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Part II.  
SPIRITUS PLANTAGINARIUS

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

Mr. Thomas Slater, an old-established optician in the Easton 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

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. Beattie'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 book-seller, Nicolai, of Berlin—the 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 independently in different parts of England, separately con-

and Foreknowledge, Will and Fate,' and hold his own against them. I have put to him the most difficult questions in psy-







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.

Oh, 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.

## Banner 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 won 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 her absence.

The other friend is Mrs. H. 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 number 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, devoted wife and self-sacrificing mother. Mrs. W. was a profound thinker—one of those minds that readily solve great questions by conclusive arguments; she could calculate safely for the future, and oftentimes was in advance, and had to wait the action of tardy minds before she could be understood. Our friends have already manifested their presence to us in a tangible manner, and tell me to assure the world that "two more souls have gone on rejoicing in the faith of Spiritualism."

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 evenings each week. Mrs. C. M. Sawyer has returned, and gives public cabinet séances Wednesday and Friday evenings at Grow's Opera Hall.

Mrs. Parry holds circles for cabinet manifestations twice a week, at the residence of Dr. Maxwell, 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 have had the pleasure of being present twice when Mrs. Suydam gave her "fire test," and consider it most remarkable. Mrs. S. is entranced 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 flame, and will wash with burning alcohol, eat the flame, and call it good; handle live coals, taken from a grate or stove. Mrs. Suydam contemplates 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. L. 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 mediums, among whom may be mentioned Mrs. O. I. Johnson, Mrs. L. A. Crocker, Mrs. DeWolfe, Mrs. Crocker, 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. Denton, E. B. Johnson, M. Lathrop, Cyrus Lord. All I have mentioned have good healing powers. So have a large number of others. I think the most of our healers have secured a fine practice. People generally are tired and sick of the old-fashioned treatment, being drugged to death, and yet are not willing to more than half compensate our healers for curing them.

My father, Dr. Cyrus Lord, is working up a good medical practice. Is also holding developing circles three evenings of each week, which seem to give satisfaction to those who have joined. 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 has at last consented to receive small parties—say from five to ten for a séance; but it is necessary to make arrangements a week or two in advance, 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 room; around an extension table, and usually 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 communications have been received in that way.

One evening, not long since, a lady was present 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 spool of thread and fine needle were placed on the slate held under the table, and almost instantly 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.

After sitting as above mentioned, a musical

circle is held, and I learn that all who are privileged to sit in them are well pleased.

Cotton Mather informs us, in the second book of his History of New England, that spirits—*described*—termed them—were at work producing physical manifestations at the house of Wm. Morse, at Newbury, Mass.: "Breeds sticks and stones were often, by invisible hands, 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 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 recorded, 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 regular speaker. He has done a good work here. His controlling influence answers any question that may be asked, concisely, and without hesitation. 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 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—this is a revelation which all should rejoice in, and should awaken faculties 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 express 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 that all could really appreciate and realize not 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, should we only seek it, through this source. If ever I fully appreciate my mediumship, it is when I see people sorrowing for the loved ones who have "gone home"—then all the sacrifices I can make are as nothing, 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 theological darkness and doubt, into the bright sunlight of hope and Spiritualism. I owe much to the inhabitants of the spirit-world, and am willing 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 removed 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 Spiritual Philosophy. Mrs. 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 one hundred 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 clime, surrounded by 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 Lyceum, and I may add that the same feeling prevails in the Society. Our intention is to go ahead and plant the seeds of our beautiful philosophy in the city of Salem."

## 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 materialism or materialism, and in consequence thereof comes under the predominance of the worst part of the world of causes. This explains the prevailing 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 stage of a higher spiritual life. Man must look at his life in the body as a great task which he is utterly unable to perform without seeing beyond it, without believing in its eternal continuity. This belief has to be restored to mankind, 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 passages, I was forcibly impressed with the peculiar inducements offered the public to induce in a "Trip to Europe" this summer. The steamer 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 I 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 beauties of their own country, which cannot be equaled in the whole world.

These ideas occurred to me the other day when passing through Arlington, Lexington, and time-honored and historic Concord. It would seem to me but reasonable that an intimate acquaintance with the thousand and one points of interest "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, Thoreau, Hawthorne, together with a host of brilliant stars of world-wide celebrity that make our "young Republic" more than respectable in the eyes of nations, should claim more of the attention of our sight-seeing and pleasure-loving citizens.

These ideas impressed themselves very forcibly upon my mind by a friend directing my attention to a notice in the Banner having reference

to the annual camp meeting of the Spiritualists, to be held 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 bleaching a delightful rural recreation and the opportunity of rubbing off the rust from memory's calendar by visiting "ye fair and loyal clime of Concord in our good Colony of Massachusetts," as the old record says. As for Lake Walden itself, much has been said, written and sung of its beauties and fascinations, surrounded by its forests and sylvan shades—its ample means of providing for the feast of reason and the flow of soul—its boating, sailing, rowing, driving, singing, music, dancing, *teutung*, and other facilities that delight the ear and charm the mind, making it withal "a place and consummation devoutly to be wished." As for speakers, I am 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 "Chiel among them takin' notes," and shall certainly submit them to the critical judgment of your countless readers, if, as our Robbie Burns has it, "ye wad please to print it."

SCOTIA.

## Free Thought.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO MRS. EMMA HARDINGE BRITTON.

DEAR MADAM—As your letter which was published last week is addressed to the "Spiritualists of America" I need not excuse myself for answering some parts of it. I have been a Spiritualist 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 proves to us that they "still live."

You say "that the Sunday meetings of Spiritualists have failed to supply the spiritual element 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 beautiful teachings of Spiritualism and still be slanderers.

4th. "A harsh-voiced choir in a dirty hall singing 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 me 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, piety," etc. I never have seen a Spiritualist 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 sublime 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 Spiritualists may help those who cannot think without 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 an extended view 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 "vetted 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 defence 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 security-basis, 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 ease 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 moneys laid aside in previous years had been expended, all parties sought the money-lenders as the last resort from certain ruin; and to-day, both Government and people are paying rates of interest four or five times greater than our dividends; bankruptcy and ruin are staring us in the face; and the bankrupt act, like a

dead-fall, is set ready to crush out all remaining elements of vitality. The people may cry out against the monopolies, and the monopolies 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 business channels at greatly reduced rates of interest. CHARLES THOMPSON.

## Foreign Correspondence.

## ECHOES FROM ENGLAND.

NUMBER SEVEN.

BY J. J. MORSE.

Our regular Sunday services in the metropolis are 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 renege 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 *soirée*, was a very happy and harmonious gathering; the other, a public meeting for the advocacy of Spiritualism and the answering of objections, 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, Emma 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 appeared 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 its usefulness.

The subject of cremation has excited considerable 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 ancient incineration. Certain it is our burial services need revising, and that completely.

Mrs. Julia B. Dickinson is, at the time I write, at Liverpool. I understand she has been eminently 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 audiences yesterday. This town is the centre of 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 tapis 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 sneered down. Our numbers increase so rapidly that we spread dismay alike in the camp of the theologian and secularist. The press, while not admitting too much, modifies its aspect. The community 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 questioned, at last inquired into, and finally accepted. As Charles Mackey says:

"As round and round we run,  
For the truth we find no commonest,  
And ever is justice done."

There is one thing wherein we are quite behind "Our American Cousins," and that is in the matter of the Children's Progressive Lyceum. I think there are only four in existence throughout the country. It is a great pity! The training of our young is an important duty; their judicious unfolding an imperative necessity. 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, unsuccessfully, to introduce them in London. I do hope the day of their arrival is not far distant, for, as Spiritualists and progressive reformers, 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 séances. These two gentlemen are the only public 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 abound of all classes, and they effect an incalculable 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.

## The National League of the United States of America.

Circular Letter from the President.

NEW YORK, June 8th, 1874.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETING:

As civilization advances and our views of human nature, relations and duties are more clearly defined, we perceive the necessity for changing the fashion of our institutions. In all things the outward form must ultimately yield to the development of the inward principle. If the inflexibility of the body will not admit of the inevitable expansion, it will be broken in pieces by the growth of the spirit, and the whole fabric fall 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.

The growing intelligence of the age and the progress of enlightened ideas in every department of thought and action, imperatively suggest the necessity for corresponding change in our political institutions. The increasing agitation of the most vital questions, the restlessness of the people in view of the abuses of power, the

widespread 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.

To prepare 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 appointments in the government service; to complete our illustration of democracy by the enfranchisement of Woman; to cleanse the chief sources and channels of political influence, and the end that we may redeem and renew the Republic—these, in short, are the cardinal objects and aims of THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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But it may be a wise economy to this imposition, a heavy tax on ourselves if we may thereby successfully resist this widespread corruption; this tyranny of "damned custom;" and be enabled to shake off the accursed samplings that extract the national life. Corrupt politicians have more than once expended millions in behalf of an unsuccessful 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 Principles.

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