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For the Banner of Light. "WHITE WOLF," TO HIS WHITE BROTHERS.

[The following poem was inspirationally given through the hand of Franklin Bolles, of Hartford, Ct. (a gentieman sixty-one years of age), who had never before in his long earthly experience been able to express himself. (so writes his son) in rhyme to any degree. Two years ago Mr. Bolles was one of the most bitter opponents of the Spiritual Philosophy, but became interested in it through reading Robert Dale Owen's "Footfalls," and finally accepted the belief of spirit return.-ED. B. OF L. ]

Many, many moons ago, Dwelt our fathers in these lands ; Hunted here the buck and doe, Where the white man's wigwam stands.-

On your lakes in sunlight gleaming, Sped we in our light canoe, Trapped the beaver and the otter,

Till the shades of evening grew. In the rocky mountain gorges

Slew the panther, killed the bear ; Met our foes in bloody battle, Rang our war-whoop on the air.

We could not with bow and arrow Face the rifle and the gun ; And they drove us, slow retreating, Toward the western setting sun.

Soon our fast decreasing warriors Gathered in the spirit-land; And Miantonomah, Uncas, Saugus, formed a glorious band.

All the white man's wrongs forgotten, In our hunting-grounds once more Learn we great Manitou's lessons, Learn his wisdom evermore.

r When from earthly life ascended, Gathered on this peaceful plain, Here most distant tribes are blended, Ne'er to separate again.

From the falls of Minnehaha,

[From the Chicago Illustrated Journal.] MR. LINCOLN AND BIG EAGLE - A CU-RIOUS EPISODE.

The present generation will not be likely to forget the horrible Sioux massacre, of August, 1882, in Minnesota, when some ten or twelve hundred persons of both sexes were ruthlessly butchered. Notwithstanding the fact that a suc-cession of terrible events of the Rebellion had familiarized the public with stories of carnage and suffering, these savage atrocities brought a new phase of experience to the common heart, and the shock of the calamity was profound and widespread throughout the land. New Ulm, with some two bundred buildings, was burned; Paynesville was also destroyed, and Glencoe plundered. The distress and terror of the smit-ten region amounted to a panic. It is estimated that thirty thousand people, scattered over eight-cen counties of Minnesota, fled affrighted from their farms, for safety, to districts supposed to be better protected than their own. Col. Sibley found about seven thousand together at St. Peter, destitute of subsistence, and suffering for the ordinary comforts of life. It was long before the painful excitement throughout the State subthe paintin excitement inroughout me state sub-sided, and a feeling of security against the foe-prevalled. Calm investigation, and a thorough knowledge of the treatment which the natives hind received at the hands of officials and others, enable us to see that this fiendish outburst was the natural result of long and grievous abuses. the natural result of long and grievous abuses. The seed sown through many years produced at last its bloody fruitage. As Indian hatred is in-discriminate, it glutted itself wherever it had the best opportunity, without regard to character, sex or age. During the military operations, which were energetic and decisive, many of the Sioux were slain. Little Crow, their leader, de-serted by his warriors, was killed at Scattered Lake by a My. Lanusco, many a year after the Lake, by a Mrs varriors, was knied at Scattered massacre. Of some three hundred of those ar-rested and sentenced to death, thirty-eight were hung at Mankato, and the remainder, lest they might be excented by mob violence—the public exasperation was most intense and bitter—were transported stealthilly to Camp McClellan, a military post beautifully situated in the outskirts of Davenport, Iowa, on the upper rapids of the Mississippi. I was living in Davenport during the whole period of the Sioux captivity there, and had opportunity to learn a good deal about them. So far as could be ascertained, I think none of them were actually guilty of participat-ing in the atrocities, while a few evidently at-tempted to prevent them. I-suppose, as a body, they were far more civilized than the average of the tribe. Some of them had the rudiments of an English education, and, as a general thing, they were exemplary in their lives. They scened to enjoy Christian worship, and welcomed warm-ly the ministers who occasionally conducted re-ligious services among them. Not long after their arrival at the post, Bishop tary post beautifully situated in the outskirts of



"BIG EAGLE," ONE OF THE CHIEFS OF THE SIOUX INDIANS.

Iv the ministers who occasionally conducted retrights are view and services among them. Not long after their arrival at the post, Bishop Whipple visited them, to their great satisfaction, and I remember that, after he had related to Bishop Lee and myself a good many facts proving the innocence of some of the lact cased, he showed us thirty or forty letters, handsomely directed by their own hands, which they had in trusted him to deliver to their friends in Minne-sota. In the course of time they were allowed a good many liberties, and it was-no uncommon thing to see squads of them bathing or fishing in the river, under the guardianship of two or three soldiers. On one occasion they were visited by some of their distant friends, one of whom, a prominent young chief, whose name I have for the first time alone, he extended his fand with the grace of a prince and the cordinility of a brother, and saluted me in his native tongue. I shall never forget his appearance. My youthful identof the red man was satisfied. Musclessing a vong A paollo. Among upon the subject from him (Willie) to Mrs. Lin-coln that would be effectual. It is only just to state that the mission on which Mr. Dow entered was not one agreeable to his taste, nor likely to conduce to his advantage. In fact, it was both inconvenient and expensive, and at the outset inconvenient and expensive, and at the outset bind little to encourage hopes of success. Still it must be confessed that his feelings were enlisted by the almost pathetic plen to which he had list-ened, and his curiosity was excited by the singu-lar means that were evidently to be employed in An the person who is to take a fetter from while. Lincoln to his mother," stating nothing about the object of the letter, nor the events that led to the application for it. Foster replied, "This is strange; I have been trying to write one to her for some time," and, sitting down, at once wrote what purported to be a letter from Willie to his what purported to be a letter from while to his mother, making certain interesting statements, and begging her, in his own affectionate way, to, interced with the President for Big Eagle's re-lease, and insisting upon its expediency. Before this visit was ended, an event occurred which I relate in the exact words of Mr. Dow himself i to the the teach words of Mr. Dow himself is the teach. 'After Foster had written and handed me the letter, and as I was about to leave the room, he said, "Perhaps there is somebody who would like to talk with you," when immediately there were tremendous raps upon the underside of the table some six feet from us. He said, "Yes," and rolling back the cuff of his coat and exposing his upper wrist, there appeared in blood-red let ters the initials A. M. D. an juck or more in length; these remained for several seconds, and then faded out. 1 inquired, "Who is A. M. D.?" when he replied; "It is not a good morning for this kind of manifestation, but let us see what he will write." Sitting down at a table, he wrote off hurriedly, Albert Marshall Dow, and, handing me the paper, said, "That is the person." I told him that I had a brother of that name vho died in California in' 1853. on caching Washington, Mr. Dow sent the letter to Mrs. Lincoln, and the interview which he asked was immediately granted. This meeting was described to me as deeply affecting; and to narrate all its incidents would be an invasion to narrate all its incidents would be an invasion of the sacred privacy of the maternal heart which had been so grievously smitten. Willie Lincoln was a fair, bright boy, very winning in his man-ners, and of a most engaging disposition. His nature, indeed, had just that flower-like sweet-ness which steals into one's affections, and makes one better and happier. Thousands who how remember his summy face and gentle ways shed tears when he passed away. While he was a great favorite generally, it is no wonder that he was such a light and joy in the family, and that the life of the parents was so tenderly bound up in his own. His death was a terrible blow to them, and the wound of their bereavement was still fresh and sore when Mr. Dow came to Wash-ington. Mrs. Lincoln told him that she had been expecting to hear from Willie for some time, and expressed a strong desire that his wishes respectng Big Eagle's liberation should be carried out. The conversation, which was deeply interesting, Insted for more than half an hour, and Mr. Dow retired with the assurance that Mrs. Lincoln would lay the whole matter before her husband, and use her influence in behalf of the proposed measure. But it was necessary for Mr. Dow to see the President himself. For a private citizen to get a conference with the President at that to get a conference with the President at that time was not easy, and to approach him with a request to liberate a condenned Sioux warrior would seem simply a piece of folly. It was just before the Presidential election. There was great-excitement throughout the country, and the government was crowded with business. Mr. Lincoln himself was pressed down by manifold cares and labors, and harassed almost to death by public interests of great moment, and by con-stant engagements. Nevertheless, an interview was granted Mr. Dow, at which the President showed that he had been put in possession of the matter of Willie's letter. In discussing the sub-

and standing. Ample evidence on this score was afforded him, by a letter which Mr. Dow bore from Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, the Vice President. from Hon. Hannibal Hamin, the Vice President. The interview terminated as Mr. Dowhad hoped. The President gave him an order, written bastily with lead peneil on a slip of paper, for the re-lease of the Indian chief, and, the same day, met him again, by appointment, for further explana-tions. This order, though "expressing Mr. Lin-tions.

at liberty in April, 1866; being taken by the way of St. Louis to the reservation of Neobrarah (running water), in the northeast corner of Netraining water), in the hormeast corner of Ne-braska. Lieutenant Mitchell, commanding Com-pany C., 3d U. S. Regulars, had charge of their transportation, which was quietly and happily conducted. HORATIO N. POWERS.

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## Spiritual Phenomena.

Physical Manifestations in Presence of Maud E. Lord-Dark Circle; Manifestations in the Light, in presence of Master DeWitt C. Hough ; Testimony in Favor of Hazelton's Spirit-Photographs: Spiritual Awakening in the "Island Ward."

In view of the increase of the physical type of spirit-manifestations, we have decided to give in : the current number some important facts which have recently come to the notice of ourselves or our correspondents : The Mediumistic Work accomplished by Mand E. Lord:

On Saturday evening, Jun. 24th, our reporter. formed one of a party of some twenty ladies and gentlemen, called together, per invitation, at the residence of L. A. Bigelow, Esq., corner Washington and Waltham streets, Boston, to witness some of the poculiar phenomena which occur in the presence of Mrs. Lord The visitors met in the dining-room, the chairs, arranged in the close-drawn circle with which all are familiar who have attended one of Mrs. L.'s scances; were filled - the medium being scated in the centre, as is her wont-the rules of the meeting were briefly stated, and the lights extinguished, darkness of an Egyptian type supervening. As has been proviously stated regarding her scances, the parties present were required to continue the grasp of hands throughout the entire sitting, the left hand of each individual being placed around the right wrist of the person on the left thus giving each one the use of the right hand to grasp anything which might be presented, or to clasp the invisible palms which might seek suchclose acknowledgment.

The members, skeptle and believing, sat quiety for a few seconds, the spirit-operators apparently improving the time. In the condensation of power, and then commenced a series of those wonderful demonstrations of active, intelligent force at work in the room, outside of and beyond the possibilities of the medium or the company, which have been so frequently treated of in these columns, and also in those of the secular and spiritual press in all parts of the United States in which Mrs. Lord, has been. Without endeavoring to follow the phenomena in the exact order in which they were presented, the

From the great lakes of the north, From the land of Poculipatas, From the land of Choctaw's birth-

From the Rocky Mountains come we. From beyond Nevada's snow. From the Sacramento's fountains, Where the shining crystals glow-

From the mighty Mississippi,. From Missouri's turbid stream, California's rocky gulches, Where the golden treasures gleam-

From that valley where our fathers Many, many moons ago, Reared their wigwams, sat in council,

On the river Ohio-

From our wigwams long deserted, From our homes of long ago, We are gathered here in council. Where the peaceful waters flow. Here the Spirit Great doth.teach us . Love to all his sons below-Love that makes us all as brothers, And our hearts with peace to glow.

So we come to earth to cheer you, Guide, and help you on your way, Through the darkness that surrounds you, Lead you up to heaven's bright day ;

To the land of endless summer, Where June roses ever bloom ; Where the breath of pure white lilies Fills the air with sweet perfume ;

Where bright birds are ever flitting, Through the bowers of Paradise : Where the air is always balmy Dear ones meet your ravished eyes!

Edward Eggleston begins a new story in this wise: "Subtraction is the hardest 'ciphering in the book. . Fifty or sixty years off the date at the head of your letter is easy enough to the 'organ of number,' but a serious strain on the imagination. It is hard to go back to the good old days your grandmother talks aboutthe golden age when people were not roasted alive in a sleeping couch, but gently tipped over a toppling cliff by a drunken stage-driver! Grand old times were those, in which boys politely took off their hats to the preacher or schoolmaster, solacing their fresh young hearts afterward by making mouths at the back of his great coat. Blessed days, in which parsons wore stiff, white stocks, and walked with starched dignity, and yet were not too good to drink when Congressmen were so honorable that they scorned bribes, and were only kept from killing one another by the constitution of the state of the sta peach brandy and cherry-bounce with folks; scorned bribes, and were only kept from killing one another by the exertions of the sergeant. Mr. Dow was then directed by Willie, through Mrs. Conant, to go to Mr. Charles H. Foster, of at-arms."

My youthful ideal of the red man was satisfied. He was as splended as a young A pollo. Among the captives was a chief called Big Eagle, about whom the interest of the present article centers. This Indian was of robust frame, rather heavy -and savere counterparts and of dimition was and severe countenance, and of dignified man-ners. His natural capacity was good, with some strong traits of character, and his behavior at

Strong traits of character, and his behavior at the post was grave and becould a My object. In this paper is simply to relate a singular incident of history, which, though cu-rious in itself, gets a peculiar interest from its connection with President Lincoln and his fami-ly. The circumstance was the release of this chief fing freque from when the release of this ly. The circumstance was the release of this chief, Big Eagle, from prison through alleged spiritualistic influences. Whatever meaning the phenomena of Spiritualism may have to others, in my view, though unsolved, they have no more supernatural character than magnetism or gravi-

Supernatural character than magnetism of gravi-tation. The chief actor in the affair that I am about to describe was Geo. S. C. Dow, Esq., for many years a prominent lawyer and highly esteemed citizen of Davenport, whom I knew intimately, and whose friendship I have enjoyed since 1858. Memoranda of the circumstances were taken at the time of the occurrence, from Mr. Dow's Memoranda of the circumstances were taken at the time of the occurrence, from Mr. Dow's statement to me personally, and the same gen-tleman has lately furnished me with additional notes on the subject, from which material I com-pile my narrative. I may state here that the picture of Big Eagle, on the first page of the Journal, is engraved from a photograph in the possession of W. A. Remington, Esq., formerly of Davenport, but now of Genesco, in this State. During an interview of Mr. Dow with Mrs. Conant at her house in Beston, in the fall of 1864, when a small company were present who were interested in spiritualistic manifestations, sud-denly a message, purporting to be from the spirit denly a message, purporting to be from the spirit of Little Crow, the deceased leader of the Sioux, of Little Crow, the deceased leader of the Sioux, came through Mrs. Conant, stating in substance that the release of Big Eagle\_from confinement would promote the pacification of his tribe; that the interests of both the white man find the red would be thus effectually served, and that it was useless for the Indians to contend against the powerful armies of the United States. "Wet your powder, throw away your scalping knives, and live in peace with the white man," was a specimen of the messages that Little Crow wished the imprisoned chieftain to bear to his people. It was further announced, at the time, that the spirit of Willie Lincoln was-present—Willie had spirit of Willie Lincoln was-present—Willie had not long been dead—and that he believed great good would be effected by the liberation of Big Eagle, and would direct the efforts that might be put forth for this end. The request for some one to act accordingly was urged sostrongly that Mr. Dow was deeply impressed with his personal duty in the matter, and being from Davenport, where the chief was confined, volunteered to be of any service in the case he could, although he had not known before then even of Big Eagle's existence. The point made was not to save one

New York, who would furnish him with a letter

coln's wishes, owing to its informality, was not obeyed. After some delay, another was pro-cured on the strength of the first, through the military department at Washington. This original-special order lies before me now, as I write. It is a printed form, with the subscription to Capt. Vanderventer and, what the subscription to The red link. I copy the document, which belongs to Mr. Jas. Thompson, of Davenport :

10 MF. Jas. Thompson, of Dagenport;
<sup>(4)</sup>Special Order No. 426. (WAR. DEPARTMENT, <sup>(4)</sup> WARDERART GENERAL'S OFFICE, <sup>(4)</sup> WASHINGTON, *Dir.* (*A*, 1864, )
<sup>(4)</sup> Rig Eagle, an indian new in confinement at bayen port, lowa, with monther receipt of this order, by hume diately released from confinement and set at Borry, <sup>(4)</sup> Big order of the President of the United States, <sup>(4)</sup> Onlicial; <sup>(4)</sup> E. D. Townservo, *Aset. AdJ't Gen.*, <sup>(4)</sup> E. D. Townservo, *Aset. Mart. Bayen Pols.*, <sup>(4)</sup> Through Cum's Gen't, Washington, D. C. <sup>(4)</sup>

This identical order Mr. Dow sent to James This, identical order: Mr. Dow sent to Jame's Thompson, Esq., a well-known and highly re-spected citizen of Davenport, and also a friend of mine, who was conversant with all the pro-ceedings thus far in the case, with the request that he should see to the execution of it. Mr. Thompson at once presented the dominant Mr. Capt. Judd, Commandant of the prison, who do-clined to obey it without further instructions, treating the bearer as if he were the yielin of some delusion. A remark of the Captain, that some deutsion. A remark of the Captain, that "they were not accustomed to obey spirits, whether their orders came through adjutant generals of anybody else," will show how Mr. Thompson's application was received at the It happened that the sentry on guard rison. that day was a Spiritualist, and hearing the conversation — which from all accounts wa pretty spicy — between the Captain and Mr Thompson, gave the latter an opportunity to converse with Big Eagle through an interpreter, so that the Chief had the pleasure of hearing what had been done for him. Mr. Dow was notified at Washington of this failure, and imnonined at Washington of this failure, and im-mediately proceeded to work up the matter, though with considerable difficulty, to a success-ful issue. Some sort of red-tape had becen the hifdrance, and when certain technical objec-tions were settled between the Federal authority and that of the State where, the convict was continued the way way about Version Version. sentenced, the way was clear. So, upon Mr. Dow's arrival in Davenport, he, in company with his friend Thompson, on applying at Post McClellan, had the pleasure, after a little delay, of seeing Big Eagle set at liberty. --- /

Mr. Dow had not communicated with Mrs. Conant or any of her friends the news of his success; in fact, the operations connected with the matter which had commanded his services for several weeks had been kept a profound se-cret : but on the very day that the order for the release of Big Eagle was carried out, Mrs. Co-nent wrote a lefter, purporting to be from Little Crow, congratulating Mr. Dow on the issue of his efforts, and thanking him for his labors. Mr. Dow states, also, that when he called on Mrs. Conant, at his next visit to Boston, the spirit of Little Crow, as she affirmed, made her get down on her knees and express the gratitude he felt for the good that had been accomplished by the liberation of his brother chief. It is worthy of note that the effect of Big Eagle's release did seem beneficial, and there is reason to believe that he used a wholesome and restraining influence among his people.

several parties in succession at their request : at other times it was floated above the heads of the circle, high up toward the ceiling, and while there was played in regular manner, the peculiarity of. its formation requiring two hands, i. e., one for holding the box and one for turning the handle, while the palms of Mrs. Lord were heard constantly clapping together (as is her enstom) to demonstrate that she did not move from her position in the centre of the circle.

FLOWERS WERE BROUGHT

Into the room and distributed among the company, although the door was tightly closed durings the scance.

SPIRIT VOICES Were audibly heard, their conversation with relatives and friends present being of marked . interest to those concerned, the words, being distinetly attered, and the manner of expressionbeing marked with unmistakable individuality. One lively and fundoving, spirit, who, in the physical bore the name of "Sawyer," came to banter with a gentleman friend in the circle, and showed himself as much at home-in repartee as when he exercised, his, organ of mirthfulness in earth-life. Parents present, recognized their little ones, and many tests were given of spirit. identity which, while a source of intense gratification to the recipients, would not be of any marked interest to the public.

THE MOTHER OF MR. MASSEY. In the course of the scance Gerald Massey, who was present, received a remarkable proof of coninned existence beyond death, from the spirit of his mother. At a previous sitting with Mrs. Lord, the medium described a spirit lady, old and grey, who appeared near him. He saw by the wordportraiture that it must be his mother, but said he was not yet aware that she was dead; a letter, received by him from England having informed him, however, that his aged parent was so reduced by sickness that the next account he received would probably be that of her decease. The spirits also, wrote on the slate at Mrs. Hardy's materialization scance (held the previous Wednesday evening.) "Yours shall meet you and speak soon," and upon his question as to "When ?" the answer was written "Next Saturday night.". While sitting in the circle on this, the foretold Saturday night, Mr. M. became conscious of the pressure of hands familiar in their touch, and which he at once recognized as his mother's, but said nothing till she spoke to him in an audible voice, "It is all clear to me .now.". He had always told her that the varied relations of life. death and immortality would be more lucidly presented to the spirit on its entrance into the next stage of being, and her first effort from the The remainder of the Sioux prisoners were set | soul-world was to acquaint him that his assur-

#### LIGHT BANNER OF

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WILLIAM WHITE, Spoke audibly, declaring that " A new light is (pud raps were heard) upon the floor and sides of about to burst upon you all "and upon being the room, there being but three of us in the questioned as to the nature of the clumination, room, and we sitting at the table. The scance he answered "Spiritual light" A voice also ended, I loft the house, ficting and knowing that "made the promise which all present hoped would "Thad witnessed some of the great manifestations etc long be fulfilled "We shall by and by be of spirit power that take place daily in the pres-"able to come without darkness to help us."

HINGHO THANKS Of dimensions sufficient to istonish the company moved in the atmosphere, new ascending to the ceiling, and again illuminating the carpet Hands of different sizes patted the heads and faces, of playfully pulled the hair of various persons in one instance a spirit hand, by request, terest and importance, alike to those why believe taking a comb from a member of the circle and , and disbelieve in the power of spirit the control smoothing the disturbed locks of the party who mind. That pictures, likenesses of persons who desired it ...

FINGLE RINGS Relativing to those present were taken off, cut-brought out upon the card-board beside those mand about the circle and disposed of in a most the form, who sit for their own likeness, there is liberal marker by the invisible ones, the ex- no possibility of a doubt. But where they come pressed desires of the visitors being complied, from, and what the serve is that produces them, with at once as to the person and locality to be (is a question which is capable of a great many thus decorated - A small whistle skipped about theories. It would seem that if recognition of In the atmosphere without any apparent difficult ty, giving occasional evidence of its presence by 1 the form here, was any evidence, there is abuna -hrill blast/ Theguitar was taken up, thrummed, tuned, carried around the circle, deposited in the messes are truthful, then there is still no further lap of several who desired it, and tapped lightly upon the heads of others. Finally at a request tographer is homest, then there can be no collufrom the party it ascended near the ceiling and gave a remarkable representation of

A TOLLING BELL.

siding swell of the after-cadence being imitation (which Mr. Hazleton, photographer on Washingcarried almost to perfection. The lace cap of ton street, this city, has received from parties re-Mrs. Bigelow was, at her request, removed from her head, and placed upon the top of the mantel. | gallery for pictures, and who have recognized the clock, a spirit voice apologetically warning her - forms beside them, all bearing testimony to the that, when the gas was lighted, she would find perfectness of the pictures, and the great satisthat if was not quite as she requested - which faction they have experienced in thus havingproved to be the case on the reproduction of light, I an opportunity to look upon their friends who the cap being found put on in a sidewise fashed have passed on before. We give extracts from ion, instead of straight, as the invisible power some of these letters, in order that those interhad endeavored to have it. Confectionery was ested in the matter may hear from the parties, dialso, distributed\_among the circle by the invisi- rect, and in the hope to dispel any feeling that bles, also small cakes from the sideboard.

.Our reporter was informed that, in one of the four previous meetings at Mr. Bigelow's-of which couldse this scance was the fifth and con-cluding one -a full goblet of water had been passed into the circle by spirit-hands, and held by them to the lips of those who desired to drink." A LOUK OF HATE,

Extremely light in color, and of such delicate texture as to clearly prove the sex of its owner. to be female, was placed in the hand of one of the male visitors, while the direction, "Put this in your pocket?" was whispered in his ear. At the time of its being given it was of course impossible for him to decide what substance heheld in his hand, but when light was furnished the discovery was made. No lady (or gentleman for that matter) in the sircle had the peculiar shade of hair, and both its production in the room, and the object of its bestowal, remained profound mysteries.

During the evening a-recess of some twenty minutes was taken by those present, refreshments, conversation, and the very natural comparing of experiences among the skeptics and believers present being the order of exercisesthe former class being confounded or puzzled (according to temperament) by what they had · seen; the latter considering the phenomena witnessed (as indeed those which also characterized the latter half of the evening) to, be highly successful demonstrations, on the material plane, of the great truth of spirit nearness and power, an insight into which has been given to our day and generation in a wider degree than\_ to any preceding age.

#### Manifestations in the Light.

A few days ago, I called upon the celebrated physical mediums, Mrs. R. K. Stoddard, and her son, Master Hough, at their rooms, 327. Tremont

top of the table. During this last performance, ence of these two wonderful, mediums, "in the

light." Yours for the truth, W. J. PIKE. Reston, 135. 1, 1873.

#### Spirit Photographs.

The subject of "espirit-pictures," as they are commonly called, is becoming one of great inhave once lived in this material world and have passed through the change called death, are persons who have passed away by those still in dance of proof ; if those who have received likechance for argument as to identity. If the phosion.' The whole subject, it seems to me, is one worthy of serious consideration and investiga-

tion, and to ery out Humbug; is an ignorant ar-The lond tone of the stroke and the g ntly-sub- gument. We drave been shown some letters siding in other localities who have called at his may exist that collusion between the operator

and subject is possible. J. P. Edson, writing from Dighton, Mass.,

that he had ever seen me. I usked him to sit me for a picture. He did so, and obtained on the plate, with my own likeness, likenesses of two others, whom I had never seen, to my 'knowledge. I told Mr. II, that I could not re-cognize either of them, \* \* \* My father knew them both. One was his father, and one his sister, the father having been in spirit-life fifty six years, and the sister sixty-five years, both of them long before I was born. My father said neither, of them ever had their likenesses taken." \* \*

Asa Hanson, of Portland, Mer, says:

"On the receipt of the pictures taken by you a few weeks ago, we were much pleased to find so many familiar faces of our loyed ones, in connection with ours, photographed on the

J. Arey, writing from Salisbury, N. IL, says "I saw a notice in the Banner of Light ask-ing those who have procured spirit likenesses to write you. I called at your place, 140 Wash-ington, street, Nov. 6th, and sat for a place ington\_street. Nov. oth, and sat, for a photo-graph, and on the plate, with me, appeared two female faces, one an old hady that, since I came pome, has been fully recognized by a son, his wife, two sisters, and almost all of their neigh-

James I. Parsons, writing from Port Huron, Mich., under date of Oct. 11th, says: "The pictures I had taken under the name o

1. II. Hashett you may forward to me here. Ladies in Washington recognize one as an early schoolmate of mine, of Canaan, Vt., the other as a consin in Haverhill, Mass."

John WEFree, of Lancaster, says : "We received the pictures. Wish you to send

ances to her were true. A spirit claiming the placed on the floor, under the table, and played vincing tests of spirit-identity have already been upon, the medium's left hand being with outs on given in this manner. Instruments placed be neath the table, while the room is so lighted, will also be played in some degree, and the promise is made that all the phenomena which characterize her scances will, in time be accomplished in the light. So the work goes on, and the laborers are multiplied.

#### Boston Mediums.

I have only a verbal report of the effort, but assume that it was inspired by a wish to serve the interests of true Spiritualism. I am at a loss to understand, however, the necessity for the sweeping reflections which by inference and innendo were cast upon an entire class having, the angels know, full enough to bear of misconstruction, calumny and ostracism.

Spiritualism has rarely an opportunity to eorrectly present its own statement. Some of the fairest words have been spoken for it by outsiders, as Rev. O. B. Frothingham's impartial statement attests.

Even the types seem to conspire to misreport our ablest utterances, as when Gerald Massey, in his fearless and well-timed remarks at the Printers' Festival, spoke of Spiritualism as "taboord and unfashionable," a city paper renders it " labored and unfathamable !"

Had the Scripture promise, "Seek and ye shall find," been freely rendered to apply to spiritual influences, it would read "Ye shall find that which ye seek." Let two persons with purposes or prejudices exactly opposite visit Boston me-diums. One might discover nothing but ignorance, coarseness and indeficacy, while the other would meet only refinement, modesty and grace. Others beside the lecturer referred to have en Joyed the privilege of at least an evening or two fif the circles of Boston mediums, and I vouch for it could furnish a far different report.

Tregret my inability to command the time or language to correctly convey the impression made by one evening's experience. Let me at-tempt a faint sketch :

tempt a faint sketch: The scene is at a quiet private residence in  $D \longrightarrow$  street, the double parlors filled with an intelligent company of ladies and gentlemen. A lady sits at the piano, and with skillful touch and well-trained voice attunes all spirits to bar-mony, inviting the celestial influences. The medium, a pale delleate girl, whose face is assurance of absence of guile, takes, her-seat, and soon, with closed eyes, offers a brief invocation. Then, as swiftly as a cloud is swept from off the face of says: On the 2d day of September, 1873, I went to Mr. B. C. Hazelton's Saloon, 140 Washington street, Boston, to get, if possible, a spirit picture of one (and perhaps two), near and dear rela-tives in spirit-life. I never saw Mr. Hazelton bifore in my life, and have no reason to think that he had ever seen me. I nsked him to lily, which he confesses is the best possible test. She turns and pronounces the name "Walter," then correcting herself says: "I see a wall, and upon it is pinned a piece of lace." "Wallace" is atonce accepted as the name signified, and a is atonce accepted as the name signified, and a gentleman responds that he recognizes it. Ap-proaching him she says: "By the side of the wall I see a grave; what does that mean?" "I understand it," he replies; "my name is Graves." She then describes the mode of Wallace's death, shrinking from the bloody spectacle, and asks what the binds the two, not of the same blood. "He was a member of my company, and killed in battle," said the officer.

in battle," said the officer. "Who is Charles?" asks the medium. "Any one of that name here?" The writer claimed the name, and his spirit father, with brief but significant words, attested his presence and cafe. A lady, a stranger to all in the room, receives a description she recognizes of father and sister, and the name of another she knows not whether living or dead. A whisperial message betokens a knowledge of an unspoken purpose. To the next lady comes a friend who describes

the loss at sea of himself and family, correspond-ing with the known facts. To another a grandmother comes and explains

a noise the gentleman admits having heard upon entering new premises. To still another a sister's name is given, and her presence well attested. hand is given, and her presence wen attested. And to another a gentleman who, with his three so-called motherless daughters, waited in fond expectancy, the brief word of greeting came from one not lost but gone before.

So I might go on, did memory serve me; but enough. Doubtless some went away unsatisfied and incredulous, but none could deny the pres-face of the purest, most clovating influences. True it, was but a simple, quiet little gathering; with only a brief word spoken in feeble accents, all too faintly conveying the spirit and manner of the dear departed ; but to more than one waiting soul was the assurance given that the dear ones are near, and consciously interested in all that concerns us. And is it's little thing to know that the departed are with us? Could we place ourselves back a quarter of a century, before the first faint lispings of this now audible voice from the celeswith the affections of those who are mourning tial realm, what joy would it have given us thus the loss of the dear departed? Is Mr. H., the to know that our dear ones are but gone before, photographer, possessed of power equal to the and will our coming with all the watchful interproduction of likenesses on a card, with no pat-tern milds or likenesses on a card, with no pat-fire burning and the light in the window for the absent and perhaps wandering one. As Spirithalists, we grow dull and insensible to the blessed wealth that has come to us; and we meet our long-enduring, faithful spirit friends, with a listlessness and indifference that can but chill their loving hearts. One duty we can but chill their loying hearts, owe them, and that is : to stand by our persecute C. M. P. uted

### A PACKAGE OF PICKINGS. NO. 11.

## BY J. M. PEEBLES.

He who "will not work, neither shall he eat," was sound Pauline philosophy. The apostles all were democrats rather than aristocrats. The aristocracy of America is based not upon ancestral blood, but money. And these aristocrats would consume without producing, live without counts for there being so many socials in an now rooting around for gold and other worldly trash. A lecture recently given in this city recounted working, know without studying, earry all hona week's experience among Boston mediums: ors without deserving them, and occupy all places of government without being mentally or morally competent to fill them.

> This new year, 1874, reminds me of these lines from the facile pen of J. G. Saxe :

My growing tail of olden times, My growing thist for early news, My growing abathy to rhymes, My growing love of easy shoes, My growing hate of crowds and noise My growing fear of catching cold, All tell me, in the plainest volce-T'm growing old (

Thanks for the year whose raphd flight My souhter mise too gladly sings; Thanks for the gleans of golden light That that the darkness of their whogs The light that beams from out the sky, These heavenly mansions to unfold. Where all are lides and one may sigh, "I'm growing old !"

It is well known that the distinguished artist and scholar, Baron Kirkup, is a decided Spiritualist. And when in Florence, a few years since, I was deeply interested in the Baron's description of Wm. Blake, his early friend and master in painting. Enthusiastic, poor, and "supremely good," to use the Baron's language, he failed to get on in the world. Paintings of his that, while he was living, sold for a few shillings, can; not be purchased now for hundreds of pounds. He was so eccentric, so strange at times, "that I used to think him," said Baron Kirkup, "insame. Now some of my friends think me insane because I 'm a Spiritualist." Blake had visions. Mrs. Blake said one day to Mr. Kirkup, while an artist student, "I get but very little attention from my husband, Mr. Blake. He's off in the clouds most of the time, or up in paradise."

A recent Washington report says that within given range of latitude in the "northwest there are fifty-five thousand Indians roaming at large, living upon what they can catch or steal, receiving nothing from Government, but subject to every species of border-ruffian outrage which lawless men can inflict." Most of these must perish from starvation before the opening of spring, unless helped. Who will help them from a starvation forced upon them by the inroads of civilization ? and such a civilization ! Speaking to Wm. L. Garrison of this matter a few weeks since in Boston, he said, "My heart aches for these aborigines. The Government seems well disposed, and yet but little is done. At my period of life, with ill health, I can do but a triffe. Anything that I can say, however, or anything that I can do will be done cheerfully for this people so rapidly fading away."

The Rev. Mr. Palmer, a Universalist clergyman, of Barre, Vermont, writing to the Universalist of Boston, in 1870, bewailing the "liberal- and spiritual things can no more be separated ism that had eaten away the religious life of so many Universalist societies," says, "It will re-quire much Gospel labor to counteract the per-parable, "till the harvest." The "harvest is the nicious effects produced by the Banner of Light and A. J. Davis's books in this section." This brother - a spirit now - having passed to the heavenly life in March, 1873, has doubtless, ere this, been converted to Spiritualism, and, reflecting upon the spiritual darkness that eclipsed his sectarian ministrations, would doubtless be delighted to control mediums and communicate.

The following lines remind me of the brave and Rev. Mr. Murray, who lectured awhile since in New England Lyceums upon the "Cirilized. Heathen, " to the discomfiture of his "pious brethren" :

The soil should no longer with terror behold. The red waves of wrath with which priests would engulf her. For, science ignores the existence of hell. And chemists find better uses for sulphur. "

ly honest to be popular. Writing me a few days since, he says :

"I want to come to Troy to see you, and visit the Shakers. I am a Shaker; I have for years been shaking error, hypocrisy, dishonesty, intemperance and licentiousness out of priests and people. \* \* You know in Christ's time the devit entered into swine; but devils have increased so rapidly since, that there are not swine enough on earth to contain them all, and accordingly they enter into men. This ac-They are well represented in our city. Anx-ious to bring about a better state of things, one of my recent plans failed. A convict murder-ing amother convict in our penitentiary, was sentenced to be hanged. While under sentence the elergy called upon him and prepared him for death. Both they and himself felt that he was forgiven, fitted and prepared for heaven—in a word, a *Christian*? Feeling that such a man's life might be of great service in Auburn. life might be of great service in Auburn, 'I sent the following letter to the sheriff of our county: ... 4

county: Q<sup>7</sup> ACTIVITY, N. Y., Dev. 5, 1873, JOHY G. HOSSIER, ESG., Sheriff of Unpuga County, Sinte of New York: Door Sir As Michael Donahue has been sentenced to be hanged on Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 1873, in the city of Au-burn, N. Y., and as 1 am not only opposed to kite execu-tion, but ulterly opposed to capital punchment in any case; and yet, as it is argued that the dignity of the law must be maintained, and as the popular religion of our land is based on services, 1 hereby offer investing as willing ascribee or substitute, to be executed on Wednesday next, in the stead of the sabi Donahue. Destring a speedy rely, 1 remain, Yours truly, J. H. HARTER, ? Through remembering Damon and Pythias.

Though remembering Damon and Pythias, though recalling the scene of Calvary, and Jesus's prayer of forgiveness for murderous enemies, we do not call to mind any historic individual who offered himself a substitute to die for a convict. The sheriff did not answer Bro. Harter's letter.

Considering the reputation of Sir Thomas More as a statesman, scholar and judge, you 'might imagine yourself," says Erasmus, "in the academy of Plato, when in his home. No wrangling, no angry word was heard in it; no one was idle; everyone did his duty with energy and temperate cheerfulness." His ideal home, broad and universal, will yet be realized. All divine ideals ultimate in reals.

There beats no truer heart under human ribs, Mr. Editor, than-that-of-your New-York correspondent, E. D. Dabbitt ; and yet, in writing of the Union Meeting of Shakers and Spiritualists in New York, Pthink his words might be misconstrued, especially by those who do not fully. understand the principles of the Shakers. Dr. Babbitt says :

"I prophesy that Elder Evans will yet see and believe either in this world or the next that true religion is to live in harmony with all science and all truth, both physical and spiritual; and that material and spiritual things can no more be separated than negative and positive. I prophesy, also, that he will yet see that mono-gamic marriage is the holiest of all social rela-tions, and is characteristic of the celestial as well as the terrestrial condition of things. Neverthe-less, 17 wish the Shakers God-speed, excellent prople as I am sure they are."

Elder F. W. Evans already sees that "true re-" ligion is to live in harmony with all [demonstrated] science and all truths, both physical and spiritual." He also understands that "material than negative and positive," until the harvest, end of the world "-the end of the generative." passional world of which Adam was the representative. The end of this world, so closely allied to gratification and lust, may occur to the individual, before the body is a corpse. The apostle, after speaking of "keeping the body under," said, "I die dally." And Jesus, as a harvested soul, exclaimed, "I have overcome the world." "I am the resurrection and the life." In the resurrection, they neither marry nor are. given in marriage, but are as the angels of God." Elder Frederick also clearly sees that "monogamic marriage is the hollest of all social relations," pertaining to those who are of the world and in the world and determined to remain there. And for this reason Shakers do not oppose mar-Will those who profess to be so alarmingly riage per sc. This should be understood once shocked at the unnaturalness of cellbacy ac-teristic of the celestial condition of things," as Bro. Babbitt suggests, Shakers are by no means, certain. Who of us are? Ministering spirits differ widely upon this subject. Aaron Knight, a noble and exalted spirit with whom I've conversed for years, tells me that he passed to spiritlife a bachelor, and though summering in that beautiful land of souls now nearly two hundred years he is a bachelor still," tied by no silken. cord or matrimonial rope. Let us not be troubled, therefore, about things "celestial." . We have to do with the now. So far as I understand Shaker doctrines, they teach that while a Divine duality spans the universe, man in this world has a three-fold existence - physical body, spiritual body, and spirit, with these corresponding gradations up the steeps of travel:

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street, to witness their new phase of "manifestations in the light ;" and as I consider it due to them, as well as to the cause of Spiritualism, that I should state the result through your columps, I will endeavor to do so. I wish it distinetly understood, to begin with that the manifestations took place in open daylight First. Master Hough, Mrs. Stoddard and myself sat around a table, Master Hough holding a slate between two covers closed tightly under the table with one hand, the other remaining on the table with ours. In three seconds, writing was distinctly heard, then three raps with-the peneil : and, upon the slate being handed to me, I read the following communication : -

"My friend, you will receive more writing, and, if you wish'it, some questions answered, Yours, Con. BARER.

At this point, Mrs. S. informed me that. Col. Baker conducted the scapee. Next, the slate was put linto a box about a foot in length, nine, that leads to heaven, and upon which angels asinches wide and four high. A penell was then cend and descend ! thrown in, and the box held hard up underneath the table by Master Hough, and more writing was heard, then three raps, and the box handed to me by the medium. Upon examination, I found that there was a communication written upon both sides of the slate. I received satisfactory answers to a number of questions that I wrote upon the clate ; after which, I placed my pocket-knife, with the blades shut, in a small wooden box, and then tied the box together in such a manney as that I should know it, in case. the knots had been disturbed. I then passed the box to the medium, Hough, who held it, under the table two minutes; then three raps were heard, and he handed me the box. I opened it (after examining the knots and finding that they had not been disturbed), and found my knife with the blade open. The box test was then repeated. This time, however, a lady's hair-pin was put into the box, which I found bent double. Our informant was present, not long since, at upon taking it out of the box.

A small-sized music-box was then' put into a larger box, and held under the table. In half a minute the music began, and lasted five minutes. Master Hough then took off his coat, and got gevening with a circle a la Maud E. Lord (which into the bed. A guitar was then placed under medium the gentleman thinks Mrs. G. strongly the bed, with two small bells upon it. The guitar was then played sweetly, the two bells keeping time as an accompaniment. The guitar was then rapped upon three times, then thrust up between the bed and side of the room. Then it was pulled down, and thrust out from under the bed. The two bells then played a sweet chime, and then were thrown out from under the bed with considerable force.

The medium then got out of the bed, and I tied his right hand under the table in such a manner as to preclude all possibility of his reaching down to the floor. The guitar was then

two of those where we two sat fogether, and one where I sat alone. I recognize the spirit above is as my former wife. Where Mrs. Free sits alone the three are very distinct. "She recognizes the child, and the lady as a niece. Send as many of those as you can.

Are these people deceiving themselves? Are they accomplices in the crime, of tampering tern, guide, or knowledge of the persons who | do appear ?. These are questions which it becomes all lovers and seekers for truth to answer. Let the spirit of investigation animate all who are desirous of arriving at the truth in these matters, and instead of trying to laugh it down, and hold up to contempt all who are 'seeking that they may find." go to work in carnest to discover and understand the ladder

#### Spiritual Matters in East Boston.

B. H. C.

Yours for truth.

A gentleman in whose statements implicit trust may be reposed, informs us-as did Mr. John Prince some weeks since-that physical manifestations are making their appearance, in East Boston, Mass., of a truly wonderful character, causing interest to reawaken in a marked degree in the philosophy which they underlie. About one year since a party of ladies and gentlemen decided to devote some time each week to sitting for spirit-communion, leaving the matter of what was to come entirely to the invisibles. Among the party was Mrs. Gorham, of Bennington street, and all signs soun pointed to her as the medium to be specially developed-the operation having gone on in this investigating circle till the most remarkable occurrences are witnessed. one of this lady's scances-held to oblige some of her friends, as she does not sit for the public - and reports himself as highly pleased with what he witnessed. Her custom is to begin the resembles in development), with the exception that instead of clapping her hands to indicate her presence in the centre of the circle, she allows visitors to fasten hells upon her arms to

demonstrate the same. Several instruments are heard playing or moving about at the same time, while spirit voices and hands are appealing to the attention of the circle, and the fan is keep-. ing matters cool by its gyrations in the darkness, -all which prove the presence of many invisible workers at the seance. The concluding portion of the evening is devoted to slate-writing, in the light, as with Dr. Slade, and some very con- Boston Herald, Jan. 30th.

#### The "National" Itch.

In these days everything seeks a national name. We not only have national parties by which we elect local officers—an evident absurd-ity—but everything, both social and political, has an itely to become national. We have not only national academies, but also national conven-tions for all sorts of societies, the "national game," with the national championship, a national Young Men's Christian Association, and Board of Trade, national Woman Suffrage, and spiritualism. Nothing seems to be complete until Spirituaism. Evolving seems to be compare until it has a national organization and recognition. The method is well known. A few people in an obscure village somewhere form the Podunk Anti-Fly-Speck Association. In the course of time they find that they have got hold of a very time they find that they have got hold of a very important matter. They talk it up, and get it written up in the local newspaper. The people of the neighboring yillages hear of it, and, not to e outdone, they also form Anti-Fly-Speck As sociations. Before long the members of the various associations discover that some of the import ant questions before them need discussion and concerted action. Some active mind conceives the idea of a delegate convention of all the Anti-Fly-Speck Associations. It is held, and Fly-Specks prove to be a very fruitful theme. The discussions are reported, and the delegates, seeing their names in the papers, find that they are be-coming famous. This greatly increases the interest in the association. Other conventions and mass-meetings are held ; the great work spreads to other States, and in a short time we have the national convention called and organized, and humbug is conducted according to system. National legislation is often required at this stage, and the Anti-Fly-Specks mix with the throngs in the lobbies of Congress. This tendency to na-tionalize cannot be checked, but-awayaaya the privilege of laughing at it. The Government meets it with the equal folly of providing nation-al governmental machinery for all/sorts of things better done by individuals or local governments A national Board of Health and a national system of quarantine are proposed, and the Govern-ment is askighto provide a national commission for the purpose of investigating the statistics and ethics of liquor drinking. In short, there is nothing so contemptible that it may not aspire to a national recognition in one way or the other .-

the Shakers "are the most long-lived people on earth ?! Next to these are the Quakers, then the Jews, then Catholics, Protestants, the colored races, &c. Statistics will, show that, just in the ratio of gratification and fleshly lusts, human life is shortened, while clairvoyance proves that licentious\_practices dim and dwarf the Spiritual nature. Apropos to the above, the New York Times says that in Alfred, Me .--

"An old lady has been discovered whose sin galar and happy fortune it was to be born on the 4th of July 1776. She is a *Shaker*, and her name is Lucy Langdon Nowell. It is another of the virtues of this venerable lady that she has never been in a railroad car, and it is proposed to send her in a Pullman car to adorn the open-ing of the Centennial on the 4th of July, 1876. It is urged that nothing could be more appro-priate or significant at a festival designed to celebrate the completion of our first century of national existence, than the presence of one whose birth is exactly coëval with our nation's birth, whose life has shared the vicisitudes of the nation's life and who has lived to go the the nation's life, and who has lived to see the career begun, like her own, in doubt and utter weakness, finish in the most exalted power.

Is it not a singular coincidence that, the church government of the Shakers, as an organized religious body, has run parallel with the civil government of America? Both were established in 1776. Will not the Shakers, whose primal principles are peace, purity, and "all things in common," hold their Centennial during the year 1876?

Just reading the admirable work of Allen Putnam, entitled "Bible Marvel-Workers," I do not hesitate to pronounce it one of the best books published to put into the hands of investigators-the hands of everybody, in fact, who live to know of the future existence. The style is chaste and candid, while the moral influence flowing from its pages is as beautiful as spiritually healthy. ' Reader, buy it, read it, loan

How many of us can say, as did Jesus, 'The Prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me"?

If Jesus (as well as Pythagoras, Plato, and others) did not teach preëxistence in these pas-burgs that the second preëxistence in these pas-burgs the evening we called at the residence of segres, what did he teach? "Before Abraham Sylvanus Cobb, the sensational novelist; visitedwas, I am." - John viii : 58: "I came down rom heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me,"-John ri:38. "The glory I had with Thee before the world was."-John rrii: 5. "What and if ye shall see the Son of Man ascend up where he was before?" -John ri:62. Preëxistence should never be confounded, however, with re-incarnation. They are in no possible way synonymous.

The Rev. J. H. Harter, an original genius, having more friends among the angels than the bigots of Auburn, N. Y., was born fifty years too soon for his comfort, and is too scrupulous-

L.-Barbarism and the unbridled license of promiscuity.

11. Civilization and marriage, the "twain becoming one flesh."

III. Christian Shakerism with the Christ-standard of cellbacy.

Accordingly these believers-Spiritualists since the days of Ann Lee-say that marriage for procreative purposes is well-is right on its planeand yet the Christ-spirit and the resurrection angels are continually calling, "Come up higher ! come and live as do the angels of God !"

According to the Universalist Companion of 1846, there were seven hundred and sixty-four clergymen in the denomination ; and now, twenty-seven years later, said denomination has but six hundred and fifty seven preachers, and some of these, to my knowledge, are avowed Spiritualists. At this rate of clerical increase and influence, when will the world be saved? Will the Rev. Dr. Miner, who wants God put into the Constitution, "rise and explain ?"

The Rev. Robert Collyer and other public men of the West have been discussing the religion of Mr. Lincoln. While liberal, while an admirer of Channing and Theodore Parker's writings, he was a believer in Spiritualism. 'I am acquainted with a medium whom he frequently consulted.

While in the vicinity of Boston lately, I spent a little time with that inspirational thinker and Sylvanus Cobb, the sensational novelist; visited Henry Giles, the fine essayist; examined Mr. Giles's library, talked of books, burned incense to the gods, and listened to exquisite music by Mrs. Giles. It was this very evening that Miss Sarah Grinké passed to spirit-life from the home of Theodore D. Weld. "Aunt Sarah," as she was familiable tensor master daughter of Indea was familiarly termed, was the daughter of Judge Grimké, of South Carolina. She translated for-eign books, was the first woman that publicly advocated the abolition of slavery, and for years defended the principle of woman's equality with man. She was also a firm Spiritualist. I won-der if Lucy Stone, Mr. Garrison, and others, in pronouncing eulogies over her remains, men-tioned the fact of her Spiritualism and the great comfort she derived from this blessed truth?

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## BANNER OF LIGHT.

## Spiritualism Abroad.

## REVIEW OF FOREIGN SPIRITUAL-ISTIC LITERATURE.

#### BY G. L. DITSON, M. D.

El Criterio Espiritisto, of Madrid, opens its fair pages for December with an extended no. phenomena such as have been recently publishtice of the strange phenomena at Puerto Principe (Island of Cuba), of which I gave a brief account in my last article. It says that various periodicals of Madrid have copied from the Havana papers what was there written concerning those extraordinary occurrences. One writer scances, in which the spirits of his departed considered them electrical phenomena, acting friends gathered in force about him, enabled to within the known laws of science; another believed them to be supernatural, "demoniaros, produced by an agent whose name is simply that of Satan."

This Spanish magazine gives more than a page to the Banner of-Light, quoting in full the communication from Gen. Schouler. It also states that a new Spiritualistic Society has been formed in Hayana and in Cieza, and that circles have been held in Puerto Principe (arising from the late manifestations there); also in Rio de la Plata and in Lima and Malaga.

La Ilustracion Espirita, of Mexico, which appears now weekly, has much to interest the general reader. I will notice a few articles without giving the date of publication. Quoting from El Siglo, of 28th 'ultimo,' it says (in brief): The Monitor finds not time to consider the phenomena reported at Puerto Principe. It does not deign to notice facts whose authenticity have been guaranteed by men so insignificant as Jobard, the ingenious reformer in so many mechanical industries ; of Huggins, the revealer of the physical mysteries of so many of the celestial worlds ; of Flatfimarion, president of somany scientific societies; of Hoefer and Crookes, the well-known chemists; of Bonnemére, the celebrated historian ; of Victor Ilugo, the universal poet; of Cox, of Edmonds, Martin, Lias, Goldsmidt (and he might have added a thousand more of profound learning and distinction), and nearly all the sovereigns of Europe. Well may the Monitor throw ridicule upon Spiritualism, when the Dialectical Society of London, after five years of examination, has established indubitably the truths enunciated by us-has rendered to them the most brilliant testimony. . .

And the Continental, though adhering-to the opinions of La Iberia, says : "That it is very, strange that a Catholic periodical should deny the facts of Spiritualism, when the La Voz de Mexico has declared them to be entirely real, guaranteed by a multitude of bishops," the difference only being that Satan has hand and foot in ours. . . Extracts from the work of M. de Meryille, citing Socrates, Brutus and other historical characters, are sufficiently full to be dogmas and teaching of the "infallible Church," worthy of translation if space allowed. The Banner is quoted in reference to the completion of Edwin Drood through spiritual guidance. Santiago Sierra furnishes long and able articles on Spiritualism, that must make a lasting impression. Another paper gives the story of the beautiful illuminated child that appeared some fifty years ago at the castle of Lord Castleresh. The Rerue Spirite, of Paris, begins itsonew issue for 1874 with a glance at the progress of Spiritualism. With justifiable pride and joy, the editor says : Read the monthly correspondence from North and South America, from all parts of Europe, from Africa and from Asia, and see the strides our cause is taking in spite of all opposition, falsities, negations-a movement incomparable in the annals of the world. We have devoted an article to Belgium and Holland. Switzerland awakens to this subject. Spain marches with giant strides in this new field of research, and there is now under consideration a proposition to have a chair especially devoted to James is highly spoken of. Those desirous of Spiritualism in the University of Madrid; while the societies of Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, Ali- the notice, will find the book for sale at the cante, Murcia, etc., have, each one, their spirit- counter of Colby & Rich, No. 9 Montgomery ualistic periodical. To Greece, Constantinople, Place, Boston :warsaw, we have granted the right to translate the works of Allan Kardee. In Italy, our flag ginuing to end. The portion written before Dickens's death we were reading when the news of re-incarnation is firmly held by the generous, patriotic, indefatigable hand of M. G. Parisi. patriotic, indefatigable nand of M. G. Farrs. Miss Blackwell is no less eloquent and able in this realm of thought. Turin, with its monthly, Annales dello Spiritismo, edited by M. N. Filla-lefe, is ably represented. From Pesth, on the Danube, comes a brockure (M. Protenazka's) of remarkable interest, under the title, "Eaven Theses Concerning Spiritualism." Vienna and Wa have does on and while we frankly and the spectral of the action of the great model. We have does on the spiritualism we have a spiritualism of the great model of the great power of the spiritualism of the great model of the great power of the spiritualism of the great model of the great power of the spiritualism of the great model of the great power of the spiritualism of the great model of the great model of the great power of the spiritualism of the great model of the great model of the great model of the great model of the great power of the spiritualism of the great model of the great mo Theses Concerning Spiritualism." Vienna and Leipzig have also their well-written periodicals devoted to Spiritualism.

ent of our village, to occupy themselves with the invisible causes which produce these effects.

Wonderful spirit manifestations are recorded in the Rerue by M. N. de Lyoff (who came from Moscow, Russia, to Paris, to establish the verity of reports concerning this doctrine), and M. de Veh (26 Avenue des Champis-Elysées), which occurred in the presence of Mr. D. D. Homeed in the Banner from Mr. Crookes's Scientific Quarterly ; but with this addition : M. Djous, at whose residence some of these marvels occurred, having been given up by his physicians as incurable, was, on the morning following one of these rise from his bed, being perfectly cured.

We may well thank God and the good spirits for such consoling proofs of the verity of this much ridiculed faith !

Several numbers of the Messager, of Liege, are before me, and I will make a note, in brief, of their contents.

At Mittray there is a very noteworthy agricultural school for the reformation of juvenile oftural school for the reformation of juvenile of-fenders, orphans, and the abandoned waifs of dissolute parents. Since its establishment, over three, thousand have been trained there, to be useful, self reliant citizens. But now the chief in this great and good work, the exceedingly worthy and noble-hearted M, de Metz, has, to the great regret of all who knew him, departed the great regret of all who knew him, departed this life. One remarkable feature in the Mittray establishment was, that chastisement was hardly ever resorted to-Mr. M.'s'mildness, firmness, goodness, leading the pupils up from the taint of their vicious heritages and habits, to

aspirations of active usefulness. Extracts follow from the *Contemplations Scien*tifique of M. C. Flammarion ; and then comes.an article on the danger of lightly calling on the spirits; for one Gabriel D., who ridiculed the works of Kardee, gathered some friends for a "sitting ;" but presently the invisibles gave him such raps on the side of the head, that he was willing to resign his position, though for three weeks the spirits continued to torment him, even pinching him under the bed-clothes.

"The Deluge" forms the leading article in the Messager of 15th December, and Berosus is largely quoted ; but what confidence can we have in any of those old writers, (though their statements, as we have them, may be perfectly correct,) when we have the stipngest reasons for believing that every one of their works have passed through the revising, remodeling, expurgating hands of the Catholics? When the lay world was dead and dumb, as it were, to all literary treasures, (as in the middle ages,) the monasteries had their laborious students; and we may be well assured that, if anything was found in ancient records militating against the it was altered, expurgated. The learned Higgins, in his invaluable "Anacalypsis,"\* states this very distinctly, and, in several instances, shows by negative evidence, which seems to have escaped even the lynx-eyed Jesuits, that some great truth has been concealed by these revisers, or rather that an attroit attempt had been thus made ; but, by inadvertently denouncing an historie record, showed clearly that such a record had had existence, though it now assumed a very different aspect.

This number of the Messager closes with a beautiful "elegy." Preceding it is a characteristic communication from the spirit of Balzac.

We hope Mr. Peebles will go on with his proposed new edition of this great work.

#### "Mystery of Edwin Drood.".

From the Vox Populi (Lowell, Mass.) of Jan, 17th we copy the extract below, wherein this remarkable work through the mediumship of Mr. deciding for themselves as to the correctness of m : \* We have read the story from beof that calamity startled the world through which he was known. We have read that portion pur-We have done so; and while we frankly say it is our conviction that there is less finish in the style of composition; and less strong, well-defined character in the story as it progresses, it is yet well-fold, and is by no means a discredit to Dick-ens. We have seen several 'notices' of the book, all of which spoke of it disparagingly, and all, we venture to say, were permed without reading a single chapter of the portion condemn-ed. We have no hesitation in saying that we do not believe the most intelligent person, not hav-ing read the first portion of the story, can com-mence it and in going through tell where the *lire* Dickens left off or where Mr. James (for the *dead* Dickens) began. There may be found imperfec-tions in Mr. James's part ; but the printer is undoubtedly in fault in most instances; and the critics who condemn the work for these defects are unfair in their treatment of it. In our judg ent some of the chapters are eminently worthy of the great novelist; and we venture the opinion that had the work appeared in its present 'com-plete' form before his death, it would have been welcomed unquestioned. We do not think the fact that some of the characters introduced in the first portion of the story are almost entirely dropped in the last, and that several new ones are found, is unlike Dickens; certainly he was famous for bringing in stran-gers. Mr. Honeythunder has a very short life, and is a most useless character, first and last. Mr. Tartar of 'the bean-stalk country,' from whom the reader while with Dickens must have expected considerable, proves to be of no sort of consequence with the 'medium,' who refers to him but once or twice, and then makes him of no use. Edwin Drood, notwithstanding the fact that he is given the importance of furnishing the name of the volume, is anything but conspicuous when in sight, and it is his absence that makes im at all important. The character of Durdles is well'kept up-throughout the story; so, too, that of Rosa's guardian; in fact, the initiation, if such it be, is creditable. The explanation of the disappearance of Edwin Drood and the consummation of the story will be found ingenious, no further removed from bounds of probability than most works of fiction, and altogether more than ordinarily entertaining. Adopting whichever theory one will—that a portion of the book is an *imitation* or the verifable work of the spirit of the departed novelist, through an amanuensis of his own choosing — this 'complete' edition of 'The Mystery of Edwin Drood' is not without a

## Banner Correspondence.

#### New York.

of truth, as a befurer, has been giving scales, all over the world wake up, and may the grand in my own parlor and in neighboring parlors, work of dedicating Liberty Halls go on every-with decided success, giving general satisfaction. Instruments were laid, on chairs under the magtel, one side of the room, and sometimes on the tet, one side of the room, and sometimes on the table in the centre of the room. We had both dark and light circles, with clasped hands. The instruments were played over our heads some-times touching, them lightly, and sometimes not

times touching, them lightly, and sometimes not-so lightly, playing and resting on top of the heads." They would play in perfect concert with other music—the violin, whistling or singing. Peneils and paper were kid on the table. The spirits would write detters to their friends here in the body, entreating them to grope no longer in darkness, but investigate the truths of Spirit-ualism, as they are facts, etc. One lefter was written by a friend to use, the peneil and paper being laid at midday on the carpet, no one being

The next scance, with but few present, was held at midday. We placed on the tambourine a sheet of paper, with a pencil thereon. Hands were soon distinctly seen, and the tambourine

were soon distinctly seen, and the tanhouring was laid on the duleimer: Soon the scratching counterced on the paper on the tanhourine. Then a hand came up, holding the pencil, which was finally thrown into niy lap. The haper was rattled as though it was being folded up, and was also thrown into my lap. On reading it, I found a very affectionate letter, in my adopted daughter's handwriting, signed, ""From your Famile." Other spirits wrote to friends wholly unacomainted with the medium of the Fannie." Other spirits wrote to friends wholly unacquainted with the medium, giving their names, etc. Furniture was moved about, instru-ments placed in different positions, and the dui-cimer carried from place to place. These are facts, with many more incontestable proofs of spirit power, and presence, which can be fully tested by every skeptic or investigator who will avail himself of the opportunity of sits ting in circles with the "boy medium," Henry B. Allen.

ELLENBURGH CENTRE.-Dr. French Web ster, writing under date of Jan. 27th, says ; El lenburgh is situated in Clinton County, and is one of the few towns in the State deprived of one of the few towns in the State deprived of spiritual meetings. My lectures are the first of the kind, with one exception, ever-field in this town. Some two years since, a trance medium, came here and told the peeple that within two years they would receive a call from another speaker. We have held several meetings which were well attended. The noble-souled Spiritual ists here are few in numbers, but strong in the faith. The Banner's weekly visits are looked for with much pleasure. We never visited a place where the church people were more bitter in their demunciations than here ; its four minisin their demunciations than here ; its four minis-ters, since I came here, have been sermonizing on Spiritualism, and their false representations have caused some to become thinkers and inves-tigators for themselves. We invited them to a comparison of Spiritualism and Christianity, but the only response came from their *palpits*. The spirits have said that regular meetings shall yet be established here for the promulgation of the truths of Spiritualism. Any speakers pass-ing through this part of the State will find-hearty welcome. heaty welcome.

#### New Jersey.

11 A MMONTON. — Mrs. Matia M. King writes, Feb. 2d, as' follows: We have had a feast of fat things here in the two lectures delivered on Sunday, Feb. 1st, by J. M. Peebles: Our brother, since his return from his travels, seems to be since his return from his travels, seems to be fired with a more earnest zeal than ever, if pos-sible, in his philanthropic work. His whole sout is in the cause, and he has spared binself melther trouble nor expense to fit himself to be efficient in his field of labor. We here say, "God speed yon, brother, in your halor of love, and give you a rich harvest of sheaves to 'garner into the granary of the Lord !"

But, Mr. Editor, all the unselfish, self-saerifieling laborers in our cause are not in the public field, and enjoying the people's regard in a de-gree commensurate with their deserts. Of the quiet, unobtrusive class, whose names

MIDDLE: GRANVILLE. - PHYSICAL MANI-thorized to state that any speaker or medium FESTATIONS. - Mrs. Eliza Blosson write, under date of Jan. 6th, as follows: I take great pleas-ure in stating facts in the spiritual phenomenal souls for Christ's sake, or for man's sake and as given through the mediumship of Henry B. any medium will find a welcome at my home Allen, the physical medium, who for the past, while he may stay. We need a good test medium week, in company with the noble spirited and here. We are holding eiteles, which promise to indefatigable laborer, J. H. Randall, in the cause bear good fruit. Let our good men and women

#### Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA. • C. L. Ingram writes as follows: 'Enclosed you will find a check, for five dollars, which will pay for the ensuing year's subscription, and leave a 'small balance to be transferred to the credit of the Message Depart; much of the mark  $\frac{1}{2}$ ment of the paper. "Hus department, doubless, contributes largely to the popularity of your paper. It is unquestionably of deep interest to me. for the messages there given are wonderfully corroborative of the descriptions of spirit-life which I personally receives from that invisible realm through another "gateway,"

<text><text><section-header><text><text><text><text><text><text> to the States. Such senators as Kansas elects would soon secure the vote in the Senate, and perhaps we have not counted aright when we think the House is safe. We have a disciplined and well digiled foe with plenty of money to be used to ruin our country if they cannot control it. We hoped better things from Kansas, but are sorry for the State.

THE SEASONS .- Last winter was among the

most severe, cold and stormy ever known by the settlers on the prairies of the Western States bordering the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and the present winter, up to the middle of February, is one of the pleasantest and mildest, with little show, and no very severe cold weather. There is no wise old prophet or maker of alimanaes who can predict or account for. these changes and variations of the seasons. and yet there must be a untural cause, and it seems to us it ought to be within our reach. Slowly the march of science is marking the path of storms before they appear, and although not with the certainty of eclipses, yet with tolerable certainty, predicting their time- and severity. A long line of observation may greatly improve this storm science, and may also give us at some time the secret of variations of seasons. MRS. R. L. MOORE, recently of Lawrence, Kansas, one of the best clairvoyant, trance, and practical mediums in the West, has gone to Denver, Colorado, where she will spend a few months on her route to California, and where those wishing to consult the spirits, especially on matters of health, and who live in Denver. or visit there, will do well to give her a call. We have not her address, but she may be found by applying at the post-office. Her feeble state of health has prevented her from using her valua. ble gift to much extent for several years; but she is better, and hopes to find still improved health among the mountains and the high altitude of the rocky ridge.

all parts of the State, and he wishes to receive calls. There is a young trance medium, twenty three years old and is controlled by a radical spirit : spirit triends are described by him at the close of his lectures from the stand. If a man, the importance of thinking for one's spirit triends are described by him at the close of his lectures from the stand. self. Spiritualism came not only to demonstrate man's continued existence beyond the grave, but to establish justice upon the earth; and, having in part accomplished one of these objects, it should now commence the other. One of its most obvious tendencies has been toward inittvidualization, and the consequent treedom of the individual (this being the, basis for the most eftectual mode of unitary action); and, as a result, Spiritualism presents to the observer a Babel of confusion on all ideas save its central one. Presently there will be demanded those whose higher inspirations shall harmonize its discordant elements be our watchword, and unite us for the accomplishment of some definite object - and, by their comprihensive vision, shall east its horoscope, and solve the question of its mission to the world. Such minds it must have ere it exerts. the power in the world of which it is capable. A. D. WHILLER.

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tions of all who are destring a Higher Religious (Action asplia-lastic) knowledge of The Way. Ers aring, at z<sub>2</sub> argles k. Lectures and discussions, by selected speckers and volumeers, upon religious, scientific and miseeflaneous subjects.

A subinhan infinister applied, to a fleket agent on one of the philoads for a "theigyman's ticket," and on the of-ficial expressing a doubt as to his clerical character, exclaimed, "If you do h't believe. I am a dergyman I'll read you'one of my sermons ! " The agent passed over the fleket. fuit did not insist upon the proof.

The Revue adds that groups of Catholic Spiritualists are holding seances in France.

Recently, under test conditions, spirit photographs have been taken in Paris, by M. Buguet. 5 Boulevard Montmartre. The writer says that he was at Mr. B.'s, with several friends, one of whom had brought a piece of glass which he had had cut especially for the purpose. The photo-graphic instrument was thoroughly inspected. The development in the laboratory was viewed by five persons. When completed, there was on the plate a spirit-face partially veiled. The next day,-M. Veron, an artiste of the opera, and Madame X., made an essai under the same conditions. The spirit-father of Madame X. appeared on four different plates, varying his position in each. M. Veron then sat, and had the same figure on two other plates; but here, again, the drapery and the position of the hands were altered, though the face remained the same.

Others, such as Mme. Kardee, a judge (M. B.), Prince Wittgenstein, a distinguished Polish lady, and the Baron Dirking-Homfeld, received satisfactory proofs of the presence of children and others most dear to them in the spirit-world. Some time since I wrote of a remarkable painter (under spirit control) in the south of France. It seems that he is a blacksmith, poor, and unlettered, but still produces marvelous works with his brush, one of which is now being engraved for sale. The price is five francs, and may be had in Paris, 7 rue de Lille. It is of the battle of Constantine with Maxentius under the walls of Rome, where the latter was defeated-leading to his death, by drowning, in his attempt to escape from his pursuers; thus ending a cruel and bloody career.

A letter from Ulm (Bavaria) states that for three years a portion of the town has been disturbed at certain hours, in the stillness of-the night, by fearfully loud raps, seemingly on the door of a house in that neighborhood. The mayor being solicited to interfere, placed the police within and without the dwelling, but to no purpose. M. Hugo Thezehus, who records the above, with much sagacity remarks (on these knockings): They are an avertissement to force had married. He would n't exaggerate for one the ignorant, the recalcitrants, and the indiffer- | wedding, probably.

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A clergyman at Hazletoh, Pa., recently appended a note to a wedding notice in a local paper, announcing that it was the 999th couple he

claim on public attention."

re rarely mentioned in public, is the wife of Bro. Peebles. Have the thousands who from time to time listen to his inspired words, and partaken of the treasures he dispenses, gather of from beyond the sea from almost every clime, where he has traveled for the sublime purpose of making his ministry to his people at home the richer-have these, I say, measured the sac-riflee this true woman makes, when she says to her husband, "Yyes, go with my consent and do your work; I will live alone, that you may learn to preach our blassed gospel far and wide"? Every true wife knows that such a sacrifice is immeasurable to such as she. Mrs. Peebles is an inspired artist of superior

ability. As suband's work. As such, she is a great help in her hus-

He goes out now freighted with pictures of various kinds to illustrate his lectures on for eign travel, and also the philosophy of Spirit-ualism—which have been propared by her from photographs, and without them, under the inspi-ration of her-own genus, assisted by that of spirits. She paints portraits of persons in spiri and earth-life, reproduces life-like likenesses o deceased persons-from ghostly likenesses of th dead, colors photographs, etc. 1 know this sister does not seek nor desire

notoriety, and for this I think her life of selfdenial, and her beautiful and useful work in his field, are all the more to be appreciated She is an ardent lover of our cause, and 1 fee that it is but just that she share with her hus-band and others the honor of being a faithful worker in the vineyard of Spiritualism. I thank you, Mr. Editor, for your unsolicited

notice of my purpose to devote some time to lea-turing. If there is any work that is wor-thy of mortal, or more glorious than anoth-er, I conceive it to be preaching Spiritualism in its purity, in a way to reach the hearts the consciences and understandings of men and therefore I announce myself ready to an swer calls anywhere in the vicinity of or within a day's travel of my home.

#### · Michigan.

HOLLY, OAKLAND CO. - I. E. Mahan writes us from this place recently, speaking in hopeful terms of the prospects of the cause there, and an-nouncing the dedication, on the evening of Jan. 14th, of Liberty Hall, which was built and equip-ped by "D. R. Stone, an old and esteemed eiti-zen" of the town, who," is and bas ever been since its birth an efficient worker in the cause of Modern Spiritualism." The new hall was cons crated "to the advancement of truth and to th unfoldment of every thought that tends to the elevation of mankind." It is represented as beenevation of mankino, — 11 is represented as be-ing commodions and pleasant, and as speaking truly of the nobility of heart which characterizes Mr. Stone, its founder. The dedicatory addresses Mr. Stone, its tounder. The dedicatory addresses were delivered by Mr. M. M. Burnham (free-thinker) and our correspondent. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the most profound attention was accorded to the speakers. As might be supposed, the church element there-abouts is on the *qui vire* at this demonstration of active liberal sentiment, but our correspondent is of opinion that the advance of free thought canchecked by the unreasonable denuncia-

ONE OF THE DEMANDS OF SPIRITUAL-ISM.

Spiritualism, having for a basis an array of facts that have stood the fire of the church and science, and successfully resisted the combined powers of all its foes, now demands minds who, not wholly immersed in its phenomena-the A BC of the spiritual alphabet-have grown to a comprehension of its principles. Spiritualists do not need new converts to their faith half as much as that more of their numbers should be inspired with stronger and diviner purposes. We need those who not only can depend upon. the influences of the spirit-world, but who also feel that the spirit-world can rely upon them for the accomplishment of its purposes; they who not only can rely upon the influence of disembodied intelligences, but have also learned to trust the higher and eternal principles of justice, and whose faith is unbounded in the ultimate sovereignty of truth over the human mind ; they who do not mistake their first conception of things for the final truth. They will need to be men and women who will be themselves, stand on their own feet, see with their own eyes, think with their own brains, hoist their own colors, tions dealt out by the resident pastors. In conclusion, Mr. Mahan states that he is per-manently located at Holly, but has easy access to

## PUBLIC MEETINGS, ETC.

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For 1874, of the Newdersev Static Association of Spiritual-ists and Friends of Progress, will be held in Churn street Hall, Mineland on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 2081 and 204, Special subjects: Gradies, flathcods, and the De-mands for Government, for and the Industries of the Coun-ity. Amoing the very able speakers to be present are doin G, threw, of Edizabeth, or Churles Seary, of Neversita, installs for drover unequility and the Industries of the Country, Amoing the very able speakers to be present are John G. Drew, of Elizabeth, or A hurles Seque, of Nevershik, Grange State betweets of Akew Jersey, Mrs. Augusta Cooper Ristot, the poet and orator, who so claimed our Crivention last August. Rev. J. 4. Beach, of Rirekshing, N. S. Mindigton, Bell, and W. F. Jundeson, Scenegary et J. A. of S. Three resident and the gradient of the second se

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#### Release of Big Lagle.

On our firsts page will be found an account. written with might candler and fairness, by Rev. Horatio N: Powers, concerning the to him, singular proceedings which pretuded the release of this captive souv chief from his continement, under custody of the United States authorities. Here and there, of course, the ragged ledges of theologic bias crop out through the green turf of the natrative ; but, in the main, the matter is set before the public eyes in a trathful and attrasfive form. After the usual mannet of church treatment, all things systematics in to be relegated by shis worthly elergyman to the realm of the supernaturals the suspension of natural law; But the reverend author is wholly unconscious that he is only receiping the words, and teachings which thousands of returning spirits have given through earthly media, when he says? "Whatever meaning the phonomena of Spiritualism may have to others, in my view, though unsolved, they have no more supernatural character than magnetism or gravitation ;" it being always claimed by these manifesting intelligences that what they accounplish is not supernatural in its character; but is in direct obedience, to and in accordance with a daw (though not yet grasped to the full by the unider-tanding of mortal-) as fixed, immovable, and incapable of suspension as the law of gravitation, chemical action, or any other rule of Nature whose workings man has already learned to weigh and analyze.

It'is our object at present to give to greater length--by way of illustration rather than controversion-some portions of the story which are but brighty hinted at by Mr. Powers. After rapidly sketching the occurrence of and afterfeeling concerning the Minnesota massnere, through which cause the Shux fell, under the hand of Governmental correction. the writer goes on to state that "sduring an interview of Mr. Dow, with Mrs. Conant at her bouse in Hoston," etc. certain things took plach, of which foccurrences and their preparatory circumstances. we propose to speak more in detail: Little Criw endeavoring to escape awhile the cares of State, was an under chief of the Story nation-Big by a brief season of manual exercise. Mr. Lin-Eagle being his superior-and was well known in life as a hold, icckless, daring warrior, but destitute of that foresight which Nature bestows in a great degree upon her red children. Intemperance - a vice which his white brother had taught him-wasted the fires of his physical frame, and clouded his faculties. Through his persuasions, backed by the tiers-zeal of the Young warriors, the same counsels of Big Eagle were overruled, and the tribe precipitated itself in slaughter upon the defenceless settlers, only to feel in turn the firm hand of national an thotity. Big Eagle and many of his people became, prisoners, but Little Crow paid justly the forfeit of his deeds with his life. Awaking to consciousness after his physical decease; his spirit at once became cognizant of the bitter fruits which his kindred were enting from the trees which his deals had planted on earth, and he felt an earnest desire to undo, to some degree at least, the wrong he had accomplished. To that end he began to look closely at the condition of his nation, and to see for some mortal instrument through whom he could bring to bear his desites in such a way that they would , take on the coveted form of works. Big Eagle, sublime eyen in the captivity to which his (Lifthe Crow's) hot headedness had been chiefly instrumental in consigning hau, first met his conscience-stricken gaze, and he determined, not only for the purpose of doing justice to that warrior, but also for the assistance of his people by the good results which would flow to them directly through the calmer counsels of the Superior Chief, to obtain his release. His search for an impressible or mediumistic subject among men upon whom he could act was rewarded in the person of George S. C. Dow, Esq., a wellknown lawyer of Davenport, Iowa; to a spot near which place the Sioux prisoners had been removed for safe keeping. Mr. Dow suddenly found himself strongly impressed to visit Boston, and undertook the journey in obedience to the mysterious mandate. Arriving in this city he proceeded to the Banner of Light Office, thensituated at 158. Washington street, and entering our sanctum said he had come, but for what reason he knew not, and he would like to be informed. On the same day in which he reached Boston, Mrs. J. H. Conant, medium of the Banner of Light Public Free Circles, who was at her residence, felt an indescribable impulse to take a carfor the office. This somewhat astonished her, as it was-not circle day, and she was at a loss to account for the call, but she at once started inacquiescence, arriving at the book store, one flight. beneath the editorial room; some fifteen minutes before Mr. Dow entered the building. Not being aware of her presence in the bookstore-it being a day on which no circle was held - we still yielded to a strong impression | which we felt that Mr. D. had been brought to our city for a spiritual purpose, and therefore visited the counting-room to ascertain whether or not our impressions were correct. On descending the

telligences manifesting as the Monitov, instead into appoint with this medium, and made their of a scribing individuality to each.

Little 6 row required as the next step to approach. the coungil just being held. ing the Great Father, and the obeyed. Mr. Dow | The boy was ignorant of the place, the war mothersin Washington. Mr. Dow's visit to Foster was very successful, and is detailed in a manner which is substantially correct by Mr. Powers, with the exception that so far from the mission being distasteful to Mr.D., it was one in which he entered heartily; led by his spiritual faith to believe that the best results would surely flow therefrom. The impression made by the lefter upon Mrs

Lincoln was great, and she used all the influence she could bring to hear to induce the President to attimuatively meet its requests regarding the captive chief. Mr. Lincoln (who is well known to have been strongly mediumistic, and who was [ worked upon by the presence of his son in spirit) was strongly moved ; nevertheless, as the writer says, great difficulty supervened in Mr. Dow's dium) that the danger was averted, and that securing a meeting with him. Finally, he found | the train had passed the threatened point in the President at the grounds of the Soldiers' Home, 14th street, where, attired in the Cincinnatus-like costume of "shirt-slegves," he was endeavoring to escape awhile the cares of State coln, after the scene so well depicted by Mr. Powers, in which "Willie" himself, and not "the memory of his dear boy," worked at the father's "great, strong heart," gave to Mr. Dow a penciled order for the release of Big Eagle, which, as Mr. Powers states, was, on the return of that gentleman to Davenport, refused accept ance by the military commander, through reason of its informality. Somewhat indignant at the disobedience manifested on the part of the resident." powers that be " toward the plainly statedwishes of the President, Mr. Dow addressed a letter to Little Crow for further instructions, and forwarded the same to Mrs. Conant, in Boston. That spirit, on controlling her, directed Mr. Dow to write to Mr. Lincoln, stating the fate of his order; whereupon the regular command given in the text of Mr. P.'s story was issued by the President, and, after various contortions of the "red-tape scripent," Big Eagle was, in obedience to its requisitions, set at liberty. The concluding portion of Mr. Powers's narrative is, in its details, true to the letter, and the measure proved to be of good to all partles concerned. We have given the above facts, some to supply missing links in the chain of the story, and others to remove false impressions, the conveying of which in the majority of cases is, we are sure, not the result of intention on the part of Mr. Powers. We should not have given this extended account of the case were there not many in the ranks of Spiritualism who, filled with a want of the spirit of brotherly and sisterly love, have been acenstomed on various occasions to accuse us of unduly elevating the usefulness of Mrs. Conant before the world. She has labored long, earnestly, and self-sacrificingly for the cause, and so far from deserving the arrows of unfriendly criticism, merits all due credit for what she may be instrumental in accomplishing for good, as well as kind words and magnetic waves of sympathy to cheer the fedious and painful hours of that continued state of mental and physical exhaustion which is superinduced by the peculiar character-

stairway for the purpose, we were surprised to suffering from want of game on their reservasee Mrs. Conant Seated at Mr. White's desk, tion, and through the failure of Government to comer of Provinge street, Boston, we have a fine. in conversation with him concerning the strange afford them supplies, famine in its darkest form and unexpected manner by which she had been sat an unwelcome guest at their conneil fires. for to make the present visit. On sight of Mr. Maddened, by a sense of their wrongs, a Britain at a most healthy rate. The correspond Dow she became suddenly entranced, and led body of warriers held a conneil to determine the, party -- consisting of Messts. White and what course should be pursued to ameliotate the Now and outself, to the public cucle toom, op , condition of their people. In the face of multiposite. Upon thing outs at the table, the in-plied disasters, Rod Leaf, the chief, decided to , the public mind which has not been effaced fluence controlining her, claiming to be the spirit 'yield to the demands of his braves, and endeavor. of Lattle Crow, trossoled to give give realit to by retaliation, to oblaim supplies. To that end Mf. Dow for the matter in which he had beeded a party proceeded, under badership of Red. his implessions. The spirit Sony then made Loaf, to the track of the Northern Pacific Railknown the purpose for which be thad been way, where they secreted themselves and await instrumental in bringing Mr. D to Boston, viz., "ed the approach of a train, which was soon due, that he might be placed in  $x_{ij}$  as with Mis. their intention being to force off a rail, throw the Constit, thus giving Lattle Crow an opportu- cars from the track and plunder the passengers ed at sinners, and no empty denials have been sity to speak with him upon the matter of and freight. But while this cloud of danger this desites, which were that he (Mr. Dowy, hovered alike over the unconscious heads of the would interest himself in the release from en- tailroad pilgrins and the frenzied ones of the didy of Big Eagles He desired Mr D. to re. Chevenne warriots, it was turned aside, as the turn to Davenport, see Big Engle, speak words lightning is disarmed by the tiny red, through . of kindness to him (of course through an in the instrumentality of easthly mediumship. The terpreter,) and obtain from him a promise-as' spirit Indians could see nothing but destruction Society"-an important publication-has reacha basis for further operations-to the "Great Fas for their brothers in the form, should such a ed a steady sale of four thousand copies, while he would keep the peace in the future, and use shared by many spirits who in physical life in-his influence as a pacificator with his people, habited bodies of the while race, but whose sym-Little Crow further stated that he would go with pathies were always with the much persecuted Mr. Dow when he returned, he will him when red min. Therefore much anxiety was at once a mass of Spiritual life literature all over the ther " in Washington, that if he were released fourse be physical by them, and this view was ; cheap Spiritual literature is reported to have athe met Big Eagle, and should that warrior, filled, evolved among them, and as a natural result, with latter memories of his ubordinate's action, and in obedience to the laws of magnetic attracrefuse to listen to his words, he would, if Mr. D. ; tion, Woone-a-hoo-ket (the spirit daughter of would take the thirt shand, influence Big Eagle Red Leaf), who had frequently entranced Mrs. to such the extent as to impress him that the Conant. Sa-gove wa-tha, Moke-ta-va-ta, and tireat. Spirit was speaking with him--for the many others who had learned through Mrs. C.'s Indians, unlike the white man, personify all in- powers the path of return to earth-life, drifted

> presence known by brief but expressive words Mis Dow returned to his home, was allowed indicative of their wish to avert the step. Wooan interview with Big Eagle, and was at once, nea-noo-ket, a spirit, who frequently controlled met by a lefusal on the part of that chief to lis- Mrs. C., was despatched by the invisible band ten to any word from Little Crow, "" Ught-Lit- gathered at her residence to visit the belligerent the Crow bad Indian? Me no believe," was the braves, and, if possible, allay their fury by an summary mariner in which he felt to dispose of suppeal to their reason. Forth she started, full the matter but on Mr. D. staking his hand the of animation and love of her mission - on-near Indian lott a poculiar shock, which he recognized fing the Indian lodges she found a gul and boy as the signal of assent on the part of the Super at play : the girl she at "mere entranced, and de-for Power to the giving of the promise which mandral that the boy should lead the little one to

> then returned to floston and had another sitting riors having secreted themselves, but the spirit with Mrs. Conant, whereat Little Crow desired Controlling the girl ted the way, and on arrivhim to go to Washington and see President Line ing at the spot bade the boy go forward and coln, assuring him that he should lose nothing in tell Red-Leaf that " the Great Spirif" (after a pecumary point of view by the journey, and that , the sfashion of the Indians concerning spirit the (Crow) would accompany him. "Willie, "geominumion, to which we have referred above) the spirit son of Mr. Lincoln, also came at this wished to converse with him. Red-Leaf was scould scance, and directed Mr. Dow to call at at once seized with the conviction that somethe residence of Chas. II. Foster, test medium, thing of an unusual character attended the case, in New York City, where he (Willie) would give as great precautions had been used to secrete him a letter endotsing his mission to take to his the party, and yet the boy had found it without trouble. He therefore informed the warriors that he would go for a space, to meet the messenger. He was at once informed by the spirit controlling the girl that it was the wish of the Great Spirit that himself and his band should desist from the deed they were about to perform, as the result would be of no particular advantage to them, but the consequences would descend upon the Indians everywhere with tenfold erushing power. Red-Leaf was much moved, and returning to the band, said : "Great Spirit say No!" The warriors then marched back slowly to their starving people, hoping that help would yet reach them, and Woo-ne-anoo-ket returned to the residence of Mrs. Conant bringing the news (through the lips of that me safety. Herein was a practical work accomplished in the cause of humanity which is deserving of the highest commendation, and cannot fail of religiting such on the spirit-side of life, how ever its recital may affect ordinary dwellers on the physical plane of existence.

### Denial of First Principles.

#### Spiritualism in England.

From the opening article in the London Spiritual Magazine for January we find that the cause continues to grow and spread in Great ence-admitted to the columns of the London Times during the latter part of 1872 and the early part of 1873, produced an impression on Spiritualism has been a prominent topic of dis cussion in the public press through the year The trick-ters and conjurers have been dragged forth to the light by able lecturers like Dr. Sex. ton and Dr. Monek Throughout the South and West of England the press has reported in de tail what its own representatives have witness statements. Mr. J. J. Morse has been giving three and four lectures weekly in the North of

England and beyond the Tweed, oftentimes to audiences of over a thousand persons. The world, to an extent larger than during any previous year; and its correspondence has become so extensive that clerical aid has had to be invoked. A series of conferences at the old rooms in Gower street has been highly successful, and been faithfully reported in the newspapers. Mrs. Cora Tappan has been lecturing there of late.

Societies and circles are in existence through at London, and new ones are being continually organized for the investigation and diffusion of the truths and the teachings of our beautiful faith. The older Societies are likewise extending their sphere of operations, . The St. John's Association, the oldest of the kind in London, has during the year taken a new and more commodious hall for its Sunday evening services. "The Spiritual Evidence Society" investigates through its own members only. There are active circles also at Blackfriar's, Brixton, Walworth that one sect shall enjoy authority which is de-and Camberwell. The saloons at the West End, nied to the other. This point needs no further seamers regularly. The Psychopathic Institution has treated sixteen hundred patients during the year. And there is a most flourishing Society in the Association of Spiritualists at Marylebone. At Pimlico, another metropolitan province, is the "Spiritual Pioneers," formed to promote the delivery of free lectures, the free circulation of tracts, and the establishment, of free lending libraries. There are also societies and circles in the northern part of the London circuit, and among them the "Dalston Association of En quirers into Spiritualism," formed in 1870. This is an organization for the patient collection of facts bearing upon Spiritualism-before form, ing an opinion or shaking the faith of its members. The provincial towns and cities likewise sustain their Societies, which exercise a wonderful influence. They are especially numerous in ter being large and influential. Also in Birmingham' efforts are making to establish a Spiritual Institute for the Midland counties. Thus the good work goes bravely on.

#### Views of a True Spiritualist.

One of our most gifted and successful lectur ers, who from necessity has been kept out of the field for four months, writes of the too prevalent and groundless dissensions of Spiritualists in the following strain, the words evidently proceeding. from the writer's heart. She says that it seems hard indeed, after nearly twenty years of earnest, self-sacrificing labor in what she fully believes, yes, knows to be the cause of Truth and Humanity, there should be, among those who sale by Colby & Rich, No. 9 Montgomery Place, rofess to love it, so little of unanimity and fraternal feeling; and she confesses her ability to per, in large, clear type, and is replete with nugeconcile herself with prevalent conditions only gets of thought which lie all about upon its surby reverting to the fundamental fact of our beautiful philosophy and the testimony of the ages; the mental pick and spade to unearth them. and that is, that spiritual growth begins in negation. We must protest before we proclaim, strive book is dedicated, and to his Christian friends before we stand. She thinks there is too great readiness to announce what is not believed, and duced by shouting revivalists this sentence from asks why Spiritualists will not immortalize themselves and the truths they do believe by unitedly in the midst of wolves?" "Not if he trusts the demonstrating their use to the world that so much needs them. She utters a simple truth in stating that character ever asserts itself and recommends itself ; and she reminds us all that the fear, even though wolfish bigots may have power, veriest bigot" in society admires earnest, persistent and well-directed effort. Her wish is to see. Spiritualists join hands in establishing some real reform, some remedial institute, some educational agent, that they may prove themselves by their works along with their professions, and that their religion may not evaporate in a tissue of mere negations. These are suggestions worthy of friendly consideration. THE SABBATH QUESTION, CONSIDERED BY A THE SAMEATH QUESTION, CONSIDENTED BY A LAYMAN, By Alfred 'E Giles. Boston: Col-by & Rich.
"A pamphlet of thirty six pages, opposing the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath. It is a very fair specimen of the infidelity of Theodore Par ker and A. J. Davis," The St. Louis "Central Baptist," of Jan. 29th, from which the above is extracted, is evidently in a bad way. Not many weeks since we gave our readers the paragraph from its columns wherein its much troubled editor grieved over Gerald Massey's trenchant treatment of the question, "Why Does not God Kill the Devil?" and now, along with his other difficulties, come the unanswerable statements of Mr. Giles bearing upon Sabbatarianism. The editor is evidently amazed at the signs of the times. We can almost see him stopping his ears with his inky palms, and screaming out vociferously the old church ery, " Infidel ! infidel !" - But it won't do, Mr. Baptist. You 're too late. That kind of coin is not current to day among the masses. Thanks to the untiring labors of Theodore Parker, both while in physical, and since his advent to spirit-life, and the writings of A.J. Davis, and the voices of a thousand media, and the thunders of the liberal press-the present (to use the words of another) "looked behind met with the same demand for proof, the identi-Vibe door, and the bugaboo is not there !" and the voice of creedal exectation falls dead upon the popular tympanum. Give us arguments, if you have any.

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#### That "Reform" Convention.

The God-in-the-Constitution people have had their meeting at Pittsburg, according to appointment, and they re-stated their platitudes with the same old fervor, doubtless satisfying themselves, if nobody else, of their sincerity. After the very decisive treatment of the chief dogma of this new party at the hands of President Woolsey before the Evangelical Alliance, it hardly seems necessary to add comment. If the whole project ever is to be smuffed out, he did it in a few telling sentences. The Boston Post remarks with plain truth on this wild sectarian project, that "there can be no more direct embodiment of a religious element in the Constitution without introducing some creed or other; and when it comes to be a reconciliation of sects, advanced against the truth of their impressive the most obtuse can see the confusion that would follow, and the insecure and unsatisfactory nature of the result."

The difficulty has but begun when the desired sectarian clause shall have been introduced into. Report of the Committee of the Dialectical 'the nation's organic law. It may be easy, though we do not think now that it will prove so, to procure the amendment so much talked about : but after that is, done, the struggle will open on a scale never dreamed of. It will be a desperate squabble on all sides for the precedence and the extreme. The Spiritual Institute has circulated mastery. There is no possibility of avoiding it. The several sects may unite to carry the dogma itself; but as soon as it was adopted, they would raise the most violent contest to profit by it individually. Baptists and Methodists, Congregational and Presbyterian, Episcopal and Unitarian, and so on through the list, they would be drawn in, if they did not rush in of themselves, and the foundations of our civil government would become but a prize to be scrambled for by a medley of seets that thrive as they do now only because they are so protected by the Constitution which they each aspire to control.

There is nothing but the spirit of injustice, inequality, bigotry, in such a scheme as this new party of sectaries hope to carry through. It certainly cannot be defended on the ground of equal rights and freedom of conscience; for the : very statement of such a proposal involves the other proposal, which is preliminary to this: nied to the other. This point needs no further and the elegant mansions near Hyde Park, hold arguing. Some of the clearer minds of the sects themselves see it, and instinctively shrink from its results. It may look all smooth and pretty so long as the sects are united against non-sectarians, but when they shall have carried their point, then the squabble will begin. What history records as having occurred in the past is nothing in comparison with what it will have to record in the future, should such a measure once succeed.

But, in spite of conventions and associations, there is too robust a sentiment in the American mind to yield without a determined struggle to this attempted imposition. It will be put down by absolute contempt, rather than opposed with serious argument. Nothing could be more at variance with the spirit of advancement, liberality and expansion, which is the spirit of the age. Nothing could be a more open solicitation to push the North. There are also active Societies of back the hands on the dial, and call for the resto-Spiritualists in Edinburgh and Glasgow, the lat- ration of the hoary past. This is not the road at all on which the world, is moving. It is facilig exactly the other way. While it allows full freedom for the sects, as for all others, it tells the sects that, if they attempt to rule, they can find no fault if they are ruled in turn. There is abundant warning in the proposition which the Pittsburg Convention discussed with such glibness, and it is for its own party in particular.

#### "The Harvester."

This book of one hundred and fifty pageswritten by George W. Keene, of Lynn, Mass., a merchant of probity, and a reformer of the broadest type, who has but just-gone to his sure reward in the sphere of the spirit-is offered for Boston. It is neatly bound, printed on good p face, and do not require the exhaustive labor of "To Science, the unwritten law of God," the the author holds out as a quietus for the fear inthe Talmud:"" Is the lamb rash that is feeding good shepherd ;" or, in other words, (as it appears to reformers generally,) it is safe to follow truth, and in its company the soul need have no and exercise it, too, over the corporeal frame. The book is the fruit of constant and laborious study into the experiences of men who have advanced-beyond their age in the devicemment of science, art, religion, etc.; and its production was brought forth by "thoughts before unknown to" the author, and which "were forced upon" his mind in seasons of sorrowful meditation, while intensely pondering on the hidden causes of life's vicissitudes. The volume is admirably calculated to administer comfort to others similarly circumstanced who are-not gifted with impressional mediumship, as was its author, and have. not the power to evolve in such a beautiful degree order out of the chaos of contending feeling. Read the work, and be benefited thereby.

of her spiritualistic labors. The reader will find further light as to Little Crow's part in the above related transaction, in his message delivered at the Indian scance held through the organism of Mrs. Conant on the 26th of January last, at the Public Free Circle Room, and published in advance in the Banner of Light of Jan, 31st-where Father De Smet, Moke-tava-ta and White Antelope joined their protests in spirit with his against, the general treatment of the Indian question by the white men.

RED-LEAF AND HIS BAND, Many additional cases of direct influence upon the aboriginal tribes in the far West, by the spirit Indians who have come into rapport with Mrs. Conant and her (to us invisible) guides, could be related in this connection, in proof of the humanizing work which she is made the inone more at present : The Chevenne Indians had been for some time

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Although we approve with all our heart of those popular movements which aim at the amefloration of the race, and particularly the efforts which are making for the overthrow of infem perance, we cannot adopt all the rash assertions which accompany some of them. President Cummings, of Wesleyan University, gave expression to a sentiment before a Connecticut prohibitory convention that deserves instant and general rebuke-"We are not ready," said lie, "to acknowledge that governments derive their power from the consent of the governed." Then he should pack up and be off to the Old World, whose political system he would no doubt greatly enjoy. "Government derives its power from the will of God," he adds ; but then, like many others, he would prefer to interpret that "will of God " for others rather than have it interpreted for him by them. . . .

#### Taxing Church Property.

Our Baptist brethren have been discussing this new question in this city, and some of them, like one of the Professors of the Newton Theological Institution, have expressed very just and liberal views; admitting at once that it is but fair that all shall be taxed for what is considered valuable and comes in the category of taxable property. It is as true as arrything that could be uttered. There were a few in the meeting who first assumed that church property is sacred, and therefore not to be polluted by the touch of the assessor and collector, and then argued that the sinful portion of the community should bear the share of the burden thus shoved off on their shoulders. One mail held that as the better part of society is taxed for the crimes of the worse portion, the former ought not to pay any additional taxes for their churches. And another declared that all the other churches should be taxed but the Baptist !

:37 Estract from Congressional Debutes conrning the Army :

"Mr. Crounse, of Nebraska, spoke of the necessity of keeping the military in Nebraska to protect the settlers against the Indians, and was answered by Mr. Shouks, of Indiana, who defiel any proof that a single while man had been killed by Indians in Nebraska within the last year. Mr. Shanks, to our mind, put a most effective "stopper" upon the "gentleman from Nebraska" by this, course. If all the stories of Indian "depredations" flashed across the continent were cal result would be reached in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred.

To Wascommend Dr. Ditson's Review of Foreign Spiritualistic Literature to the special strument of accomplishing, but we will cite but attention of the reader. It seems that spiritphotographs, under test conditions, have been taken in Paris.

MILWAUKEE, WIS. - The First Spiritualists' Society hold meetings every Sunday, at 214 P. M., in Field's Hall; No. 119 Wisconsin street. Geo. Godfrey, President, E. C. Hanlon, Secretary.

#### Gen. Harney's Views.

This hardy old soldier, a veteran in his country's service, who has recently been in Washington, a guest of the President, has been before the House Committee on Military Affairs to express himself concerning the Indians. He differs from some of the other "experts on Indian matters." He shows that he understands precisely what he is talking about. Instead of the everlasting treachery which mercenary contractors and agents charge upon the red men, Gen. Harney says the latter are quite clear of guilt in such things. In all his long and intimate intercourse with them, he says he never knew but two instances in which they violated their treaty promises; and in those instances the treaties were in fact outlawed before it-was time to enforce their provisions, and, when the chiefs who had signed them were dead. He also affirms that the real troubles arise from Indian agents and whiskey-dealers, greedy for money, and the large majority of whom make fortunes out of their traffic. Pretty strong talk from the old General ; but he ought to know.

TT Read the interesting account of remarkade physical manifestations in the presence of Maud E. Lord, the Hough boy and Mrs. Gorham; also the testimony in favor of spirit photography, which are offered on our first and second pages.

#### LIGHT. OF BANNER

#### "The Races of Mankind and their The Colchester-Day Restitution Fund. Destiny."

William Denton, on Sunday evening, February sth, closed the highly interesting course of scien- Day, of Buffalo, since the publication of his tific lectures which for the last six weeks he has card in the Banner: been delivering at New Fraternity Hall, corner of Berkeley and Appleton streets, Boston, the crowning discourse-treating of the glacial period and the evidences, psychometric and geologic, of early human life on our planet.

Next Sunday evening Mr. Denton will deliver, at the same hall, a decture supplementary to this course, his subject being "The Races of Man-kind and their Destiny." The remarks of the speaker will be illustrated by some sixty painted portraits representing the different races of the human family, and the occasion promises to afford much mental food to all who may attend. Tickets 25 cents.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 22d, Mr. D. will address the Spiritualists of Marlboro', and on Monday following will start for San Francisco, Cal., where he is to lecture for a season on various topics, spiritual and scientific. It is his intention to make a thorough geologic examination of the country, and to add to his own cultivated faculties the insight of the powerful psychometer who has aided him so well in the past.

The Message Department on the sixth page this week will well repay perusal. The glacial period, the Ville Du Havre, the comparative states of growth of the sun and the earth, are treated of in the department of Questions and Answers; 'Ann Merrick teaches that in the spirit-world obedience to law is rigidly required ; Jane Elkinson, of Omaha, formerly of Northfield, Vt., tells that her death was caused by accident, . not suicide; Capt. John Saunders, of Salem, sends word to friends : Olivia Barnes, of Saratoga, informs her mother that she was not poisoned: Rachel Richardson, of Alton, N. Y., assures her friends there that it was she (and not some other spirit counterfeiting her) who appeared materi-"ally to them ; Jeremiah Mason demonstrates his keen love of justice, furnishing a message which all should peruse; Adele Spencer, East Broadway, N. Y., gives pleasant greeting to her mother; George Albert Weed makes several requests of his father, now in New Orleans ; Dorothy Smith, of Boston, speaks warning to her daughter. Messages from Daniel Durbar, of Melbourne, Australia, and Ellen Ward, of East Boston, published in advance, will also be found Boston, puonance, on the same page.

THE INSANE .- The treatment of the insane, and of those, wrongfully alleged to be insane, continues to be a lively topic in several States; and if it is faithfully discussed it will be sure to lead to good results. A bill has at last been introduced into the New, York Legislature, to prevent the abuses which are alleged against the insane asylums of the State. One member, in discussing the measure, admitted that persons perfeetly sane have, been committed to insane asylums, on the certificate of a couple of physicians who are destitute of both character and reputa: tion. The purpose, he added, was to place in confinement certain persons whose sanity and sound physical condition would Interfere with the possession of certain property. Gov. Hoffman brought this matter distinctly before the Legislature, but until now nothing has been done. It is very singular that, where so much professed philanthropy is around, none of it can be secured for the benefit of the innocent sufferers who are tortured, for no cause but that they are in the way, by being incarcerated in insane hospitals.

1 Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, second son of Victoria, was married at St. Petersburgh; on the 23d of January, to Grand Duchess Marie, only daughter of the Czar of Russia. A bard offers the following epigrammatic verse as his tribute to the occasion :

### "Here they are, the royal pair— British Lion, Russian Bear,

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS .- The following amounts, have been received at this office for Mr. Lester i

Card in the Barner: Previously a knowledgel. Prom E. Page. \*\* A friend. \*\* A. Friend. \*\* Joseph Ryder, Plymouth, Mass. \*\* Mrs. M. A. Arderson, Chatham, Mass. \*\* Mrs. M. A. Arderson, Chatham, Mass. \*\* Mrs. M. A. Arderson, Chatham, Mass. \*\* A friend to civil and teriglous freedom. \*\* David C. Taylor, Charlestown, Mass. 1.0

Total \$15,10 We 'append our "religious freedom" friend's the case :

The Case : I see, by an advertisement in the Banner, that Mr. Lester Day, of Buildo, N. Y., who so generously advanced more than sive hundred dollars to keep. Charles, Colchester from prison on account of the evertise of his splittual glfts in the ministry of the angles, has never focus reimbursed the incodey, and that he and this tanify are now sufficient from slokness and want. This should not be permitted by the Spiritualists, and I do hope that enough will be contribut-ed by thends of the cause, and that speedity, to refere Wr. Day and this family from suffering and the inclurence from represent. Enclosed I send post-onlice order for five dollars as my mite. is my mite, A FRIEND TO CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS FRIEDOM, 755, 10, 1871.

We also append a note from Mr. Day, which ! gives the sums received by him personally, to many who do not need the feeding than to allow Feb. 9th, 1874 :

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COLEY & RICH: Dorr Size - Please publish the enclosed list of names of the noble souls who have so freely and quickly responded, to add their share to what I paid on the trial of Bro, Cochester, May length spirits cheer them on the normey of this fife, and lead them safely to the bright shores on the other side. Dear friends, please ac-cept my soulfelt thanks for this act of justice in the cause of humanity. Lam, Yours fratemally, L. DAY, P. S. - I give the names as I receive them, together with the anomity received. I tender my gradeful thanks to yourselves and friends for the abit rendered. L. D. SS Nioguna strict, Buffallo, N. Y. rendered. L. D. Y. 1. 0 A Spiritualist, L'ilea, N.Y....

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#### Just and Equal Taxation.

We have received from A. B. Plimpton, Esq., President of the First Spiritual Society of Lowell, a list of one hundred and fifty four signatures to the petition for just and equal taxation, which represents the Mayor of that city, several city officials, many of the wealthiest citizens, and also, we are glad to add, nearly every denomination of Protestant Christians. But two persons of the number invited refused to sign the petition, indicating a very great degree of unanimity in sentiment as to the intrinsic justice of the proposed repeal of the statutes and special acts, which exempt from taxation religious, educational, scientific, literary, benevoent and charitable associations.

#### Music Hall Spiritualist Free Meetings.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15th, and the following Sunday (22d), Mrs. Nellie J. T. Brigham, so well known to the Spiritualistic public as an excellent inspirational speaker, will occupy the platform at Music Hall. The public generally are cordially invited.

-The "good old" bigotry of the past (rather, fanatical devilishness !) seems to be a lively and inseparable relative of "Zion"-at least so one would suppose, from a letter in a recent number of the Index, signed "Radical," in which the following paragraph occurs with reference to a discussion lately taking place in Zionsville, Ind., between Rev. W. R. Jewell and B. F. Underwood :

"To illustrate the spirit some few persons manifested; I will add that, in the midstroof the debate, one lady wanted a revolver to shoot Mr. Underwood in the back; one wanted him hung up by the beels for the birds to eat; while others wondered why it was that God suffered such men to live "

#### Appeal in Behalf of the Poor of. Roston.

(Given at the Banner Public Free Circle on Monday afferneon last."

I, Theodore Parker, once a citizen of Boston, ain in constant receipt of appeals from spirits who have friends among the poor of Boston. There are fathers and mothers there, who have by all Druggists, + children starving here-here in good old Boston which a few months ago proudly tossed her head , above smoke and flame, and when her sister city tendered her aid, sent it back with the words. "No need." Now, then, if Boston had no need note-here, for the reason that it is pertinent to of help then, she certainly can afford to take care of her poor now, at least to keep them from starvation ; and, in answer to the appeals 1 amin constant receipt of, from spirits who are watching over their poor here, I make an appeal direct to the City Fathers of Boston. Task that Boston will take care of her poor. Where are your soup-houses with which you fed your poor a few months ago? Closed !' Why are they closed? Oh, because a few were fed from them.) that did not need the feeding. A poor excusevery poor. You certainly had better feed a good many, many more to starve at your doors for the want of the feeding.

Boston, proud old Boston, that needs no help from her sister cities in any emergency, can afford to take care of her poor. Now, then, see to it that it, is done, I make this appeal to you, City Fathers, in behalf of your spirit-friends and in behalf of the spirit-friends of the poor who are entrusted to your care. As you hope for peace; as you hope for a happy home and a quiet conscience, a heaven in the hereafter, attend to the call, and feed these starving mouths,

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From thy grandfather." T. R. H. (From the Newport Mercury of Dec. 27, 183, 1 LOSSES ON WALL, STREET. — Experienced opera-tors pronounce this the most disastrons year known in the history of Wall street. Every large speculator has lost. Vanderbill's losses are estimated from five to six millions (Drew's from three to four ; ø Jay Gould's, ten; Henry N. Smith's, four; (Alden B. Stockwell's, three ; Ru-fus Hatch, two millions. Total losses of opera-tors since Jannary, over fifty millions.

E. We are under especial obligations to Bro W. D. Young, of Philadelphia, Pa., for the good work which he has been instrumental in performing for the support, financial and intellee. tual, of the Banner of Light since the disastrous fire of November, 1872. Not only has his pen been active in our interests, but he has also recently donated us thirty dollars, which we briefly acknowledged in our issue of the 24th ultimo. Our thanks are heartly returned: to Mr. Young for the practical shape assumed by his sympathy ; and we are assured that he has also the gratitude of the spirit-world.

177 The columns of the New Hayen (Ct.) Daily Evening Union, and other papers of that city as well, contain liberal and flattering notices of the recent oratorical efforts of N. Frank White at Loomis's Temple, that city. The labors of Mr. White promise to be of good effect, as, stirred up to enthusiasm thereby, the citizens favoring liberal yiews are taking steps toward forming an organization there which shall sustain speaking the year round. Success to them, and also to the indefatigable worker who has been the instrument of so moving the waters.

1997 Warren Chase will lecture in Topeka Kan., the four Sundays of February, and week evenings in vicinity where called for. Address for February as above. He will return to Des Moines, Iowa, in the spring, to fill out the calls he could not meet on his last visit. This address is no longer at Lawrence, Kan., nor at St. Louis, as he is traveling all the time.

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Under the heading of "Phenomenal" we shall next week print a full report of "Strange Doings in the Granite State ; or, The Wonderful Physical Manifestations in Deering, N. II.' Having derived our information from a reliable source, we have had a report prepared expressly for this paper, in accordance with the facts.

The Hallowell minister who recently introduced into a prayer before the Maine Legislature a "lobby speech" in fayor of locating the Girls' Reform School in his town, got a "resolution of censure" for his pains, the assembled to manage the State's affairs without calling in the aid of the clergy. . ....

A correspondent, Wells II. White, writing -from Baltimore, Md., Feb. 4th, gives an encouraging account concerning the progress of the cause in that city, and bears witness to the good work accomplished there by our friends Wash A. Danskin (as a lecturer) and his most estimable lady (as a medium).

IF Mrs. Maria M. King writes a very pleasant letter to the. Banner from Hammonton, N. J. This lady is a fine medium and good speaker; and as she announces herself ready to enter the lecture-field, we trust our friends will give her an opportunity to be heard from the rostrum.

"LETTERS OF TRAVEL "-By J. M. PEEBLES. No. 18 of the series will appear in our forthcoming issue. This is a very choice letter, giving, 'as it does, the cream of the talented writer's observations and deductions abroad.

Tor" A Liberal League has been formed in Auburn, Qhio. President, John Fish; Vice President, Barney Brown; Treasurer, G. W. Barnes; Executive Committee, L. A. Wick, Frank Coverf, issue. Ira Fish.

137 Read in this issue the account, by Mrs. Eliza Blossom, of interesting physical manifestations in Middle Granville, N. Y., given through found on the sixth page. the mediumship of Henry B. Allen.

See notice of the meeting of the American Liberal Tract Society, advertised in another column. Public speakers are expected.

In An essay entitled "Antagonism in Nature " is on file for publication.

such men to live." God did, however, and much worse, "suffered" Mr. Underwood to completely rout his an-

tagonist. 137" We shall commence in our next issue a thoughtful and earnest continued article (to run through four numbers) which combines in itself the characteristics of memoir, essay and review, from the facile pen of Allen 'Putnam; Esq., said article bearing the title, "Agassiz and Spiritualism; involving the Harvard Investigation of -1857." The matter considered is of vital interest to the cause of Spiritualism, and our readers cannot fail of being pleased with the treatment which Mr. Putnain accords to it.

127 No. 2 of THE LYCEUM, an illustrated pa per replete with progressive thought, designed for the entertainment of the young, and issued monthly at Toledo, O., by P. H. Bateson, is received. The names of Geo. W. Kates, Hudson Tuttle, Cora Wilburn and others are to be found law-makers being of opinion that they were able in its table of writers. "The Lyceum" is eminently deserving of support at the hands of the Liberal public.

> Spiritual books are gradually finding their way into honorable places upon the hitherto closed shelves of town and city libraries. Copies of "Vital Magnetic Cure," "Mental Cure," and "Nature's Laws in Human Life," have recently been added to the "Young Men's Library " of Albany, N. Y., so we are informed by Dr. G. L. Ditson.

ET The Banker's Magazine and Statistical Register (published in New York City) presents in its January number an able article on finance. from the pen of David Wilder, Boston, bearing the heading of "Statesmanship Wanted." The essay is worthy an extended reading.

GOOD ADVICE TO CORRESPONDENTS. -Josh Billings says: "When you strike ile, stop boring; many a man has bored clean through

and let all the ile run out at the bottom."

1377 An account of the organization of the Washington (D. C.) Liberal League, from the pen of W. F. Jamieson, will appear in our next ----

197"A Friend of Woman" talks right to the point in a communication headed "What is Unjust is not Law," which essay may be

We learn that Dr. F. L. H. Willis's practice is increasing so rapidly in this vicinity that he thinks of coming to Boston to remain for a time.

Peebles's "Package of Pickings" (No. 2) will be found on the second page of this issue.

ter The consideration of the matter of taxing church property is regularly up before the Massachusetts Legislature, being made the object of a Joint Committee from both Houses. Now let free-thinkers' bestir themselves, and circulate the Boston Liberal-League's petitions.

to David Frederic Strauss, the redoubtable and persistent advocate of the German freethinking school, has departed from material life, after an active existence of sixty-four years-so says a recent telegram.

1997 The American Liberal Tract Society will hold a meeting at Fraternity Hall, corner of Berkeley and Appleton streets, to-morrow, (Feb. 15th,) at 3 o'clock P. M. Win, Denton and other speakers are expected to be present. The pubspeakers are expected. lic are invited to attend. M. T. DOLE, Sceretary.

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#### Invocation.

Oh thou whose power no finite mind can meas ure, whose glory, is round about us and within its, yet, we comprehend it not than God and Saviour of souls and worlds, we come to thee, this hour, asking thy blessing to test upon us; asking to be led out into clearer light, into higher truth : asking to take one step higher, one step, hearer to thee hasking that, as ministering spirits," we may minister wigely and well to the needs of Timmanity; and unto thee, oh God of the past, present and future, be all our praises. Amen. Dec. 19.

#### Questions and Answers.

Costructaing Spint.-If you have any questions in hand, Mr. Chairman, I am ready to hear them. QUES-[From a correspondents] Did the hu-

man race exist upon the earth before what is

that this period, or one of the Glacial periods, took place about four thousand years ago. Now, the earth was inhaloted by human heings hundreds of thousands of years ago, There are nations who have records reaching back over forty you'll be glad to know ; but you must be good, thousand years : and, of necessity, a very great length of time must have intervened before these records could have been made-before the human race would have arrived at a condition whereby they were litted to make such records: ++

Merrick.

## Jane Elkinson,

death, and it was adjudged that I committed suieide. I did note A suicidal thought never enstered my brain, and l'wish my friends to under--stand that I am happily situated in the world of old notions that made me unhappy, when here, and to aid them in bearing the crosses of this way from California, east, when I was taken. sick and died. This fact I wish to impress upon my triends-1 was no suicide. My death was purely the result of accident-if there are any in Nature-and I, wish them to feel happy about me, and to abandon, now and forever, the idea,

### Capt. John Saunders.

Dec. 16.

that I was a suicide, for it makes me very un-

happy."

What an amount of red stape we poor fellows have to be subjected to, in order to make ourselves known. Now fast night I manifested to a couple of friends in Salem, and although they decided that the manifestation was perfect, and manifested at such a time; and it was a genuine spiritual manifestation. Just as though they would know any better from this place than from the place down there ! But, nevertheless, 1 am here-Capt, John Saunders. Yes, Jim, Idid manifest to you; now make the most of it you can', now steer clear if you can ; if you can't, go in right side up a secto it you don't come out heels up. Good day. Dec. 16.

#### Olivia Barnes.

Fam Olivia Barnes, ... I was thirteen years old, I died in Saratoga, in August last, The doctors said I died of cerebro spinal meningitis. My mother thought I had eaten something that polsoled me, because I came out in spots all over my back. That's one of the phases of the disease, dear mother : 1 was h't poisoned. I wish you would be happy about my death. Seeing I can't come back, oh, try and he happy to have me where I am, so I can be happy and do what is required of me. I am going to school, but sometimes, mother, your grief troubles me so'l am clouded in spirit-1 am confused, and cancalled the Glacial periods are evidences showing not pursue my studies, and if interferes with my happiness in many ways. So, mother dear, do n't grieve for me any more ; , and by-and-by. mother, if you're real good, I'll show you all about these things; and tell you some things that first ! A shan't reward you, mother, till you are good, "Good day, sir. :Dec. 16.

### Rachel Richardson.

My friends, to whom I manifested in Alton,

isfed with my darkness. It suits me well rounded by a luminous atmosphere: it will be Now'l have got a daughter married in Massaenough although perhaps D've grown a little the centre of another solar system. Nature is chusetts-not in Boston, but a little way out, lighter within the last twenty years - it's twenty not idle; her wondrous workshop is never clos- and she is a rigid Baptist, and delights in anyyears since he had much to say to me. He says ed; her workmen are never discharged; they thing that do n't favor Spiritualism. I want her the the says to on the says on the says on the says on pay, and good pay, because God to know that this Spiritualism is the Christ-prinhund hun up. I am much obliged to his worthy Almighty is the pay-master, and therefore every: uncle for giving me the information. The spirits thing moves on insprecision and harmony. world is a big place somewhat bigger than a Worlds are born ; they grow ; they are matursalt, box. I tell you, it is, and there 's a good, ed : they become parents even as the human hemany people in it. It's just as easy to get lost 'ing comes into existence from the smallest monad, there as it is here, and just as hard to hant up branking to the highest scraph, so these heavenone of your friends that you didn't know was ity bodies, thrown off from the parent centres, there as it is to hunt up anybody that 's lost here, each one a mere speck revolving around this Atthough you don't have to pay railroad and centre - they are destined to gather to themsteamboat tares, yet you do have to render obce escives, as human souls are, elements by which dence to law, which amounts to the same thing. They perfect themselves and as the human spirit me : Mother, why did n't you come and warn me So, say I am much obliged, will, you?, Ann outlives all evil-goes beyond it, drags from its and tell me what I was doing? So I've come to Dec. 16. J inner life all that which produces hell, so these stell you the truth. Now, continue on in your heavenly bodies, in process of time\_will extract all these internal forces from the centre, bring-

I was called here Jane Elkinson. I died in ing them to the surface, and thus driving from Oungha. I was born in Northfield, Vt. There, the crust of carth all those poisonous reptiles, were strange circumstances attendant upon my plants, and everything that is inimical to lifeand what then? A new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness - rightconsness defined to be happiness-an absence of pain, an absence of sorrow, an absence of spirits, and that I am fast outliving many of the those conditions that produce pain and sorrow. The ancient seers and prophets spoke wiser and that all Lean of 1 will do to enlighten them than they knew. John the Revelator, in beholding the far-off future, the new heaven and life. I was forty-two years old. I was on my the new earth, wondered because of the revelation. Modern Spiritualism brings it down within the comprehension of the schoolboy and girl, Dec. 18,

#### Jeremiah Mason.

Being interrogated a few days since by a counsellor-at-law in this city with reference to a glad to come in this way, because I can render cuse now pending in the courts, I made to him good to those who believe in this thing who are this statement : "I can employ my time better, now being persecuted by my friends. It is true; than in looking into the case which you have in hand, and in aiding you to bring it to a suc- from facts outside of what I may say here, if you cessful issue." Now this counsellor wishes to a fact known to most Spiritualists, that spirits don't hesitate to aid their friends in earthly matters whenever they may be able to do so: Yes; but don't forget, my friend, that circumstances after cases: "Now, although the case possesses great interest to you for certain reasons. vet to me it possesses up interest whatever for certain other reasons, one of which is, I don't believe in robbing the poor to aggrandize the rich. I have no sympathy with that law which brings the poor up to justice, and allows the rich to go-scot-free, therefore have I no sympathy with those cases in law that are brought about for the sole purpose of gaining wealth. Convince me, my friend, that it would be for the best good of any one concerned for you to have what you call a successful result- for you to win your case-and I may be inclined to aid you; but you must fifst convince me, and 1 warn you at the outset that I am never convinceil against my will.

Now you must bring me evidence that will be to me perfectly satisfactory that you are right, and that somebody will be greatly benefited by the case turning as you desire it to turn ... As 1 look at it, nobody will be benefited. Somebody will get a little more money, that is true, but the dollars they get in that way will he like so many mill-stones about their necks; they had better be without them.

Now I am a real friend to your client, and being such, 1 cannot conscientiously lend my. powers to give him any more money. Convince me that I ought to, and I am there to aid you; but mind you, you must convince me first. Jeremiah Mason. Dec. 18.

## - Adele Spencer.

Adele Spencer. My name was Adele Spencer. I lived on East Broadway, N. Y. I died one year ago to-day. I was fourteen years old. I have left a mother who is now alone in this world, and I thought if Loould return, assuring her of niy continued the line of the spencer at the same result. The spencer at the spencer a more reconciled to my absence. Mother, the first one Linet was old Uncle John, and he's just as eccentric here in the spirit-world as he was on earth; but he's doing a great deal of good, going back to earth and seeking to influence people to do right. I have seen Aunt Elizaand Aunt Olivia and Cousin Mary, and little George and Andrew and Wallace ; and, mother, 1've seen my father. Why didn't you never tell me anything about him? He says, if he can, the's coming to you, and he's sorry that you ever believed what Aunt Eliza told you about him. There was n't a word of truth in it. She's very sorry for it now. So, mother, try and be happy, and think of me not as dead, but as living, and just gone away from you ; and by-andby you are coming to me. Try and be happy, mother, and I shall do all I can for you, and the happier you are the more you will do for me. Good day, sir. 

Message Department. They were called for, and they were done, a parent planet; by and by its internal fires I took the fever, and went home to my home in Province House Court. I was siek afid died. ciple that has come again to earth. Those who profess to know so much about Christ have shut their doors on it, and don't know anything about it. Christ said when he came again he should come to his own, and his own would notknow him.' Now, my daughter, that you set down as being so had is your Christ, living among the people, and you are one of the Jews of the present age crucifying him. Now I don't want you to rise up in the other life and say to persecutions, if you think it best; but if you do n't-stop right where you are and persecute no longer. I've done my duty in coming. God

help you, Caroline, to do yours. Good day. Dec. 18.

## Séance conducted by George Fox.

#### Daniel Dunbar.

I have relatives in Scotland, England and America, to whom I wish to convey the intelligence of my death, which took place last night, at twenty-two minutes before eleven, Australian time. The secress of Glengow was right when she said, "Daniel, you will never return; but you will be well at sundown, and dead before midnight."

My name was Daniel Dunbar. It is necessary that my friends bestir themselves about my effeets in Melbourne, since I left hurriedly. I am it is true; and Jean was right, as you, can learn Lgo to Melbourne, and there make yourself acknow why I made such a statement, since it is quainted with my last-hours."-It may, be expected that I should say something of the manner of my death. That belongs to me and my God, and nobody else. It will do no one any good to know anything further about it.

Feb. 5.

#### Ellen Ward.

My name was Ellen Ward. I died in East Boston, the first week in December. I have left husband and two children. I see my husand intends to leave these children, to go West, socking employment. I come here to day to askhim to place the children in charge of my sister before he goes, and not to leave them where they are-no, not for worlds !. I cannot enjoy. the glories of my new home while those I love here are suffering; no, I cannot; and I think, if I were consulted, I should say, "Oh Holy Father, send thein to me before another sun shall rise !" But perhaps 1 should do, what would not be best for them, so it is well I do not have my way about it, perhaps. I was forty and years old. I was born in Portsmouth, N II. Good day, sir. Feb. 9.

#### MESSAGES TO BE PUBLISHED.

Monitoy, Dec. 22.—Address; Louis John Rudolph Agas-siz: Isaac Barrows, of Boston, to his son and daughter; Old Margaret: Edgar, Anderson, of New York, to his father: Ellen Gerrish, to her husband. *Tuesdoy, Dec.* 23.—Lizzle Emmons; Pinkle, to the Connet! of the Morning Star; Antonio Pierott, to his daughtry.

Connell of the Morning Star; Antonio Plerott, to his daughtyr;
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 Thorsday, Jan, I, Minnie; Catharine Dales Edgar X. Spring, of Philadelphia, to his mother; John Ellenwood, of London, Eng.; Partick Cusey, et Boston, Mondon, Jan, S., Mary Ann, MCOskey, of Boston, to her brother and skier; Capt, John Ellis; Susle Ellitt, of Cherlenwit, Olio, to her parents; Partick Harrigan.
 Thorsday, Jon, 6, -W. H, Seward; Georgie Vall, of Charlesbown, Mass; Jacob R, Smith, of Baltimore, Md., 40 his son,

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From this elty, Jan, 19th, Mrs. J. A. Harthon, aged 53 years 7 months and 10 days.

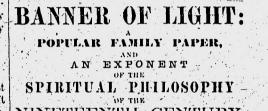
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From his residence in San José, Cal., Dec. 25th, Col. Robert I, Bunnell, aged Rycars. He was a firm, believer in and advocate of the Spiritual Philosophy. Before his departure he made ample provision for the temporal wants of his deeply affileted wife and aged mother, assuring them that he would still be with them, guarding and guiding their foot-deps until they were again united in the spirit-world. Bidding them not were for him, but rejoice that his sufferings were over with a ra-diant countenance he passed to the higher life.

From New York City, Jan. 30th, Georgie W., only son of Carrie-W, and the late Charles Williams. And on the 31st Mrs. C. W. Williams laid off the mortal coll and went

a)st Mrs. C. W. Williams hild oil the mortal coll and went to join her darling boy. They had always been unified. In life and they were not separated by death. Mrs. W. was a resident of Philadel-phia, but has been engaged, in, husbares in New York for some time. Georgie, though only five years old, was a member and quite a favorite in the Lycenin at Robinson Hall. His remains were taken to the Hall on Smolay, the 1st inst., and appropriate funeral services were held. Functal services over the remains of Mrs. Willsons were held in Lincoin Hall, Philadelphia, by Mrs. E. V. Wilson and others. She was enderated to a large circle of triends by her kindly sympathy and disinterested benevalence. The blessings of the angels will rest with her. H. T. C.

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called to an article which recently appeared in got up by some other spirit. Other spirits, doubtone of your daily papers, setting forth the fast that great good would have accrued to Spiritual- ing their own materializations ; indeed, it would ism and Spiritualists had the spirits made known the fact of the recent disaster of the Ville Du | rect a materialization as L gave to my friends, Havre. The correspondent seems anxious to know, why such revelations are not made, if Spiritualism is a truth ; and if its mission is to enlighten the world, why not throw light upon such subjects, and thereby give strength to the cause and faith to unbelievers? . The ink is searcely dry upon the paper that chronicled the persecution of one of our mediums through whom a similar revelation was made. Now, these mediums, these instruments through which the spirits who have just their own mortal bodies do. under certain conditions, manifest to humans, are themselves human-eminently so; and, being human, they dread persecution ; and, dreading persecution, they avoid it, if possible. There are now and then instances, to be sure, where the dwellers in the other life have driven them out of a cautions groove, and the result has al-

ways been persecution; from the days of Saul to the present day. The same power that stopped the spiritual manifestations in old Salem, years ago, and put out the light, is acting and counteracting in the spiritual movement today, and is , the correspondent of the Boston paper asks for. It may be determined that the few should be sagrificed for the good of the many. Well, they generally are; but these sacrifices are sometimes.) postponed to a late day, and, I may add, are always postponed as long as it is within the power of those that are to be persecuted to postpone them. Now, the various mediums all over the

land are in daily receipt of just such revelations, which they do not make known to the world. Is It wise that they should make them known to the world? No, not if they value self-and they most certainly do. Now, then, when this monster of persecution shall be laid low, when the Sauls of the present day are all extinct, then these revelations will be more frequent; then the truth will flow in more freely and more fully. But, at present, be thankful for what you do renot receiving more, question deep enough to satisfy yourselves beyond doubt as to the wherefore; and we, as your ministering spirits, shall be greatly gratified. Dec. 16,

Ann Merrick.

N. Y., desire to know if it was really me who CONTROLLING SPIRIT -- My attention has been manifested, or If It was a personification of me less, have as much as they want to do in producbe impossible for any other spirit to give as corexcept they were the spirit that belonged naturally to the form it exhibited. Now, dear friends, you were not mistaken. I did manifest to you in Alton, N. Y., Rachel Richardson. Dec. 16. Seance conducted by Prof. Bush.

#### Invocation.

To thee, oh, God The Spirit, we lift our souls in prayer, asking thee for a new baptism of that power which shall render us strong to overcome with good, which shall put in our hands the golden key that shall unlock the inner chamber of human lives, leading the soul up to higher and grander attainments. Thou God the Spirit, hear us and bless us. Amen. Dec. 18,

### Questions and Answers.

QUES-Is the present generation destined to see Spiritualism at all popular with the clergy ? Ass.-It is my opinion-and that founded up on spiritual and natural observation-that this generation shall not pass away leaving Spiritupreventing the giving of, just such revelations as falism an unpopular ism, but it shall receive favor with the elergy; and not only with the clergy, but with statesmen and scientists, and with all grades of intelligence, ranking from the lowest to the highest.

Q .- [From G. P. Bartlett, Midland City, Mich In the Banner of Nov. 8th, scance conducted by Prof. Olmstead, are the following questions and answers the

Answers:  $^{*}Q_{+}$  -1s the interior of the earth solid or fluid?  $A_{+}$  - The interior of the earth is not solid? It is filled with ignous substance.  $Q_{+}$  - 1s the sum an opaque body, or is it in a state of in-ternal heat, and enveloped in surging flames?  $A_{+}$  It is an opaque body? all its internal fires having become evident. It is a planet that has attained its ma-jority long ago.

According to A. J. Davis's theory of creation the earth was thrown, off" from the sun in its rotation upon its axis, and by scientific demonstrations is, in bulk, fourteen hundred thousand times less than its parent, the sun. reive ; and when you question the wherefore of ; How, then, has the sun become an opaque body, with its internal fires extinct, while the earth still remains-filled with igneous substances? A:-Simply because the earth has not attained

possess within themselves powers that are anal- Good day, sir. Nine years old. [To the Chairman.] Your correspondent says 1 ogous to each other, yet, so far as growth, un-I am a very dark spirit, does he? "How does he ; foldment, progress, or the reign of law is con-

know? [He thinks he has seen you.] He never [cerned, the elements, as well as the outgrowth of has, in all the manifestations I 've made. I 've' the elements, seem to differ; not only in degree, | ince House' Court, Boston, Mass., and I died of made just such as he called for. If he said, but in absolute reality, the one from the other ; "Smash the table," I smashed it. I done sa-but I assure you that this difference is only in was a nurse. I had been taking care of a gen-rious other things that wan't so very genteel, degree. By-and-by this earth will become itself theman by the name of Cook who had the fever.

#### George Albert Weed.

Dec. 18.

My name, sir, was George Albert Weed. I nave something to say to my father ; he's down in New Orleans ; and the first thing I 've. got to say to him is : Write oftener to mother, father ; it troubles her because you don't, and she ! sick. Write offener to her. And the next thing I 've got to say is : I want you to send my little Cousin Ed to school and pay his tuition. His mother is poor, and she's trying hard to get along and she can't do it very well, and the boy will be smart if he only has an education. Send him to school, father ; you can do it. Now you don't have to send me to school, you don't have to pay for me, and you can send him in my place and pay for him-that's what I want. You said, you know, that if you could be perfectly satis fied that Spiritualism was true, and that I could come back, you would do anything in the world for me. Now you know I've come-now do that, just do that, father, and you'll see how happy it'll make you. It'll make you happy here, and it'll make you happy hereafter ; you never'll lose anything by it; and the next time I come I 41 tell you about where I live and what I am doing. I am going to school, and I am doing a good many other things, too, Oh, I am having a jolly time, only, you see, if you only its majority, while the sun has. The difference knew where I was, and I felt you did n't think is in degree. While they are both planets, and of me as dead, I should be a good deal happier. Dec. 18,

#### Dorothy Smith.

I lived in the body thirteen years ago, in Provtyphoid fever. My name was Dorothy Smith. I

### "WHAT IS UNJUST IS NOT LAW."

The above is said to have been one of the axioms of the justly-celebrated Blackstone, author of English law. A few of the stanch woman suffragists of Worcester, Mass., appear determined to resist taxation on this ground, and believe they have Blackstone to back them in their action, for he added that unjust laws 'ought not to be obeyed." One woman, Miss Sarah Wall, has somehow contrived to evade the tax-collectors for some dozen years; and Stephen S. and Abby Kelly Foster have been very successful in their resistance thus far. But. 'new kings, new laws"-the new city government seem not to be leniently disposed toward the rebels, and have issued a notice to the effeet that enough property to cover taxes and costs will be confiscated from the estates of the rebels, if not otherwise ordered, before the 20th of February. This looks like business ; and although since the Glastonbury example it would seem to be easier to carry their point, still the parties are likely to suffer materially in the event of a sale, inasmuch as money is tight. and doubtless the crisis will be taken advantage of by the grabbers, who are wont to combine so as to get the property at a minimum price. This will fall heaviest on a widow woman, Mrs. Marietta Flag, who is dependent on a small house and a few feet of land for support. Notwithstanding her situation, she has no idea of 'missing the occasion" of contributing her 'mite" toward the weight of example which is yet to teach our rulers that justice, and only justice, is the safe path for nations and for States. The days of paper protests and acquiescence are at an end, and faith must now be shown by works-by sacrifices. Hence it becomes all woman suffragists to stand by each other, and if Mrs. Flag's house is brought under the hanner of the auctioneer, it is our clear, duty to see that her support is guaranteed. So long as women who are unjustly taxed acrede-to the masculine rule, so long they may. There must be a stand made by somebody, or the male dullards will continue to have this matter of daxation all their own way.

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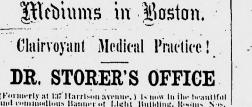
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\*Love labor, for if thou dest not want it for food thou may st for physic - Wildary Penn.

HYPO RISY.

Hypoerisy, detect her as we may, (And no man's hatred ever wronged her yet,) May claim this nerit still, that she admits The worth of what she minies with such care,... · And thus gives virtue indirect applause. - 1 Monther

To tell a falsehood is like the cut of a sabre ; for, though the wound may heal, the scar will re--- N.i. 1. 11. main.

NO DEVIL. There is no devil such as Milton saw ; No fallen angel's eves divined the flaw In God's work, whereby man might be accurst. The devil was a murderer from the first, The devit was a nurdeter from the first, Our Saviour said. But he was softly nurst — Up from a babe in arms. A little seed Of sin was sown, that grew with little heed. —(fierald Massey.

The is the happlest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home -Gorthe.

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Manuts said to belong to the vegetable kingdom when long experience has made him sage?

They have a tribial Beats', Directory," in Chicago, con-taining the names of a thousand, inen, including many infinential persons . so the daily papers say,

A sonkathenal speaker, assuming a drainatic attitude, exclaimed in a starting, agonizing, tone, "What is that I reside with her. Reisthere Here's little old woman in black cried ont in as shifts, these tone,  $(111)_{\rm S}$  nothing but my little black dog. Messer, he won't bits anybedy (

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A mountry polagogue requested all of his scholars for ) writes a power brack mile pointly of a thrashing. A this groups got off the following :

# On Logical Lorent Look down troin algore On us poor shak so holders; We have here algored. And pay him affy dollars;

A little boy has been fairly driven from a slawson school. mays an exchange, by the disgraveful persention of the other schedus, who faunted him with the fact that his father had been a New York jury man.

The stamese twins were Baptists clow communion, we suppose. Lowell Courter,

The walkist of the period can now make one hundred miles in twenty-two hours, but when asked to bring in an armital of websil, he says that his large back won't permit,

Timesor general calamity and confusion have ever been productive of the greatest minds. The purest one is pro-duced from the bottest turnice, and the brightest thunder-bolt is effected from the darkest storm. *Collon.* The present population of New Orleans is estimated at

Subject, an increase of 55,55 over the constraint 1850. This imakes at the eighth city in the Union, or next to Boston. The other day a strong a dergy mate inquired of an Irish-

man : (an you tell me where Mr. II) - stochdes?" Misther B. (but) - Bodad an U can'te sur. Suppose we fill-(a)th Mr. Hammondewho keeps the emetery. He can fell ye the residence of every man, fiving any dead, in the village days mind ??

. If Adam that in the Exchold four tonghe when she went to how every in this views, and evidently a strong taking about the trong is knowledge, devide suppose he to Spiritualist. In manner he is very earnest, and rever ale that apple 1. When the thought she knew so loach coreasionally moves the whole mind and heart of about was to be destried to make one where and began, the distenser by -an ; indescribable sort of elogentings if a 'r notlogs of education, 16 bê d'hist been man," quenec," enorgh fo declare ber scat, vaeant 'aud, make, her, shut, up generger, c'

furlows y at the terrified man and the instrument, said : "You blay in de church; yef; well, you may blay in de church for we read de Lord'B'Cong-suffering, of great forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin; you sations) in de church, but you saturd blay for me, " and sucching together his participation for such of the room, leaving his astrogistical performers to draw their own conclusions. "Saint Valentine" is on the rampage just now. Won't

the young ones have fun, and some old ones, too, as to that GOLDAN'S REPLY TO DOBT'S IMMONTAL TINES IN THE

LAST KANNER OF COOLT. There 's an anti-Diakka whethy is say the sea. And learned and genericated with its het Quothine, thin invergible and its bir ad and to spare But no quarter nor cracket. Diakka with shirter

But the hadgening throng, from all failers free, Shall be fed with out shift from nix sardes per set." Mexico is in an incisic fy peaceful state. Addinapping

cand stage-conchrobbing have been less frequent during th just what than during any single year since the fall of the owatled Empire, says an exchange. But its editor forgotto inform his readers that priests in that country have sen murdgring people to cause, they could n't rule the latter In secular attairs, "

#### The reported massacre of wood-choppers by the Indians has been driven up a tree.

"Nellie Grant, daughter of the President, is soon to be married, they say, to Mr. Sartoflus, a son of the lady who was Adelalde Kemble, sister of Fanny Kemble Butler. Mr. Sartorius is said to be immensely wealthy.

Expensive furniture Indian Bureaus. Nothing is more common than for great thieves to ride

in triumph where small ones are punished. But let wicksescape as it may, at the last it never fails of doing itself justice, for every guilty person 1s his own hangman. The Ashantee war is ended. The following highly important dispatch from Sir Garnet Wolseley; commanding

the Ashantee expedition, has been received by the Eng-lish Secretary of State for War: "All the white prison ers held by the Ashantees have been delivered to me King accepts my terms for cessation of hostilities, which "he asked, and has agreed to pay an indemnity of 2200,000," Female suffrage in Germany 18, at a dead-lock, His-

marck's newspaper organ warning electors against allow-ing their wives to influence, them in casting their votes, and very un-gal-lantly adding: "All the mialithesof woman are, made to disturb and beyilder the factors of political life, and to bring injsfortune on the affairs of men. " That editor ought to be prayed for by the prohibitory praying women.

There is a strong probability that the bill introduced In Congress, providing for the re-distribution of the mathen all back currency, will become a law. Hope so, 14 will all the South and West materially.

Miss Louisa M. Alcoit, the authoress, has taken a house at the South End, "Boston, where her father and mother

A bill in our State Senate has been ordered to a third reading, prohibiting the employment, by any manufactur-ing responsion of women, or of childrenbunder eighteen years of age, more than staty hours in one week. Hope'll

will become a law. The premium on gold is advancing.

The Adams Transcript says 1 75 The times demand a feader: a man who is not afraid of Bosses, nor Rings, nor Money, nor Rallican Barons, and who is able to detend the cause of the people (against the plunderers). For, such a man the highest honor-are withing, and boundless deva-

#### Gerald Massey in Troy.

Six hundred people turned out in Troy on the worst night of the winter, last Monday week, to hear Gerald Massey's lecture on the " Devil," the oblest, grayest and baldest heads being present, some of whom discovered that the "wooden horse" had been once more introduced among the Trojans! The lecture\_was independent of any course or society; three or four Spiritualists having combined to get this chance of ." hitting Frank W. Goodwin, of Adelphy Lodge. back " for once with a telling, home thrust, to find the result very satisfactory. The papers

were most respectful. The "Whig " says : "Gerald Massey lectured last evening at Rand's Hall, according to announcement. The night was stormy and severe, doubtless keeping many The night was stormy and severe, doubtless keeping many people at home who would otherwise have been in attendance. Mr. Massey's audience probably numbered about six hundred... Of the becture we should say it is a deep, powerful and scholarly 'essay, rather than a "lecture" in the popular 'sense. There is more thought and eradition in it than in a whole lyceum-course of ordinary calibre. Mr. Massey is thoroughly "heterodox,"

centleman who played the visioncello, and shaking his dat regarding it (not only from the character of its sentiments, but from the spirit of earnest sincer-ity and reverent faith which seemed to me to pervade it.) as a practical beson on universal truth-vade it.) as a practical beson on universal truth-fulness and on the intimate relations of man's thought and life to the Infinite. I should differ widely, no doubt, from you in many details of philosophy and theology. But I am constrained to bear witness to the manifest integrity of your DUPDOSe, and so far as this between is concerned purpose, and, so far as this lecture is concerned,

to the purity and sincerity of your teaching. "I am glad that our students heard it, and be-lieve that it would be distened to with pleasure and profit by any college or seminary of learn-ing in the land. ing in the land. "Wishing you all successin the prosecution of

your object here, and praving for the Divine guidance and blessing in all your literary work, I am very truly yours, J. H. RAYMOND." The spirit of this letter is admirable, and wor-

thy of imitation. How different from that of McCosh and the Jonathan Edwardsites of Prince-

#### Demise of Robert K. Potter.

This gentleman, who departed from physical life on Wednesday night. Feb. 1th, was one of the best known printers in the State of Massachusetts. He was born in Cranston, R. L., in 1816, and learned his trade in the office of the Boston Post, and had for more than thirty years been identified with the business in this city as publisher and job printer, having gone into business in 1840 as junior partner of the firm of White, Lewis & Potter-William White, afterwards one of the publishers and proprietors of the Banner of Light, being the head....of said firm. Mr. Lewis retiring, the business was continued under the style of White & Potter, and for many years these gentlemen were located in Spring Lane, where they also published the Washingtonian and Chronotype, two temperance papers long since dead. Subsequently Mr. Potter sold out his interest in the firm to Mr. White, and engaged in business with his relative, Hon. J. S. Potter of Arlington. A few years later, he, in company with Colonel A. J: Wright; purchased Mr. White's establishment, and the well-known firm of Wright & Potter was formed They have been for many years the State printers. Mr. Potter took an active part in local and political affairs. He was a prominent and zealous friend of the temperance cause, and never let slip any opportunity to forward its interests, being greatly interested in the establishment of the Washingtonian Home much of the success of which is due to his exertions.

The material form received the last rites of earthly respect at the family residence, 625 Tremont street, Boston, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 7th, the occasion calling together a large number of the friends and acquaintances of the deceased. Delegations were present from St. Omer Commandery, K. T., the Franklin Club, Franklin Typographical Society, Adelphi Lodge F. and A. M., and the State printing establishment. Revs. A.J. Gordon and Daniel Gilbert officiated. At.

the close of the ceremonies the remains were taken to Forest Hills for interment in the family lot, the following gentlemen acting as pall-bearers : William D. Crockett, Charles J. Roath, and Nicholas Powers, of the State printing establishment ; O. J. Rand, of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic's Association, Patrick Donahoe, of the Franklin Club, W. H. Cundy, of the Franklin Typographical Society, Isaac II. Robbins and ----

#### Woman.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 10th, the question of reconsidering the action whereby the seats of its duly elected lady members were declared va as dury elected any members were declared va-cant by the Boston School Committee, was brought up, but by a vote of 67 to 35 if was decided to hold to the decision of the City Solicitor and "keep them out," Never mind, gentlemen, the light will come by and by.

The Rhode Island Woman Suffrage Associa-tion has adopted resolutions approving of the conduct of the Misses Smith, of Glastonbury.

DEMANDING WOMAN SUFFRAGE -- I come to ask something of woman. I don't ask that she may vote, but demand that she shall vote. I say, let us summon to the grand struggle of the age all the moral forces we can. Whenever in histoy we see one sex attempt anything, you find "Gerald Massey, the celebrated English poet, delivered a masterly lecture at Rand's Hall, last revening, on the thenie, 'Why does not God kill the Devil?" The amount of philological infor-ting the devil? The amount of philological infor-built in the set is injured. Take literature. Your can't read Chaucer and Shakspeare to your families without expurgat-tion but mythological research. Shakspeare to your families without expurgat-ing, but you can read Dickens and Tennyson. Chaucer wrote for men ; Diekens for the race, So with art ; the statuary of the Greeks was for fort was vast, as the study and preparation of years would imply. With an ingeniuity could be arena where men and women meet together now antiquarians, the deductive and combining power of a logician, and the enthusiasm of a on equal ground. Society, in its keen respect for women, is ahead of law and politics. Society would send a woman to Coventry for the very thing that makes a man A No. 1 in the caucus Now I want to lift that caucus to the level of so-ciety. God second to mean that together we should work out these problems. Let women help us make the great experiment of the peo-ple's power successful. — Wendell Phillips.

aturday and Sunday of February, Will give a course of five tectures in Royer's Ford, Pa., Feb. 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. Is also engaged the four Sundays of March 10 Lynn, Mass., and will receive calls to lecture week evenngs in the vicinity of that city.

N. Frank White's address for March is Springfield, Mass. William Brunton is speaking in Troy, N. Y., February and Mafch, and may be addressed for further engagements at 5 Slath street.

#### New Publications.

THE SOUL OF THENGS ; or, Psychometric Researches and Discoveries. By William Denton, Vols, 11, and 111. The issue of the first volume of this remarkable work as pretty well prépared the public for the succeeding ones, and here they, are under the eye, entiring the thoughts, entarging the vision, exhaning the past, and peopling the globe with most wonderful forms of life for the human imagination to appropriate. The scope of the vision which includes the substance of this work covers researches and discoveries in geography, archaeology, geology and astron-omy ; in fine, all that pertains to our planet and to the universe. One who reflectively peruses this work will be sure to become absorbed in the grand and mysterious statements, pictures, outlines and possibilities which throng around his faculties of recognition. The universe open its wonderful deeps to receive and hide from sight human conceptions which had previously been regarded as the height of wisdom. Such views of the universal creation as it presents are vast panoramas for the mind to wander over with a half-sense of being lost. The real man, his history and experience, is sketched as the spiritual map alone, and we learn the secret of the growth and develop ment of his faculties and powers. Space and time recede and fade away, in the vast stretch of comparisons to while we are competied. Truly says the gifted author in his preface, and it is the statement of his boundless creed-"All the past is really ours, and may be used for our bene fit. The present is greater, better, more beautiful and perfect than we ever dared 'to dream. Nor does it seem mreasonable to think that the future will be all that the most sanguine can desire." The work itself will command the widest perusal.

THE PASSIONS IN THEIR RELATIONS TO HEALTH AND DISEASES. Translated from the French of Dr. X. Bourgeois, By Howard F. Damon, M. D. Boston : James Compbell.

Here is a book that ought to be read by all young persons, and many of their elders, for the practical good it is capable of doing. It teaches, as its chosen motio purports, that "the passions can augment the number and intensity of diseases to a point which it is impossible to assign; and, reciprocally, the hideous empire of physical ill can be contracted by virtue within limits that cannot be fixed." The subject, ordinarily regarded as too delicaje for plain and impressive discussion, is one of the most vital ones known to the race, and the perils that environ It are such as lurk only in the mystery in which society inistakenly enshrouds it. Here is a conscientious and noble effort to speak plain truths plainly, and every young man and woman if the land would be better and purer for a faithful perusal of these pages. They teach, suggest, protest, encourage, sympathize and warn; and it is rarely that an author enters more truly into the deepest interest of those whom he invites to become his readers. Peace, tranquility, affection, happiness, content-ment and long life would all be secured by obedience to the few simple precepts which this timely little volume enjoins in relation to the control of one 's passions and the restraint of one's conduct. The whole secret is really contained in the single phrase-requirement of instail (emptations, The beautiful life is only the self-restrained, pure but strong character is that which wastes noth ing that should be sacredly conserved. CHURCH'S MUSICAL VISITOR for January-published

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RECEIVED : THE HERALD OF BEALTH for February-Vood & Holbrook, publishers, 13 and 15 Laight street,

New York City, SCHOOLDAY MAGAZINE for February-J, W. Daugha-day & Co., publishers, 434 and 436 Walnut street, Philaleibhia.

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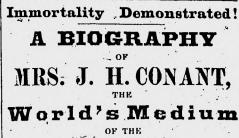
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the your school Board, we might all been in Paradise yet (The update "editor of the Boston dominal said this,

Spare no include are the gold dust of time. Of all the porthousand our date spare moments are the most fruitful in "gin d or. vill.

Wassing Away: A oder's big wahat tree in the fait Western Away. A mer a log wahnt tree. In the corner of a basis dipli gravyard is found "three" Here's which remains of William Jones, Hera asted away to northing but bones. When the trings is sounds in thunder tones. Not being in fl sh, he must was indenes.

So Fourteen People in One Room - Three Sick, One Dead, niid All staiving. " is a startling heading in a Georgia pa-Imr.

What etain each hat man have to ordinge, who trembles at the frowns of borune of True hereds neonsists in being superior to the first file, in whatever shape they may challenge you to combat's *Superiorn*.

In a Detroit rollee court tecently, when a man was along to be tried for assault and batteryy, he brought forward his boy, ten years only as a witness. The dustice asked the lad if he knew the nature of an earth, and the boy said his father had explained it. 22 What fills he say?" asked the hide off my back, " He wasn't used on the stand,

"A good brother hea Haptist church in Miami County, while giving his experience not long ago, said: " Brether-...Int. I 've been tryin' this nigh onto, forty year to serve the Lord and get tich both at onet, and I tell you it is mighty, hard shelding.

"The Boston Courier thinks that, if the college regatta could be held in the vestry of an Evangelical Church, there would be betting on the result, and is straid, that some of the Amherst students would have an interest in the usels.

The man who vields to anger, and seeks to appease his ilisturied temper by inflicting upon his horse, or other do-mestle animal, an unmerited punt-hment, is injuring himwelf in a great degrée. Such a man will, in a short time, become morally depraved, and incapable of rendering any true sympathy for man of beast.

"Let us remove temptation from the path of youth, "a the frog said when he jumped into the water, upon seeing a boy pick up a stone.

THEE ENOUGH - The following words of the Boston

Global: "Long speeches, long letters, long communications, are out of piac these stirring times. Me have a whole world's news to back after and put in order for our readers over night. Remember that, kind correspondents and centrifi-utors. Avoid parentheses. Drop the semicolous alto-gether. Make the spaces between your periods as bleff a possible. Shake out the adjectives without remover. New times the permorphore, fire not led away by the lovers of antithesis or altiferation. Be clear and crisp, pertinent allow short, no full of cares and duries, to be thrown away thus. The best advice, the brightest wit, the decress wholen, come ever in small packages."

Wanted A pig from the pen that was mightler than the

ord. Oh. memory ! oh. artist of still thought. Painting our every deed, whate'er it be, May we so live that by thee shall be wrought No scene which, published, we should brush to see ? But on thy durany canvas let us flud But on thy durany canvas let us flud Abundant prace in aims-deeds pure and kind. Abundant prace in aims-deeds pure and kind.

Handel, the great composer, having occasion to bring out one of his oratorios in a provincial town in England, was obliged to put up with what talent he could find in the viobliged to just up with what larger are trading that they played chilty, several of the performers claiming that they played to above that which proved to be exectable. The inhar-In church, but which proved to be exectable. The mony at rehearsal was worse, than the great master could endure, so clapping his hands to his cars, he ran to the old

mation and mythological, research Mr. Massey, displayed in his lengthy and most interesting efpreacher, he expounded conclusions and senti-ments that many would pronounce false, because unorthodys, but which to others seemed plain facts long cloaked in figment and ripe to be revealed. Not an atheist, as report made him, not a scoffer at truth, but an unhesitating utterer of the trath he discerns, a deep, shrewd student of the traditions of yore, abreast of the age in his sympathy with all humanity, and a speaker of sympathy with an infinite respect of every intel-force, he commanded the respect of every intel-lect in the audience. Mr. Massey is not a catch-crowd, but an instructive proclaimer of the new dispensation of reason and brotherly regard.?

From the Bullato Courler. A genuine and honest thinker was introduced

to our people when Gerald Massey landed on our shores, and although he has not yet been made the victim of hero worship, and does not aspire to be, he is in a fair way to receive in this country the recognition due to him as a poet, a philosopher, and a man of courage. He is as sure to win his way to the hearts of the thinking people on this side the Atlantic as that the sun shines; and his admirers must boast of hearts to receive him, as well as heads to comprehend him. This regard for the man does not necessarily imply that we should accept all his theories. We are at liberty to take that which we can conscientiously receive as truth ; and for the rest, a hospitable consideration of his views is all that is required of us. The earnestness of the man commands our admiration, the freshness of the man commands our admiration, the fresh-ness of this thought has for us a genuine charm, and there is a tenderness and breadth of sym-pathy in the heart of this "poet of the people" that renders him a loveable character.

A short time ago he favored us with a masterly portraiture of Charles Lamb, and this evening he delivers the last but one lecture in the Young Men's Association course. His lecture is entitled " A Plea for Reality : or, The Story of the Eng-lish Pre-Raphaelites :" and our lecture-goers may rely upon it, that a rare literary treat is in stor for them. This lecture he recently delivered be fore the Vassar College, at Poughkeepsie ; and, from a full report of it in the New York Tribune, we judge it to be one of its author's noblest, and best utterances, besides being brimfull of beauty and interest. After its delivery at Vassar, Presi-dent Raymond, of that institution, sent to Mr. Massey the following cordial note of apprecia-

tion: \* \* \* "The lecture gave unusual and universal satisfaction. Whatever differences of opinion there might be among your auditors (and differences there were) in regard to the main doctrine of the lecture or some of the opinions incidentally indicated, all agreed that it was an admirable exhibition of the fundamental idea of this interesting movement in art, and a forcible this interesting movement in art, and a forcior presentation of the arguments in its behalf. The literary quality of the discussion was worthy of where he may be addressed, care of John Gage. He will where he may be addressed, care of John Gage. He will

Thirty women have been appointed postmistresses in the last three months.

A Memorial has been addressed by the Indianapolis Woman Suffrage Association to each Senator and Representative in Congress from the State of Indiana, protesting against the proposed disfranchisement of the women of Utah. Women on school committees are popular in synn. At its adjourned meeting, last week, the rd of Aldermen went into constant purpose Board of School Committee for the purpose Board of Aldermen went into convention with the of filling vacancies in the latter Board. Miss Mary II, Lindsey was elected, rice Marla F. Newhall, declined.

FEMALE PREACHERS.-The Brooklyn Presbytery, in view of the fact that Mrs. Sarah F. Smiley has been permitted to preach in two of the Presbyterian churches of that city, has rethe Presbyterian churches of that city, has re-solved that such permission was in violation of "the-junctions of the Presbytery." So much the worse for the "injunctions," and instead of gravely design of the action of the churches, the Presbytery ought to modify its in-junctions and come up abreast with the times. Why should women be permitted to perform upon the flying trapeze and the slack wire for our amusement, and not be allowed to clucidate the gospel for our edification? Miss Sarah E. Fuller of New York has re-

Miss Sarah E. Fuller, of New York, has re ceived an award of merit from the Vienna Ex position for excellence in wood engraving. On the strength of that, the Government at Washington has given her the contract for illustrating Professor Raymond's work on mines.

A Woman's Rights paper (*La Donna*) is pub-lished at Venice, and it is edited by Mlle. Beccari

#### Movements of Lecturers and Mediums

J. R. Doty, M. D., is on a professional and lecturing tour through Arkansas. Texas and other Southern States. Kersey Graves is lecturing with great success in North

ern Ohio. His permanent address is Richmond, Ind. Mrs. M. S. Townsend is lecturing in New York this month. Her address is to Lexington Avenue.

Mr. Authony Higgins, Jr., of New Jersey, contemplates a lecturing tour through Massachusetts, and those societies wishing to engage his services should apply at once. His

address is 151 Jersey Avenue, Jersey City, N. J. Moses Hull's permanent address is 571 Washington street Boston, Durfüg March he speaks in Chicago, Ill. W. F. Jamieson closed his engagement in Washington

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the subject. . "For myself, I prized especially its moral tone, | probably attend the New Jersey State Convention the last

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BOSTON .- John A. Andrew Hall .- On Sunday morning. February sth, the usual exercises of the Children's Pro-gressive Lyceum No. I were varied by recitations from Rudolph Burtleson, Cynthia Hull and May Poiter, and singing by Henry Dodge and Etta Bragdon, "The Wing movements were directed by Mr. French and Misses Ston The Wing and Thompson, Mrs. Sarah A. Floyd interested large audiences on the

afternoon and evening of Feb. 8th. Good singing by the

A Masquerade Ball will be given at this hall on Wednes-Way evening, March 11th, under the direction of the follow-ing named gentiemen : T. L. Barlow and H. B. Cooledge, Committee of Reception; H. W. Kittredge, T. L. Barlow, G. S. French, W. S. French, H. B. Cooledge and C. A. Foss, Floor Directors, Tickets-gentlemen \$1,00, ladies 50 cents-can be obtained of the Managers and of the Jan-Hor at the Hall. Dancing from 812 till 2 o'clock. Music, T. M. Carter's popular, Band.

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Codman Hall, 156 Tremont street, -A Children's Pro gressive Lyceum was organized, in connection with the meetings held at this hall, on Sunday, Jan. 11th, 1874. It numbers fifty scholars, and we gladly invite all who are interested in the cause to come and labor with us in our good work. Our meetings are held every Sabbath afternoon at one o'clock. DAVID BROWN, Con.

CHELSEA .- Prof. Toohey will lecture at Granite Hall Building, Sunday (fo-morrow) evening, at 712 o'clock.

ERRATUM. – Deer Bonner: In my strictures of last week, under the caption "Shuding Agalast the Holy Glost," an indevterient error occurred in the improper us of the word "ethics," Nothing could be further from my intention than was the idea of caling in question the "anstrue" morital" by which the gentleman is govern-ed whose essay was the subject of my criticism. "Mei-aphysics" would have answered my purpose better, and "ontology" better stilt. That Mr. H. is "upfight before fod, and downright before mu," I have no reason to doubt. Sincerely, HORATIO N. SPONSER.

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