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BOSTON, SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1873.

A LITERARY SENSATION.

"EDWIN DROOD" NO LONGER A MYSTERY.

THE NOVEL COMPLETED BY DICKENS A BRATTLEBORO' MEDIUM.-A MOST EXTRAORDINARY PROCEEDING .- EX-TRACTS FROM SEVERAL CHAPTERS OF GENIUS OF DICKENS APPARENT IN ALL.—A DETAILED HISTORY OF A RE-MARKABLE AFFAIR.—A NEW NOVEL BY DICKENSPROMISED THROUGH THE SAME SOURCE.

BRATTLEBORO', Vr., July 25, 1873. This picturesque village, nestling at the base of the Green Mountains, with pleasant, shaded avenues, many and well-kept hedges of evergreen, given to prove the identity of the writers. With cosy home-like cottages, and strangely variant grades-so that from the level of one street you may walk squarely into the fourth story of a building on the next-this charming village, among the hills of Vermont, is about to wake up and find itself famous. In a small room of a small house, in a retired part of the village, has been gradually accumulating for the last eight months a pile of indistinctly written manuscript, which threatens ere long to set the literary world agog, and cause a vast amount of comment and discussion on both sides of the Atlantic. This manuscript professes to be nothing more nor less a face was looking down upon him from one than the second volume of the "Mystery of Edwin Drood," by Charles Dickens himself, who, as all will remember, died when this, his last story, was scarcely half done, leaving the mystery still unsolved; and no memorandum or other clew to his purpose, in the development of the plot or completion of the novel. A bold man he, who would indertake to illustry that Dickens had left undone; but how well this task has been performed by some one-I will not undertake to | author, and showed-it-to-him. His face instantly say who, the readers of the Union shall have op: became blanched, as he cried, "Good God! that's -partunity to judge for themselves.

Dickens being dead, the work has been done by an amanuensis-a medium, if you will, but fore; but since then, as he earnestly avers, and an unprofessional one, and a person who knew as the few friends in his secret hipiteitly believe, nothing whatever about Spiritualism until this he has seen him many times. strange experience befell him; who has no theories to advance or proselytes to make, and who cares not a fig apparently whether Spiritualism stand or fall. He is a good-looking man of average height, and not far, from thirty years of age. Mr. Dickens, expressing a desire to complete With dark hair and moustache, a roun I face, fair through him the novel left unfinished at his and sometimes florid complexion, restless eyes of (Dickens) death. He had long sought for nameless hue, neither blue, gray, black nor means by which this could be accomplished, but brown, but perhaps of a slaty color, and with an had not before been able to find, any which he indescribable expression, as of one looking at believed could be employed successfully. He desomething and not seeing it, yet seeing much sired that the first sitting should be on Christmas more beyond—these characteristics, with an undeniably hervous temperament, describe the best when on earth—and asked that the medium words of encouragement and good cheer, and at man. Meeting him casually, you discover nothing more remarkable about his personal appearance than about that of scores of young men ladding the assurance that the undertaking would whom one may see any day in any of our New prove of pecuniary benefit to him, the message England villages. He is a native of Boston, and in his fourteenth year was apprenticed to learn a yours." mechanical trade, which he has since steadily followed, so that his schooling was finished whenby no means unintelligent or illiterate, he has had the occupancy of all his few leisure hours by no training whatever for literary work, and has manifested no bent that way, having never writ- afterward, had he any faith that this extraorditen before, even so much as a newspaper paragraph, for publication. This is the man who has taken up the pen of Charles Dickens where he laid it down, and has already nearly completed the "Mystery of Edwin Drood."

Brattleboro know to-day. Rumors that such a work was in progress have crept into the papers, and its authorship has been charged on several young men of supposed literary leanings, but never once upon the right one, and while others have been "suspected" and bored accordingly, he has kept at his task unmolested. The village gossips have indeed settled down to the opinion that nobody knows positively anything about it. and who it can be is as great a mystery as "Edwin Drood" itself. It is somewhat significant that the young man in question is determined of manuscript, the pages being those of ordinary not to be dragged into notoriety, and has resisted all the entreaties of his intimate friends and advisers who wish to allow his name to be published. In the most unassuming manner, he declares that his connection with the work is simply that of an agent of the author; that whatever credit or discredit may attach to it belongs to Dickens and not to him; and that he will not become a party to the appropriation of what is another's, even though it be so intangible an article as a dead man's fame. Reporters from New York, Boston, Springfield, and other "great cities" have been here on purpose to interview Mr. A., but have been unable even to find out who he is; so what has been published heretofore is the merest rumor, and anything but reliable. I have the good fortune to be the first person to whom he has related this strange story, and the only one who has yet examined the manuseript and been permitted to make extracts therefrom.

It came about in this wise: One night, about ten months ago, a young man (who, for convenience of designation, we will call Mr. A.) was solicited by a small party of friends to sit around a table and see what would come of it. Up to this time he had laughed at all "spiritual" per-, Mr. A. goes into a room alone. The usual hours formances as so much humbug, and probably no of writing are 6 o'clock in the morning and halfman was more thoroughly skeptical with regard | past 7 in the evening, hours when, at this time of | Chrisparkle, Minor Canon in the old cathedral to the whole business than he; while he was, of the year, it is light; but the evening sitting is course, quite unaware that he was the possessor | frequently, prolonged till half-past 8, and the | ter, Edwin's uncle, and secretly an admirer of of any mediumistic powers. The circle was no writing goes on equally well indarkness or light;

De a message to a gentleman in the room from a child of his long dead—a child of whose existence Mr. A. knew nothing. Subsequently messages of the usual tenor were written, assuming to come from the other world, and it is said that some tests of an astonishing character were all that, however, I have nothing to do.

During the latter part of October, Mr. A. wrote, at a scance, a message addressed to himself, requesting a sitting on the 15th of November, and signed, in a plain, bold hand, "Charles Dickens." Several subsequent communications reminded him of the date, entreated him not to deny the request, and, as the day approached, demanded in the most unequivocal terms that it should be granted. After rising from the table where he had been writing, on one instance, a few evenings before that date, he exclaimed that corner of the room, with hands outstretched toward him. Others in the room could see nothing, but he rushed to the spot, and appeared to shake hands with the imaginary being, whoever or whatever it was. On relating the circumstance, the next day, to a gentleman who has been his confident through the whole affair, his friend stepped to a book-case and took down a Life of Dickens, containing an excellent portrait of that the face seemed not to have occurred to him be-

The result of the sitting on the 15th of November-which took place according to directions, in a dark room, with no one but the medium present-was a long communication, ostensibly from without injury to his business and health. After closed with Dickens's customary "Faithfully

Here was hid out a greater task than our hero had bargained for; and it must be confessed that he was only thirteen years of age. While he is he looked forward with anything but pleasure to work of this kind. Neither then, nor for months nary sort of authorship would amount to anything. He regarded the time so spent as simply thrown away; and but for the entreaties of the few friends referred to, backed up by alternate entreaties and commands purporting to come Who he is, probably not half a dozen people in from Dickens himself, the irksome job would more than once have been abandoned. As the work progressed, however, it became evident that a master-hand was in it, and Mr. A. has. for a few months, submitted himself more will ingly to the strange fate which has Befallen him, having at last a genuine interest in watching for

its consummation. The results of his labors from Christmas eve the present time—labors entirely outside of the ten hours a day which he has steadily devoted to his business—appear in over twelve hundred, pages Congress letter paper. In other words, he has written enough to make an octavo volume of more than four hundred pages. At first he wrote only three times a week and only three or four pages at a time, but he since came to write twice a day, and twelve, fifteen and sometimes twenty: pages at a sitting. The hand-writing is not his own, and shows some of the peculiarities of Dickens's hand, so far as there has been opportunity for comparison: At the beginning of each sitting it is almost as fine as a woman's, but after a page or two it grows very gradually coarser and coarser, until the scrawl on the last page is five or ten times as large as the hand at the start; and the beginning and end of each sitting may be distinctly seen through the whole twelve hundred pages by this peculiarity. On the top of some of the pages are pencil marks in various odd designs, memoranda, perhaps, of some point to be revised; and in one or two cases phonographic signs, of which Mr. A. knows nothing. Sometimes the writing appears to be so hurried that it is by no means easy to make it out.

The modus operandi of the sitting is very simple. Provided with two sharpened lead pencils and an abundance of paper torn into half sheets. sooner formed than raps began to be heard with indeed, the sittings during the winter months

alarming frequency, and the table waitzed exu- | were wholly in the dark. Putting paper and berantly about the room, and finally lipped over pencils where they can be conveniently reached, into Mr. A.'s lap, as if to indicate that he was this amanuensis of Dickens places his hands, the cause of it. This was enough for him; he palms downward, on the table, and unconcernhad seen all he wanted to see of Spiritualism, edly awaits results. Not quite unconcernedly, HMSELF,-THEWORK DONETHROUGH and, although the others entreated him to con- llowever, for although it has become a matter of time his "investigations," he would do nothing daily routine with him, and long ago lost the more that night. The next evening, however, flavor of novelty, he confesses that he never sits he was induced to take part in another sitting. down there alone, as if invoking the presence of THE FORTHCOMING VOLUME. THE The demonstrations were repeated even more the dead, without a certain feeling of a we creepemphatically, and, while they were going on, ingoverhim. Hesits-frequently smoking at the Mr. A. appeared to become suddenly entranced, time-sometimes one minute, three, five, ten, or and, seizing a pencil, wrote what purported to half an hour, but usually, if "conditions" are right, but a moment or two. These conditions: have reference principally to the weather. On any clear, pleasant day, the machine works without interruption; with him, as with the electric wire, a storm makes trouble, and the worse the storm the more the trouble, so that in any severe weather, no writing is attempted. After sitting at, the table the requisite time, whatever it may be, Mr. A., not gradually, but instantly, becomes unconscious, and the writing goes on for half an hour. or an hour, and one sitting was even prolonged to an hour and a half. The only Temembrance which he has of these trance periods, is that of seeing Dickens sitting beside him, usually with one hand held in meditative manner at the side of his. face-a sad, grave face. He utters no word, but sometimes looks appealingly toward Mr. A., "and oh, such eyes!" All this, however, the medium remembers as one remembers a dream when justawaking—real yet intangible. "The sign by which Mr. Dickens indicates that the sitting is at an end, is the placing of his hand on the medium's, and the first time that Mr. A, felt this pressure, seemingly as cold and heavy as that of the hand of Death itself, he sereamed with fright, and can hardly think of that awful chilling sensation at any time, even now, without a shudder. This: touch brings him to his senses, and he usually requires then the assistance of some person to release his hands from the table, to which they seem to be magnetically attached. On coming to the man, I saw last night!". The ownership of himself, he discovers on the floor the work of the sitting, much or little, as the case may be. The pages are strewn about the room, where they appear to have been promisenously thrown, and are without numbers, which are supplied by Mr. A. afterwards, the sense determining the connection. For a short time after arising from a sitting, Mr. A suffers from a sharp pain in the chest, but this soon goes on, and is in fact the only unpleasant effect which he experiences. An extreme nervousness which he felt before his mediumistic powers were developed is entirely removed, and he never was in more robust physical health than to-day.

Three or four times a week the dictations for the book are accompanied by brief notes from the would allow as much time to the task as he could other times, treating, purely of matters of business. These communications - a thick pile of themselves—have all been preserved, but are regarded as of a confidential and personal nature, and so not for the public eye. We are permitted, however, to extract from one or two of them. When the work had progressed as far as the fifteenth chapter, this word came:

"We are doing finely. I am more than satisfied with the result of this undertaking. You have no idea how much interest this matter is exciting here among the hosts by whom I am surrounded. This is only the beginning of what is to come years hence. When this work is finished, you will continue to be my amanuensis. I shall write more after this. There are others here who have signified their intention of finding some one through whom they can convey their ideas to persons inhabiting the earth we have left behind: A only hope they will find so faithful a worker and one so much after their own hearts. God bless you!

Full directions have been given as to the manner of procedure to procure a copyright, how the work should be published, etc. Only a few days

ago came this direction: "In regard to English publishers: As soon as the first proof sheet is done, address a letter to Sampson Low, Son & Marston, Milton House, Ludgate Hill, London, England, It is very probable that they will be glad to negotiate for advance sheets. Faithfully, Diekens."

"It is a fact of significance, or not, as the reader may choose to take it, that the present style of this house is Sampson Low, Marston, Low & Searle; but at the time of Mr. Dickens's death the name of the firm and their address were as stated in the note given above. From this it might be inferred that Mr. Dickens doesn't take the papers, although the inference, from what is said in the preface given below, would certainly

be that he did. Haying learned so much about the singular manner in which this book has been written, the public-may be excused some degree of ruriosity as to its contents. Wherein does it rise above mediocrity? What semblance on its pages to any work of Mr. Dickens in his lifetime? Why silppose that Dickens had anything to do with it, and that it is not simply the work of the "amanuensis" himself? Let us see.

nensis" himself? Let us see. 'The Mystery of Edwin Drood" will readily rethe roll of its principal actors: Edwin Drood, finduced his mother to accompany him. whose strange disappearance and supposed murder form the tragedy of the story and give it its name : Rosa Bud (Rosebud for short), the blithe, beautiful girl who was Edwin's affianced bride. the match being made by their parents and afterward unmade by themselves; Rev. Septimus city of Cloisterham; John Jasper, the choir mas-Rosa; Mr. Grewgious, Rosa's guardian, an An-

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ARTIST'S MOPE:

THE INSPIRATION OF A ROSE. Written expressly for the Bunner of Light;

BY MRSEELLZA M. HICKOROS

CHAPTER III COSTISCED.

Three days later Sybilette Gray stood alone in the elegant, fasteful chamber, no longer her own-The new claimants to the wealth she had supposed rightfully her own, had arrived, and were already contemplating such changes as would please them.

Her ample wardrobe was carefully packed in runks. (She would need but the plainest portion

of it in the new, humble life which awaited her. She had taken a last dook at the grand old pietures which for so many years had adorned this family mansion. She had wandered through each lofty, tapestried room, so comfortable and elegant, in the furnishing; and thus she now communed with herself: "It would seem, Sybilette Gray, that you are the plaything of fortune. can but wonder if the wheel will ever turn

again. "First in my childish recollections comes a deasant home, with wealth, moderate, but suffilent, and dear, loving parents, while life went by a happy dream-then, a lonely orphanage, then Aunt Leonard's care, and a home more humble, but comfortable still. Then, in my chequered life comes suddenly a brilliant prospeet, wealth in abundance, with all its wonderful iuxiliarles. A little while this golden, charmed existence: then suddenly again all is taken from me; all wealth, position, care free hours-summer friends, even my one true friend. And yet A am glad that dear, patient Annt Alice will not life's stern conflict. But ob, dear Auntig, and you my darling mother-for I know you both are with me-just a few tours for all that I leave in this rich, dreamy life, before I take up the stern realities of the new. Then you shall see how bravely I will bear the burden." And kneeling upon the soft carpet, fair Sybilette bowed her head upon a rich 'velvet oftoman before her and wepf-not wholly tears of sorrow and regret, but med ånd refreshed her.

Yet who could blame the slender young girl, so tenderly cared for, and shielded by a loving heart and hands more than willing to toll for her, if her courage faltered and her heart grey faint at the fonely, cheerless life which seemed opening before-her.

But presently she raised her head, and brushed away the dimining tears, to look once more at a large oil painting, which, more than the others, she had admired. The scene was wild but enchanting. An ancient castle, seen by moonlight: a bridge of singular design, with a gay party rowing beneath it, on the silver lake; a winding roud and a perfect forest of trees and flowers formed its principal features. How often Sybilette had wished to find such a spot on earth-how her vivid imagination had woven a history, for every point of interest there represented?

"And I must leave you too, dear old picture,

she said slowly. "Oh, why was I not an artist in power as well as soul, for I do appreciate every picture of the living and lovely. To me it seems of all gifts the most divine and wonderful, this power of transferring a scene or place one loves to remember. But, though I never look upon you again, I will not forget you, nor the grand, emobling thoughts you have inspired me with. But the time has some the me to take a last farewell—the carriage the door, and the new life calls for me. Taken the past. Now, Sybilette, be brare and true."

And with cheerful countaince and clastic step Sybilette Gray ran down the broad stairhad taken her place and privileges, (whether rightfully or not, she left with them to decide,) and before another hour was speeding on her way to Boston,

CHAPTER IV.

It was the season of Autumn again. Not the chill, lonely days, with falling leaves and mournful winds which remind one of all sad thingsbut Autumn, rich and glowing, with gool, delightful days and glorious sunsets: 💢 📜

Ray Harland, now the popular artist, sought and admired, praised and flattered, with numeraside his busy brush and pencil for a brief rest member the frame-work of the novel as we call | and visit to his quiet home; and on his return,

> The two weeks of Mrs. Harland's stay in Bosand admiration with which she beheld Ray's wealth." Ah, Nellie, you did not reflect that

paintings, especially his master-piece, though even from his sympathetic mother its meaning, and the hope that inspired it, were withheld. "Not yet," he said to himself: "Sometime I shall tell mother, but not now, she would only sorrow for me."

Ray's chief regret was that his mother's visit must be so brief-there was so much to see

Together they visited our beautiful cities of the dead," where the gloom of death and burial is banished by the loveliness of art and nature combined. They listened to the wonderful powers of the Music Hall's massive organ, from thunder tones to strains of bird like sweetness. as evoked by skillful fingers (and sat enchanted by the thrilling eloquence of more than one talented and progressive speaker. They saw and heard all that was possible in the brief-time, until the good lady grew weary from enjoyment.

She often expressed the wish that lier husband could have participated in her pleasure, though. he might have had some scruples about visiting the" Museum," and would hardly have relished (at that time) some of the ideas of our liberal speakers. And Ray said kindly, y Yes, father, must certainly, come with you next time, which will be soon, I hope, for you have seen but half of Roston yet."

Then, with a halfgrepressed sigh, he thought, how pleasant to welloine his parents to a home of his own sometime. But would that ever be? have to go back to care and toll again. It seems the was now twenty-eight, with every prospect well that life mimortal should crown her restract and advantage to warrant a home, oven elegant: existence for the past few years. I am young, and yet without the sligthest inclination to and I trust strong to go out and take my part in choose a companion from the fair ladies of his acquaintance.

Was he not foolish to dream his bright youth away in visionary hopes?" Would he ever behold the fair being of his dreams again?" Not one word of her, in all these years, to tell him whether she yel lived, or where!

Had ever an intuitive, mysterious power whispered to her that somewhere an earnest, loving soul was waiting, watching; praying for her coming?

The sense of desolation with which Ray saw his mother depart brought these reflections to his mind; while Mrs. Harland, in the quiet of her home, so restful after the confusion of the city, wondered what could hinder Ray from being perfectly happy.

Her mother-love had divined that there was some little shadow on his life. Had he been disappointed in his heart's best affection? Could any one have triffed with her handsome, noblesouled boy? She thought he would have told her. But she would not question him. She believed he would do no wrong, and could wait until he freely gave her his confidence.

"Sybilette ! Sybilette ! are you spell-bound by that picture? I am afraid you will change into a beautiful statue gazing at it," said merry Nellie Clive. "Are you becoming entranced?" she continued, laughing, and laying a hand upon her companion's arm.

"Oh, Nellie " replied the fair young girl addressed, 4 I believe I could gaze upon that picture forever: It seems to rest me."

"Yes, dear, I know it is very beautiful. Even I can see that; while you, with finer taste, and such a love for paintings, can doubtless discover more about it than I can But," again resuming her light, jesting tone, "you know we are mortals, Sybilette, and must be fed, to exist liere; besides, Mrs. Baker is rather melined to frown on boarders late at tea."

Sybilette smiled, then sighed softly, and slowly, reluctantly turned away. The new life she led way, exchanged the formal adicus with those who | was wearisome, despite her high hopes and noble courage. . It was monotonous, discouraging, and often disagreeable to Sybilette's refined, spirited temperament to stand all day behind the counter, subject to the whims and questions of customers of every class-for this had been the first position offered, and she could not then afford to wait for a better.

Nellie Clive was her old-time friend and present room-mate. She loved and admired Sybilette Gray, regarding her as far above the station she was forced to occupy. Her warm friendship seemed to be based, upon the law of attraction between opposites; for she was lively, impulsive ous orders, commanding any price he chose, laid and abrupt in speaking, yet with strong, deep feeling and much good sense, which made her friendsliip valuable to Sybilette.

Now, as they walked on together, she chatted gally, seeking to draw her companion from her ton were the happiest days Ray had known for thoughtful, abstracted mood. But Sybilette lista long time. It was such a pure delight to have ened and replied as one whose mind is far away; his dear, appreciative mother with him to visit and her beautiful eyes had that dreamy, wistful with her the numerous places of beauty and in; expression which practical, unselfish Nellie did terest; to witness her enjoyment of everything not like to see. "It was a cruel, wicked fate," so novel to her; to explain as far as his knowl- she said to herself, "which reduced dear, gentle edge went, regarding each principal place of Sybilette to a position of daily toil and care, subnote and treasured memento of scenes in the ject to dictation and reproof from those who past. None could fail to see the mother pride could never be her superiors in anything but little season of darkness would make the sunshine all the brighter by and by:

For herself, Nellie did not mind it so much. She was more independent, less sensitive, with a merry disposition, inclined to treat every available subject with jest and harmless ridicule, though sho could not jest with Sybiletteras with others. There was a perfect, innate refinement about her which any one would quickly perceive. Nellië loved her none the less, and was pained at the shade of sadness which would sometimes linger on the talr, spiritual tace.

All night the remembrance get that picture haunfed her dreams, and in the morning it was with her still. Never, it seemed, had her occur pation appeared so distasteful, her mind so wandering from the present. It was a sunless, lonely day, the clouds portending rain since early morning yet none lad tallen; and, toward evening, the air grew warm and oppressive in the wellfilled store, until-Sybilette's head ached and throbbed feverishly with her efforts to confine

her wandering thoughts to the duties before her." Kind-hearted Nellie, noting her weariness, inboth soon gained permission for her to do so, gain a control which may sway your whole fu-"Thank you, Nellie, dear," well repaid the gene cultivate the good lies with yourselves. erous girl:

The cool air without fanned Sybilette's heated brow with gentle touch as she walked rapidly on, in the dark hours of temptating and sin, as the until she reached the spacious window before inner voice of conscience and the silent but rethe rich, beautiful ficture, drawing her to its side again. "I must see that painting again," she the quiet mentor, who will not lead astray; reach said, softly, to herself. "There is no growd, out and upward to the holy influences ready to about the window now, and it is probably on ex- assist; obey each better impulse; and banish hibition but for a short time; so I must worship. at its shrine white I can. Once I might, perhaps, have secured it for my own; now, alas! such hypocrites. beautiful things are not for me, dearly as I-love them.

Soon she was absorbed in its contemplation; but as she gazed carnestly, intently, wondering Various places of annusement and instruction, to why a painting should, so influence her, the fair which Nellie was always kindly included in the check flushed, then paled, and some dim memory thy lation though by and by wise Nellie conseemed trying to assert its power, as connected clinded that they would hardly miss her presence, with the present. . She had discovered the name and often found excuses for remaining at home suddenly, as plainly as if it had been pointed out -until these two hearts came to a most perfect to her. Yet, in a moment she reflected, that, any understanding of each other, a harmonious blendother than herself might bear the name of Sybil- ing of thought and sympathies creating a new ette, and doubtless some one known to the artist, and blissful existence.

Ah, could Sybilette have looked beyond the alcove at one side, where, secure from outside observation, a young man had been seated, presumptuous, the thought that the pictured face | But your forbearance shall be rewarded." bore some resemblance to herself. But Ray. In truth, Sybilette had been too much interest Harland—for he it was—remained quietly in his bed in Ray and the themes of their conversation, sheltered position, though it cost him an effort to to give much thought to his position in life. He do so, with such condicting emotions surging his might be one of the humblist laborers, yet she

The polite proprietor was busy with a fashion- none the less. able customer, looking over some choice engraving and books, and no one had seen Ray's sudrested on the fair, unconscious admirer of his inever connected the modest initials, R. H., occuglance, and Ray was almost sure of her identity personally. He had never forgotten the soft, dark beautiful depths.

sout to some daily toil. " Is it indeed my fairy welcome to his home. her to my heart this moment as life's dearest how her deep enjoyment of every scene and treasure. But how shall I make my presence known? how learn her present residence?"

As if in answer to his mental question, Nellie Clive at that moment appeared beside the object -of his thoughts, and said pleasantly, in her clear, to herself, as Ray lighted a let of gas to illumidistinct voleer "Why, Sybilette Gray, have you dear? I suppose that wonderful picture has charmed it all away."

"I believe if this, Nellie," replied Sybilette, turning to her friend-with one of her old radiant.

"Well, I am very glad, but suppose we ought to proceed homeward, for I am a little late. I shall have to tell Mrs. Baker what keeps you every night. Strange, Sybilette, how that picfine paintings before."

"But none eyer effected me as this does," said Sybillette thoughtfully, slowly turning away from the window, now being througed with ad- ble love plainly written on his noble countenance. mirers of the beauty within; and to herself she think of nothing else, and yet with such a restful, happy influence that all care and loneliness are banished, and I seem to be dreaming of some new, sweet existence. What does it mean?"

Ray Harlandcared no more for the faces, plain or fair, which glanced in at passing. His ready the perfect bliss of that moment seemed too expencil had noted down the welcome information, alted to be of earth. Holy influences gathered so opportunely gleaned, and which he quickly decided how to make use of, as he proceeded to baptismal blessings from a purer sphere, in that his room.

When Ray, by the aid of his directory and some inquiries, had discovered Sybilette's boarding place, he called and sent up to her a penciled card with the words, "Does Sybilette remember giving a white rose to a discouraged young man one bright Sabbath morning years ago? If so, please grant a brief interview to Ray Harland." And while he waited in the parlor below, now Look in my eyes, Sybilette, and tell me, can you fortunately deserted, for the first time came the say the same?" thought that Sybilette might refuse to see him, or might never return his devoted love. But it was soon banished by this reflection, "I have loved her too long, unknown, to despair now unless she tells me she can never return it. She higher guiding power which bade me paint a will not deem it very strange that I should seek to tell her how those kind words gave me new love and hope for you. No wonder that it drew courage, and were the starting point to my presslyou, darling, by the subtle magnetism which iment position." Yet Ray's heart beat wildly as bued it. That was my only hope of finding you. the door opened, and again he stood in the presence of Sybilette.

Beautiful as his remembrance of her in bright girlhood—beautiful as all his after dreams of her! they do to-night." . The touch of sadness on her sweet face and

look, which, to his fine, poetic temperament, she said musingly, "off must have been my seemed only more lovely. His whole soul wor- darling, watchful mother who guided and imshiped her with its holiest affection. She was pressed me, for I could not possibly have rehis matchless ideal, almost too sacred for him to mained in New York after dear Aunt Leonard aspire to call his own.

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since, but never with the expectation of Seeing faith in my spirit-mother?" him again. He would have apolegized for his but not the slightest affectation (yet her friend) absence of formality in addressing her as Sybiletté: but she frankly gave him her hand in token of remembrance. He was not quite a stranger, and there was that in his noble, truthful countenance which banished all distrust. "Her own purity is her perfect shield," thought Ray, his heart swelling with gratifude as he obthankful and happy to know that he was worthy of it; that his life had been pure, his soul unstained-for well had be remembered his mother's off-repeated counsel, for "shun every appearance of evil." This had been his safeguard.

Oh, that every young mind would make this firm resolve in life's morning. Do not venture, thinking it easy to retrace your way at any time. sisted upon her going out a little before the usual. The jirst step is the dangerous one; the first evil time, and, promising to perform the labors of thought the one to be quickly banished, lest it Symilette's grateful, appreciative look, and gentle turning. The power to restrain the evil and

Has any creed or form or edict of the church, such power to guide and restrain weak mortals, which so many paused each day. Yes, there was cognized teachings of the unseen ones who constantly bid us "come up higher"? Oh, listen to quickly those unworthy, and away with churchal laws and binding rules that only make men

We need not record all that was said this first brief but pleasant interview, or-the subsequent quiet, twilight walks, nor recount the visits to

One evening, as Ray and Sybilette were passpleture, beyond the attractive window, to a little ! ing down the familiar street, he remarked, "Now, Sybilette-I think it time you should visit me, would have invited you before, only I had a viously busy with a newspaper, but now earn-fancy of my own about it, for I have something estly scanning her fair, pale face, a strange to tell you to night, Sybilette, which I do not mingling of hope and fear expressed on his own, wish to say elsewhere. Your confidence in me she might have guessed the name was indeed has been so perfect that you have never queshers, nor so quickly banished as vaint and pre-tioned aught regarding my history or occupation.

could admire, ay, love him, whispered her heart,

Most certainly she had no idea that he was the painter of that strangely attractive picture, which den start and change of expression as his eyes had now disappeared from public view. She picture. Terhaps she felt his magnetic presence, pying a corner of it, with his name. Of all who for she raised her eyes, with one swift, flashing admired his paintings, but few knew the artist

Many would have deemed Nature layish of her eyes that once so pityingly looked into his own; gifts to him, for talent and personal heauty are but there was a touch of sadness now in their grarely so happily combined. Therefore Sybilette was wholly unprepared for the scene presented; Then, noting her plain attire and ample water. When Ray threw open the door of his ample and proof, he concluded that she was obliged to go trichly furnished studio, and smilling, bade her

Sybilette?" he said to himself. "If must be, or "This was this reception room, where visitors my own heart strangely deceives me. And she, came and went daily, while beyond a large screen. oh, my idol? my darling? tolling for her own his easel and garious artists materials were consupport. Can it be that she is left alone dos, veniently arranged. In the gathering twilight pendent?" with a thrill of joy at the remem- of that lovely room, it seemed to Sybilette as brance that it was in his power to surround her though all holy and peaceful influences were surwith comfort and luxury. "And I could take rounding her and Ray's watchful eyes marked sketch to which he called her attention, dispelled the weariness from her fair, intellectual face.

"Oh, what an enchanted world the artist can make for himself," she said softly, as if speaking nate a large landscape painting, which representbeen here all the time? How is your headache, sed Nature-so peaceful, so quiet and restful, that gazing at it, one would wish to be transported there.

But there was a gem of a room beyond this, with its numerous sketches and adornments, to which visitors had never been admitted and Sybilette's surprise was not complete, until Ray unlocked a door leading to this, and again she saw the picture which had so magnetically attracted her attention. She understood all now. ture fascinates you. It is more than ordinarily It was the mystic power of love which had so heautiful. I know, but you must have seen many! wrought upon her life—a power she fully realized for the first time—and her dark eyes glistened with happy tears, as she turned to meet Ray's earnest, steadfast gaze, all his strong, irrepressi-She only said "Ray!" in her low, sweet voice, added. "It seems to hold-me-steadily, and I but that one word expressed all that his waiting heart craved to know. He extended his hands saying with a rare tenderness in look and fone, "Come, my Sybilette."

Then his loving arms enfolded her, his true heart pillowed her beautiful head, and to each, about them, peaceful benedictions descended like golden silence, before either spoke; and heaven indeed was blending with their mortal lives.

Presently Ray said, caressing her shining curls, 'And you have come to me at last, my darling. How long I have prayed and waited for this hour, when no language can express the deep, sacred emotion of each heart. And yet the simple words, 'I love you,' are sweet to hear and sneak.

And calmly she raised her eyes, and softly spoke, "I love you, Bay?"

"Now my life is fully blest. Oh, Sybilettemy own forever-that must have been some picture, whose every stroke was fraught with It was here that I painted it, and this room has been sacred to you, Sybilette. Here pure and lofty influences seemed to gather about me as

Sybilette's gaze was fixed on the painting about her plain dark robes gave her a spiritual again "I shall always love that picture, Ray,"

left mea, Yes, it was your deep love, and her Yes, Sybilette had recalled that incident of gentle influence, which drew me so strongly back giving the rose, indeed, had often thought of it to Boston. Do you remember, Ray, my childish

> "I remember every word of yours, dear. And now, I have learned to accept that sublime faith for myself. It has already brightened many a lonely hour, and given me courage to wait and hope for your coming. Now, it will be doubly blessed, since you share it with me.'

But we linger too long, perhaps. It is unnecessary to transcribe all a lover's conversation. The when how ready confidence in him. He was story, old, yet ever new, has been often told in rhyme and prose, and by dear mortal lips, now forever sealed.

And Ray will soon accompany Sybilette to her boarding-place, where her friend is awaiting her return. But Nellie will miss her gentle companion very soon, for Ray-cannot allow Sybilette any more days of toil and care, now that he is assured of her love.

Once more we turn to the quiet home of Deacon Harland, just preceding an arrival there which will create an unusual excitement about the placid homestead. We should recognize the good couple anywhere, for the years have passed lightly over them. The evening mail has just arrived, and awaits attention on a small table before the genial, open fire.

The worthy Deacon, carefully, adjusting his glasses, selects a paper and prepares to read; but his wife more eagerly secures a letter, which is in the well-known writing of her absent boy, and with very little delay opens the ample envelope. A carte de visite, neatly covered with

the finest tissue; dropped-therefrom unheeded... " Letter from Ray, mother?" queried the Dencon pleasantly, with a look which bespoke his own interest in that direction.

Yes, it is, and written to both of us. I'll just gance down the first page, and then read it aloud." But, the next moment, she exclained, in sudden amazement, "Well, here is news, Josiah! What do you think? Raymond is marrial! And they are coming home next weekbe here at Thanksgiving."

Well, well! that is news unexpected," replied the husband. "Why did n't the boy speak of it before, I wonder?"

"He says he will explain all when he comes; but I will read the letter."

It was affectionately worded, and its calmly iovous tone bespoke how happy Ray was.

'And that, I suppose, is her picture," said the Deacon, when his wife paused in her reading. "I am anxious to see it, Mary."

Then the covering was quickly removed, and together they scanned the sweet, smiling face of Sybilette. Mrs. Harland was the first to speak: "Is n't she beautiful, Josiah? Ray hopes we will take her to our hearts as our own daughter. guess we will, if she is as lovely as here represented, We could not help it. She looks, to me, more like an angel than a mortal."

"Likely enough the picture flatters some, cautioned her husband, still regarding it with considerable admiration.

"But the expression is what most pleases me," aid Mrs. Harland. "I am sure she is good and loving. Ray must have chosen well, after waiting so long, I think. I can love her already. from Ray's description and this picture:" and the dear mother wiped away a few tears of heartful emotion.

Then swiftly sped the busy days, until the hour of Ray's coming was at hand. The old house was all cheerful brightness, the clean, cool cellar well-filled with specimens of Mrs. Harland's excellent cookery, and everything about the place seemed smiling a welcome to the young couple. But best of all was the warm cordiality with which both father and mother welcomed home their children: and sweetly touching the mother love with which good Mrs. Harland took the fair stranger to her heart at once. And as Deacon Harland learned to love Sybilette even as his own child, and marked how perfect was her devotion to Ray, how exalted her ideas of this life, how clear her happy faith in the future, his old-time belief in the utter deprayity of the human heart grew strangely dim and hard to realize.

Already his sternness and prejudice have wonlerfully lessened; and he can view humanity in the light of a broader, more charitable faith than that which dwarfed and restrained his naturally benevolent disposition years ago.

And, indeed, heig now proud of his artist son, and, with his wife; can freely rejoice in the rare happiness which blesses two pure and truly wed-ded souls, while he readily acknowledges his own error in attempting to restrict his son's youthful aspirations.

When next autumn's harvesting is done, the vorthy couple will be gladly welcomed to Ray larland's beautiful city home. Then they will have opportunities of listening to our talented speakers, whose ideas are rich with truth and glowing with inspiration.

May the influence be blessed, and the gentlyleclining hillside of each life be cheered and and they talk audibly to their friends, and often lighted by the radiance of a faith all-powerful in

Matters in Connecticut.

life, all-glorious and conquering in death.

Just previous to my starting for the Harwich Camp-Meeting I take my pen to call the attention of the Spiritualists of Connecticut to the notice of our Annual Pienie at Compounce Pond, Ang. 13th, and would also state that another meeting of the Executive Board of the State Association of Spiritualists is called to meet at that place on that day at three o'clock P. M., as there is much important business, yet, to be transacted upon matters which I, as the President of that body, cannot act upon without an expression of the Executive Board.

We are trying to get matters into shape for effective missionary work in the State this coming fall, and in response to my letter of appeal re-cently published in your columns I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$10 from T. M. Allen, Hartford, \$10 from James Wilson, Bridgeport, and \$2 from Ira Churchell, Forestville. This is a ready and gratifying response, and I trust the friends everywhere will let their donations flow in upon us to that extent that we shall have no

doubts about being sustained. I wish also to say that a second edition of my lecture, "Whither are we Drifting?" given from the steps of the residence of Mr. George N. Wil-cox, Madison, Conn., on the occasion of the hall being closed against me, is soon to be re-issued, the first one, numbering one thousand, being nearly exhausted before I had time to arrange for advertising it. Orders can be addressed to me at West Winsted, Conn., P. O. Box 323, or to G. N. Wilcox; Madison, Conn. Single copies, 10—cents, and one cent stamp to prepay postage.

Madison, July 28th, 1873. E. ANNE HINMAN.

Banner Correspondence.

California.

SAN JOSE.-Don Alberto writes July 17th, as follows: Wishing to let the world-know how Spiritualism is progressing in this place, I thought to drop a line to the Banner. We have been favored with Sunday meetings for some time, where free thought has full expression. We are a growing people, and the gospel of the angels is being popularized by every means in our power. Dr. E. W. Stevens, of Wisconsin, has given us morning ectures since the first of June. Since the coming to our coast of this remarkable man, great good has been accomplished: As a clairvoyant; psychometrist and lecturer, he is profound and ste-cessful. His "readings at a distance" and accurate discovery of otherwise invisible facts, have aroused not only wonder, but forced gleams of conviction bome to the unbelieving. As a lecturer he has no superior on this coast. Keeping aloof from all side issues, he deals in pure philoso-phy and scientific Spiritualism. His great ability o do good is proved by his growing popularity. Engaging to the Society of San Francisco for May, he spoke through June and thus far into July on Sunday evenings to eager crowds, who catch inspiration from his cloquence, and knowledge from his apt dilustrations. Though others will succeed him, yet we regret his coming departure from among us, yet we rejoice that other fields of labor are to be the gainers.

"Oh my morad friends and brothers.
We are each and all another's,
And the heart that gives most freely
From its treasure hath the more.
Would you lose your life, you find it,
And in giving love you blind it.
Like an annulet of safety.
To your souls forever more.

Let me say, the dear old Banner floats proudly on the Pacific Slope, and long may it radiate the rays of spiritual-light-and truth.

GILROY.—B. H. Carter writes, July 15th We were favored with two interesting dectures July 5th and 6th, by Mrs. E. W. Stephens of Sacramento. Many beautiful tests were received by parties, in the form of description of spirit friends. A gentleman, having the care of a defriends. A gentleman, having the care of a de-parted sister's children—a skeptic—called on Mrs. Stephens, who, after describing many of his spirit-kindred correctly, said to him, "Parties are making efforts to deprive those children of property belonging to them; you must attend to it immediately," The gentleman investigated the matter immediately, and found it as Mrs. Stephens had stopal and made the parties pay him ens had stated, and made the parties pay him some coin, and give security for the balance.

Mrs. Stephens spent about four days in my family, during which time we had many pleasant interviews with our friends on the other side, which together with her social kindly manner, endeared her to us with such ties as none but, experienced Spiritualists can comprehend and appreciate. With the reliable mediumistic powers she possesses, the angel world will be enabled to remove the clouds which shut the progressive light from many on this side.

Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS.—W. F. Jamieson writes, July 26th, as follows: Bro. Cephas B. Lynn and myself came to this city two weeks ago, and on last Sunday succeeded in arousing by our lectures a good interest. The indignation of some Christians was however, vented against us while we were addressing the people at the Fultonstreet Park, a public resort, occupied by a brass-band on Thursday evenings; by the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday at 4 o'clock r. M. The Baptist Socie-tyladies sell eigars, ice cream, etc., while the band plays Thursday evenings.
On the return of Bro. Lynn and myself to this

city yesterday we were informed that the excite ment, produced by our lectures was very great One of the papers came out against us in a flery editorial, and a mob was, threatened, if we at entorial, and a mon was, threatened, it we attempted to speak again in the park. Bro. Lyun and myself called upon the Chief, of Poice this morning and stated the case to him. He referred us to the Mayor for formal permission to use the park. Dr. E. Woodruff accompanied me to the Mayor's office, and introduced me to his Honor. I made formal requests for the use of the park. I made formal request for the use of the park He referred me to the Common Council. Mayor Pierce told me he had no objection to us using The Council being in session this even ing, I called upon that body and presented our request. _____ The Council, although having granted the Y. M.

C. A. permission to use it, refused if to us. ayes and noes were called; one councilnan said he "did not approve of the sentiments advocated last Sunday," ("Clergy a Source of Danger to the American Republic," "Lord's Prayer," "Free Speech," "Water Works in preference to Churches," were our live subjects;) another conneilman said he was opposed to granting us the use of the park because we were "exciting and stirring up the people."

We have now announced that we will speak in the street to-morrow.

Thus, my dear brother, is the war for freedom of speech inaugurated. Favors granted to the Y. M. C. A. by this city government, but denied to us, Spiritualists, who ave carefully avoided infringing upon any man's

New York.

MORAVIA.—Submit C. Loomis writes, July 24th, from the "Cascade House" as follows: We a visit recently to this delightful retreat and the health-fraught zephyrs and whispering cascade seemed like angel voices falling on the monious plane. The silvery lake, spreading among the green hills and rippling cascades, a living mirror for the romantic scenery surround. ing it, bears gently upon her pearl-fraught bosom tiny gondolas, filled with happy hearts and smil-ing faces. The spirits have chosen a fitting re-treat for most wonderful manifestations. Mrs. Andrews, the great medium for materialization has just recovered from a recent sickness; and -spirits are materialized so that all can see them prescribe what course will insure health or success. A scance is held every morning at eight, and, when conditions will permit, the same time in the evening.

AUBURN.-J. M. Harter writes thus: Dear Banner—Will you or some of your correspondents give us light in regard to the duty of Spiritualists as to organization? Should they come out from existing sects and churches and organize on spiritual foundations, or remain, attract others, and work *inside* of these organizations, till the whole lump is leavened? In traveling about I find many Spiritualists who are ers in different churches, and I also find ministers who visit Spiritualists and urge them to attend their church, as they believe and preach Spiritual ism. It is a fact that ministers are doing all in their power to increase the number of paying attendants, caring little or nothing what is be ieved or done, if only the money is freely paid into the church. ...

Washington Territory.

SEATTLE.-L. S. Smith writes, July 7th: Our Lyceum is steadily increasing in numbers. The children are very prompt in attendance, and manifest considerable interest. The following is a list of officers for the ensuing year: W. R. Andrews, Conductor: Mrs. A. D. Wiggin, Guardian; L. S. Smith, Secretary and Musical Director; D. M. Crane, Treasurer; Anna Furnside, Organist. Quite an interest is manifested among the charches to put us down, but we won't "down worth a cent." Prof. W. H. Chaney has been lecturing before our Society the past month. He has fought his way through a fierce opposition, and has finally gained the respect of almost the entire community. He delivered the oration here on the Fourth of July, which was so well received that he has been so licited to write it out for publication. His labors

have been productive of much good. The Spiritualists of this place, together with

the host of friends elsewhere, sincerely sympathize with you in the loss of your senior partner, Wm. White. In the death of Bro, White, humanity has lost a friend and brother. Let us hope that his sphere of usefulness may expand until his highest ideas may be fully realized.

Oregon.

PARROTT'S LANDING, July 12th. - The PARMOTT'S DANDING, July 12th,—The Spiritualists of Clackamas County, Oregon, had a very successful little grove meeting at the above-hamed place, lasting two days. We had some excellent speaking by Rev. Mr. E. W. Shortridge, Miss Ebberhardt, Mr. L. Briggs, Mr. Graybell and others. On account of bad weather, the meeting was adjourned to Mr. J. Parrott's barse and there continued "Picks six." Parrott's house, and there continued. The spirit-power was very strongly manifested. It was moved and seconded that a committee of five be appointed to select a piece of ground for a per-manent camp ground, consisting of Mr. Johns, Mr. R. Andrews, Mr. Beals, Mr. Buckman, and Mr. J. Parrott. The next grove meeting will be held Sept. the 5th, at Mr. J. Cewmall's place, structed two and one half miles below Butteville. Parrott's house, and there continued. The spiritsituated two and one half miles below Butteville, and a half mile from Graham's ferry on the west side of the Vilamet River, Clackamas County. On motion, a committee of three was appointed by the Chair to procure a speaker for the next meeting, consisting of Mr. Short, Mr. J. Kuse, Mr. F. Gair. A vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Parrott's family and our worthy President, E. Cooly. Adjourned size die.

CHAS. K. HANSEN, Sec. CHAS. K. HANSEN, Sec.

Poems |

By Gertrude Minturn Hazard and Anna-Peace Hazard, daughters of Hon. Thos. R. Hazard of South Portsmouth, R. I.

This volume, which contains twenty-six metrial compositions, embodied in some ninety pages, is printed in a high style of art by Collins, 705 Jayne street, Philadelphia, Pa., for private circulation. A few copies may be had at this office.

The work is redolent of that chastened spirit which sees good in all; which clings to the purity and truth of the past, making them the indices of grander things to come. The inner longings of the soul for higher attainments, the joy when error falls before the right, the strain of consolation for the early parted, the rain drops of April showers, the perfume of May blossoms, and an intuitionally introspective view of the autumn time of life, fill the pages. Those privileged to read the book will appreciate its many beautiful thoughts. The following poems, "Our Childhood," and "Joy in Sorrow"—the first by Anna, the second by Gertrude—will serve to give an idea of the poetic talent evinced:

our childhood.

Do you remember, children, in the Springtime, How glad we were to find beneath the snow The trusting snowdrop and the fearless crocus Blooming where nothing else had dared to

grow? And how we crept along beside the liedges And held our breath, when on the shellered We found the little modest, blue-eyed violet

Hiding in last year's grasses sere and rank? And I remember that we always gathered The soft green most beneath the old pine-tree; And crawled on hands and knees into the thick-

To pick-the sweet pink-cheeked anemoné. How proud we were to carry them to mother.

And cluster round her knee with sparkling eyes And glowing checks to tell the wondrous story

How pleased to watch her look of feigned surprise. How eagerly we watched the garden borders. When the young daffedlis were coming up.; How jealously we guarded the one cluster. Which, when it bloomed, displayed the single

What gold unto our eyes was half so precious As its pure symbol on thy shining head?

Dear Daffodil, among thy green-robed courtiers, I crown thee Queen of every garden-bed. Will ever orchards look so white and rosy

As those which charmed our raptured childish

gaze? Will ever song of birds sound half so sweetly As Robin Redbreast's in the olden days?
And how the brook talked, and the tail trees nodded

And whispered to each other in the breeze; And how we laughed to see the fire-lies glisten And light the birds to bed among the trees. So, drawn close to the kindly heart of Nature.

And loving her so well in every mood, To grew to know through her the great Creator, To praise and love Him for His works of good, And in the evening, when the sun was setting.
And the long shadows gilded the soft sward,
We walked in happy talk with one who left us
Long since to tread the shining hills of God.

And hand in hand we wandered in the meadows, And sat beside the bridge and on the shore; Now the dear hand has loosed its clasp forever, The gentle voice will cheer us here no more.

But in the Father's everlasting garden, Where He has called our well-beloved to dwell, We may walk hand in hand again forever, And lose all echo of the word "Farewell!"

Think, when the heart grows weary of Life's of this most happy time, and let it be Dear Father, who hath granted this great bless-

A talisman to draw us nearer Thee. Perhaps the visions which our youth so gladdened

Before us in a fairer world may rise; may be, flowers we loved on earth so dearly Will bloom for us forever in the skies. Take not away the memory of our childhood;

Let it as we grow old grow brighter still; And when we are again as little children, And lean confidingly upon Thy will, Grant that the holiday so early ended By Life's hard tasks to us again be given, And last forever in the fair green pastures. Amid the never-fading flowers of heaven.

JOY IN SORROW. Fasten your souls so high, that constantly
The smile of your heroic cheer may float
Alove all floois of earthly agonies,
Purification being the joy of pain.
—[E. B., Browning.

O Thou who art our Father and our Mother, We bow with reverent love unto the power Which, not, in wrath, but tenderly and wisely Hath led our trembling footsteps to this hour. With souls that thrill to the deep bliss of being,
As keenly as flivy quiver at life's pain,
And eyes that look beyond this mortal seeing,
We know we call not on Thy name in vain. We thank Thee, more than for earth's fleeting

pleasures,
For all our withered hopes, for grief and sin,
Which opened to our else pride-blinded vision
A hidden well-spring of pure joy within.

Ve lift to Thee our hands, bereft of treasure, Standing 'mid broken idols, round us strown; O not in gifts alone, but in bereavements

Thy love is fully and completely shown. We mourn no more our fairest dreams departed; No tears fall fast above our vanished youth; The spirit knows no age, kept verdant ever By streams unfailing from Thy Fount of Truth.

Eyes wet with Sorrow's tears have clearer vision; Hearts wounded flee, O Healer, unto Thine; And with the sacred joy of grief, Great Spirit, We bless Thee, kneeling at the inner shrine,

That Life but shadow is of Death, the real, Whose touch diviner breaks the bonds of clay, And forth, to joyfu' sounds of angel singing. Leads the glad spirit on its homeward way.

GENERAL COURT-Waiting on half a dozen girls at the same time.

WESTERN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Philosophical Basis for Unity—Synoptical Reports of Moetings—Miscellaneous Items.

plate running up a sectarian dag. The old at all disturbed were Mrs. D. to be driven out of words, "fanatie" and "hobbyite," are being town. revamped into life, and are hurled around promiscuously. Others, forming hasty judgment of men and women and things and theories, lament with great feeling that death and destruction are

Let us reason together; is it possible that the spiritual platform, philosophically defined, admits of a faction? No! You can't create a schism, provided you are true to its core idea! Neither can you organize a new fraternity on a definition or an opinion.

The basic idea of the Spiritual platform is, The Onward and Upward March of Humanity! The word PROGRESSION covers the whole ground.

We are emancipating ourselves from slavery. We are endeavoring to so understand nature, that the majestic currents of life, resident therein, which carry all things onward - progressively, may encircle us.

The Spiritual platform has been evolved to aid humanity to this end. All who love liberty can claim it as their home; all who aspire for progressive attainment are saints in its Zion, ...

The new platform abolishes caste. It builds up the individual. It gives a hearing to all theories: It says, whatever relates to humanity belongs here. It has such an abiding faith in the essential qualities of goodness and truth and virtue, that it does not fear that andman, or any number of women, can destroy society and unloose the fiends of perdition... It is so serene in its trust that it does not know the word excommunication. It says, let those who are pure and holy mingle with those of the opposite order; sin will then be transformed into spiritual splen-

All trepidation ceases when one remembers that, in the new movement, the individual stands for himself! And also that no one is compromised by the opinions of the individual.

It is a concession to the total depravity doctrine to assume that chaos is coming because some one has made a radical speech. And it is an insult to the genius of liberalism for a fluttering and excited few to draw the lines of sectarianism, and proceed to anchor themselves to the rotten hulk of vacillating public opinion, simply because there is serious question as to what somebody means in a certain sentence.

Liberalists have sworn to give all sides a hearing. It is understood that they think for themselves. There is no priesthood to tell the world What they believe.

Fanaticism will die; lust will fade away. Virtue will increase; holiness will shine out on every

was a large meeting at the Fair Grounds. Dr. Spencer presided. Among the speakers present were, Mrs. Elvira Hull, Mrs. L. E. Drake, R. Augusta Whiting, Daniel Hull, J. O. Barrett, W. F. Jamieson, T. S. Pope, Grandpa Woodworth, Dean Clark. The social question was discussed. Mr. Winslow of Kalamazoo put in a vigorous protest against Woodbullism. The Battle Greek correspondent of the Detroit Tribune was in esstacies over the chance to write a sensational article. He did great injustice to most of the speakers, and, with other superficial people; seemed to ers, and, with other superficial people, seemed to his friend, for I delivered it directly to him. The infer that everybody who did not denounce Mrs. Doctor came to see me, with his friend, Woodhull beligyed in animalism and nothing but

GUN LAKE, MICH. July 4th, 5th and 6th, the friends held a meeting in Bro. Smith's grove. Chas. Andrus deliverod the 4th of July oration. Mrs. Kutz and Mr. Andrus were the regular speakers for the grove meeting. They occupied most of the time, as a matter of course; but Mrs. Drake, Mr. Pope and the writer, who were present, had the pleasure of making a few remarks. Bro. Smith is an old veteran in the cause of Spiritualism. He deserves great credit for his labors.

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BREEDSVILLE, MICH. This is a live stronghold of liberalism. July 12th and 13th, in company with Mrs. L. E. Drake,

we addressed the friends here, and organized a Liberal League, which is officered as follows: President, A. G. Eastman, Esq. ; Vice President, Lide Brown; Secretary, Frank R. Knowles;

them. Can it be done? The centre of the universe is at Washington, and if you criticise any-body in office; in this boasted free America, you have the word form a hydrod at you. What is

CEPHAS.

SPIRITUALISM.

PTS HISTORY AND BELIEF-WHAT IT HAS AT-AND HIS CONVERSION, 1770.

To the Editor of the Syracuse Daily Standard;

Having been permitted to attend the large spiritual gathering held on Sunday in Pendergast Grove, near Phoenix, in this county, which was probably the largest meeting of the kind ever held in this State, and which was addressed by one of the ablest speakers in that sect—if the spiritual body may be called a sect—I take the opportunity to say something to your readers in relation to the meeting, and also of Spiritualism generally. And although Lam not a Spiritualist myself, and believe a large portion of the body are deluded, I will endeavor as far as possible to do them justice, or at least no injustice. And first, as to

SPIRITUALISM.

For the last two years the business that I have been engaged in has brought me in contact with many of the leading members of that body in the principal towns of the Northern States, and from this knowledge I am confident I can speak somewhat intelligently on this subject. I do not remember the statistical number that the Spiritualists claim adhere to their belief, but from the knowledge I have acquired in my travels I am confident that they are much more numerous than people generally suppose. I think there is no town in a Northern State but what more or less persons (can be found who openly declare their

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to the living; and in some towns these persons are very numerous. For instance, in the city of Boston they have a number of societies, one of which, that meets in Music Hall, has an at-tendance every Sunday of at least fifteen hundred persons. And in fact they have an organized society in nearly every large town and have their circles, known as scances, in nearly every school district, where they claim to receive com-

And then these professed believers do not begin to include the whole number of adherents to their faith. There are thousands in and out of the church who dare not identify themselves with Spiritualism on account of its unpopularity. who secretly adhese to it, and who hold regular scances. I understand that in two or three of the Christian churches in this city such is the ease. And not only the members of the churches but many of the ministers, are becoming much interested in this question that the Spiritualists claim answers the old question-

"IF A MAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?" As an illustration of ministerial interest in the As an inustration of ministerial interest in the subject, I will mention a circumstance that recently came to my notice in this city. One Monday morning I took the seven o'clock train for Auburn. On the train I met a Doctor of Divinity, a pastor of one of our Orthodox churches and, getting into conversation with him, he in countenance
Let us remember that our unity is so grounded in principle that nothing can disturb us. To be philosophical—that is our end and aim.

"NATTLE CREEK, MICH.

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and I noticed that he was inuch agitated when he received the message." Thus I find it to be wherever Lgo. Thousands say, "I am not convinced of the truth of what these people claim, but I desire to be. I wish I was a Spiritualist." It is evident that Spiritualist converts are rapidly increasing, and what will come of the movement it is difficult to determine. The body to-day numbers nearly as many as any one of the Christian seets, excepting the Methodist denomination and the Catholics. IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRAYER-MEETING,

THE SPIRITUALISTS' BELIEF. This body has no creed, and has not, as yet, crystallized into a seet, but I am inclined to think erystanized into a seet, but I am mainted to find it is tending that way. What constitutes a Mod-ern Spiritualist, as I understand it, is a belief that our departed friends can communicate to us from the spirit-world. All who believe this whatever their ylews may be on other questions—are recognized as Spiritualists. Therefore we and Spiritualists who disagree on many other religious questions. But as a body they reject the ligious questions. But as a body they reject the fundamental doctrine of the Christian Church. They do not believe in the "fall of man," in the "vicarious attonement of Christ," in the "plenary inspiration" of the Bible, in a "general day of judgment," in a personal God" or a "personal devil," in a "burning hell in the future," or a heaven, the "streets of which are [said to be] paved with gold."

The most of them believe that we enter the spirit world as we leave this; that junishment is the legitimate result of living, and not the arbifrary infliction of pain by God. They do not, as a body, I think, believe in miracles—those who term themselves "Bible" Spiritualists believing that the so-called miracles recorded in the Bible were performed through the intervention of

The Spiritual platform, rightly interpreted, introduces one into the blessed realm of unity. Today is the proper time to emphasize and elucidate
this point. There is quite a commotion, on all
sides, to know what belongs and what does not
belong on the Spiritual platform. A few desire
to define their position; they seriously contemplate running up a sectarian flag. The old occasion. At two o'clock the meeting was called to order, and, after fine singing, the following preamble and 'resolutions were presented by the committee appointed for that purpose, discussed

and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, A portion of the Christians of this TAINED TO -AN ACCOUNT OF THE PHOENIX country are now engaged in an effort to amend MEETING AND THE RESOLUTIONS-MR. HULL the Constitution of the United States in such a manner as to establish Christianity as our na-tional religion, virtually disfranchising all who are not Christians; and, whereas, the Christians have already succeeded in exempting, by law, the immense amount of property invested in churches and religious institutions of learning in this country, and also in this State, the sum of lifteen hundred dollars to each Christian minister; and, whereas, they have forced their sacred book, the Biblic, into our public schools, and obliged the children of parents who are not Chris-tians, as well as their own, to read it or hear it read; and, whereas, there is now supported out of the public moneys, raised by general taxation, a Christian minister as chaplain in Congress and every legislative body, every military regiment, every prison and asylum; therefore,

property shall no longer be exempt from just

taxation

Second—We demand that the employment of chaplains in Congress, in State legislatures, in the navy and militia, and in prisons, asylums; and other institutions supported by public money, shall be discontinued.

Third—We demand that all public appropria-

tions for sectarian institutions shall cease. Fourth—We demand that all religious services now sustained by the Government shall be abolished, and especially that the use of the Bible in public schools, whether ostensibly as a text-book or avowedly as a book of religious worship, shall be prohibited:

Fifth-We demand that not only in the Constitutions of the United States and of the several states, but also in the practical administration of the same, no privilege or advantage shall be conceeded to Christianity or any other special religion; that our entire political system shall be founded and administered on a purely secular basis g and that whatever clanges shall prove necessary to this end shall be promptly made.

Sixth- We recommend that Liberal Leagues

be organized at once in every portion of the country, for the purpose of advancing the objects: and principles set forth in the above demands. After the adoption of the preamble and resolutions, Mr. Hull again addressed the people, or all who were within hearing distance, on BIBLE SPIRITUALISM.

He cited many instances from the bible where, if the stories are to be believed, there were manifestations of a similar character to the witness at this day, and he contended that every man who believes the bible must believe in Spiritualism. To him the bible was not supreme authority; nothing was supreme but the voice of God speaking through the human soul. But to those who accepted it as such, he could not understand how they could reject Spiritualism.

There are very few, finer public speakers in this country than Mr Hull, and he has the gift search, which with her was littly from the excitence was cally prepared for the sudden change, and cannot appear the sudden change. The consistions of our Spiritual Gospel were profitted by the warfer at her funeral from the lext "There is metallic and the with a with the change."

J. W. SEAVER.

minister, and as such was a very successful re-vivalist. He claims he was converted by a voice minister, and as such was a very successful recyclical to claims he was converted by a voice from heaven, as was Saul when on his way to Dannasens, and that, like him, he is now laboring to undo, all the wrong things that he did before his conversion. Previous to his conversion, he went from one end of the country to the other, preaching in tents, and saying to the people, "the blood of Christ would cleanse them, from all sin," Since his conversion, he has been over the same ground again, and proclaimed with still more carnestness that it is no such thing; that the blood of Christ would cleanse them. From the same ground again, and proclaimed with still more carnestness that it is no such thing; that the blood of Christ can be of no use to the sine and how with the writer, and we let her again in the sum of the country to the sum of the country to the country to the sum of the country to the country to the sum of the country to the writer, and the writer, and the writer, and we let he decreased and invocation by the writer, and we let her again in the sum of the country to the country to the sum of the country to the sum of the sum of the writer, and the sum of the writer, and we let he decreased and wite and the writer. It is no such thing; that more carnestness that it is no such thing; that the blood of Christ can be of no use to the sinner; that what he must depend on is a pure and holy life.

Syracuse, N. Y.; July 28, 1873. Indian Affairs.

NOTICE FROM THE AME CIATION.

The American Indian Aid Association - es tablished in New York City-propose to publish a series of dissertations on the character, manners and customs of the American aborigines; the general misapprehensions of the same by the American people, and consequent injustice and false policy pursued by the latter, consisting of

1. A review of the military proceedings with the Modoe Indians since their appeal of the 15th of May last; the ridiculous farce of administering fistice by creeting the gallows, by Gen. Davis before the trial begins; the unprecedented reading to the accused Modoes their indictment and sentence of death from the same paper; con-clusive proof that the indictment consisted of a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end; a change of venue demanded; a profest against the execution of Capt. Jack, or any other Indian, by virtue of the verdict of any court martial or ganized by Gen. Davis; any execution by virtue of any trial in which the original causes, of the war and death of Canby and Thomas are ignored. denounced as murder, and all persons indorsing

Freeduck, A. C. Enternant, Dee, Yee President, Committee, Like Bruns, Serreity, Frank R. Klowless, G. Li. Cupin; Executive Committee, Treasurer, C. Li. Cupin; Executive Committee, Like Bruns, Like Committee, Like Deep C

tor the protection of Indians against the evils of elvilization as well as their capacity for reaping if s blessings. The Grant policy and Quaker supervision demonstrated to be a great improvement. Also, for Indian cooperation, tribal associations, as models for instructing, white Christians how to live out the self-denying doctrines it chair solution. The reaction of the self-denying doctrines and Article VI, see, it of their religion. T. Tow W. C. GOULD, Secretary. T. Township, Chairmon, was

Passed to Spirit-Life:

From Lancaster, Oldo, July 19th, Priscilla Ann Scott,

wife of Dr. H. Scott.

They remains were followed to their final resting place on the 16th inst, by a large concourse of relatives and sympathizing triends. She was a member of the M. E. Church, and received the sacrament of the supper at her own request but a short time before her death.

Though a church member, she was a believer hi splittering and inter-communion with the departed, of which she had received many striking and satisfactory evidences. Burling her approaching dissolution, her splittan hattire seemed greyly quickened, and she often said to her friends around her that voices from havishic beings were whispering to her. She several times exchained with animation, at Thiera, is mother, the algorith of the friends while almost properties of the properties of the properties of the properties. We hope soon to flave a report from slaver Scott, as she assured her beteaved and heart-stricken husband she would return if she found the way open.

Languster, Ohio, July 22d, 1856.

From Farmington, 10, 2008 1000 2000 2000.

From Parmington, Ill., July 11th, Thomas K. Palmer,

From Farmington, 1(i., 300) titt, Fromas K, Paimers, at the advanced age of so years.

Fully ripe and ready for the change, he has been waiting these many years for the angel of liberation to set him free from physical invalidom. A calm and earnest believer in spiritualism, the change was but a grand holbday for finin. Though he had to chave fits aged and honoredromization beinful, it was without regret, knowing it was but for a short time, when she, too, would join him in his beautiful home in the "Summer-Land."

He has spoken frequently to her, since his ascension, (she is clarimidient,) words of encouragement, assuring her it was well with him.

Stuffic day of burial, while her, carriage was following closely the hearse, he said to her, "This is the most beautiful lide we ever took together," and I want you to rejoice with the."

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Hiesself knowledge, in the light of which we can truly exclaim. "Oh Death, where is thy sting?" Ohigrave, where is thy victory?!" So mote it be.

B. F. GROUMED.

From Byron, N. Y., April Rh. Mrs. Margaret, mother From Byron, N. Y., April tin, Mrs. Margaret, mother, of John and J. W. Seaver, aged ss years? Fall of years, and ripe for the change, she gladly evidant end of the figher. He, Ther Inneral was largely attended by neighbors and tribuds, who were thus privileged with listering tecone of Mrs. Libble Watson's most soutshooting allscourses; also to a symbolic description of the reception of the Just born optim. Where Instance daughters in their beautiful beaventy bone.

From LeRoy, N. Y., June 18th, Mr. William Tillon,

aged 75 years,

For many years, until some fifteen years, ago, he was a member of the Methodist Church, but reaching the higher light of this new Spiritual Dispensation, and being developed as a seer and leader, be realously disvoted his highest thoughts and energies to its advancement. His funeral was attended, and a discourse delivered from a text of his own selection, by the writer.

From Boston, July 26d, Mrs. Mary E. Whiship, aged 42

From Boston Highlands, July 21st, Carrie M., youngest child of Thaddens C. and Mary Dunn, aged I year 5 months and 5 days.

and 5-bays.

As the careful gardener transplants his choicest, tenderest plants from the coffil damp soll of out-door life into the warm, congental atmosphere of the conservatory, so the great gardener of souts has transplanted our human blossom from the damp soil of earth to the radiant summer-Land. For.

The angels called her-here she could not stay. They beckoned her from earth to heaven away. She's gone beyond all sorrow, ulght and paint. Our gaithly loss is her elected gain.

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slons of Article VI., section as in the browning that the straiths of the Spiritual Philosophy, rightly interpreted and applied to the simprovement and regulation of humansociety, tend to the highest weltare of our race, and that great good may be accomplished by a general cooperation of Spiritualists throughout the condiment for the promutgation and application of these truths, the undersigned unite for the specific purposes hereinafter mained, under the following.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION:

there are strong proofs that there is not a solitary Christian among the whole of them.

Indians, the only people on this continent that practice the most essential and stringent doctrines of Christianity. Hence it follows that we staid in more need of missionaries from them than they need missionaries from us.

A most respectable elergyman, who had devoted much money and a large portion of his life in labors of charity and humanity, after visiting had money respectable elergyman, who had devoted much money and a large portion of his life in labors of charity and humanity, after visiting findian missions, declared that if he had his way he would break up every Christian mission among the Indians. But we take a more hope and view of the matter.

In our next we shall propose

A NLW METHOD OF CIVILIZATION; in which, among other measures, we shall propose, on certain conditions, to retain the present denominational missionaries to teach those afts and sciences, a knowledge of which is essential for the protection of Indians against the evils of elyilization as well as their capacity for reuping its blessings. The Grant policy and Ouaker suits the sensition of the continuous may be blessings. The Grant policy and Ouaker suits the sensition is and section of the cover frequency of the protection of Indians against the evils of elyilization as well as their capacity for reuping its blessings. The Grant policy and Ouaker suits of the protection of Indians against the evils of elyilization as well as their capacity for reuping its blessings. The Grant policy and Ouaker suits of the protection of Indians against the evils of elyilization as well as their capacity for reuping its blessings. The Grant policy and Ouaker suits of the protection of Indians against the evils of elyilization as well as their capacity for reuping its blessings. The Grant policy and Ouaker suits of the protection of Indians against the evils of elyilization as well as their capacity for reuping its blessings. The Grant policy and Ouaker suits of

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The Chemung County Spiritualist Association will hold their Yearly Meeting at Ephridge Park, Elmira, N. Y., one-Sinday, Aug. 17th, 18th, commencing at teno clock A. M., and continuing until tour of clock P. W. Good Speakers will address the meeting, and J.a.France's full band will discourse to bring their own provision. This Park is to Elmira what fourful Park is to New York Phys. A general Invitation is given to all the friends of progress.

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BY WARREN CHASE.

CHICAGO AND ITS SURROUNDINGS. Three Sundays in Chicago, and the two weeks

between for Visiting and observation gave us a good chance to observe and note the condition of this great metropolis of the West. Our meetings' were largely attended by excellent audiences, and our calls on mediums gave evidence of general prosperity in our cause, although the healing department seemed rather largely supplied for the business, and poorly paid. Our eccentric old friend McFadden is still here hunting up patients, and some of them he cures, pay or no pay. willing or unwilling. Many other good healers are here, some doing little, and some much for themselves or thogause. Test mediums get better paid and do less work, and even they are not half jaid as they should be, considering the value of their work. Bro. Hamilton from "parts of Maine "was here, full of rhyme and inspiration, but he fled for the camp grounds of Massachue setts, where he may be heard in the groves as natural as the birds, but not quite as musical, Streight is here, doing a wonderful work in Painting, which will be heard from in time. Fifteen hundred dellars have been offered and declined for one of his recent pictures now on exhi- lication of a Splendid Story, translated from the bition here. Mrs. Robinson is prescribing media French of Ennoxo About, entitled eines and giving directions to applicants for re-Hef, and is doing a great business with success. Bro, Jones is always on duty at his office, and is one of the most thorough and practical business. men we ever met. What he undertakes and fails: in, no other man need attempt to do in a busimess line. We spent much time in his office, and received kindnesses from all, which will not be forgotten if they cannot be repaid. Our faithful friends, Dr. Avery and his blessed wife, who conduct the meetings and Lycoun at the hall where we lectured, are among the most faithful and devoted workers in our cause. They sacrifice much, and the angels will bless them if mortals We made our home mostly with our dear old.

friends from Lockport, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Sybrand, long known as furnishing a happy home for our brethren. They live seven miles from the interest. city centre, at Englewood, where six or more of the principal railroads pass and cross each other, and where all trains have to stop, so the citizens , can go in or out any hour of the day, and special trains run also. The beautiful little villa is rapidly building up with fine residences, and the prairie is fast being turned into dower-gardens, and fenced yards and lots are already selling at from fifty to one hundred dollars per front foot; The Chicago people, with immense quantities of i · land unoccupied, have the greatest faculty of securing extravagant prices of any people in the world, and their speculations have enriched so BANNER OF LIGHT would soon double in circumany in the last twenty-live years, that other lation. Western towns and cities have caught the mania and made havor among the new speculators, for it does not work as well in any other place as in Chicago. They have a faculty of taking up at fully to the rescue, and once more place our wet prairie, or even a mud hole, and draining paper on a permanent basis; and grading streets, and putting up a few fine houses, and then putting the lots into extravagant prices, and selling at such prices. It is wonderful to see land sold for fiffy cents per square foot, that it few years ago could not be sold for ten dollars per acre; but this is Chicago, and it can be done here if nowhere else. It is the enterprise. They find the ground and roof of their business blocks the most expensive, and hence put them as far apart as practicable, and make an immense amount of room to rent upstairs, but they get used to stairs, as the sidewalks are largely made of stairs, and nearly the whole city is up and down steps of every conceivable description, and especially financially. They have turned their river and made it run up stream, and by a current from the lake wash out the filth of sewers, &c., and send it down through the State into the Mississippi to help fill up the Gulf of Mexico. They have funneled and tapped the bottom of the lake for clear cold water, and are putting a second tunnel under, and they have decided that they could go out seven miles further, and soon some crazy man will conceive the project of extending the tunnel across to St. Joseph, and running the cars on that route if they can get the right of way. If the project is once started, the Chicagoans will run it through, for they do whatever they undertake. No other place in the world ever had so great a fire, and no other place ever had such energy and enterprise. Where or how it will end we cannot conceive, but we perceive a slackening and tendency to rest from the unheard-of efforts but forth to rebuild the city from its fiery ruins, and we hear pitiful complaints from the overstocked labor markets that work and wages are giving out in many ways. Of course there must be a reaction, for the tension could not be kept up very long. We do not advise people to rush into Chicago as they have done since the fire, but rather to seek homes further West, and on cheaper lands, or if well situated in the East, stay there and ripen for the spirit-world. Soul growth is better than increase of wealth, and the latter is very uncertain from moving from the East to the West to obtain it. Let the young come if they choose, but the old had better stay. Be-

The Medical and Surgical Reporter tells of a "suplent" jury which sat on a dead body in New Jersey and reported-"died by the visitation of God-cause unknown, probably hernia." We have often heard it said "The Lord giveth and taketh away," [life] "and blessed be the name of the Lord." If he took the life, we do not see why he needed any cause, especially hernia. We had not heard of his being in New Jersey-before for some time, and hope he will not visit the watering places during the hot season.

1114 Calloichill street, Philadelphia, Pa., July 30, 1873. \{\frac{1}{2}}
Permit me, brothers of the Banner, to return you my sincere thanks for the kindness you show me in the Banner of Light of the 26th inst. It sweetens the reflections common to the evening of life, that, while my mediumship has not met the approval of many Spiritualists, my labors are so liberally acknowledged by yourself and others.

Yours gratefully,

JOHN MURRAY SPEAR.

He conquers twice who restrains himself in yletory.

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We shall also commence with our next volume, in October, a Great Moral Slory, written expressly for the BANNER OF LIGHT by the wellknown authoress; Mrs. Ann E. Porter, entitled

THE TWO COUSINS; OR,

TEMPEST AND SUNSHINE.

The stories of this truly charming writer are

Those who would secure the papers containing these great serials should subscribe at once.

Besides, these new features, rendering the Banner an excellent family journal, we shall continue to represent as fully as possible, as heretofore, the interests of Spinitualism in its manifold phases.

All we ask in return is sufficient patron-AGE. SHALL WE HAVE IT? Should our numerous friends resolve to make the effort, the

Spinitualists! we earnestly appeal to you, in behalf of the spirit-world, to come up man-

Dickens, and Drood.

The account elsewhere given in this number of the Banner, of the young medium to whom, as: report goes, has been entrusted the mediumistic, will hold a Grove Meeting in Wales's Grove, task of completing the fiction left unfinished by near Disco, on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23d Dickens—"The Mystery of Edwin Drood 22 and 24th. Giles B. Stebbins and Mrs. L. A. Pearwill interest all readers with its particularity of detail. How large a part of the narrative is to be credited with authenticity, as relates to identity with the spirit of the great novelist, others are as capable of deciding as ourselves. We can but say, from a perusal of the specimens given in the history of the matter, that they show it to be intellectually impossible for such a person as the Brattleboro' young man is reputed to be to produce them from his own consciousness; while it s equally undeniable that they are remarkably after the manner and spirit of Dickens, and not unworthy of the author after whom he follows, The Spiritualists of Brattleboro' have, of course, become profoundly interested in the case, which is so soon to excite discussionall over the Englishspeaking world; one of whom has communicated to us briefly the result of his investigation of the phenomenon: It is satisfactorily ascertained, it seems, that the young man is a medium, and composes his part of the story under spirit influence; whether it is the spirit of Charles Dickens or not, future circumstances will more fully disclose. Our correspondent assures us that all articles hitherto published in the papers on the subject were unauthorized, and therefore not entitled to weight as evidence in the public mind:

The reason given why no communication has itherto been given the public from Brattleboro', through the Banner, is that the spirit purporting to be that of Dickens has persistently dissuaded the young man from pausing in his work to make any explanation, remarking with truth that it would only serve to excite newspaper controversy, and that it was better for the subject not to be agitated. The spirit added that it preferred to keep the matter as quiet as possible, but that It would not "spoil" with keeping. Outside of the circle of Spiritualists who have seen the manuof the Springfield Union, whose account is printed herewith. He went to Brattleboro' a perfect skeptic in regard to the case, remained two days and a half, conversed with the medium. looked over the manuscripts, made extracts at his pleasure, and his report is therefore reliable. Our correspondent has been fortunate enough to see the matter produced from week to week, and pronounces the whole thing truly marvelous, of which he could pretend to give no proper idea in any space which could be allowed him. He concedes that the Union has furnished as good a report as could be made in the same space. It is expected that the volume public will judge of the merits of the case for of a wonder to the medium as it can be to any avert the threatened danger." one else.

Should the sequel indeed demonstrate the realmarkable enough when considered in any light how patural will be the explanation in a spiritual ling, etc. We shall notice the affair more fully in gaged to lecture in the afternoon. aspect. The great novelist was the most read of jour next issue.

modern authors in any field of intellectual production. There was his audience, then, and his influence. He was removed from earth just when he had awakened the profound interest of that vast community of readers in what he had just begun. More than that, he buried the secret of his story with him. No living being knew or could divine the mystery. It slept deep in his own subtle brain. Thus were the conditions marvelously fitted for exciting the attention which lay within the limits of the plan of the invisibles for spreading the truths of Spiritualism. Granting, finally, that every reasonable circumstance including an enlightened and just criticism, at tests the authenticity of the writings through the young medium, if will be allowed at once that no method of awakening the world's aftention to the truth of spirit communication could have been more wisely and effectively chosen-Dickens, the most widely read of authors; his death, and the burial of-his secret with him; and now the completion of the story and the logical development of its mystery through a medium notoriously disqualified by his antecedents from even attempting the labor on which he has ven tured and is about to complete. It would be the preaching of the great truth of Spiritualism with greater power than all the pulpit and press advocacy in the world could do it.

Contemptible Intolerance.

The Grand Rapids, Mich., City Council recently refused to two well-known speakers on reform the privilege of addressing the people of that place in the public park on a Sunday aftertoon, giving no better excess than that their objeet was to make money, and that it was "not lawful on the Sabbath Day," It is just like the pharisaism of old, that would not suffer good to be done on that day. It had been, it appears, the custom of the Common Council to allow other religious speakers, of whatever sect or belief, the privilege requested in the present instance; but because a Spiritualist lecturer asks the common favor for himself, he is denied it with an accompanying reproof and insult.

The authorities, says the Eagle of that place, treated the request as if it came from a mountebank or showman, and refused it as they would have refused an exhibitor of monkeys or jugglery. To the shallow plea raised in the Council's defense, that the proposal was equivalent to a request to be allowed to make money in public places on Sunday, the Eagle replies that there is scarcely a church or a Christian society held in vivid remembrance by the early subscrib, in the country which does not take contribuers of the Banner, for their beauty and intense, tions on Sunday, or any other day in the week. There was no admission fee in the present case. Nothing would have been asked for defraying expenses which people would not have been as free to withhold as to give. It justly denounces the act of the authorities, therefore, in refusing the request preferred to them, as "a disgraceful time would-be religious censors got down from their exalted tripods.

Grove Meetings and Conventions.

The Spiritualist State Association of Vermont will hold its Annual Convention in Hammond's Hall, Ludlow, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 5th; 6th and 7th of September. A. E. Carpenter will be in attendance as one of the speakers, and will have with him a good supply of spiritual books and pamphlets. He will also take subscriptions for the Banner of Light,

The Quarterly Meeting of the Henry County (III.) Association of Spiritualists will be held in Independence Hall, Atkinson, Aug. 30th and 31st. E. V. Wilson is to be one of the speakers. "The Spiritualists of Macomb County, Mich.

sall, principal speakers. The Spiritualists of Oregon will hold a Grove Meeting at Woodburn Station, on the O. C. R. R., seventeen miles north of Salem, commence

ing Oct. 3d. E. W. Shortridge and others, speak-The Central New York: Association will hold its next Quarterly Meeting at Rome, Aug. 23d

and 24th.

Hon. Warren Chase

Will be in Boston, and may be engaged for the fourth Sunday of August by application at this office. As this is the only Sunday he will be in New England unengaged at present, our friends had better secure it soon. He will be at Hemlock Hall-at the annual meeting of the Friends of Progress-Collins, Eric Co., N. Y., the last three days of August; in Binghamton, N. Y., the first Sunday of September; and in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 17th and 18th, at the National Convention. He may be addressed accordingly: but if in Boston at Banner of Light office, and if in Chicago, at Religio-Philosophical Journal office, care S. S. Jones. He will visit California late in the fall and spend the winter, if invited by the friends there who wish to hear him lecture; and, for that section, may be addressed at Lawrence, Kansas, Box 831, at any time till December.

 Mr. Chase will be in attendance at the Silver Lake Grove (Plympton, Mass.) Camp Meeting next week. He is selected as one of the speakers there for Sunday forenoon, Aug. 17th.

We are in receipt of a letter from Jno. W. Cochran, Chicago, which we shall print in our next. We take the following item from it for the present issue: "Among the most daring and foremost of Western men in the great battle being scripts, there is no other person than the reporter | fought in this country-Spiritualism vs. Darkness-is Hon. Warren Chase, of St. Louis, who is lecturing in this city to the Spiritualist Society, closing the course on next Sunday night. It was a treat for me, having never seen or heard this veteran of truth and the heavenly philosophy, to listen to his eloquent and well-rounded periods, on Sunday last, to a full house. He was especially severe on the present Congress, being mostly composed of 'Christian(?) statesmen.' God pity our country! When speaking. of the attempt now being made by some indiscreet divines (?) to put God in the Constitution, he very coolly called our attention to the late conduct of our present 'Christian Congress' will be published in October, when the reading connected with the Back-Pay-Salary-Grab and etc. On Sunday, Aug. 10th, Miss Jennie Leys Credit Mobilier. This was the severest cut of and William Denton will address the people, the themselves; only let the judgment be without all. With a few men like Mr. Chase in the field prejudice. Our correspondent says it is as much to set the fires on the prairies all ablaze, we will

137 The Spiritualist Tent Meeting at North ity of the Dickens influence in this business—re- | Almond Valley, N., Y., last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, was a great success as to numbers, speak- stand, while Mrs. Victoria C. Woodhull is en

Fourth Annual Spiritualist Camp Meeting

Whenever a new spot is inaugurated as a place of meeting for the disciples of free thought, a peculiar interest therein at once attaches itself to the mind of the well-wisher for truth, and anything descriptive of the event is welcomed as another page of cheering portent in the history which Spiritualists, as a people, are helping

Such an inauguration took place at Silver Lake Grove, Plympton, Mass., on Tuesday, Aug. 5th on which day the Fourth Annual Spiritualist Camp Meeting for the State of Massachusetts was commenced, under circumstances which could not but be encouraging both to the management-Drs. H. F. Gardner and A. H. Richardson-and the friends of the cause generally. For three years previous, the series was successfully carried out at Lake Walden, Concord, by Dr. Richardson and James S. Dodge, but the present year it was removed from that spot to Silver Lake, in obedience to circumstances which seemed strongly to point to a necessity for the change.

It is the unanimous verdict of the friends now neamped upon the borders of this magnificent lake, which spreads its mirror, blue as the sky, and seven miles in circumference-edging beneath the shadows of wooded heights, bending in deep bays, and anon lapsing on silver sand beachesthat the splendor of the scene, and the comfort of the larger extent of grove, and the fine buildings offered by the Old Colony Railroad Corporation, are superior in the highest degree to even Lake Walden-though tender memories of the old spot are cherished in many hearts.

On the beautiful morning of the 5th, a goodly company-among whom were the President and Board of Directors of the O. C. & N. R. R. (who were on a tour of inspection) embarked at Boston, and along the route, for Silver Lake. Arriving at the grounds, the new comers were welcomed by parties who had been gradually arriving since the evening of Friday, Aug. 1st. On every hand friendly congratulations were heard. The official visitors were escorted over the place by Dr. Gardner, while the crowds of anxious seekers after "local habitations" were entertained and cared for by Dr. Richardson, who soon found his one hundred and fifty tents (already prepared) insufficient to accommodate his guests - the additional ones being eagerly sought for as fast as they could be put up.

The afternoon and evening of the 5th were devoted to the preparation of the canvas city for its legitimate use; but some persons found time to stretch away over the waters of the lake. which were ruffled by a smart breeze, that made the skillful "skippers" appointed to have chargeof the management of all sail-boats, keep an eye open for "flaws;" while others wandered about partaking of the berries which the adjoining lands afforded, or sat under the shady trees in exhibition of the spirit of intolerance." It is about | communion with some book, written or unwrit-

> The visitor, on landing at the grove, finds a wide avenue, which leads, in a slightly curving line, to the "Broadway" of the camp. As he gains this, he becomes aware of three rows of tents stretching on his right, at right angles to the avenue; and on reaching the last, he reads the familiar sign, "Police Headquarters." To the left is a tent which is marked "Committee Headquarters;" and before him-and parallel with the lake-stretches on either hand the principal thoroughfare of this sylvan metropolis double line of tents mirking its positionwhich continues in a semi-circular sweep, to the left, to the brow of a hill overlooking the water, and on the right ends abruptly, after going some distance in a nearly straight line. The ground between the Lake and "Broadway," in front of the Camp, is divided into two nearly equal parts—that on the left being denominated | but it succeeded in being a very miscellaneous Camp Park"—that on the right (the largest) being occupied by the really fine speakers' stand; the dining-hall and restaurant (where Messrs. Hill & White, caterers, satisfy with healthy viands the appetites of such as apply); the dancing-ball, with its fine appointments; the ice cream saloon (where Messrs, George Gardner, of Boston, and Nathaniel Drake, of Plympton, dispense cooling preparations to thirsting patrons); the bowling alley; the photograph saloon (kept by Mr. J. Manning), and last but not least, the bookstore, presided over by Mrs. A. P. Joyce, where are sold various spiritual and reform works published by Colby & Rich (and others), and where subscriptions are taken for the Banner of Light, Dio Lewis's "To-Day," and Woodhull & Claffin's Weekly. Near this, is also the tent of Mrs. Raymond, of Charlestown, who continues (as in past years) to work as an entertainer of those who desire to obtain meals without going down to the hall. Fine wells, provided with pumps, are also located along both divisions, for the public convenience.

The number of people on the ground during the first day was variously estimated at from two to three hundred; the spirit evinced was of the truest harmony, and the subjoined extracts from the camp regulations show that the committee are determined to present to the liberals of all shades of thought a place where they can freely congregate for temporary out-of-door life, without fear of any disturbance of the usual amenities and enovments of a refined state of society:

"No intoxicating liquors will be allowed upon the Grounds. Any person violating this rule will be prosecuted to the extent of the law, and be

pelled from the Grounds. No unlawful Games will be permitted. At 10 o'clock P. M. each night, a bell will be rung at the Managers' Tent, to notify Campers and Visitors that the hour for quiet and rest has come, and from 10½ o'clock P. M. to 5½ o'clock A t., no loud talking or other noisy demonstrations will be allowed upon the Grounds, and any persons found about the Grove after 1034 o'clock and before 514 as above, who are not provided with lodgings within the 'Camp,' will be taken in charge by the police in attendance."

Divers attractions of a mental nature are an rounced by the management, in addition to the natural charms of the grounds, mention of which will hereafter appear in our columns: Wednesday and Friday, August 13th and 15th, are to be especially assigned as picnic days, giving those who cannot spare the time to camp an opportunity to enjoy the speaking from the rostrum, dancing, fishing and boating on the lake, etc. services to conclude with a grand sacred concert by a full band of twenty-five pieces. On Sunday, 17th, Horace Seaver, Esq., editor of the Boston Investigator, and Hon. Warren Chase. the stanch and veteran advocate of reform, will occupy the morning service at the speakers'

It is to be hoped that a large number of the be-

lievers of and inquirers concerning our philosophy may feel to attend these gatherings held in. the name of truth beside the bright waters of this new Gennesaret.

Harwich Camp Meeting-Continued.

Our last week's report closed with the proceedings of Tuesday forenoon. The exercises in the afternoon consisted of a lecture from Dr. II. B Storer, on the "Sources of Inspiration." It proved a happy and fruitful subject, and was most felicitously treated. The Doctor is an especial favorite on Cape Cod, a fact which argues well for the friends there, and is no less a compliment to the speaker. As usual, the evening was devoted to a conference. Among others who spoke, were Mrs. Celby and Mrs. Olive Smith, the latter of whom feelingly related her experiences at Moravia. Mrs. Hunt also referred to instances of spirit-power through herself.

Wednesday forenoon the exercises opened by singing from the choir, followed by a lecture from Mr. Anthony Higgins, on "Practical Spiritualism." In the afternoon, the Chairman, re-In the afternoon, the Chairman referred to the matter of newspaper notoriety concerning the "Mystery of Edwin Drood," reading an article from the Boston Journal. Mrs. Amelia II. Colby, of Indiana, was then introduced, vho spoke with great carnestness about Bible Christianity. In the evening there was a confernge, interspersed with singing

Thursday forenoon, Mrs. Albertson was tho-only speaker. In the afternoon, E. Annie Hin-man, of Connecticut, lectured, her subject— "Whither are we Drifting?" having special ference to the proposed Religious Amendment o the Constitution—being treated in an interestng and able manner. In the interim between the afternoon and evening services, Mrs. Stod-dard and her son, Master Hough, gave an exhibition of physical manifestations in one of the larger tents. A conference was held in the even-ing, during which Mr. Isaac Small made a chareteristic exhibition of himself. Λ disturber of public meetings generally, he seems to be happy only when dealing out wholesale slander and

misrepresentation against mediums:
For Friday morning's session, a "social chat?"
was announced. An interesting feature of this meeting was the singing of some twenty little-children, led, by Mrs. Smith, with guitar accompaniment. During this meeting, among others who participated, but whose names we did not learn, Mrs. E. Annie Human, entranced, spoke for half an hour on the "Law of Control." In the afternoon, Mrs. Pinney recited a poem, after which Mr. Higgins, of New Jersey, occupied the platform with one of his characterstically able discourses, strong in statement, rich in illustration, and fraught with convincing power. In the evening, the Social Question was ventilated with emphasis, and at length, by Mrs.

Saturday forenoon, Dr. J. Hamlin Dewey, of Boston, delivered a thoughtful and critical address relative to the Law and Philosophy of Mediumship. This gentleman is a close observer and an independent thinker, and we are pleased to learn that he is to enter the lecturing field the ensuing season. In the afternoon the same subper the same surject was appropriately continued and freated by Dr. Storer, whose remarks, to our personal regret, we did not hear. The evening was employed by Mr. A. E. Carpenter in giving practical illustrations in Brushelm.

tions in Psychology.

The services Sunday morning opened with Mrs. Smith and her band of children singing ' duced as the regular speaker for the forenoon when she at once proceeded to generalize upon and contrast at length Modern and Ancient Chris-tianity, from the standpoint of human reason. The exercises concluded with the song—"Mother meet me at the Beautiful Gate," by Capt W. B Kelley and daughter. In the afternoon, notwithtanding the very warm weather, the gathered throughad increased by thousands, who were mentally entertained upwards of an hour by Wm. Denton, with his lecture on "Christianity and Spir-itualism." The large audience in the evening were further regaled by two highly adapted discourses from Dr. Storer and Anthony Higgins, Esq., which seemed to gather up the broken threads of thought uttered during the entire week, and proved a fitting close to the Harwich Camp Meeting of 1873. The subject of the former was on the "Evidences of Progress," that of the latter, "The Outlook and Work of the Reformer." "A Love Feast was announced for Monday forenoon,

A number of professional mediums were in attendance on the ground, among whom we noticed Mrs. Julia Dickinson, Mrs. G. W. Folson, Mrs. R. K. Stoddard and her son, De Witt C. Hough. These latter give several exhibitions in their particular line of manifestations, which were largely attended and highly satisfactory.

We are pleased to note that each year witnesses additions and improvements at this old camping-place. If a similar grove to this could only be found in nearer proximity to the water, where advantages in fishing, boating, surf-bathing, etc., could also be had, there would be no end to the number who would flock to such a place of resort. Many are now ready to build and own convenient cottages at such a place, where they could pleasantly pass several weeks if not months during the warm weather, enjoying all the comforts of nome and camp life combined.

The London Spiritualist.

The publication of the London Spiritualist as monthly journal began in the year 1869, and its circulation has been steadily increasing from the first, as we are credibly informed. In consequence of the rapid progress which Spiritualism. is making in England, in the Colonies, on the Continent, and in America, the Spiritualist is now published fortnightly, and ere long will be issued weekly.

The Spiritualist is the leading organ of the Movement in England, and circulates chiefly among the aristocratic, educated and wealthy sections of English society; it is largely read also because it deals with a subject of such great contention between those who do know and those who do not know anything about it, and because Spiritualism has been spreading so rapidly among the Courts and crowned heads of Turope. The Spiritualist considers all questions relating to the study of man as a science, hence a particular section of the proceedings of the Royal Institution, the Anthropological Institute, and other learned bodies, is more fully reported in its pages than in any other journal. Among the writers for its pages are gentlemen of the highest eminence in literature, science, art, and the peerage. It is published by E. W. Allen, 11, Ave Maria Lane, Paternoster Row, London, E. C. Subscriptions taken at the office of the Banner of Light.

J. M. Peebles.

By a recent private note from Mr. Peebles, we infer that he will reach America in October or November, ready for the winter lecture engagements. We venture the opinion that he will lecture upon his travels in China, India and Egypt, as well as the Spiritual Philosophy. $\,\,\Lambda\,$ profound thinker, scholar and philosopher, he must have a rich store of knowledge to draw from. His lectures will be valuable.

We shall print another of Mr. Peebles's "Letters of Travel" in our next issue.

A non-re-incarnationist correspondent, after porusing the lecture delivered at Albany, and published in the Ban-ner, against the doctrine of re-incarnation, says, in a private note to us: "Mr. Coleman had better study and shake off a little of his bigotry before he enters the in,

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Journalistic Swindling.

Under the caption of "Spiritual Swindling" the Boston Daily Globe is quite ferocious on the subject of Mr. Foster's so-called spiritual séances. With a solemnity which would have done credit to the old Puritan divines who called out so lustily in witchcraft times for the hanging and drowning of persons suspected of supernatural dealings, this would-be leader of Boston journalism preaches against Mr. Foster. The times have sochanged since Cotton Mather lived, that though the Globe does not actually demand that Mr. Foster should be drawn and quartered without bene--fit of clergy, it wants him indicted by the authorities" for "practicing fraud." The case, we are told, is one that "clearly calls for the interference of the authorities;" and Mr. Foster ought to be "subjected to that wholesome discipline provided by the law against obtaining money under false

What if the journalist who penned this antediluvian nonsense should wake up some fine morning and find himself indicted for "obtaining money under false pretences?" Quite as ingenious and powerful a case could be made out against him as he has made out against Mr. Foster. It might be urged, for example: "Here is a man shutting his eyes to facts, and trying to misrepresent them to the public. He brings against Mr. Foster a charge of swindling which might be retaliated against himself with equal force. He sets up his own limited experience against the contrary experience of thousands of intelligent men and women, and charges with felonious intent a man who manifests in his person, and by the well-established phenomena through his agency, powers which we have asmuch right to call spiritual as this editor has to call the platitudes from his pen editorial."

What is the substance of the Globe's charges against Mr. Foster? Some person, it appears, instead of writing the names of departed friends on the pellets, as he tacitly professed to do, wrote certain fictitious names, and the supposed "spirits" manifested themselves through Mr. Foster all the same-thus proving, according to this sagacious writer, that Mr. Foster intentionally deceives. So far is this from being the fact, that even according to the writer's own showing, Mr. Foster is the deceived party. The person who tacitly pretends to give him the names of departed friends is the real "swindler" in the case. Mr. Foster lays no claim to infallibility; no claim to exemption from imposition for himself or the spirits. He openly declares on fitting occasions that the "spirits" are sometimes not above fooling him and his overcrafty visitors; that these last are likely to get deception for deception, and that those who practice tricks and get tricks in return must blame themselves and not the passive and irresponsible medium. The coarse blunderer who can set down the amazing evidences of clairvoyance, which Mr. Foster gives in such wonderful profusion, as mere "swindling," is simply an incompetent investigator of phenomena, to the genuineness of which many of the most intelligent persons in England and America can bear witness. The real question at issue, as this writer ought

to learn before he again attempts to wield the editorial pen and "swindle" the public on this great subject, is not whether spirits are at work, but whether certain phenomens, transcending the power of any man in his purely natural state to produce, do actually occur. That they do is an established fact in the minds of thousands of persons in this very city of Boston to whom the proprietors of the Globe look for help in sustaining that paper, either as subscribers or advertisers; and the writer little dreams how many of his own readers he ignorantly insults when he prates of "the credulity of our citizens" and of this "ridiculous imposture." Such men forsooth as Alfred R. Wallace; Lord Brougham, Robert Hare, Mr. Crookes (editor of the London Quarties, Mr. Crookes (editor of the London Quarties) (editor of th terly Journal of Science), the late Robert G. Shaw, the late Nathaniel Bowditch, the Rev. William Mountford, Hermann Fichte (son of Fichte, the immortal)-such men as these, and many hundreds more that we might name, our tims of a "ridiculous imposture," which it is the province of this immensely sagaclous generating of the press to numerical and the second of the immensely sagaclous generating that he would—"an, like to have—ah, something engraved on it—ah, to denote what he was !" "Certainly, certain-of the press to numerical and the second of the second of the press to numerical and the second of the second o of the press to puncture and dispel! And he wants the "authorities" to interfere!

We would like to see the authorities, that in this nineteenth century and in this intelligent city of Boston, would dare to yield to the instigation of any swell of a journalist, and attempt to put down Mr. Foster as a swindler! We hardly think they would remain "authorities" long. The truth of the matter is, the writer in the Globe has simply walked into the wrong century. He belongs to a past era. He should have been born in the year 1625, and been present at the hanging of Burroughs and others in Essex County for witchcraft. What a jolly time he would have had of it! And what a comfort it would be for him to see Mr. Foster, if not strung up on a gallows, yet cutting stone with a State Prison gang during the heated term, and, in his leisure moments-most remorseless of indictions! - compelled to read the editorials of the Globe ! AN OBSERVER.

The Birthplace of Modern Spiritual-ism. Our readers will notice, that the publishers of "The Dawning Light" have another advertisement in this issue of our paper, wherein will be found additional items of interest connected with the production of this extraordinary work of art, which, together with the following letter from Mr. Hyde (the owner of the farmhouse seen in the distance of the picture), should be read by all interested in spiritualistic art:

"HYDESVILLE, N. Y. MESSRS. R. H. CURRAN & Co.—The picture made by Joseph John, representing the house and surroundings that I rented to Mr. John D. Fox, where the 'Raps' began, is perfectly correct, as far as material objects are concerned. I have lived in Hydesville fifty-six years, but have nave fived in flydesyllie fifty-six years, but have never seen the angels and the peculiar lights and shadows that the artist has so fancifully and flatteringly joined to our noted village.

Yours truly, A. W. HYDE."

The New England Agricultural Society, of which Hon, George B. Loring is President, holds its Tenth Annual Exhibition at Mystic Park, near Boston, commencing Sept. 2d, and continuing four days.

Mrs. S. A. Floyd gave two lectures Sunday, the 4th inst., at John. A. Andrew Hall, Boston, to good audiences. Many questions were answered and the meetings were quite interesting. The singing, as usual, was good.

Slavery is a living death. But of all slaverles the very worst is that, which, dancing in chains, supposes itself freedom. Such is the condition of those who adhere to the

colle.

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Ewald, in his recently published "Life and Timeso Algernon Sydney,** (pp. 490-491, Vol. 1.) says, speaking of the ** Essay on Leve** (hat Sydney wrote, and which is now in manuscript at Penshurst, "In this escay, Sydney explains the nature and object of true passion; and, confining his observation entirely to the analysis of virtuou love, lays down as an unanswerable proposition, that the only passion which can add to and never detract from the happiness of mailkind, is a chaste and lawful love,"

There is nothing in this world that is altogether evilor ltogether good. It is impossible to fix the mind's eye upon any one thing that is absolutely good or absolutely gvil. All things are imperfect, but we must take the evil with the good, and do the best we can with the middling machiner;

There is no mean work save that which is sordidly selfish; while in every sphere of life, the post of honor is the post

The White Mountain (Arizona) Indians will this year raise 150,000 pounds of corn

A Nevada dustice laid a six-shooter on his bench and asked; "Is there any one who takes exception to the rulings of this Court?" Nobody dbl. A London paper, in recogniting a death, says: "Thede-

ceased lady died suddenly, without medical assistance, which came too late, "To die without medical assistance

A high-school girl, just graduated, said in heressay: * Let us avoid the frivolities of life and pursue the noblest ends only. The next day the was moved to tears hear agonizing attempt to decide the proper shade of blue for her

A report made by Mr. Bergh shows how much good has een effected through efforts made to protect animals against man's cruelty; but it shows, quite as clearly, how great that cruelty is, and show much remains to be done to secure to animals, the enjoyment of their rights—for they have rights as certainly as men have them.

No age, sex, or condition is above or below the absolute necessity of modesty; but without it one is vasily beneath the rank of man,— Horlow,

That was a stardling tombstone, erected to the memory of · Tabitha, beloved wifejof Joseph Wright, Thomas Andrews, Eben Halstead, Charles, Dean and Edwin Murry. by her devoted husband, Cyrus Morgan, "

A moment's thought is passion's passing knell, - Keats. The following was recently given through an English

trance medium by the controlling spirits:

'When you sit down to dinner, you do not ask a priest to attend and order what you shall eat or drink; why, then, should you let him dietate to you or to your children what spiritual food shall be taken? Ciothe your selves rather with knowledge of your own wearing, and help to bring about a now heaven and a new earth, when men shall dwell together in unity and peace.

New converts to Spiritualism should not come into the

The Khan of Khiva acknowledges himself the vassal of the Czar, and abolishes slavery in all his dominions. This sets 10,000 Perslans at liberty.

A correspondent suggests that the Y. M. C. A, change its

horse, but it is not the mane thing. This foke came from A disastrous conflagration occurred at Portland, Oregon.

Saturday, Aug. 20, destroying twenty-three blocks of buildings, at a loss of \$1.500,000. Dr. Entwistic; formerly a clairvoyant physician of Chicago, gave us a call a few days ago. He left the city a poor man just before the great fire. He is now worth \$70,000, and is receiving a satury of \$15,000 per year. He owes his success to his spirit-guides, —Religio-Philosophical Journal.

The principal cause of the sufferings of men lies in intel-

"Now, George, you must divide the cake honorably with your brother Charles. ** What Is honorably, mother? Then, mother, I'd rather that Charley should divide it.

If you dislike people, show their companys do not ex-ress your dislike or utter complaints against them. SARCASM. - "Why do you choose to live a single life?"

* Because, !! she replied, !! I am not able to support a hus The Des Moines (Iowa) Republican says: "The great religious discussion is creating a perfect foror here, and on every corner are excited crowds, who talk of nothing bat the church militant and familiar spirits. Thou fifty unin-isters are present, taking notes, and others coming. The church will not hold half the crowd. Prominent Spiritual-lists are coming from all parts of the West?"

A drunken fellow wandered into a Sanday school and took

The history of every church should teach it to be sufficiently liberal to allow any man or men to teach anything they desire, meeting them only with moral weapons, without anger,—Grand Rapids Democrat.

This is all we ask.

There is a secret drawer in every heart, as In every desk If we only knew how to touch the springs of it.

A judge in Indiana threatened to fine a lawyer for con tempt of court. "I have expressed no contempt for the court," said the lawyer; "on the contrary, I have carefully concealed my feelings."

A word unspoken is a sword in the scabbard; a word uttered is a sword in another's hand.

"Shine ye up?" said a little bootblack to a stranger replied the boy, "I'll shine you up for the dirt on your

A most delicious sensation is that furnished by trending in the dark and bare-footed, unsuspectingly, upon a stiff hair brush. Nothing can describe one's internal emotions under the circumstances.

Movements of Lecturers and Mediums. N. Frank White called at our office on Tuesday. We never saw him looking better. He is ready to fill engage-

ments to speak in this vicinity during August and Sep "C. Fannie Allyn, who is advertised as 'one of the mos gifted trance speakers in the United States, '' says the Waterville (Me.) Mail of August 1st, 'has been engaged to speak at Town Hall, Waterville, on Sunday, August 10;

the subject to be presented by the audience. These meetings will afford a rare opportunity, either for those interested in Spiritualism or for the curious. All persons o civil demeanor are requested to hear for themselves. D. W. Hull speaks at Elkador, Iowa, October 1st and 6t1

and will be glad to attend a few grove meetings in the vi-ciuity of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, while he is West. W. F. Jamieson and Cephas B. Lynn will lecture in trand Rapids, Mich., during September. W. F. Jamieson will speak for the Spiritualists' Society

in Washington, D. C., during January. "Our young friend, Cephas B. Lynn," writes a correspondent, "Is becoming one of the very best and most elo-

nent speakers in the field. Spiritualism has proved a great Mrs. Abby N. Burnham spoke in Lewiston, Me., August

3d, and was well received and appreciated. S. S. Baldwin, by invitation of prominent citizens, is

holding public séances in New Orleans, Mrs. Jennie Holmes, a fine physical medium, has recent ly returned from Europe, and is holding séances in Pence's Hall, Terre Haute, Ind.

Mrs. H. T. Stearns will speak in Harrisburg, Pass the 16th and 17th of August: In Tiogo, Pac, the 24th, at a grove Dr. H. P. Fairfield's last lectures were given in Phila-

delphia, Pa., in July. He is now resting at home through August. Would like to make engagements to speak dur-ing September and October. Address Aucora, N. J. Dr. E. Harrison Green and wife, late of this city, for merly of England, are at present located in Greenfield.

Mass., at the American House. Miss Jennie Leys afforded great satisfaction to the Spir-itualists of North Bridgewater, Mass., by her addresses at

Muste Hall, in that place, on Sunday, July 27th.

J. Frank Baxter gave lectures and a public scance, on Sunday, Aug. 24, at Soles' Hall, Middleboro, Mass., the services calling together good and highly interested andi-

A Lively Interest in New Hampshire.

The Quarterly Convention of the Merrimac and Sullivan Counties' Association of Spiritual | ing. and Sullivan Counties' Association of Spiritualists, held at Lempster, Ang. 1st, 2d and 3d, of bor Modical Band but has been cured. She is passed off well.—It was dargely attended, and the instrument or organism used by the Invisitue speaking and singing were excellent. The bles for the benefit of Humanity. Of herself she the speaking and, singing were excellent. The meeting eyer held in New Hampshire. A full (prepared, through sher organism, to treat vid report is being prepared for our columns. . Moses

Stance where the vital organization of the principal speaker, will spend Tinue life are not already destroyed.

The remainder of August in those counties, Mrs. Morrison is an unconscious TRANCE ME.

Vermont.

The Annual Concention of the Vermont State spiritualist Association, for the election of other is and transaction
of other business, will be held in Hammond's Hall, Lindlow, on Fidiax, Saturday and Sunday, the 5th, 6th and 7th
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Middleton, E. A. Smith, E. B. Jenny and D. P. Wilber,
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od! " will be sure to fonow. By order of the Executive Committee, E. B. HOLDEN, Secretary,

The Next Regular Quarterly Meeting

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Of the Henry County Association of spiritualists will be
held at Independence Hall, in Arkinson, Henry County,
Ill., on the 30th and 30st of August, 1873. E. V. Wilson
will becure before the Association. All ricends are fine ited
to attend; and as our accommodations are findited, there
henry only four Spiritualist families in the neighborhood,
all who can do so will please bring the substantial sof life,
and also blankets, poles or quilts. Those who cannot do
so, will be welcome, and will be provided for. Strangers
will inquire for Mr. Duffur.

John M. Fot Lett, Neverlary
Henry Co., Association of Spiritualists,

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The spb funds of Origini will hold a Grove Meeting a Woodhum-Station, on O. C. R. B., seventeen inlies north of Salem, to continue three days, commencing October 33, 32. E. W. Shopridge and other good speakers will be present. A general invitation is extended to att, and as seefally to mediums throughout the country. Come one come all, and let us have a good time.

E. C. Couley, Chairman Committee of Arrangements, Woodhurn, Origin, July 20th, 38-3.

Windlorgh, Oregon, ****

Grove Meeting.

The Suffinalists of Macomb Co. Mich., will hold a Grove Meeting in W. A. Wales's Grove, one and a quarter miles west of Disco, on Saturday and Sunday, the End and 24th of August, Sommencing on Saturday, and the Fick P. M. Speakers engaged, (G. B. Stebilius and Mis. L.-A. Pearsall. A condial invitation is given to all.

Geometry Willen's President.

Quarterly Meeting.

The Central New York Association of Spiritualists will hold its next Quarterly Meeting, at Rome, N. Y., on the 23d and 24th lusts, commencing at 1-a-f-dack P. M. Good speaking is expected, and a full attendance is desired, president, and a full attendance is desired, and a full attendance is desired. T. D. SMUTH, Secretary, West Winfield, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1873.

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*20 We shall resume our Public Free Circles on the first of September next. //

Invocation.

Oh then in whose name we are here assembled, do thou baptize us in the clear light of thine own truth; do thou let us come, this hour, one step hearer to thee. May we fling backward the shadows and stand in thy light, baptized by thy blessedness, and may our griefs be overconie. May some of our ignorance be swept away; may the night pass on, and the day begin to dawn for us. Thou Spirit, who art our Eather and our Mother, we have ever trusted ourselves to thee. We know that we are safe in thy keeping; yet forever and forever we hear the watchword, "Ask and ye shall receive," sounded in our souls, and so, to day, we ask for thy blessing. Feb. 27.

Questions and Answers.

Controlling Setuit.-If you have questions, Mr. Chairman, I'am ready to hear them.

OUES - [By Mrs. H. W. S.] For some years I have seen what I suppose to be spirits presenting themselves like photographs on the walls, on the thore but more clearly on a copper reservoir. Seenes were also pictured before me which afterwards really took place; also, seenes that were enacted in the past, in which were represented people of ancient times and of all nations; also: cattle, trees, etc., and sometimes persons living in the form of see these things in my normal condition. What does this all mean? Cand do anything to expedite this faculty of seeing? Advice from the spirits will be kindly received by a grateful heart

Ass.-Since T know hothing of this special case except, what, you have just read me, I can hardly be expected to give a very clear answer. That there are persons upon whom departed spirits can so act, I know; but I do not believe that anything can be done to facilitate the condition; except to preserve, as far as possible, a passive state during the seeing of these pictures; for, the more passive the medium is, the more clear will be the picture.

Q-Will some one inform the inquirer why the spirit of a person whose body has been foully dealt with on earth, so often lingers around the place, "haunting" it, in the language of superstifion, until the discovery of the skeleton or the clearing up of The mystery, many times after the circumstance has been entirely forgotten, even if it had been ever known to others than the perpetrators?" Is any good accomplished by it? or is: it because of some morbid feeling on the part of the one wronged?

A .- It is but the action of natural law. All persons-spirits who are sent out of their physical forms violently, and, I may say, fraudulently -throw off, at that time, a large quantity of a peculiar quality of magnetic influence upon all that they have need of in the spirit-hand. Their spirit bodies pine for it, and so they visit these localities. In their operations to gather their own, they sometimes produce what are called physical manifestations—hauntings. It is not because they always have a desire to unearth the secret-on no! though it sometimes is; but it is not always the cause. They must linger around these localities, or visit them often, to gather that which is a necessity to their spirit bodies. Feb. 27.

Emma Freeman.

I wish to communicate with my sister. Her name is Alice Freeman-mine, Emma Freeman I died in January, of small pox; I lived in Friend street, Boston. After I got sick, I was carried away to the hospital, and never saw Alice afterwards, and now she is mourning dreadfully because she did n't make some extra effort to keep me, or to go with me, and take care of me. I want her to feel it is all right just as it is. She did the best she could; I probably should have died, any way. I want her to feel that while she's unhappy, I am so, too. She must try to be happy-try to feel that I am with her, that what she enjoys, I shall; and what she sorrows over, I shall. Good-day, sir. Feb. 27.

Aunt Polly Varney.

[How do you do?] I am well, and always was. I lived to be ninety-six years old. My name was Varney; they called me Aunt Polly Varney. I lived in Barrington, Mass. L'ye been gone-let me see-I 've been gone thirteen years. I want my grand-children what's living to know I can come back, and they need n't preach the coming of Christ any longer, because he's here, and they don't know him. He's here, round among 'em, and they don't know him, just as they said he would come to his own and his own would n't know him.

My folks are Second Adventists, you see. I want 'em to know the truth of the matter-that I can come back, I shall come. I know they don't believe anything in these things; I don't care if they don't believe, I shall come back and tell the truth. If it don't suit 'em, that 's their look-out, it aint mine. I never could see the thing just like they did, when I was here. I could n't see how it was that the Lord Jesus was coming in the clouds of Heaven, coming in bodily shape as they said be was. I did n't believe it; I know it aint so now. Foolish children! Better be studying your Bible to better purpose, I think. I want

Capt. John, if you will come back and tell inc what was the last thing that transpired between you and me on the earth, I'll believe." Very well: enough said: here it is? You and I, Joe. Capt. John, if you will come back and tell me Message Department, what was the last thing that transpired between EACH Message in this Department of the Ban- well; enough said; here it is? You and I, Joe, stood together on the deek of the old John Quincy Adams, and drank a glasgof, wine, together; sbook hands: you went ashore, and I went below, and Theyer saw you afterwards. Good Feb. 27. day, sir.

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born in Schuylkill, New York State. I died in vacancy Chicago. I was a victim of the fire. My bro? ther, husband and two sistersedom't know anything about, my last, hours. Well, I was fleeing to find a place of safety, but didn't find it. I 'can't tell what squaré I was going through, but 🖟 suddenly one of the burning buildings-they were afire on both sides-fell unexpectedly. I had asked the fireman if it was safe to run through there. He said, "Yes, be quick?" Just as I got opposite the building it fell. I did n't suffer anything, because I was struck on the head first and rendered senseless. I soon found myself a spirit without my body. And I do want my friends to mourn, because I am glad it is over and I am free. Good day, sir. Feb. 27.

Seance conducted by Theodore Parker; letters answered by " Vashti."

MESSAGES TO BE-PUBLISHED.

Tursday, March 25, "Clementina Van Dorn, of New Oreans, La.; William Peacemaker, to his mother, of Hamburg, Canada East; Virginia Walker, of Abany, N. Willed, and Janey, N. Willed, and J. Willed, and J Tilesday, March 25.—Chementina Van Dorn, of New Orleans, La.; William Peacemaker, to his mother, of Hamlton, Canada East; Virginia Walker, of Albany, N. Y. Wolmeyloy, Morch 26.—Edwin Forrest; Margaret Sullivan, of Boston; Frank.

Thursday, March 27.—Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, of Boston, to his father; Emily Howe Watson, of Norwich, Conn.; Will, Thackeray; Betsey Cooper, of Boston, Mass, Theodog, April 1.—Ellen McAvoy, died at Carney Hospital, to her mother; Bill Brownlow, of Minnesota, to his sister; Eleanor-Kelsey, of New York City, to her mother, Wild astley, a first 12.—Emma Shuclab, of Boston, to relatives; Matthew Kelley, to his brother.

Thodony, April 2.—Emma Shuclab, of Boston; Ann. Elizabeth Barnard, of New York City; Henry C. Wright, Thursday, April 19.—Appeal; Sally Deican Rediffelt, Thursday, April 10.—Aurella W. Snow; H. P. Deane, of Portland, Maine; Moketayaja; Alida Spencer, of Tarrytown, Penn.

Tursday, April 15.—Charlotte Woods, of Peekskill, N. Y., Phillip Crossman, of London, Eng.; Lucy Warrington, of New York City, to her mother; Wednesday, April 16.—Henry C. Clayton, of Boston; Lucy Tarbell, of Boston, to her mother; Joshua Pike, of Hampion, to his children; Alber Stevens, of Bridgeport, Conn., to her father, Thursday, April 17.—Prof. Alexander M. Fisher, of Yale; Margaret Stillman, of Moultonbore, N. H.; Clark Brewer, of Boston; Daniel McCann, to his brother in Ireland.

MASSACHUSETTS. SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual Convention at Fraternity Hall, Boston.

The President, Dr. H. P. Gardner, called the Convention fo order at 10% o'clock A. M., when the Secretary, H. S. Williams, read the call, the same being a dreadar which had been prepared and sent out to various steleties throughout the State, requesting them to send delegates to this Convention to take into consideration the subject of revising the Constitution, and the reorganization of the Association.

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The President then made a brief opening speech; explaining the object of the meeting, to the in harmony with the wishes expressed in resolutions adopted at the lost annual Convention, which digged the importance of organization upon the basis of a representation by delegates from the local societies, alluding to the interest, or lack of interest, among the great body of Spiritualists throughout the State, circling by declaring the meeting open for business.
The Secretary being called upon, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, after which the secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted by vote of the society. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand, after all debts were paid, of twenty-eight dollars.
On motion

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On motion.

Folod. That the tenth article in the Constitution be suspended for the present session, and that a Spiritualists present be invited to take part and vote upon all questions before the Convention.

Upon motion of Mr. A. C. Robinson.

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Thom motion of Mr. A. C. Robinson of Lynn. Mr. 1. P. Caration, who should revise and amend the Constitution, and present a list of officers for the ensuing year.

Then monihation, the controlled were appointed, and consisted of Mr. A. C. Robinson of Lynn. Mr. 1. P. Greenleaf of Boston, Mr. Wm. F. Spiller of Stoneham, Mr., and Mrs. W. C. Childs of Natlek, who immediately organized to attend to their duties.

Then motion.

Total, That when we adjourn it be to meer at 2 r. M. While the Committee on Organization weapont, there being no immediate business before the meeting the time was devoted to conference, in which Mr. Stanton, Dr. McCellan. Dr. Gardner, Mr. Lee and others, took part. Adjourned.

Hispanon Session, - Dr. H. F. Gardner in the chair. The Committee on organization not being ready to report, short speeches were declared in order until the Committee were ready to report, when remarks were made by Dr. A. H. Richardson, M. V. Lincoln and N. M. Wright, when, the Committee being ready, made the following report upon the revision of the Constitution:

MASSACHUSETTS SPIRTTUALISTS ASSOCIATION.

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PREAMBLE,
Blocross, We recognize Progress as the law of life and,
happiness—Truth as the beauty and good of existence, the
power of the Spiglitual, as the universal benefactor; and
general glucation as the design of infinite Wisdom and
Love; therefore we organize and fraternally unite for the
purpose of investigation, for the discovery of Truth, for
the investigating the phenomena and pholosophy of Spiritnalism, and for the encouragement of popular education
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CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This-Association shall be known as the Massachu-setts Spiritualists' Association, and shall, be composed of delegates from local organizations throughout the State, and shall hold annual and semi-annual meetings at such thines and places as the Executive Compiltee shall deter-

infine,
Art, 2. The officers of this Association shall consist of
a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and a
Recording Secretary. Treasurer and an Excentive Committee, which shall, when full be composed of the above
named officers and one member from each County of the
State and three incubers at large, all of whom shall be
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Art. 3. The Executive Committee shall constitute a Board of Trustees, and shall control all moneys, funds, or property of any kind which may come into possession of the Association, and shall be empowered to appoint and send out agents as they in their judgment may deem mecessary to the advancement of the interests of the Association.

Art. 4. It shall be the duty of the President of the Association to preside at its public meetings, and also at the meetings of the Executive Committee, to exercise a general oversight of the Interests of the Association, and secting of the Interests of the Association, and secting the state of the Association of the Interest of the Association, and secting of the absence of the President, and In case of his distinguity to assume and discharge his duties, and in case of the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, the meeting shall appoint a President prolon.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Association; to initiate and in the correspondence with all shullar organizations; to issue all calls for meetings at the order of the President, and be present at such meetings. The Recording Secretary shall make and keep a permanent record of all the doings of the Association and its agents.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Trensurer to receive and pay out all inconeys according to the direction of the Executive Committee; but he shall pay out no funds without a writterforder from the President, countersigned by the Proresponding Secretary. He shall also keep a true and just account of all the doings of the Association and also the Association by laxylog his or her banne and residence entered upon its books and contributing to the fundament of one boliar, to be paid annual

ville, of Lymi: The Board of officers to constitute an Executive Committee.

Dr. Gardner and Mr. Bacon declining to allow their names to be used, upon motion, the report was referred back to the Committee, White the Committee were attending to their duties, some discussion arose as to who, under the new Constitution, was eligible to office, or entitled to vote—the President being of the opinion that none but delegates were eligible to office or entitled to vote, while Mr. E. W. Dickinson, of Springfield, and others, thought that any Sprintonlists, members of local societies, represented here by delegates, were eligible to office, but only delegates were entitled to vote.

Upon motion of Mr. Wilder, of Hingham.

Voted, That none but delegates be permitted to vote for officers.

your Bible to better purpose, I think. I want them to look and see if they can't see something of Christ in this Spiritualism, that they think is so bad. That's what I come for to-day, to ask 'em to do that. Good-day, Mister. Feb. 27, Capt. John Coffin.

I am Capt. John Coffin.

I am Capt. John Coffin, of New Bedford. A friend of mine is getting somewhat interested in these manifestations, and he says to me, "Now," Mrs. W. Currier.

Toted, That the Chair appoint a committee of North Scituate, and Thomas R. Tripp, of Poxboro', were appointed, who attended to their dutles, and reported fifty names, alloof which, however, were not present. Toted, That the Treasurer of the Association pay all bills of the past year, and pay over to the Treasurer newly elected (when elected) the balance of funds on hand. The Committee on Organization being ready to report, submitted the following: For President, J. S. Dodge, of Chelsea; Recording Secretary, W. Currier, of Haverhill; Corresponding Secretary, Abble K. T. Rounseville; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Currier.

Upon motion, it was voted that the delegates nominate a

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Upon the assembling of the tenventien by the evening, at j. without he hollowing names were submitted and elected for the ensuing (car) President, Dr. H. F. Gardnett Vice President, N. S. Greenbeat Secretary and Treaspiret, W. W. Currier; Corresponding Secretary, H. S. Williams.

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Vacancy.

—Satorday Excillage Portvention met according to adjournment, President II. T. Gardner in the chair.

On motion,

Voted, That the inecting be thrown open to all Spiritualists and others who had the good of the Spiritual cause at

eart, Remarks by M. V. Lincoln, Prof. J. H. W. Tooliey, H. Gardiner, I. C. Ray, H. R. Storer, and others. On motion, Joint That a business committee of three be appointed The Chair appointed H. S. Williams, of Bostor, Mr. Theer, of Hingham, Mrs. E. L. Currier, of Haverhill,

On motion, Voled. That when we adjourn. It be until Ω_2 of clock P.

On motion, That when we adjourn, it be until 1½ o'clock P, y. Jaine 181.

The Business Committee reported the balance of the eventing to be occupied in terminates' speeches, and that the time of the Convention for the aftermoon wession June 183, be in business and conference antil 3 o'clock, when N, S, Greenlead, of Lowelt, will deliver the regular address. On notion, voted to adjourn.

Synchon, June 184, 1873.—Convention met according to adject roughly statement of the general growth, brotherly being a yield address of the general growth, brotherly teeling and lively interest manifest in that city; spoke of the many good mediums of that place who were laboring honestly and carnestly for the upbuilding of the glorious truths of spiritual communion.

Mr. Charles Stearns, of Lynn, took a broad view of the work to be done by and through Spiritualism: He urged all to act as though it was his or her especial duty and privilege to help lift, the degraded up to a higher plane; and for this cause all Spiritualists should labor carnestly together.

Dr. H. B. Storer, of Boston, in reply to Mr. Stearns, said that Spiritualism did tend to practical work in all directions. He referred to the Labor Reform movement and Temperate cause, in which Spiritualists had and were laboring, while to Mr. Garrison, a Spiritualist, was accorded much of the honor of causing the aboultion of slavery in the South.

Mr. Stagan C. Ray, of New Bedford, offered the follow. ne South. Mr., Isaich C., Ray, of New Bedford, offered the followg resolution : Resolved. That it is the duty of all Spiritualists, whether

organized or not, to use all their influence against the op-organized or not, to use all their influence against the op-orations of certain divines and organizations who are en-deavoring to overthrow the Magna Charter of this country and enslave all those who do not believe in the creeds of those who are so acting.

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Adopted.

Bro. J. H. W. Toohey, of Natick, spoke of the effect of inaterality in the development of Spiritualism; referred to the conditions surrounding the Mothey of Jesus; of biblical history; of Mr. Home of England, whose mother was gifted with what is called second sight; und also of A. J. Dayis, of our rown country, whose mother was highly endowed, while the father was almost a nullity. And in conclusion he called upon all Spiritualists anywhere and everywhere to join bands for the advancement of the glorious cause of Spiritualism.

Miss Jennie Leys being called for, spoke in her earnest, beautiful and interesting manner, of the expansion of Truth, Love and Charity, which she had found in her three years' expectence outside of the dogmatical paths of Orthodoxy. She was happy to have the privilege of adding her testimony to the control giving qualities of Spiritualism.

On mothen, it was voted to appoint a Finance Committee, the chair accordingly appointed A. H. Richardson of Charlestown and John Woods of Hoston.

Mis, Clement, of Boston, sang the beautiful song "Gates Ajar" with fine effect, accompanying herself upon the plano.

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Again with fine check, accompanying herself upon the plano.

The hour of 3 having arrived, N. S. Greenleaf, of Lowell, took the platform, and made an address upon the meaning of Spiritualism, contending that it had been proven beyond a doubt that phenomenal Spiritualism existed.

There was a superabundance of proof beyond all admitted hundring year and fraud. In considering the true meaning of Modern's Spiritualism, to bith it meant work in earnest. Spiritualism meant more than any person's reputation; it, meant practical work in all the waits and avenues of life. It meant individual growth, even if that growth was unpopular. He believed that we should work for the continual liberty of the conscience, as well as the body, unframmeled by sect or dogma. He was particularly severe in hisdenunciation of Orthodoxyworking through the Young Men's Christian Association, and warned his hearers that, while the Spiritualists slept and quarreled among themselves, the Orthodox folks would engraft God and his boy Jesus Christo on the Consiliution. It was the duty of all to battle against vice in all its forms, and help humanity to a higher position. He said he was glad there was such a woman as Victoria C. Woodhulf, and that she joublished just such a raper. If we would uncaphell, we had but to remove the vell that is drawn between the Hight and our social life. If he went to the devil, it would encaise he belonged there, and he wanted to go, where he belonged. In conclusion, he urged the necessity of money in the work, and addressed blusself to those who were continually shouting, "1* might salvation's free," but won't pay a cent.

On methor, it was voted to adjourn until 7 o'clock r; M. Evening Syssion.—Convention met according to adjournment, President RI. F. Gardner in the chair. The Rusiness Committee reported the exercises of the evening to be conference from 7 to 8, after which time Mr. I. P. Greenleat, of Boston, would deliver the regular address of the evening. plano.
The hour of 3 having strived, N. S. Greenleaf, of Low-off took the platform, and made an address upon the mean-

venting.

Mr. N. M. Wright was the first speaker. He proceeded
o remark concerning the methods of work, commenting
upon the subject of organization, as illustrated by nature.

ayon the subject of organization, as illustrated by nature. On motion, and the members of the old State organization be and are hereby declared life honorary niembers of the Massichusetts Spiritualists. Association. Dr. H. B. Storer then read the following resolution, which was manimously adopted:

Relieving that the fundamental principles of spirit communion cannot be too often affirmed, so long as notable and conspicuous ylolations of them occur, this Convention of Massichusetts Spiritualists here by resolve:

1st. That all communications purporting to emanate from 181. That all communications purporting to emanate from spiritual belogs, either in ancient or modern times, consti-nte legitimate subjects for careful investigation as to their origin, and the most rigid criticism as to their truth and constitution.

origin, and the most rigid criticism as to their truth and value;

-2d. That nothing contained in such communications should be considered as worthy of acceptance by reason of their supposed or purported authorship, but only as the subject matter is in larmony with scientific knowledge, and the reason and intuition of the mind.

-3d. That every attempt to impose upon human creduity statements at variance with experience, reason, and the moral sense by the assumption of authority, and on superior nature, culture or position, the authority of divine beings or distinguished spirits, meets, our just abhorrence, and repealation as allke lenging to ensieve the mind of the credulous and perpetuate that mental and spiritual tyranny which as Kingeratt and Priesteratt has ever cursed the world.

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The resolution called out a lively discussion, which was participated in by H. R. Storer, Geo. A. Bacon, the President, Dr. H. F. Gardner, H. S. Williams and others.

The time having arrived for the regular address of the evening, and the hall being densely packed with carnest listeners, Mrs. Clements again stepped forward to the plano, and in her rich, full, and yet mellow voice, poured forth the oil of harmony that went to the head and heart of all present. Mr. I. P. Greenleaf was then introduced, and gave the regular address of the evening on the Unity of Nature, contending that man had but to grow in harmony with nature to be all that asture and hature's God required of him. He said that when men died they could not pass out of existences for there could be nothing lost, not one atom of matter could there be annihilated; that when these units or atoms of matter that had once lived in the material form had passed off to the world of the future. It was perfectly natural for them to come back and manifest them-selves to humanily. Spiritualism was the last grand, indisputable proof of humorrality; Spiritualism deals with the basic principles of all things; it does not mean to reform the world with creeds and dogmas, but by real hard work, wherein the head, heart, soul and body, could all fluid enough to do. Spiritualism proposed to level all distinctions, and place all upon the same plane of progress and education. It proposed to do away with the scapegont plan of salvation, and let every man be, his own saviour. Spiritualism tangit man that when he broke any one of nature's laws, by afform must learn the pendity and suffer the consequencys, thus placing everything on a basis of strict mistee and equality.

"The President then tead several notices of the Pienics: Exensions, and the Camp Meeting, after which the Convention adjourned

The Priests Organizing.

Thos. H. McLeod, under date of Middlebury, Vt., June 19th, sends us the following, which may he considered as one of the straws showing the tide against which the liberal element in this country will sooner or later have to contend:

"The Vermont Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches has just closed its Annual Session of three days at this place. There vere lifty ministers and fourteen lay members present, besides many that were not members. They convened in the Congregational Meeting House, and the body of the house was nearly illed most of the time. In connection with the Convention proper, the Sabbath School Society, the Fairbanks Board, the Female Branch Missionary Society, and one or two more kindred Associations, held their respective auniversaries. The clergymen were greatly in the ascendant and look the lead and controlled everything; in fact, they would not suffer an appearance of lay inter-ference anywhere; even the bare suggestion of such a thing from an outsider was met with a with ering and sarcastic rebuttal. The very air was impregnated with ministerial influence. The laynen were mere dummies in the ministerial pageant. It took the clerical magnates at least two days to get down to ordinary human association even among themselves, so accustomed had they become to affect the, airs of distance and conde scending patronage over the people of their respective congregations. They acted like a dock of old gobblers, each of which tries to step the grandest and clevate his gobble the highest.

The most noticeable feature of the Convention was the discourse of the Rev. Dr. Wooster of Burlington, Vt., delivered on the first day of the gathering. It was an eye-opener to the brethren

of the profession. He took the bold ground that God had made a revelation to man prior to that of "Moses; that he had written his law on the hearts and consciences of man before the tablets of Moses were engraved, or Mount Sinai vomited forth its thunderings and lightnings in the presence of the trembling children of Israel.

This prior revelation is as much a guide, he

said, for man and as authentic as any of the teachings of Moses, which were incomplete. The revelation of the New Testament through Christ and his appostles was more complete than the revelation of Moses, but even this was left unfin-ished, to be filled up by the revelation of after times, made manifest through the works of Na-ture and the divine teachings, of man's reason. These first and last revelations were paramount to the revelations of Moses and the New Testament, for the revelations of Moses and the New Testament must be read and interpreted by their light. In subjecting reason to the supposed teachings of Moses and the New Testament, the Church, at one time or another, had, he said, been guilty of and defended every sin of the Decalogue. Ministers must embrace these higher and more complete revelations and stand upon these higher and broader grounds of truth, but he claimed, as might have been anticipated, that the clergy must be the sole interpreters of these revelations of Nature, and not permit scientists to interpret them for the masses. The discourse was bold, and even with the reservation of the divine right of priests to interpret for the masses would fifty years ago have subjected the author of it to excommunication and expulsion from the Convention. But he taught them as one who had the right, and the Convention dared not openly dis-

approve of his sayings.

The several Reports of Committees showed a decrease of both ministers and lay members of the denomination in the State during the last year, and a general lack of interest by the people in their cause. A decided effort was manifest consolidation and concentration of the power of the Association, which accepted the charter of incorporation granted it at the last session of the Vermont Legislature, so that now it is no longer a rope of sand, but a consolidated body. Their next annual meeting will take place at North-

There seemed to be some disposition at an, effort to bring all the evangelical churches, socalled, under one general direction, which should be more ministerial in its character, and more powerful in its action than the Young Men's Christian Association, which is only a steppingstone to such a union and consolidation of priestly interests, after the establishment of which the Young Men's affair might go to the dogs."

A PERFECT COMMUNE. - A society of German Communists, called "Armanes," has settled on the banks of the lowa River, in Iowa, says the Boston Journal of Commerce, which claims to have an organization two hundred years old, and they settled near Buffalo, N. Y., about forty-five years ago, but outgrew their location. They are about thirteen hundred in number, and are very flourishing, being industrious and economical, clearing, land, laying out roads, building bridges, erty in common, but recognize the accepted forms of family life, and each family has a rate house or apartment. Those who join the community contribute their property to the common stock, and if they become dissatisfied they receive back just what they put in, without interest or wages, and leave.

LIST OF LECTURERS.

(To be useful, this list should be reliable. It therefore behooves Societies and Lecturers to promptly notify us of appointments, or changes of appointments, whenever and wherever they occur. This column is devoted exclusively to lecturers, without charge. If the name of any person no a lecturer should by mistake appear, we desire to be so in

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J. Madison Allen, East Bridgewater, Mass, Mary A. Amphlett, Inspirational, care Dr. C. Bunkley, Daylon, O.

Mrs. N. J. Andross, trance speaker, Delton, Wis. C. Fanne Allen's speaks in Fairfield, Me., during August: Ift Lowell during September. Address lox 208, Stoneham, Mass.

Stephlen Pearl Andrews, 75 West 5th st., New York, Mus. M. A. Adams, trance speaker, Brattleboro, Vt. Mus. Email Andrews, Address care of Mr.—Thomas Ranney, 251 Washington street, Boston, Mass. Rev. J. O. Bahrlett, Battle Creek, Mich. Rev. John B. Beach, Bricksburg, N. J. Mis. Sarah A. Byrnes, Wollaston Heights, Mass., Jon 85.

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August: in Washington, D. C., during November, Adddress 3 Discon place, Lumber street, Albany, N. Y.
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care R. P. Journal,
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WARREN CHASE, Boston, Mass., care Banner of Light.
DR. DEAN, CLAIK, Chleago, 111., care Dr. S. J. Avery,
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MISS AMELIA H. COLBY, trance, Winchester, Ind.
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[Continued from first page,1] Landless, a hot-headed young fellow (Mr. Chrisparkle's ward), who also adores Rosa, quarrels with Edwin, and goes through life spotted with the suspicion that he was Edwin's murderer; Helena, his proud and handsome sister: Miss Durdles, the sot-wise stone-cutter; Deputy, the every night and collects wages for the service; philanthropist, etc., etc.

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charactéristics, to the end of the play-a hard task for a man who never before wrote half a taken up just where it was dropped by Death; one of the dramatis personal is as distinctly, as the second volume, as in the first; and in both tioned we know them, feel for them, laugh at them, admire or liste them as so many creatures of flesh and blood-which, indeed, as they mingle with new preface has lately been dictated, it is preus in the progress of the story, they seem to be, sumed that the latter is to be substituted for the not have been far from sixty or seventy—in fact, Not only this, but we are introduced to other former. The first was, in fact, nothing notable, an old woman, and a very wicked old woman, if people of the imagination, (Dickens was always and not specially like Dickens; that is, it might -shall I say is always?-introducing new char- have been written by anybody, and does not acters up even to the last chapter of his stories;) and become, in like manner, thoroughly acquainted with them. These people are not duplicates of Thy in the first volume; neither are they common places; they are excitions. Whose creations?

There are twenty-three chapters in the first volume (already published), and there are to be twenty in the second. Only two remain to be written, the work having now progressed to the end of the eighteenth. The captions of the new chapters, several of which are in Dickens's happiest manner, rumas follows:

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CHAPTER XV—Roses and Thorns: Chapter XVI—A Fellow Traveller Joins THE INVISIBLE HOSTS: AND MR. GREWOODS ONCE MORE BEHOLDS A PICTURE ANDEA RING! CHAPTER XVII - MR. DATCHERY AFFIXES THE LAST STROKE TO HIS SCORE AND STRIKES A BALANCE, AND BESSIE SETS HER FACE TOWARDS

CHAPTER XVIII-BESSIE BIDS GOOD-BYE TO THE THORNS AND GOES TO JOIN THE LILLIES.

The captions have in every case, been dictated before the chapters themselves, showing the contents of each to have been clearly laid out in the initial of the author beforehand; but after the completion of the eighteenth chapter, the last line of which was wriften to-day, its title was changed to read as follows:

CHAPTER XVIII-WHILE-THE DAWN AP-PEARS TO OTHERS, JASPER'S NIGHT COMES ON! I find through all these chapters an extremely interesting developments of the plot; which was but partially laid in the first volume. Characters which you know nothing, and of which you have and incidents, whose pertinency does not appear there, and who, as one reads the first volume and then stops, seem to have no part in forwarding the story toward its denougment, are proved in this manuscript to have been introduced with a deliberate purpose. At the same time the may owl-like wisdom displayed by those poor, ignorant burners and the same time the may be a constant burner and the same time the may be a support of the world was made personages till perfectly the places assigned them, and likewise, prove their usefulness, ? Several passages in the second volume are more powerfully dramatic than any to be found in the first, as, for instance, Jasper's second midnight excursion with Durdles (chapter seven) in the cryof of the old cathedral. Precisely how the story ends, it might, perhaps, be unfair to say or to guess-for two chapters, yet remain unwritten. For the information of those who have read the first volume we may hint, however, that Jasper turns out very badly, he being in fact, the cause of Edwin Droud's disappearance, and, indeed, supposing himself to be the cause of his death. The subscillent appearance of Edwin to Jasper making any reader happier, if not better, for the the submosed to be murdered man to the murderer-forms an extremely dramatic scene which is managed with all of Dickens's old-time power and skill. Neville Landless, who is charged by Jasper with crime, dies without having told Rosa of his love for her, but leaving on his death-bed the startling news that Edwin was still alive. This death-bed scene is pictured in the sixteenth chapter in language worthy of the hand that so beautifully portrayed the death of little Paul

But without further hint of the management of the plot, I will place before the reader a few passages from the forthcoming book itself. After the preface, I have taken those passages principally which introduce the new characters-not because they are any more Dickensy than the rest, but because they can be read with enjoyment by any one, inasmuch as they require no previous knowledge of the story. It should be stated, however, that preface and extracts are unrevised, and are printed precisely as first written in pencil. They are consequently the first rough draft. The revision, which takes place with the re-writing of the whole volume with pen and ink, covers, as yet, only the first two chapters. The first chapter is very nearly the same in both drafts, the only changes being more careful punctuation, an occasional transposition

gular Man, but a glorious character; Neville text. The changes are precisely those which any author, with nice discrimination, would make in revising his manuscript. But while the first chapter is buf slightly aftered; the second is completely overhauled, being re-written from beginning to end, and every sentence more or less Twinkleton, who kept the Nuns' House hoards changed. The chapter answers the same purpose ing school, where both Rosa and Helena are: [in the story as before, but is wonderfully more graphic and readable in its second draft than in & hideous small boy" who stones him home its first. It would be extremely interesting, did space permit, to print these two drafts of the sec-Sapsea, the sublime egotist; Princess Puffer, the Cond-whapter side by side, and see how skillfully opium-seller: Honeythunder, the fould-voiced the second, in comparison with the first, bears the mark of a master hand to revise what a mass Here, to begin with, is a full company of actors' ter-mind had before conceived. Those who acto be carried on some way, each with his separate, cept the spiritual, theory of the matter, will be interested in this connection, in the statement of Mr. A. that he supposed the revision was to condozen pages on any subject. But we are startled sist only of a plainer transcription of each chapto find in the very first chapter a wonderful iden / ter with pen and ink. This he commenced to tity with the published volume. The stitch is make, but he had written only a few pages when his desk began to frisk about in a way to comand the story proceeds so completely united, the mand attention, and he received a communicanew with the old, that the sharpest-eyed critic, tion from Dickens stating in kind but firm lannot knowing before where the old left off and guage that he proposed to revise the work, and the new began, would not be able to say, for the the revision has accordingly proceeded through life of him, where Charles Dickens died! Each two chapters with the same attendant circumstances as the original draft, and with the s characteristically himself, and nobody else, in changes in the text which we have already men-

Among the earliest work done by the "amannensis," was the writing of a preface, but as a bear the disfinctive marks of his style. One sentence, however, is worth quoting :-

"But some one will say, why should he go to an obscure town in a foreign country to do that which could have been done-just as well in Eng-land by some one there? But, my dear friends, if you knew how hard I have tried, for many months, to accomplish what you think is so easy to do, you would not marvel why. I could, it is true, communicate through others besides this medium, but never with that full barmony that I find with him; and if you could only be permitted to understand clearly the principles which govern ils science, and which you will sometime undertand, it would not appear so strange to you,"

The dedication is "to the poor, the honest poor of every land, who are held by the iron hand of poverty, but who will one day stand side by side with the highest of earth." Here follows the

"During the progress of this work, as with all others on which I was engaged during my earth-Hife, I have felt a great desire to know the com-ments which would be bestowed upon it by its readers, and so buve been glad when the last line was written, that I could read and hear the lifferent opinions which were to determine its

If I was apprehensive then, when on earth, it will be easily understood that I am so now, when attempting to give the public a work, every word operator uses the instrument which transmits grandmother, but who, the neighbors slyly hint-words thousands of miles by the power of electricity. The day is, not far distant when the ed among themselves, was wall or slyly hint-ROBITY: of which could only be placed on paper through the agency of earthly hands, used by me as the ity. The day is not far distant when this won-derful science will be better understood by millions who now believe it a delusion, and when that day comes the world will be the better for it, and thousands who are in this happier world, and CHAPTER XII—IN WHICH MR. GREWGIOLS those who are yet to come, will be happier to feel. Thansacts some Business in his Ward's Is. that the dear ones they have left behind will regard their absence as a blessing certain, and so abandon the harrowing thoughts that it is possible a dear mother, father, sister, brother, wife, child or friend may be engulfed in a flaming sea that is to burn them forever and ever. How lit-tle such people know of the goodness of that dear chairs to burn them forever and ever. How lift greatness of his mind, was possessed like thoutle such people know of the goodness of that dear satisfies of ordinary mortals; through relationship, and who has placed before the eyes of his carthly mon-or Sol Brobity as he was most affective children so many evidences by which to make the control of th children so many evidences by which to convince them that nothing in nature is ever totally de-

of this work, to strive to influence any living relationship, and so he declared, whenever the person to change his opinion. I would be glad, subject was mentioned, that Solomon was not however, if my personal friends on earth would brother in-law to him, but that a relationship of seek to investigate the truths which this science that nature might be allowed in that Mr. Sapsea -religious science, I should say, perhaps-contains; for I feel confident they would be the happier for it in the end. No man has a moral right to denounce a theory till be has had an oppor-tunity of seeing its workings; and has tangible evidence—the evidences of his senses—that it is not a consistent or reasonable one. These evidences are within your reach, if you will only seek them. But if you are satisfied as you are. and do not care to know more for fear you will Compromise your dignity, at least have some regard for the feelings of those loved ones who have gone before, and do not ridicule that which to them is a sound truth, or condemn that of

no desire to learn. Since the fact of this work being in preparation was first made public, I have been pained to observe the ridicule which was apparent in some published articles; but 1 have also found cause for considerable amusement in witnessing the for the people, and we are the people.' We here are filled with pity for those bigots; but our consolation is that they will be sufficiently punshed for their bigotry when they leave the world where they now think themselves of such great mportance, and find out for a certainty how dif-gent a world and life they are to enter upon:

I think that honest, candid men and women who read this work will be satisfied that it is not delusion'-as some have claimed, even before an opportunity had been given them to read a line of it, and so form any opinion of its merits —but will recognize in its pages the same desire which animated the author while living—the desire to make his readers the happier for following the fortunes of those who were his players: and if I have succeeded in even one instance in

Leannot close this page without assuring the dear ones to whom I was so much attached on earth - family and friends - how anxiously 1 await their coming, that they may realize by experionee how truly I speak concerning this <u>ot</u>her life: May God help and protect you all, is the carnest prayer of

Come we now to the story. Let the reader test for himself the flavor of this extract from the third chapter:

"Walking briskly till he came to another dreet leading toward the river, he [Jasper] turned into it. This street bore anything but an aristocratic air in the appearance of its dwellings, and was in every way decidedly dirty. The crossings were filthy; the sidewalks were dilapi-dated, like the houses which they fronted; and it could hardly have been supposed to have been inhabited by anything human, were it not for an occasional smell of onions, or some other sa-vory vegetable which now and then steamed up from the basements, to indicate to the passer-by that if they had forgotten how to be clean, they till recognized the importance of having some-

Cloisterham could boast, it seemed, like its more pretentious neighbor, the Great City, of having poverty in its midst : and thoughel ke its more pretentions neighbor, it tried to shut its eyes to the fact, they would not stay shut, for now and then some circumstance would present itself, which made the fact decidedly convincing. About mid-way between the High street and the water was one house which commanded more atof a phrase, and once in a while the substitution | tention than any other, from its kingly, tumble-

of a more expressive word for one in the original down appearance, and, as this narrative could not well go on without an introduction to one of its inmates, we will go in through the doorway, which is seldom closed, and ascend a light of stairs that once boasted of a railing, but is now shorn of that useful appendage, probably be-cause at some-remote period coals were not plenty in that neighborhood.

Ascending the stairs and gaining the landing, from some three or four doors we will select the one in the darkest corner, and enter. The room

is occupied by three persons. One of these persons is a man, apparently about thirty or thirty-five years of age, with black hair and eyes, and eyebrows so thick and bushy that it was no wonder the eyes beneath them were sunk far into the head, as though they were being crowded by degrees entirely out of sight. He possessed an athletic frame and high check-bones, and had a slow, awkward-mo-tion in all his movements. It would be difficult to determine his nationality were it not that his speech indicated him to be an Englishman. His dress was decidedly slonely—nothing that he wore seemed to fit him. Although there was a slight sinister expression on his features, there was at the same time a pleasant devil-may-care look so mixed with it that even a skilled physiognomist would have been puzzled to decide the character of the man from reading his features. He had been christened with the name of Forbes; but as he grew in years, his friends and more intimate associates had seen fit, for some reason hest known to themselves, to address him as Fopperty, and he continued to hold that cognomen to the present time. Speaking of his first name naturally leads us to his last one, and that was Padler. So, then, we will introduce to you, ladies and gentlemen, Fopperty Padler, and proceed to the next one of the trio.

This was Mrs. Padler, mother of the aforesaid:

and if appearances did not deceive, she could short, thick-set, with stooping shoulders; and Nature or disease had caused one of her limbs to be shorter than the other, so that, when she walked, she reminded one very forcibly of the walking-beam of a steamer. Her face, was of a dirty white color, and such hair as she had was of nearly the same shade; and as she brushed it back, and made a very small pug, which she fortened to the covery of her head, it steams had fastened to the crown of her head, it resembled more than anything else a very, very small ball of yarh, after the cat has had it to play with for a few hours. At the time we introduce this good soul, she seems to be a little out of temper, or a little into temper, which is, perhaps, the most correct way to express being decide dy cross. The cause of these unpleasant feelings would

seem to have sprung from something that the last of the trio had been doing—a little child—a who might have been ten years old, and who looks so entirely unlike those by whom she is surrounded, that it seems astonishing how she comes to be in their company. Her habiliments it is true, would showher to be one of the world's oor—ene of those little waifs whom nobody cares for, and who soon enough-God help them! —learn to care for nobody. But there is a dis-tinguishing characteristic in the face of this child that stamps her of a nobler nature than the average of this class of children. It is an intelligent face, with large, full blue eyes, that wear a thoughtful-expression, though now the tears are

standing in them, for she is weeping.

Her beautiful brown hair falls in disheveled masses over her shoulders, as though it were kindly flying to shield from vulgar gaze what her poor ragged dress could not cover. This was did not doubt. One thing they were sure of—the old woman did not hesitate to beat her, and she had a miserable existence. But it could not be helped, that, any one could see, and there the mat er ended

Chapter IX introduces Mr. Brobity-with an amusing preliminary word from that magnificent l egotist, Sapsea :

"Blunderheaded Sapsea, notwithstanding the mon—or Sol Brobity, as he was most often ad-dressed—brother-in-law of Mr. Sapséa, in consethem that nothing in nature is ever totally de-quence of Miss Broblty. Sol's sister, marrying stroyed, much less human souls, which are a part—that Wonderful Being—that quintessence of wis-(Himself: dom and greatness. But Mr. Sapsea would not it has not been my intention, in any portion allow common customs to apply to him, even in himself was the brother-in-law-by no means

Sapsea's opinion of the whole Brobity family is not a favorable one. They were not, to use his own expression, a people of Mind.

If, as it sometimes happened, the Brobitys were mentioned in Sapseal's hearing, he would lean back in his chair, and speak of them somewhat after this fashion:

There is no depth of reasoning power existing in them which enables them to discern Mind. The Perceptive faculties are dull. Matter, with them, is of more weight than Mind. Ethelinda was the only person who bore the name of Brobity that had the power to discern Mind.—It was that discerning Faculty that led her to consent to change her name to Sapsea. The inevitable con-sequence of this lack of intelligence on the one hand, and the possession of it on the other, was what might have been expected—objection to me from them-admiration from her. however, that even she had Mind to correspond with mine—no Brobity could have that; but her redeeming quality lay in this—that she appreci-ates a Great Mind, and hence Ethelinda Sapsea

where what before was Ethelinda Brobity.

Then he would usually wait a moment for his hearers to thoroughly digest the great thoughts to which his words had given expression, and then continue

'Of Ethelinda's mother, I say nothing—she is woman, a term which evidently implied inferiority in Sapsea's estimation. 'I say woman. ority in Sapsea's estimation. 'I say woman, Of Ethelinda's brother Solomon, I will say this: There is no excuse for him. Perhaps it is wrong for me to speak thus. You may say that the strong should not trample on the weak. There are times when it cannot be helped. There are times when the mind is stronger than the body and this is one of those times. And I repeat that there is no excuse for him, and for this reason he could have learned from me but would not."

Now it was pretty generally known that, pre-rious to the deceased Mrs. Sapsea's marriage with that great Mind, Sol Brobity was very frank in his expressions concerning it, and declared that the name of Sapsea was enough to object to, if nothing more: but when to the name was coupled ich a man, he felt it to be his duty, as a loving brother, to utter a protest. Sapsea was suggestive of sap-head; but as no human head could hold the sap-there being an ocean of it, figuratively—why, sea was substituted for head, in this instance, and hence Sap-sea.

Mr. Sapsea never forgot the indignity thus

cast upon him by Sol, and therefore took occasion at all times to belittle his traducer.

Sol Brobity, as we find him to-day, is a thin, spare gentieman of sixty or thereabouts, with red whiskers on each side of his face that have a tendency to grow pointing toward his nose, as though either side were running a race to see which could reach that point first, or as if they would like to embrace cach other at the earliest moment. His head is also covered with hair of the same color, except that the top is bald and shines in the sun like a glass bottle. He-was a bachelor, and, though often bantered thereat, de-clared that he did n't want anything about him that he could n't understand; never understand a woman, he did n't want a wife. He had lived with his mother for sixty years, and fie did n't understand her yet; and, although there, was a time when he thought he could comprehend his sister, she threw him all abroad again by marrying Sapsea, and since then he had given up all attempts to study female character, concluding that all women were so many out into the street.'

living enigmas sent into the world to puzzle the

brains of men.
He, with his mother, lived in the High street she an old lady of eighty-five at least, who doted on her son-always, and who, to this day, called him Solly, the same as when she rocked him in his cradle.

In the twelfth chapter the reader is first introduced to Mr. Peter Peckcraft, and then to Miss Keep, who is emphatically an original. Thus begins the chapter:

" Had it not been that certain members of the human family were from time immemorial gifted with a faculty of collecting and preserving antiquities of divers kinds and species, it is more than probable that a vast amount of information which is now in possession of the present generation could never have been obtained; and where we now have tangible proofs of some of the habits and customs of those who, centuries ago, contributed toward the havigation of this Man-moth Ship—the earth—we should only have coniccture. But 'their works live after them. When this Manmoth Ship topples its olderew, one by one, into the Sea of Futurity, and takes on its new crew of green hands, it does not lose sight of the importance of retaining some of the old landmarks of mental and physical produce, and they get dug out of their depositories in which Captain Nature, in his far-seeing wisdom, thought best to stow them until such time as searchers after them shall release them from their hiding-places, and reveal their existence to the world

Now, it is a fact which none will dispute, that we are all more or less tinctured with this pas-sion for holding something of so rare a nature that no one else can obtain its like, whether it be a coin; a piece of furniture, dog, horse or plant; and although this passion may, as some will declare, arise from selfishness or love of display, there is no doubt that our Creator engrafted it into our natures that we might the better assist him by retaining the superior productions of each successive age, and so encourage the yet unborn to greater perfection by comparison.

Whether Mr. Peter Peckeraft had, in the good-

ness of his heart, an eye to the welfare of those et unborn generations, is not positively known, inasmuch as he never gave any proof that he had the welfare of anybody but himself at heart. Certain it is, however, that for a great many years he, had been a dealer in curiosities of an antique nature, and kept a clerk; though whether this clerk was a necessary or an ornamental appendage, the customers of Mr. Peckeraft had never been able to decide. They only knew he was a clerk because Mr. Peckeratt, when he said 'My clerk,' pointed to a very pale young man, who always occupied the same position on a high stool before a high desk at the back of the store, and who seldom spoke to the customers, but, when questioned on any point, referred the ques tioner to the proprietor by pointing with his pen

to that personage.

Mr. Peckeraft has devoted the best part of his life to the business in which he is now engaged, and, being a bachelor, he has nothing to take his attention but his business. Some of his goods have been in the store from the time he first ocupled it; and they have become so essential to cupied it; and they have become so essential to his happiness, from being constantly in sight, that they are to him the same as a family of children would be, and he regards them with as much affection. He has frequently had offers for then, but will only shake his head at such times, and say they are spoken for.

It is now thirty years or thereabouts since Mr. Peckeraff, with a partner whom he had known from boyhood, first established the business here; and not with standing the many changes which have transpired since that time, there was no

have transpired since that time, there was no change in him, only that he had grown older. His partner had died in the meantime; but so thoroughly opposed was Mr. Peckeraft to a change of any kind, that he had not removed the firm-name sign from over the door and it still looked down on the passer-by, and told him that DROOD & PECKCRAFT

carried on the business within. They had been highly prospered, this firm, and their business, had assumed an importance that few would have supposed, from any evidence that presented itself to public notice, and at the when the senior partner departed this life they had amassed a handsome competence.
Shortly before his death, Mr. Drood had en deavored to persuade his partner to assume the guardianship of his only child, Edwin, and they had many interviews concerning the subject; but Mr. Peckeraft always declared that he was not competent to take such a great responsibility upon him, and kindly but firmly declined.

There being no other friend that he felt at liberty to call upon, and no relative but the younger guardianship of his boy with his brother in-law, John Jasper, and, so far as was known, the trust had been faithfully performed-up- to the when the young man so mysteriously disap-

Mr. Peckeraft, like a great many other gentle-men who live bachelors, was very particular to rise at 5 o'clock the year round, and prided himself very much on, his ability to follow this rule. His lodgings were in Silver square, and he had occupied them for many years, partly on account of his strong dislike to a change of whatever he had been accustomed to, and partly because the lady with whom he lived was a person who, like him, did not believe in the 'Rolling Stone' business. This lady was known as Miss Keep, and i very precise and prim maiden lady she was

If Miss Keep should be aroused at any time of the night, and should be asked where the dust brush was to be found, she would tell you to step into the basement, and behind the door you would see a row of hooks, and on the third hook from the door you would find the brush. No matter what the article, there was a place for it, and it could always be found there, night or day, when not in use.

As we were saying, Mr. Peckeraft arose the year round at five o'clock, and, in the recollection of Miss Keep, he had never deviated from that habit except on one occasion. He had been suf-fering the night before with a violent toothache and had recourse to laudanum to quiet the pain The pain was quieted, and so was Mr. Peckeraft, or he did not waken the next morning till near y an hour after his usual time, and when, on re ferring to his watch, he found that such was the case, he very deliberately put himself back into bed again, and remained there until five o'clock the next morning, thereby nearly frightening Miss Keep out of her seven senses until he had xplained the cause to her, through the keyhole, ust as the two servants were on the point of bursting in his door by command of their mis

Miss Keep is rather tall and very slim. She has what was probably intended for a blue eye but the blueing material must have got very low and the consequence is that we cannot better describe its color than by saying it was milky blue. She wears her hair pressed tight to her temples in the form of a half-circle, and an artist with is brush could not carry the curve with a more perfect line. Her chin protrudes to about the same angle with her nose. Add to all this a maidn lady with a great love for poetry, and you behold Miss Keep as she is to-day.

Mr. Peckeraft has risen and is just finishing his toilet, and if we did not know that he had disrobed the night before, we should suppose that he had not been undressed, from the fac that every article of clothing is arranged the same in every particular as it was the day be-fore, even to the position of his hat. He breakfasts at eight, and spends the intervening time at his store in Chancery Lane.

He leaves his sitting room now, and on his way down stairs encounters Miss Keep on the landing below, (there has not been a morning except one for fifteen years that he has not met her exactly in the same place,) to whom he says

'A good morning, Miss Keep.' And she returns with a rhyme:

'The same to you, with feelings deep.'
And that is all; she passing on to look after her domestic affairs below stairs, and he passing

Miss Keep is a devotee of the Muses, and especially prides herself on her poetic attainments: "As Miss Keep finishes this recital of the Great Moral Pugilist's triumph in the Philan-thropic Arena, a very trim-looking servant girl

thropic Arena, a very trim-looking servant girl taps at the door, and Miss Keep says:

'Mary, my dear,

What takes you here?'

The good lady never fails to address the two servants in rhyme when opportunity offers, the better to impress them with the idea that their mistress is of a poetical nature, and equal to any amergency in that line; and there are a great any emergency in that line ; and there are a great many other people who are guilty of equal absurdity, with this exception—that while Miss Keep confines her talent within her domestic circle, and so gets laughed at by a few, the other's make theirs to appear in print, and are laughed at by the public.

"Please, ma'am, is the girl's reply, 'Mr. Peck-craft's young man is at the door, and says he has a package as is for the young lady as come with Mr. Peckeraft this morning.

'Well, why did you not take it in,
And let him go away again?'
'That's just what I made offer to do, miss,
but he said as he was to hand it to the young lady hisself, and so I thought I'd better tell you before showin' of 'im in.'

'Miss Bud, my friend, what do you say?

Shall Mary show him in this way?'
Rosa finds it difficult to suppress the merriment which she feels at hearing Miss Keep in-dulge in her favorite method of conversation, but controls herself, and with as sober a countenance as she can assume, says she does not object in

the least.

Miss Keep was on the point of issuing a command to that effect, but the servant, feeling that she had had poetry enough to last her for some time, had left directly she heard Rosa's answer, and the result was that a moment thereafter, Mr. Stallop, with hat in hand, stood bowing at the door in a most graceful manner, and said he hoped he had not intruded upon anybody's sanc-

tity.

Nobody replying to this, he proceeded to inform them that his employer had intrusted to him a package for Miss Bud; and, feeling the mor which attached to a mission to any young lady, and more especially the young lady in question, and as he had been instructed, furthermore, to see that the package was placed in her hands without delay, he felt in duty bound to deliver it personally, and so return with a happy consciousness of having done his duty."

So I might go on giving page after page which almost as clearly bear the imprint of Dickens's style as though he had written them himself on earth. Miss Keep, let me say, before dismissing that prim old lady, is one of the most amusingly absurd of Dickens's many absurd characters, and her constant struggle with the muses keeps the reader in as constant a struggle against his risibilities. She is emphatically a Dickens character, although no more so, perhaps, than others among the new personages who have assumed their places on the stage. In thus confining my selections to the new characters, from the unrevised portion of the book, I have necessarily passed over scenes of great dramatic power, in which the first-volume characters participate. A score of passages might be extracted from these in which the style of Dickens appears no less conspicuously.

Right here, a few minutie, may be very interesting. On examining the manuscript, I found 'traveler'' spelled uniformly with two 1's, as is he universal practice in England, and only the rare one here. Observe, too, the use of the wordcoals" for coal, the former being the customary. English form. Notice the peculiar employment of capital letters, in precisely the form to be found in Dickens's works, as when he calls Mr. Grewgious an Angular Man. Remarkable, also, is the familiarity with the geography of London which is noticeable in some of the extracts I. have made and in many passages not quoted. Notice the expression that the servant "had left directly she heard Rosa's answer"-a form of speech common in England, but almost unheard of in America. Then observe the sudden change: from the past to the present tense, especially in lively narration-a transition of which Dickens was very fond, and notably so in his later works. These and many other little matters which might be mentioned are of slight consequence, perhaps, but it would be on just these sands that a bungling fraud would have stranded. Nevertheless, the fact remains that, in the general resemblance of the book to the previous literary work of its alleged author, in the aggregation of the thousand and one things which go to form literary style, and in the shining through all of the indefinable something called genius, must this remarkable book rest its most remarkable claims upon public consideration.

I came to Brattleboro' expecting to find this decidedly posthumous work a bubble which could be easily blown away. After two days careful and somewhat critical examination, I go away, I confess, a good deal puzzled. I reject in the first place as an impossibility—as every one would do after thoroughly investigating the matter-the theory that this manuscript book was written by the young-man, Mr. A-. He says he has never read the first volume, and I care not whether he has or no, being fully convinced that he is not capable of writing so much as one page of the second volume. This, of course, is no disparagment; for how many men are capable of doing what Dickens left undone?

I am driven, then, to accept one of the two conclusions: Either some man of genius is using this individual as a go-between, in order to place an extraordinary work before the public in an extraordinary way, or the book is, as it professes to be, dictated by Dickens himself from the other world. The one supposition is scarcely more astounding than the other. If there is in Vermont a man, heretofore unheard of, who is able to write as Dickens wrote, he surely has no cause to resort to any such device as this. If, on the other hand, Charles Dickens himself, "though dead, yet speaketh," what shall we next expect? It is but fair to say that, with the fullest opportunity for investigation, I found not the least evidence on any hand of fraud, while the name of the "amanuensis," were I allowed to give it, would dispel any suggestion of that kind from the minds of every citizen of this place who knows him.

Whatever may be the true state of the case, the critics are to have more than one opportunity to judge. This, if promises are fulfilled, is to be but the beginning, as the invisible Dickens (who long ago forbade the use of the medium by any spirit except himself), has notified him that he shall require his entire time, and has even given him the title of a new story, to be begun as soon as the one now on hand is completed, the title being, "The Life and Adventures of Bockley

Nickleheep." It was Longfellow, I believe, who said: 2'Ah! who shall lift that wand of magic power And the lost clew regain? The unfinished window in Aladdin's tower Unfinished must remain.''

But if the world, astonished, suddenly behold the window completed in all the beauty and symmetry of the original structure, what then? Is, indeed, "that wand of magic power" again uplifted ? - Springfield Daily Union, July 26, 1873.