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THE NEW MESSIAH; OR, WHO IS THE **COMFORTER**?

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our number, and we are asked to give the views of the guides of this medium upon the question as to who this Comforter is that was to come upon the earth. You will recollect that the periods of the visitations of the Messiahs to earth have been periods of time in the cycles and records of each nation that may be measured, and just as distinctly stated as any of the epochs of history or the geological periods of the earth's structure: that waves of spiritual thought, absolute visitations of the Divine Mind, have been given to humanity since the beginning of earth's history just in proportion to their needs, or to the culmination of those periods that require them; and we announce as a fact that it is just as much in accordance with the divine beneficence that these epochs of spiritual inspiration shall take place, as it is that through natural laws the worlds and systems of the solar and sidereal heavens shall' be evolved ; that wherever humanity has dwelt there have been evidences of inspiration and spiritual power; that wherever this spiritual power has dwelt there have been culminations in the form of prophets, seers, and saviours : that the visitation of those divine ministrations must be, according to the tracings of history, once in 2,000 or 2,500 years of the earth's history ; that an epoch of spiritual development corresponds to a certain epoch of the earth's physical and national development; and these spiritual forces culminate, presenting to the world their epitome in the form of revelation, Bibles, and various records, and then decline, to give place to the succeeding spiritual epoch that is to .come, All' of this is acknowledged as far as it appertains to the Mosaic and Christian epochs. Previous to that time it has been customary for the religious world of Christendom to deny any inspiration or visitation, believing that the Law of Moses was the first law, and the law of the New Testament the latest expression of Divine power. We shall show that the most enlarged spiritual vision contemplates the period of the entire history of the earth, and believes that there can have been no created nations without also an expression of spiritual power; and that wherever the nations of men have dwelt, there have been messengers from the angels of God, messiahs from his kingdom to give the people the revelation of his truth, The most ancient angel, to which we have sometimes referred in discourses through this medium, was undoubtedly not in Judea, but in ancient Egypt; and the ministrations of his power were not to Rameses, or Moses, but to Cadmus, the founder of Egyptian law, who was also denominated Adam by the people of that ancient land. The scholars of modern thought, in reviewing the ancient tables and records of the cunciform inscriptions and Arundelian marbles, have discovered that the same symbol has been used in nearly all the nations of the earth to express the primary man, or Adam; and undoubtedly the Adam believed in by the Children of Israel was none other than the recorded Adam or Cadmus of the ancient Egpytians, who was the first divine messenger of their history, and

angel-was consecrated the most ancient temple, symbolism of nature, and expressed not only subtlety but also immortality; hence the winged serpent, like the winged sun, represented the attributes of Osiris and Isis, or the father and mother of the human race, the spirit and the form of earth, the godlike mind and the external reveal-These symbols, however, have been lost, their ancient signification has been destroyed, and you are accustomed to think that all the realm of the East which was the dwelling of the first Messiah is a region of spiritual darkness. There is nothing more substantially correct in history or in Hebrew record is not simply the Adam of the Hebrew nation, but of all the nations of the East. Among the Chinese, among the Persians, among spiritual power among all the nations of the

We have in other nations of the East most an cient records concerning Brahma, Vishnu and Siva ; Brahma being the creator, Vishnu the preserver, and Siva the destroyer of the world, being the threefold power of the divine mind expressed in all ages and revealed to all people. God; after, he is Jehovah. The true Brahman never expresses the name of is the divine incorporeal essence, to whom they sprang, had a spiritual name for their deity; it never rear temples, before whom they never This subject has been presented to us by one of with devotions, considering that he is too infinite | the ancient Brahmans; and as the Brahmans and too vast to have the expressions of men's de- never spoke-the original name of their deity, votions. The other three personalities, however, Brahmans, and, unfortunately, among those nations, as among many others, the evil power reeelves the preponderance of devotion : and, in- in Egypt, when Moses, or Rameses, was born stend of offerings to the creator, who is Brahma, and educated in all the mysteries of Egyptian all Brahminical countries that there are more great stretch of imagination to see that these undoubtedly the inspiration of Moses, and the people have fallen from the original purity of wonderful tablets of stone containing the law, their first inspirations, and have come to fear rather than love the infinite mind; have confecto | the children of Israel might be led forth from of the spirit; and that, whereas there were no | primitive worship of their fathers-that primithe reformed Christian faith of to day. Buddha was the Christ of the Brahmans, who came to raneous accounts, on earth more than once. He the wandering people-indeed, had almost utcame once about two thousand years before the terly forsaken them, and that even in 'the wilraneous history records that about the time of and flame preceded them, they were wont to fall the Christian history there was another Buddha | back from the sacredness of their new inspirain the East ; we, however, give this all due latition to the worship of dumb idols, and a golden tude, as it may even refer to the Advent of calf, was placed in the midst of them, even as Christ, but certainly before the Christian Era (with the Egyptians, that they might worship it. there were no less than two or three visitations of Buddha or Buddhas to the nations of the East, who revealed in personal form the qualities of the Divine Mind, and who expressed to those people the necessity for godlike lives and upright conduct. The Buddhist, or reformed faith. is therefore the prevailing faith of three times as many people as worship at the shrine of Christlanity, and is to day the representation of that form which recognized in Buddha the exact person and power of divinity. Confucius we do their tricks and performances before the eyes of but only a scholar and pupil of the reformed une power of spiritual gifts. And it is unfaith, who gave to his people the highest instructions that he could glean from the scholastic learning of the ancient sages, and who has given | dren of Israel, that Moses was the first angel of to China and to the East the wonderful condensed essence of the teachings of the ancient and that Adam was a tradition borrowed from prophets among them. About the same time, or parallel in history, Zoroaster among the Persians gave the teachings that are now incorporated in the Zend-Avesta and other sacred writings. Certain it was that Zoroaster, or Zerdusht, was an expression of the revived faith of a new power and epoch to the of the unseen God, but also because of their Persians, who had fallen away from their original worship under the dominion of Osiris, the of a succession of prophets among them, were first angel, and became worshipers of fire and chosen to carry forward the real spiritual worthe various elements of the earth, as well as of ship upon the earth; and undoubtedly from the sun and heavenly bodies. These Persians | them, and through a genuine distribution of the were taught, nevertheless, a most sublime and exalted faith and philosophy; and you will find many passages in the Zend-Avesta that compare favorably with the most sublime writings of the East Buddha was expected, and the Egyptians Psalmist, or with the simple instructions of the New Testament. We therefore conclude that of the earth expected at that time, or within a the epochs of earth in the great periods of Messianic influence have been no less than, three, under distinct , and mighty messengers ; that each of these three has had no less than four exponents, prophets or apostles; and that these govor the first expression of God's power to man, erning the nations of the East have left such Buddha again to his people. However, we trace writings and records upon the world as are to be | simply the history of the seed of David. The chilfound in the Bibles of the Indias, in the Zend- dren of Israel had every reason to expect a king, a Avesta of the Medes and Persians, in the Shaster of the Hindoos, in the various works of Confucius, and in, finally, the Hebraic scriptures, h ve subsequently been discovered. The Egyp- | ran of the Mohammedans, to which we shall avenged for all their wrongs, and Jerusalem was

no nation without an altar or without a shrine:

We come then to the race of shepherd kings, earth, and doubtless disgusted with the idolatry of those nations, assembled together and formed the worship of Jehovah. You must Lememberduced by Rameses, or Moses, after the sojourn of the children of Israel among the Egyptians; and til after Moses had become learned in Egyptian lore. By reading the first chapters of the Old Testament, or Genesis, you will discover that the

Lord takes a new name; before, he is Lord or And the reason of this is evident. The pastohovali for God or Lord, that his people, recogmore readily and continuously follow him. And Aaron, the brother of Moses; was skilled in all the wonder-workings of the magicians, and possessed also the genuine gifts of the spirit. It was he who successfully vanquished the sorcerors; and it was he who having perfect knowledge of the lore of the Egyptians, could explain to the children of Israel or the Hebrews, the difference between genuine and fictitious manifestations of the spirit; it was he who, skilled in the power of these Egyptian sorcerers, unmasked be confounded with the first origin of the chilthe New Dispensation to the children of Israel, the ancient Egyptians, who gave precisely the same name to Cadmus, the founder of the Egyptian nation and the inventor of Egyptian lore. You are all familiar with what has subsequently taken place. Undoubtedly the children of Israel, not only from their antecedent worship great patience and fortitude, and the existence power to prophesy, the true Messiah was to be expected. You will remember that I am telling you of a time when among the nations of the looked for a new king or lord, and every nationfew hundred years, a new revelation of spiritual power to man. That Buddha actually did come to the East may be denied by some authorities, but it is undoubtedly true that there are some, accounts at that time of an expected visitation of greater prophet, a true Messiah, who was to come with transcendent physical power and ma terial splendor, when their enemies were to be

slirines and temples, but to Osiris-the ancient | syrian or shepherd kings a distlict expression of savored not of humility, but of power and mag- | uplifting of many a heart unknown to fame, the power and purpose of the infinite mind, to nificence. Undoubtedly the language of proph- there probably was never an epoch of greater and his symbol was the symbol of the Divine the intent not only of doing good to one another, ecy was hyperbolical, and referred to a spiritual corruption in the world than that which began mind, namely, a winged sphere or sun. The ser- as is expressed in the "golden rule," but as fol- and not temporal grandeur. Inexpressibly beaupent, that since that time has been used as the lows: "Think ye of all men as ye would that tiful is the symbolism, and it must have had symbolism of evil power, was in those days the they should think of you "-placing the thought meaning with reference to a spiritual kingdom. uppermost, since if the thought is right the deed | But a people so temporal, and so utterly intent cannot be wrong, and men may do good without | upon building up material power as were the Healways feeling it in their hearts. So the word of brews could not be expected to receive the spiritthe Assyrian is to think and feel. We also find ual interpretation of their prophets; hence it a trace of the same moral standard among the was that their prophets were not understood; Chinese, the Hindoos and the Persians, and we hence it was that the spiritual succession was ings with which Deity has clothed creation. are left to the inevitable conclusion that what supposed to be a temporal one, and the king ever may be the degeneracy and identry of the whom they looked for, instead of being the Nazpresent races of people in those nations, the first arene, was expected to come in great power and inspirations were genuine, and that God has left glory. Therefore, when the advent came, and certain Persians and Assyrians saw and followed the sign of the star, the Hebrews did not see the from which undoubtedly the children of Israel sign nor recognize the advent of the Messiah, scholastic lore than the fact that the Adam of the sprang, and who, from various quarters of the Through what signs and tokens he appeared you are aware; but the humility of his advent, and the lack of material grandeur, prevented the Hebrew nation from receiving him, and to this day, the Assyrians, we have similar expressions of and those of you who are scholars will bear out excepting only a certain number who were the first man or messenger of God; and undoubt- this statement-that the symbol of the Egyptian converted from the different tribes of Israel, edly the name refers to the first expression of deity is precisely the symbol which was intro- the Hebrew nation, broadcast over the earth, worship at their own shrines, believe in their own Jehovah, and will not acknowledge the that Jehovah was not the name of the Lord un- Messiahship of Christ. In that wonderful apocalypse of the New Testament you have a statement that 144,000 of the tribes of the Children of Israel are to be saved. This undoubtedly refers to the fact that 144,000 of the tribes of the Children of Israel were, as nearly as can be esti-

mated, converted to Christianity, that the other Jove, Jupiter, Osiris—were idolaters, what shall you say of those who now, under the very dome the One God, whose name is not Brahma, but who ral kings, from whom the children of Israel portions of the Children of Israel were not converted, and, as a nation, the Jews utterly refused of St. Peter's, and in the heart of Christian was called Lord or king; but it undoubtedly had his Messiahship. That the Messiah or Christ lands, offer a bribe to human folly, and arrogate offer sacrifice, whom they do not even insult its origin, not among the Egyptians, but among was to come in that way, and that his kingdom to themselves the right to stand between you and was to be of the spirit, and not of earth, and that Deity? The Reformation, under the guiding the entire revelation was one so utterly at varihand of Luther, was heraided by almost as resave through Brahma, Vishnu, or Siva, so the ance with the teachings and expectations of the markable evidence as the dawn of Christianity. which symbolize Deity are worshiped by the children of Israel, before their bondage in Egypt, Jews, is nevertheless the strongest argument and There was need of it, heaven knows, for it was said by Luther, on his visit to. Rome, that he called their deity Lord, or God, or the great I proof in its favor; and the advent which ex-Am. After the sojourn of the children of Israel pressed itself in the human form was undoubtthought Rome was built over hell, and that St. edly the culmination of a spiritual epoch of time, Peter's was the avenue to the very citadel of Satan himself. It is said, however-and we give. and it was in accordance with spiritual laws that to the preserver, who is Vishnu, you will find in lore, he gave, through inspiration, the name Je the Messiah came who was to lead a special this all due weight-that within the pale of the people. Gabriel, who was the angel to usher in Romish Church certain fires of inspiration were offerings to Siva, the destroyer, since they are nizing the symbol of the Divine Mad, might the advent of this new dispensation, had ap-more fearful of his power. It does not require a more readily and continuously follow him. And peared through all the prophecies of the Hobrewnation, and was known to the prophets as a very little impression upon the outward world, messenger of the Most High to the Children of and were never allowed to proceed beyond the were direct manifestations of Divine power, that Israel; therefore when the angel Gabriel ansanctuary or cell in which the miracles were nounced the advent of the child Jesus it could wrought....But we know of some instances of bow before idols instead of obeying the impulses "their captivity and bondage, and return to the no more be denied or disputed than it any mighty such daring power and heroism within the Church that we must believe they were inspired, or they messenger who had foretold all the events of temples to the Infinite Deity-the Brahma of the tive worship being of the unseen God, the Egyp. | earth should predict its entire dissolution. The could not have taken, place. Such an instance ancients-there are many temples to Siva, whom r tians having degenerated into the worship of sym- truth is that this angel heralded the advent, was St. Justin. The martyr St. Ambrose, of the they think has power to destroy them. The bols and idols. But you are aware with what | watched the progress of prophet and seer through | Romish Church, caused the emperors at Milan to Buddhist, or reformed Brahman faith, is an extreme difficulty, and with what greatness of the successive stages of development, knew what hold the reins while he mounted his horse, and exact prototype in ancient and eastern days of lore and rigidness of control, the children of Is- seer would be reared up through the house of be scourged the reigning emperor all round the rael were won back to the worship of their fa- David, and knew by what direct lineage this cathedral. Such power must have some authorthers. You are all aware that the simplicity of was to come. Souls have their birth long before ity, and it is well for even kings to remember rescue them from their idolatrous mysticisms, worship of the primitive time, when Abraham, the outward form is shaped; and the Christ that there is a greater power than that of kings. and make a living faith and a living example of Isaac and Jacob worshiped the unseen God came to man was known in heaven before his ... The days which preceded the Reformation that faith. He was, according to all contempo- among their flocks and herds, did not return to form abode with man. Gabriel, the messenger were pregnant ... There had been a long period of his coming, could foretell by what line of of dissoftance and warfare. The southern coundescent of prophet and-seer there should be a tries of Europe had been overrun and devastated advent of the Christian Era; and contempo- derness, when the glorious shekinah of cloud fitting receptacle for this Messiah, and according by northern encroachments. England had been to the known laws of the spiritual kingdom, the seat of battle of many nations, and-for: Christ, the divine expression of God to man, many generations. Germany was the citadel of could be revealed in his personality and power. scholastic learning-or beginning to be-at that That advent and its, results you are all aware time. Then the Augustinian monk left the of. Of its real power upon earth very few are schools of learning full of his doubts and . sophisms, and entered the cloister, believing competent to judge, since the outward expreshimself possessed of demons, and that no scourge. sion of ambition, of priestly and kingly rule, was too severe for the sinfulness of not being have made it the subject of obloquy and shame. perfect. This Augustinian monk, in the full fer-The bloodshed wrought in the name of Christianity is in itself enough to drown, the world; but vor of his faith and learning, made a journey to the spirit of it survives, and the Christ who came Rome to be baptized and receive the blessing of unwelcomed and crucified abides still for a little the Pope and the Church.' It was in Rome that while as a ministering power. But Christ him | the revelation was made to Luther which caused self foretold his successor. Nothing could be the Reformation to burst upon Europe; if was more plain or be revealed in simpler language in Rome that he beheld the rottenness of the than the lesson read to you to day announcing temple ; it was there that he found the sneers of not denominate a Messiah, or even a prophet, his people, that he might also show them the gen- the Comforter. Christ announced his successor priests when at their prayers, who used vulgar by name and nature; and yet so blind is the Latin phrases, instead of the regular form of wordoubtedly an epoch in the world's history not to | world that they will not see, and so utterly in-| ship, which were supposed by them to be unheard competent to understand the simplest utterance and not understood by the ignorant worshipers that they will not hear. The name of Jesus in faround ; it was there that he was accustomed to terpreted is the Christ-Jesu Hominum Christi, hear the gravest doubts from those who were the the Man of God, the Truth Teller ; and when he orders of his own faith, and cardinals and bishwas about to depart personally he said distinctly ops in revelry proclaimed their disbelief not that the Spirit of Truth should come to abide only in the transubstantiation, but in all whatsowith man, and that the name of this Spirit of ever connected with the power of the Sacrament God is the Comforter, and that the Comforter is in the Church ; and it was there that with the the Spirit of Truth. From that day unto now deep power and penetration of his mind he ferthe Christain world of learning and of letters reted out the inchiciency of mere ceremonials to has been intent upon building up volumes of do the work of the spirit in man. Luther was commentaries and written lore; but who has the angel of the Reformation, announcing the discovered that this Spirit of Truth abides with advent of what Christ promised to man. Evimen, fullling the promise, and that the Comforter | dently before that time the Comforter had not shall and does really come to every heart search- come, save to the few who were persecuted during the ten persecutions at Rome; evidently the ing earnestly for the truth? The simplicity of this rendition, and the beau- | great power and fervor of faith had not been enty of it withal, bring it within the need and lightened and rekindled. The beginning was comprehension of humanity. We have no need with Luther; it was followed up by Knox; and of the Vatican at Rome, no need of the voice of even in the severity of Calvinism there was St. Peter's, no need of the Thirty nine Articles | some redeeming feature, since it brought also the and their consequences, to tell us what it means. severity of pure life and Christian deeds. What Every true, worshiper within or without the they commenced was carried out afterwards in a Church knows that the Spirit of Truth alone is direful manner by the corrupt kings of England ; the Comforter, and knows that when that Spirit | what they commenced was not fittingly followed takes up its abode in the hearts of men nothing by Henry VIII., the Protestant King of Engis impossible, and the world itself is vanquish- land. However, when kings make religion their ed. The first miracles and works of the Spirit | toy, it does not matter, since ambition-itself often wrought in the Christian Church confirmed this serves the purpose of the Divine Mind, and the Reformation might never have been reformed utterance, About the fifth or sixth century these works ceased; priestly power, papal au- but for the abuse of it in the early centuries of thority and kingly rule made the Church the in- its inauguration. You have now some two hunstrument of political warfare and strife, and the dred odd sects of Protestant believers ; you have the writings of the New Testament, and the Ko | trodden under foot, when they were to be | period of the Dark Ages was really a period of now every variety of opinion, from the Unitaalmost spiritual blindness in the Church. With rian belief, to the high ritualistic performance, tians did not dedicate to external deities their | presently refer. We find among the ancient As- | to be the citadel of empire. Their anticipation the exception of a few instances, and the noble | that very nearly resembles the Roman Catholic

the reign of Mohammedanism in the East and of Papal authority in the West, overrunning the entire earth with bloodshed. There probably was never a greater decadence from the original faith of the founder of any form of worship than that which was witnessed from the fall of Jerusalem to the time of the Convocation, which formed the basis of the Reformation. There probably was never a greater epoch of the entire absence of spiritual light than that which began with the reign of Constantine, sanctioned and sanctified the Church under the power of political kings, and made it possible for the ambition of one man to rule the consciences of the entire Christian world. If you believe the Egyptians, Persians, Chinese, Japanese, and all those nations that worship in the East, to be idolaters, what shall you say of the priests and worshipers who assembled in Rome, and beneath the very eye of the authority of the Church, sanctioned all forms of crueffy and bloodshed, to the end that the Church might bebuilt up? If you believe the fetish worshiper corrupt in his performances and devotions, what shall you say of that long line of Papal authority that made it impossible for a man to do good save for the benefit of the Church, and made it impossible for a soul, however sinful, to do evil if sanctified by the Church? If you believe that those who worshiped at the shrines of ancient Greece and Rome the heathen deities-

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who gave to them not only the "evidences of inspiration and the records of spiritual power, but also gave much of their learning, revealed to them the nature of certain geometrical symbols, portrayed in the triangle the evidence of the godlike mind, and forbade these utterances and tablets to be destroyed, under the penalty of the displeasure of the divine mind Osiris. Osiris, however, was not the godhead of the Egyptians, he was only the most ancient angel,

and was worshiped in the form of the sun, which was believed to be the expression of God's power, and whose light, like that of the Infinite, diffused itself everywhere. The Egyptians did not at that epoch of time embody their devotions in outward and idolatrous forms like those which

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reremony : you have every grade and shade of opinion, but Mong with these have come the signs and tokens of the New Dispensation. Wesley saw somewhat with the eyes of the Spirit, and in his sermon and writings on good angels, did not scorn to believe in the gifts of the Spirit of the earlier, apostles of Christendon. Swedenhorg lieralded the advent of visions and prophecies and knowledge of spirit-life, which, I however much tinctured with the prevailing theory of ecclestasticism of his time, was nevertheless a genuine revelation of spiritual power. You have to day the signs and token of a new period. Materialism has been abroad in the world, stamping itself upon the foreheads of those who refuse to believe in inspiration, and this materialism has left its mark monthe nations of to-day."

Somewhere in the world of mind or spirit the prophets have forefold the advent of a new epoch; and for a long period of time, beginning with wonderful writings in France and Germany, spreading over England, and at last into America, they who have seen visions and dreamed dreams have said there is a new visitation of spiritual power coming to man. Some have looked for it in the actual coming of Christ and there have been those who have arrayed themselves in snowy garments many a time and off, prepared for his coming, and on the morrow have gone back to their daily life still thinking that he will come. There are those in your midst of the Evangelical churches who say that the latter days predleted in the Apocalypse are about to appear, and that Christ with his host is coming now to claim his own, forgetting that they make the mistake which was made in ancient Judea-that his temple is not material, but of the spirit, and that they are, not to look for his coming with thunders of the material heavens, but of the spiritual firmament, which has been mightily shaken in these latter days by the thunders of materialism and the lightnings of doubt and skepticism.

See to it that you do not repeat the blunders of the past-'that the new Messiah be not expected with flame, and cloud, and glory, and earthly splendor, and all that the Jews expected. See to it that the new Messiah, or the coming Man thought of by all peoples, shall not also be expected to be a king. In the political world it has been thought that the time would come when some man mightier than the rest would rule the nations of the earth. If there was an antichrist, it might be found in Napoleon or Casar, who sought to sway with force of arms the mighty nations of men. If there be an antichrist to May, it is in that states man of Europe who keeps all the nations of Uhristendom armed, that one emperor or one nation may hold sway for a time. We care not who he be, Protestant king or Protestant minister of state, who can say to all the nations of the earth-by-example;" "We have conquered this peace, and you must arm yourselves to a wartike position before there can be permanent peace;" whosoever does this is the antichrist of the earth. He who educates a nation, and thereby a continent, to be-Here that there is but one power, and that power the sword, is the antichrist of to-day, even though that sword were drawn against his Satanie majesty. We say the weapons of -peace are greater than those of war, and the Messiah who is coming to man is not the Messiah of bloodshed. We say that the dawn of peace is the dawn of the Comforter; and whoever uplifts the hands of those who toil, or drives away the curse and fear of death, or makes it possible for, nations to dwell together in peace and unity, and filled with justice, he is the Comforter whom you are to expect."

We care not by what name he may be known. His spirit of truth may be found in that science which upliffs the thought of man and the hand of labor; his spirit of truth to affirm to this picture as the likeness of a daughter and sismay be found in all that unity of toil that binds the brotherbood of labor together; his spirit of truth may be found in those loftier purposes and higher maxims which give to humanity the hope of a better day and a disenthrallment from the bonds of abject toil and temporal pride. His rule must be expected, and must come when any sufficient number of people on the darth shall with loving kindness and harmony abile together, resolved that peace and love and truth only shall be their guide. His spirit inevitably must come when the peace-makers of the earth shall teach men that justice is better than war, and that truth is a more powerful sword than that which slays thousands; without educating the hearts and minds of the people. What is the old Pope there in Rome that a whole nation or

kingdom, should be arrayed against him, and prepared to take arms? Rather fear the subtle power of ignorance, which abroad in the land makes it possible for prejudice and bindness to sway the masses of the people. Rather see to it that every town and city, every place throughout Christen-dom, is the scene of enlightened understanding, that no pope, priest, nor, king can terrify the heart that is truly good, or the mind that is truly_enlightened. Rather make it possible that in the Eden of the coming days all nations of the earth, with ample room and godlike, Jaws, shall abide in peace to gether. Rather make, it possible that every human being

Spiritual Phenomena. SPIRIT MATERIALIZATION. PART VII. Proofs for the World of the Cenuineness and Truth of the "Amazing Facts and Phenomena" Oc-Blake, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

> article in the Banner of Light in reference to the remarkable last night at the rooms of Dr. J. V. Mansfield, who is now photographic pictures, without camera, lens, chemicals or ap-paratus of any kind, taken in an exquisitely finished state invited Mr. and Mrs. Blake to their house, that the spirits and condition by the spirits in presence of their medium, might, if they would, give their remarkable photographic Mrs. Blake, I desire to offer the following further facts as and dower demonstrations, through Mrs. Blake as medium. proofs of the genuineness and truth of the phenomena to the

at the residence of Mrs. Blake, Number 140 Clinton Avenue, held on one side by Mrs. Mansfield, and on the other by Mrs. Brooklyn: I went over Sunday afternoon, and was at the Stevens, and Mr. Blake's hands being held by a lady on each house about half-past four o'clock. Dr. Blake, the medium's side of him, and all hands being upon the table. I had my husband, took me all through his dwelling house, into every position in the circle next to Mrs. Mansfield. After some room, and I was unable to discover anything in the house length of time, during which Mrs. Blake gave to different that looked like camera, lens, chemicals or apparatus of any kind for taking photographs. I only saw some carte de visite sized pieces of albumen-glazed photographic paper-which were blank on both sides-and some of which bore marks of ting off pieces, which cut-off pieces I had in my pocket; Mr. being torn by Mrs. Blake, and the torn off pieces I had in my pocket-book.

In the course of the evening Mr. Blake remarked, what shall we do for a cabinet this evening in the parlor? Mrs. Blake suggested that one might be made out of the clotheshorse down stairs. Accordingly it was procured, and before was turned on, and in its rays, to the surprise of the memnightfall Mr. Blake and I had improvised a cabinet out of it bers of the circle, we saw all the pieces of paper crowded toand sundry bed quilts and cloths, and a large piece of curtain gether on the table before Mrs. Mansfield, immediately about calico on the front, in which was a hole, curtained. This clothes horse cabinet stood on the floor, near one end of the er on the surface of the table. Mrs. Mansfield and the mediparlor, but far enough from the wall that persons could with 'um raised their hands, and I hunted among the papers, andfacility go all around and about it, and could go into it, too, and examine it.

At about eight o'clock, some nine ladies and gentlemen having assembled. Mrs. Blake was seated on one side of the table with those pieces of photographic paper on said table before her, and Mr. Blake opposite to her to manage the light of the chandelier; the rest of us sat around the table, all having hold of hands-including the medium and her husband. The light being turned off, the seance commenced. We united in singing for about five minutes, and the medium called for the light. The light was turned on, and lo, three of the pieces of photographic paper had pictures on themtwo of them of ladies, and one of a gentleman of dark complexion and the features of a Spaniard. "That is a Cuban gentleman," said the medium, "and it is for Mr. Bruce," (who with his daughter was of the circle, and recently from Cuba.) Mr. Bruce did not wholly recognize the likeness, is the great fact of the evening ! One of the pictures of the la dies, the other being unrecognized, was at once recognized by both Mr. Bruce and his daughter as a beautiful portrait of his daughter who died some years ago. The whole company saw the remarkable resemblance of the face and features of

ting with us. Here then was a test-a proof test, which the world calls for. Mr. Bruce and his living daughter are ready the two, were blank as before. ter who has departed this life, and I and the members of the circle will affirm to what I have recorded in reference to it.

After this there were materializations in the improvised cabinet of several faces, male and female, which, on account of the character of the light and the color of the curtain calico, appearance much better than ''false faces,'' or masks ; but at the excellent suggestion of a lady of the circle, after the medium came out of her trance and the cabinet, no less than four-of-us went respectively into the cabinet, and under the the opening, and the appearance of our heads and faces was

to better than that of the spirits. Our faces, through the opening of the curtain-calico and by the dim light, looked like masks and false faces too. But the test of the materialization was this. Soon after, as Mrs. Blake entered the cabinet and sat down in the chair near the front, the spirits raised up the curtain-calico over the lap of Mrs. Blake, and her form in the chair, from her waist to her feet, was all the time of the circle.

cut on Tuesday night, and placed the piece on which the photograph was in it exactly, both pieces corresponding precisely with each other as I had before cut them ; the oval and frame fitted exactly together. What further proof of the extraordinary work of the spirits through Mrs. Blake is needed?

A. G. W. CARTER. New York, August 6, 1875. . Postschurt.-On account of what occurred in this-city

last night, I must add more indubitable proof of the truth curring with the Medium, Mrs. Dr. Jane C. and genuineness of the facts and phenomena occurring so miraculously in the presence of the gifted woman, Mrs. Jane In addition and sequence to what I have said in my last C. Blake. My wife and I, by invitation, were at a seance absent at Saratoga Springs, but whose wife and daughter had

The circle consisted of eleven persons-ladies and gentlemen - including the medium and her husband. We sat Last Sunday evening I was invited to a scance to take place - around a table in the back room, the medium's hands being members of the circle various clairvoyant tests, the pieces of albumen and other paper were placed "upon the table, among which were some eight or ten pieces marked by me, by cut-Samis, now of Elizabeth, N. J., and one of the circle, having, with other members of the circle, examined and counted the pieces of paper upon the table, the light was turned off, and we were in darkness. We united in singing for about five minutes, and then by direction of the spirits the light and under her hand and that of the medium, clasped togeth-Wonderful to behold-I found two exquisitely executed photographs in the pile of papers, and brought them forth, and erhibited them to all ? One of these pictures was that of a darkcomplexioned and strong featured, well dressed lady; and the other was of a fair-haired, blonde-complexioned gentleman, full-faced and good-featured; but as likenesses of any persons known to the circle, they were not wholly recognized. But here is the great proof test-fact, which there is no contradicting, and will be taken as evidence in any court of justiee : The piece of albumen paper, upon which was the photographic picture of the lady, was one of the pieces of which I had the proutiarly and particularly cut off piece in my pocket, and in the presence of the circle I took the cut-off piece from my papers in my pocket, and matched it exactly with the edges of the paper on which was the lady's picture ; and all the members of the circle are willing to affirm to this, for they saw it with their own eyes, right before them. Besides, I and other memand took it away with him for further recognition. But here bers of the circle, before the light was turned down, sow this peculiarly cut piece of paper upon the table, and it was totally blank on both sides; indeed, Mr. Samis, of the circle, turned over every piece of paper upon the table, and showed their both sides-blank-to the members, and counted them all before the light was turned down; and, including the two pictures, it was the picture to those of the living daughter of Mr. Bruce sit, found, after the light was turned on, that there was the same humber, by actual count, and all the rest of the papers, except

This, then, is positive and circumstantial LEGAL testimony, nd totally shuts out any thought of trick, device or fraud up on the part of the medium or her husband, and leads to the incritable conviction that these pictures were made by the spirits, and them only. No mortal has anything to do with making them except procuring the paper and placing it upon the table were not distinct enough for recognition, and did not look in for the spirits to manipulate into pictures through the medium, without comera, lens, chemicals, or apparatus of any kind visible to mortal eye.

Mrs. Mansfield has these two photographic pictures, and to one of them 1 hold the match piece, cut off by myself before same conditions of light, initating the spirits pid our faces to the picture was taken. One says one can readily affirm to the manipulation of the spirits among the papers under her hand while we were in the dark, and she is totally convinced and satisfied of the truth and genuineness of the mediumship of Mrs. Blake and these photographic manifestations, as she and the circle were and are of what follows :-

After this photographic demonstration some of the members of the circle wanted more pictures, but the spirits said they could not give any more pictures that night; but soon of the materialization of spirit faces visible to the members they ordered the light turned down, and we began to sing again, and continuing thus for five minutes, by direction the light was again turned on, and to our surprise and great grat ification, we found the table strewed with flowers of many York, and we had a scance, with a select circle of seven of kinds and varieties, the perfume and fragrance of which were delightful. There were tea roses, white roses, red roses; there were fuchsias and violets and pansies, and a great quantity of geraniums and other flowers, all fresh, dewy and beautiful, and in a fine state of clean and nice preservation, even to their little petals. Surchy these were never in anybody's pockets or dress skirts, or under any covering ; and Mr. and Mrs. Blake, as Mrs. Mansfield said had been with her in her room ever since five o'clock, and it was now after nine o'clock P. M. No mortal could have brought them there upon that table before us. No; it was the work of the spirits. Each one of the company took some of the roses and flowers for preservation. I have a pansy and some leaflets. Is not this, too, evidence? I have then established, by incontrovertible evidence, the truth and genuineness of the wonderful and amazing spirit manifestations coming through Mrs. Jane C. Blake, and the genuineness and extraordinary power of her mediumship for the benefit of the world. There is no more reason to doubt 'on the evidence, and the facts being established I am right in saying that the spirits, in their demonstrations to mortals, are getting beyond those who are most advanced in spirit experience, and to keep up with them we will have to be continually and continuously on the alert. Indeed, our most sanguine expear, Mrs. Blake not expecting it, because, as she said, it was pectations are overreached, and it would seem that the spirits necessary for the spirits to magnetize it through her first she are bringing us nearer and nearer to the boundless expanse of their own world; and with their good and wise guidance markable fact will show, besides being a test and a proof of and guardianship, we may truly sing and think and feel, Nearer, my God, to Thee." A. G. W. CARTER. New York, August 7th, 1875. 1 N V

table !" others that "They are placing roses in my hair or hand," &c., and upon turning on the light the table was found to be covered with flowers, mostly roses, several thicknesses deep. Several of the ladies had large, beautiful roses placed in their hair or hands. The flowers seemed fresh and quite wet (it had rained in the afternoon), and all that were brought that evening would have nearly or quite filled a half-bushel oasket

By request of the spirits the lights were now turned down juite low, when a white, vapory, ghostlike figure was seen to be slowly rising from the floor, between Mrs. Guppy and the lady upon her right, and when a little above the table it was observed there was a wreath upon its head, which it request, et in a whisper to be taken off, and was taken by a lady from Chicago, sitting nearly opposite to me. This ghostly figure continued to rise slowly, and came very close to the lady on New formation the mean participation in a fright Mis. Guppy's right, when she was heard to screech in a fright-ful manner as she discovered his dark face and long black beard within a few inches of her own, causing considerable excitement for the time. She begged the spirit to leave her, when it passed over to Mrs. Guppy, who also became much excited and begged it to leave her. It then leaned forward quite to the centre of the table and seemed to bow gracefully to nearly all the sitters, and then slowly disappeared in the same manner in which it came.

Considerable other phenomena occurred, such as bright lights, bells, &c., floating over the table and about the room hands were seen and felt by nearly all the sitters through the opening in the top of the table, and many flowers and other articles were given to each sitter as they asked for them ; but I must omit a full account of them in this short article, as my principal object is to describe the test which I received, al

though there were others very good. Toward the close of the scance I heard something rushing through the air, as if coming from the ceiling, and alight-ing upon my head, which, from its feeling, 1 took to be a wreath, and so stated; others in the circle said it was highly illuminated, and reflected its light upon my face. The lights were now turned on, and, upon examining the wreath, it was found to contain seven choice flowers, the precise number of much light of the seven choice flowers, the precise number of my children-two small red roses, four pansies, and one heliotrope. Now, when it is remembered that I had not made known my wish to any one present, and had not even mentally wished it at the scance, I consider it a remarkably good test, and it deserves to be made public, as it most clearly proves the genuineness of Mrs. Guppy's wonderful powers, which she gives "without money and without price" to such as are favored with a sitting in her circles.

I must relate one other very good test and I have done. A gentleman, while in the circle around the table, requested that his hat might be brought him from the hat-stand in the hall, which was not done; but, while partaking of a sumptu-ball, which was not done; but, while partaking of a sumptu-ous tea-generously provided by our hostess; his hat was brought and placed in his lap. While sitting closely packed between two ladies he felt his hat being forced into his lap from under the table, as if to create a little merriment as well as a test.

In my humble opinion, too great an estimate cannot be placed on Mrs. Guppy's labors, as she is a lady of the highest respectability, who attracts to her free scances those of high rank and position; not so easily reached by those mediums who cannot afford to give their services gratuitously. Thus it seems spirits choose their own instruments as best pleases hem to forward their own great work.

I must apologize for trespassing so much upon your valu-ble time and space. Respectfully yours, A. L. WILLIAMS, of Michigan, U. S. A. 166 Finborough Road, West Brompton, July 18, 1875. ble time and space.

Written for the Banner of Light. "THE LIFE BEYOND.".

BY EDWARD GREEY.

A little child began his earthly journey Laughing at life, believing it eternal, And, as he progressed, neared a curtained door-way, O'er which was writ: "From hence no one returns!"

While gazing on this enigmatic legend, An old man glided by him, passed the threshold, And, 'mid the sobs of tearful friends and loved ones, Vanished from sight behind the sombre pall.

Next came an aged woman ; then a young man ; A youthful mother and her new born infant; A troupe of handsome youths and beauteous maidens; And then a long array of innocents.

"Who are those silent ones?" the boy demanded Of one who stood and wept before the portal; "What is the meaning of that time-worn centence? Are mose mute beings real, like you and me?'

"Poor boy! poor thoughtless one!" replied the mourner; Then, in a solemn tone, read the inscription ; Adding," That is the grave-the end of all things-And those who cross its threshold sleep in death !"

"And must I enter, too?" the child inquired. 'Yes !" said the other, gazing sadly on him ; Sooner or later you must pass that curtain, And sleep the slumber of your forefathers !

Some flourish for awhile, then droop and wither,

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shall be sheltered and fed and clothed and spiritually iflumined, so that the broad, grand earth shall not present the contrast of paupers in Christian Jands and vast, uninhabited plains, where there is room, for all. Let us have a religion which makes the Spirit of Truth a godlike mind; inhabiting a perfect form, with the laws of health and justice proclaimed upon the earth. And we now predict that in the centre of such a coming time, of which these visions and signs, revelations and prophecies, the presence of ministering spirits, and the love of the departed are but the beginnings—in such a coming time the earth shall witness, and the world shall know, the actual presence of the Comforter-the Spirit of Truth shall come to able with man. In the language of the mod-ern seer, Andrew Jackson Davis, "His physical form of love and wisdom shall take on the outward shape of man, and shall, through the laws of harmonions life and perfected spirit, reveal the godhead anew."

spirit, reveal the gouncal anew. Believe you not this? Then to what end does man-live? If that which he was he may not also become, there is no belief in prophecy. The Spirit shall abide, with men. The time in prophecy. The Spirit shall abide, with men. The time draweth nigh when this presence shall appear and when the Comforter that is to wipe all tears from your eyes shall dwell in your midst, and the New Jerusalem shall come wherein there is no more night and no more grief, and no more sud-ness and sorrow, and no more darkness, no light of the sun nor of the moon, for there is no night there, but only that abiding Presence and that perfect Peace which has overcome the world.

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WHO IS THE COMFORTER?

Far away, in ancient Jerusalem, He walked 'neath the light of the sun, Trailing in the dust his garment's hem; His work and his life were done.

And they followed him, the best beloved: By his side with tears and with moans, And they watched close for the spoken word. 'Mid their sorrowful tears and groans.

But over the city a cloud hung dark, And the sky was rent with fire, And the Spirit of God, with a living spark Kindled their heart's desire-For the love and a peace that could bless men so, To abide yet awhile on the earth below,

What time shall the Comforter come, you say, Who bringeth the Spirit of Peace? He cometh e'en now, he is herd to-day, With Truth as your heart's release : Whenever an error is met and slain There cometh the Christ, the Truth Spirit again.

What time shall the Comforter come, you say, With what token or spoken word; Shall we know the light of the promised day, And hear the voice of our Lord? He cometh e'en now where the word of love Is spoken, He cometh from worlds above.

He abides in the lowly and loving heart, He dwells in the beam of day ; All nature is vocal with God's great art, All truth must still bid him stay. cometh to every heart when pain Is vanquished by foy and hope again.

What tokens athwart the sky appear? What flame burning golden and red? Behold the dawn of the day is here; Lo ! the life which ye once thought dead, That the love of the Truth is revealed to man, And Christ walks the earth with God's spoken plan.

Oh Thou that revealeth all truth to the world, Speak thou to each human heart ; Let the doubt and the sin and the sorrow depart, Leaving only Thy joy here unfurled, As springeth the day from the darkened night, So may we from error to Truth's own light.

But to more test-proof facts. On last, Tuesday evening, Aug. 3d, Mr. and Mrs. Blake were at our residence in New our friends besides them. We sat around the table, and, the light being turned down, we all took hold of hands, including the medium and her husband, the latter being between my wife and myself, and the former between Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Alden, of this city. We commenced as usual, singing-which is always done by the request of the spirits-and after about five minutes the light was turned on, at the medium's request, and before us, among the small pleces of paper upon the table, were two photographic pictures-one of a lady and one of a gentleman-neither of which, however, was recognized by any member of the circle. But here was the test fact : The picture of the gentleman was on a piece of paper torn off at the corner by Mrs. Blake, and the torn-off piece of which I had in my pocket-book. I took it out, and before the circle, so all could see and aftirm to it, I matched the small bit of torn off paper to the piece of paper on which was the. photographic picture of the gentleman; I have this picture and the matching torn-off piece with me now.

I had a sheet of albumen paper which I had procured from Mr. Maxwell, the photographer, a day or two before, and had ent-some of it up'into test pieces, reserving the cut-off bits myself; but on none of these that night did any picture apthought ; and this does seem a necessity, as the following rethe spirit pictures:

. In the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Blake, and the members of the circle, after our scance was over, I cut off some more marked pieces from_my remaining part sheet of albumenglazed paper, and then I cut off two rectangular pieces, and out of each of these I cut out an oval or lemon-shaped piece of paper, reserving the outside corresponding pieces myself and nutting them among other papers in my pocket, and with the others I gave the two oval pieces to Mrs. Blake, that she might take them home with her. She did so, and the next night there was a scance at her own house, under the usual conditions, and my pieces of paper were on the table before her, and 1 am told that there were fire photographic pictures produced at that time, and among them was a picture on one of my lemon or oral-shaped pieces of paper which I had cut out the night before and giren to.Mrs. Blake. Mr. Robert K. Bruce, the gentleman from Cuba before alluded to, and an honest and truthful man, came to my office yesterday, and not finding me in just at the time, enclosed for me in a letter which he placed on my desk my lemon or oval piece of paper, with the beautiful, highly-finished photograph of a young midshipman, not recognized, however, but looking in style and cap and uniform as if he might have belonged to some one of the ships of the Pacific Mail Company, (and it is a fact, I believe, that some of those cadets, or midshipmen, were drowned some time ago, and we may be able to have the likeness recog-nized hereafter.) nized hereafter.)

. I opened Mr. Bruce's letter, and read its contents as follows:

"JUDGE-The enclosed is one of the pieces of paper sent by you to Mrs. Blake's last night. I was present when the likeness came, and I can vouch for its anthenticity. ROBERT K. BRUCE "

How astonished I was. I immediately got from my pocketpapers the outside frame piece of paper, in which the oval was

From the London Medlum and Daybreak of July 23d, AN EXCELLENT TEST AT MRS. GUPPY'S SEANCE,

To the Editor-Dear Sir: Through the kindness of Mrs. Suppy, I had the pleasure of attending one of the most high-y interesting scances at her residence in South Kensington n the evening of the 30th ult, at which there were present thitteen ladies and gentlemen. All but one or two were strangers to me, and as it seemed to be my lot to receive the best test of the evening, I deem it just to Mrs. Guppy and he cause she so nobly represents to give a brief account of he scance, especially that part relating to myself.

the scance, especially that part relating to myself. At the request of Mrs. Guppy the room was thoroughly searched, secured and arranged for the circle by the gentle-men present, in which I took an active part, and I can most cheerfully state that nothing was found secreted in the room, nor were there any flowers of any description in the room, or any opening left unfastened through which they could have been brought in, visible to the human eye. These prelimina-ries being settled, we took our seats around the table, uniting hands in the usual manner, when almost immediately there were indications of spirit-presence, which by raps gave direcwere indications of spirit-presence, which by raps gave tions how to conduct the seance, and the character of the manifestations which we might expect. We were then re-quested by Mrs. Guppy to name the articles we desired the spirits to bring us. When it became my turn I said I would make no request, but they might bring me what they chose.

I had, however, before leaving my residence that evening, stated to a friend that I would ask to have a wreath placed upon my head, with flowers in it corresponding to the number of my children (being seven) now in the States. The lights were now extinguished, and the spirits began to fan us rapidly, which was most agreeable, as it was excessively warm with the door and windows all shut, and closely curtained; but we were not kept long in waiting before the scene vas changed, and all at once the foom seemed filled with a rich perfume, as of many flowers, and those at the table one-after another exclaimed, "They are dropping flowers on the

And some are cut down in their full perfection, While others live as though Death had forgot them ; But, after all, they enter that veiled door !"

"And do they ne'er return?" the boy demanded ;

- " Is that the end of what I deemed eternal?
- Is there no life beyond that dread mansoleum?"
- "None !" was the sad reply ; "my child, they 're dead !"
- " Nay !" said another of the band of mourners, " They only sleep until the Day of Judgment, When they will rise again and be rewarded ; Have no fear, child, the dead will rise again !"

"Believe them not !" exclaimed a man of Science, From whom the others shrank as from infection, " The power that made this earth and all that 's on it, Uses that portal as a crucible.

What they call death is simply reconstruction Of atom-molecules, that have existed Through endless changes of the silent forces. Such is the mystery Ignorance terms death."

Bewildered with these strange, recondite teachings, The weary child approached the Place of Silence, Parted the curtain and beheld the Future, Then, smiling, said : "There is a life beyond !"

And, as he spake, the grave received his body, While his immortal spirit parted from it to And, in a flood of shining, wondrous glory, Returned unto the Mighty, Grand Unknown !

A Great Work-The Right Book in the Right Age.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light --

I have long and anxiously awaited the opportunity to peruse that wonderful production, "The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviours," by K. Graves, and now the opportunity has been afforded me, and the pleasure realized in a thorough and careful reading of its pages prompts me, from a sense of duty, as one among the many laborers for the overthrow of religious ignorance and ecclesiastical tyranny, and the spread of useful knowledge and the elevation of mankind; to express some thoughts in behalf of its truly great and unparalleled merits. When we consider the fact that the world in one of its moral revolutions is about reaching its perihelion, thus bringing into rapport the wisdom of the two spheres, (the earthly and the heavenly,) and when, too, we see the deadly weight hanging to the wheels of Progression's Car, as the natural result of a belief in the vague theories of the past, concerning vicarious atonement, etc., which tend to cloud the inner perceptions and stifle the voice of reason, thereby preventing millions from comprehending and accepting the glorious doctrine of a demonstrated immortality, the thought strikes us most forcibly that never has there been a tlme when a book was in more positive demand than "The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviours." Not only the vast collection of rare and telling facts contained therein, but their appropriate arrangement and style of expression cannot fail of making a favorable impression for the author as a man of superior talent and scholarly attainments, on the mind of every perior talent and scholarly autaniments, on the hind of every person whose privilege and good fortune it may be to read the work. Long may Bro. Graves be permitted to labor in the useful sphere allotted him, and may be succeed in bless-ing every family in the land with one of his invaluable books! Cerro Gordo, Ind, J. H. MENDENHALL.

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Banner Correspondence.

AUGUST 21, 1875.

Sutton Notes. Here in the quiet little town of Sutton, N. H., I have been working during the past three weeks. July 11th I spoke in Union Church to very large and appreciative audiences. In the morning I chose for my subject "The Philosophy of Spiritualism," showing that the ever-glorious religion of Spiritualism divests Christianity of its mysteries, and tears from-its shrine the paraphernateries, and tears from its shrine the parapherna-lia of the past; and although from its iconoclastic proclivities it may appear to be a ruthless de-stroyer, nevertheless it only aims at the destruc-tion of that which is corrupt, false or useless; at the very same time that it is overthrowing the old it is building up the new; and when Spirit-ualism demands that the crimes, the misery, want and slavery of to-day, shall be driven from the land, at whatever cost. (thus unrooting baliaf land at whatever cost, (thus uproofing beliefs which hitherto have been held as sacred, and which have sent their roots down deep into the sympathies of man.) it is performing an inevita-ble duty which rests upon it. In the afternoon

I lectured in the same church upon "The Origin of the Christian Religion." of the Christian Religion." During the week we were extremely busy making preparations for a Grove Meeting at Keezar Pond, North Sutton. Meanwhile Dame Nature wäs just as busy, and when Sunday morn-ing made its appearance, the sky was overcast. with dark clouds, and the rain, gently falling, made the thirsty fields rejoice, and so we were obliged to hold our meeting indoors.

Sunday, July 25th, I lectured at Union Church In the morning at 11 o'clock upon "The Evi-dences of Man's Antiquity." At 1 o'clock, in the same church, upon the following subject: "Is the Christian's Bible the Word of God?" "Is the Christian's Bible the Word of God?" At 5.0'clock I held a meeting in the Grove upon the shores of Keezar Pond. This 'is a beautiful sheet of water, surrounded with high hills cov-ered with a luxuriant growth of trees. Our meeting consisted of the following exercises: Singing of appropriate selections from "The Psalms of Life," which were beautifully ren-dered; "Invocation to the Angels," a declama-tion, by Miss Alice Knowiton; "Love of Na-ture," a declamation, by Miss Nellie Knowiton; "The Magical Isle," declamation, by Miss Carrie Chadwlek; "Little May," by May Knowiton. All the above pieces were well spoken, and I can truly say the children did themselves credit, and their speaking was appreciated by all who and their speaking was appreciated by all who attended the meeting. Next followed the readaftended the meeting. Next followed the read-ing of an original poem entitled "Liberty," writ-ten by Mrs. Nellie Robinson, of Sutton, for the occasion. In rhythmic numbers-the poet deline-ated the principles of the Spiritual Philosophy. I followed with a lecture upon "The Attitude of the Church toward Spiritualism." Mr. Porter followed with vary appropriate rangely. As the the Church toward Spiritualism." Mr. Porter followed with very appropriate remarks. As the sun lowered in the West we brought our meeting to a close, and separated, each to go to his home and to ponder over the lessons of the hour. Our audiences were large for the place, although our Christian *friends* had repeatedly given notice that we had concluded not to hold any more meetings. Christian bigotry is rampart here

that we had concluded not to hold any more meetings. Christian bigotry is rampant here. Last Saturday, in company with Mr. Geo. Fel-lows, a very carnest and enthusiastic Spiritualist, I ascended to the summit of Mt. Kearsarge. We rode within a mile and a half of the summit, and then, after a great deal of scrambling and not a little climbing up almost perpendicular ledges, we arrived at the summit, which is two thousand nine hundred and fifty feet above the level of the Sea. The scenery stretched out before us was sea. The scenery stretched out before us was really sublime. Lakes, ponds, hills, mountains, valleys, fertile fields and barren wastes, wooded tracts and villages, were stretched out panoramalike before us. One could readily draw in the inspiration of the other world while contemplating such a scene. Mt. Kearsarge was once a vol-cano, and we found its ancient crater and quite an amount of lava. The rocks are twisted into all manner of shapes, some of them having deep hollows scooped out along their surface, showing the direction the huge glaciers moved when they passed over the mountain on their journey toward the southwest the southwest.

I am to return and continue my labors in Sutton sometime next September. Meanwhile my address will be at Sherborn Mass. I have not decided yet what course I shall pursue the coming fall and winter, but I am ready to receive calls from North, East, South or West, and will go wherever the call is the *loudest*. Wherever I may be, I intend to work, for my soul is in this great movement. GEO. A. FULLER. Sutton Mills, N. II., July 25, 1875.

from a real fountain. Both ladies solemnly as-sert that they witnessed these phenomena as herein described, and the spirit controls of both are most emphatic in their assertions that they did so occur, and attach great significance to them, especially the wreath of flowers encircling both."

. Ohio. CLEVELAND. - A correspondent writes:

The First Religious Society of Progressive Spiritualists meets every Sunday in Temperance Hall, 184 Superior street, at 1 and 7:30 P. M. D. S. Critchley, President ; L. W. Gleason, Secreta-ry, 200 Case avenue. The Society was organized in May as a religious institution ; and our Constitution and Articles of Association are recorded on the Book of Religious Societies, Cuyahoga Co. Records. We have had James-Madison Allen with us for two Sundays, and have engaged him for the last three Sundays in August."

From the Cape Ann Advertiser.

COFFIN'S BEACH. 1775-AUGUST 5-1875. BY HENRY C. L. HASKELL.

"The sloop-of-war 'Falcon', 'Captain Lindsay, one of the ships which had aided the British at the battle of Bunker Hill, on the 5th of August made her appearance in Ipswich Bay, and came nearly to the month of Annisquam harbor, when Lindsay dispatched a barge, with about fifty men, to land on Collin's Beach and get a supply of sheep from the adjacent pastures. Major Collin, with a few men from his farm and vicinity-not more dhan five or six-suspecting his design, repaired to the beach, and from behind some sand knolls kept up such brick firing upon the barge as she ap-proached that the officers in command, supposing a whole company of soldlers to be ising in ambush, concluded to put back to the ship without effecting his object." -- Bab-son's lindory of Gloucester, Mass.

In the glowing light of a summer day, Lies a pleasant picture on either hand— The blue Atlantic stretching away, Verdant levels of salt marsh-land,

And just below in long white reach The wave-kissed sands of Coffin's Beach. The song of the waves is the same, I ween,

The beach of white sand just the same That the waves caressed when o'er the scene Another summer sun was aflame And lit the picture with golden glow— That was an hundred years ago.

Where the hills with drifting sands are white, And beach-grass only finds room to grow, Tall old trees stood up in sight, Green and stately and row on row, When the stirring summons "Arise and arm" Reached the quiet of Major Coffin's farm.

The "minute man" had met the foe In the April morn at Lexington, And gallant Ethan Allen, you know, Ilis daring deed of fame had done; And the land had shook with answering thrill

To the battle thunders of Bunker Hill.

The cattle grazed on hills of green, The sheep in pleasant shadows lay, Where the fair, broad pastures inland lean, In the golden light of the summer day; But Lindsay cruised along the shore-The quiet rested that day no more.

He launched a barge, and, filled with men,

It pulled away to the beach of sand, He would carry back, he told'them then, From the herds that grazed the pasture-land, And the fleecy flocks that rested by— That they all might feast in full supply. But the farm hands came as the Major bid, Ills nearest neighbors hurried to arm, And behind the hillocks of white sand hid,

Lay five or six to guard the farm ;-And the British crew, as it shoreward came, Met the heated blast of their rifles' flame.

In the mind of the leader each bush and tree Ild a rebel foreman arnied and grim, And he beaded his barge straight out to sea-Perhaps the bullet hurried him

That the Major's rifle sent from shore, And that struck the clasp of the belt he wore. Quiet and fair the white beach lies, -Quiet the sand-hill drifts like show,

Blue above them the summer skies, Blue the billows that come and go ; And the broad Atlantic stretches away

In the fair midsummer light to-day. There's scarcely a trace of the farm-house now, And cattle graze in the meadow's green ; We pause as the salt breeze fans each brow To look on a pleasant summer scene : Bird, breeze and wave song lend a charm To the peaceful beauties of Coffin's Farm.

Official Report

instructing its officers to make arrangements for establish-ing a suitable headquarters in Philadelphia for mediums, speakers and Spiritualists, and to institute a bureau of in-formation, a reading room and a circulating ilbrary. *Readred*, That the President and Secretary be requested to communicate through the spiritual papers with all spir-itual, ilberal and progressive societies, asking their coöp-eration and support in carrying out the spirit of this pre-amble and resolution. *Readred*, That the executive committee be requested to take such measures as they may deem expedient for estab-lishing a suitable headquarters in the city of Philadelphia. The committee on nominations reported the following named persons, who were elected as officers of the State So-ciety for the ensuing year: *President*-isaa Rehn, M. D., of Philadelphia, Vice Presidents-Dr. Washington Barr, of Philadelphia; C. Stevenson, do.; J. J. Musser, of Columbia: Ebenezer Hance, Falsington, Bucks Co. *Secretary*-Henry T. Child, M. D., 63 Race street, Phil-adelphia.

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Mrs. F. O. Hyzer addressed the multitude in an able and eloquent manner, and closed with a poen. There was an andhence of between one and two thousand persons.
Dr. Child addressed the people as follows: Spiritualism has not only come to teach us that there is no death, that we live on continuously after the echange called death, but that death and the resurrection are always connected, the single of the world, have been built the understood. Spiritsfrom the land of the biest, the houng future? The physical and insert of the heat, the nume of the agens of the bysologist will tell you that shall mark the character of the heat shall mark the germs of all there, and yell diverse of all the teeth that will by or that shall mark the germs of an there, and yell diverse of the basis of a new-born infant may be found the germs of all the teeth that will torough all the contage and lunger of an epyslologist will tell you that shall mark the grans of the bigst germs of all the spirits of all the feed physical and the set with the and shalowy thoughts in the same strong that they annow strong the spiritual truths are first seen 'i.s. when they conne forth, senk they cance strong that they spiritual truths and they conne forth senk they conne strong that they cance strong the the spiritual truths are and they conne forth. Senk they cance they be then they conne forth senk they canne strong tha they spiritual truths are fifted

found. At the third session on Sunday the meeting was addressed by Karle B. Robinson, Prof. Isaac Rehn, Dr. Child and Mrs. F. O. Hyzer, and Dr. J. H. Rhodes gave the closing address, subject, "Mediaruship," after which the meet-ing adjourned, sine die.

Chicago Items.

"The dead live, and are able to speak for themselves." So said the spirit of Lieut, Howard M. for themselves if we will make proper conditions God's law, which is everywhere visible. They to make all good teachings practical.

Since my last "Items" phenomenal mediumship has not been very much exercised in a public manner-at least I have not heard very much of it. Mrs. E. Parry, medium for cabinet manifestations (who has been a portion of the time at A. II., Williams's spirit-rooms), has created more excitement than any other medium West since the Katie King exposé (so-called) in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Parry, by the majority of persons (so powerful medium. In several instances strangers visiting our city have, while calling upon me, stated that at'Mrs. Parry's cabinet séances they distinctly saw and conversed with loved ones who had gone before.

If any readers doubt my statement I advise them to correspond with Mrs. Bell, also Mrs. Thistle, of Fort Dodge, Iowa. They had the pleasure of seeing a friend who had been in spiritlife but seven weeks. They had never before visited Chicago and had never met Mrs. Parry, and the spirit friend who presented herself at the aperture was at once recognized, and gave many tests by which her identity could have been established without her features being pre-A short time previous to the above-mentioned scance a party of visiting skeptics undertook to "expose" Mrs. Parry. Two women undertook to examine her thoroughly, and said they did, before entering the cabinet ; but when she came out, after the scance was over, they pronounced her a "fraud." Said they found false hair, faces, etc., but did not produce them as proof, and upon making some investigations it was proven that these investigators were entitled to very close handcuffs themselves. No wonder they could n't trust others. But, notwithstanding the reputation of these people, Mr. Williams-proprietor of the spirit rooms-and Mrs. Parry, invited a committee of six honest skeptics to thoroughly investigate for six evenings, and they did so, and tested Mrs. P. in every conceivable manner. She did not object to any test desired. The result was good. I at the time sent you the report of that committee, which you published. Mrs. Parry spent the last of June and first of July in Michigan and Wisconsin.

hundreds who have called upon her for sittings, and all express much pleasure, etc. Mrs. Crocker, formerly of Richmond, Ind., and comparatively a new medium (less than a year, I think, since she first became influenced)', is giving very good satisfaction as a test'and business medium. She is destined to do much good. Mrs. Mary Weeks, Mrs. Fay and Mrs. DeWolfe-all good mediums-are well known to the readers of the Banner, as they have been here many years.

There are still two Lyceums here, one independent of the Society of Spiritualists, and hav-'ing, I am told, quite a large number of children in attendance; the other is connected with the First Society of Spiritualists, and is at present, in quite a thriving condition. There are a few faithful workers in its interest, and we hope more may be added, for the Lyceum really is the child of Spiritualism, and if Spiritualists do not desire their children fed by the kind of food they were fed on when young; if they do not wish them to embrace the barren doctrines of Ortho? doxy, and would have them comprehend ideas of truth and 'justice-would have them learn true Spiritualism, they must come forward now -"the accepted time"-take an interest in the Lyceum, and make it an institution of learning. one that they will be proud of because of its perfectness, and the good it is doing for the rising generation.

We Spiritualists who worship at Grow's Opera House have been agreeably entertained for some months by the spirits who control Dr. Maxwell and Mrs. A. H. Colby; they were followed by A. A. Wheelock and J. M. Peebles. Mrs. Colby is an exceedingly interesting speaker, and is at all times ready to receive subjects from the audience, I have had the pleasure of hearing her deliver between thirty and forty discourses, and each one was logical and instructive.

Mr. Carpenter, of Indiana, addressed the Society July 18th, and E. V. Wilson lectured on the 25th.

And thus the work goes on-the effect of a natural law, or the law of nature in continued operation. Let us have full faith in this law of nature, which is really sublime, and believe that the right will ever come uppermost. Let us cast our sorrows from us, bear with patience the persecutions of our enemies, and prove to them that we are endeavoring to practice and live true Spiritualism ; and it is now dawning, the darkness Burnham, in 1874, through the mediumship of of the night of Spiritualism is passing away, and the glorious sunlight is bursting upon us. We must learn the philosophy of life, so that its rays will come full upon us all. There is no longer doubt above the grare of loved ones. We know our friends are not dead. It is not failth, but actual knowledge we have of their existence after the change called death. Life is lord of death. The change called death. Life is lord of death. The present speaker same Maxwell May at 164 A. It. Williams, W. J. Jones, Collins Eaton, Tues were, the spirit-world is the real world. All things are moving on toward that which is highest and best under the guidance of the Infinite. In conclusion, permit me to call the attention of our spiritualistic friends to Dr. Edward Mend's Psychopathic Retreat, Boston Highlands, Mass. The Doctor makes a speciality of niental and nervous diseases, receives but few patients, and Mrs. Conant, and so say all our friends who have the glorious sunlight is bursting upon us. We crossed the river called Death. They can speak | must learn the philosophy of life, so that its rays to receive them. They ask us to faithfully obey doubt above the grave of loved ones. We know ask us to prize truth above profit, and endeavor ual knowledge we have of their existence after

nervous diseases, receives but few patients, and gives them his personal attention. This is the

only institution of the kind conducted by a Spirfar as I can learn) who visit her, is considered a vitualist or Liberalist. It is private, and Dr. M. is a competent medical adviser. Persons who have friends requiring treatment for the abovementioned diseases, should apply to Dr. Mead. Send for his circular.

ANNIE LORD CHAMBERLAIN. 160 Warren Avenue, Chicayo, Ill., July 24, 1875.

Free Thought. REPLY TO MRS, HOLMES.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The statement of Mrs. Holmes concerning the erposé at Brooklyn recently published in the Banner, calls for a word from me. She refers to me as

SPIRITUALIST MEETINGS.

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CHELSEA, MASS. - The Bible Christian Spiritualistahold meetings every Sunday in Huwthorn street Chapel, near Bellingham street, at 3 and 7 F. M. Mrs. M. A. Ricker, regular speaker, Reats free. D. J. Ricker, Sup't.

Fegular speaker, Seats free, D. J., Ricker, Sup't, HARWICH PORT, MASS, --The Children's Progressive Ly-ceum meets at Social Hall every Sunday at 125 F. M. G. D., Smalley, Conductor; T. B. Baker, Assistant Conductor; Mrs. A. Jenkins, Guardian; W. B. Kelley, Musical Direc-tor; S. Turner, Librarian; Mrs. A. Robbins, Secretary, SALKM, MASS, -- Lyceum Hall, --The Humanitarian As-sociation hold meetings every Sunday, at 3 and 75 F. M. H. M. Robinson, 4 Andover street, Secretary, Children's Progressive Lyceum, --Conductor, John Han-dall; Guardian, Mrs. A. Waterhouse; Librarian, James Foster; Secretary, G. G. Hooper; Treasner, E. B. Ames, Conference Meetings connected with the Lyceum are held every Sunday at Hubop Hall, at 1 and 3 F. M. SprinkOFIELD, MASS, --Spritualist and Liberalist So-

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WEST GROTON, MASS. The Liberal Association hold meetings every Sunday in Wildwood Hall, Lectures at 2 and 7 P. M. M. E. French, Preshlent: R. M. Macintire, Secretary, Mary L. French, regular speaker,

ANDOVER, O. - Children's Progressive Lyceum meetaat Morley's Hallevery Sinday at 105 A. M. J. S. Morley, Conductor; Mrs. T. A. Knapp, Guardian; Mrs. E. T. Colo-man, Assistant Guardian; Harriet Dayton, Sceretary,

man, Assistant Guardian, Misriet Dayton, Secretary, Appl.ETON, W18. Meetings are held at Council Ha each Sunday at 2 p. M.
 ATLASTA, GA. First Association of Spiritualists, --Officers: J. M. EllisofAtlanta, President; R.C. Kerr, Ma-rietta, W.M. Coleman, Cuthhert, B. B. Alford, La Grango, Vice Presidents; Wm. G. Forsyll, Alfanta, Secretary, BATTLE CHEEK, MICH. The First Society of Spiritual-lists hold meetings at Shari's Hall every Sunday, at 109 A., M. and 75 p. M. A. H. Ayerlift, President; J. V. Spiencor, Secretary; William Merritt, Treasurer, RATTLY, M. M. The Spiritualist Society hold meet-ings in Lycenn Hall each Sunday at 10 y. A., Hon, S. M. Green, President; Mrs. J. A. Wgbster, Secre-tary,

tary, BALTIMORE, MD. -- *Efficie Hall*, -- The **First Spiritualist Congregation of Baltimore, ** Lectures eget, Sunday by Wash, A. Danskin, and circles for spirit Conniundeations every Friday evening, *Engenne Hall*, No. 92 W. *Baltimore strict*, --Children's Progressive by centre, No. 1, meets in this hallovery Sunday morning, at 10 o'chock, and every Thursday evening. Lev-Weaver, Conductor: Miss LAzzle Wernix, Guardian; Miss Kate Powell, Librarian; George Broom, Musical Director and Secretary.

ad Secretary. and secretary. Buxiot.ev. ME. - Meetings will be held at Union Hall during the current year. Mis. Prisella D: Bradbury speak-ing every fourth Sunday at 10 A. M. The Children's Pro-gressive Lycenn meets in same Hall cach sunday after-noon, at 1% o'clock. James J, Nottis, conductor; John Lynn, Corresponding Secretary, to whom all communica-tions should be addressed.

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 CLÉVELAND, O. A. Greinn meets every Sinday at Temperance/Bull 781 Superior street, at 11 A. M. Conductor, F. C. Rich, Guardian, Miss C. Thompson: Treasmer, George G. Wilsey, Sceretary A. Dunlap 53 Wiltima Street. Transcrine Hall, 181 Superior street... The First Re-Highons Society of Progressive Splittualists meets every Sunday at 1 and 75 pt. M. D. S. Citchely, President I. A. W. Gleason, Secretary, 200 Case avenue. Carthon Block, 22 Woodland arcma, ... 'The Liberal Association'' meets the first and third Sunday in each month at 3 P. M. E. D. Stark, President; Thomas Lees, Secretary.

BROWN, COMPUTER, MO. – The Society of Spiritualists and Lib-eralists meets every Sunday at 3 (2), m. – E. B. Brewington, President: Robert Harrison, Vice President; E. M. Gill, Secretary: John L. Porter, Treasmer,

Secretary; John L. Porter, Treasurer, Montile, Ala, Spiritual, Association: Prof. R. A. Ta-tum, President; S. Moore, M. D., 18 Vice President; Capt. P. U. Murphy, 2d do.; C. Jaatnes, Secretary and Treasurer; Offver S. Beers, Corresponding Secretary. Regular meet, Ings at 14 A. M. Sundays, and Scances Sunday and Tuesday evenings, at 75 o'clock.

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ant Guardian; O. W. Hayes, Secretary; J. B. Sammis, Treasurer, "New HAVEN, CONN. —The "Free Lecture, Association" meets at Loomis Temple of Music, corner Orange and Cen-ter streets. E. R. Whiling, Treasurer, 95 Diawell ave, Services each Sunday at 2½ and 7½ P. M.

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BRATTLEBORO'. - A correspondent writes Aug. 2d : "It has been thought that progressive ideas were slower in taking root in Southern Ver-

mont than in some other portions of the State. This may be so, but in this section of the State. there are earnest working Spiritualists who will ere long see the good results of the firm and con-sistent stand they have taken. Mrs. N. J. T. Brigham has lectured in this village Sunday af-ternoon and evening for the last four Sunday afauto and evening for the last four Sundays to quite large and intelligent audiences. The po-ems improvised at the close of each discourse have been much admired. 'Brattleboro' and its Cemetery on the Hill' was the subject handed to the speaker for a poem July 24th; and the improvisation was in the best vein of the inspi-ration, and was greatly admired by all who had the pleaver of bogsing it.

the pleasure of hearing it. __The lectures of Mrs. Brigham were delivered in Harmony Hall, recently erected by Mr. E. Cros-by, and mainly devoted to purposes of free discussion. Mr. Crosby has just purchased and placed in his hall a library of progressive and spiritual works, of three hundred volumes. It is free for all—Infidel, Spiritualist and Christian. The friends of Spiritualism (and there are some intelligent and earnest workers here,) believe that this library will be the means of doing much good, and they carnestly second the efforts to do good of the liberal individual who has placed such a number of valuable books where they can be read by all. This library will be of great special advantage to many who desire to keep informed in regard to scientific and spiritual informed in regard to scientific and spiritual progress, and who are unable to purchase the more valuable works procured-for the Crosby Free Library. Let other villages and cities fol-low the example set in Brattleboro', and the re-sult cannot fail to be gratifying. Prejudice and bigotry are losing their hold upon the minds of the people, and the number honestly seeking the truth is increasing."

Michigan.

LOWELL.-A correspondent writing from this place says: "I have been requested to send

for publication the particulars of a strange episode that recently occurred in this place, the resolt of the combined mediumistic powers of Mrs. Clara Cowles of Smyrna, and Mrs. Jennie A. Chapman of Lowell. It may be regarded as per-fectly authentic, for the integrity of both these ladies is unquestioned. Mrs. Cowles is, by her ronderful gifts of healing and clairwayman do wonderful gifts of healing and clairvoyance, do-ing more for the cause of Spiritualism in this locality than all others combined. The other lady has been a believer in Spiritualism but eight months, and during this time has been rapidly developing some of the most important phases of mediumship, and gives promise of being one of the best in the land. She will undoubtedly be heard from in time. Recently, while Mrs. Cowles was treating Mrs. Chapman, both saw, in broad daylight, clairvoyantly, a beautiful wreath of flowers lying on the carpet, completely encircling both ladies, from which faces and hands with uquets appeared, indicating (as the controls subsequently stated) materialization. In the meantime raps were heard on different parts of their dresses, and as the wreath disappeared the bouquets were thrown at them. Then followed a beautiful fountain, with basin and jets and spray as real to the clairvoyant sight apparently as any ever seen by mortal eye, representing, as was afterwards explained, 'healing waters.' What was still more wonderful, twice a spray from this spirit fountain fell upon the dress and

hand of Mrs. Chapman, wetting them like a spray

Of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society of Spiritualists, Held at Heise's Woods, near Columbia,

Pa., August 1st, 1875.

or the Ninth Annual Recting of the Pennsylva-nia Noelety of Spiritualista, Iteld at Helac'a Wooda, near Columbia, Fa., August isi, 1873. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Child, and after short addresses by him and Mrs. F. O. Hyzer, the following report was read and adopted : Report of the Pennsylvania State Society of Spiritual-tas : As the years rolion the influences of Spiritual-tas is and the years rolion the influences of Spiritual-disses and conditions of society, and to ald each influvidual by giving him a knowledge of the here and hereafter. The idea that it consists only in communications from the other world is soon hid askle by hesincere investiga-or, who finds that the unissim of the angols is notonly to identify the soon hid askle by hesincere investiga-tor, who finds that the influence of yours a botter and moor real appreciation of the present by presenting some facts and havs relating to the future. It must not be assumed that this grand movement which distinguishes the nineteenth century of the Christian era trom all others is to be measured by the labors of the Spir-tualists, important and extended as they are, reaching over all parties of the world. The influence of the fact that the two worlds are closely linked and interblended, is not confined to those who know it; on the contray there are thousands of people who are becoming more spiritual be-cause of the existence of Spiritualism in the world. The field of thory of this society has been some shall they may know little or nothing about it, or may even bo opposed to the sub the society has been some shall more the visit is the influence is perceptible in their lives, rendering them more becaming into emission due means of a spirities and besen in the and the world. The field of thory of this society has been some shall in-they world is a state and inportant scenes. The review of the progress of a century is of the highest importance to humanity, and perhaps in no other depart-ment more so than in the spiritual

Mrs. Emily Willard, John S. Isett, and Mrs. Stevenson; on resolutions-Dr. Rehn, Dr. Rhodes, and Miss Sarah A. Lewis. The meeting was then addressed by Mrs. Katle B. Rob-inson, who was followed by Dr. Child. There were about a thousand persons present, most of whom were deeply in-terested, as it was the first time a meeting of this kitid had been held in this section. *Afternoon Bession.* The Committee on Resolutions re-ported the following, which, after some discussion, were unanimously adopted: *Waercas*, In the course of time our American Republich as nearly completed its one hundredth anniversary since the Declaration of Independence. Therefore, as the people of this country have decided to celebrate its centenikal anni-versary by an International Exposition, to be held in Phil-adelphia pi 1870, we the Spiritualists of the State Society, feel that a duy devolves upon us to ald in promoting the great cause of humanity, by taking the necessary action to cali the Spiritualists of the world to meet in an International Convention, that we may take such steps as shall make our efforts more effectual in making mankind live higher and better lives; therefore, *Resolved*, That this meeting take such action as may be necessary to carry the foregoing presenbel into effect by

During August she will be at McLean, N. Y. The Bangs family are still in our city, and although the children are so young we frequently hear of remarkable tests and manifestations that occur in their presence. Very many of their demonstrations are given in a well-lighted room. which makes it very pleasing to many.

Miss Minnie Myers is not in good health, I understand. Still, the invisibles occasionally use her medium powers for physical and test manifestations.

Mrs. Jennie Lord Webb is now convalescing from a severe illness of nearly three months. The visibles and invisibles have had to work faithfully'to keep her on earth in the material form. She has been saved for some purpose-no doubt to assist in keeping the "gates ajar" so the "dear departed" may return and heal the wounds of those they left behind, and say to them "Mourn not for us. We are not lost, only gone before."

Mrs. Webb is one of the best mediums for independent slate-writing that I am acquainted with; and it is hoped by her friends and acquaintances, generally that she will make that a specialty

Dr. Cyrus Lord, healing and developing medi um, is at present having a vacation of two weeks, a portion of which is to be passed in the southern part of Illinois.

We hear favorable reports from the many healers in Chicago, and allow me to mention the names of those in mind at present: Doctors Bishop, Bushnell, Wilbor, Lord, Maxwell, Dennison, also Mrs. Cleavland, clairvoyant.

We have many good business and test-mediums, and they seem to be doing a fair business, notwithstanding the "hard-times." Mrs. L. F. Hyde, formerly of New York, is still with us, and gives good satisfaction to all who visit her; at least, I hear no complaints; and I have seen

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'the gentleman who loas perfectly satisfied." was well satisfied on the evening of the last scance which I attended, that she was as vile a deceiver as ever connected her(or him)self with a holy cause, with an idea of winning honor or profit, or eventually throwing off the mask and becoming the willing tool of its enemies.

So far from Mrs. Holmes being ill-treated on the evening in question, she was the aggressor, being abusive and disgraceful in her actions toward those gathered to investigate, even before the opening of the séance.

As I tacked the sack, in which Mrs. Holmes was placed, to the floor and side of the cabinet, at the close of the scance I carefully examined the tacks, and found that three of the five were broken off, evidently by the shoe being pushed against them ; but the one on the side of the cabinet remained firm, and this prevented her from rising from the chair and giving the usual exhibitions.

Why this woman should make such a furious attack on Miss Hinman, is a puzzle to all present, but may be explained on the old theory that the insane first shower their anger on their friends. Certainly the entire action of Miss Hinman_toward Mrs. Holmes was most kindly, gentle and forbearing, even when the evidence of baseness was too plain to others to be longer submitted to in silence.

I am glad to say that so far as my observation extends, the friends of the Brooklyn Society are candid, thoughtful persons, willing at all times to give mediums a kindly, generous consideration, and also submit to any reasonable conditions they may require, but if faith in Spiritualism is to be based on or sustained by fraud, that is not the kind they desire.

Yours for truth only. CHAS. W. WARDWELL.

Brooklyn, Aug. 7th, 1875.

The Proof Palpable of Immortality.

This grand work by Epes Sargent, Esq.-which is for sale by the publishers, Colby & Rich, No. 9 Montgomery Place, Boston-is receiving merited attention both by readers at large and the cultivated minds of the age, and is sure to accomplish direct results the far-reaching importance of which time alone can demonstrate. We would recommend the work to the attention of all investigators who desire firm mental ground on which to stand as they try to follow, in thought, the beckoning hand which the spiritual phenomena and philosophy extend, calling them out from the shelter of preconceived notions and long cherished beliefs. The confirmed Spiritualist should read this volume, that he or she may attain to some idea of the immense advances which the cause is making, and the wide circle of evilts verity.

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ident. STOCKTON, CAL.-Meetings are held at Hickman's Hall, on Hunter street, each Sunday evening, by the Spiritualist Society, of which Dr. Hudson is President, Mr. A. Me-Strong, Vice President, and Messrs, Manchester and Sturgeon, Secretary and Treasurer.

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The Alarm Spreading.

We have already quoted from the secular press of the Northwest in reference to Spiritualism: and ospectally the "alarm professed at its rapid spread; among the peoples it is this week our privilege to quote from one of the leading journals of Buffalo-The Express-which approaches this subject on the same side in a remarkable, editorial artible, (the leader in the issue,) in which it frankly sets forth the peril with which Orthodoxy is at the present time beset in consequence of the steady and silent growth of Spiritualism: After asserting that "the so called "manifestations" seem to gain credence in proportion as their absurdity is made plain."-which is but a preliminary dourish in order to gain the "rebuked." confidence of Orthodd Statis admits that " whatever the cause, it is undeniable that it (spiritunlism) gains ground, and that it is to day undermining Orthodox Christianity to an alarming. extent."

It charges that "Spiritualism is now the The chief " reason " appears to be, in reasons." the eye of the Express, that "it takes advana blind and baseless one, while Spiritualism builds upon it. It appeals, says the Express to can hoast of the longest roll of wealthy members that the Orthodox religion does, namely, the includes its sum total of religion. What wonder the Church and Spiritualism ent of the Churchers' effort to put money in their purse, too, in the had very wardy hopen." By Spiritualism it ways so aptly described in the extracts above means "the simple voctrine of the future state | given ? ... of existence and differentmunication between [As for mixing religion and business, we certhe departed and the living."

But that intercommunication is precisely the or their teachers do, to accept the "manifestaof that intercommunion, for fear, that, having fears betray their real thoughts. The Expre-

lish. At builds upon their proofs, but its superstructure is nothing less than the realization of

Church Newspapers....

The New York Times pertigently says of them in generalities, but brings out citations from the that their efforts to swell their lists of subscribe records themselves; to vindicate Mr. Walker, ers by the offer of chromos, sewing machines, who, as Secretary of the first Indian Commisand other premiums, not only violate the capons sion, was extremely energetic and effective in of good taste, but they can scarcely be thought, exposing the frauds of the Indian Ring, for lion eyes and countless hands full of help, al-Baunce of Light. of good taste, but they can searcely be thought, exposing the frands of the Indian Ring, for in the judgment of the largest charity, to spring which he was fereejously assaulted and abused tron an unselfish zeak for the salvation of souls ; by the Ring organs. from an unselfish zeak for the salvation of souls : they appear in the attitude of preachers of reli-

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good and evil which is offered for sale in the ment. hops.

This is perhaps, not so strange a feature in the

tainly believe in that; but weldo not believe in

inaking religion serve as a means for getting top and bottom, the basis and superstructure of money, especially by the arts of deceit and Spiritualism as revealed in these last days. The quackery : it is too preposterous to be tolerated : trouble with the churches is that they refuse, and the practice merits the sterner condemnation when followed by those who are so careful tions " which overwhelmingly establish the fact as to claim to themselves the possession of all the religion that is to be spoken of or desired. kicked their lifeless theology from under them. If it is a fact that Orthodoxy is the embodiment they will lose their power over the people. Their of all true religion, then the outside world will surely demand that it shall not put it to base

The Indian Investigation.

The deeper the charges brought by Prof. dian king, whose centre is the Interior Depart tion, has called forth from numerous friends and

"ye cannot serve God and Mammon," Yet that "Commission, came to the assistance of Prof. thank the writers for their good words spoken worldlings with an industry and a zeal that make stion and fraud in the Interior Departments popular feeling : the love of money appear much larger than the where the interests of the Indians are concerned. love of religion, even in an ecclesiastical form. Mr. Welsh does not content himself with dealing. by the Ring organs.

In showing that Mr. Walker was right, Mr. gion, begging all the while for larger pay, and Welsh merely shows that Prof. Marsh is right, commending in moving tones their holy wares to also. At the very-least, he shows that the latter

is on the right track. The libels that were ut-And it adds that "this is not all. In immediate tered upon Mr. Walker for his determination to justaposition with plans exhortations and devo- expose the Ring, are charged by Mr. Welsh ditional verses are advertisements, from the newest rectly upon Secretary Delano and Assistant Sec patient syrup for the last scheme of knavish finan. refary Cowen ; and he very properly concludes cial speculation." The reader, without turning a his vindication of Mr. Walker by requesting the leaf, passes from the solemn homily to the blazing. President, to dismiss the latter's assailants from office. The President would in this way show True concerns and a main in the second of the solution of the second of the solution of the so business. The Secretary of the Interior, has not row for ourselves. So suffering a life as hers-it put in his bands by the venders of everything found time as yet to reply to this open arraign

🕐 🐮 🐮 Worse even than all this, the 👘 But in order to forestall public opinion, and in religious journals have been sometimes made the last mislead it, the second body known as the vehicle of adventurous or swindling speculators. I Indian Commissioners issued a sanctimonious Not only have their stocks been advertised and "appeal "to the Christian "public" from Long ditorially recommended, but there are instances. Branch, the obvious purport of which was to in which the publishing office has been turned conceal the Delano character and prevail on the into a bureau for receiving and transmitting sub- public, flattered as "Christian.", not to be in scriptions and investments. Thus poor people, haste to believe anything to his prejudice. Now, or people in moderate circumstances, have been f if the truth was all that was the object sought, defrauded of their earnings. Instances have ithis Indian Commission would rather have income to our knowledge of painful losses suffered ' yoked the public to entertain no prejudices either by those who can ill afford to lose, through their I for or against the Secretary, but to let it strike confidence in the statements of a religious jourt where it would. That would look a good deal nal. Yet this iniquitous proceeding is left un. "more like honesty, whereas it now looks as if the

"Commissioners were Delano's allies and tools. What makes it look still more suspicious is the modern church system after all. Its ministers fact that a clerk in the Interior Department, and canvass for large salaries, and its committees a son in-law of Mr. Delano-Rev. J. G. Amesscheme for extravagant edifices, on which there has been sending out a pamphlet to the elergyis always a heavy debt, to be extinguished by full men and others in different parts of the country, ture appeals, and manipulating men who are ex- | entitled " Documents Relating to the Charges of worst enemy of the Church, and for very good pected to disburse large properties at their del Prof. O. C. Marsh of Fraud and Mismanagement cease. This costliness in church building has at the Red Cloud Agency." And it hears on its become a standing scandal, but it fairly illus. title page the astoundingly impudent assertion trates the spirit of the ecclesiasticism of the that it is "printed for the use of the Investigatinculcates a faith in the future, though at most | time, which is worldliness itself. Money is the | ing Committee." There are certain documents, it God worshiped in the churches. The one that is true, among its contents, but they are only by way of introducing and disguising matter, by a "the same class of sentiments in the individual, "steems itself the most "prosperous," and that hand that is more than suspected of being that of Mr. Delano himself. This part, in fact, is the emotional and affectional? And then it hays that, when the churches themselves strike out body and soul of the pamphlet. Of the true chardown the extraordinary statement that, "in for money and the power it is believed to confer, acter of this matter, an idea may be got from its truth, the dividing line between Spiritualism in the church organs should make a sorresponding effort to disparage and degrade Prof. Marsh by Mr. George Peabody, and that the latter gave money to Yale College in order to further the Professor's interests .. The New York Tribune well says, "It is of some consequence that when a private gentleman of high character, in his zeal for the purity of the public service and his kind feeling toward the Indians, makes a respectful and in every way proper report to the President of facts which came under his personalobservation, the Government printing press is immediately called into requisition to abuse him,

The Apotheosis of Mrs. J. H. Conant, Whose honest and heartful labors for the adment, are abundantly substantiated. Very re- correspondents many expressions of kindly feelcently, too, Mr. William Welsh, of Philadelphia, ing both for her memory and our bereavement, "No man can serve two masters," said Christ; one of what was known as the Iodian Peace, which are to us indeed soul-cheering. We

FRIENDS OF THE BANNER-Very deeply we sympathize with you all in the loneliness and sorrow among you occasioned by the long illness and sudden departure of our faithful sister, MRS. 'ONANT. May the golden light of a more interior Sun of Love overcome all shadows and brighten all your hearts and household! And may the ever watching Providence, with its milways attend your footsteps and sustain your efforts in the universal cause of Human Progress Receive warm love and sympathy from the united hearts of

A. J. and MARY F. DAVIS. Progressive Publishing House, 24 East 4th street, New York City, Aug. 7th.

LUTHER COLBY, DEAR FRIEND-My heart goes out to you and all the Banner people in their sorrow, and if I did not know how the unseen ones have sustained you in the past, I should feel something akin to despair for the Message Department. But those who are about you and us are stronger and wiser than we : they can see a way where all to us is trackless, and they will let nothing come between them and their work.

We cannot but rejoice for her, though we sore could not have been kept but by your tenderness and that of her friends who surrounded her as magnets to hold her, and as cushions to support her weary frame. The angels will soon bless all who were kind to their chosen medium, who has well accomplished the work she had to do. Though she was willing to again take up the burden of life, when life area such a burden, still I seem to see her rejoiced spirit reveling in the breath of the elysian fields to which it is introduced; and while regretting" your sadness and disappointment, entering into the new freedom which the decision of death has brought to her with happiness inexpressible ! Dear sister and friend ! it is well with thee !

LITA BARNEY SATLES. Occunic, Isles of Shouls, N. H., Aug. 13th.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE BANNER OF LIGHT-I trust you will appreciate how truly my inmost soul responds to the Resolves I have the sa cred duty of now forwarding to your office, and

which were pa-sed by the New Jersey State As-sociation of Spiritualists and Friends of Pro-gress in Convention at Vineland. The Resolu-tions were presented by Mr. Spear, of Philadelphia, and were unanimously adopted, the audience rising to their feet in so doing.

L. K. COONLEY, President. Resolved. That we deeply sympathize with the family, friends and co-laborers of Mrs. J. H. CONANT, who passe ed from her earthly tenement of suffering on Thursday morning, Aug. 5th, and may it be their and our consola-tion that this great affliction and sad bereavement is her bart of the suffering of the state of the suffering of the suffering state of the suffering of the suf for the same set of the set of t

James M. Peebles, writing from Coldbrook, N. H., August 14th, says;

"And so Mus. CONANT, the dear saintly soul, has passed the crystal river to become a dweller in the Summer-Land. She was almost a spirit the last time I saw her; ill, and yet so patient, so uncomplaining, and so trusting. If ever mortal merited a crown it is her whose mediumship so long gave sanctity to the sixth page of the Banner of Light. Our loss is her gain. What a glorious relution awaited her ! What cestatic joy is now her's, the faithful servant on earth of pirits and angels. So grow dim one by one our hining lights—and who are to fill their places ?

Emma Hardinge writes in the course of a business letter from New York City : "I am really unable to offer you a word of consolation in the loss of SISTER CONANT. We all lament truly, and and a defamatory attack upon him is spread all deeply, as if we had parted from a personal over the country, with the frank of the Interior friend. The work she did will remain as her

AUGUST 21, 1875.

Return of Mrs. Mary M. Hardy,

This estimable lady and widely-known medium, who with her husband has recently been making a tour of pleasure in England and Continental Europe, has now returned to her home in America, reaching Boston from Liverpool, in the Cunarder Batavia, Saturday, Aug. 14th. We have from time to time given our readers information concerning the remarkable success which attended the few scances she was enabled to hold during her brief stay in Great Britain, and proof that the test development of Mrs. II. was called into its fullest use by seekers after spiritual light during the comparatively few days of her residence in London.

In the Medium and Daybreak of July 30th, the two voyagers took leave of their friends in the following card :

" Dear' Brother Burns-Permit Mrs. Hardy and myself, on the occasion of leaving the shores of Old England for our dearly-loved home; to express, through your columns, to the Spiritualists of London our heartfelt and sincere thanks for the most kind and hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained since our arrival among you. We have met with nothing but kindness, love and respect since we landed on your shores. Nothing seemed to have been left undone by you all to render our short stay in your midst pleasant and happy; and b assured, dear friends, we leave you with tearful eyes, and hearts overflowing with gratitude. This brief visit will be treasured up by us as one of the most pleasant experiences of our lives, brightening and smoothing the not altogether

thornless path of mediumship. In a special manner would we thank the proprietors and reporters of the Medium and Daybreak for the kind, unsolicited, and gratuitous manner in which they announced our arrival, in-troduced us to the public, and continued to apprise the friends here how and where they might avail themselves of Mrs. Hardy's mediumship. To Mrs. Guppy-generous soul-whose hospitable home was continually open for our enter-tainment; to Mr. and Mrs. Tebb; to Mr. Slater and lady, who extended to us the hospitalities of their home; to Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall, who received us so cordially at their beautiful retreat to the officers and members of the Psychologica Society at Brixton, convened at the house of Mr. Fitzgerald, who extended such gentlemanly and courteous treatment to Mrs. Hardy as a medium at her séance before that Society; and to the Spiritualists of London, one and all, with whom t has been our good fortune to come in contactwords fail to express the gratitude of our hearts and, in bidding you addeu, we again say, 'God bless you! And may the good and loving angels attend your footsteps till we meet again ?;

JOHN HARDY MARY M. HARDY."

Mr. Burns thus expresses editorially in the same number his appreciation of Mrs. Hardy's services in the metropolis :

"To the last moment she has been busy, and her sojourn has been marked by an uninterrupt-ed continuance of useful toil for the cause of Spiritualism. Her private sittings have been source of valuable information and rich consolation to many persons, and the facts of her mediumship have done much to instruct the public mind on the spiritual nature of the power behind the phenomena. . . . We have found Mrs. Hardy not only a genuine professional medium for materializations and chairvoyance, but also, with her husband, a hearty practical spiritualist, giving her time, strength, and gifts freely for the good of the cause. With such it is always our pleasure to cooperate, not as a mere matter of business, but on the broader basis of spiritual fellowship.

Mrs. Hardy will not commence her regular sittings for the present, but proposes making, with her husband, a flying visit to the Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting, also to relatives in New Hampshire. Due notice of the recommencement of her labors will be given.

We join with her numerous friends on both sides of the Atlantic, in congratulating herself and husband on the success which has attended their journey, and their safe arrival at their home once more.

English Spiritual Literature. A fine testimonial has just been set on foot in England for the benefit of Mr. W. H. Harrison, editor of the London "Spiritualist," because of the services he has rendered to the cause of Spiritualism. Six years ago, when there was no newspaper-nothing but monthly magazines-to advocate the cause in England, he started the "Spiritualist," and voluntarily relinquished two hundred pounds a year out of his income from scientific engagements to gain time for his work in Spiritualism; the proprietors of the "Engineer" newspaper certify that he voluntarily gave up about one hundred and fifty pounds a year by work he relinquished on their journal alone. The result of the long years of labor, and voluntary self-sacrifice of worldly interests on the part of Mr, Harrison, is that, although the intended testimonial has only been mooted in a private circular and not yet published in the journals, the feeling in his favor is so strong that the individual subscriptions to the fund are excessively heavy, the list being headed with several amounting to fifty pounds each, and it bids fair to be the largest testimonial ever seen in connection with Spiritualism. He has recently opened a book publishing office on the premises of the British National Association of Spiritualists, at 38 Great Russell street, London, at which nearly all the spiritual books published in the United States can now the be obtained. He is also about to publish a series of handsomely printed cheap standard books, written by the most intelligent supporters of the movement on the other side of the Atlantic.

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says truly that the greater part of the new believers in the evidences of Spiritualism come sight. In the one case they are expected to by their teachers; in the other, they are resee clearly out of their own eyes.

What the Express, with a too plainly feigned indignation, demands is that this belief shall be attended to by the preachers and the press-the same press that has faithfully lain and basked on the steps of the churches. Then it would have the scientists, cooperating with the churches, of course, take charge of the manifestationsnot to prove their reality and their merit, But to demolish and destroy all public credence in them. And finally, it would have the police put upon the frauds and quackeries, among which it of course classes all mydiums without the trouble of discrimination: An easy way, truly, of disposing of a revelation that threatens to speedily. subvert the foundations of Orthodoxy. First admit the reality of the spiritual part ; then set the police upon those who are agents in its demonstration because some are dishonest and others are imposed upon.

This is the way the Express really yields the whole case : "Perhaps," it says, "there would not be so much danger to the Church in the teachings of a separate sect based upon spiritual intercourse alone." Very well. Spiritualism declines to enroll itself as a "sect;" and has resolutely kept clear of the name by refusing even to effect a recognized organization. But it teaches only spiritual intercourse. Why, then, should the Church be at war with it, since the Church preaches faith in a future life, and illustrates it by this same intercourse of spirits? The true reason we have already given : that it would take the footing of authority from under Ortho- that institution from 2 P. M. to 5.P. M, and from doxy entirely. - Bill in order to conceal that reason, it seeks to divert the public attention by making war on the "manifestations" and the "mediums," one of which it would hand over to the disposition of the scientists, and the other to Which began its annual convocation at Nickerthe care of the police.

Let these unhappy people of the church and 24th, and continued until Monday, August 2d, the press call out for all the help they can get, I was a fine success. The services on the two Sunthey will never succeed in quenching the pro- | days were largely attended by visitors and regufound desire of every human heart to know as lar residents, and the exercises during the weekmuch as possible, and as clearly as possible, of its days were well countenanced-the conferences relations to the future. "Call it "emotional" or being participated in by all with evident interest 'affectional," if you will, it still retains its place | and profit. Music was on the ground for dancing In the human character as the central moving | two days in the week | Among the speakers who power, filling the intellect with life and light gave forth their thoughts to the harmonious ediand giving play to all the faculties. Spiritual. | fication of the people were Prof. Whipple, Dr. H. Ism, however, while it trusts to the manifesta. B, Storer, Wm. Denton, Mrs. A. Hope Whipple, tions, sifting them carefully as they multiply on | Hon. Warren Chase, and others. The meeting every side, aspires to a more exalted plane of was closed with a feeling of satisfaction as to its faith than what the manifestations alone estab-1 details on the part of all concerned.

uses, such as it assumes to condemn in unorthodox persons. The way this style of religious from the churches. It is plain enough why this newspaper is conducted is really scandalous, so is so; the people within the churches are fired inconsistent is it with the purity and exclusiveof living by faith when they can enjoy a life by ness of its professions. To unite religion and work is the desirable thing to do in this world; have their views formed, or at least restrained, but to make Beligion the servant of Mammon is a base thing, and every sincere heart will cry leased from all that bondage of blindness and out in denunciation of it. Among the other hol-

low shams of this time, this is one by no means to he overlooked,.....

-Spiritualism in New Zealand.

Our last advices from this far-off country give lirect evidence of the broadening success of the iberal principles inculcated by the Spiritual Phiisophy, while the manifestations seem to be inreasing as to numbers, and gaining in strength. The papers before us are ventilating the possibility or the opposite of a remarkable cure by pirit power, effected on the person of the wife of a gentleman residing at Dunedin, through the mediumship of Mr. Jackson of Great King street, and the members attending his circle. The grateful man at once addressed a communication to the daily press bearing witness to said cure, (which occurred after sitting twice at the circle,) and ""thanking Mr. Jackson and the members of

his circle for enabling " himself and lady " to partake of the great good their circle is undoubtedly. the means of doing for suffering humanity." and as a natural consequence a whole tornado of typographical wrath and ridicule was hurled at his head by the regular M. D.'s and their satellites. The gentleman was, however, undaunted, and at once indited a second epistle backing up his first. Evidently the work is going on well in the whilom land of the Maoris.

The Dunedin Evening Star also mentions the fact, (a true sign of progress toward liberalism;) that "The members of the Balclutha Athenæum have, by a large majority, decided on opening 8 P. M. to 10 P. M. on Sundays."

The Cape Cod Camp Meeting.

son's Grove, Harwich, Mass., Saturday, July

The Life-work of Mrs. J. H. Conant. Bro. S. S. Jones, in the issue of the Religio-Philosophical Journal for August 21st, thus bears witness editorially to the importance of the results flowing from the trials, and labors of our recently translated medium :

Department."

"We most sincerely condole with our brothers of the Banner of Light and the other friends of Sister Conant, who have so long stood very near and dear to her, in the social relations of life.

From personal acquaintance we know that Mrs. Conant was one of the most remarkable mediums of this *new erg* of spirit communion. She was accessible to, and the mouth-piece for, spirits of the most humble attainments as well as for those of the more refined and highly devel-oped phases of intellectual culture.

Spirits who had near and dear friends remain-ing in earth life, have for years used her organ-ism as a medium for transmitting intelligent communications to such loved ones, and appar-ently the satisfaction in many cases has been mutual to spirits and mortals-the recognition

Questions of a profound metaphysical char-acter have often been answered in a manner to. evince the acumen of a master mind, not inferior to that of the most accomplished scholars and savants of modern times.

The transition from the material to the spiritual plane of life was not unexpected to Sister Conant. She had been rapidly ripening for sevternives, during which time the physical sys-ternives gradually giving way, until her-spirit, like a beautiful jewel falling from "a casket, passed on to the higher life, there to take its place by the side and in the midst of the loved ones, who have long and patiently awaited her translation from the pains and sorrows incident o physical debility. Sister Conant was an amiable woman, who

had learned much in the school of experience, which she will find of inestimable value in her spirit home.

That phase of mediumship through which remarkable intellectual development of departed spirits is manifested greatly taxes the physical system of the medium, often prostrating it as though suffering from an extraordinary mental effort. Indeed such spirit control is to the medium a royal road to knowledge. That mental capac-ity which is gained by long years of close scholas-tic application in the schools seems to be impart. ed to the medium by spirit contact—the medium often being left master of a subject that has been elaborated but once through his or her organism, while in an unconscious trance state by a con-trolling spirit. But this wonderful mental un-foldment of the medium's mind is usually at a corresponding physical debility. Hence it is that mediums are very sensitive and impulsive. They speedily pass through the trials and sor-rows of earth life and wat they effonce of mean rows of earth life, and yet they often suffer and enjoy more, and have intellects more brilliant than millions that live to old age with the best idvantages for mental culture."

IF Hon. Warren Chase has for the last two Sabbaths occupied Investigator Hall, Boston, for morning services, and has met with merited patronage.

Mrs. Hollis, the celebrated medium, is at present at 383 West Randolph street, Chicago, Ill. | our second page.

uonument to future agés -----Written for the Banner of Light.

TO MRS. J. H. CONANT.

---- BY WILLIAM BRUNTON.

Flowers for her in fond regret, Flowers for her with dew-drops wet ; Roses sweet and violet. O'er her grave in garlands set. Angel flowers there be strewed, Lilies fair with light endued, And all sweets that surely bind Heart to heart and mind to mind: She shall never die nor be Lost to our sweet memory !

E. Anne Hinman's Reply

To the statements put forth by Mrs. Holmes in the Banner of Light for July 24th, was received several weeks since, but we have waited in vain for an opportunity to print it, on account of its extreme length, and now will content ourselves with saying that Mrs. Hinman pronounces the charges made in that document against herself "false in every particular," save in the matter of the mock scance, and that was done in no spirit of vindictiveness toward Mrs. H. She declares that she is not lacking in charity for sister mediums, as several of her correspondents have charged her; disclaims all feeling of jealousy regarding Mrs. H.; says she had the kindest sentiments throughout all the scances for Mrs. II.-and in fact attended them all through the invitation of what purported to be "Katie" herself, as a favored member-till the closing one, during which course she was finally forced, by what to her appeared to be the weight of cumulative evidence, to believe that the medium had descended to the practice of dception.

Spirit Materializations in Boston.

We have been informed by a gentleman wellnown to us, and of substantial standing in the ommunity, that the materializations given in presence of Mrs. Seaver are improving as to details, and in power to convince the beholder of the verity of their claims. He states that he attended, a few evenings "since, a private séance with Mrs. Seaver, during the course of which himself and all present were fully satisfied of the genuineness of the manifestations.

1-37 The address of Joseph John, the famous artist who painted our grand picture of Spring Flower, is for the present 1234 Fairmount avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Read J. H. Mendenhall's commendation of "THE WORLD'S SIXTEEN CRUCIFIED SAViours," by K. Graves, which will be found on

"Spiritual Gifts."

No. 4 of the series of articles under the above heading, written especially for our columns by Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten, will appear next "Apparitions" are treated of in this week. ēssay.

In our last issue we reverted to the decease of the Spiritualist lecturer, Selden J. Finney. We now regret to state that reports are in circulation that he met his death by violence, in consequence of his well-known fearless adherence to what he believed to be right. The following paragraph is going the rounds of the papers concerning his death :

"State Senator Finney of California was some years ago a witness against of the prosecutor of three or four desperadoes who resided in San Mateo County, but they escaped bottothe gallows and the State prison, and it was said at the time that they would one day kill him. So impressed was his wife with this idea that she advised him to call his property and leave : but he dealined to sell his property and leave; but he declined, saying that if they were determined to kill him they would follow him wherever he went. Very recently he was found dead, pierced by a builet."

Mr. Nieland, a free thinking German, who was not long since refused naturalization papers by a bigoted Judge in Philadelphia, because he held to no special religious faith, has at last obtained citizenship through the action of the District Court of the United States.

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I. Hardy. ly-known medis recently been gland and Conned to her home m Liverpool, in Aug. 14th. We r readers inforle success which was enabled to eat Britain, and

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Moody and Sankey, BRIEF PARAGRAPHS.

AUGUST 21, 1875.

'These "revivalists" are returned home, and,

tions is still problematical; they do not know

anything to a certainty themselves ; and perhaps

It is just as well for a great many others that they

do not know either. , They are quoted as power-

ful preachers, and doubtless, for that kind, they

are; men who think to lay hold on the kingdom

whom they chiefly manifested their power.

We have no idea that they are going to revolu-

tionize public opinion on religious matters.

longer answer. Appeals to the affections are

well enough, but their effect is evanescent ; they

leave no abiding impression. Something more

than husks of doctrine is needed by the hungering

multitude. Make them to see and know, if but

externally-for the internal sense will be opened

around them, and that its occupants are continu-

is what the souls of men want preached now.

George Sexton, M. A., LL. D., etc.,

ist, eloquent lecturer and forcible writer, is fa-

milliar to our readers, announces that he will in

all probability visit America during the coming

winter, and will be glad to receive applications

to lecture either on spiritual or scientific sub

The Doctor is editor of those sterling publica-

tions, "The Spiritual Magazine" and "The

Christian Spiritualist." His range of life-expe-

rience has indeed been wide and extensive, and

the topics on which he is prepared to treat are

many and interesting. He should receive the

fullest measure of patronage in the event of his

coming to our shores. Those desirous of corre-

sponding with him on the subject can direct their

Abner Kneeland.

The anniversary of the release from prison of

this stanch apostle of free thought in the old

days, was celebrated in Investigator Hall, Bos-

ton, Sunday afternoon, August 15th. The hall

was filled to repletion, and the large audience

evinced profound accord with the practical re-

marks of J. P. Mendum, Horace Seaver, Warren

Chase, Anthony Higgins, jr., and other speakers.

Miss Mendum also added pleasure to the meeting

by vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Kneeland

was a good man, and it is well to keep his memo-

Next Sunday forenoon, Mr. B. F. Underwood

will lecture. Subject-" Natural Selection, and

"Around the World."

On our sixth page will be found "ECCE RE-

SPONSA, No. IX," from the pen of John Wether-

bee, Esq., wherein this widely-read gentleman

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after a proper breathing spell from their work in BRIEF SERMON .- Pursue that which is honorable, do England and Switzerland, are expected to put that which is right, and the applause of thine own conin their sickle, or rather their MacCormick reaper, again. Just where they will begin operascience will be more joy to thee than the shouts of million who know not that thou deservest them.

When there is love in the heart, there are rainbows in the eyes, covering every black cloud with gorgeous hues.

Woman's rights in the fullest sense were fully recognized y the Maori constitution in New Zealand, it would appear. They spoke as freely as the men in the tribal parliament, and seem to have been listened to as attentively. They had free choice as to marriage, and, apparently, divorce,

of heaven as Samson laid hold on the pillars of The Abyssinians are making preparations to invade the the temple, and brought all'down in promiscuous Egyptian fronther, which is not sufficiently guarded. The Khedive has sent reënforcements to the troops on the ruin. The style of these revivalists is much betborder. ter understood-in this country than in England ; The projected Spanish constitution declares the State there it was a novelty, and drew from curiosity;

religion Roman Catholic. The government has obliged furthermore, there is no such class yet in the litesit to maintain its worship and its ministers, but nobody United States, thank .God, as the large one on shall be molested of Spanish territory for religious opinion furthermore, there is no such class yet in the or in the exercise of their respective worships

> The American riflemen salled for home Thursday afteroon, Aug. 12th, in the City of Berlin.

Their way of going to work will not do for the Gustave Richter, a German residing at 191 Putnam avematerialism and skepticism of these times. The ue, Brooklyn, shot himself on account of the loss of his wife (it is supposed), and was not found for some three people have long since compelled the preachers weeks after. The horrible stench coining from the house caused it to be entered by the authorities on the 13th of Auof old theology to modify their creed, so far at least as relates to its manner of presentation. gust, and his remains were discovered in an advanced state of decomposition. The hell-fire and red-damnation style will no

> "An acroand a half of potatoes and sixteen bushels of bugs," is the way a farmer in Highland County, O., put it down on the assessor's blank.

Queen Victoria's speech at the prorogation of the British Parliament, Friday, Aug. 13th, held out a confident hope of the maintenance of European peace, expressed gratification at the condition of the Irish laws, and rejoiced in due course-that the invisible world is all hat Parliament had been able by the temporary enactnent to diminish the dangers to which British scamen are xposed,

ally approaching them to fill their minds and Massachusetts has (so it is reported) 1,700,000 population. hearts, and a great truth will have been made Boston by the new census is expected to count up not less known that will work a revolution indeed. This than 335,000 people, Worcester 50,000, Lowell 48,000, and Fail River over 43,000.

Locomotive No. 30 of the Fitchburg R. R. line blew up at the Boston Freight yard Friday afternoon, and was totally Whose name, as a prominent English Spiritualwrecked. The fireman and engineer were somewhat in jured by the steam.

> Mark Twain, apropos of a new portable mosquito net, writes that the day is coming '' when we shall sit under our nets in church and slumber peacefully, while the discomfited files club together and take it out of the min ister."

The body of Rufus N. Wallingford, a sheriff of Nashua, N. H., was found lying in the road near the Fair Ground, about haif a mile below Milford, Aug. 11th, under circumstances that point strongly to murder.

•A Newport tradesman was astonished the other day by receiving an old debt of fifteen cents for three pounds of corned beef. Graders on the corner of Mission and Sixteenth streets

San Francisco, Cal., uncarthed a keg containing gold in scales and nuggets, the value of which is variously estimated at between \$30,000 and \$50,000. letters : Dr. Sexton, 17 Trafalgar Road, Old Kent

Five things are requisite to a good officer-ability, clean hands, dispatch, patjence and impartiality. - William A proposition to introduce compulsory vaccination in

Montreal was vigorously opposed by French Canadians recently, and a serious riot was barely escaped from." Ethelbert Parsons and Miss Lottie C. Philpott, two afflance ed parties who were soon to be married, were swept under Niagara Fails Aug. 9th and drowned. The lady became involved in an eddy near the Cave of Winds, and lost her foothold, and, the gentleman striving to rescue her, both per ished. The lady's body was afterwards recovered.-

The vellow fever is abating in Pensacola. Williamson County (III.) is becoming depopulated be ause of a family fight there, which leads to many deaths Every man who says anything against the murdering emoving in haste from the dangerous locality.

Controller Philip Pheips, who for forty years served at Albany, N. Y., in that capacity, is now retained, though past labor, as second Controller-a sinceuro-his salary eing paid him in memory of his faithfulness in the past, Witnessing while in that country the (to him), seven

strugglings of the aristocracy of England in their efforts to enjoy themselves at a ball, the Shah of Persia anxiously asked the Prince of Wales: "Why do you not employ servants to do this for you," and it is related that the perspiring prince was not able to explain the problem to the satisfaction of his oriental guest. WORDS WITH A SOUL IN THEM. - Andrew Johnson,

hate Ex-President of the United States, is said to have written this paragraph during the closing part of his life: "All seems gloom and despair. I have performed my luty to my God, my country and my family," I have

cred, and all the official building surned. Numbers of refugees are flying into Austria. The hasnignis in Her-zegovina have stormed Fort Govansko, and captured the town of Metakia. An insurrection has broken out in Turkish Croatia, in the district between Kozstanick and Dubyeka, along the Austrian frontier. The insurgents

surprised a guard-house, killed the guard, and seized their arms. The force despatched against these lusurgents is 29,000 men. doshna was the Arst patron of a newspaper, but never lived to be an "old subscriber," He stopped the Dally

BANNER OF LIGHT.

Lotta's San Francisco fountain is of bronze, eighteen feel high, and cost \$9,000.

 $\begin{array}{c} Ohieug_{\alpha_1}(Aug, (17, \cdots A) dispatch to the Chicago Jonrnal from Whitehall, Mich., says the body of N. S. Grimwood, \end{array}$ who ascended with Donaldson in his ill-fated balloon, was Who ascended with polarison in his in-rated galoon, was found yesterday on the beach of Lake Michigan, near Stony Creek, by A. Beckwith. The body was fully dressed, with the exception of his body sor shoes. Letters belonging to Grimwood and his notes of his balloon trip were found on the body, fully establishing his identity.

Honesty is the best policy as a general rule, but the cheapest manner of making a railroad track is to steel the rails, - Lowell Courier.

Commander Morris, who was in charge of the Cumberland when the ship was sunk by the Confederate ram Mer rimac, in Hampton Roads, died on Sunday, August 15th.

The Rey. Dr. Charles G. Finney, ex president of Ober-In College, whose death has been announced, was a native of Warren, Conn., where he was born August 29, 1792.

A sharp skirmish occurred in Benton, Franklin County, III., August 16th, between a band of maranding outlaws and a sheriff's powe, the former being routed. One of the outlaws was mortally wounded, confessed the pames of his arades, and the authorities are in full pursuit of them.

The Boston assessors report a loss of \$5,000,000 in the city's valuation for the past year, and the rate of taxation has been reduced from \$15,60 to \$13,70.

The case of the Indian agent Glbson will be at once.in restigated by the Commissioners appointed for the pur-pose. The Chief of the Osige Indians will make a number of charges against Gibson, the most important of which are the making of false vouchers for tarjous salaries paid his employes, whereby he made money himself, mak-ing false vonchers in regard to the number of rations furnished the Little Osages, also with corruption in requiring the Indians to sign youchers in blank form when he allows them to draw their money, also with preventing the Indians from laying their troubles before the President, and with cruelty toward the Indians. It is said the Cathothes will also prefer charges against Gibson to the effect that he refused to allow the priests to Munimister the sacra-

ment to Catholic Indians, and would not permit the Catholic missionaries to establish schools among them, A frestle bridge which spanned a div branch six nilles

outh of Gower Station on the St. Louis, Kansas, City and fatally.

America's grand tragedian, Edwin Booth, was thrown from his carriage at Cos Cob. CU., on Monday, Ang. 16th. nd sustained severe injuries. Cos Cob is the point at which Charles M. Barras, the author of "The Black Crook, ** was killed several years ago.

The 101th anhiversary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott was celebrated in Edinburgh the 17th hist.

The Trial of M. Leymarie.

Up to date of our going to press nothing had been gained in the shape of information concerning the fate of this persecuted worker, other than that his case had been brought up before the Ap peal Court, and a brief delay of judgment had peen decreed. Doubtless the question has been settled ere this, as there is every reason to foar that the judges were too much prejudiced against him, though The Spiritualist comments on the ordered delay as a favorable symptom.

We have received a copy of the pamphlet wherein the matter of the first trial is set forth, under editorship of Madame Leymarie, and hope to speak more fully hereafter concerning it.

137" Read the announcement on our fifth page of the Camp Meeting at Lake Walden, to be car ried out under direction of Moses Hull and J. H W. Toohey.

1 Letters for Dr. R. T. Hallock, who is at present in England, may be addressed 15 Southimpton Row, London, W. C.

199 Our thanks are tendered to Mrs. Hadley, East Lexington, Mass., for a fine bouquet of natural flowers.

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it necessary to have the street in front of the

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King Coffee Calcall, of Ashantee memory, has sent his on, a smart young "warrior," to England for education.

A tornado, sweeping a path four hundred feet-wide, passed over Philadelphia, on the afternoon of August 11th, loing much damage, though no lives were lost.

Why is a solar cellpse like a woman whipping her boy Because it is a hiding of the sun. Hans Christian Andersen was buried at Copenhage August 11th. The king attended the funeral. Affecting

tributes to his memory were received from abroad. The day was made one of national mourning through Denmarki In Copenhagen business was susponded and flags were placed at half-mast.

Two of the Sing Sing convicts who stole a locomotive to scape from that prison have been captured in St. Louis. Governor Graham, who died at Saratoga, August 11th

was secretary of the navy under President Filimore. The extra sleep obtained by the use of a mosquito-canopy

s net gain.

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pension rolls. The reservoir dam at Searsville, Mass., on Mill River, was swept away on the night of the lith inst., and one or two bridges were also carried off by the flooid. No lives were lost, although there was a fearful panic at Williamsburg, and some narrow escapes there and at Leeds.

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My DEAREST FATHER-1 cannot go to the end any DEAMS I PATHER - I cannot go to the child nor to the middle of space, and if I did I should ; not that God'in any more tangible shape than I have him. Tractod sis so identical with my sur-roundings, that when I put my finger upon a flower I behold him; if I look at the immeasura-ble visits of time. I behold his finger mark; in sky, where worlds are decked in its depths, " but look upon himself represented in infallible power, strength and beauty. When my pul-ates to its best intentions, and my heart face is glad with its own goodness. Lety, "It is thee-then art within me." The angels, making their transits to the brighter sphere, regard him as omnipotent, and expect to find not any nearer approximation to a present field, but a more complete fulfillments of the promises of perfection in men-spirits which create diviner surroundings. Archangels are those who have passed all pur-gations and penances, and have climbed, by the virtues of their loyes, into the supremest, and

sublimest heights of inner life, and are ordained to great orders of usefulness, which they project through losser angels or spirits. They soldom leave their realms or descend. In our sphere we are lovers after the matther of our dispositions and tastes, recognizing the glory of being no longer in bondage to the fiesh, and perfecting our, highest intentions. I have often told you that to attend you was one of my most pleasant acts, and when I can make myself somewhat intelligible, through this pen, 1 am; indeed a hap-py, happy child. You are so good to me; you have never denied me a hearing ; 1-should be unry compty could. A on are so good to me; you have never denied me a hearing; Ashould be un-grateful not to acknowledge this privilege. I know spirits who are not happy, simply from disappointment at not being encouraged by their friends to manifest. When will the recent s to manifest. When will the people generally and generously open their hearts to their friends and let the golden flood of comfort radiate both sides? When Jesus taught the people, they obeyed this instructions=mechanically in many instances, and realized wonders, which have ever since been called miracles. If a medium of to day tells one, through the power of a spirit, what to do to obtain the proper conditions for mediumship, attention is seldom paid to the advice, and hence so few true mediums. If 1 were a preacher belonging to an Orthodox school, I should skip the prologue and get at the finale quickly As it is, I shall try to tickle the ear of it least one hell-tire instructor, until he be made to think that he himself is one of the black sheep inevitably predestined to that delectable spot. Good by, darling japa.

Your own dear MARY.

I must give you a new message, and that is that I would have you finish what you thought of some time ago—to compile the different articles spair but the philosophy of Spiritalism. I com-which you have received through mediums, If mend you for your zeal in propagating this you would have the truths set forth before the truth, for your solicitude to raise the fallen, to world, it would be best for you to compile them world, it would be best for you to compile them separately, and altogether they will make a new book of problems. You are not unable, but able, to spread truth, and you must do it. I will have you make known to some, who would be otherwise ignorant of the truth of spiritual manifestation, that we do live, move and have exist-ence in another and higher life than that which existed upon the old soil of mother earth. My husband, my husband, we are not selfish; we wish to send good news and good effects throughout all the earth, and also to have everybody under-stand their responsibility to themselves. I have been in New York, have seen women without hope, those who have been outcasts from society, who were shelterless and homeless, and without the shadow of hope, or without knowledge of the fact that they had natures and capacities which could exalt them, and set them fair and free in the

opinion and before the face of angels; and my opinion and before the face of angels; and my heart is full of pity and compassion for them. Oh, what will you do for them? Spiritualism is the only school, the only church, the only reli-gion which will help them, in which they may find

selves. When the body is wrung to its utmost

The first words I read in "Peebles's Around good and his ministering spirits willing. The soul succumbs beneath the heavy pressure of the centre of the book, were these :

> the destiny than the origin of humanity. Though generally outlined by your guardian angel, your future, morally considered, is not irrevocably Man is a mental and moral as well as a fixed. physical being. You are now (said the spirit;)-paving the highway your feet must press in spirit-life, and laying, too, the foundation stones f the temple you will inhabit."

think Gray's celebrated lines might be transfig-

Full many a block of purest thought service, The dark unfathomed shelves of book stalls bear; Full may a fome is born to kay unseen, And, waste its wisdom thas neglected there."

cirtue of it he is the inspirer of these responsa.

ured into a modern truth and read thus :

een this to occur, and I know it to be true. I am sorry for the poor, for the unhappy, for the despairing, and long to have heaven exert These words seemed to be in keeping with my train of thought, and also profoundly true, and wider effort still to equalize the element which is king and kingdom to man. I desire to have I make the quotation the threshold of a "rethe extreme riches which some enjoy and the ex-treme poverty which some others suffer brought to a medium's basis and fixed, by limitations, though his book has answered some questions One Poverty is comparative and so is opulence. which would find expression in this series, but | Bancroft's Treatment of the "Witchcontented mind may appreciate the sums that an avarietous, one, would consider, contemptible. how to insinuate in a unity many abstractions were there certain modifications established and questions is somewhat diffigult, so I will let which would positively prevent the spendthrift from wasting his means below a certain figure, my pen run as it may, and if nothing comes of it I will not print it.

or the mean from hoarding beyond a certain amount, the *octual* suffering, the evil conse-quences, the many aggravations and crimes, hight be mostly prevented. We have some wise It is impossible to read everything in this age of books. I sometimes envy the men like Chaucer and Wickliffe and their contemporaries, who heads among us who are working for this, and who will bring it about if *possible*—and nothing is impossible to a band of active spirits who de-termine to benefit humanity by influencing men's read all in their day and did not overflow. I. minds to practically apply the ideas which they much of the procession of literature in book form, exists touching these extraordinary mental and my best love and sweetest embraces. From your own FAXXY.

Burns would say," " Like a snow-fall in a river, One moment seen, then lost forever,"

ing it.

To the curious, my friend, there is always to be found a curiosity. Nature is not barren, but profile in wonders, and whether in the body or out, a man may always find enough to fill him with amazement at the grandeur and majesty of the *moster mind*. Under the inicroscope there is discovered animal and vegetable life of which the common evesight has no conception. Under the *chairconant* sight there is mysterious and transcendently beautiful scenery disclosed, of which the normal comprehension has no idea. Could some of the potentates of the pulpit, who preach of heaven and hell and guardian angels, but have the key to their inner surroundings sudden-ly turned in the material lock, opening wide the door to the spiritual, they would shrink back horrified to find heaven so near and guardian angels a reality. If I were back in the body I would pay more attention to the subject of mesinerism, and while I might show the physical phenomena I would also attempt to illustrate the psychometric. I long to have the world unbound and set free from the dogmatism of creeds. Yet, my friend. it is necessary that a certain amount of humbug be mixed with some fact, for the human mind is attracted by glitter, held by persuasion, and guly saved from idlocy by reason. This scents to you a paradox, but 1 am logical, and say it advised ly. The paraphernalia of religion courts attrac-tion and secures it, but *b hind* the mind of a man there is a more subtle presence, which re-quires to be fed after the senses have been satished with show, and for this purpose no ecclesi-asticism has been sufficient. The parables of heaven and hell, a personal avenger, and a hu-

and demoralize the subject, which it leaves in the despair, and strives to prevent the influx of such influences as would make him mock God's Providence of the law of love. I have

man Christ, have never satisfied the craving of a man's spirit. No antidote rescues man from de will not cease my efforts, but will give my ener-gies more fully, as I advance, to the help of such men as yourself, who will give freely their experiences, their views, and their substance for the sake of *truth*. I advocate *carnest* work; efforts which show that the will is not alone, but is kept company with by the true spirit-inspiration. I will give you as much of the pure substance of magnetism as I can; and should you find yourself lacking in faith, look back at what you have experfenced, and you will be reinstated in the faith, and have your mind sharpened afresh with a fervor of hope. I give you my respectful appreclation, and guarantee the hearty approval of all who come within your sphere, or are cognizant of your condition. I am most truly, THEODORE PARKER.

you more than I have already told you that Lam yours for time, for eternity, and that heaven is not bright enough for me without you. I could have no divided joy, no selfish pleasures, but must mix and mingle myself with you; and when the time has come in which I may fold my arms around you, making myself palpable to you, and your spirit form being palpable to me, the con-But you are my fountain, from whom I took my baptism of knowledge. I had not known life h its true significance until 1 became your wife I know not in part, but 1 know in full, what the marital relation is in holiness, in vestal purity in exquisiteness, and no'ray of light that falls upon a true union of souls is lost, but is made blessed, because of its taking under its influence the connubia sacraments and rendering them ap parent to ministering angels. I am sowing wheat without tares, I am reaping fruit without blem-ish, I am realizing hope, I am exercising love, I work, I run, I teach, I copy, I learn, I grow, I never leave an idea that I had while in the body idle, but put it to its purpose and see it effected I go to see wise and good men esteemed on earth and when they come out here, as soon as I may go to see them, inquire about the condition of the people, and try to send some healthy, wise Net propiet, and try to send some neutry, wise influence by impression to those they tell me of. Yet for all my acquirements, my practices, I am ever humble, simple and truthful, looking to you to be taught in and or many things which I am unacquainted with. Darling, 't is time of year when we used to make much ado, and you have no wife in the flesh now to carry out for you little plans of comfort, to whom you may confide your private wishes, your desires in regard to our children. But I am near to you; whisper to me, talk on, and wait not for any answer. I cannot send my speech, cannot break the material structure of human combination which surrounds your cars, but I hear, sympathize, appreciate and receive your every word 1 love to write to you through this source, and I exclude others from the place when she becomes passive for my use, in order that I may fill crery moment. Give my dearest fore to my children and the others, and take my whole embodied sweets of heart, of character, for yourself.

ECCE RESPONSA .- IX

BY JOHN WETHERBEE.

the World," and accidentally meeting my eye in

phy, can be found so many rational explanations "The future is more important than the past of the mysteries of our existence as can be gathered from the teachings and literature of Spiritunlism? When I began this number, I was almost inclined to review this book which has inspired this response, but I remember, though new to me,

it was not new to my Texan friend, and probably not to the Spiritualistic reading public ; so I have referred to it, letting it take this form, which I know will answer some of my questionsponse," not so much for its intrinsic truth as ers; and if it leads others to read the book, it because Peebles's book contained it. I feel as | will answer some of them also.

craft Delusion."

The following extract, concerning the much controverted and but little understood psychological question involved in the Salem witchcraft matter, is copied from the Chicago Tribune of . a recent date.

pusness, what wise utterances can be found in

the communications filtered, if .you -please, from the spirits over the river? I was led to exclaim,

in reading this book of Peebles's-and the same

may be said of others that I could name-where,

oh ! where, in any system of ethics or philoso-

It occurs in a most trenchant review of the tenth and last volume of Bancroft's History of have to jump the many : the days and the nights the United States, and shows in a clear and sigare not long enough to read but a small percent. ' nificant manner the prevailing ignorance which matter.

The writer of the review in question is that indefatigable student and author, Wm. F. Poole, Others deserve and have a better fate, and yet the eminent librarian of the Chicago Public the writer of this response be none the wiser, as Library, and formerly of the Boston Athenaum. will be seen when the inspiration of this number B. begins to manifest itself. Speaking of books, I

"Nothing more fanciful and unreal can be found, in the field of what is called legitimate history, than Mr. Bancroft's treatment of the 'Witcheraft Delusion' which broke out in New England in 1692. The fullest and most authentic details of those scenes have been preserved; and yet he has wholly misconceived the nature The parody is excusable, it so forcibly tells a truth. 1 would not convey the idea that the book the phenomena exhibited in the 'afflicted eferred to by Peebles "has blushed unseen or children'—which were similar to spiritual mani-festations seen in our day—and the causes which wasted its fragrance on the desert air," yet, but for an incident it may have borne that relation for an incident it may have borne that relation to me, and I might have lost a good suff of truth and philosophy from thus unintentionally skip-mischief; and that the executions came about by and philosophy from thus unintentionally skipa conspiracy of fraud between them and the "How much more we often find in a friend's" dering of the colony. In his dramatic ren-there is a sum of the subject, he has assumed, for the chief conspirator, a person who lived sixteen miles from the disturbed locality, and who had etter than he thinks he put there ; " so said my | chief fexan friend, and so I have found it, and by no personal acquaintance or intercourse with the parties concerned. This person and his fathe were the two most noted names in the colony I suppose I wrote some of the early numbers of this series and printed them in answer to his and the best contemporary evidence proves that through their labors and personal influence the modest way of asking questions. I learned later

trials were stopped, and a hundred or more im that he could suggest to me more than I could to prisoned victims were released. The son, the alleged chief conspirator, when him, but still I am not sorry I wrote and Printed, for I have the autographic evidence before me to the conduct of the 'afflicted children' became a The matter of public notoriety, advised their separaprove that some of the Banner readers have been pleased, and may have been instructed, by what they offered to be responsible for the care of six of them at his own house and the houses of his I have offered under this head. This inspirer to friends, in Boston. This separation, he thought, might break up the spell, or charm, or whatever whom I have referred, by the efficient way he it was. This offer was unheeded by the local magistrates. Before the trials commenced he warned the Judges against receiving 'spectral testimony,' or the evidence of alleged witches, as was done in England in the trials before Sir Matthew Hele. quotes from and refers to, the wise lights of the iour, and of past time also, must be a well-read man ; when he quotes from Peebles to illustrate his thought, little thought he that he put in words Matthew Hale; for such methods, he said, 'will undo poor New England, and the righteous will perish with the wicked.' This advice was also that which eclipsed both of our points, or as he expresses it, " more than he thought he put in," aside from the fact that the quotation was good unheeded, and the trial's went on after the Eng and sensible, and that it expressed my sentilish methods. This was the person whom Mr. Bancroft makes chiefly responsible for Salem ments also, for a feeling of shame came over me witcheraft and its twenty executions. His fa-ther then wrote and printed a treatise entitled to think that I had to be thus poked with a stick before I waked up into Peebles's morning ; that "Cases of Conscience Concerning Witchcraft," in which he exposed the injustice and cruelty of The sentences referred to in my friend's letter which trials as they were conducted, and public sentiment instructed by this treatise, brought the made me feel like a prospector in a gold-mining

trials to an end. country, who would have said "that was a good Mr. Bancroft may offer as an apology for the show; I'll open up that lead; perhaps there is a historical blunders involved in the fanciful nar-MY OWN BELOVED HUSBAND-I come to you mine there," and so it proved, auriferous in its rative, that he was not the originator of this whenever your wish is wafted upwards for me. thought, with an argentiferous trace. If this theory, that he found it ready-made by another whenever your wish is wafted upwards for me. I Hnger by your side, I fill all space about you with the sweets of my love, and I cannot tell any critical examination it serves to show how little of original research there is in certain parts of his work. He has, however, given his readers no intimation that it was borrowed, or made reference to the source from whence he borrowed it. He has the satis-faction of knowing that his errors in the matter of Salem witcheraft have gone into all the minor histories of the United States which have appeared during the last thirty-five years, and have cast a shadow on the reputation of the best men of their time."

thow of soul and a good time; and Brother Wilder's is the place to have it. Board one dollar per day, and accommodations for all. It is expected that the Central Vermont will carry those who attend the Convention for half fare. CHARLES WALKER, HARLY DICKENMAN, SABIN SCOTT,

Eighth Annual Convention of the Minnesota

Eighth Annual Convention of the Minficzota State Association of Spirituali-ts. Notice is hereby given that this Convention will be held in the city of St. Paul on the 17th, 18th and 19th of Soptem-ber, 1875. Arrangements have been made with the Rail-roads for a reduction of fare to those going to the Conven-tion. Persons wishing to avail themselves of the reduced-tare will call for Convention Ticktes at their respective and will be duly recognized. Arrangements have been made to have present good, reliable test mediums. No pains will be spared to make this Convention a grand suc-ress. Arrangements have been made with the hotels to keep persons coming to the Convention a grand suc-ress. Arrangements have been made with the hotels to keep persons coming to the Convention a grand suc-ress. Arrangements have been made with the hotels to keep persons coming to the Convention a grand suc-ress. Arrangements have been made with the hotels to keep persons coming to the Convention at reduced rates, it is distinctly understood that this is to be a Convention of Spiritualists, having no affinity with social freedom or any of its champions. This Association is fully alive to the fact that there must be a distinct domarcation between the demoralizing and dehasing incubas of social freedom that has endeavored to attach lisel to the body of Spiritualists, and the high-toned and elevating teachings of the new philosophy. So then, with malice loward none, we say to any and all those thre-tured with the sold doctrine of social freedom, you are not invited to our feast. Stilliouter, Aug. 7th, 1875.

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The Annual Convention of the American Free Dress Lengue Will be held at Lincoin Hail, Philadelphia, Sept. 15th and 16th, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M., the first-named day. Believing the object of dress is to protect and adorn the human form without constricting any organ, and that the style imposed by fashion and accepted by woman is fatal to her health and the high Interests of humanity, this League invites the friends of general well-being to meet with it and reason together on the nature and removal of existing cylis in dress, hoping to elicit truth and advance the idea of individual choice and kindly tolerance in forms of costume.

Able speakers will be present, and full freedom given in discussing questions germain to the subject. Entertain-ment near the ball at reasonable rates. Editors pleaso copy. Inquirers address M. E. TILLOTSON, Vinetand, N. J.

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Grove Meeting. The Spiritualists of Euclid, O., and vicinity, will hold their yearly Grove Meeting and Basket Picnic on the last Sunday in August (2016). Good speakers will be present as usual. All are invited.

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any consolation, or he brought to realize that the Father of Light can send heaven to them, as well as to all, who aspire to it. I am much affected upon this theme, and you must not think strange If I speakes I am yours in love, FANNY.

My DEAR SIR-Give me credit for patience for a steady perseverance in well-doing in oblit-erating the worst qualities of my disposition and making every moment tell in the great catalogue of improvements. I know that I was imperfect -mean in many things; deficient in such cour-age as could make me defend and not trample on a woman. I am now a different man, and my heart yearns for full, free forgiveness from $\Lambda - \epsilon$ who was a long suffering, much persecuted wo man. I do not expect her to love me or to renew relationships ; that would never be according to the fitness of things, of higher inner law and life ; but I should be better satisfied if she did not still entertain some of the old aversion to me. I want, this good woman (Mrs. B.) to intercede with her for me. Mr. T. has done me much good. He has strengthened my self-esteem and helped me to acknowledge the good that is in me. You have been a good and useful man in your

day, and are still active in kind word and work where there is a call. Let me exhort you to hold on to your simplicity of living, your unaffected manners, your impartial acknowledgment of merit wherever you find it. I wish that my life had been such as yours. I should not have the sea of remorse to wade through which has tormented me. You were a good son, a good husband and father, a friend whose friendship stands good in the hour of need; and I was none of these. But I am progressing, growing in grace, knowledge and wisdom, and do not despair of getting high beyond my present status. Yet nothing can ever entirely blot out of my memory my unkindness to my wife. T***** 11*****

Yes, my dear son, under every circumstance you have been true to your nature except in one : you would torment daugh animals, and although a lad, the blot has been , hard to wipe off. But your general philanthropy is wiping away all youthful indiscretions. I can hay my hand on your head and testify that you have not been cruel to one of the next most helpless beings, a woman. You have shown yourself, for the most part, righteous in your dealings with them, and have the name among your spirit guides of being chicalrous

I am still enjoying the fruition of a life which: was as free of guile as most. I have worked for my children and grandchildren as well as for my self, and your father and I are much united in sentiment. We have not much power given us yet with which to manifest, yet I shall be hoping for man's development, which will break away the bolts and bars and bring us face to face

with mortality. Be on the watch to teach, to talk, to tell of the great reason upon which you hang your bloc of immortality and eternal progress. Keep your lamp lighted, and try to have your conscience so clean of all filthiness that the kingdom of heaven may abide continually within you. Oh, my dear child, Fanny and I span hands around you many times, and would bring you and all our dear ones into the full acceptance of all spirit knowledge. Your mother, M. P. H.

My DEAR HUSBAND—There are some condi-tions in which human nature may enter through physical law, that render the individuals for the time being almost incapable of the simple act the lifeless body and scatter the ashes. The soul-of encountion of any blobar power than them. My DEAR HUSBAND-There are some condiof recognition of any higher power than them- likes it.

From your dear wife, FANNY.

I am here, my friend, head and shoulders, heart and brain, safe and sound, yet a man that was pulled into more than an hundred pieces in less than thirty minutes after I sunk, by sharks. Where is the use of the old nonsense of the general or individual resurrection of the body? 1 oc. cupy a position, live in a place, move in a sphere, think, talk and eat; have my wits, my conscience and my understanding. Every toe and finger nail, every hair on my bead and in my beard is perfect, and yet I have, as a mortal carcas, been food for fishes. Burn up your corpses as many as you please, it will not prevent the spirit's ascension in beauty, symmetry and exact likeness of the old flesh more perfectly rendered. I would

-I am PETER WATTF.

revice we should name it the Peebles lode.

was what he did not know he put in .;

How shall I say the right thing on this subject, and yet not own up to having been asleep ? and but for my friend, the book which he quoted so deftly, have been all unknown to me, and suggest another of Gray's lines (I think that poet must be around me now) :

Perchance in this neglected book is writ Some thoughts now pregnant with celestial fire. Only the book was not neglected, as the Texan's quotations proved ; that it is pregnant with celestial fire is a fact that I have now discovered by having read it. A man who attempts anything oracular, as I do in a softened. way, should be well read up at least in spiritual literature; my excuse is in the multitude of books.

There is good sense and truth in the following fords, which my eye accidentally falls upon, having now read the book ; but it is singular in its expression, I having above illustrated my points metallurgically ; they read thus : " It should be remembered, then, that shrewd, scheming spirits of the lower spheres cast a powerful psychological influence upon earth's inhabitants; and that miserly fathers often intensify the selfishness of their sons by pointing out rich mineral beds, and otherwise aiding them. in earthly speculations, culminating in hoarded wealth, and followed ultimately by remorse and suffering." One feels here like saying to this unquestionable truth, Good Lord, deliver us.".

Reading along carelessly, I find this passage marked (by-the-way, I always mark my books when reading them, so I always have plenty of good reading on hand, by reading the marked passages; in that way I make myself into a patent concentrator. If you should ever go to Colorado and see practical mining, you would find many practicing a system of concentration, reducing three or more tons of ore down to one, and thus getting the value of three tons with the expense of treating only one. Why is not that a good way with books, so treating them that the value of four hundred pages can be com-pressed into fifty? This is rather a long paren-thesis, and should be "concentrated," but, if I am excused, the quotation I was going to repeat is), "These spheres related to; sail, with' the earth in her revolutions through space. Some spirits take up their immediate abode just above their former homes, casting upon them a powerful psychological influence; miserly spirits linger about their vaults; and others, disorderly and maliciously inclined, cling to their previous abodes, producing magnetic conditions suitable for haunted houses, for producing obsessions, insanity and nervous diseases."

I could fill up this article with wise extracts from this book which I have just laid down, and thus say wiser things under the influence of Bro. Peebles than I am in the habit of saying unaided : but that is hardly the expectation,

How often we hear the expression cui bono in reference to the utility of Spiritualism and its I teachings! how blind prejudice is! In all seri-

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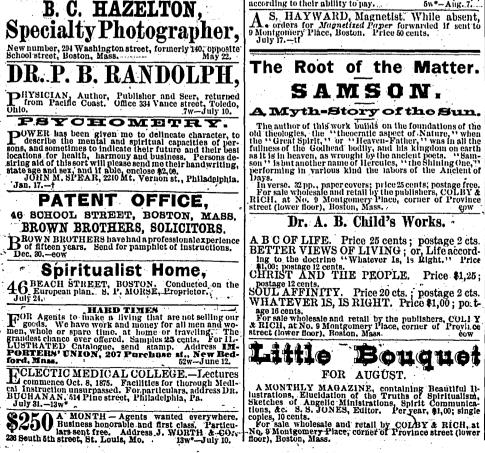
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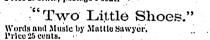
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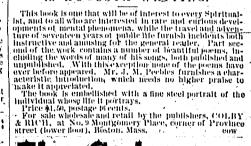
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FREENDS Lake thy shadow is many a friend of thine, -Will stay while the sun of thy fortune shall shine. · Kreh

conversation enriches the understanding, but solitude is the school of gentus, (4655on,

THOUGHT-Thoughts are creatures whit and shit Chase them and they straightway fly Look at them with tranquileye. They will trustingly come (18%). And a still wanderer through the land Can tangand feed them from his hand. Heyse, All enduring success, says Ruskin, arises from faith in , human nature or a belief in immeriality.

The night has a thousand eyes, The day has one : Yet the light of the bright Korld dies With the dying sun. The infini has a thousand eyes, And the heart but one ;-Yet the light of a whole life dies When the day is done.

Happiness is a ball after, which we run wherever it rolls. and we push it with our feet when it stops,

THE EVENING STAR. Lot in the painted oriel of the West? Whose panes the sunken sun incarnadines, Like a fair hely at her casement, shines The ovening star, the star of leve and rest And thereangeste doub herself divest. of all her faillant gern ents, and teellifes Shehnd the souther force on of yorder plues. With shunder and soft dreams of love eppre-oh my beloved, my sweet Hofferigs 2. My metricing and my evening staff theory. My best and gentlest hads " even thus," As that fair planet in the sky above, . Doet then retire unto thy rest at hight, And from thy darkened window fades the light.

Longi How. 44.5 A weak mind sloks ander presperity, as well as under adversely. A strong and deep one has two highest block when the meon is at the full, and when there is no moon. Augustus Hare.

Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting--Leetures, Conferences, Circles, Socials and other Inci dents of Camp Life.

Reported for the Banner of Light by J. J. Morse,

In making up a report of the proceedings of this Camp Meeting-now in full operation--for the week ending Sun day the 15th inst., we may congratulate all concerned on the success which has so far attended these meetings. For a couple of days, during the middle of the week-Wednesday and "Thursday-" Old Probabilities" was very unsociable, and gave a carte blanche to Jupiter Pluvius, and the watery god availed himself of the privilege, deluging us in good earnest. Summer's smiles at fast wooed O. P. into a good humor, and the rain clouds passed from off-us, leaving nature all smiles and beauty.

Monday, Aug. 9th, was a quiet day, nothing. of importance occurring save the arrival of earny ers on every frain, the tent-erection committee being thus kept well employed. Tuesday the 10th, Mrs. Townsend of Bridgewater, Vt., was to have delivered the regular lecture of the day. Owing to illness Mrs. Townsend was unable to unan is to stand forth before the world as a grand appear, and, after consulting upon the matter, the committee decided to invite Mr. J. William Fletcher of Boston to occupy the stand, Mr. the divinity of man? If man has bost it Fletcher accepted their request, and delivered an his to find it : God has made no blunders, exceedingly interesting and well received lecture if God has made no blunders, who has? on the subject "Is there any Religion in Human The speaker argued that the Orthodox idea of religion was a something outside of the individual, a matter to be taken on. And the individual, a matter to be taken on. Any tone, and tone, and the individual, a matter to be taken on. Any persons, emphasized the speaker, put on their religion and lay it off as they would a suit of clothes—custom, dress and the *outer* life of the person, passing too often as the real religion. The math of the pricet, the robe of the num, the local " dress of the Shaker were the emblems of the ex-

tions, were given. This lady is sister to the celebrated Davenjort Brothers, and her manifes-tations being given under test conditions, utterly preclude the idea of fraud. A conference was held on Friday morning, the

subjects discussed being Phrenology and Physi-cal Education. A. E. Carpenter presided, and Messrs, Guerney, J. J. Morse and Dr. Dutton, were the speakers. The regular lecture of the day was delivered by Dr. T. B. Taylor, of Bos-tón. A numerous and attentive audience greeted the Doctor, who spoke upon the "Three regular" upright steps from the outer court to the inner sanctuary," the three steps being defined as Skep-tleism, Investigation and Acceptation. The Doctor gave several illustrations from his own experience concerning these steps while investigating matters theological, spiritual and philosophical: Speaking of the change in his views as regards theological matters, he stated that the reading Haeckel, Kant, Spencer, Paine and others, com-bined with an intelligent criticism of the bible for himself, had contributed to the change of views which he had experienced. The audience. listened with manifest delight to the Doctor's useful and entertaining lecture. In the evening a mesmeric entertainment, by Mr. A. F. Carpen-ter, the usual circles and social calls, helped to while away the hours.

That veteran worker, N. Frank White, delivered, the regular becture on Saturday, the 14th, his subject being "Christianity not the Mother of Civilization." The palmy days of Egypt, Greece and Rome, claimed the speaker, were those preceding the dawn of priesteraft. The runned temples of Luxor and Carnac, the crum-bling temples of Luxor and Carnac, the crumbling Forum, and the splintered columns of Grecian temples, were evidences of the decay of a grandeur blasted by the miasma of priesteraft. When the church in modern times gains most, the world recedes in proportion. Full of much thought, and interspersed with not a little poetic imagery, the lecture, and the poem with which it was concluded, afforded the greatest pleasure to Was concluded, allorder the greatest preasure to those who listened. A conference was held in the evening in Danklee's dining tent, 'a full house assembling,' A. E. Carpenter presiding, Messrs, Storer, Williams, Guerney, Morse and others, taking part in the proceedings.

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Your reporter was the chosen speaker for Sun-day morning, August 15th, and deilvered a trance lecture, for the notes of which here appended he is indebted to Dr. T. B. Taylor. An excellent audience assembled of some three thousand, Dr. J. Beals presiding. A quartette, under the direct tion of Mr. R. Cooper, of *Fingland*, rendered some effective vocalization, "Bright Celestial Shore," composed by Mr. Cooper, being rendered. with much effect. The intelligence controlling Mr. Morse then

said that in contemplating the progress of human-ity the student would find dark clouds arising und shadows coming down upon his spirit, a feeling of disgust with the race and the dispensa tions which the race had developed. And this raised the question which the speaker proposed to discuss, viz.: "Who has Blundered-field or-Man?" Several facts must be considered. At first sight, Godeis charged with being the author of the blunders that seem too visible on the sur-face of human life. Orthodoxy says that "man was made a perfect being, but by his own act bas fallen and lost his fair estate."

Here the lecturer spent much time in explod-ing the absurd dogma of the fall of man, and his specimen of God's handiwork. If man was created in the image of God, what has become of the divinity of man? If man has lost it, it is Well.

We say much about crime. But we are told hat "the soul is totally depraved." Not so. that-See the prostitute, the liar, the murderer, the thief--all these, even the most debased of them,

But let us probe this subject. Who made the ternal religion referred to. The speaker thought that these things had nothing to do with either religion or humanity, the real principles of life being withing the souls of all. Call them out —as for instance was done in the case of a bard moderming who as arguing to moder the speaker of a memory distribution was arguing to moder the speaker of a bard moderming who as a religion of a speaker of the case of a bard moderming who as a religion of a speaker of the case of a bard moderming who as a religion of the case of a bard moderming who as a religion of the case of a harde ned criminal, who was aroused to manhood by a little child sweetly singing to him in his cell, an incident that had come under the lee-turer's personal notice, and they ever proved the standpoint, God is the blunderer. But you charge God foolishly." Where lies the difficul-ty in such cases? There is a responsibility sometheir presence and the truth of his argument, where, and we will do well to study the motto of The conclusion arrived at being, that there was one of our ancient philosophers: "Know Thy-If you would see the author of moral evil you be called out. Our duty was to labor in that must look, not so much at the culprit himself, direction. The various points were appositely not at the liar, the debauchee, the assassin &c., but rather at the ante-natal conditions that ob-tained in his case during the period of gestation. tained in his case during the period of gestation. A focus in uteri is like the sensitized plate of the photographer. It receives the impressions of the external world just as quickly. To the child thus unborn the father, and more particularly the mother, is its external world. Here is where im-pressions are made that develop into life and expression in the form of overtacts, as murder, for the the being so, why have your pure ke. But, this-being so, why hang your mur-derers? Why incarcerate your culprits? Why not spend the same amount of means in educat-ing the people to higher conditions? Now, in all such cases there are several factors to be con-sidered-as the father, mother, society, religion and government. There are many people that are badly married. If mistakes can be corrected in this life, why not such mistakes ? Society is corrupt, and needs to be re constructed. Government is foul and corrupt, and needs to be remodeled. This must come, and it will come, possibly in the form of a bloody revolution, which will far surpass the struggle through which, a hundred years ago, and more recently—for freedom's sake— yonr-na-tion passed. But here are the idiosyncrasies of society. What do you do with your offenders? One you hang; another you imprison for life, One you hang; another you imprison for life, beat and abuse, crush, and ultimately kill. The diabolical nature of such a course the speaker beautifully illustrated by a unique and graphic description of a storm at sea, when on a strand there were two lighthouses. The lights were burning, but dust, dirt, cobwebs and every vile thing had so covered the glass and lenses of the lamp that no light struggled through to east a clean upon the darkness. a gleam upon 'the darkness. Then the govern-ment officer, enraged at the case, with sledge and maul broke into a thousand pieces the lamp that was doing its best to shine. But a second officer reproaches the second lighthouse, and with water, soap and sponge cleanses away the dust, &c., and the light shines brilliantly. Now, notwith-standing all these apparently sad mistakes on standing all these apparently sad mistakes on the part of God or man, they are really not mis-takes after all, neither of God nor man. But they are simply conditions through which man struggles to be the most grandly developed specimen of nature. The invocation was made with fine effect, and the whole discourse was listened to with the closest attention by the very large audience présent. Father Locke, the prisoners' friend, enter-tained the company between the lectures, and at 2 P. M. the band commenced to perform, and in a short space of time an audience which was as large if not larger than the morning s, assembled. - By-special request of the committee, Dr. II. B. Storer, of Boston, the regular speaker of the afternoon, was to deliver a memorial dis-course upon Mrs. J. H. Conant, late medium of the Banner of Light Free Circles. Dr. Storer opened the services by reading an invocation from "Flashes of Light," given through our ascended sister, by Thomas Starr King. The speaker then traced out Mrs. Conant's career from the time she first exhibited her medial powers, at the age of seven. The strange and peculiar experiences she passed through-as re

counted in her biography-were clearly and forcibly placed before the audience. A graceful tribute was then paid to Mrs. Conant's worth as woman whose heart ever went out in deeds of unostentations benevolence and love. Of her private worth no one dated to raise a dissenting voice, and whatever criticism had been brought to bear upon her as a medium, none had been cast upon her as a woman. Of her relation to the Message Department of the Banner of Light, the speaker delivered himself in the most cordial sentiments. Size was indeed "the world's

condial sentiments. Size was indeed "the world's medium," for she was at the service of all, ever ready and willing to do her part in the great field of Spiritualism. She had been the avenue through which we had been enabled to come in contact with the mind of the spirit-world, in an every-day practical manner, through which high or lows great or small, could each come and express itself in its own fashion, and our moyement had received much assistance from the messages given through her and published in the Banner. Great credit was due to the managers of that paper, who, (foolishly as would say the world,) had pledged themselves to the band of spirits operating through its columns. Many papers had started but to live and then to fall; dangers, difficulties and obstacles innumerable had beset the Banner's path, but, true to the angels, who were true to it, the Banner had sur-vived all, and overcome everything, and to-day

was a safe and sure reality. The large audience paid the utmost attention to the speaker throughout, and if their looks and the speaker's earnestness count for aught, it was an occasion on which all syntpathized to the full with the life and labors of our ascended co-

worker, Mrs. J. H. Conant. Mr. Charles W. Sullivan sang a couple of songs, "Gone Before" and "Something Sweet to Think of," and at the close of the meeting, Mr. A. E. Giles, of Boston, offered a few pertinent concerne in defense of Mr. Conant arguing some remarks in defence of Mrs. Conant against some recent criticisms. The band then concluded the services by a touchingly rendered funeral dirge. The day was a beautiful one, a cloudless sky, the bright sun shining in the heavens of resplen-dent glory, just enough breeze to cool the heat. So inviting a day could not fail to bring a large concourse to the grounds. There was an attendance of over six thousand people, fifty trains of an aggregate of sixty-ive cars arriving at the Lake during the day. The utmost good order and decorum prevailed, nothing occurring to disturb the harmony that obtained.

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 Itime generally,
 On Monday August 23d, Mrs. N. J. Willis, of
 Cambridgeport, Mass., will address the people;
 J. Frank' Baxter, of Plymouth, will speak Saturday 28th, closing his fecture with tests, as is his custom. Mr. Baxter will also add to the terest of the exercises by singing, during the remainder of the meeting. On Sunday, 29th, Prof. R. G. Eccles will deliver the regular ad dress.

Rifle vs. Spirit-Startling Manifestation in St. Louis.

The great rifle shot test so often asked for by the skeptic would seem to be complied with in the subjoined narrative, which is compiled from the St. Louis, Mo., daily papers of Tuesday, August. 10th: W. C. Clark, a materializing medium of that city, who had for some time been holding séances at the residence of C. Tuckett, on Osage street, was challenged by Henry Timkens, a carriage-maker, whose place of business is at 814 North 6th Street, to submit to the test of the rifle as follows : "Mr. Timkens offered \$50 for the privilege of loading and firing a rifle at a face which Mr. Clark should produce at the aperture of a cabinet, the medium to disrobe before entering the cabinet and put on clothes which the challenger should produce. After this change of clothing the challenger was to fasten the medium to the bottom of the cabinet." The scance was held on the evening of the 9th inst. The cabinet was a plain shell of boards six feet long, six and a balf high, and two feet deep, and was put together in six sections before the eyes of with an orifice near the top, about the size of a face, over which a small black curtain was drawn, adjustable by a string fastened on the inside. The medium divested himself of his clothing; as agreed upon, in the presence of the challenger and several reporters, and then put on the clothes brought by Mr. Timkens; viz., a pair of white linen pantaloons, a white shirt and white hose.—He then took his place in the cabinet, seat-ing himself on the floor, his back resting against the side, and his whole person in full view of the audience except his feet. Mr. Timkens proceeded then, with the assistance of three or four reporters, to make Clark fast. Holes were bored on each side of each leg, above and below the knee-joints, whereupon pieces of seaning-cord were passed through each of the four sets of holes. They emerged below the cabinet floor, where they were securely, tied and then fastened to the "saw-bucks" on which the cabinet rested. Holes were also bored on each side of the medium's back below the back, and a piece of rope passed around his waist and tied on the outside of the cabinet, besides being secured to the saw bucks. The medium's hands were separately bound and then tied together, the cord remaining being made to pass through a hole in the floor, between his legs. Bound in this way, it appeared almost im-possible for Clark to move either leg, or to stir in any way from a position that seemed painful. The end of the string of the curtain over the aperture was brought outside and secured at the distance of at least for feet from the medium. listance of at least ten feet from the medium Nothing further being necessary, the door of the cabinet was then closed, the black curtain drawn over the window, and the people waited for further developments. At the distance of fifteen feet of the cabinet, and directly in front of the black curtains, had been placed a stand, where, by means of a visë, a small breech-loading rifle was fastened, after a load was placed in it, and leveled so that the ball would inevitably pierce the curtain's center. Mr. A. B. Cunningham, of the Globe Democrat, was quested by Mr. Timkens to fire the rifle, and accordingly took up his position behind it. In order to prevent the ball lodging in the wall, a heavy plank was placed on the other side of the cabinet and directly in the way of the shot. The preliminaries were settled at about twenty minutes past nine, and then after a period of do lay, varied by singing by the audience, rappings, &c., on a sudden a face appeared at the aperture, which is thus described by the St. Louis Republican's reporter "There it was. A pale, ghostly countenance that looked as though it might have belonged to a girl of seventeen at some previous time in the world's history. It was a face that might have belonged to some Greek maiden two thousand years ago, and reminded one of the marble coun tenance of some statue. All who saw were fair-ly transfixed with astonishment. The features were perfectly clear and distinct, being illumi-nated by a soft light. There was not the slight est movement of a muscle or an eyelid that could be distinguished." A voice in the cabinet commanded, "Fire!" The rifle exploded. The face, unnoved by the operation, continued some minutes in view, then disappeared as it came, and in about fifteen min-tes the medium was walcased or stored on the medium was released, excited and exutes hausted with his labors. An examination of the cabinet showed that the ball passed through the seat opposite the window, and it was found in the plank hung down beyond. The ropes were found as tense as when they were first tied, and, on the door being opened, the medium was found securely bound. The spirit that appeared, the

medium claimed, was his cousin. The money was paid by Mr. Timkens on the spot. The entire press delegation were unable to discover anything looking like deception in this sé-ance, and so state to the public.

"CREDE BYRON."

** I desire that new body may be buried in the vault of the garder at Newstead, without any coremony or burial ser-vice whatever, and that no inscription, save my name and age, be written on the tongs or tablet. **- Byron's Will. What perils posthumous environ

The mighty poet's radiant fame Which fools and scoffers sought to shame ! The churchmen, prejudiced and shabby, The enurenmen, prejudiced and shabby Denied him entrance to the Abbey; And wherefore so? Because, forsooth; In days of sham he wrote the truth— Wrote it with keen, indignant ire, In letters of eternal fire : "Crede Byron !"

When the strong soul began to tire on Its upward flight, its haughty way, Into the worlds where song hath sway, Ite, thinking of his final rest, Dreamt of the place he loved the best, Longed that soft earth should crumble o'er him Where slept his passionate race before him, ' Nothing thereon except his name, — Two syllables of deathless fame; "Crede Byron !"

lay mingled with his strength of iron ; But he was greater far than they Who dare to call him wholly clay. If England wishes something done For her last age's strongest son, Be it his statue, calm and grand, By the first sculptor of the land. Touch not his humble churchyard stone-' My monument my name alone"; "Crede Byron!"

From Dr. H. P. Fairfield.

the Corresponding Secretaries of the Spiritual Socie-

As the lecturing season is approaching, I have thought it expedient-inasmuch as I have been out of the lecturing field the past summer attending upon my sick mother, who was not ex-pected to live, but who has been cured by the pirit-power invested in me - to call your attention to the filet that I am now ready to answer calls and finake engagements to lecture in harmony with our heaven-descended gospel, Spiritualism, wherever my mediumistic services may be required. Come, now, friends, let me hear from you! I am ready for spiritual work, which will leaven the whole lump ere long. I look upon Spiritualism as the youngest child in the, great family of Christians, and it is about to eclipse all of its relatives, as everybody is be-coming interested in the philosophy of its life and power. I will labor to extend the circula-tion of the invincible Banner of Light wherever I am called to lecture, and to develop the superior excellency of our faith in a moral point of view, Address DR. H. P. FAIRFIELD, Greenwich Village, Muss.

TMRS. J. H. CONANT, widely known for many years as one of the best and most prominent Spiritual Mediums of this country, died at her residence in Boston, on the 5th inst. To her devout and self-sacrificing labors the cause of Spiritualism owes much of its rapid advancement, and the believers in that faith everywhere will deeply deplore her transfer to that "letter, land" to the bringing of whose borders so close to this her earthly life-work has largely contri-buted.—For Lake (Wis.) Representative.

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from any persons in the autoence at 24 and 14. "Constraints singing." Rochester Hall, 730 Washington street.—The Children's Progressive Lyceaun, Na. 1, which formorly met in John A. Andrew Hall, will hold its sessions at this place every sunday, at 104 o'clock. Geo. II. Lincoln, See'y. The Ladies' Aid Society will until further notice hold its meetings at Rochester Hall, on Tuesday afternoon and evening of each week. Mrs. C. C. Hayward, gresident; Miss M. L. Barrett, Sceretary. Mediumas' Meeting at Templars' Hall, 250 Washington street, at 104 A. M., each Sunday. All mediums cordially invited.

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a religion in humanity—in all, even the most debased—that under certain circumstances could put, and the efforts of the speaker were quite a success, meeting the hearty approval of the 'au-

dience. Wednesday the 11th opened fair, but the bud-ding promise was nipped, and in the afternoon It rained, and toward the evening it set to work at it and tried to rain in fine style. It succeeded admirably. In the morning Mrs. S. A. Byrnes, of Wollaston Heights, Mass., occupied the speak-ester day, and daiwards an address the subleat of which was "Let there be Light." The address was listened to attentively, and at its close the audience expressed its approval of the liberal and progressive ideas enunciated. On the evenand progressive meas enumerated. On the even-ing of this day a character and vocal concert was announced, and in spite of the deluging rain-storm Dunklee's boarding-tent was packed. The entertainment was under the supervision of, and the chief portions of the labor fell upon, that clever and in some respects inimitable artist, Charlie Sullivan, J: W. Fletcher presiding at the organ. Mr. Sullivan's various impersonations were received with the utmost enthusiasm, and his presentation of "Aunt Dorcas"-a Revoluhis presentation of "Aunt Doreas — a recom-tionary lady of 17—, an Irish woman who had lost her "darlint bhoy," and an old "Deacon," were conceptions embodying the finest art and the drollest grotesque. Willle Dearborn, upon the aroutest grotesque. while Dearborn, upon the mouth harmonicon, a burlesque lecture upon Woman's Right, by Miss McLellan, assisted by a band of the "shrieking sisterbood," a careful rendering of "Silver Threads among the Gold," rendering of "Silver Threads among the cross, by Mrs. Susie Willis Fletcher, with a reading of Miss Lizzie Doten's last poem, "We Walt," by Mr. Fletcher, were among the items of the programme presented upon the occasion. The hearty applause of the audience testified the approval and pleasure at the efforts of the sev

approval and pleasure at the energy of the sev-eral ladies and gentlemen. Miss: R. Augusta Whiting, of Albion, Michi-gan, delivered quite an interesting lecture on the afternoon of Thursday, the 12th, the speaker selecting as her subject "Sweet are the uses of adversity." It was claimed that the persecu-tions the media and balancers mountaries in the media and believers encountered in the early days of our cause were "illimately the means of bringing much good to us, inasnuch as they urged us forward to remove all obstacles As a primal necessity-argued the speaker-Spiritualists must learn to agree to disagree; many a cause-of dissension would then be removed from among us. Among those whom our cause had to contend against-within its rankscause had to contend against—within its ranks— hobby-riders were particularized as needing the most ywatching. The spiritual religion—it was urged — was not found only in some special 'direction—no special reform constituted its all. 'All reforms, religious, social, political, had their An reforms, rengrous, social, portical, nat then place in our cause. It was claimed that the angel world governed this movement, and consequently would work out their purposes, and not minister to human ambitions, and the speaker said it were idle to attempt to make leaders or construct a creed.

In the evening, among the various circles was one held by Mrs. Davenport Blandy, at which direct spirit voices, playing on musical instru-ments, bell-ringing and rope-tying manifestaBOSTON,-John A. Andrew Hall,-The lectures delived

ered at this place on the afternoon and evening of 'Sunday, Aug. 15th, by Mrs. Sarah A. Floyd, trance speaker, called together good audiences, and proved to be of much interest. Singing by the excellent choir also made pleasant th

Lurline Hall, No. 3 Winter Street .- On Sunday last this house was well filled by an intelligent and appreciative audience, who seemed well pleased with the services. Many excellent and convincing tests were given through the mediumship of Mrs. Julia E. Wright, Mrs. L. W. Litch, Mirs. Stahwood, Frank T. Ripley and others. Free Public, Circles will be held at the same place on Sunday next at 10:30 A. M. and 2:30 P. M., at which several well-known test mediums and speakers will be present."

Movements of Lecturers and Mediums.

James Madison Allen has finished his first engagement in Cleveland, O., and has been reengaged for Aug. 20th. He spoke in Brunswick Aug. 8th, and is reëngaged for Aug. 22d. His address during August is at Cleveland, O.; his general address at Matheld, Mass.

Warren Chase lectures at State Convention of Vermont in Plymouth Aug. 27, 28 and 29; in Geneva: Ohio, Sent. ; Alliance, Ohio; Sept. 12; Clyde, Ohio, Sept. 19 and 26; Rockford, Ill., Oct. 2; Warren, 111., Oct. 5, 6, 7 and 10 Dubuque, Iowa, Oct. 12, 13 and 14; Independence, Iowa, Oct. 17 : Oskaloosa, Iowa, Oct. 24 ; Otumwa, Iowa, Oct. 31; Eddyville, Iowa, Oct. 26, 27 and 23. Address as above, Mrs. M. J. Wentworth will speak in Stockton, Maine,

Prof. R. G. Eccles will speak at Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting, Mass., Aug. 18th to 20th; Manlins Station, Onon-daga Co., N.Y., Aug. 20th to 22d; Cortlandtville, N. Y., Aug. 23d to 26th ; Clay, N. Y., Aug. 27th to 29th ; Fulton N. Y., Aug. 30th to Sept. 2d; Hanulbal, N. Y., Sept. 3d to 5th; Plainville, N. Y., Sept. 6th-to 9th; Baldwinsville, N. Y., Sept. 10th to 13th ; permanent address, 78 Fourth avenue, New York City,

C. Fannie Allyn has recently been lecturing at Gold Hill, Nevada, in Miners' Union Hall, and the Evening News of that place for Aug. 9th says she "certainly is the most tal-ented and interesting lecturer ever appearing before a Gold Hill audience."

William Brunton will speak the first two Sundays in Sep (mber at Plymouth, Mass,

Passed to Spirit-Life:

From Norwich, N. Y., on Friday, July 23d, Betsey Wells, widow of Reuben Wells, aged 60 years. Wells, wildow of Reuben Wells, aged 60 years. Sister Wells became a Spiritualist and-a-medium over twenty'years ago. For weeks she was a great sufferer from that terrible disease, cancer in the stomach, but her suffer-lags were made easy to bear through the palpable eri-dence of the life beyond that was hers to enjoy. At times she would seem to be lost to earthly things, and afterwards would describe her spirit-home and the friends who had passed on and were in her spirit-home, She requested that no Orthodox minister should speak over her remains, and if the services of a Spiritualist could not be obtained, to bury them without any remarks being more structure the formed and the friends.

made. The gathering at the funeral was large, composed mostly of Orthodox neighbors. She leaves two daughters, who are following in the footsteps of the mother. Funeral discourse by A. B. Swift.

From Boxboro', July 31st, Carrie L. Shepard, wife of Herman O. Shepard, and daughter of Jerome and Louisa Priest.

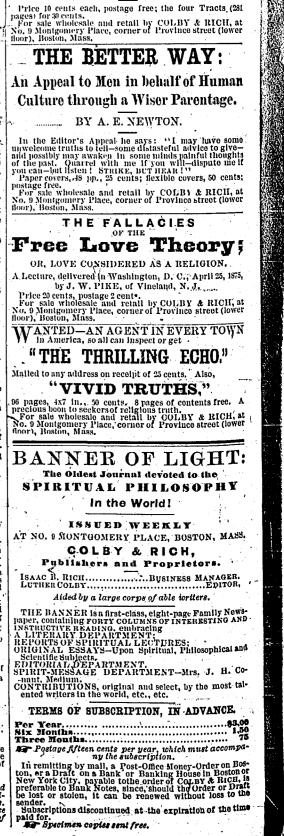
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From Wayland, Mass., Aug. 10th, Mrs. Nancy C. Stearns, wife of Theodore T. Stearns,

Herself and husband have for years been cheered by the light of spiritual truth, the power of which illumined the hour of her physical change, and now comforts the heart of him whom she has but temporarily left behind.

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