own being, we find ourselves continually sking, where, oh where?

Oh, i would to God I could enforce the truth, the nighty truth, of this God-doctrine upon all that underlies our present administration in all its beauty and randeur. Oh. I would to God I could do this! But as far as it is possible for them to do, all that is inam powerless to do so, for I am only one drop in the great occan of apiritual fife. Well, never mind if I am only one drop. I will thank the Infinito Powers Present. Uh our Father, may they be determined from that be for this.

Tell my friends I have returned. Some say I am not dead. Very well, they toll the truth. But so far as humanity is concerned, as the physical body is concerned, I am dead. Sam Houston, of Texas. Dec.'17.

#### William Allen Crane.

erners, but your postal and telegraphic arrangements thanks, feeble utterances though they may be. and

#### Invocation.

Oh God, our Father, as the new-born year entered eternity with its offerings to lay them upon thine Infinite shrine, and with its myriad mouths is uttering praises unto thee, Infinite Father, so would our souls come to thee this hour with their offerings. Bo do we join the New Year in singing glad songs of rejoioing unto thee. We would rise from earth on the wings of mortality and come into nearer communion with thee, Infinite Spirit of all Swirit. 'Oh God, may thy presence and power baptize us with consciousness anew. May we feel and know that thon art with us, though we walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death. Oh Spirit, whose name we may atter, but whose infinitude we can never understand, yet we will call thee our Father and Mother, because we live, move, Time lies stretching before us, and Eternity compasses Time, may we feel conscious that thy love, like sacred melody, is filling every avenue of our being with joy. Oh, may we drink deep from the fountain of thine infinite Love, that we may be enabled to so baptize thy mortal children with that love, that when they, like us, shall come to walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, they, too, shall know no fear; they, too, shall meet Death as the messenger of Eternal Life. Oh, may we give them that holy assurance of Immortality that shall forever dwell with them, swer is, He's within. The Kingdom of Heaven is and may they in kindly acts as well as words, worship within us, and when we attempt to look for heaven thee, our Father. May form cease to be a part of their worship. May they lose sight of forms, and worship thee in Spirit and in Truth. Oh God. Father

and Mother, Brother, Sister and Friend, may we resolve within the Holy of Holies of our being to so instruct thine earthly children, that they will banish, harmonious and impure from their midst, that they Present. Oh our Father, may they be determined from this moment to worship thee in the beauty and spirit

of holiness. As Spiritualists may they be Spiritualists, not alone in word, but in deed. May they show to the world that they believe they are surrounded by an innumerable company of angels watching over them at all times. Oh our Father, may this year, as it passes out of time, find them higher in the scale of wisdom. May they stand nearer unto thee:

Humph! So ... Richard is himself again," divest. and when another year sings its songs of new-born ed, however, of his crown of human flesh. You seem joy in their ears, may they feel that they have done to be very fortunate, you folks here at the North, with their duty, that their God is pleased with them, and regard to your means for sending letters. You have may the white dove of Approbation rest in their not only a great variety of public schools, you north. bosoms because of their well doing. Oh, receive our

Q-Which do you consider the positive element, the magnetic or the electric?

A .- We believe, contrary to the opinions of a large class of persons, that they are both positive and both negative. Each are positive to their own peculiar condition or law; or, in other words, magnetism and electricity are both positive to their own negative, for each element holds the positive and negative within their own calibre. Magnetism, we believe to be equally pos itive and negative with electricity. Both are depend ent upon each other.

Q .- What relation does the magnetism of the hu man body bear to the magnetism of steel?

A .- These elements are of the same family, but dif fer in kind and quality, as respects the purpose they are intended to serve. Again, animal magnetism and that which pervades your atmosphere, are the same in essence, yet by strict spiritual analysis you will per the unfoldment of physical human life, the other to the tree, the beast and the human all have their separate even a difference of form, to say nothing of spirit. | try us, and see whether we live or not. We believe, however, that the magnetism and electricin direct contact with human intelligence.

Q.-If the mineral, the vegetable and the animal lose their identity in man, is it not reasonable to suppose that man will, eventually, on the same principle, lose his identity in God according to the law of progress sion?

A.-In one sense you have all lost your identity in God, and in another you are strictly individualized and ever must be. The law of progress teaches us that every atom in the universe is continually stepping up and becoming more and more refined. And al though thousands of ages may be required to produce any visible change, yet that change is slowly and steadily going on. And the human, we believe, is a compound of all that ever has been, is, and ever will be, for the spirit, the internal, the individual-the real individual-we believe, holds within its calibre the entire future.

Q .--- Is the spiritual principle of man an organized substance?

ized substance; but sever that relation, and it is not surely. can be any separation made, therefore we must believe that it is an organized substance. Jan. 4.

### Thomas Harrigan.

Before I experienced death I had no belief in a fueigthy one years on earth, without even the shadow mistaken, though at first I thought I was dreaming and like condition.

their being servants of God they were servants of pop- them. If they have faults, deal kindly with them. If ularity and man.made opinion. I haven't changed they have virtues, appreciate them. my opinion about that.

They called me Lizzie Emmons here. My last hours

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were confused by the terrible fever that was raging in my system, and I feel that power upon me strangely to day. They tell me in time it will pass off, that I shall outlive it. Oh, ask my mother-our mother-to meet us. She will not regret it. 'Farewell. Jan. 4.

#### Henry P. Davis. Written:

MY DEAR WIFE, SONS AND FRIENDS-What shall I bring you as a New Year's offering from my home in the spirit-world? Shall I bring you the assurance of my immortality? Yes, this I will try at least to bring.

You will recollect I had no fixed belief in a future state, although I tried to believe in what is called Spiritualism. That I live is no longer a matter of uncertainty to me; that I can return and communo under favorable circumstances, is an established fact.

Now I would say, seek with all your might to make yourselves acquainted with this great problem, and you will not regret it.

Dear little Julia is a great light to me-let her be such to you. You would like to know if I suffered much in dying? No, I did not, for I was not fully conscious, as paralysis of the brain took place shortly after my attack.

Don't be fearful, my wife, about Henry. If he is to serve his country I will watch over him. I will try to send you more soon. HENRY P. DAVIS. of Gloucester, Mass.

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Just what their little ones should do."

It haply chanced that farmer Dean About his chicken coop had seen One day, this cruel hawk, and fain Would catch him at his tricks again. And now with gun in hand, and aim Steady and firm, he quickly came overay and nrm, ne quickly came Just by the orchard's moss grown wall. The hawk, whose watchful gaze caught all Of good or ill, haw danger nigh. And thought he'd better quickly fly Within the pipe tree, dark and tall; And thus he let the birdle fall. Supposing that another day He 'd find the naughty bird at play. When her wise mother was not nigh. Or farmer Dean's sharp, watchful eye.

Now birdle chanced to lodge all safe Upon a soft, green maple leaf, And only bruised one tender leg. That sadly ached, and made her beg For help. "I is true that mother's ears Are quick to know of harm and fears, For mothers have such love, and try To bless and comput constants. To bless and comfort constantly. Her mother knew the plaintive moan Came from her own dear, darling one; She dropped the dinner that she brought With such kind love and tendor thought, And with her brooding wings she came, Yet felt some grief and pitying shame To think her child should do so ill, And not her word and wish fulfill.

Bhe nursed her little one with care, And taught her now to fly mid air, And as the sun sank in the west, Bhe had her darling in her nest. But birdie had to suffer long For this misdeed and willful wrong. And could not go abroad to play Por many a bright and sunny day; And always after, to her shame, She had to limp and walk quite lame. But you may well suppose that this Was leason to her willfulness. She often used to say in song. Bo loud the girls who passed along With gay and merry step could hear-" if you knew all. I do, my dear, You 'd always heed your mother's will, And thus escape much barm and ill.

## PATIENCE AND HOPE; OR.

## THE MAIDENS BY THE SEA.

### CHAPTER III.

Hope began to study the French language of a peasant girl she found in the street one day, and she was soon able to speak it, and then she went to France, paying her way by singing on the boat. When she reached Paris, she said to herself, "I will try to go right now, and I will ask the bright star to lead me." Bo she went forth and found a home-a sunny, bright room, with a little white cot in it, and a little pot of flowers in the window Here she rested until she could think what to do, for she had grown wiser by her sorrows and trials, and she stopped to ask herself why she was here alone, without home and friends. She found out that she had been only as a happy child that wanted to wander forth into an unknown garden. Instead of finding the garden she had found only a wild forest; but yet she had in her spirit the memory of a beautiful dream-a hope to bless mankind by her own gladness. She determined, however, to be more trustful of this strange world, and to believe that it

"And at last thou hast come," he said. "I have | tures there, and oh | so much love and truth and purprayed for thee. I heard thy sweet songs once, in ity !"

know thou hadst touched my heart. And again 1 there." "And you can have him here," said Faith. heard thee: for something led me to take the money "Oh, tell me how, for I see you know far more than my child needed for bread, to listen once more to a I." " love will bring him, but it must not be selfish. voice of tenderness." The eye of Hope gleamed with a heavenly pity and all children. The blessing that you give to others is in with a sublime trust. She spoke a few words from your own heart, and makes it so full of unselfish love her heart, and the dying man said:

the coast of America many years ago, and lost all 1 dwell with him, and thus he is the angel of your house had, and what 1 prized most-a lock of my mother's and you the mother of his heart." hair. Nothing has gone well with me since then. I have had sorrow enough; and now I am dying, to

leave this girl to strangers, in a world that has given me little good since the day that I entered it." " Oh," said Hope, with a glad smile, " do not say

that. It has given to you a mother's holy love, and them unto me." this sweet child; and now she is to be mine, is she not? I will care for her and love her." \*\* Then shall I die in peace."

Hope called the beautiful child to her. She had not fair hair like hers, but brown locks, and her eyes were to the child, thinking of her own beloved one in dark, and gleamed with an inward light. There was a Heaven. She asked him of his home and his friends. fresh bloom on her cheeks, and her lips were as red as and when he had told her his sad tale, she said: "You strawberries in June.

"I will call her Faith," said Hope, "for I have gone to the Angels, and, though I can love no one so waited to find her and bless her, and have kept my own | well as him, yet I can, by loving you, bless him." faith bright amid all trials "

The dying man put his hand tenderly on the head of his child, and said: .. Thou art called Faith from this time. Do not forget my love for thee, and know that I go not far away, but only to the beautiful beyond, where, with thy beloved mother, I will wait for thee, and, while waiting,

will guard thee in the paths of beauty and truth." Hope led the little girl away, telling her that her father would sleep sweeter if they left him; and she bought hright flowers to please the child, and sang beautiful songs to her, and tried everything to make her look beyond the sad thought of death to the home of life.

And now Hope led a new life. The sweet child was to be cared for and nurtured with love and tenderness. For this she could work with delight. She was never weary of the labor. She made her garments and ornamented them with care and taste. She prepared her food, and hought her every beautiful thing that could bless her. "And now," said she, "I must return to Patience, for she is waiting for Faith, and I must carry her unto her." So they went across the blue waters again, and found the old home by the sea.

Patience had changed but little. She had the same serene look of love and the same calm manner, and her voice was calm and sweet. When Hope put the beautiful child into her arms, she said to her : ... She is yours and mine, Patience, and God gave her to us that we might make her be to the world what we could not be. 'You, with your calm waiting, I, with my gay heart, could never show to the world what beautiful bopes lie before it. But Faith can do that, and we shall have our reward."

So these two maidens by the sea began to give to the fair child all that they knew was best and truest. Hope danced with her on the beach. Patience rocked her to sleep when she was weary. Hope sang gay songs to her, and Patience told her gentle tales of love, and after a time she became old enough to think for herself: but she was not like Hope or Patience. She had in her heart a life that they had not, for she seemed ever walking in a better and truer land. By night she saw not only the stars that shone in at the cottage window, but she saw beautiful visions and had wonderous dreams. The spirit-life opened to her with all in wonders. Her eye beheld the fair fields of that beautiful home. She caught the radiance of its light, and gath. ered its flowers, and drank its waters. As she sat gaz ing at the sea, her spirit seemed to float away on the beautiful silvery billows of the spirit-land, and she landed on the shore of that blessed country to wander hours with her father and mother and the wise and good in the beautiful gardens and within the celestial habitations.

trustfal of this strange world, and to believe that it needed her still; so she sat down in the sunshine, to both knew that you alone could not make the world ity have great reason to rejoice that we have an excellook beyond itself; and so you did not wholly bless it. lent medium residing near, in the person of Mrs Now i am going. I shall not wait at home, or sing or dance, but I shall tell of a life that is true and beautiful and show its home to a life that is true and beautiful and show its beauty to others."

thine own land, and I gave thee a reschud to let thee ... But my boy! my dear boy! I want him here, not love; not merely the love for your own child, but love for that your child feels it like a tender chord about his " My name is Joseph Immanuel. 1 was wrecked on heart, and comes to dwell with you and calls you to

> Thus Faith said her words of trust and went away. But the words died not out of the memory of the sad mother. All night she seemed to be repeating : " If I love others I shall make my heart so warm that I shall bind cords of love about the hearts of angels and draw

The next morning she went out as if led by some gentle influence, and she went to the Park where the lonely boy sat waiting for Faith. The lady, with her heart still tender with Heaven's own life, spoke gently shall come and live with me. My own darling boy has

She said to Faith, who had come near: "I know that what you said is true, for I feel it, and the love in my heart has stayed my tears, and now I shall find the beautiful land where my dear boy is, because I shall love so much, and thus draw back the clouds of sorrow and let in the sunshine of faith."

She took the lonely boy with her and gave him a home and loving care, and he became a wise and useful man; and she, by her goodness, lived a life so near to Heaven that, when she died, it seemed as if she only fell asleep to enter a more beautiful home, where her darling boy was waiting for her. [TO BE CONTINUED.]

Answer to Enigma in our last by Carrie A. Charles A. Hayden.

#### Correspondence in Brief.

THE CHELSEA MEETINGS .- .. Dead as Chelsea " does not apply to our city at present, as far as Splitualism is concerned. Meetings have been held every Sunday is concorned. Meetings have been held overy Sunday afternoon and evening since the middle of November, the speakers having been Dr. A. P. Pierce, Mrs. Byrnes, Uriah Clark, and Mrs. S. L. Chappell. Bro-Clark generously gave his services to break the ground on the first Sunday, and has occupied the platform two Sundays since, and kindly assisted in rendering the meetings prosperous and harmonious. They are held in "Fremont Hall," under the management of a committee, with Dr. Crandon as Corresponding Sec-retary, and bid fair to become a permanent thing. Mrs. Chappell lectured the last three Sundays in January, and was greeted with large and attentive

January, and was greeted with large and attentive audiences. She discoursed upon the importance of be-ing faithful to principle, of being true to self, and of becoming an individualized being. May all her labors in the spiritual field meet with success. G. W. B.

FROM THE WEST -I write you from a small village

of some two hundred voters, mostly warm-heatted, Union-loving men. I gave the first spiritua lecture ever given in this place, on Friday, Jan. 8th. The house was as full as it could accommodate. I spoke in the trance state, and the manner, as well as the sub ject, "Reconstruction of the Union," completely as-tounded those who had never even heard of the great laws of the Harmonial Philosophy. It is encouraging to know that we can draw a fall audience among the snow clad bluffs of Wisconsin. I find some opposi-tian; but on investigation, find it comes mostly from those who have never heard of Spiritualism other than from evil tongues. This is a new place, of only seven years' growth, situated thirty miles east of the Mis-sissippi river. I trust the great law of progression will suit the growing minds of the inhabitants more readily than the old bygone creeds and rivials of for in the trance state, and the manner, as well as the sub readily than the old bygone creeds and rivivals of for-mer days. C. A. F.

mer days. Boscobel, Wis., Jan. 25, 1864.

ANOTHER VOICE FROM ILLINOIS .-- I highly esteem the spiritual Message Department of the BANNER. I am glad that our friends who have passed to the spirit-land have free communion with us mortals on earth, Hard news free communition with ds mortals on earth, ters looked upon her with wonder and almost trembling. One day she said to them : "You have told me how you longed to bless the world by doing good. Patience

#### her. Capt. Paton had the vessel seized on a claim for £2000. The pirate Alabama was reported at Singapore on the 22d of December.

# Three Days' Spiritualist Convention

A Three Days' Spiritualist Convention will be held in Mercantile Hali, (Mercantile Library Association Bailding,) No. 21 Bummer street, Boston, Mass, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 24th, 25th and 26th, 1864. The object of the Convention will be to afford opportunity for the free interchange of senti-ments, experiences and standpoints; the expression of freshest inspirations from the celestial world and from overy plane of advance thought; to consider the de-tor the convext of the convext. fresheat inspirations from the celestial world and from overy plane of advance thought; to consider the de-mands of the present crisis as regards the civil, reli-gious, moral, social, and every other department of life, and the claims and aims of Spiritualism as the harmonic gospel of the age. Among the speakers positively engaged to attend and participate are J. S. Loveland, Mrs. A. M. Sponce, Rev. Moses Hull, Miss Lizzlo Doten. U. Clark, Charles A. Haydon, Mrs. Eliza G. (Jark, Mrs. S. L. Chaneell,

A. Hayden, Mrs. Eliza C. Clark, Mrs. S. L. Chappell, H. B. Storer, Hon. F. Robinson, Dr. A. B. Child, Dr. H. F. Gardner, J. Edson, John Wetherbee, Jr., Dr. D. H. Hamilton, H. C. Wright, and others. All public speakers, whether constant or occasional ones, who can meet on the broad, harmonic platform of Spiritualism, are invited.

The meeting will open at 10 1-2 A. M., on Wednes-day the 24th, when it is desirable that all who are interested in the order of the Convention should be pres-ont, and decide as to the arrangements Three sessions will be held each day-91-2 A. M., 2 and 7 P. M. JACOB EDBON, Boston, S. PLUMB, Charlestown, A. B. CHLD, M. D., '' J. S. DIMOND, ROXbury, DR. W. L. JOHNSON, '' C. C. COOLIDGE, Medford, H. F. GAEDNER, M. D., '' J. S. DODGE, Chelsea, BELA MABSH, '' L. S. RICHAEDS, Quincy.

Four Days' Meeting at Bangor, Me. The Spiritualists of Bangor and vicinity, will hold a convention at the Ploneer Chapel, commencing on Thursday, the 18th of February next, at 10 o'clock A. M., to be continued through Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Able Speakors are expected to be present, to whom, and all others interested, a cordial invitation is extended. PER ORDER. s extended. Bangor, Jan. 28, 1864.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS. BOSTON.-Meetings are hold at Lycoum Hall. Tremont street, (opposite hoad of School street,) overy Runday, at 3 1-3 and 7 1-4 r. M. Admission ten cents. Lecturors on-gaged:--Motes Hull, Rob. 14 and 21; Many Davis Smith, Nob. 35; Mrs. A. M Spence, March 6 and 16; Mrs. M. S. Townsend, March 20 ano 27.

FRIENDS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHARITY Will meet every Monday evening, at Fraternity Hall, Bromfield, corner of Province street, Boston. Spiritualists are invited. Admistion free.

UNARLESTOWN.-The Spiritualists of Charlesiown will hold meetings at (ity Hall, every Sunday afternoon and evening, during the season. Every arrangoment has been made to have these meetings interesting and instructive. The public are invited. Speakers engaged:-Sarah A. Byrnot. Web. 14; Charles A. Hayden, Feb. 21 and 28; Mosses Hull, March 6 and 13. GRARLESTOWN,-The Spiritualists of Charlestown will hold

OHELSEA .- The Spiritualists of Cholses have hired Fre-Oskram.—The Spiritualists of Oholees have hired Fre-mont Hall, to hold regular meetings Sunday af ernoon and orealing of each wreak. All communications concerning them should be addreased to Dr. B. H. Grandon, Ohelees, Mass, The following speakers have been engaged :—Mrs. A. P. Drown, Feb. 14; Miss Rusie M. Johneon, Fob. 21 and 28; Miss Lizzle Doten, March & and 18; Mrs, Barah A. Byrnes, March 20; Dr. A. P. Pierce, March 27; Mrs. E. A. Billes, April 17 and 24; Oharlus A. Haydon, May 1 and 8; Mrs. E. A Billes, May 16.

A Bliss, May 15. LowsL. --Spiritualists hold meetings in Loo Street Church. "The Children's Progressive Lyceum." meets at 10 1-3 A. M. The following locturers are ongaged to speak afternoon and ovening: --Austin E. Simmons, first two Sundays in Feb.; Mrs. O. P. Works. last two Sundays in Feb.; Mrs Barah A. Horton auring March; Charlos A Hayden during April; B. J. Finney during May; Miss Martha L. Beckwith during June.

WORDESTER.—Free meetings are held at Horticultural Hall every Sabbath, afternoon and evening. Lecturess ongsgod:—Mrs. Barah A. Horton, Fob. 14; Mrs. Mary M. Wood, Fob. 31 and 28; Ohartos A. Haydon, March 6 and 13.

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resolve what to do. The glad sunbeams seemed to her to know exactly what they were meant to perform : they shone and shone, and the roses bloomed because of their shining, and the dampness arose from the streets, and health and beauty came because of the sunshine.

"My heart is as true as the sunshine in its wish." she said, " but my head is not as wise."

Just then there came a knock at her door. It was her landlady, and she had a smiling face, and handed her a paper.

.. Mademoiselle said she wished for a place to sing. Here is a notice of a beautiful hall, and fine singers. Perhaps Mademoiselle will go and see."

Hope took the paper, and read the announcement of a concert.

" " Yes, I will go, if Madame will go with me." So they agreed, and went. When the music was ended, Hope said: ::

" I can exceed that, if they will let me try." So she took Madame by the hand, and they went to find the Director. Hope said simply:

.... I can sing better than they all. Will you let me try ?!!

He let her sing one verse, and said:

..... So you can, my dear child. Come, go on before the cortain and sing that very song, and you shall have a chance to-morrow."

Hope went before the brilliant crowd in her simple dress of black, with her beautiful golden halr falling in gleaming tresses on her shoulders. She had not grown much, and looked very young as she stood there -indeed, as if but a mere child. When she had finished her song, there fell at her feet a shower of flowers. She stooped, and gathering one white resebud, held it to her breast. She went back in memory to the day when such an offering had been given to her before. What a long time it seemed, and what had she accomplished? " Yet I meant well." she thought. As ane glanced toward the assembly, she saw one face -a kindly one-gazing at her with tearful eyes; sho knew then that she had reached one heart, and she asked no more. a.

proAfter this. Hope had so many friends that they became more troublesome to her than all her loneliness had been; but she kept her heart so pure and simple, that no one did her any real barm. Weeks wore on, however, and she found her life wasting away without accomplishing what she desired. Her dream was not being fulfilled, and she sighed to remember how little she had found to satisfy her longings to bless others.

"Perhaps I do not work wisely," she said to her. self. "Now let me go out and see if the light of my mother's face may not be found among the poor and suffering."

So she took a by street, and walked past the poorest dwellings; and there where the way seemed gloomiest, she beheld again the star like radiance. It vanished before an open doorway, and Hope entered. There she found sorrow enough. Poverty was there, and sickness and death. A fair girl stood before her, and with tearful eyes begged her help, for her father was dying. ...

Hope laid off her bonnet, and sat down by the bed. The eye of the sufferer was already dimmed, but it tarned to her. 11.40

"But they will not behold," said Patience. " Wait a while longer, until the world is better."

" Let her go," said Hope, " and we will be the ministering angels of her home, that will ever wait with open doors for her."

So Faith went to a city not far off and began her work. She found a boy in the street, poor, and hungry, and sad. He was orying bitterly. Faith stopped and kissed him, and led him into the Park and sat down beside him on the green grass. "Tell me your history, poor child, while you eat this nice bread from my baset?" No the sad how told her that his father my basket." So the sad boy told her that his father and mother were both wicked, and drank whiskey, and beat bim, and he had no one to care for him.

Then Faith said : " Poor child, you want a home there is a beautiful home all ready for you up in the beautiful God-city, where you will not be hungry or cold ; but to find it you must live here until you hear voices calling to you to come unto it. But I will tell you how you may always remember about it, so that its glory may bless you here. When you are tired and

its glory may bless you nore. When you are tired and hungry and sad, say: • Dear love of God, give me rest and guide me home.' Then something will tell you in your heart what to do and where to go, and good peo-ple will care for you and protect you." • Who are not give add the how the me faith. I tell you all this you ?" said the boy. "I am Faith. I tell you all this because it is true ; you will find that it is. yourself ;

only believe in the goodness that is ever about you, even when you suffer the most."

Then the little boy went forth with a glad smile promising to come to the Park the next day to meet Faith.

Faith walked down the street again, and there came by her a long funeral procession. A mother had just Faith longed to bless her. "Oh, if I could only whis-per in her ear," she said, "and tell her that her little one is living in a beautiful home, and that he has no pain there, or sickness, or weariness, but laughs amid the sunshine, and the flowers, and the sweetly singing birds."

She watched where the carriages stopped, and determined to find some way of entrance. She bought some

them. After a while they let her in because there was one picture of a boy gathering flowers that the servant said looked like "the dear boy dead and gone forever."

little children go from this life." ... Flowers' there?" said the mother : " how do you know there are ?" "I

fairer and more beautiful than op earth. And there are loving angels to take care of little children and teach them all that is good and wise, so that they learn teach them all that is good and wise, so that they learn no sin or wrong ; and there are houses there that are full of light and beauty, and there are books and pic-doned. Another suit has been commenced against

Virgil, Ill., Jan. 10, 1864.

MOSES HULL .- A subscriber remitting from Michlgan. Says:

We are having a revival hero. Bro. Hull is the only real convert as yet; but he has brought many on to the "anxious seat," and we hope for their speedy "conversion." Bro. H. speaks here half the time, and draws crowds, and feads them, too. The good wishes of the friends here will follow him east, whithe he cross in Kobeurg as well on the acid. ren east. But do not keep him too long. Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 27, 1864.

APPRECIATED .- Eliza D. Valentine, of Natick, renews her subscription, with the following cheering words commendatory of our efforts to cater for the best interests of all our patrons, and to spread the light and truth of the Sniritual Philosophy:

I admire the BANNER's straightforward, fearless advocacy of truth; its charity for the erring, and its words of comfort and rays of sunshine for the weary

#### Late Foreign News.

Liverpool dates to 22d ult., inclusive, state that the Danish question remains unchanged. There are more hopes of a peaceful solution, although the Austrian A Frankfort letter says the opinion prevailed that Austroops tria and Prussia must have come to a final understand-

ing with England. The London (lobe expresses confidence that peace carried to the grave her beautiful boy and was return-ing to her desolate home, and she wept so sadly that

this critical moment we trust there is ground for a re-part which has reached us, that the Danish Govern-

ment has, at the eleventh hour, made a concillatory offer and entered into some sort of obligation, as yet, of course-informal, to such an end. If such an offer has really been made, it will for the time avert the mined to find some way of entrance. She bought some imminent danger of war. The course of events pauses, pictures of little children, and went to the door to sell and the dispute comes again into a more controllable and more reasonable stage of negotiation. It is hoped that this good news may receive a speedy confirma-tion. If Denmark has suspended the Constitution, she

so Faith offered her pictures to the sad mother So Faith offered her pictures to the sad mother whose eyes were red with weeping. ...Oh !'' said she, ... look at these beautiful flowers; and yet there are more beautiful ones in the land where itthe children or form this life ''. ... Flowers there are foing prodence, deserves the utmost consideration." When the Jura left Liverpool there was no confirm-

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