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From the London Fortnightly Review, June, 1874. A DEFENCE OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

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Part II. SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHS.

We now approach a subject which cannot be omitted in any impartial sketch of the evidences of Spiritualism, since it is that which furnishes perhaps the most unassailable demonstration it is possible to obtain, of the objective reality of spiritual forms, and also of the truthful nature of the evidence furnished by seers when they describe figures visible to themselves afone. It has been already indicated—and it is a fact. of which the records of Spiritualism furnish ample proofthat different individuals possess the power of seeing such forms and figures in very variable degrees. Thus, it often happens at a scance, that some will see distinct lights of which they will describe the form, appearance and position, while others see nothing at all. If only one or two persons see the lights, the rest will naturally impute it to their imagination; but there are cases in which only one or two of those present are unable to see them. There are also cases in which all see them, but in very different degrees of distinctness; yet that they see the same objects is proved by their all agreeing as to the position and the movement of the lights. Again, what some see as merely luminous clouds, others will see as distinct human forms, either partial or entire. In other cases all present see the form-whether hand, face, or entire figure-with equal distinctness. Again, the objective reality of these appearances is sometimes proved by their being touched, or by their being seen to move objects-in some cases heard to speak, in others seen to write, by several persons at one and the same time; the figure seen or the writing produced being sometimes unmistakably recognizable as that of some deceased A volume could easily be filled with records of this class of appearances, authenticated by place, date, and names of witnesses; and a considerable selection is to be found in the works of Mr. Robert Dale Owen.

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Now, at this point, an inquirer, who had not pre-judged the question, and who did not believe his own knowledge of the universe to be so complete as to justify him in rejecting all evidence for facts which he had hitherto considered to be in the highest degree improbable; might fairly say, "Your evidence for the appearance of visible, tangible, spiritual forms, is very strong; but I should like to have them submitted to a crucial test, which would quite settle the question of the possibility of their being due to a coincident delusion of several senses of several persons at the same time ; and, if satisfactory would demonstrate their objective reality in a way nothing else can do. If they really reflect or emit light which makes them visible to human eves, they can be photographed. Photograph. them, and you will have an unanswerable proof that your human witnesses are trustworthy." Two years ago we could only have replied to this very proper suggestion, that we believed it had been done and could be again done, but that we had no satisfactory evidence to offer. Now, however, we are in a position to state, not only that it has been frequently done, but that the evidence is of such a nature as to satisfy any one who will take the trouble carefully to examine it. This evidence we will now lay before our readers, and we venture to think they will acknowledge it to be most remarkable. Before doing so it may be as well to clear away a popular misconception. Mr. Lewes advised the Dialectical Committee to distinguish carefully between "facts and inferences from facts." This is especially necessary in the case of what are called spirit photographs. The figures which occur in these, when not produced by any human agency, may be of "spiritual" origin, without being figures "of spirits." There, is much evidence to show that they are, in some cases, forms produced by invisible intelligences, but distinct from them. In other cases the intelligence appears to clothe itself with matter capable of being perceived by us; but even then it does not follow that the form produced is the actual image of the spiritual form. It may be but a reproduction of the former mortal form with its terrestrial accompaniments, for purposes of recognition. *.... Most persons have heard of these "ghost-pictures," and how easily they can be made to order by any photographer, rand are therefore disposed to think they can be of no use as evidence. But a little consideration will show them that the means by which-shan ghosts can be manufactured being so well known to all photographers, it becomes easy to apply tests or arrange conditions so as to prevent imposition. The following are some of the more obvious : 1. If a person with a knowledge of photography takes his own glass plates, examines the camera used and all the accessories, and watches the whole process of taking a picture, then, if any definite form appears on the negative besides the sitter, it is a proof that some object was present capable of reflecting or emitting the actinic rays, although invisible to those present. 2. If an unmistakable likeness appears of a deceased person totally unknown to the photographer. 3. If figures appear on the negative having a definite relation to the figure of the sitter, who chooses his own position, attitude and accompaniments, it is a proof that invisible figures were really there. 4. If a figure appears draped in white, and partly behind the dark body of the sitter without in the least showing through, it is a proof that the white figure was there at the same time, because the dark parts of the negative are transparent, and any white picture in any way superposed would show through. 5. Even should none of these tests be applied, yet if a medium, quite independent of the photographer, sees and describes a figure during the sitting and an exactly corresponding figure appears on the plate, it is a proof that such a figure was there.

United States caused many Spiritualists in this country to make experiments; but for a long time without success. Mr. and Mrs. Guppy, who are both amateur photographers, tried at their own house, and failed. In March, 1872, they went one day to Mr. Hudson's, a photographer living near them (not a Spiritualist), to get some cartes de visite of Mrs. Guppy. After the sitting the idea suddenly struck Mr. Guppy that he would try for a spirit-photograph." He sat down, told Mrs. G. to go behind the background, and had a picture taken. There came out behind him a large, indefinite, oval white patch, somewhat resembling the outline of a draped figure. Mrs. Guppy, behind the background, was dressed in black. This is the first spirit-photograph taken in England, and it is perhaps more satisfactory on account of the suddenness of the impulse under which it was taken, and the great white patch which no impostor would have attempted to produce, and which, takén by itself, utterly spoils the picture. A few days afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Guppy and their little boy went without any notice. Mrs. Guppy sat on the ground holding the boy on a stool. Her husband stood behind looking on. The picture thus produced is most remarkable. A tall female figure, finely draped in white, gauzy robes, stands directly behind and above the sitters, looking down on them and holding its open hands over their heads, as if giving a benediction. The face is somewhat Eastern, and, with the hands, is boautifully defined. The white robes pass behind the sitters' dark figures without in the least showing through. A second picture was then taken as soon as a plate could be prepared ; and it was fortunate it was so, for it resulted in a most remarkable test. Mrs. Guppy again knelt with the boy; but this time she did not stoop so much, and her head was higher. The same white figure comes but equally well defined, but it has changed its position in a manner exactly corresponding to the slight change of Mrs. Guppy's position. The hands were before on a level; now one is raised considerably higher than the other, so as to keep it about the same distance from Mrs. Guppy's head as it was before. The folds of the drapery all correspondingly differ, and the head is slightly turned. Here, then, one of two things is absolutely certain. Either there was a living, intelligent, but invisible being present, or Mr. and Mrs. Guppy, the photographer, and some fourth person, planned a wicked imposture, and have maintained it ever since. Knowing Mr. and Mrs. Guppy so well as I do, I feel an absolute conviction that they are as incapable of an imposture of this kind as any earnest inquirer after truth in the department of natural science. The report of these pictures soon spread. Spiritualists in

great numbers came to try for similar results, with varying degrees of success ; till after a time rumor of imposture arose and it is now firmly believed by many, from suspicious ap pearances on the pictures and from other circumstances, that large number of shams have been produced. It is certainly not to be wondered at if it be so. The photographer, remem ber, was not a Spiritualist, and was utterly puzzled at the pictures above described. Scores of persons came to him, and he saw that they were satisfied if they got a second fig ure with themselves, and dissatisfied if they did not. He may have made alrangements by which to satisfy everybody. One thing is clear; that if there has been imposture, it was at once detected by Spiritualists themselves; if not, then Spirititualists have been quick in noticing what appeared to indicate it. Those, however, who most strongly assert imposture, allow that a large number of genuine pictures have been taken. But, true or not, the cry of imposture did good, since it showed the necessity for tests and for independent confirmation of the facts. The test of clearly recognizable likenesses of deceased friends has often been obtained. Mr. William Howitt, who went without previous notice, obtained likenesses of two sons, many years dead, and of the very existence of one of which even the friend who accompanied Mr. Howitt was ignorant. The likenesses were instantly recognized by Mrs. Howitt; and Mr. Howitt declares them to be "perfect and unmistakable." (Spiritual Magazine, Oct., 1872.) Dr. Thomson, of Clifton, obtained a photograph of himself, accompanied by that of a lady he did not know. He sent it to his uncle in Scotland, simply asking if he recognized a resemblance to any of the family deceased. The reply was that it was the likeness of Dr. Thomson's own mother, who died at his birth ; and there being no picture of her in existence, he had no idea what she was like. The uncle very naturally remarked, that he "could not. understand how it was done." (Spiritual Magazine, Oct., 1873.) Many other instances of recognition have occurred, but I will only add my personal testimony. A few weeks back I myself went to the same photographer's for the first time, and obtained a most unmistakable likeness of a deceased relative. We will now pass to a better class of evidence, the private experiments of amateurs. Mr. Thomas Slater, an old-established optician in the Euston Road, and an amateur photographer, took with him to Mr. Hudson's a new camera of his own manufacture and his own glasses, saw everything done, and obtained a portrait with a second figure on it. He then began experimenting in his own private house, and during last summer obtained some remarkable results. The first of his successes contains two heads by the side of a portrait of his sister. One of these heads is unmistakably the late Lord Brougham's; the other, much less distinct, is recognized by Mr. Slater as that of Robert Owen, whom he knew intimately up to the time of his death. He has since obtained several excellent pictures of the same class. One in particular shows a female in black and white flowing robes, standing by the side of Mr. Slater. In another the head and bust appears, leaning over his shoulder. The faces of these two are much alike, and other members of the family recognize them as likenesses of Mr. Slater's mother, who died when he was an infant. In another a pretty child-figure, also draped, stands beside Mr. Slater's little boy. Now, whether these figures are correctly identified or not, is not the essential point. The fact that any figures, so clear and unmistakably human in appearance as these, should appear on plates taken in his own private studio by an experienced optician and amateur photographer, who makes all his apparatus himself, and with no one present but the members of his own family, is the real marvel. In one case a second figure appeared on a plate with himself, taken by Mr. Slater when he was absolutely alone-by the simple process of occupying the sitter's chair after uncapping the camera. He and his family being themselves mediums, they require no extraneous' assistance; and this may perhaps be the reason why he has succeeded so well. One of the most extraordinary pictures obtained by Mr. Slater is a full-length portrait of his sister, in which there is no second figure, but the sitter appears covered all over with a kind of transparent | independently in different parts of England, separately con- I them. I have put to him the most difficult questions in psy-

The accounts of spirit-photography in several parts of the lace drapery, which on examination is seen to be wholly made | firm the fact of spirit-photography-already demonstrated to up of shaded circles of different sizes, quite unlike any material fabric I have seen or heard of.

Mr. Slater has himself shown me all these pictures and explained the conditions under which they were produced. That they are not impostures is certain ; and as the first independent confirmations of what had been previously obtained only through professional photographers; their value is inestimable.

A less successful but not perhaps on that account less satis factory confirmation has been obtained by another amateur, who, after eighteen months of experiment, obtained a partial success. Mr. R. Williams, M. A., Ph. D., of Hayward's Heath, succeeded last summer in obtaining three photographs, each with part of a human form besides the sitter, one having the features distinctly marked. Subsequently another was obtained, with a well-formed figure of a man standing at the side of the sitter, but while being developed, this figure faded away entirely. Mr. Williams assures me (in a let ter) that in these experiments there was "no room for trick or, for the production of these figures by any known means." The editor of the British Journal of Photography has made experiments at-Mr. Hudson's studio, taking his own collodion and new plates, and doing everything himself, yet there were 'abnormal appearances" on the pictures, although no distinct figures.

We now come to the valuable and conclusive experiments of Mr. John Beattie, of Clifton, a retired photographer of twenty years' experience, and of whom the above-mentioned editor says: "Every one who knows Mr. Beattle will give him credit for being a thoughtful, skillful, and intelligent photographer, one of the last men in the world to be easily leceived, at least in matters relating to photography, and one quite incapable of deceiving others."

Mr. Beattie has been assisted in his researches by Dr. Thomson, an Edinburgh M. D., who has practiced photography, as an amateur, for twenty-five years. They experimented at the studio of a friend, who was not a Spiritualist (but who became a medium during the experiments), and had the services of a tradesman-with whom they were well acquainted -as a medium. The whole of the photographic work was done by Messrs Beattie and Thomson, the other two sitting at a small table. The pictures were taken in series of three, within a few seconds of each other, and several of these series were taken at each sitting. The figures produced are, for the most part, not human, but variously-formed and shaded white patches, which in successive pictures change their form, and develop, as it were, into a more perfect or complete type. Thus, one set of five begins with two white somewhat angular patches over the middle sitter, and ends with a rude but unmistakable white female figure, covering the larger part of the plate. The other three show intermediate states, indicating a continuous change of form from the first figure to the last. Another set (of four pictures) begins with a white vertical cylinder over the body of the medium, and a shorter. one on his head. These change their form in the second and third, and in the last become laterally spread out into lumi-nous masses resembling nebule. Another set of three is very curious. The first has an oblique flowing luminous patch from the table to the ground ; in the second, this has changed to a white serpentine column, ending in a point above the medium's head; in the third, the column has become broader | munication of considerable length is found distinctly written. and somewhat double, with the curve in an opposite direc- At other times the slate is held between himself and another tion, and with a head-like termination. The change of the person, their other hands being joined: Some of these comcurvature may have some connection with a change in the position of the sitters, which is seen to have taken place between the second and the third of this set. There are two this subject. others, taken, like all the preceding, in 1872, but which the medium described during the exposure. The first, he said, was a thick white.fog; and the picture came out all slinded white, with not a trace of any of the sitters. 'The other was described as a fog with a figure standing in it; and here a character are produced. This occurs with Mr. Home. white human figure is alone seen in the almost uniform foggy surface. During the experiments made in 1873, the medium, in every case, minutely and correctly described the appearances which afterwards came out on the plate. In one there is a luminous-rayed star of large size, with a human face faintly visible in the centre. This is the last of three in which the star developed, and the whole were accurately described by the medium. In another set of three, the medium first described "a light behind him, coming from the floor." The next, "a light rising over another person's arms, coming from his own boot." The third, "there is the same light, but now a column comes up through the table, and it is hot to my hands." Then he suddenly exclaimed. "What a bright light up there! Can you not see it?" pointing to it with his hand. All this most accurately describes the three pictures, and in the last, the medium's hand is seen pointing to a white patch which appears overhead. There are other curious developments, the nature of which is already sufficiently indicated; but one very startling single picture must be mentioned. During the exposure one medium said he saw on the background a black figure, the other medium saw a light figure by the side of the black one. In the picture both these figures appear, the light one very faintly, the black one much more distinctly, of a gigantic size, with a massive coarsefeatured face and long hair .- Spiritual Magazine, January and August, 1873; Photographic News, June 28th, 1872. Mr. Beattie has been so good as to send me for examination a complete set of these most extraordinary photographs, thirty-two in number, and has furnished me with any particulars I desired. I have described them as correctly as I am able; and Dr. Thomson has authorized me to use his name as confirming Mr. Beattle's account of the conditions under which they appeared. These experiments were not made without labor and perseverance. Sometimes twenty consecutive pictures produced absolutely nothing unusual. Hundreds have been taken, and more than half have been complete failures. But the successes have been well worth the labor. They demonstrate the fact that what a medium or sensitive sees (even where no one else sees anything) may often have an objective existence. They teach us that perhaps the bookseller, Nicolai, of Berlin-whose case has been quoted ad nauseam as the type of a "spectral illusion "-saw real beings after all; and that, had photography been then discovered and properly applied, we might now have the portraits of the invisible men and women who crowded his room. They give us hints of a process by which the figures seen at séances may have to be gradually formed or developed, and enable us better to understand the statements repeatedly made by the communicating intelligences, that it is very difficult to produce definite, visible and tangible forms, and that it can only be done under a rare combination of favorable conditions. We find, then, that three amateur photographers, working

the satisfaction of many who had tested it through professional photographers. The experiments of Mr. Beattie and Dr. Thomson are alone absolutely conclusive ; and, taken in connection with those of Mr. Slater and Dr. Williams, and the test photographs, like those of Mrs. Guppy, establish as a scientific fact the objective existence of invisible human forms and definite invisible actinic images. Before leaving the photographic phenomena we have to notice two curious points in connection with them. The actinic action of the spirit-forms is peculiar, and muck more_rapid than that of the light reflected from ordinary material forms; for the figures start out the moment the developing fluid touches them, while the figure of the sitter appears much later. Mr. . Beattie noticed this throughout his experiments, and I was myself much struck with it when watching the development of three pictures recently taken at Mr. Hudson's. The second figure, though by no means bright, always came out long before any other part of the picture. The other singular thing is, the copious drapery in which these forms are almost always envel ped, so as to show only just what is necessary for recognition of the face and figure. The explanation given of this is, that the human form is more difficult to materialize than drapery. The conventional ", white sheeted ghost" was not then all fancy, but had a foundation in facta fact, too, of deep significance, dependent on the laws of 'a yet unknown-chemistry.

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SUMMARY OF THE MORE IMPORTANT MANI-FESTATIONS, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL.

As we have not been able to give an account of many curious facts which occur with the various classes of mediums, the following catalogue of the more important and well-characterized phenomena may be useful. They may be grouped provisionally, as, Physical, or those in which material objects are acted on, or apparently material bodies produced; and Mental, or those which consist in the exhibition, by the medium, of powers or faculties not possessed in the normal state. -The principal physical phenomena are the following :

1. Simple Physical Phonomena.-Producing sounds of all kinds, from a delicate tick to blows like those of a heavy sledge-hammer. Altering the weight of bodies. Moving bodies without human agency. Raising bodies into the air. Conveying bodies to a distance out of and into closed rooms. Releasing mediums from every description of bonds, even from welded iron rings, as has happened in America.

2. Chemical.-Preserving from the effects of fire, as already detailed.

3. Direct Writing and Drawing.-Producing writing or drawing on marked papers, placed in such positions that no human hand (or foot) can touch them. Sometimes, visibly to the spectators, a pencil rising up and writing or drawing apparently by itself. Some of the drawings in many colors have been produced on marked paper in from ten to twenty seconds, and the colors found wet. (See Mr. Coleman's evidence in "Dialectical Report," p. 143, confirmed by Lord Borthwick, p. 150). Mr. Thomas Slater, of 136 Euston Road, is now obtaining communication in the following manner : A bit of slate pencil an eighth of an inch long is laid on a table ; a clean slate is laid over this, in a well-lighted room ; the sound dewriting is then heard, and in a few minutes a com-

Every one of these tests have now been successfully applied in our own country, as the following outline of the facts will show :

munications are philosophical discussions on the nature of spirit and matter, supporting the usual Spiritual theory on

4. Musical Phenomena,-Musical instruments, of various kinds, played without human agency, from a hand-bell to a closed piano. With some mediums, and where the conditions are favorable, original musical compositions of a very high 5. Spiritual Forms .- These are either luminous appearmees, sparks, stars, globes of light, luminous clouds, &c.; or, hands, faces, or entire human figures, usually covered with flowing drapery, except a portion of the face and hands. The human forms are often capable of moving solid objects, and are both visible and tangible to all present. In other cases they are only visible to seers, but when this is the case it sometimes happens that the seer describes the figure as lifting a flower or a pen, and others present see the flower or the pen.

apparently move by itself. In some cases they speak distinetly; in others the voice, is heard by all, the form only seen by the medium. The flowing robes of these forms have in some cases been examined, and pieces cut off, which have in a short time melted away. Flowers are also brought, some of which fade away and vanish others are real, and can be kept indefinitely. It must not be concluded that any of these forms are actual spirits; they are probably only temporary forms produced by spirits for purposes of test, or of recognition by their friends. This is the account invariably given of them by communications obtained in various ways; so that the objection once thought to be so crushing-that there can be no "ghosts" of clothes, armor, or walking-sticks-ceases to have any weight.

6. Spiritual Photographs .- These, as just detailed, demonstrate by a purely physical experiment the trustworthiness of the preceeding class of observations,

We now come to the mental phenomena, of which the following are the chief :

1. Automatic Writing .- The medium writes involuntarily : often matter which he is not thinking about, does not expect, and does not like. Occasionally definite and correct information is given of facts of which the medium has not, nor ever had, any knowledge. Sometimes future events are accurately predicted. The writing takes place either by the hand or through a planchette. Often the handwriting changes. Sometimes it is written backwards; sometimes in languages the medium does not understand.

2. Seeing, or Clairroyance and Clairaudience.-This is of various kinds. Some mediums see the forms of deceased persons unknown to them, and describe their peculiarities so minutely that their friends at once recognize them. They often hear voices, through which they obtain names, date, and place, connected with the individuals so described. Others read sealed letters in any language, and write appropriate answers.

'3. Trance-Speaking .- The medium goes into a more or less unconscious state, and then speaks, often on matters and in a style far beyond his own capacities. Thus, Serjeant Coxno mean judge on a matter of literary style-says, "I have heard an uneducated bar-man, when in a state of trance. maintain a dialogue with a party of philosophers on 'Reason and Foreknowledge, Will and Fate,' and hold his own agains

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chology, and received answer-, always thoughtful, often full of wisdom, and invariably con veyed in choice and elegant language. Nevertheless a quarter of an hour afterwards, when released from the trance, he was unable to answer the simplest query on a philosophical subject, and was even at a loss for sufficient language to express a commonplace idea," ("What am 122 Vol. H., p. 242) That this is not overstated I can myself testify, from repeated observation of the same medium. And from other trance speakers-such as Mis. Hardinge, Mrs. Tappan, and Mr. Peebles - I have heard discourses which, for high-and sustained eloquence, noble thoughts, and high moral purpose, sur passed the best efforts of any preacher or lecturer

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within my experience. 4. Ing. is continue .- This occurs during trance The medium seems taken possession of by another being: speaks, looks and acts the character in a most marvelous manner; in some cases speaks foreign languages never even heard in the normai state; as in the case of Miss Edmonds, already given. When the influence is violent or painful, the effects are such as have been in all ages imputed to possession by evil spirits.

5- Holling.-There are various forms of this. Sometimes by mere laying on of hands, an exalted form of simple mesmeric healing. Sometimes, in the trance state, the medium at once discovers the hidden malady, and prescribes for it, often describing very exactly the morbid appearance of internal organs.

The purely mental phenomena are generally of no use as evidence to non-Spiritualists, except in those few cases where rigid tests can be applied ; but, they are so intimately connected, with the physical series, and often so interwoven with them, that no one who has sufficient experience to satisfy him of the reality of the former, fails to see that the latter form part of the general system; and are dependent on the same agencies. With the physical series the case is very differ-

ent. They form a connected body of evidence, from the Simplest to the most complex and astounding, every single component fact of which, can be and has been repeatedly demonstrated by itself; while each gives weight and confirmation to all the rest. They have all, or nearly all, been before the world for twenty years; the theories and explanations of reviewers and critics do not touch them, or in any way satisfy any sane man who has repeatedly witnessed them; they have been tested and examined by skeptics of every grade of incredulity, men in every way qualified to detect imposture or to discover natural causes -trained physicists, medical-men, lawyers and men of business-but in every cast the investigators have either retired batfled, or become converts.

There have, it is true, been some impostors who have attempted to imitate the phenomena; but such cases are few in number, and have been discovered by tests far less severe than those to which the genuine phenomena have been submitted over and over again; and a large propertion of these phenomena have never been imitated, because they are beyond successful imitation

Now what do our leaders of public opinion say, when a scientific man of proved ability again observes a large portion of the more extraordinary phenomena, in his own house, under test conditions, and affirms their objective reality; and this not after a hasty examination, but after four. years of research? Men " with heavy scientific appendages to their names" refuse to examine them when invited ; the eminent society of which he is a fellow refuses to record them hand the press cries out that it wants better witnesses than Mr. Crookes, and that such facts want, "confirmation" before they can be believed. But why more confirmation 22 And when again 4confirmed," who is to confirm the confirmer ? After the whole range of the phenomena had been before the world ten years, and had convinced skeptics by tens of thousands-skeptics, be it remembered; of common sense and more than common acutoness, Americans of all classes-they contirmed by the first chemist in Ameri Professor Robert Hare. Two years later they were again confirmed by the elaborate and persevering inquiries of one of the first American lawyers, Judge Edmonds. Then by another good chemist, Professor Mapes. In France the truth of the simpler physical phenomena was confirmed by Count A: de Gasparin in 1854; and since then French astronomers, mathematicians and chemists of high rank have confirmed them. Professor Thury of Geneva again confirmed them, In 1855. In our own country such men as Professor de Morgan, Dr. Lockhart Robertson, T. Adolphus Trollope, Dr. Robert Chambers, Serjeant Cox, Mr. C. F. Varley, as well as the skeptical Dialectical Committee, have independently confirmed large portions of them; and lastly comes Mr. William Crookes, F.R.S., with four years of research and unrestricted experiment with the two oldest and most remarkable mediums in the world, and again confirms almost, the whole series! But even this is not all. Through an independent set of most competent observers we have the crucial test of photography; a witness which cannot be deceived, which has no preconceived opinions, whilch cannot register subjective" impressions; a thoroughly scientific witness, who is admitted into our law courts, and whose testimony is good as against any number of recollections of what did happen or opinions as to what ought to and must have happened. And what have the other side brought against this overwhelming array of consistent and unimpeachable evidence ? They have merely made absurd and inadequate suppositions, but have not disproved or explained away one weighty fact! My position, therefore, 1s, that the phenomena of Spiritualism in their entirety do not require further confirmation. They are proved quite as well as any facts are proved in other sciences and it is not denial or quibbling that can dis-prove any of them, but only fresh facts and accurate deductions from those facts. When the opponents of Spiritualism can give a record of ir researches approaching in duration and completeness to those of its advocates; and when they can-discover and show in defail, either how the phenomena are produced or how the many sane and able men here referred to have been de-luded into a coincident belief that they have witnessed them ; and when they can prove the correctness of their theory by producing a like be-lief in a body of equally same and able unbelievers-then, and not till then, will it be necessary for Spiritualists to produce fresh confirmation of facts which are, and always have been, sufficiently real and indisputable to satisfy any honest and persevering inquirer. This being the state of the case as regards evidence and proof, we are fully justified in taking the facts of Modern Spiritualism (and with them the spiritual theory as the only tenable one) as being fully established. It only remains to give a brief account of the more important uses and teachings of Spiritualism. [Concluded in our next.]

Written for the Banner of Light. "REARGUARD PROTECTING A CONVOY."*

BY JOHN W. DAY, I

The scene is wild : Bluff mountains tower on high, Their cloud-plumed shakes lifting to the skyl-Rearward a gorge. like breach through bastion, shows A path up-trending toward th' eternal shows! Across the rift the close-ratiked guardsmen frown-A thurd'rous cloud which nimbas lightnings grown; i While as the torrent leaps the hill scarp sheer-From rank to rank rings down the rolling cheer !

11. As startled snake from woodland covert rears A quivering frice of forked, envenomed spears, While from his ildless eye cold lightnings stream, so, rolley-lit, the fang-like bayonets gleam. Here Death lies prone -his mortal journey done-Gaont lizard stretched to drink (billylon's San--There grovels Pain, his visage blear and dim. Baptized in blog1-drops from Destruction's brim !

.... Tall on the right th' impassive leader stands, His eye stern gazing down the shelving lands, His eye stern gazing down the shelving lands, He marks th' on-charging foeman's proud array, And breathes a soul through all the roaring fray. For him the white-check'd smoke-cloud blushes bright With cannon-smile to cheer the failing night: By him close shielded, through the deep aing grey, The foot-sore convoy trails the mountain way,

15. For him the din, the smoke, the sulphurous storm-The rammer's ring, the sick ning life-blood warm-The helpless wall, the bugle's rallying call, " As grape-shot rend the battle's pulsing wall ! For them the clearer air, the evening star. The rest that falls beyond the sounds of war When peaks the '' Halt !'' in shrill staccato tone, That stays till morn the folting tumbril's moan.

V. Their biyouac-fires along the hills shall spring ; There all night long the drow-y mule-bells ring ; But scant-hour'd rest his anxions eye may know Whose clanging pickets front a sleepless foe. But change shall come with morning suishine clear, And give the " van " to him who marched "Tii rear," And up the further vale through dewy caim His car first catch the city's rising palm !

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Our souls, like guardsmen, span a gorge-road bare, Our ranks the volleying moments welt in air, Shir path by 'wild'ring toll and pain is crossed-Grim dust defiles, the glow of youth is lost ; But up behind us, toward the heights of gold, Our hopes, our joys in long procession rolled Speed to a quiet bourne through vale-mists grey, And patient wait the morning's primal ray."

Vit; We watch 'mild carking care and stern alarms : They refuge find in Mem'ay's star-fit arms? We mark with inward car, through vigils dim, The far_sent chorus of their restful hymn. But, when the dawn succeeds the midnight reign, We "changed" shall lead their homeward march again Where sapphire domes beyond the heights arise, And peal the golden bells of Paradise ! Roston, June, 1871.

Suggested by Bellange's picture, representing a de-tachment of infantry engaged in defending a read which winds through a mountain raviue, and thus covering the upward passing of a convoy of supplies intended for a city beyond the hills.

The Rebiewer.

From the Dally Advertiser, Auburn, N. Y. "THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD, COMPLETE."

This is a book that may well challenge the at-Insists a book that may were change the at-tention of the reading public, not only because it contains one of the greatest stories of Dickens, but because of the alleged extraordinary manner in which the story has been finished. The pubic are familiar with the fact that the first part of the story was written by the great novelist as his, last literary work immediately before his death. Since then the story has been completed and pub-Since then the story has been completed and pub-lished in an octavo volume of nearly five hundred pages, by Thomas P. James, of Brattleboro, Vermont. Mr. James affirms that the *spirit* of Dickens finished the story through him as a medium, and is now engaged in writing another story in the same manner, which in due time will be given to the public. This, if a fact, is one of a most astounding

and momentous character. Let us not consider it lightly. It is a startling reversal of the old-dust philosophy that "dead men tell no tales.". Here is Dickens still writing stories. When his. Here is Dickens still writing stories : When ms. to forgive rather than avenge with their own pendrops from his own hand of flesh and he dis. to forgive rather than avenge with their own appears behind the curtain, he just reaches back hands the crimes perpetrated against them. It thus the curtain hand and goes on writing. Surely there is little thus teaches the highest Christian lesson that hand and goes on writing. Surely there is little I have ever read presents more beautiful and hand and goes on writing. Surely there is little need of much ado over great men's departure from this life, if such a continuation of their work is possible. The world, on this hypothesis, never loses its great men: they are still acting in its affairs through the medium of others, and per-haps more powerfully than ever from the vantage ground they have gained. The orators are still speaking, the inventors still inventing, the mu-halow moving still inventing the mu-halow of the moving and rendering the musicians still composing and rendering their music, the moral teachers still teaching inorals through the moral teachers still teaching morals through others *en rapport* with them, and the poets and novelists still going on with their poems and stories. Dickens died in the midst of the story of Edwin Drood. Regrets were universal that he could not have lived to finish it. He was jament-ed by thousands of readers as one cut off in the with the big work, and it was not to think that widst of his work, and it was sad to think that his mighty pen had fallen from his hand forever, and that he could never more amuse and instruct the world by the wonderful creations of his But it seems that all that was lamentagenius. tion spent in vain, founded on ignorance of the facts. At least we must so conclude if we are to accept as reality the theory of Mr. James as to

how difficult a writer Dickens is to imitate, and how poorly the medium seems to be qualified to imitate him, either in education or in famil-iarity with his writings. He is not an educated

arity with ms writings. He is not an educated man, nor has he ever been to any considerable extent a reader of Dickens's works. I will venture to say that it would be a-most hazardous experiment for *any* man, even the best qualified in our literary circles, to attempt to pass off a piece of his own writing as from Dickens, much best to take un an unfinished Dickens, much less to take up an unfinished story of that author and carry it out completely as is done in this book. The story has every evidence of being the de-

velopment of a preconceived plot throughout, and therefore the product of the same mind. No new writer could have staken it up where Dick-ens left it, and carried it out so completely; for at that unit therefore the same mind. ens left it, and carried it out so completely; for at that point the *plot* of the story was not suffi-ciently developed to indicate what was to come. I doubt if any *new* writer could have developed the plot as well as Mr. James appears to have done it, even if he had *r-housed* the story with Dickens preparatory to the undertaking. But no one will contend that Mr. James ever did any such thing. Then, besides the plot, there is the difficulty, already alloded to, of imitating Dick-ens's peculiar style, manner of telling a story, and minute knowledge of English life. And, above all, the fact that he has written this story without conscious intent and under the control of a spirit appearing to be that of Dickens, would seem to settle the question in favor of his would seem to settle the question in favor of his explanation of the manner in which the story as been finished. Men in all ages have had some form of belief

in books produced by spirits. Nearly all the sa-cred books, believed to be inspired, including the Bibles of the Hindus, Hebrews and Chris-tians, are vaguely held to have been produced by an agency beyond the minds of the writers. That agency, whether conceived of as the agency of gods or angels, has always seemed remote and vague, a thing of the dim and shadowy past, belonging to an age of exceptional miracles, when the gods once for all condescended to communicate their wills to men. Not till within a few years, when Andrew

Jackson Davis and some others began to pro-duce books by spiritual agency, did any one be-lieve in the phenomenon as a present reality, or feel inclined to consider the question that, possibly, after all, it might be no miracle, but a law of i tercourse between spirits out of the body and spirits in the flesh

So far as known to the writer of this, the present case is the first instance where the spirit of an author, having passed on in the midst of a story, uses the organs of another man to com-plete his work. It seems a step in advance of anything hitherto attained. It is more real; less yague and mysterious; the person communicating is known to the medium; the connection with the spirit's earth-work is more intimate, being a continuation of it, and therefore more easily identified as the work of the same mind.

I have not space to say much about the story itself, nor need I, for it is not best to anticipate the reading by any partial disclosures. The story must be read in full to be appreciated, and I think it will as well repay the reading as any of the great stories Dickens has written.

The reader will be very likely to be disappoint-ed in the way the story terminates, but disap-pointed in a way in which it is always best to be disappointed; for the story leads him out of a disappointed; for the story reals, him out of a lower and less Christian into a higher and better state of feeling. Having all the way along sym-pathized with the principal actors, who are plot-ting, and apparently with wonderful success, how to bring the villain, Jasper, to punishment, the reader will feel glad that a net is finally used a second the actional from whose machine woven around the criminal from whose meshes it will be impossible for him to escape, and that the whole will terminate in a grand public trial in which all the evidence will be arrayed against in which an the evidence will be arrayed against him, and he condemned to suffer the extreme penalty of the law. But instead of this all their plans fail, and the guilty Jasper meets with a thousand-fold worse punishment from that retri-bution which God has taken care shall overtake the sinner for his guilty deeds. They are thus truck the lower that while it may prove food taught the lesson that while "man proposes God disposes," and that although the wicked may evade human justice be cannot escape the justice of God.

Seeing this clearly, those who had sworn to avenge the crimes perpetrated by Jasper with their own hands, and had devoted years to that one idea of revenge, come to a better spirit, and forgive the heaven-stricken criminal, while Jas-per himself, long tormented with the ghosts of his crimes, and driven for a time to insanity, finally repents on the cold and snow-covered grave of his little child. The great lesson of the book is, that a man's

sins are sure to find him out, and that men ought I have ever read presents more builded hopeful views on the subject of death. W. W. CLAYTON.

NEW JERSEY. Quarterly Convention.

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Friends of Progress opened its Second Quarterly Conven-tion for 1874 at Library Hall, Newark, on Saturday, May

The New Jersey State Association of Spiritualists and Friends of Progress opened its Second Quarterly Convention for 184 at Library Hall, Newark, on Saturday, May with a ten A. M., with a fair attendance, Dr. L. K. Coonley presiding. Dr. Coonley offered some congratulatory remarks welcoming the delegates, and announcing the programme as far as possible. The mass followed by Mr. Watter Hyde, of New York. In some pertinent remarks on the innate goodness of humanity everywhere. Others a boost of the secretary of the American Dress Reform Association, was the next speaker. She is a woman of about forty years of age, plain in prevention Dress Reform Association, was the next speaker. She is a woman of about forty years of age, plain in prevention is sightly linged with gray. The Data fails upon her work at high gray well as a speaker without triumping. Her that fails upon her been and is sightly linged with gray. She has a rather back cloth, without triumping, ther hair fails upon her well as sightly linged with gray. The base and particulation of a structure of the interval of a structure of the solution for discussion: The observance of Decoration Day as enclusited to promote the fails her other states instituation and the voice soft, mustion the discussion: The soldlers, she said, were failed constructure of besting more more besting manufer, and almost every crime can be traced to it. The gray exclusited to promote the failed the soldlers who had gone into the late war; they were led by up or time to independ the decire the observance of Decoration the decired from the personal character of the soldlers who had gone into the late war; they were led by up or time of independes; yet all wore failed at the soldlers who had gone into the late war; they were led by up or time to independent of the sold of the decired from the personal character of the sold of the work is a structure. The soldlers are sold as a structure is the sold of the decired in the conduct was a part of the persold of the brow is defined with th

We give you joyals greeting." The tollowing Committees were announced by the Presi-dent: Oa Resolutions - M. E. Tillotson, Walter Hyde, J. Muray Spear, D. J. Stansberry and Mrs. Bennett. On Finance-G. W. Hall, Treasurer, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. B. A. Stillman, E. A. Leary and Sanuel Stewart. The President then stated that a general expression of longer if no objections were made. Mr. J. M. Spear, of Philadelphia, suggested that the au-dence was not in good magnetic distance, being so far from the President. He had been irresistibly impressed to attend this Convention, and hoped every condition Spalld be secured to produce the highest good. The audience, acting upon the suggestion, filled up the front secure to produce the highest good. The audience, acting upon the suggestion, filled up the front secure to produce the highest good. The audience, acting upon the suggestion, filled up the front secure to produce the highest good. Mrs. Mary E. Tillotson, of Vineland, was the next speaker. Her attire was a practical illustration of her ideas of dress, reform. She wore a black silk blouse, rather tastefully trimmed and reaching to the knee, pantaloons of the same material, and a straw hat. She is a lady a little past mildele age, of very preposessing appearance, with gray curis gracefully clustering around a prettily-formed head, and is very lady-like in her mamers. —Mrs. Tillotson sald sho was full of the head in ducerated stood that she made dress reform she did you wishlit under-stood that she made dress reform a hobby. She was in fa-vor of all reforms allke: abut as women are alike hvolved in nearly all reforms, she was obliged to be radical in our-ward show to some extent. She thought that all should deal with the material to a greater extent than the spirit all. She hoped that it would become the chief object in this world to look upon all phases of life with a charitable spirit. We who are engaged in a spiritual work and dif-ferent reforms should endex or to bring our m

monitanin years ago; that the work had not taken a step forward. This last assertion aroused the spirit of Thomas Paine in Wr. Richardson, the blind medium, who spirang to his feet and contended that the world is making progress. Greater changes will take place this year, he said, than ever before. There will be born a new plenomenon that will astonish the world. Within five years we will be able to send telegrams to our friends on this continent and across the ocean without the use of the telegraphic instru-ment, the wires or cable. He propheside a great future for New Jersey, and called it "The beautiful garden of fruits and flowers," and predicted the origin of a race far supe-rior to this.

and howers," and predicted the origin of a race tar supe-rior to this. The President at this juncture related a little of his ex-perience with the spirit-world. While he was in this city and his wife in Vincland, early last Sunday morning, he woke up and plainly saw his wife rise from her couch at her home and proceed down statrs. Upon returning to Vine-land he questioned his wife concerning the strange circum-stance, and she remembered going into the kitchen at an early hour that morning because a cat was making a noise in that apartment. He then referred to the mental tele-graph that was used to sched messages across Lake Michi-gan, some years ago. The question being asked why the enterprise was discontinued. Mr. Richardson said, "Be-cause it would have destroyed all the churches in Christen-dom, "

He denounced alcoholic liquors, tea and coffee and tobacco. He thought we needed other potent measures as well as love, and urged the proper education of the masses, and in the case of the drunkard he would combine; charity and force through proper legislation. C After further remarks by Mr. Wilter! Wood and the President, the meeting adjourned. Sunday Morning Session, 10 d. M.—The Convention opened with some situring remarks by the President. The choir sang a hymn, and the Committee on Resolutions pre-sented the following, which were discussed seriation, and, on motion, referred back to the committee on Resolutions pre-sented the following, which were discussed seriation, and, on motion, referred back to the committee on Resolutions pre-sented the following of the proof that angels commune with the previous resolutions, as a whole, for adoption: Recoff, That the phenominal phase of Spiritualism head, and that the practice of every good work within our power is evidently our present dury; hence we should aban-don all input lous habits, however popular, and adopt those we know would bless humanity if made general, however umponiar, giving example of true lives and of faith in our additity to abofish evil by kabitati goodness. Recoff, That the injustice with which the American Government holds the Indians to the same exponsibility, and inflicts upon them the same purishment for violated law, as it metes out to its law-making citizens, is reprehen-sible in the extreme, and we demand that the Indian be at once admitted to full and equal citizensible. *Recoff*, That as practicalization of principles should be the work of the present age, and as that work demands the power and cooperation of women, we cancestly com-men's dress, and the adoption of a whole-some costume by women, that they may retrieve their reduced powers and act their part in the redemption of humanity from the corruptions in ax alliet and retrail its progress. The following, sent by Dr. B. Franklin Clark, of

women, that they may retrieve their reduced powers and act their part in the redemption of homanity from the corruptions that anliet and retard its progress. The following, such by Dr. B. Franklin Clark, of Boston, was received:
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 That the political rights of all persons not insane nor idiation to convicts, of the age of eighteen, should be equal; that each child should have a right to an equal, thorough, useful education by the Government, as such, or by its parents or guardians; that all persons should have an equal right to labor and to worship a cacording to the dictates of their conscience, and to hold and promulgate such opinions as shall be agreeable to them, without molestatiffar, proscription, or penalty; that governments should have a should be apprecised to power much as should be arbitration should be substituted for present judicial tribunals; that all registance of their conscience and to hold and promulgate such opinions as shall be agreeable rollinons should be substituted for present judicial tribunals; that all legislation not based on termal justice, or that favors one class while it oppresses or injures another, should be not assed on termal justice, or that favors one class while it oppresses or injures another, should be consent of the government, and it with and intention to dow and my objection with while the optresent Annerkan Government has failed to incert it he highest needs of the whole people of this age, we declare it to be our wish and intention to dow and my objection state it of the asset of the end whole people of this age. The resident announced that the ten-minutes rule would be informed. The resident and whole is a station without representation, and here form. The resident anounced that the ten-minutes rule would to here it he highest needs of the whol

Mr. Spear wanted to know why the people of this country Mr. Spear wanted to know why the people of this country should talk of liberty when the women were oppressed. Even Mrs. Stanton, who was paid one thousand dollars to take the platform for Grant during the last campaign, can-not gain a hearing in Washington at the present time. Mr. Stewart remarked that the word "overturn "meant to place women in power and men out of it, which would hardly do.

Mr. Richardson said the present Government is a blas-pheny upon the name of Iberty, and we must revolution-ize. Break the chains that bind women, and no longer be ruled by moneyed aristocracy. The President said if this is rebellion, make the most of tr

The President said if this is rebellion, make the most of The President said if this is rebellion, make the most of the president said if this is rebellion, make the most of The motion to strike out "overturn" and insert "sup-plant" was carried, and the meeting adjourned. Standay Afternoom Session. —The choir sang "He leads us on." Mrs. M. E. Tillotson proceeded to read a well-written essay on Fashton and Dress Reform, which was a strong and cogent argument against the present system of female attire, and an earnest appeal to women to adopt a dress which shall conduce to their highest physical well being, and which will not be injurious to health, morals, comfort and economy. The subject was well received by the audi-ence, and the speaker applanded. On motion of Mrs. Thiotson is, touching on the fol-lowing points: Objections to Woman's Dress. It is un-healthich, inconvenient, unbecoming. It does not cover the body equality, interferes with the circulation, respira-tion, the action of the Internal organs and motion of the linubar. Is the frequent cause of death from fire and acci-dent. It incutates the lidea that woman is naturally the inferior of man, because it makes her weak and dependent on him. The speaker was frequently interrupted by ap-plause. After further remarks by the President, meeting ad-After further remarks by the President, meeting ad-

After further remarks by the President, meeting au-journed. Evening Session, 712 P. M.—The meeting opened with music by the choirs "God is Spirit." The resolutions were read and adopted as a whole. The topic for the evening being "Government and its functions," Mr. Waiter Hyde arose and stated that people had long harangued about the weak points of the Govern-ment, but none had ever stated what caused them. He sold that to "supplant" this Government was a mighty hoad for a small army of workers, and if they wished to succeed they must call upon the spirits to assist. We could send some of our mediums to Washington, he said, and, through the aid of spirits, tell our rulers all about the bribes they have accepted, the frauds they have commit-ted, and thus give them terrible evidence of the powers of those in communication with the spirit-world. Mr. Playloot, of Newark, after some introductory re-

the completion of the story of Edwin Drood. Let us consider the problem a moment. There is no denying the fact that Mr. James wrote the chapters for the conclusion of this story, whatever views may be entertained as to have he wrote them. Now if he wrote the com-pletion of the story out of his own mind and from his own knowledge and abilities, he is evidently a second Dickens, rising suddenly from obscurity, whose genius cannot be distinguished from that of the great novelist; for he has cer tainly produced or finished a story which bears the impress of Dickens throughout. It would seem that a man achieving such success would not only need to be a great man, thoroughly versed in all the minutia of English history, manners and customs, but to be in a conscious state, having, his eyes open and his wits about hím.

But here again all calculation fails, for it is a fact abundantly established by testimony that Mr. James was unconscious during the intervals of his writing. He avers that he began it, not knowing what he was going to do, and having never read the previous chapters written by Dickens; that, falling into a trance state, Dick-ens appeared to him and made him his amanuensis : and that, under the control of the spirit of Dickens, he wrote at intervals till he had finished the story. Moreover, he says that the manu-scripts are published precisely as they were given, without the slightest alteration. As to his writing with his eyes shut, and apparently in a trance, there are witnesses enough who saw him in that state and read the manuscripts as they fell from his pen. I have read the book carefully through, com-

paring the first part with the second in point of style and manner of telling a story, and I can see no difference—at least not difference enough to warrant the conclusion that the two parts of the book are from different authors. There is the warrant the conclusion that the two parts of the book are from different authors. There is the same style, the same peculiarities, the same mi-nute knowledge of English life. The story is all of a piece throughout. The reader must have sharper eyes than I have to discover where Dick-ens ends and some other writer begins, or to detect anything unlike Dickens in any portion of the latter part of the story. Is it, then, an imitation of Dickens? If it is,

it is a most-marvelous imitation, considering | der what the next "organization " will be?

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA,

BY JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.

Oh beauteous Southland! land of yellow air, That hangs above thee shumbering, and does hold The moveless foliage of thy yalleys fair And wooded hills, like aureole of gold!

Oh thou! discovered ere the fitting time; Ere Nature in completion turned thee forth? Fre aught was finished but thy peerless clime. Thy virgin-breath allured the amorous North.

Oh land! God made thee wondrous to the eye; But his sweet singers thou hast never heard. He left thee, menjing to come by-and-by, And give sweet voice to every bright-winged bird,

He painted with fresh hues thy myriad flowers, But left them scentless. All their woful dole, Like sad reproach of their Creator's powers— To make their sweet, fair bodies void of sout?

He gave thee trees of odorons preclous wood, But midst them all bloomed not one tree of fruit; He looked, but said not that his work was good When leaving thee all perfumeless and mute,

He blessed thy flowers with honey. Every bell Looks earthward, sunward, with a yearning wist: But no bee-lover ever notes the swell Of hearts, like fips, ahungering to be kissed.

Oh strange land, thou art Virgin! Thou art not A fig-tree barren, Would that I could paint For others' eyes the glory of the spot Where last I kissed thee! but the senses faint

In soft, delicious dreaming when they drain Thy wine of color. Virgin fair, thou art All sweetly fruitful, waiting with soft pain The spouse who comes to wake thy sleeping heart.

Women in Japan.

The census of Japan for 1872, just issued, contains statistics of considerable interest touching the social status of women there as compared with their position in America. The population of Japan is set down at 33,110,825, nearly equally divided between males and females. The population of the United States by the census of 1870 was 38,558,371, also nearly equally divided. The preponderance in both cases was in favor of the female sex, but while this preponderance is fourteen and one-half per cent. in the case of the Japanese women, it is only eleven per cent. in that of the Americans; 2066 of the Japanese wo-men are of noble birth; and of priests, priest-esses and nuns there are 221,467; of the "com-mon people," one-half of all the farmers are women, and one-third of the merchants are also of the same sex. Only 119 of 2430 criminals in prison yet founds. Socially the women of Lana prison are females. Socially the women of Japan are slaves and recluses compared with our own women. But Japan is changing, and the census of 1900 will make a much better showing for the fair sex.—Rochester Democrat.

IT' RATHER HARD.-Paterfamilias (who believes in the employment of women) writes to ask why young women should be kept out of the pulpit while there are so many old ones let in ?

A number of Brooklyn, ladies have formed an organiza ion for the suppression of corsets, high-heeled boots, false hair and numerous other contrivances of an artificial nature which are supposed to adorn female beauty and injure

health. Mrs. Theolore L. Cuyler is the President. Won-der what the next "torganization " will be?

dom, " The choir sang " Waiting by the River." Mr. J. M. Spear spoke of the "various methods of pro-gress, and gave interesting statistics of the progress of spiritualism. He urged the importance of raising funds to effect an asylum for aged and destitute mediums. There, are nearly eleven million Spiritualists in this country, he said, and it is about time something was done for those who have spent their whole life and means in furthering the good cause. He remarked that in Philadelphila it was impossible to hold such a convention as this, and while en-deavoring to organize one, not long since, he proposed having some dress reformers pressint, but the hadies of the Association there, would not listen to such suggestion, holding that it would do more harm than good. Mrs, Tillotson,—"Let us know next time and we will come."

Mrs. "Fillotson, --" Let' us know next time and we will come." Mr, John Miller, of Newark, spoke upon the unity of the human race, and also of the celestial telegraph. Rev. S. S. Hughson, of Newark, an Orthodox minister, said he had always found some truth in all denominations, and he sympathized with progress wherever he found it. He had he sympathized with progress wherever he found it. He said that although truth was a unit he had always been work-ing in fractions to find it. In every body of men and women there is certain to be some truth, and when these combina-tions compare notes the truth can be more easily obtained. Yet it will be a long time before the exact truth is discov-ered. He dd not think the Spirivalists would find alt there was of it, although they might get pretty well down toward the bottom.

there was of it. although they might get pretty well down toward the bottom. The President said he liked the remarks of the last speaker, and thought they illustrated the progress of truth among the ministry. Mrs. Shepard spoke on individual self-government as the only salvation of the soul. The President announced the subject of "Temperance in Everything," for the evening session, and the meeting adjourned.

adjourned. Evolution Session, 7% P. M. --This Session opened with shuging the "Stream of Life" by the choir. The Com-mittee on Resolutions reported the following: *Resolved*. That the mightlest instrumentality for the progress of temperature. Is pure, free, impartial and univer-sal love.

Initice on Resolutions reported the following:
 Resolred, That the mightlest instrumentality for the progress of temperatic-is pure, free, impartial and universal love.
 Mr. J. M. Spear, the author of the resolution, spoke at considerable length in its favor. Ile adverted tokine various means that had been used for the suppression of intemperance, and referred to the agency of women. In the optimion of the speaker, no force should be used in its suppression, and herecited instances of the ali-pervading power of love that had come under his observation, urging moral suasion and loving words and acts of kindness as more powerful for good in this direction than prohibition. The speaker touched upon a chapter of his own experience, wherein he involved himself ten thousand dollars in debt in performing a conscientious duity, being sustained therein by admonitions and encouragement of spirit-friends, and in the end suffered no loss peruniality or otherwise.
 We can by prayer, devolion to and love for universal man, do a great deal toward reclaining him from the evil of intemperance.
 Mr. Hye so he briefly on the resolution, and recited a temperance, and expressing account of the work at Vine-land, where intemperance and shown fixed. She though the suppression of intemperance, beginning within themselves. Mrs. Thiotson said we should be taught to control the physical elements of their solution and expressing all kinds of intemperance and reduce our children to be the children of love. They should be taught to control the physical elements of their solute and the speaker there should be applied on the speaker counseling the martial for other speaker. We applied the set of the resolution and expressing all kinds of intemperance. And urget wone to commence at once the work of suppressing all kinds of intemperance and enter the suppressing all kinds of intemperance. Beginning within themselves. In working reform coel realing the necessity of reforming the marite

ted, and thus give them terrible evidence of the powers of those in communication with the spirit-world, Mr. Playloot, of Newark, after some introductory ro-marks, shd that it was his belief " that a deep plot was being laid to place Grant in office for a third term, " John M. Spear followed with some forcible remarks. He wanted to know why President Grant shouldn't be placed in office for a third term if he was fit for the position and the intelligence of the people saw fit to put him there. Be-cause George Washington rejected such honor it is no rea-son why Grant should. If a woman was qualified to fill the Presidential chair-she should be placed on it. He hoped that before 1576 a new form of government will have heen proposed and adopted. Why not do away with the States and form districts, making the New England States one, the Middle States another, and so on, including Canada when she is annexed. Each of these districts should have a Governor and Legilsture, and over all should preside a single body—a Senate or House of Representatives, which would not meet more than once in four of five years, most of the business being transacted by the district bodies. A President should also be elected. The speaker hoped the time would come when honest people would serve the country without pay. This, perhaps, would be its last ad-dress before the people of New Jersey, for he was getting old and might enter the spirit land at any time. When he pressident enter the spirit land at any time. When he prosed the river of death he would come back in spirit-form. Mr, Hichardson, thought we did not need a new govern-

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crossed the river of death he would come back in spirit-form. Mr. Richardson thought we did not need a new govern-ment, only honest officials to enforce the laws. Mrs. Shepard urged women to take to the rostrum and enlighten mankind by an expression of thoughts and ideas. She strongly condenined the apostolic law that seeks to shut the mouths of women and give to men alone the right of public speech. She had little faith in legislation, and called on women to establish true government by self-government at home. She spoke at considerable length, touching, in the course of her remarks, temperance, In-dians and polygamy. Mrs. Tilotson them followed with remarks on govern-ment and temperance.

Mins and porygamy. Mrs. Tilotson then followed with remarks on govern-ment and temperance. The following additional resolutions were then adopted : *Resolved*. That our thanks are due to the speakers and mediums and the choir, who have entertained the Conven-tion during its sessions, by their words of wisdom, their inspiration and their music. *Resolved*. That our thanks are due to the president for the efficient and impartial manner in which he has con-ducted the sessions of the Convention. *Resolved*. That our thanks are due to the citizens of Newark for the cordial manner in which they have extend-ed the hospitalities of the city to our delegates. *Resolved*. That the candid and unblased reports in the secular papers of the proceedings of this Convention are indicative of the tolerant and expectant spirit of a waiting world.

scular papers of the proceedings of this Convention are indicative of the tolerant and expectant spirit of a waiting world. President Coonley then briefly addressed the Conven-tion, congratulatory of the great good done and the progress made at this session, and of the harmony existing. He thanked the people for their presence and attention, and hoped all had been pleased and profited. He announced that the next session would probably be held near Atlantic City, subject to the call of the officers. In conclusion he called upon Mrs. E. Smith, of Newark, to pronounce the benediction, who being under control spoke as follows : Now and henceforth may the principles of truth and love that is born inherent within each human soul teach you perfect self-control and true government at home, that you and your children by eschewing intemperance in all things may be fit subjects for governmental laws, and each and all rise to the highest standard of excellence. May peace go forth with all, and when your labors in the form are ended, may you all clasp hands in more harmonious rela-tions across the river in our beautiful summer land. The choir sang 'Good-night.'' Thus ended another most interesting session of this association, whose broad platform admits the free discussion of every subject ger-main to human progress. All the scensions were largely at-tended, the people turning out en masse on Sunday. *Newark, N. J.* Woodbull and Ciafin's Weekly and Belizio-Philosophi-

[Woodhull and Clafiln's Weekly and Religio-Philosophi-cal Journal please copy.]

Bayard Taylor writes of Egypt, which he is now re-visiting after twenty years' absence. He says of Cairo: "Perhaps if the Old Cairo which for the says of Cairo: "Perhaps if the Old Cairo which is any pitter the world from intemperance, In and said that when their say became true women and true mothers they would redeen the world. The success of the gospel dergenation of the Pyramids and Heliopolis; a telegraph, a daily paper, an opera, Christian is any bit less that the fourthes of the fourthese in the nature of the fourthese in the matter it would have been a greater success. He women present for the success of the gospel dergenation of the satter it would have been a success. He women present for the success of the gospel dergenation and rebuilding—which is always hideous—shall have been completed, the result will be far more satisfactory than the present state of transition. I am amazed at the growth of Cairo, yet cannot fully enjoy its character. Bayard Taylor writes of Egypt, which he is

-London Punch..

For the Banner of Light. GONE ON BEFORE.

BY J. W. SNYDER.

It is sweet in our sorrow to think Of the loved who have gone on before ; That the change we call death, is the link Which will bind us in one evermore.

They have silently passed from our sight As we watched for another soft breath, With the angels, in thought-boats of light, O'er the beautiful river of death.

Oh, how joyful and calm was the birth From their forms to the land of the blest, Ere we laid them away in the earth, In our mother's deep bosom to rest.

Could we look through the gloom of our grief To the land where our loved ones have gone, How the sight would bring instant relief

To our hearts, feeling sadly and lone. They come to us often unseen, And we feel that their presence is near;

There is only a shadow between, Hiding them when our sight is not clear.

But at night, when our forms are asleep, We can gaze by the soul's inner sight Through the shadow, though ever so deep,

Where our loved ones are happy and bright. Oft we join them again as of yore,

And we know that their love never dies ; But it blooms and expands evermore,

As it beams from their soul-speaking eyes. Oh, the soul-cheering comfort, to know That they share with us all of their love ; .

It is heaven for them to bestow Ev'ry good, from their bright home above. We may feel their soft fingers' caress In their thrilling pulsations of bliss; They come nearer than ever, to bless With their care, and Affection's sweet kiss. When the duties of earth are complete With the last grain of Time's passing sand, They will tenderly, lovingly greet,

And bear us to their own sunny land.

Bunner Correspondence.

Chicago Items.

Since my last "Items" I have been very near my spirit home ; but, thanks to my faithful spirit physician, aided by true and loving earth friends, I am nearly well again, and able to attend to life's duties. My heart has been made sad, of late, because of the departure to spirit-life of two friends of mine and of all Spiritualists. The first to be called home was Fannie T. Young, who was well known as a speaker and worker in our cause. In fact, she had worn herself out exhausted her vital forces until she could do no more. Mrs. Young has left one child, a daughter, and a large circle of friends to mourn lier absence.

The other friend is Mrs. II. R. Washburn, formerly of Middleboro, but the last few weeks of her earth-life she resided in South Boston. Her heart and home were ever ready to welcome the Spiritualist and medium; and a large num-ber of our lecturers and mediums will remember their stay at her home as among the pleasantest hours of their lives. She was a true friend, de-voted wife and self-sacrificing mother. Mrs. W. was a profound thinker—one of those minds that readily solve great questions by conclusive argu-ments; she could calculate safely for the future, and oftlimes was in advance, and had to wait the action of tardy minds before she could be untheir presence to us in a tangible mauner, and tell me to assure the world that "two more souls have gone on rejoicing in the faith of Spiritual-iem"

Spiritualism still flourishes at the West, and Chicago seems favored, particularly so far as phenomenal demonstrations are concerned. The Bangs Children hold circles two or three even-ings each week. Mrs. C. M. Sawyer has returned, and gives public cabinet scances Wednesday and

Friday evenings at Grow's Opera Hall. Mrs. Parry holds circles for cabinet manifesta-tions twice a week, at the residence of Dr. Max-well, 409 West Randolph street. Mrs. Parry's demonstrations are produced under the strictest test conditions.

Mrs. Suydam, the fire test medium, manifests her power at Dr. Maxwell's twice per week. I

circle is held, and I learn that all who are privcircle is held, and I learn that all who are priv-ileged to sit in them are well pleased. Cottom Mather informs us, in the second book of his History of New England, that *spirits—or derils* he termed them—were at work producing physical manifestations in the year 1679; men-tilons facts as occurring at the house of Wm. Morse, at Newbury, Mass. : "Bricks, sticks and stones were often, by invisible lands, thrown at the house. A cat-was taken up, thrown at the woman of the house, and a long staff walked and danced up and down the chimney and when woman of the house, and a long start wattern and danced up and down the chimney, and when two persons laid it on the fire to burn it, it was as much as they were able to do, with their joint strength, to hold it there. Iron crooks and chairs flew about the room." There is much more of the same sort record-

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There is much more of the same sort record-ed, but we have quoted enough to show that wonderful manifestations were given long ago. The First Society of Spiritualists still meet at Grow's Opera Hall—Dr. Samuel Maxwell regu-lar speaker. He has done a good work here. His controlling influence answers any question that may be asked, concisely, and without hesi-tation. This has given many persons, but little acquainted with our Philosophy, an opportunity to question and be satisfied upon many points. And thus the work goes on. The different manifestations of power presented through the various kinds of mediums, all go to answer the

various kinds of meditums, all go to answer the one great question most important to humanity, "If a man die, shall he live again?" The certainty of the soul's immortality, the certain knowledge that we are again to meet and know our departed friends—is a revelation which all should raising in and chould available focul all should rejoice in, and should awaken facul-ties which would lead us into a more perfect existence; should lead us to be better men, better women. Would that it were in my power to ex-press the comfort that a belief in Spiritualism would be to the thousands of mortals whose hearts are wrung by the thought that they have looked their last on some beloved one ! I would only the truth, that, even while yet mourning their loss, they are with us to comfort and cheer, but also the knowledge and wisdom of which we may become masters, would we only seek it, through this source! If ever I fully appreciate my mediumship, it is when I see people sorrow-ing for the loyed ones who have "gone home" then all the sacrifices I can make are as nothing, then all the sacrinees 1 can make are as nonning, and I feel I must use every endeavor to convince the mourners that, in reality, there is no death— prove to them that the dear ones can return, and in a tangible manner manifest their presence to them. I believe I have been the instrument, in many instances, of leading souls out from theo-logical darkness and doubt, into the bright sunlight of hope and Spiritualism. I owe much to the inhabitants of the spirit-world, and am will ing to "buckle on my armor," and, with the mighty sword of truth in my hand, go forth and do whatever work the spirits wish. I wish to see every mourner comforted, every yoke re-moved which holds a human soul in mental or physical bondage.

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Alabama.

SOUTH LOWELL, WALKER CO .- J. K. Dearth writes, June 14th : There are some Spiritualists here, and to day we have had our second lecture in this county; and as such lectures are entirely new to the masses here, they caused a-good deal of discussion, and set the people to thinking. An opportunity for remarks was given, and a Baptist preacher consumed an hour in reading from the Bible what he deemed to be strong arguments against the Subjetting Different strong arguments against the Spiritual Philoso-phy. Mrs. A. P. Davis, our speaker, replied to him by quoting passages from the same book, which told with terrible effect in favor of Spiritualism. Mrs. Davis is now settled here for the present. This is a fine place to make a home, for it is a healthy climate. We now number Northerners, and twenty five persons, mostly Northerners, and many more are expected here the coming fall and winter. Men with from one to two thousand dollars can place themselves and families in a Southern' cline, surrounded by Northern personal Northern principles.

Massachusetts.

SALEM .- S. G. Hooper, Secretary of the Lyceum, writes: "Our Lyceum commenced some four months ago, under the auspices of the First Spiritualists' Society, with fifty-two members, and has continued growing in numbers ever since, there being now eighty members, nearly all of whom were present at the last session. As proof that there is continued and deeply spiritual interest, I will state that since occupying Hubon Hall we have had from forty to fifty spectators, who responded generously in pecuniary assistance. There has been also an entire action of union in feeling among the officers and leaders of this Ly-ceum, and I may add that the same feeling preaile in the Soci Our intention and plant the seeds of our beautiful philosophy in the city of Salem.

to the annual camp meeting of the Spiritualists, to be holden at Lake Walden this season, and which, I am informed, is within a short mile and a half of old Concord's sacred and time-honored soil, affording such rare facilities of blending a delightful rural recreation and the opportunity of rubbing off the rust from memory's calendar by visiting "ye fair and loyal citle of Concord in our good Colony of Massachusetts," as the old record runs. As for Lake Walden itself, much has been said, written and sung of its beauties and fascinations, surrounded by its for-ests and sylvan shades—its ample means of pro-ciding for the feet of reason and the flow of coul viding for the feast of reason and the flow of soul -its boating, sailing, rowing, driving, singing, music, dancing, *tenting*, and other facilities that delight the car and charm the mind, making it withal "a place and chain the influence of the wither wither a place and consummation devoutly to be wished." As for speakers, I an informed that Miss Jenny Leys opens the ball, to be followed by a host of talent seldom equaled and never surpassed on similar occasions. I propose being on hand, dear Banner, as "Cheil amang them on name, dear Danner, as "Chell amang them takin' notes," and shall certainly submit them to the critical judgment of your countless read-ers, if, as our Robble Burns has it, "ye wad please to print it."

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MRS. EMMA HAR-DINGE BRITTEN.

DEAR MADAM-As your letter which was pub ished last week is addressed to the "Spiritualsts of America" I need not excuse myself for answering some parts of it. I have been a Spirtualist for twenty-five years, and attended your lectures in St. Louis several years since, and in this city, also. I became acquainted with phrenology and mesmerism, and saw several clairvoyants that described my spirit-friends accurately and minutely, together with other most wonderful demonstrations, which prepared me to receive the crowning glory of all sciences, which is Spiritualism, because it has contained within it a living soul. Other sciences deal with the material after the soul-life has departed, but Spiritualism grasps in its mighty power all the secret, imponderable forces of life, and holds them intact, and brings back to us those dear ones whom science had pronounced dead, and proces to us that they "still live."

You say "that the Sunday meetings of Spirit ualists have failed to supply the spiritual ele-ment even in those most devoted." This may have been your experience, but it has not been mine. We have the ministrations of the spirit through Dr. Maxwell, every Sunday morning and evening, which attract learned skeptics, who ask him the most difficult questions, and who receive answers as pertinently and readily as if the queries were the simplest.

2d. "That queer, angular-looking people are sitting reading newspapers before service," Do you mean to infer that only the good-looking, the beautiful, should attend church, and is it not better to sit and read the Banner of Light than to gossip about the dress of others, as is often done in our fashionable churches?

3d. "They call each other brother and sister; and yet they slander each other." There is good reason for Spiritualists to call each other brother and sister. Have we not all one Father, even God? I do not believe that Spiritualists slander each other. There may be those who call themselves Spiritualists who slander each other, but they cannot believe in and appreciate the beauti-ful teachings of Spiritualism and still be slanderers. 4th. "A harsh-voiced choir in a dirty hall sing

song you have just heard at the minstrels. This might happen in some meetings, but I have not heard it, and the halls are generally as clean

as most churches where I have attended. 5th. This part of your remarks is to ne very strange, when you speak of "sneers from the highly progressed members of our ranks, who have entirely outgrown the ideas of God, religion, prayer, plety," etc. I never have seen a Spirit-ualist of this description. But progress always leads to God, through Nature; and the more progressed we are, the nearer we feel the presence of God; we realize the beauty, the grandeur, the wonderful wisdom, the subline mystery of his immutable laws; but being only God atoms in our intellectual and spiritual selfhood, we cannot comprehend God. The ritualism which you propose for Spiritu-alists may help those who cannot think without

dead-fall, is set ready to crush; out all remaining elements of vitality. The people may cry out against the monopolies, and the monopolics against the people and the people's President, in vain; we have all fallen into the pit together, and the deepening and widening of the gulf will be commensurate with the inflation of the same currency on anything like the present basis. The only legislation which can save us from utter ruin, is one which will draw our currency out of the hands of bankers and speculators into busi ness channels at greatly reduced rates of inter-CHARLES THOMPSON. est.

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ECHOES FROM ENGLAND. NUMBER SEVEN.

Our regular Sunday services in the metropolis ire now suspended during the summer months They have been great successes during the past season. Mrs. Tappan's ministry has met with sufficient appreciation to cause the Committee to reëngage her for the winter series, commencing in October next.

The British National Association of Spiritualists has held two important meetings in public since I last wrote you; one, a *soirce*, was a very happy and harmonious gathering; the other, a public meeting for the advocacy of Spiritualism and the answering of objectors, was as large and valuable a meeting as our cause has seen for some time. Notwithstanding the gathering referred to took place in the afternoon, the hall was filled in every part, standing room even being at a premium ! Dr. Sexton presided, and among the speakers were Mrs. Tappan, Enmore Jones, Thomas Shorter, and your correspondent, who was sent for upwards of two hundred miles, on purpose.

Our latest venture on the sea of Spiritualistic journalism — the "Pioneer of Progress"—has just reappeared in a new and extended form. Quiet and unobtrusive in its editing, it is rapidly coming to the front.

The "Spiritualist" still continues its course, and as its price is to be reduced shortly I expect it will greatly increase its circulation and extend ts usefulness.

The subject of cremation has excited consid erable discussion over here. I cannot say that it finds many adherents; but considering we are overcoming many prejudices, there is no knowing what we may do anent incineration. Cer tain it is our burial services need revising, and that completely.

Mrs. Julia B. Dickinson is, at the time 1 write, t Liverpool. I understand she has been emi-

Spiritualism in. the provinces. It keeps up the most vigorous action, and its society is the healthiest and most successful anywhere out of London. Your correspondent has a regular monthly engagement here. Nearly all the provincial towns are now almost as active-though summer is upon us - as ever they are in the winter season, when the lecture room is a cosy place to spend a dreary evening in.

I expect that Gerald Massey will ere long deliver a course of lectures "Concerning American Spiritualism." Such a project is on the tupis at this time.

We, of England, have every cause to rejoice at the progress of our movement in all parts of our United Kingdom. The persistent effort that characterizes many districts and towns is now making itself felt. Spiritualism is too much a question of the day now to be snubbed or sneer-ed down. Our numbers increase so rapidly that we spread dismay alike in the camp of the theo-logian and secularist. The press, while not ad-mitting too much, modifies its aspect. The com-munity at large is not quite so confident that we are crazy, or that our facts are fallacies. So ever is it. God's truths are ever sneered at, then

wide-spread corruption that unsettles the public faith, the changing issues of the hour and rapid disintegration of old organizations, the banding together of the laboring millions to resist the tyranny of capital, are the significant "signs of the times" that admonish us of an impending crisis in our national affairs.

crisis in our national affairs, To propare for the anticipated emergency—to uncover the existing ,evils and remove them ; to break down the despotism of the caucus system ; to illuminate the relations and responsibilities of the citizen to his country, and to aid in giving direction to the popular thought and will; to take the reins of government out of the hands of those who oppress the people; to expose and punish political depravity and official infidelity; to insist on the practice of rigid morality in the conduct of public affairs, and to make integrity and ability the only means of securing appoint-ments in the government service; to complete our illustration of democracy by the enfranchise-ment of Woman; to cleanse the chief sources and channels of political influence to the end-that we may redeem and renew the Republic these, in short, are the cardinal objects and aims

these, in short, are the cardinal objects and abus-of THE NATIONAL LEAGUE. How are these objects to be secured? In few words,' by a union of all classes of people who recognize the equal, natural rights of the whole human family; by the united action of all men-and where which that appearing or antiand women who hold that governmental organi-zations and policies should have a sound moral basis; and are now determined that this natural equality of rights shall receive a literal inter-pretation in the forms of law and the political in-stitutions of the country. To carry forward the work thus briefly outlined will require a well-defined purpose, unity of spirit among the rework thus brieny outlined will require a well-defined purpose, unity of spirit among the re-formers, and the concerted action of large num-bers. We must sink all minor differences if we would promote the common welfare. Here is an opportunity for a generous self-denial, a season for earnest work, and an occasion that calls for welling cardions of time and means if we made willing sacrifices of time and means if we would accomplish some worthy end.

But it may be a wise economy to thus impose, a heavy tax on ourselves if we may thereby suc-cessfully resist this widespread corruption; this tyranny of "damned custom;" and be enabled. tyranny of "dammed custom;" and be enabled to shake off the accursed vampires that extract the national life. Corrupt politicians have more than once expended millions in behalf of an an-successful candidate for the Presidency. If we would win in a far nobler enterprise we must make use of the requisite means; we must move with a positive determination and irresistible momentum. If—in this commercial age—money is the Archimedean lever that moves the world, we must apply that lever—only in such legitimate ways as are justified by our Declaration of Prinways as are justified by our Declaration of Prin-

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at Liverpool. I understand she has been emi-nently successful. She will return shortly to her native shores. As I write this I am in Liverpool, where I spoke, in the trance, before two crowded andi-ences yesterday. This town is the centre of the public will repose unlimited confidence in the cal and fidelity which are sure to characterize the performance of his official duties. If those who have put on immortality are still hope that the reversed "Father of his country," and that most illustrious Martyr of the Unionthat all the noble founders and defenders of the Republic—may smile upon this movement. Invoking the Divine blessing in the assurance of their presence, and in the earnest cooperation of all true men and women in the interest of THE NATIONAL LEAGUE. S. B. BRITTAN, M. D., Pres't.

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Foreign Correspondence.

BY J. J. MORSE,

have had the pleasure of being present twice when Mrs. Suydam gave her "fire test," and consider it most remarkable. Mrs. S. is en-tranced by the spirit of a child who was frozen to death, and is therefore attracted to fire. She will handle hot lamp chimneys, place her hands, arms and face in a bright gas or kerosene lamp blaze; will wash with burning alcohol, eat the flame, and call it good; handle *live* coals, taken from a grate or stove. Mrs. Suydam contem-blates giver Fact this unman or call and L hope plates going East this summer or fall, and I hope her Eastern friends will turn out en masse and

witness the wonderful fire test. Miss Shaw, under the care and protection of our worthy friend, A. II. Williams, President of First Society of Spiritualists, is at Grow's Opera Hall daily, Sundays excepted, and is considered a reliable clairvoyant and test medium. She is quite young, and a passive instrument in the hands of the angel-world, and destined, I judge,

to do a vast amount of good. We have other good business and test medi-ums, among whom may be mentioned Mrs. O. II. Johnson, Mrs. L. A. Crocker. Mrs. DeWolfe. Mrs. Crooker, and Dr. G. Wright, who is also a

Mrs. Crooker, and Dr. G. Wright, who is also a fine, reliable clairvoyant. I think we have a great many good magnetic M. D.s. but can call to mind but few of them at present time, but will mention names that are in mind: Dr. J. B. Rogers, H. Akely, M. W. Deni-son, E. B. Johnson, Mrs. Lathrop, Cyrus Lord. All I have mentioned have good healing powers. So have a large number of others. I think the most of our belows have good a fine presties most of our healers have secured a fine practice. People generally are tired and sick of the oldfashioned treatment, being drugged to death, and yet are not willing to more than half com-pensate our healers for curing them. My father, Dr. Cyrus Lord, is working up a

ing circles three evenings of each week, which seem to give satisfaction to those who have join-ed. I know his powers in this direction are good. I became developed as a medium through his ministrations.

Mrs. Jennie Lord Webb (my sister) is doing a glorious work for the investigating public. She say from five to ten for a scance ; but it is neces-sary to make arrangements a week or two in adsary to make arrangements a week or two in ad-vance, as her time—all she feels able to devote to circles—is constantly engaged. A variety of manifestations are given in her presence. The first part of the evening Mrs. W.'s guests sit in a light rööm, around an extension table, and usu-ally a large number of messages are written under the table, the medium with one hand holding a slate or paper, while the other is in sight upon the table. Very many interesting communica-tions have been received in that way. One evening, not long since. a lady was pres-

One evening, not long since, a lady was pres-ent who had a few weeks previous been called upon to part with a daughter of fourteen years. Mrs. Webb held the slate under the table, and, after a moment, took it up, and the following was written: "Ma, would you like me to thread a needle for you?" The mother said yes, and a The mother said yes, and a spool of thread and fine needle were placed on the slate held under the table, and almost in-stantly it was threaded. The lady was not a Spiritualist. A few evenings after, a prominent clergyman of this city asked for and received the same demonstration same demonstration.

New York.

BROOKLYN.-A correspondent writes from this place-" Mankind-that is the so-called civilized or Christian world-has lost the consciousness of its intimate connection with a spiritual world; it has fallen into gross naturalism or materialism, and in consequence thereof comes un-der the predominating influence of the worst part of the world of causes. This explains the preval-ing immorality and dread curse of the age. True ing immorality and dread curse of the age. True morality and progress are, based on immutable spiritual laws, the indispensable foundation of which is man's consciousness of his natural life being but the rudimentary and preparatory tage of a higher spiritual life. Man must look at his life in the body as a great task which he is utter-ly unable to perform without seeing beyond it, without believing in its eternal continuity. This balled has to be restored to maphind and the belief has to be restored to markind, and the Providential means to attain this great end is Modern Spiritualism."

Native Rural Scenery.

DEAR BANNER-Casting my eye over the long lists of advertisements having reference to ocean steamships, I was forcibly impressed with the peculiar inducements offered the public to indulge in a "Trip to Europe" this summer, the steerage passage being reduced to twenty dollars, and in one instance to sixteen. I have no idea, however, of treating your readers with any portion of my personal experience in this direction more than to assure them that, "though am native here, and to the manor born," I can but think this rush to Europe is a custom more honored in the breach than the observance; for though use has enabled me to set at defiance "Old Ocean's frown," and never calls me to an account for the deeds done in my stomach, and though I have quite learned to laugh at old King David's idea of going down to the caverns of the sea in great ships, still, Mr. Editor, I cannot realize why so many people-should so madly "rush in where angels fear to tread," and turn their backs on the unsurpassable attractions and weather of their own country which cause the

ther backs on the unsurpassion attractions and beauties of their own country, which cannot be equaled in the whole world. These ideas occurred to me the other blay when passing through Arlington, Lexington, and time-honored and historic Concord. It would seem to me but reasonable that an intimate acquaint-one with the theorem and one wints of interance with the thousand and one points of inter-est "which not to know is to argue oneself unknown," should have the preference, instead of this all absorbing desire of visiting foreign countries.

The graves of our veterans of '76-the "monumental memory" of our braves of later history-the ancient landmarks of our forefathers-the dwelling places of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Tho reau, Hawthorne, together with a host of bril-liant stars of world-wide celebrity that make our "young Republic" more than *respectable* in the eyes of nations, should claim more of the atten-

being prompted; but for trance or inspirational speakers it will not be needed. All forms and ceremonies of religious worship are designed to arrest and secure the attention of those that worship, but those whose souls reach out in true and pure aspirations for more light, more love, more truth, our spirit-friends, who are God's beautiful messengers, baptize them with the "Holy Ghost and with fire." It seems to me that progressed Spiritualists, instead of losing their love of truth, have larger, broader and more elevated and extensive views of the goodness and wisdom of God, and feel that our Father and Mother God fill with their loving presence every avenue of life here and hereafter. Yours, &c., S. C. LOOMIS.

190 Walnut street, Chicago, Ills.

THE GOLD GAMBLERS' CURRENCY.

I will simply call public attention to one or two facts which seem to have been overlooked, even by our astute Bro. Chase.

I do not think it time to question the policy of the President, or accuse him of having "vetoed the people's bill," because that bill has not yet been introduced to either branch of Congress. All honor to the President for standing up in the defence of the rights of the people, and in defiance of the moneyed interests of their enemies. For one, I am persuaded that any act which promises relief to a suffering nation will receive his approval; but no such bill has yet been framed, much less discussed in Congress.

A raft of greenbacks, with no sort of securitybasis, would prove worthless. A property-basis could be made more lasting than gold, and would dispense with the shrinkage now accruing from exorbitant premiums and interest. But, with our present currency, the person who owns one hundred thousand dollars in real estate is troubled to get money to pay the taxes thereon; but he who owns ten thousand dollars in greenbacks can take his case and amass a fortune by the practice of extortion, while the aggregate business of the country cannot make a dividend of two-and-a-half per cent.

The great inflation of an unsound currency during the war gave our short-sighted people the inducements to embrace fallacious promises of -unparalleled prosperity. Our farmers extended the area of their estates; our merchants and manufacturers erected spacious dwellings and warehouses; the increase and expenditure in every department of business has been much greater than the advance on our income ; so that, so soon as all moneyslaid aside in previous years pool of thread and fine needle were placed on he slate held under the table, and almost in-tantly it was threaded. The lady was not a piritualist. A few evenings after, a prominent lergyman of this city asked for and received the ame demonstration. After sitting as above mentioned, a musical

questioned, at last inquired into, and finally ac-cepted. As Charles Mackey says :

"As round and round we run, Ever the truth comes uppermos And ever is justice done,"

There is one thing wherein we are quite be-hind "Our American Cousins," and that is in the matter of the Children's Progressive Ly-EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT. – Subjects of ceum. I think there are only four in existence throughout the country. It is a great pity 1 The training of our young is an important duty; their judicious unfolding an imperative neces-sity. The Lyceums in existence are in a flourishing and healthy condition. They are immensely popular with the attendants. Mr. James Burns has endeavored, I regret to say un-successfully, to introduce them in London. I do hope the day of their arrival is not far dis-tant, för, as Spiritualists and progressive re-formers, we must leave a legacy to the future in

formers, we must leave a legacy to the future in a well-developed race, physically and spiritually. The demand for physical media still continues in excess of the supply. Mr. Williams has as much and more than he can attend to constantly on his hands. Mr. Frank Herne, lately recovered from a long illness, has just resumed giving sé-ances. These two gentlemen are the only pub-lic physical media we are possessed of in the metropolis. The outside public is continually asking for manifestations. We have but one professional healer in our great city, either; though I am glad to say, in private, mediums though I am glad to say, in private, mediums abound of all classes, and they effect an incalcu-lable amount of good. I will refrain from trespassing further upon.

your space this time. I need not say how much your paper is valued and appreciated over here; it has long been a matter of history. Long may the Banner wave.

Warwick Cottage, Old Ford Road, } Bow, London, E., England.

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As civilization advances and our views of hu-man nature, relations and duties are more clearman nature, relations and duttes are more clear-ly defined, we perceive the necessity for changing the fashion of our institutions. In all things the outward form must ultimately yield to the de-velopment of the inward principle. If the in-flexibility of the body will not admit of the in-evitable expansion, it will be broken in pieces by the growth of the spirit, and the whole fabric fall the last in the fierce threes of revolution. But at last in the fierce throes of revolution. But our system has not yet become so indurated by time and the chronic abuses of power as to render violent revolutions the only or the necessary means of reformation. The nature of American institutions is such that they more readily yield to the outward pressure of inward forces, and are thus made to assume the existing form of the popular conception.

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In the face of the bitter opposition of his brother Scientists,

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We inaugurated the publication of the Banner of Light in the spring of 1857, at that time distinetly proclaiming to the inhabitants of earth that the spirits of the so-valled dead could return again, and, under proper conditions, speak through the vocal organs of living persons known as mediums to mortals. Alt was a startling annonneement to the antheitude, for they, had not yet begun to familiarize themselves with the grand discovery which was made less than ten years before. We have lived, as we have likewise labored; to see this great science of life-or call it religion, if you choose-spread itself as a new knowledge over the face of the earth, shedding light upon and kindling hope among the hitherto benighted millions. And now as the years slip by and hoary age creeps on apace, it is impressed on us to say to the readers of the Banner, that the remainder of our term in the physical must necessarily be short, and for that reason we repeat the text with which we begun, that," although a man dies, his work goes on "; and the great work of Spiritualism is destined to be settled. Up to this time we have seen no go on, and on, and on, until the whole human declaration, by Mr. Beecher's authority, that the family acknowledges its silent but substantial passage is other than genuine, Mr. Shearman, blessings. It is then that our cun of low will be full. Then we shall look back upon the past and on Friday evening, June 26th, denounced it in exclaim : We have been compensated for all the sorrows and troubles and even the indignities Beecher had nothing to say to the contrary. But heaped on us by the misjudging multitude, both religious and secular, friends and foes ! These have been at times so terrible that we have even fainted by the way, and should have sunk powerless to the earth; but God's comforting angels came palpubly to the rescue; bearing us up and encouraging our spirit, in gentle tones which of the language used is deepened. Why should searched our souls, bidding us rise, to renew our faith, and go forward with the work that had. Tilton "as I do before my God?". Why should been marked out for us ages ago. The thought over reinvigorated us and renewed the strength of our purpose. These blessed spirit messengers assured us continually that the hand of the Infinite was in the movement, and that, for that rea- than usual care, and find it a plain, straightforson alone, the hosts that were banded to oppose us would certainly be vanquished. We placed of the links leading up to the extraordinary and implicif, trust in what these angel-guides told us, and from time to time made renewed efforts to own words of abject apology. We do not hest continue without fallering in the work to which we had put our hand. And, to day we are able thentleity of these words; and if they are falsely to look up with an expanded trust; profounder than any which has possessed our hearts hitherto, and behold the golden frifige to the dark cloud that has so long enveloped us. We are permitted now to welcome Science to our aid, this youngest and clearest-eyed daughter of the ages, at whose side travel in suggestive silence, the cohorts of Wisdom, to demonstrate, beyond the reach of challenge or incredulity, the teachings which for so many years have been presented in the columns of this journal." And standing, as it were, at this narrow isthmus which separates the two great oceans of Past and Future, we are moved to predict that, before another year is rolled up in the ever winding scroll of Time, Spiritualism will become, ineffect, the popular religion of the day. It may take one form or another form, but no form will be able to conceal the fact. Oh, will not this be compensation enough to the weary worker who has given soul, and body freely to the glorious cause ? And those martyred mediums, who from time to time have "gone home" to rest from their earthly battle-field, oh, will not they, too, feel a deep thrill-of cestatic joy to know that their efforts while here are so soon to be crowned with complete success? From their beautiful abodes we seem to hear them already exclaim, in tones that sound clear in the spirit-land : "The time of harvest is come ! the wheat is being reaped !" the chaff is to be <u>don</u>sumed !" And payans of joy will be heard leaping from mountain-top to mountain-top in spirit-land, and grand choruses from innumerable hosts will ascend to the great white throne of Infinite Love and Intelligence : THE EARTH IS REDEEMED, AND ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF ARE TO BEHOLD AND KNOW THE GLORY OF THE NEW REVELATION.

The Beecher-Tilton Aflair. For nearly two weeks, now, the newspapers have been full of discussions of what is known as the "Beecher-Tilton scandal." The cloud which has been for some years gathering, throwing its shadows over the laureled head of the famous Brooklyn preacher, and muttering ifs wrathful threatenings, has burst at last in a statement put forth by Theodore Tilton, and conveying an explicit charge against Mr. Beecher of liaving committed against Mr. T. an offence which the latter "forbgars to name or character-This nameless offence is well understood to be an accusation that Mr. Beecher some years since made improper advances to Mrs. Tiltón.

The following summary will give an idea of the essential points in Mr. Tilton's public states mènt

A letter occupying seven columns of the Golden Age of June 27th has appeared, addressed to the Rev. Leonard Bacon, ex-moderator of the Brooks lyn conneil, in relation to the difficulties between himself and the Plymouthchurch. Mr. Tilton says that he had been a member of the church for if-then years, and became, meanwhile, an intimate-friend of the pastor. He adds : "The knowledge came to me in 4850, that he had committed against me an offence which I forbear to name or characterize. Prompted by my self respect, I "immediately and forecast against net articulation "immediately and forever ceased my attendance on his ministry. 1 informed him of this determination as early as January, 1871, in the pres-ence of a mutual friend, Mr. Francis D. Moulton." He further says that he resolved to with-draw his connection with the church by prolongtim." ed absence. This course was adopted for several powerful reasons. He says : "The pastor comnumicated to me, in writing, an apology signed by his name. He also appealed to me to protect him from bringing represent to the cause of re-ligion. He alleged that an exposure would for-bid him to reascend the pulpit." After noticing the gradual spread of vague reports, concerning the trouble and his efforts to suppress the publication in a New York weekly paper of what he characterizes as "a wicked, horrid scandal," Mr. Tilton reviews the causes which led to the As this will be one of the most important works late council, stating that an understanding was n Spiritualism ever published, including as it West's indictment was to be disposed of by a simple resolution that he (Tilton) had four year previously terminated his membership. This was to put West's case quietly out of court with-

out scandal. To Mr. Tilton's surprise and indignation subsequently learned that the report would de-clare that whereas he had been charged with county aver, and no man shall gainsay me, that the reason why Plymouth church avoided an investigation into the scandal with which I was charged was not because I, but another man had Mr. Wallace is entitled to the gratitude of all brought dishonor on the Christian name, and yet truth seekers for the intrepid stand he has taken the other person, a clergyman, permitted his church to brand me before the council with an accusation which, had I been in his place and he in mine, I would voluntarily have borne for myself instead of causing another. I will add in another instance by a quotation from a letter which I had occasion to address to Mr. Beecher, dated May 1st, 1874 '' :

United May 181, 1974. Theory Ward Booker: Str.-Mr. F. B. Carpenter mentions to me your own say-sing to him, that under certain conditions, involving cer-tain distivowskedy me, a sum of money would, or could, be raised to send me, with my family, to Europe for a term of years. The statement compets me to state explicitly that, so long as life and self-respect continue to exist gether fun by breast; T Shift be defarred from receiving, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary or other favor at your hands. The transmit fuelting on my part you know so well that i will spare you the statement of fr. Yours truly, ThEODORE TELTON, After come further comercies the Thitocome

After some further remarks Mr. Tilton says "I am at last forced to the disagreeable necessity of publishing the following ":

Task Theodore Tilton's forgiveness, and humble mysel before him as I do before my God. He would have been before him as I do before my God. He would have been before man in my circumstances than I have been. I can ask nothing, except that he will remember all the othe hearts that would ache: I will not plead for myself, even wish that I were dead. H. W. BEECHER. The dramatic climax of Mr. Tilton's statement and one that has naturally produced an intense sensation, is in the appearance of this last most extraordinary passage from a letter said to be in Mr. Beecher's own hand-writing. Here the scandal culminates, and about this passage the whole interest of the controversy centres.

Is the passage genuine? That is the one point clerk of Plymouth Church, at uncil of friend Mr. Beecher's presence as a forgery, and Mr. on the other hand various friends and interviewers of Mr. Beecher try to explain away the mysterious passage (thus assuming its genuineness) by telling us that it refers to something altogether different from what Tilton would have the public infer. If this be so, then the mystery Mr. Beecher humble himself, before Theodore he say of him : "He would have been a better man in my circumstances than I have been ?"and," I'even wish that I were dead !!! We have read Mr. Tilton's letter with more ward statement, without an apparent flaw in any inexplicable passage quoted from Mr. Beecher's tate to say that the whole case rests upon the an attributed to Mr. Beecher; why does he not disown them? Mr. Shearman's repudiation of them amounts to nothing. The attempt to qualify them by saying that they referred to some other affair than that relating to Mrs. Tilton will not answer. If the words are Mr. Beecher's words they stand as evidence of "the truth of Mr. Tilton's allegation and of their reference to the one "nameless" charge which he brings. Mr. Beecher is still in favor of meeting this ubject with silence. A "masterly inactivity" in reference to it is what he believes in. His immediate friends are apparently in favor of the same policy. Perhaps they see the necessity of it; but what construction will the public put upon such a course ? There is but one construction which every unprejudiced man who has kept the run of the developments can put upon it: and that will be a construction wholly unfavorable to the theory of Mr. Beecher's innocence and impeccability. Whether Mr. Tilton has told the truth, and the whole truth, may be a matter of doubt to some but we think he has told the truth as he under stands it, and just so far as his own personal and individual testimony can confirm it. If misrep resentations have been made, we do not think they have come from him. That he thinks he has been deeply wronged by Mr. Beecher, both in the acts and the inaction of 'the latter, is very manifest; and the passage from Mr. Beecher's letter stands as the insurmountable confirmation of Mr. Tilton's accusation.

Mr. Tilton's language is that he believes his wife innocent; and we are bound-to accept his view of the fact till Mr. Beecher'or some one else proves the contrary. Mr. Tilton's letter cannot fail to create a favorable impression as to his owntruthfulness and consistency throughout this painful affair. He may have been indiscreet and impulsive in some of his acts and writings; but highly-gifted man, who will yet live down the opposition which has striven to crush him. We are glad to see that his weekly paper, The Golden Age, is to be enlarged to double its present to that paper by Dr. Ditson : size with the next issue, and that its circulation is increasing. We hope that the friends of fair play will stand by Mr. Tilton, while at the same time they will manifest a hope, even though it be a faint one, that Mr. Beecher will be ablf to vindicate his own fair fame and explain his most extraordinary language.

Mr. Beecher preached his last sermon previous to his summer vacation last Sunday, the 28th ult. The "largest congregation ever seen in Plymouth Church " attended. Mr. Beecher, we are told, was serene, "looked his pleasantest, and cridently the thunderbolt had not struck him." There was no reference in his discourse to the current scandal. The latest authentic pronunchamento represents that "he will make, at the proper time, a statement exonerating Tilton from blame in the misrepresentations that have been made as to the nature of the original difficulty between them. Mr. Beecher will decline to be instrumental in reopening the matter, taking the ground that it was a personal affair between him and Tilton : that it was amicably setfled years ago, and that the public had no business with it. If Plymouth Church insists on a reopening, and an investigation of the scandal, Mr. B. will-resign his pastorate. 3 It is stated, on good authority, that the original change against Mr. B. was not of so serious a character as might be inferred from the published extract from Beecher's apology,"

Mr. Beecher's composure and screnity must be rated at what they are worth. We know him to be a man of immense "check," nerve and pluck. He showed this when he faced an audience of British snobs in England, during our civil war, and put them down by the simple power of a ready intrepidity, self-command and carnestness. Once in his career he has shown the white feather, and that was when, after having performed the ceremony of marriage between Mrs. McFarland and Richardson, he was forced by a pressure from his own people into a recantation and apology for what was really one of the manliest acts of his life

And now, because of his "serenity," his friends would have us infer that the thunderbolt hus not struck. We make no such inference. On the contrary, if it be true that he threatens to resign his pastorate in case Plymouth Church insists on "reopening " the scandal, then will this fact, taken in connection with the inexplicable passage from his letter of apology to Tilton, be sufficient to justify the worst inferences of those who have informed themselves of the series of developments that have been going on in regard' to this affair.

It is evident that, at this stage of the business, any statement by Mr. Beecher "exonerating Tilton from blame in the misrepresentations,' &c., will be received by the latter as the merest mockery. All that this means is, that the inference it will be left to the public to make will be that Mrs. Tilton has deceived her husband in regard to the nature of Mr. Beecher's conduct to her. But in every direction of escape for Mr. Beecher those words of his, "I humble myself before you as I do before my God," start up to bar him out, and to throw him back on some explanation which is not forthcoming. As for the intimation that the original charge was not of so serious a character" as might be inferred from that passage in Mr. Beecher's apology, we would ask, Why, then, are Mr. Beecher's own would ask, Why, then, are Mr. Beecher's own all I described. The human eye will naturally words of such a character as to lead us to infer take in a wide angle, and thus the two figures that the offence he had committed was truly one were included in my field of vision at the same of the most serious possible? Why all this abject humiliation before Theodore Tilton if Mr. Beecher is an innocent man? From his own lips, and not from those of Mr. Tilton, comes. his condemnation-unless, like Joseph Surface in the play, he condescends to explain. The screen has fallen, and how will Mr. Beecher explain the position in which he is found? Mr. Beecher is wealthy and has hosts of friends. Mr. Tilton is poor, has few to do him reverence. and many to misrepresent and malign him ; but we do not give, him our sympathy on that account. We have no personal bias whatever in this case. Mr. Tilton' repudiates Spiritualism; Mr. Beecher, with his immense opportunities, has said little on the subject for which Spiritualists can thank him ; but no consideration having reference to the opinions of either man sways us one lot. We look at the documents as they are on record before the public, and simply say to Mr. Beecher, Unless you can explain your own cords, 'no appeal to your past life, or to an as sumed magnanimity, can exempt you from the legitimate construction which we must put upon your written apology to Theodore Tilton.

Spirit Materialization_"Katie King" ---- Diakkaism "-Letter from Wm.

Crookes, etc. While spirit-photography in this country and

England and France is exciting the public mind more than ever before, as chroniclers of passing events it behooves us to place before our readers all facts and deductions bearing upon so importwe believe him to be an upright, brave, and ant a subject ; hence we give below the following correspondence. The first comes from Brooklyn, N. Y., signed "Dr. G. B.," and the other we clip from the Albany Morning Express, sent

"I believe, Mr. Editor, that Katie King, the famous spirit who has taken possession of the medium, Miss Cook, in London, is a denizen of that vast realm of the spirit-land to which Andrew Jackson Davis has given the name of the Diakka Country. We ought certainly to acknowledge, however, that Katie belongs to the best and most advanced class of the Diakka, who, by availing themselves of their power over mediums, are not exclusively or principally guided by motives of selfishness or their love of fun and satire, but, nevertheless, are still not free from the desire for personal gratification. ;Katie may be perfectly conscious of serving the highest interests of mankind by her, wonderfully successful endeavors to give the most palpable evidence of real existence after having 'shuffled off the mortal coil '; but she may-and why should she not, being still a woman ?- be at the same-time inspired by the lively desire to have her beauty, grace and loveliness admired by mortal eyes, as perhaps they used to exoke admiration when, hree hundred years ago, she appeared at the Court of Queen Elizabeth.

It is doubtless true that, whatever may be their motives, we owe the rapid establishment of the great truths of Spiritualism within the last twenty-five years, preëminently to that class of spirits of whom Andrew Jackson Davis has given us the characteristics under the name of the Diakka. Lofty and sublime as the inspirational and other similar manifestations of spirits of a higher order may be, there is no doubt that mankind generally want stronger proof and evidence of the senses to become convinced of its eternal existence and spiritual destiny, and such proof is given us by the 'Diakka.' Let us therefore honor and not repel them, provided we use that wise discretion enjoined by St. Paul in our intercourse with the spirits."

Fo the Editor of the Albany Morning Express: SIR-I believe that the last and only formidable barrier ever raised against Spiritualism has been broken down most effectually by the experiments that have, during the last few years, been zealously prosecuted by eminent scientists in England.

When toe-snapping, sleight of hand, unconscious muscular motion, and unconscious cerebration were hugged to the heart of the cery knowing ones, and made to flaunt on the banners on the outer wall of bigotry-when these senseless things were marshaled to overwhelm us with their importance, we smiled complacently in our sleeves; but when it was said that in a dark schnce, where an expert medium could disrobe and partially enrobe herself in a few moments, and appear before the curtain as a spirit, who was prepared to proce that it was not so? For the satisfaction of the public, we felt it to be of the utmost importance that this phase of the phenomenon should be thoroughly tested; and as it has been done, it is highly desirable that all should be apprised of it. Indeed, to the most skeptical, the following letter should be wholly satisfactory :

LONDON, May 28th, 1874. G. L. Ditson, Esq., Albany, N. Y., U. S. A.: DEAR SIN-The quotation given by Mr. Pen-nell, in his letter to the Spiritualist, is copied cor-rectly from a letter which I wrote to him. In to your-request, I beg to state that I saw Cook and Katie together at the same moment, by the light of a phosphorus lamp, which was quite sufficient to enable me to see distinctly time, but the light being dim, and the two faces being several feet apart, I naturally turned the Jamp and my eyes alternately from one to the other, when I desired to bring either Miss Cook's or Katie's face to that portion of my field of view where vision is most distinct. Since the occur rence here referred to took place, Katle and Miss Cook have been seen together by myself and eight other persons, in my own house, illuminated by the full blaze of the electric light. On this becasion Miss Cook's face was not visible, as he head had to be closely bound up in a thick shawl but I specially satisfied myself that she was there. An attempt to throw the light direct on to her uncovered face, when entranced, was attended with serious consequences. You may be inter-ested to hear that before Katle left I succeeded in taling some very by the electric light. WILLIAM CROOKES. in taking some very excellent photographs of her

Science and Spiritualism.

The Boston Daily Journal of June 29th has some comments on the recent article by Mr. Wallace in the "Fortnightly Review." We [quote the following passages in these remarks :

Whatever one may think of Spiritualism as it has heretofore manifested itself, it cannot but be gratifying to see trained scientific men calmly investigating this subject as they would any other. It is true we may think that they could be better employed, and that the results are not likely to repay the labor of investigation, still it is far better that the inquiry should be in such hands, instead of being given over to the credu-lous, the ignorant and the mercenary. Some Jous, the ignorant and the mercenary. Some time ago accounts appeared in the press of the studies in spiritualistic phenomena of Mr. Crookes, the editor of an English scientific organ of high rank. Now Mr. Alfred R. Wallace, standing next to Darwin as an elucidator of the doctrine of evolution, and otherwise enjoying an excellent reputation as a scientific author, has contributed two papers to the "Fortnightly Re-view" on the question of "Modern Spiritual-ism," which have been received with general in-terest from the fact that he beran his investigaterest from the fact that he began his investigations as a skeptic and ended as a believer to a certain extent.

It is not worth while to follow Mr. Wallace through the various data and conclusions he has reached respecting the phenomena under considreached respecting the phenomena under consid-cration. He maintains at length the genuine-ness of the objective reality of spirit-forms as furnished by spirit photography, and he cites four different tests of the manifestations which have proved convincing to him. Of the other phenomena which he has verified there are, of a physical character, rappings, moving, and alter-ing the weight of bodies, chemical effects, writ-ing the weight of bodies, chemical effects, writing, drawing, and musical sounds; while the mental manifestations embrace automatic writing, clairvoyance, what he calls clairaudience, trance-speaking, impersonation and healing. * * * Mr. Wallace will probably continue

his researches, and, according to a recent list we have seen published of scientific believers in Spiritualism on both sides of the water, he will have co-laborers enough to enable him to get at the truth at last. So far, however, as he has yet made progress, we think the general impression mane progress, we think the general impression will be that, to use the homely expression, the game is hardly worth the candle. The spirits, according to Mr. Wallace, are fallible, and as un-reliable as they were on earth, if they ever were here. They have no new truth to tell us, and if they had, we should never know for a certainty when they were instructing or decaying use when they were instructing or deceiving us; while, as a matter of fact, more dreary and utterly worthless twaddle than that generally derived from alleged spiritualistic sources was never showered upon poor humanity. True, Mr. Wal-lace is too bright a man not to have an answer for this obvious consideration. He says that, as the great majority of those who depart this life are addicted to twaddle, we are to expect in the other life no great change according to the second law specified above, whereas we have a new motive to elevate and improve as much as possible the earthly lives around us. Nevertheless, let Mr. Wallace and his scientific colleagues do the best they can to clear up the *facts* of this subject, and then the conclusions and consequences may be left to take care of themselves.

This is a fair specimen of the construction . which superficial thinkers frequently put on the amazing phenomena verified by Mr. Wallace and others. Because the spirits are fallible, and because some of them utter "worthless twaddle," therefore the great fact of spirit existence-of the immortality of the soul, which they manifest and confirm-is of very small account, and "the game is hardly worth the candle !!!

Furthermore, the manifestations through these spirits throw light on psychology and the state of the soul after it has left the mortal body. But all this is to be accounted as of trifling import, inasmuch as "the spirits, as a general thing, are unreliable, and talk twaddlo" !

No, sir; if these things are true-if the fact of spirit communication is a fact-then, as the famous John Bright says of it, "It is a fact beside which every other fact of human existence sinks into insignificance." The game is not only worth the candle, but worth all that this transitory life can offer that is valuable or worthy. When shall we have an end of such "twaddle" as the Journal utters on this vast subject? What wonder that the average spirit utters twaddle, when such inconsequential stuff as this is uttered by one of the leaders of public opinion in the Athens of America?

The question will be asked, What of Mrs. Woodhull all this while? Will Mr. Tilton's expose have the effect of reviving and countenancing her extraordinary charges against both Mr. Beecher and Mrs. Tilton? The inference from

The Silver Lake, Picnic.

In connection with our brief notice of last week, inserted just as we were going to press, we now further add that the first gathering of Spiritualists this season, under the management of Drs. Gardner and Richardson, convened at the above popular_sylvan resort Wednesday, June 24th. The weather, bright, beautiful and breezy, was all that could be desired, and the estimated number in attendance was over one thousand. An accident to the in-coming express train unfortunately detained the picnic party on the road till after twelve o'clock.

Since last year the grove has been greatly im proved, and is now a charming spot, clean, shady and commodious. The various amusements provided on such occasions, swinging, target-practice, ball-playing, ten-pin rolling, dancing and speaking, were liverally patronized, the two lat ter seeming to divide the honors.

At the speakers' stand, now substantially roof ed and fitted up with every convenience, Dr. Gardper presided, calling the assembly to order about half-past two. After making several announcements, he introduced Moses Hull as the first speaker, who was followed by W. F. Jamieson A. E. Carpenter, Lizzie Doten, Laura Cuppy Smith, Mrs. Agnes Davis Hall, and others. The company returned safely to the city about 7 P. M.

1-37 A full report of the late proceedings of the Association of Spiritualists of New Jersey is published in another column.

137 Annie Lord Chamberlain, of Chicago, has a very readable letter in this issue of the Banner,

To those not conversant with what has been going on in distinguished circles in England, in the realm of Spiritualism, it may be well to state that Katie is a very beautiful spirit (so described by Prince Wittgenstein and others), who is enabled to materialize herself from what she can draw from Miss Cook (the medium) and other material substances at command.

The author of the above letter, your readers are aware, is a scientist of eminence, a F. R. S., editor of the London Quarterly Journal of Science. and of a journal devoted to Chemistry; and as his researches in the department of "psychic' force (so I will call it by permission of the Dialectical Society) have been persistent, exhaustive, with extraordinary facilities, his deductions are recorded throughout Europe as of one having G. L. DITSON, M. D. authority.

The Michigan Anniversary Meeting held at Sturgis, June 19th, 20th and 21st, writes R Augusta Whiting, was, as usual, a successful and profitable gathering. A large attendance, not only from different parts of Michigan but the adjoining States of Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Among the speakers present who addressed the meeting during its nine sessions, were Mrs. L. A. Pearsall, Mrs. L. E. Drake, Miss R. Augusta Whiting, Messrs. Stebbins, Fishback, T. H. Stewart, A. B. French, Worden, J. K. Bailey, D. P. Raynor, and others.

The July number of THE LITTLE BOU-QUET-(a monthly Spiritual Magazine for children)-is for sale at our counter. It opens with a fine story, by Dr. Henry T. Child, of Philadelphia, and contains many other good things for the little ones. Published by S. S. Jones, Chicago, Ill. . 60

197 Buy Stebbins's "Chapters from the Bible vertisement.

Communications are coming in nearly every week from persons visiting the residence of the Eddy Brothers, in Vermont, to the effect that the spiritual manifestations in the presence of these mediums are of a more interesting nature and more convincing than ever before; but at the same time these visitors complain of a sad lack of accommodations at the residence of the Eddys. A Vermont paper takes up the subject, and makes a statement that, if not true, is a gross libel on the Eddys. It calls the Eddys frauds, and the respectable correspondents who have written us occasionally, rerifying the manifestations, as anything but honest; and goes out of the pale of editorial courtesy entirely by stating, in so many words, that this paper and the Religio Philosophical Journal knowingly support the alleged frauds; which we unequivocally pronounce untrue.

Now what have the Vermont friends of the Eddy Brothers to say to the allegations of the Rutland Daily Herald?-we mean those who have criticised us severely for not publishing all the communications they have sent us from time to time endorsing the manifestations, and stating in private notes to us that if the Banner would not publish their communications endorsing the Eddys, the Hartford Daily Times would? Looking at the controversy whichever way we will, we can come to but one conclusion, namely, that we-as chroniclers of passing eventsare to be ground to powder between the millstones of our sensitively enthusiastic friends and bigotedly vindictive enemies. We protest against occupying so unenviable a position. Our sole object is and ever has been to arrive at the truth in the matter of direct spirit communion, through media, and not even to wink at fraud in any direction, but, on the contrary, to denounce it when proof sufficient warrants us in doing so.

Camp Meeting at Lake Pleasant.

"To your tents, oh, Israel!"

The agitation commenced at Silver Lake, a year ago, in behalf of a Camp Meeting to be held in the western part of the State, has culminated in the arrangements published by its committee in another column. The time of it, just after the close of that at Silver Lake, and the place of it, amid the mountains of Western Massachusetts, are most propitious. Ocean breezes and mountain winds can intermingle. The name of Harvey Lyman, who appears as Treasurer, assures its success.

1997 "The Mystery of Edwin Drood, complete," is reviewed at length in the Auburn (N. Y.) Daily Advertiser, by W. W. Clayton. The of the Ages"-a new edition just issued-printed | article will be found on another page of this paon nice tinted paper, etc., etc. For price see ad- per. This work is for sale by Colby & Rich, No. 9 Montgomery place, Boston.

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William Denton Arrested.

We learned recently from a paragraph in the San Francisco, Cal., "Common Sense" newspa-per, that Professor William Denton had been arrested in Sacramento "for giving an exhibition" ! and that "on the following day he .was released on bail, and immediately left for the southern part of the State without paying the demand.⁴

The facts in the case-as we learn from a letter received in this city from a reliable sourceare these :

Mr. Denton gave a course of geological lectures in Sacramento, charging the usual admittance fee. At the conclusion of the course, he was called apon to pay a license of \$20, which he declined, and consequently was placed under arrest, for -as the elicer alleged-infringing upon one of the city ordinances, and incarcerated in prison. expressed a wish to see a copy of the city char-Mr. Denton was at once, set at liberty, and left | higher harmony than we yet know. Sacramento to fill a lecturing engagement in another city.

Another account of this disgraceful affair, in which bigotry played a prominent part, is given below, from the Daily Record :

"The imprisonment of Mr. Denton, because he refused to pay a city license for delivering a course of lectures, assumes very much the character of an outrage, and though the City Collect-or, who caused the thing to be done, may shelter himself behind the ordinance, he is not excusa-ble for taking a course with Mr. Deuton which has never before been taken with any other lec-turer, and which ought not to have been taken at all. That a scientific man who comes to give a course of lectures on the most important subjects should, after a decidedly unrenumerating week's labor, be baited by a blundering official, arrested as though he were a vagrant, and compelled to pass a night in the station-house, because, as he justly puts it, he refused to be robbed, is deeply humiliating to all who value the reputation of the city, and all who respect science and her ex-ponents. Nor are we at all disposed to admit that the City Collector kept within the line of his duty. We know that other lecturers-notahis duty. Canon Kingsley-have spoken here, and have ory Canon Amgsney—nave spoken here, and nave not been called on for a license. We know of other cases where a license fee has been refused, and the Collector has concluded that it would not pay to try to collect it. Why, then, was this dead set made against Mr. Denton?"

Thomas Paine.

This much-abused patriot, statesman and philosopher, is at length to have justice done his memory, thanks to the great and growing liberality of the age in which we'live. Funds having been donated for the purpose, a building is to be erected in Boston, to be called "THE PAINE HALL AND INVESTIGATOR HOME;" and on Saturday (July 4th) the corner-stone of the contemplated edifice will be laid, with appropriate ceremonies. The following is the programme of the

celebration : "ORDER OF EXERCISES. ... LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE : OF THE Paine Hall and Investigator. Home, APPLETON STREET, BOSTON, MASS., N STREET, BO-July 4th, 1874. NATIONAL AIUS. II. DEPOSITING THE RECORDS. Remarks by Horace Seaver. II. PAINE'S ODE TO AMKRICA. By a Quartette Band. ORIGINAL MARCH, by W. S. Hipley, (dedicated to Thomas Paine), entitled Triumph of Liberty. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. V. V. ODB. 'Thomas Paine, the Patriot of 1770. 'By Miss Susa H. Wixon,

ODR. Thomas raine, the ratio of 1776. By Miss Susan II. Wixon. Air:-'Red, White and Blue.'
ADDUESS. 'I. By Horace Seaver.
ODR. Author-Hero of the American Revolution. By John Alberger, Esq. Sung to an original air. IREMARKS. By II. P. Underwood and others. Song. The Freeman's Shout. - By the company. In this compation the addres of the Alberger. In this connection the editor of the Investi-

gator appropriately remarks : Among the new features of the celebration of

"Rights of Women."

Mr. Herbert Spencer's essay on the "Rights of Women," which was originally published in 1849 in the "Westminster Review," was reproduced in this country last year, and attracted a good deal of attention. Although Mr. Spencer, says a critic, is not qualified to speak from experience on the subject—having never advanced so far in the process of evolution as the "heterogeneity" of married life-yet he warmly urges the recognition of equality in that relation. Command, he affirms, is a blight to the affections. Whats is ever of refinement, of beauty, of poetry-there is

in the passion that unites the sexes, withers up in the cold atmosphere of authority. Love and coërcion cannot possibly flourish together. In a state of equality, founded on the sense of justice, domestic life will not be characterized by perpetual squabbles, but by mutual concessions. In-On appearing before a magistrate, Mr. Denton stead of a desire, on the part of the husband, to assert his claims to the utmost, or on the part ter, which he carefully conned over, and then, of the wife to do the like, there will be a watchsaid to the astonished Judge that he (Denton); ful desire on both sides not to violate the rights had been illegally imprisoned, as the charter did not contain a single word authorizing the city to shall gain-the mastery, but which shall give way. pass such an ordinance. Such being the fact, | Thus, instead of household discord, will come a

The School Committee Question.

The question as to whether women can legally hold positions on School Committees, has receive ed another decision from the Supreme Court which now decides that the matter rests wholly with the Committee, as power is given them by the charter "to decide upon all questions relative to the qualification, election, and return of their members." The Supreme Court, by a former decision, declared that there was no Constitutional objection in the way.

The Legislature should now take up the act which has been pending almost ever since this question was brought up in January, making women eligible to School Committees, and pass it without delay. Then the legal processes will be complete, and women may henceforth be elected to the committee and admitted to a share in its duties without question.

The Camp-Meeting at Plympton.

The Silver Lake Grove Camp-Meeting, which will commence on Wednesday, 22d instant, and close Wednesday, August 12th, will undoubtedly be one of the pleasantest reunions of Spiritualists ever held in Massachusetts. Dr. II. B. Storer, an excellent speaker and a good man, will preside at the speakers' stand, which is guaranty that order and decorum will prevail in that department; while Messrs. Gardner and Richardson, who are fully experienced in such matters, will conduct the secular affairs. The render should bear in mind that Thursday, July 30th, and Friday, August 7th, will be the Special Pienic days. The managers' advertisement, which, can be found in another column, will fully inform the reader of all important particulars, such as the running of trains, fare, etc.; etc.

The Imperative Demand of the Age. An eminent French publicist has recently said,

An international law and tribunal by which the differences of nations may be settled peaceably is the great and imperative demand of the With this sentiment public opinion all age." over the civilized world is fast coming into accord. For until this demand shall be met the nations will be compelled to continue to increase their armaments, which have already become a burden that is well-nigh crushing them. May the legislative bodies of all nations soon follow the noble example of Great Britain, Italy and America.

Picnic and Grove Meeting near Salem. It will be seen, by the notice in another column, that there is to be a Picnic and Grove Meeting, under the management of Messrs. Jamieson and Higgins, at Porter's Grove, near Salem, Mass., July 18th and 19th. The proprietor the 4th of July in this city, will be the laying of of the grove will furnish the refreshments. Boat-the corner-stone of the PAINE HALL. Bigotry ing on the lake and other amusements are vouchspled. Well known able speakers are engaged for the occasion. A joyous time, weather permitting, may be anticipated.

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS.

SHORT SERMON. -Oh, thou who art enampled with the beauties of truth, and hast fixed thy heart on the simplici-ty of her charms, hold fast thy fidelity to her, and forsake her not. Thus acting, the constancy of thy virtue shall crown thee with honor. The tongue of the sincere is rootod in his heart; hyporrisy and decelt have no place in his words. He blusheth at falschood, and is confounded; but in speaking the truth he hath a steady eye. He supporteth as a man the dignity of his character; to the hearts of hyporrisy he scorneth to stoop. He is consistent with blue self; he is never embarrassed; he bath courage in trath. but to lie he is afraid. He is far above the meanness of dissimulation; the words of his month are the thoughts of his heart. Yet with prudence, and caution he openeth his lips; he studieth what is right, and speaketh with discretion. He advise thin friendship; he reprove th with free dom; and whatsoever he promiseth shall surely be perform ed.

The effect of land monopoly on labor 1s Instant and con stant. It accompanies labor wherever it goes, and hedges it in by obstructions which yield not until the laborer is compelled to part with the fruits of his effort,

"What makes you so glum, Tom?" "Oh, I have had to endure a sad trial to my feelings!" "What on earth vasit?'' ''Why, I had to the on a pretty girl's bonnet while her ma was present."

"Husband, where shall'I get the ficking for our new feather bed?", "Any place where you can get ' fick.""

Whatever takes or consumes wealth, without returning this loss must be restored by those who work.

Wear your learning, like your watch, in a private pock-et; and do not pull it out and strike it merely to show that you have one. If you are asked what o'c ock it is, tell it but do not preclaim it hourly and unasked, like the watch-man.—*Chesterfield*.

The Index says : " Another Council ought to be called which should make short work with Brother Beecher." lather hard on Beecher.

The iconoclastic road that Ambition travels is too nar row for friendship, too crooked for love, too rugged for ionesty, and too dark for conscience.

John Stuart Mill remarks about rents, that "If air, light, electricity, and the chemical agents, could, like land, be engrossed and appropriated, rent would be exacted from them also, **

It is estimated that one hundred and forty languages are spoken in America.

A doctor was asked to dance the "Lanciers," He declined ; but expressed his willingness to lance the dancers

A New York man who believes in advertising, paid a bill of seventy-eight thousand dollars the other day for a year's work ; but it was money well spent, for the earnings re-sulting from that advertisement, which were divided among four persons, footed up six hundred and fifty thouand dollars.

One or two geranium leaves, bruised, bound upon a cut or abrasion, will speedily heal it,

SPIRITUALISTS AND LIBERALISTS.-It is designed to establish a Liberal Sunday school or Progressive Lyceum in Newark, N. J.

The earth is said to be 7,902 miles in diameter, and 25, 000 miles in circumference; its surface is estimated a 193,943,750 square miles, of which two-thirds is water.

A correspondent writes to the Scientific American that the worst-toothache, or neuralgia coming from the teeth, may be speedily and delightfully ended by the application of a small bit of clean cotton saturated in a strong solution of ammonia to the defective tooth. Sometimes the late suf forer is prompted to momentary nervous laughter by the application, but the pain has disappeared.

The theatres of Boston, it is said by good authority, during the past season than ne a better busines those of any other in the Union.

Official information was received at the war office, Mad rid, June 27th, of the defeat at Chelva, after two days fighting, of ten thousand Carlists, under Prince Alphonso, by the Spanish Republicans, numbering only five thousand en. Later dispatches received by the Government bring intelligence that Marshal Concha was killed in an attack by Republican troops upon the Carlist intrenchment at Muro, near Estella. The command of the Republican army will now be taken by General Zabaia. Minister of Senor Cotoner will succeed Zabala as Minister of War, and Sagasta will become President of the Council.

BENEFIT OF MR. B. F. TRYON .- Next Monday night Mr. B. F. Tryon, the Treasurer of the Howard Athe-menm, takes a benefit, and we are sure we need not point out how deserving the gentleman is of a rousing testimo The unvarying courtesy with which all patrons of the Howard have been treated at the hands of Mr. Tryon. will cause this opportunity afforded for a slight show o preclation to be engerly selzed. Mr. Tryon is to have a host of volunteers in a grand bill. - Traveller.

A New Mexico letter states that the Rio Grande' River has overflowed the valley from Albuquerque to Ei Paso, making great havoc and destroying grain crops, orchards vineyards, &c. It made a new channel in the rear of the town of Albuquerque, threatening it so hadly that its inhabitants field to the mountains. Several settlements have been destroyed, and thousands having their homes wrecked, starvation is imminent. The damage done is estimated at two million dollars. First irate female-"I'd hate to be in your shoes!" and ditto-" You could n't get in them!"

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SUMMER ARRANGEMENT,-Dr. Willis will be at 25 Milford street, Boston, the first Wednesday and Thursday of July, September and November, and at Dea. Sargent's, 39 Clark Averlue, Chelsea, the first Tuesday of the same months. Jy.4.

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BOYS' AND YOUNG MEN'S CLOTHING .- Owing to the

THE FIFTH ANNUAL Camp Meeting SPIRITUALISTS OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Silver Lake Grove, Plympton, ON THE OLD COLONY RAILROAD.

Commencing Wednesday, July 22d, closing Wednesday, Aug. 12th.

THE Managers will spare no effort to secure every con-ventence for the conduct and enhyment of all who may visit the Grove. As far as practicable, those hiterafting to comp should turnish their blankers and camp equipments. Tents and Lodgings may be obtained by applying by letter or in person to Dr. A. H. RUMALDERS, 55 Main Street, Charlestown, and at the Grove during the meeting.

Thursday, July 30th, and Friday, August 7th, will be Special Picnic Days.

Speaking, Dancing, Boating, Fishing, etc., will be in

orcer, A small admission fee will be required of all persons vis-fting the Grove EXCEPT those coming by railroad. Dane-ing free, Alt Idnerals, under whatever name, are confully invited

Ing free.
 Alt Liberals, under whatever name, are cordially invited to unite with us on this occasion.
 Due notice of the Sunday exercises will be given.
 The regular trains leave floston daily, except Sundays, for the Grove, at s. A. ..., and 250 colock P. M., stop-ping at stations below Wollaston.
 From all stations on the Odd Colony Railroad and its branches, including South Shore and Duxhury, Cape Cod, Fail River, Somerset and Dighton. Bibligewater and South Alongton, all the regular trains will take passengers to and from the Grove at s. greatly reduced rates of faire for the round trip. From Brahries and shiften save flows to the south trip. From Brahries and shiften save flows to the new connection at Kingston by regular hors at faire for the new connection at Kingston by regular hors at Rate via the south shift and the stations on the South Shore road, Excursionists will reach Shifter Lake via the new connection at Kingston by regular hors at Depois only.
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o'clock. O'clock, Fare from Boston and return 41 (0; Fall River, 41, 20; Dighton, 1, 30; Phymouth, 90 courts, and way stations in proportion. On Sundays special trains will leave the Grave for Fall River, Tamton and Somerset, at 4: Bro'clock. For Boston and way stations at 5 o'clock. We hope to need all friends of Human Progress at these meetings.

H. F. GARDNER, AMAnagers, A. H. RICHARDSON, MAnagers, July 4.

CAMP MEETING

Lake Pleasant.

The spiritualists and Effectives with hold a CAMP MEETING at LARE PLATASANT, in the town of Montagne; Franklin Co. Mines, commencing Aug. 13th, and continuing Two Weeks. Lake Pleasant is a beautiful sheet of water, surrounded by groves. The grounds are owned by the Flichburg and Vermout and Massenbusetts Kalitoal, and have been fitted up with buildings, boots, swings, Ke. "The friends of the Camp Meeting have made every ar-rangement to accommodate all who may come." Goadpeakers, fine music, plenty of tents and sufficient board will be provided. Those who wish to engage tents or board should address HARVEX-LSWAN, Worthington street, Springfield, Mass., or -DR. JOSEPH BEALS, of Greenfield, Mass. "The Camp Meeting is to be under the direction of an as-sociation, which has begind for this Camp Meeting. DR. JOSEPH BEALS, of Greenfield, President; F. W. DUCK-S. M. S. DAVID, WARNER, OF Springfield, Miss. A. H. COBEPH BEALS, of Springfield, Treasurer, "MRS, DAVID, WARNER, OF Springfield, Treasurer, "Burther, HARVEY LYMAN, of Springfield, Treasurer, "The railwoads will reduce the farter-some, if and all, to and press."

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A CRAND SPIRITUAL

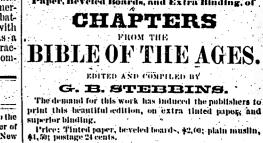
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"Thy spirit, INDEPENDENCE, let me share, Lord of the lion heart and cagle eye; Thy steps I'll follow with my boson bare, Nor heed the storm that howls along the sky."

That Haunted House in Spring Vale, Maine.

A secular press in Maine, with more than usual sensational enterprise, has of late been endeavoring in a wordy seven column article, to "lay" the ghosts in an old house in Spring Vale. But they won't be "laid," notwithstanding. Here is the last "report" we have from that quarter, and as it comes from a reliable sourcethe "Merrimac Journal," published in Newburyport-we copy it :

"Spring Vale, in Maine, has a haunted house, at which strange noises have been heard-caused as most of the people believe, by disembodied spirits—for a long time. Nor is the haunting all confined to sound. The stove covers will fly up and turn over without human touch, and various such things, as many witnesses do testify, occur. The spirits at times manifest themselves by luminous forms and even by illuminating the whole house; and spirits do throng about as though they had homestead rights. It beats the Charles street school-house manifestations out and out. One of our citizens, who is a native of Spring Vale, has recently visited that locality, and feels sure of the facts, though it is the first time he has believed in spiritual existences at all."

Spirit Photography.

The following remarks were sent in by an esteemed Boston correspondent ; and as the "agitation of thought is the beginning of wisdom we give them a place in these columns:

"If spirit back a place in these contains." "If spirit back and a place in these contains." spirit back, why should it not act as the law of photography does in the material life, and not present so many different kinds of pictures? For present so many unietent kinds of pictures / For instance, in one part of this city the spirit-pic-tures taken seem to be of a vapory form; in an-other section of the city, with a different artist, they seem as material as though they were in-balitants of arth sphere, as though they were inhabitants of carth sphere; as though they were m-habitants of carth sphere; as they are taken in Paris they represent another style of work. Would it not be well for the spiritartists to set up an exhibition in this city—such as is, I understand, contemplated in Chicago—in order to give the public a clearer idea of the interesting sub-ject, and thus dispel the numerous doubts of honest investigators?"

A letter from J. J. Morse, of England, may be found in another column. It will prove on perusal to be very interesting.

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Chas. II. Foster in Melbourne.

Mr. Foster, the test medium, met with great success in Australia. The Melbourne Progressive Spiritualist, of April 15th, contains full accounts of his séances, the tests giving great satisfaction to his numerous visitors.

The new postal law, prescribing two cents per pound for dailies, and three cents for weekly newspapers, is too high. It is a heavy tax upon publishers, and in the end will lead to an increase in the cost of newspapers to subscribers. The theory has always been that the circulation of newspapers was beneficial to the community at large; but the effect of the new law is to give papers published in counties having a large territory a great advantage over newspapers published in counties having a limited territory. In this light it is a tax which bears unequally. It is to be hoped, therefore, that at another session of Congress the rate will be reduced to one cent per pound, which is ample, and that all newspapers, daily and weekly, will be on the same basis. Why a larger rate should be charged for weekly papers than for dailies is not apparent.

Woman Suffrage on the Fourth of July in Harmony Grove, South Framingham, Mass., will attract a large attendance. Mary A. Livermore delivers an oration. Poems' by Julia Ward Howe and Henry B. Blackwell, . Brief addresses by William Lloyd Garrison, Lucy Stone, James Freeman Clarke, Charles W. Slack, Samuel B. Noyes and others. An original woman suffrage song, written by Kate True. Music by Hall's Boston Brass Band. A special excursion train from Boston and reduced fares on all railroads.

137 Our chief business as sentinels upon the watchtower is to place before our readers the scientific and philosophic aspects of Spirjtualism. We have but little time or-inclination to devote to caviling skepticism or idiosyncratic iconoclasm. Our readers will therefore see how impossible it is that we should devote much of our space to the latter subjects.

IT It is pretty strongly surmised by competent judges that the alleged physical manifestations at the "Deacon House" in this city are not of the most reliable character. At any rate there is a great diversity of opinion upon the subject by Spiritualists and investigators who have attended these séances.

No Public Circles will be held at this office until the first Monday in September next.

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SUMMER-TIME NOTES. - We sat where the green carling waves came up, rearing moonbeaus embosomed in spray. casting fringes of white on the sands at our feet, then re coding in councilsh play, (at Hampton Beach.) My fond arm encircled her dainty, small waist, (no matter whose)-in seventy-seventh heaven was 1, (That wasn't Digby.) and seemed in her sweet trembling lips and dear eyes at answering love to descry. "Oh! say you 'll be mine, fair Julfa," I cried. (One of the reporters of the Traveller, ossibly.) She started and ran toward her ho "Oh possibly.) She started and ran toward her home. "Oh leave me not I leave me not !" wildly I said, "alone on this bleak path to roam! (He called that spiendid beach bleak '! No wonder, as you 'll see in a moment.) Come back to this fond, stricken heart, but once more." But never an answer she made; her back hair had all tumbled down. It appeared, and three switches upon the sand laid - (gentle maid!)

It has been beautifully said that the yell which covers the face of futurity was woven by the hand of mercy,

Spiritualists have occasion to congratulate themselves on the endorsement which Spiritualism has lately received from Mr. Alfred Wallace, the distinguished English natu-ralist. In a recent number of the Fortnightly Review Mr. Wallace has an article entitled "Defence of Modern Spiritualism," in which the following explicit and pro-nounced statement occurs: "The facts of Spiritualism are ublentions in their occurrence, and of so indisputable a na-ture as to compel conviction in every earnest inquirer." Spiritualism has long been regarded as a heresy by the Church, and a delusion and superstition by Science ; yet who knows but out of this very "Nazareth " may come the long hoped-for demonstration of immortality ?-- The Index,

" Benevolence in motive is not always wise in deed, " Because, in all your sowing, tares will come from the seed,

EXPLANATION. - In expressing my approval of Mrs. Britten's 'Proposition for the Revival and Better Con-duct of our Spiritual Meetings, '' I had no intention of endorsing the timld conservatism which would innel to desertion from the spiritual standard. It was my purpose to raise my humble voice in favor of measures judiciously calculated to promote the worthy object proposed. Al-though one or more of the "wise and prudent" may falter and revolt, I do not apprehend that any fatality attaches

Because the fragrance of the pond lily is exquisitely refined essence, and, in order to become such, was necessarily obliged to grow up out of the foctid, stagnant, miasmatic pool of the swamp, it is no reason-because we do admire the purity of the lily-that we should have forced up our nostrils the nauseous malaria from which the lily sprang. Those who choose can discern the moral of the lily's growth.

Alfred Russell Wallace, of London, estimates that it required five hundred thousand years for the deposits in the Kent cavern to cover, to the depth at which they were found, the arti cles of human workmanship which have been exhumed there.

The Message Department, this week, is well worthy the close attention of our readers.

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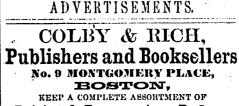
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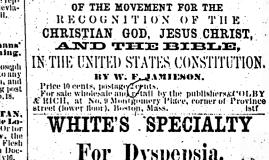
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MRS. J. H. CONANT.

THEN, J. H. CUTANEL. This is an abnormal condition called the France. These Messages indicate that spirits carry with them the charac-teristics of their cartholite to that beyond, whether for good or evil. But those who heave the earth-sphere in an indereleped state, eventually progress into a higher con-dition. dition. We ask the reader to receive no destrine put forth by spirits in these columns that does not compart with his or her reason. All express as much of truth as they per-ceive-no more.

Invocation.

Oh ye Powers above us, whose love and wisdom we can trust, lead us out of our darkness into your light; lead us out of bur ignorance into your wisdom; out of our small comprehension of love and its attributes into your love, which is broad as the universe; and, to-day, as forever, we will sing unto ye our song of praise, and wor-- March 9. ship and adore. Amen.

Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT .-- Mr. Chairman, if you have any questions. I am here to hear them.

QUES.-When the disciples were gathered together, after Jesus had risen, the doors being shut, suddenly be appeared in their midst, and they were afraid, supposing him to be a spirit. But he said, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself ; handle me and see ; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have." Will the controlling intelligence please explain the answer of Jesus?

Ass .- If my interrogator would but consult back numbers of the Banner of Tight, he need not come to me for an explanation, for it has been there given many, many times. " And the doors were shut," precluding the possibility of tlesh and blood and bones to enter without the opening of the doors. How, then, was this manifestation performed? How did it occur? Why, precisely in accordance with the same law that governs in these matters to-day. The disciples were, some of them, excellent mediums for max terialization, and being such it was easy for Jesus to clothe himself with a material body. "A spirit," he says, "hath not flesh, blood and bones, as yessee me have." He knew that their superstitions fear would drive them from his presence and prevent him from exercising those powers upon them that he desired to, if he had told them that he had come indeed to them as a disembodied spirit ; that his old body was dead, and separated from him by the law of life, he being living ; that it had come under the law of decomposition, or change, while he was under the higher condition of the law. But it was no miracle; it was simply a manifestation of natural law brought about through natural conditions, just as natural in those days as it is natural in these days for spirits to materialize themselves.

Q.-Jesus of Nazareth (the correctness of the narrative being admitted) proved that there was a resurrection after death, to this world, and his appearing in rooms, on two occasions, proved the possibility of restricted bodies appearing any-where, when instant occasion required. Hence, are not those. Spiritualists who accept Jesus' teachings as a standard of preparation for the spiritual or new birth, better qualified to teach truth, and labor for "peace on earth and good will to man," (the harmonizing of all created beings centralized in love to the Master Spirit of Spirit's whom the English language denominates Spirits, when: the English language denominates God) than those who are changed from death to life while in the midst of the pursuit of earthly pleasures? 🛃

A .- I dony that the death or spiritual resurrection of Jesus ever proved the resurrection of things physical, of the body physical. He was resurrected from the body of Death, as all will be and must be, and in no other way. He appeared unto his disciples, and his appearance was a spiritual manifestation-nothing more. I deny that he returned manifesting through the old body that was crucified. He never did, and whoever bases the doctrine of the resurrection upon Jesus' death and his appearance to his disciples, is basing it upon a very insecure foundation, for Spir-Itualism, with one swing of its fan of truth, will sweep it away. One manifestation of materialization will prove to the contrary.

Q.—In answering a question sent from Baden-Baden, the controlling intelligence made use of this expression : "You cannot ride into heaven on the back of a Jesus Christ; or a Confucius, but you are to go in the charlot of your own good deeds." On reading the above, an English Or-thodox High Church clergyman remarked that "this idea of placing Jesus Christ and Confucius on a par confounded him." The former questioner wishes to know what can be said for the benefit of this benighted clergyman. A.—It should be understood that Jesus was an inspirational pupil of Confucius—Confucius being one of his inspirational spirits or powers. Confucius says that religion, true religion, may be comprehended in doing unto others as you would have others do unto you. Jesus says the same. Other disciples of truth have said the same. It is certainly not a disparagement to Jesus to place him on a par with Confucius-by no means. They are both good and wise men, and benefactors of the March 9. race.

York City. I was at work most of the time, making artificial flowers at Robinson's. I died, I suppose, with consumption. My'sister Emma is in constant terror of going into consumption, and dying as I did. If she continues to exercise the same care over herself that she has ever since my death, there's no chance of her dying in consumption. She may live to a good old age, and the seeds—which I will not he situte to say are in her-may never, doubtless will never be developed ; but if she grows careless, and does n't take proper care of herself, then they will be, and of course she will die of consumption; but it rests with her, and the more happy she is, the less liable she will be to fall a victim to consumption. I told her if there was any way by which I could let her know where I was, and how I was, after I left her, I would. I am happy, dear Emma. I am satisfied with this new life; it is not anything like what you and I have been taught to believe it was': it is a real life; it is a

jovial life; it is one just adapted to the needs of poor, weary spirits, who have toiled till they are weary with this life, and who went out discouraged with themselves, and disappointed with life—just fit for such poor souls.

Now, Emma dear, don't be afraid to die, and do n't be afraid to live. Good-day, March 9.

Ben Moody.

How do you do, stranger? I felt powerful weak on coming here, but I am a bit better now. I had a typhus fever, the doctor said, and when that left I left too. I left a wife, three children, a brother and two sisters, and an aged mother. I want to get word to 'em, stranger, some way, if I can, that I live. [.] My name was Ben Moody. I had n't any kind of religion. I tried to do the best I could here. I think my poor old mother need n't be troubled any longer about me, because I find plenty here in this new world that tions, for both the religious nature and social made a great profession of religion, and they nature of man demand them; but the old Jewaint any better off, stranger, than I am, and I ish and Christian systems, based on the most take it that the religion you have in this life does immoral and unjust authority in the world as for some but don't do for all. To them that's made happy by it it's good; but to them that don't want it, and wouldn't be any happier if they had it, 't aint worth a straw. Now my dear old mother need n't worry any more about me. am well off, and 1 'll see to it that she's well off when she gets here. She's a little bigoted, and thinks' that Christ is going to save her; but, mother, Susannah Moody will save you, and nobody else, as sure as you'live, and you may strap as many Bibles and as much religion on to your back as you can carry, and take it into the other world-it won't make any difference. You 'll find the Saviour is within and not without. Now, Joe Benson, a friend of mine, takes your paner. I want to ask him, when my letter comes out, to take it right over to the old lady and explain it to her, and, if she don't understand it; do the best you can to make her, Joe, that 's all. and if I don't pay you before you get out of that

shell of yours I will when you do. Good-day. March 9.

Theodore Hill.

and that not guided by even Christian skill, and My name was Theodore Hill, 1 was forty-two all the gift there was to it was the gift of years of age. I was on board the steamer Presitickets to the dignified and pride-bloated Presbydent, when she sprung aleak and foundered at terian Assembly that rode over it in omnibuses, sea. I left on land a wife and child. My wife and, stopping the teams near the centre, held a has joined me in the spirit-world. That child, a prayer and praise meeting, and thanked and son, remains. I wish to open communication praised the Lord for what man alone had given with him if I can. I wish him to know that I them-the ride, and what labor and capital had live, that I have the power to return, and that given, or loaned on large interest, to the travellife is made up of successive gradations-a step higher and a step higher, all along the way, and this exhibition of folly, we copy the following that the needs of the soul; as a human soul, are extract from the St. Louis_Globe of May 29th. always looked out for and provided for, and In the dedication meeting, above referred to, therefore this spirit-world becomes a natural Rev. Dr. Wilson, among other words, said : world, adapted to the needs of our human nature, for, be it understood, we do not leave our able and historic in their lives, and may I not express a hope that what we have done to-day may be typical and prophetic of that which is to be in the future when the Church of the Lord human natures here with the body; we take them along with us, and therefore have need of a natural world in which to exhibit them. Now, I would have my son look this matter fair in the face, and shake hands with it. Be it devil or angel, turn no coward's back to it, but come straightway up to it and find out what it is. If it's wood mole we of the if it is the back down it is and blessedness to all that dwell upon the face of the earth. ['Ilear ! hear !' and applause.] I I would have my son look this matter fair in the

ITEMS OF TRAVEL.

BY WARREN CHASE.

having read most of the prominent clergymen

out of the ranks of respectability, and shatter-

ed the confidence of the people in all the

popular churches. The Swing trials and Cha-

pin trials, and Patton scourge and Collier's

whip, have nearly used up Orthodoxy; and

the usually quiet Catholics have not escaped

dissentions and divisions that it will take more

than the great toe of the Pope to heal. Dis-

integration is going on rapidly, with promise of

a great harvest for free religion and Spiritual-

ism, which builds on the same organic platform

and will ultimately be involved in the same

great struggle for a free press, free pulpit and

free rostrum, through which all truth may be

held up and error left free to put it down in a fair

It will be a last day of reckoning for sectarian

bigotry when the pulpit and press are free to

criticise its pretentions, and Chicago certainly

gives signs of this coming day, and the people show a wonderful readiness to sustain the advo-

cates of free discussions, not only of religious

but of all subjects. They are not afraid of error

when 'truth is free; but restrain the truth and shut it out and stop its mouth, and error may

triumph as it has in the past and does largely at

the present. Our heart is gladdened daily with

the glowing prospects of our cause, and the sure

signs that the Spiritual Philosophy will soon be

scientifically established and proclaimed, and en-

ter as a fact into the new religious and social or-

ganizations of society that are sure to arise out

of the disintegrated fragments of the present or-

der. We shall not do without religious organiza-

found in the Bible, will no longer answer, but

must be set aside, and a better basis, for both

morals and justice, inaugurated instead. No

wonder our clergy has become corrupt, as shown

in Chicago and Brooklyn. What else would be

expected with such authority as the Bible for a

code of morals? Moses, Jacob, David, Solomon,

Paul, Peter, Judas, or even Jesus, as given in

Apochryphal history, which (except by Catholic

authority) is as good as the canonical. Chris-

tians, stand from under ! Your tall steeples and

creeds are coming down to make way for a better

PIOUS TWADDLE AND MAGNIFICENT NON-

sense.-The St. Louis Bridge-not the tunnel

and approaches-has at length been completed

and opened for the crossing of footmen and a

few carriages. At the opening, the wonderful

structure was solemnly dedicated to the Loffp

Gop, and His Holiness thanked for giving them

(the Christians) the magnificent thoroughfare

out of his great bounty, when, in fact, English

capital paid for it and Infidel labor created it,

ing public. To show that we are not falsifying

"You have thus made it a day that is memor-

Jesus Christ shall take possession of all the great

state of things.

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CHRISTIANITY IN CHICAGO. - The sectarian

LIST OF LECTURERS.

LIGHT.

[To be useful, this list should be reliable. It therefore behooves Societies and Lecturers to promptly notify us of appointments, or changes of appointments, whenever and wherever they occur. This column is devoted exclusively headings of the Christian religion have been to lecturers, without charge. If the name of any person not terribly shattered in this commercial and relia lecturer should by mistake appear, we desire to be so ingious metropolis of the West, the Daily Times [ormed.]

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Thomas C. Chisholm.

How do you do, Mr. Chairman? I have had somewhat of a struggle to make my way here, in overcoming opposing conditions, of which I had but little knowledge; but as there was a mistake in the minds of my friends respecting my manner of death, I have been very, very anxious to put in an appearance somewhere: to speak for myself, even though I might not be heard, or, if I was, not received.

My friends, I believe, one and all suppose that L-committed suicide, which is very far from the truth. To be sure'I had met with serious financial losses, and had been upset in many ways, but not to that extent to unbalance me in mind. and force me to take my own life. I never had such a thought, and when I was apprized, in my new life on the other side, of what my friends thought, I was utterly confounded; but come to look over the whole matter, I don't think it is so strange now, but their every thought in that direction has a tendency to make me severely unhappy here in this life.

I want my friends to understand that I had not the courage to take my own life, even if I had felt inclined in that direction, Again, I never had any inclination that way, and I would have them abandon the idea now and forever. I was going across Jersey Ferry, when I made a misstep, and instead of striking terra firma, I went down. It was about a quarter of ten P. M., somewhere, I think, about the first week in December. My name, sir, Thomas C. Chisholm. My business, before I retired from it, was that of a grain-dealer in Chicago. Good-day.

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it's good, make use of it; if it's bad, denounce it. That is all Good day. March 9.

Seame conducted by Professor Dayton. -----

MESSAGES TO BE PUBLISHED.

Turning, March 10. - Oakes Ames; Charley White; James L. Libby; Annie Doran, to Sister Agnes, of the Catholic Unarity School, Thurnaloy, March 12. - David Ryder, to his son in West Philadelphia, Pa.; Ah Sin, to his father Ah Chung, of Sacramento, Cal.; Annie Carler, of New-York, to her mother

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 Monday, April 6, John H. Taylor, of Bath, Me., to his mother; Lieut, Howard M. Burnham, of Long Meadow, Mass., Battery H. Fifth Arthlery; Bafus Meade, American Consul at San Juan del Sur; Jean Cleggins; Mattie Stillman, of New York City, to her mother; Margaret Gray, of Stillman street, Boston, to her children.
 Tucaday, April 7, -George W. Palfrey, once an engineer on the Eastern Railroad; Mary Stevens, of Roxbury, Mass.; Betty Fendersen; Luke West; Patrick Minnahen, of San Francisco, Cal.
 Thuraday, April 9, -Allco Watkins, of Augusta, Me.; John P. Allen, of Sudbury, Mass.; to his family; Tommie Cline, of Boston.
 Monday, April 13, -Lleut, Summer Paine, of the 25th Mass.; Annetta Gilbert, to Mrs. Elizabeth Welden; Nathan Halburton, to his brother; Dr, Anson P. Hooker, of Cambridge, Mass.; 4, -Miles Thompson, to his friend Philips, of Lewiston, Me., to her brother's family; Allee T. Abbot, of St. Louis, to Mrs. Lizzle T: Abbot, St. Louis, St. Mars.

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 Thuraday, April 16.—Col. George L. Prescoit, of the 32d Mass.; Tad Lincoln; Harriet E. Smith, of Baltimore; Minnle, (Em-mu-ne-es-ka,) to friends in Washington, Monday, April 20.—Tom Hogan, to his wife; Fannle Dillon, of Boston, to her mother; Eleanor, to Hiram Thomas, of Youngstown, Niagara Co., N. Y.; Apn Merrick; Dick Turpin, Tueaday, April 21.—Johnny Albro, to Mrs. Måry Albro, of New York City; Seth Hinshaw; Jules Faher, to his friends in New York City; James Henry Henderson, to Mittaney, Intellation, Manday, Janes Henry Henderson, to Mittaney, Intellation, Janes Henry Henderson, to Markaney, Janes Henry, Janes Henry, Janes Janes, Janes,

his father. Thursday, April 21, -Julia Hathaway; George Peabody, to friends in London, Eng.; Edna Barrett, of Bleecker street, New York City; Mamie Emerson, to her father; David Walbridge, of Missouri, to his brother William, in Contempt

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 Monday, April 27. – Bettey Taylor, of Cambridge, to Monday, April 27. – Bettey Taylor, of Cambridge, to her relatives; Illiam Erleson, to friends; Georgie Kalbe, of New York City.
 Tursday, April 23. – Georgie Davis, to his mother; Hen-ry Francis Adams, to his mother; Sanuel Gerrish, of Portsmonth, N. H.; Mary Jane Willets.
 Thursday, April 20. – Jonathan Hamila, of Maine; Jane Ellot, of Worcester, Mass., to her children; Judith Gates, of Portsmonth, N. H.; Senator Lane; George W. Olney, of Auburn, to his mother.
 Monday, May 4. – John Graham, of the Penn, Reserve Corps; Sabrina Jameson, of Ullea, N. Y.; Dr. Thomas Gilchrist, of Canada East; Tommle M'Cann, of Boston, Tursday, May 4. – John Graham, of Albaux, N. Y.; Ma-ry Kulghts, of Old Town, to her mother: David-Ames; Eliza Crane, of Portsmouth, N. H.; John Dilloway; Erra S. Gannett.

Eliza Crane, of Portsmourn, N. H.; John Dimoway; P.Ara S. Gameti, Thursday, May 7.—Adella Frances Williams, of New York, to her mother; William Dennett, of Portsmouth, N. H.: Betsey Carter, of Boston, to her son; Comfort Starkweather, to her daughter; Capt. Win, Hacker, Monday, May H.—Ben Watkins, of Missouri; Matthew Perkins; James Irwin, to his friends in Tennessee; Mar-garet Ellen Brown, of Nashville, Tenn, to her mother, Monday, June 5.—Robert Owen; Robert Garrett, of Bos-ton; Elsie Patten, of New Jersey, to her mother; Joseph Libby.

Libby, Tucsiey, June 16, --John Von Zhelkle, of New Orleans, to his wife and son; Marietta Reade: L. Judd Pardee, to his friend George; Warren Favor, to his mother in Lowell, Mass.; Kittle Ross, of Loch Lone, Scotland, to her brother James

would propose, brethren, as I do not intend to make a speech at all, that we, assembled here, join in singing together the long metre doxology, as an expression of our thanksgiving to Almighty God for what we have seen and felt this

day. The assemblage then sang the doxology-

'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!'" That "when" is well put in, and is as indefinite as the looked-for second coming of an earthly king to rule over the Jews and Christians, and will no doubt be at the same time. Neither the church nor their Lord God will ever take charge of the man-made highways of this nation till liberty, science and reason are extinct. This old dried-up dignity may croak and boast of God's doing what man alone does, but it cannot construct nor run a railroad, nor navigate a river. It takes the Bloodsoes and profane workmen to do that, as it did the profane drivers of the omnibuses to take this pious group over the bridge. Col. J. H. Britton (not. Rev.) replied to the silly stuff in the following sop :

"Mr. Moderator-I am not a speech-maker, but take great pleasure in saying, sir, that noth-ing could have afforded the Illinois and St. Louis Bridge Company more pleasure than to have this bridge dedicated in this manner. Our chief engineer, to whose superior skill we are indebt-ed mainly for this great work, is absent. I regret that he is not here to respond in more appropriate terms.'

Lucky that Capt. Eades was absent, for he is

well known to have about as much of that kind of religion as his gunboats, which he made for the Government during the war, had of rebel sympathy—or about as much as we have. Capt. Eades is not, of course, the owner of the bridge but if he was, he would not give it to the Lord nor his church, although he might give the preachers passes for their prayers and praises; but we doubt it. Rev. Cyrus Dickson said, in his remarks :

"I have thought, while we were passing over this magnificent structure, of the time, one hun-dred and forty years ago, when the plous La Salle and Hennepin came down the Illinois River from the lakes in a bark canoe, and landed in St. Louis, then a great wilderness, with no other white men around them. And what has not God wrought in our eyes? And this is the intention of Al-mighty God, that such rivers should be spanned, that God's people and his blessed gospel should go everywhere."

go everywhere." There are some people in St. Louis who can be tickled with this kind of nonsense, and who think these old fossils, who occasionally crawl out from their holy temples, have an influence with God, and that their prayers are of some value; but most of the people know better. It reminds us of the croaking of the old frogs in the spring, when the winter and its ice has been driven away by sun and spring showers. They come out and thank God for warming up the wa-ter and removing the ice so they can sing his down. It was about a quarter of ten P. M.,
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THE LAKE The summer dawn's reflected bin
 To purple charged Lech Katrine's blue; Mildly and soft the western lavere Just kissed the lake, just strifed the trees, And the pleased lake, like maiden coy, ...

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Hath been to me a more familiar face. Than that of many and in her starry shade Of dim and solitary loveliness. Theatnest the language of another world, - (Byron,

It is one sign of the tendency of human nature to goodness that it grows good under a thousand bad influences

- Chaining.

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- The water lify joure and fair,
- And from her golden-hearted challes gave A subtle perfume to the summer air,
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After the spearmint was brought the medium became wholly entranced, and her spirit guide, Dr. Brown, said :. "We are going to make some medicine for the lady that is sick "-a Mrs. Taylor, sitting in the circle-"and the conditions are so very favorable, we think we can materialize it so it can be seen." Then the medium moved about within the circle, making, passes, and apparently gathering something from the atmosphere.

The spirits then called for singing, and the medium approaching a gentleman, Mr. Winchester by name, asked him to hold his hands. one above the other, about a foot apart, when she, placing her hands between his and rubbing them together a moment, dropped into his hand beneath hers a pill about half the size of a pea. She continued this process until the gentleman's hand was filled full of pills, the materials of which had been taken from the atmosphere, Just before and while the making of the pills was going on, a strong smell of medicine pervaded the room. At first the pills were quite soft and plastic, but afterwards became hard. The lady for whom they were intended was directed to take one each morning. Whether she will be cured or not remains to be seev. _--

The fact that the pills were made in the manner that I have stated is certain, and will be tes tified to by all the persons present, whose names will be furnished to any one who desires to investigate this matter further. I think this is about the only case on record where materializations of a solid substance has been made, and the thing materialized remain intact. The pills are evidently possessed of great medicinal qualitles, as they are very pungent both to the smell and taste: In view of this fact-what next?

black curtain gave some playful lifts, itapping up and down, then became still; and the little white curtain was lifted aside again and again, exactly as by a gentle human hand. The four hands of flesh remained on the table touching each other without a moment's intermission. Then slowly ascended from the lower side of the aperture a phosphorescent light, until it filled the round hole, and the black curtain was its frame. It reminded one of a face, yet it was not a strong, sure outline. As more and more it formed into shape the medlum exclaimed: "Why it is you. It looks like a reflection of you. It is your cast of face." The spectator thereupon beyour cast of face." The spectator thereupon be-gan to talk to it, delightedly, rapturously, giving it fond, familiar welcome. With recognition it grew-more distinct, as though it were coaxed into life, All smiling animation, it bowed and bowed, and bowed again, retreating. "Talk to it," said the medium, "you have

It returned ; the features grew brightpower," er, until it was a beautiful, womanly, fascinat g face, all sweetness and exquisite mirth-the ball of light developing into eyebrows, nose, eyes, a tinge of red on the checks and lips, all forming a miracle of loveliness, but never absolately distinct nor seeming to be actually a tan-gible something. But as it finally became almost strongly distinct, it was a face artistic to the last degree

The phantom did not demean herself, with the traditional ghostly gravity. She left the aper-ture, and in lightning movement bobbed a peakthe scale is over," said the medium. The doctr, "and in agriculture to over the second second with a big black hood on. Then she peeped over the top of the curtain, and played between the two; then reappeared at the aperture, bowed her "good night," and faded away. "The scale is over," said the medium. The doctr, is however, the second to be with the disc

ghostly influences refused to go with the disap-pearance of the apparition. The solid table upperance of the appartition. The solid table up-lifted itself, wriggled, and turned, crowding it-self against the two beings of flesh, and nearly "smashed one of its sharp corners into an elegant walnut and inlaid writing desk. "We will stop this now," said the medium. "Come again and "see what another sitting may reveal." The spec-ture solid. "Is it an ordinary thing that rear see, what another string may reveal. In the spec-tator said: "Is it an ordinary thing that your visitors behold apparitions like that of this even-ing ??" "Oh, no," answered the medium; "only after many sittings. Few persons resign their activity readily. You were passive as soon as we seated ourselves at the table."

we seated ourselves at the table." The next evening, after due scrutiny, the same two in silence and dimness again awaited the coming of the disembodied. Suddenly, on the left side of the spectator, came a loud, hollow whisper—"Good-evening." So unexpected and atterly sepatheral, this was startling. The ball of light was delightsome, but this, in the cir-cumstances, was sufficient to make an ordinary, mortal jump and scream. The same and other mortal jump and scream. To make an ordinary mortal jump and scream, The same and other common phrases of salutation were then whis-pered on the right; then with instantaneous change, above, and here and there, all around. The visitor's hind and forchead were brushed as by a head of hair. The medium, who had no personal knowledge of the visitor, became en-tranced and delivered an address. In reply to the inquiry, "Who was the spirit that showed the face," he said: "She calls herself Mary." the face The visitor had buried a sister Mary.

Free Speech.

As there seems to be a willful and persistent determination, on the part of certain individuals, to misinterpret a portion of my notice concerning the approaching Camp Meeting at Silver Lake Grove, will you allow me a few llnes in your columns, Mr. Editor, to define my position in relation to a "free platform "?

I trust that I may be permitted-without incurring the charge of egotism or vain boastingto make the necessary statement, that for almost a quarter of a century I have been before the public in the capacity of manager or chairman of Sunday meetings, grove meetings; numerous conventions-State and national-and, last summer, of the largest gathering of Spiritualists ever held in this or any other country. I refer to our annual Camp Meeting at Silver - Lake Grove, Plympton. During all these years I have made engagements with most of the prominent lecturers in the ranks of Spiritualism, and also with very many liberal, radical and progressive lecturers who were not Spiritualists - These speakers, during their engagements, have addressed hundreds of thousands of interested auditors, and I challenge any or all of the babblers about "free speech" or a "free platform " to present one single instance in which I have ever dictated to a lecturer in regard to the subject on which he or she should speak, or in any way attempted to restrain the fullest and freest expression of in-I recognize the fact that Spiritualism is unlimited in its scope, and embraces all that be longs to the highest interests of humanity, and hence that it is legitimate and proper to discuss every subject which concerns the healthful and harmonious development of the race. I hold, however, that all things should be done "decently, and in order ;" that confusion and strife, and an unwarrantable usurpation of the rights of others upon the public platform, is "anarchy;" and also that, since "truth is many-sided," for any individual or association of individuals to urge their peculiar views, or to advocate any one branch of reform to the exclusion of others, is a subversion of that very "freedom of speech" and of the platform, which it has been and ever shall be my most earnest effort to maintain.

gravings or drawings, therefore are not genuine. As we do not know in what form spirits may present anything to be photographed, his me-diumship ought to be made a matter of close investigation before any opinions are formed on the subject.

FLORENCE MAPLES -- Last Saturday, at a se ance with Miss Showers, at Mrs. Makdougall Gregory's, 21 Green-street, Grosvenor-square, W., the materialized spirit, Florence Maples, would not allow light to fall upon her entraineed medium, but the lad Ms. W. W. Dansky lists the adjust but she led Mr. H. M. Dunphy into the cabinet, and stood, by his side while she placed his hand upon the chest of Miss Showers. Mr. Dunphy thus felt her breathing. The dark room used as a cabinet had been examined before the scance began ; the second door to the cabinet was locked, and a large plano placed against it ; the win-dow was high above the street, their being other rooms below. Among the guests present at this scance were Mrs. Ross-Church, Miss Doughasand Mr. W. H. Harrison.

New Publications.

BRITTAN'S QUARTERLY for April proffers a list of contents to which all Spiritualists and students in Spiritualism will instinctively turn their attention. The first paper is by Prof. Brittan himself, on our favorite correspondent, J. M. Perbles; and it is unnecessary to add that it does the mental and spiritual character of that gentleman full jus tice. It is an analytic sketch, and yet of the effect of a plo A skillful hand had wrought it, and the subject is one well worthy of the work. Alfred Cridge contributes a thoughtful article on "Creeds and Conduct," abounding In suggestions of great practical and personal value, . ** The Angel in the Dream ** is a fine turn of what many are ready to denominate a fantasy, but which is the living germ of an undenlable reality. Fanny Green McDougal contrib-utes some verses, entitled "Songs of the Winds," and further on an article with the suggestive title of "Adam. the Father of Men;" "Silent Voices," by Prof. Brittan; 'The Wings of Science: Matter, Ether and Spirit, " by Judge Israel Dille; "The Gates of the Morn," poetry, by Belle Bush; "The Platform," by Charlotte B. Wilbour; "Lesson of Life," poetry, by J. Elfreth Watkins; Swe-denborg, by George Sexton, M. D., 1,J., D.; "Barbar-ism and Civilization," by Prof. Brittan; "The Editor at Home:", "Judge Israel Dille," by the Editor; "Socra-tes and Evil Splrits;" and Original Music-"The Solar Harp," by Prof. George Harrison, complete the full loofy of this excellent number. In this able, learned, acute and scholarly Quarterly, the Spiritualists of the United States have a review which it is their bounden duty to sustain with the utmost liberality. If they have a cause, it is their duty to sustain it; and it cannot be done so effectively as by upholding with money these representative, advanced and worthy publications. Itse representative auxilier and they have every reason to be proud. Yet it is not from pride that they are appealed to for its maintenance; it is that it may be endowed with the means of public joint the great work, laying deep the buttresses of our faith in the general mind, and opening to the higher as well as the lower classes of mind a field in which they can find thoughts with which to actively engage their own. The fullness and variety of the April Issue of the Quarterly will escape the attention of none. The topics treated are none too grave for popular appreciation, while the thoroughness, the ec-lecticism, and the scholarly finish that appear in the whole, stamp this periodicil as one worthy to be zealously uphele by all those who have the good and the future of Spiritualisin at heart.

22- It was certainly with no sort of design to disparage the literary character of Mrs. Marie Howland that, in a recent notice of "Papa's Own Girl," in these columns, we incidentally made a critical reference to the very clos resemblance between her name and that of another highly popular authoress. We were well aware that Marie How nd was a somewhat voluminous magazine writer, but always supposed it was a nom de plume nevertheless. .We are now too happy, however, to correct an error as publicly as we have fallen into it, and therefore publish the accompanying note from the popular authoress of "Papa's Own

panying note from the popular authoress of "Papa's Own (ifri') herself: To the Editor of the Banner of Light: DEAR SILE-Your book critic is allowed to say in your last issue that Marie Howland is guilty of verybad taste, at least, in choosing a nom de plume so exceedingly like that chosen by another novelist-Marion Harland. He so gracious as to allow me to say through your col-umns that, if my real name. Marie Howland-which is certainly pretty well known to the readers of our principal magazines-liappens to be like the non de plume of anoth-er writer, so much the worse for that writer; for mine is my real and legal name. Very sincerely yours. Hammonton, N. J., June 17th, 1874.

TEMPEST TOSSED, by Theodore Tilton, is a romance of power by a well-known author and writer, whose name has recently been brought into still greater notice in connection.with that of Mr. Beecher. The title of his story will doubiless suggest to most persons the experiences of the spirit that has produced it. On the little vessel, The Coromanded, which was built for the Sir John Franklin Expe-dition by three Boston merchants in 1817, he has based a tale of a castaway's experience. It is full of character. event, action and life. It reads itself into the sympathy and the brain at once. Mr. Tilton has here evidently wrought out a work long sleeping in his thought, and at last it comes out hotly and like an impatient purpose. It will be popular on its own merits, but the struggle he has now entered upon with a tyrant form of Ecclesiasticism will greatly tend to draw attention to what he has here produced with power. Published by Sheldon & Co., New York.

THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL, translated from the French of Edmund Villetard, editor of the Joura subject possessing a very wide interest, and is made fresh and yet more comprehensible to the American reader by the introduction, written by Prof. Henry N. Day, the author of several well-known works on educational topics All those who are thinking at all seriously on the conflict going on between Labor and Capital, will be glad to find the whole question stated in clear and definite form in this little volume. Published by Richmond & Patten, New Haven, Conn. Marion Todd publishes "SOCIAL LIFE," a tale for the imes, in paper covers, It is an interesting story, and its discussions of social questions makes it even more so. A. Williams & Co, have "KEYES' HAND-BOOK OF NORTHERN PLEASURE TRAVEL," to the White and Franconta Mountains, St. Lawrence and Saugonay Rivers, the Northern Lakes; and Montreal and Quebec. Its fin maps and profuse illustrations double the value of its full and accurate directions, which are just in time for the public's demand. THE GREAT PRESBYTERIAN CONFLICT IS a large though not stout volume, printed in Chicago, and contain-ing the entire history of the famous trial of Prof. Swing, with portraits of both himself and Mr. Patton, the serand the former which gave rise to the trial, and the arguments and what followed. It is well worth all that is asked for it as a reference and review of this noted affair. THE SEXUAL QUESTION and the Money Power, is the itle of a lecture delivered by Lois Waisbrooker, last Deember, at the annual meeting of the Michigan State Assoclation of Spiritualists. This little book contains much food for thought. MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF THE DAY Is the name of the annual discourse before the Massachusetts Medical Society, delivered June 3d, by Nathan Allen, M. D. 1t is very handsomely published by A. Williams & Co.

Spiritualist Lectures and Lyceums.

MEETINGS IN BOSTON. John A. Andrew Hall. – Free Meetings. – Lecture by Mrs. S. A. Floyd, at 3 and 8 r. M. The audience priv-lieged to ask any proper questions on spirituality. Ex-cellent quartette singing. Public invited. The Children's Progressive Lyceum, No. 1, which formerly met in Eliot Hall, will hold its sessions at this place, corner Chauncy and Esser streets, over Sunday, at 10% o'clock. G. W. S. French, Secretary.

and Esser streets, every Sunday, at 10% 0 clock, st. w. S. Freinch, Serretary, *The Lodies' Spiritualist Aid Society* meets in Cotton Hall, corner of Chauney and Esser streets. Meetings every Tuesday afternion. Free Sociables in the evening, MBS, C. C. Hayward, President: Mrs. E. M. Mead, Secretary, *The People's Spiritual Meetings* at Nassau Hall, corner Washington and Common streets, every Sunday at 10% A. M. and 3 P. M. Good speakers or test mediums always Direent. *Codman Hall*, 176 *Tremont street*, -Sunday morning, cir-cle Mrs. Beile Bowditch, medium, At1P, M. afregaelreite

Codman Hall, 176 Tremont street, —Sunday morning, Cir-cle, Mrs. Relie Bowditch, medium. At 11: M. a free circle. At mediums Invited. Evening, free conference, Thos, E. Moon, President, A. Lyceum also meets in this hall. Colton Hall.—Mrs. Lottle Taber and other mediums will hold scances at 10¹⁵ A. M. In this hall, corner of Chauncy and Esser streets. *New Fredernity Hall.*—Council No. 1 of Boston holds meetings very Sunday at this hall, corner of Berkeley and Appleton streets. Lectures afternoon and evening.

BOSTON BJohn A. Andrew Hall. -- Mrs. S. A. Floyd's lectures were well attended and guite interesting, Sunday, June 24th. These meetings are to be continued through July and August.

Notice,-The Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1, of Boston, have leased Old Fraternity Hall, 551 Washington street, for Lyceum purposes and Spiritualist headquarters. Per order Board of Directors, G. W. FRENCH, Clerk.

Cotton Hall,-The morning meeting last Sunday was pretty well attended. Mrs. Taber supplied the spiritual food. A number of those who attend meetings in this hall skatted for the "wildymam" of Dr. Newell in a deep-shaded grove at the foot of Blue Hill, on the estate of Mr. Eldridge, on a grove meeting, but the intensely hot weather and the distance to be walked after leaving the cars caused some to turn back, but those who '' went through '' enjoy ed themselves, all things considered, very well. At the evening meeting in Cotton Hall, Mr. Ripley gave several convincing tests, and Mr. Thomas Cook made some pertinent remarks.

Movements of Lecturers and Mediums.

Miss R. Augusta Whiting, in a note dated at her home in Albion, Mich., says: "My mother's ill health and other unforeseen circumstances have compelled the postponemen of the Eastern trip, which 1 had partially arranged early in the season, and detailed me at and near home up to this time. But I have not been lidle. I am now ready to receive propositions for Sunday engagements during the coming fall and winter; and, if desired, and applied for immediately, will fill the months of September and October in the East."

Mrs. H. M. Higgins, clairvoyant and test medium, car are, it. $M_{\rm c}$ in figure, charten and the data income the consulted daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. In the ante-room of Cotton Hall, corner of, Chauncy and Essex streets, Boston. Her terms are moderate.

J. Wm. Fletcher closed a four mouths' engagement in Lawrence, Mass., June 28th. He will speak in Ayer Junetion the first two Sundays in July. The meetings in Law-rence were aftended with flattering success, and he is engaged for the fail. Susle Willis Fletcher lectures in Manchester the third Sunday In July.

Dr. Robert Greer, of Chicago, Ill., is now ready to re-spond to calls to lecture on "The Vital Phenomena of Human Magnetism, and its wondrous power over health and disease. '

Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn continues to speak to large audiences in Mercantile Library Hall, San Francisco, on Sunlays, afternoon and evening.

Mr. Henry C. Lull will becture in Auburn, Maine, July oth and 12th. Is open for engagements during the remain der of the month. Address him as peradvertisement.

Warren Chase delivers the oration at Colfax, Iowa, July ith, and lectures in Council Bluffs July 12th and 19th. 1n Omahn, Neb., July 24th and Aug. 2d. Our subscribers and friends will find it convenient to subcribe and to renew subscriptions with him, and also to obtain any of our pub lications from him and by order through him.

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou has been speaking during the past month to large audiences in Turnverein Hall, Sacramento, Cal., under the auspices of the Spiritual Society of that city.

Mrs. S. A. Rogers Heyder would like to make engage ments in the southern States for an autumn and winter campaign, on account of the extreme cold in the New England States, Mrs. Heyder being too sensitive to the cold since her sickness. Address Haverhill, Mass.

Geo. A. Fuller will speak at the Grove Meeting at Plynouth, N. H., July 4th and 5th; Bradford the 12th, and a Washington the 19th.

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A. E. CARPENTER. Boston, Mass., June 18th, 1874.

From the New York Sun, Tuesday, June 16th, 1574. Uproar in a Ghost Shop.

The Unexplained Freaks of an Unmanageable Table—The libest that was a Miraello of Beauty —An Account of a Spectral Scance Written by a Reporter who Believes it all.

A four-legged black-walnut table, with its two leaves outspread ; a black curtain of glazed cam-bric, two yards wide and a yard and a half deep, hung loosely on a string that stretched across the room at the height of a short man's head, the bottom of the curtain reaching to the top of the table; in the curtain a round hole larger than a. face, a white-napkin or large handkerchief at-tached to the black curtain as a screen over the hole; two persons, a tall, pale medium, who was anything but a wizard, and one spectator who, after thoroughly inspecting the room, could safe-ly aftirm that it had the usual luxuries of a New York parlor, and no traps or anything extraor-dinary more than the string, the curtain, and the uncovered table-these made up the scene of the scance.

the scance, ""Why the black curtain?" the spectator ask-ed. The medium answered: "To make the ap-parition plainer by contrast. If the walls of the room were papered brown or some dark color, there would be no need of the curtain; but these spirits of light do not show so well with a white out. Whether was chall get anything at all 1. I.do wall. Whether we shall get anything at all, I do not know. There may be something to hear, or something to see, or there may be nothing. We have to take just what comes: it will not be from my dictation."

The two persons sat down, placed their hands touching each other on the table, whereon there was nothing else but a slate. With the gas turndown to a ghostly dimness, in silence they waited not one minute. There came instantly a tapping-tapping – knocking-knocking on the floor, on the table, on the slate. A large, loose package of leaves, not folded, was in the specta-tor's shallow side pocket some distance below the table. A feeling as of a mouse running up his garments two or three times startled him, inasmuch as the medium was not within arm's length of the mouse feeling, and only mice or disembod-led spirits could be so nimble. Then up from the spectator's pocket came suddenly the loose leaves of paper and slapped themselves down on the table under his nose. In the wide shallow pocket there stayed undisturbed a lead pencil, penknife, and miscellaneous light scraps of paper.

Lights appeared on the spectator's hand, on the table, in divers other parts of the room; for the most part seen by only the medium. The

All lovers of the Truth, all sincere laborers in the great field of Reform, and all earnest advocates of human freedom, are cordially invited to the approaching Camp Meeting at Silver Lake Grove, with the express understanding that their acts and utterances will only be restrained by what is due to the rights of others, and the necessary order of regulations for the platform and the occasion.

The valuable assistance of Dr. H. B. Storer has been secured in conducting the exercises upon the platform, and the well-known courtesy and liberality of this friend of Progress will in: sure a free and impartial hearing to all welldisposed and orderly persons.

Yours, for Freedom and Justice,

Boston, June 24th, 1874. H. F. GARDNER. ----

Foreign Items of Interest.

From the London Spiritualist of June 19th, 1 M.R. MORSE'S INTENDED VISIT TO AMERICA. Mr. J. J. Morse, the best of our native English trance mediums, intends to visit the United States in the autumn, and an announcement to that ef-fect has already been published in the Banner of Light. He expects to leave England about the second week in October, a few days after his annual soirie. Last Sunday he delivered an inspi-rational lecture to a crowded meeting in Newcasthe. There was a full attendance, although the counter attraction of a lecture by Mr. Bradlaugh had been expected to reduce the number present.

MRS. TAPPAN IN DARLINGTON.-Mr. G. R. Hinde, of Eastbourne, Darlington, writes to state that the trance orations recently delivered by Mrs. Tappan in that town have done wery much good in the locality for the cause of Spiritualism; rangements are consequently being made for the residence of Mrs. Tappan in Darlington during the whole of the month of July, during which used do will deliver between each or the second period she will deliver lectures anywhere within a radius of thirty miles of her abode, and friends in Darlington will bear a portion of the expenses.

M. BUGUET, the medium and spirit photographer, has won a great name among Parisian Spir-itualists, but it is said that in some of his pictures the spirits appear to be photographed from en. I ment for her sins?

Twenty-five Years Ago.

I had no intention, when I wrote the article under the above heading, to provoke a controversy ; least of all with one of the best men and clearest teachers that the ranks of Spiritualism have yet produced.

However, S. B. Brittan comes to my aid in stat-ing that "Fishbough is pulling teeth, and Fer-nald keeping a boarding-house." The fact that these great teachers are on the back seat is proof that the world does not need them as teachers on the whetherm the platform.

Surely Mr. B. must know that, having learned the multiplication table once, we do not need to be forcer learning it, but rather to go out into the world and make applications of it; nor that the most beautiful airs from the grandest operas become tiresome by frequent repetition. The old Spiritualists of twenty-five years ago

have learned the A B C of spiritual truth, and its repetition is tedious to them, and that is what I intended to convey in that article. And while I am about it I will state a case wherein these great teachers can come to the front again and give the thinkers something to do. "Katie said that she should never be able to speak or show her face again; that she had had a weary and sad three years' life working of her sins in producing these physical manifestations, and that she was about to rise higher in spirit-life."

(From the farcoell scance of Katie King, the spirit. See Banner of Light, June 20th.) Now will some of these great teachers tell us what is sin? and did "Katie" tell the truth when she said she had been making an atone-A. MILTENBERGER.

The Soldier's Widow Fund.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following donations in behalf of the soldier,'s widow and children, whose case was mentioned in Mrs. DeWitt's letter in the Banner of June 20th :

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Test Medium Wanted.

DEAR BANNER - Will not some reliable test medium and speaker, one of natural talent and "spiritual gifts," visit West Virginia, especial-ly Staunton and the rest of the "Valley," and demonstrate the truth as it is in Spiritualism? There are many inquirers, but no demonstra-tions. The country is delightful, and the people hospitable. J. F. SNIPES. New York. hospi<u>tab</u>le. J. F. SNIPES, New York.

To Correspondents.

55 No attention is paid to anonymous communications, Name and address of writer in all cases indispensable as a guaranty of good faith. We cannot undertake to preserve or return communications not used.

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