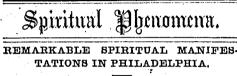


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To the Editor of the Banner of Light: '

Believing that the following narrative of recent spiritual occurrences in Philadelphia will be interesting to your readers, I respectfully ask its publication in the Banner.

About three weeks since an arrangement was made with Mrs. Jennie Holmes to give a series of six spiritual scances to a special circle of investigators, under such circumstances as were thought best calculated to secure harmony and the necessary conditions for spiritual manifestations. The circle comprised the following persons, all residents of Philadelphia except myself: Peter Crans, Esq., Mr. Thomas Watford, Mr. Samuel Rush, Mr. Abm. C. Dennis and wife, Dr. Adolph Fellger, Mr. Josiah Wood and wife, Miss Emily Wood, Mrs. --- Lippincott, Mr. Samuel Tucker, Mr. F. B. Chase, and the writer. Capt. J. F. Keffer, attended the three first séances, but not the three last.

The soances were held at the residence of Mr. Wood, at No. 1252 North 19th street, Philadel. phia. Mrs. Holmes has for the past two months been compelled to give her scances unattended by Mr. Holmes, he being in very poor health and unable to leave his Vineland home. The first scance of the series was given on the evening of March 22d. The rooms used for the purpose were the parlor and adjoining sitting-room. The company assembled in the parlor each evening, and adjourned to the sitting-room to hold the circle. As the manifestations, which occurred in the dark circle, were similar on each of the | these lights should take place through the medisix occasions, it will suffice to describe them generally, although there was a marked difference to rank her high in the list of remarkable mediin the manner and order of their occurrence. ums. Why is it that this most wonderful and head, I repeated that question, and was answer-Sometimes the power exerted was very great, mysterious phenomenon has not arrested the ath as to cause fear of injury to the members of the circle. At other times the manifesta- | tigate the philosophy which can alone explain its tions were less vigorous, but not less interesting occurrence? To suppose the medium capable and convincing of the presence and power of spirits. In the dark circle Mrs. Holmes, the medium, sat in the room with us. On a table near her were placed various articles, such as tambourine rings, bells, a violin, guitar, &c. As soon as the circle was formed and the lights were put out. the violin would be snatched from the table and be borne with great rapidity through the room. from side to side, and from floor to ceiling, the strings of the instrument sounding as it seemed to fly through the air. A voice accompanied the instrument, which conversed with and addressed the persons present. This voice was very peculiar in its nature and individuality, entirely different from that of the medium, and once heard, could not be forgotten. It purported to be the materialized spirit-voice of a young French Camadian sailor, called Richard, who is one of the principal spirit-guides of the medium. It was truly wonderful how even a materialized spirit- were philosophical and instructive. Mrs. Holmes form could move through the room as this spirit | must be possessed of extraordinary means of | did, bearing the violin, the guitar, or the tam- knowledge, if she could give such evidence of subourine rings with him, touching the members of the circle with them, in total darkness, with greater promptness and gentleness than it would be possible for any one in the physical body to in what are called the light circles. Before dodo in open day. At request he would promptly touch the face, head or hands of those asking it. always so promptly, intelligently and correctly .as to show that what was total darkness to those in the circle, was perfect dight to the intelligence which was thus responding to their requests. ly heard singing in concert with the circle, Mrs? | the light and dark scances at which she has been Holmes singing at the same time in concert with | present. us. At the fourth séance of the series, soon after the light was extinguished, Richard went up to Miss Emily Wood and said, "Your boy wants you, why don't you go to him?" We then heard the little son of Mr. Wood, two years old, crying up-stairs. Richard then said, "Bring him down here." Miss Wood did as requested, but was some minutes in doing so. Until she returned to the room, the manifestations ceased. As soon as she was seated, with the child in her lap, the a semi-circle around the doorway, four or four sounds of the musical instruments were resumed, and floated around the room with unusual vigor. While this was going on, Miss Wood exclaimed, "He has gone ; they have taken the child." Not knowing what had occurred or what to do, we waited in breathless suspense and apprehension for the child's safety. Not a sound could be heard to denote the whereabouts of the child. It lamp, and nearly a minute had clapsed, when Richard laid the child in her lap, saying, " Mrs. Wood, take your child." The little fellow then, for the first time, gave a few low sobs, as if refeet from her daughter. Whether the child was play his usual power. He could neither speak, were lying was placed partially in front of the

the floor, or was floated around the room, it was impossible to tell, as all was silent while this was taking place, and the position of the child was undiscoverable in the total darkness, until laid in his mother's lap. Had the medium or any one in physical form walked across the floor, the rustling of their dress must have been heard, and the floor of the room felt to vibrate, as it did when any one of the circle moved across it. Why the child should not have expressed its alarm, by crying, while away from his sister and mother, and only did so after he reached his mother, is not the least singular incident of that occurrence. It is due to the parents of the child to say that he was accustomed to sitting in similar circles, and showed as much interest in them as the older members of the family did. The child frequently during that scance appeared to see the spirit forms present, when none of us could see anything, and not being able to talk intelligibly, would say, "See !" "see !" as one or another spirit would manifest to us by sounds.

At the second scance of the series, the manifestations in the dark circle displayed unusual power in the producing intelligences. Similar manifestations to those related were going on, when suddenly a heavy body struck the floor, shaking the house and startling all present A moment afterwards the room rang with a loud and terrifying yell or whoop. Mrs. Holmes was as much startled as the other ladies, and ran over to Mrs. Wood, to whom she clung ; protesting aloud that she would leave the house if the occurrence was repeated. As if defying her, again and again the same thing was repeated. The sound was such as would result if a heavy man should jump from the ceiling of the room, upon the floor. Each jump was accompanied by a loud whoop, that could have been heard several squares.

At one of the subsequent scances, while the circle were singing, "Tramp, tramp, the boys are marching," the voice of "Richard" was heard accompanying the singing, and at the same time a heavy tramping on the floor followed the voice about the room, keeping time to the singing, Mrs. Holmes's voice indicating that she was in her seat at the same time.

At all the scances I have been describing, what are called spirit-lights were frequently seen to form in different parts of the room and at different elevations. These lights are very peculiar and distinct. Nothing like them has ever been or can be produced by human ingenuity. If no other manifestations except the occurrence of After several had asked, "Is it for me?" and umship of Mrs. IIolmes, they alone would suffice tention of scientists, and induced them to invesof producing those lights by any chemical, mechanical or physical agency is to credit her with a skill, as a trickster, that is inconceivable. Another manifestation which occurred each evening was the simultaneous fanning of the air | ized perfectly, several times, when sitting with in the faces of all in the circle-a thing which it would have required many pairs of hands and a dozen fans to have produced. This took place without a sound being heard such as would have been necessary to produce, by any mechanical means, so violent an agitation of the air over so large a space. Your space will not allow me to minutely describe all the interesting and amusing incidents of the dark séances, or to give even a synopsis of the entertaining communications of "Rosie," "Irish Ann," and "Belle," other guides of the medium. Their prompt and intelligent answers to the numerous and puzzling questions which were asked them were as entertaining as they perhuman insight as these guides displayed. With this general description of the occurrences in the dark circles I will pass to what occurred ing this, it is but just to state the fact that Mrs. Holmes's mediumship, until recently, was principally used to produce the manifestations in the dark séances; the materializations occurred mainly through Mr. Holmes as the medium. Since the breaking down of Mr. Holmes's health Several times Richard's voice could be distinct. | Mrs. Holmes has been the only medium, both in In the light séances of our circle, Mrs. Holmes sat in a chair, in the parlor, three feet from a thick, dark curtain which was suspended in the doorway leading to the sitting-room in which the rest of the circle sat. In this curtain was a diamond-shaped opening, about fourteen by fourteen inches in dimensions. A smaller curtain was hung so as to cover this aperture. The circle was formed in two rows. The front row formed and a half feet from the curtain. The second row was close behind the first, but no one in it was more than seven or eight feet distant from the curtain. The lights were lowered until the room was left in semi-darkness, although the articles in the room were plainly distinguishable. Hands were then joined, and the circle united in singwas only when Mrs. Wood was about to light the | ing. After some minutes a face appeared at the aperture in the curtain, but so indistinctly and imperfectly formed as not to be recognizable. It | She appeared a second time in the same manner, reappeared several times, and finally became distinct enough to be recognizable as the face known and vanishing as before. This form was seen by lieved from a dread of injury. Mrs. Wood sat as that of "John King." If a materialized form the front circle at distances varying from two to upon the opposite side of the room, fully twelve ("John King"), in this instance he failed to dis- five feet. The table on which the instruments

bornedirectly from one to the other, was led across | nor would be allow any one to approach the | curtain, and the figure formed beside it, nearer aperture. At this scance a second face, apparently that of a negro woman, appeared, but no one could recognize it. Surprised at this unexpected visitation, the question, "Is it for me?" was asked by several, to which the answer "No" was rapped. I then asked, "Is it for me?", when the answer "Yes" was rapped. I was puzzled at this reply, and tried to conceive who it could be. The same form repeatedly returned to the aperture, but I could not recognize it. I again and again asked, "Can it be for me?" always being answered "Yes." I finally thought of a colored woman who had lived with my parents in my early childhood, and asked, "Is it Mary Scott?" and was answered "Yes," both by the raps and the emphatic nodding of the head. It having been nearly fifty years since I had seen her, I could not recognize her. This ended the materializations for that evening. The next evening the materializations were

very indistinct, and although several attempts were made to manifest faces in the aperture, nothing that was clearly distinguishable could he seen. The rooms were very warm and close. and the guides in the dark circle had told us the materialization of forms would be difficult. Although disappointed we were in a measure pre pared for it.

At the third light circle the manifestations were much more distinct, and were witnessed in a stronger light than had been allowed on the other occasions. It is proper to observe that frequently during the light circles the request would be made to raise or lower the light, as the forms which, appeared were more or less distinct ; the stronger light being called for when the forms appeared most distinctly.- This evening a female face appeared at the aperture, which was easily recognized as that of the female form known as "Katie King," and which was familiar to most of the circle. She spoke to the circle, bidding them good evening, calling them individually by name as she did so. She called Dr. Fellger to the aperture, extended her hand through it, and rested it upon his head, and held a lengthened conversation with him. She subsequently called me up, and 1 also conversed with her. Both Dr. Fellger and myself are confident that neither Mrs. Holmes nor any other person in permanent physical form could have deceived us in our recognition of that figure as being the same we had seen appear under strictly test conditions many times before. A second female face appeared the same evening, but too indistinct and imperfectly formed to be recognizable.

been answered "No," by the shaking of the ed "Yes." Seeing the face to be that of a young intensely brilliant lights, an eighth of an inch person, I asked, "Is it my daughter 'Lilly'? and the form nodded assent. I asked to be permitted to approach the aperture of the curtain, but was refused, the form shaking the head. It this was the materialized form of my daughter she failed to manifest herself to me so that 1 could recognize her. I have seen her materia-

to one end of the front row than to the other. As the object of these seances was to aid the medium in producing the conditions which were necessary for the materialization of spirit-forms, and were not given with a view to satisfying public curiosity, test devices were not used. Having at last been successful in getting the full materialized form of "Katie" in the remarkable manner stated, it was concluded to hold the next light séance under strictly test conditions.

The sixth scance was held on the evening of March 31st. Mrs. Holmes was very sick, having to leave her bed to sit in the circle, and was obliged to lie upon a lounge's part of the time during the dark circle. Before beginning the ight circle the parlor was thoroughly examined. and it was morally impossible for any accomplice of the medium to be concealed in it. The chimney place was walled up, the window shutters were firmly bolted, and the door of the room carefully closed and secured by marked strips of paper, so as to preclude the opening of it without detection. Mrs. Holmes was then put into a carefully examined muslin sack, the mouth of which was drawn up closely around her neck, and the drawing-string was fastened by many knots, which were sewn through with thread in such a manner as to render the unfastening of them by the medium an impossibility, without tearing the bag or breaking the string. Having, taken every precaution against deception, the circle was formed, and the medium took her seat. Very soon the face of "Katie" appeared very distinctly at the aperture, the light of the room being quite strong. She spoke apparently with great case, and showed unusual strength, to our great surprise, as the medium was very sick. She many times extended her arm to full length out into the room, showing the short white sleeve of her dress near the shoulder. Her hand and arm were thoroughly materialized and perfectly symmetrical. She called up each member of the circle, spoke to them, when their faces were within a few inches of hers, and while she so conversed with them, she extended her arm through the opening and placed her hand on each of their heads. When I was myself called up, I had every opportunity to scrutinize the features of the face, and I know as well as that I live that that form was neither a mask nor Mrs. Holmes, I am almost as confident that the form I then saw was the same I had seen distinctly, in June last, at the room of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, at No. 50 North Ninth street, and on and after December 5th at their room at No. 825 North Tenth street. While conversing with her, she extended her arm and placed her hand upon my head. As she did so, I saw distinctly

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The Twenty-Seventh Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism; Exercises at Battle Creek, Mich.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Springfield and Mansfield, Mass.; and Sacramento, Cal.

Reported for the Banner of Light.

Battle Creek, Mich.

Agreeably to a previous notice, a meeting of Spiritualists was held in Stuart's Hall, this city, March 31st, to commemorate the advent of Modern Spiritualism.

Dr. J. V. Spencer presided over the meeting in his usual acceptable and satisfactory manner. The attendance was large, both on the part of the citizens, and non-residents. The speakers present upon the occasion were flon, J. M. Peebles, A. A. Wheelock, of Chicago, Benjamin Todd, of Port Huron, Elder Stewart, of Indiana. Excellent music was furnished by A. M. Jordan,-Miss Pierce, and Miss Hattie Snow.

J. M. Peebles opened the exercises by appropriate remarks relative to the past and present aspect of Spiritualism, and its mission to earth; he also paid a glowing tribute of respective the aged in our midst, the absent, and the loved ones gone before; especially-did-he-mention-Fathers Merritt and Snow, J. P. Averill and A. B. Whiting. Mr. Peebles further said : We have met here this morning to celebrate the twenty seventh anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

In the past, when Moses spoke of worship, or Mahomet of reverence, they simply had reference to God. God means the divine/incarnate in man. All real substantial things are the soul, yet we live so much in the outer and external, that we sometimes mistake this for the 'real. All that I know of an after-life I have derived from spiritual manifestations.

All ancient listory teaches the fact, and the lives of all illustrious persons are replete with it. Swedenborg for twenty-seven years held converse with departed spirits ; so also did the Shakers; and later A. J. Davis said ! "The time shall soon come when the mystic yell shall be removed. and we shall see the future as in a vision."

Then followed, the Rochester rappings ; seemingly from the smallest events the greatest blessings flow; thus the tiny raps have become a power wherewith to shake a world.

But from time to time they tell us that Spiritüalism has exploded; still it grows, the river rolls on-and thus it ever will-for it is the river of Life. The rapid march of Spifitualism has already kindled a fire upon the distant shores of, India, Hindostan, and Australia, where they publish two papers and have a Lyceum ; throughout all the East it has grown into a mighty power; in England seven papers are published, and Lyceums are held. Give us twenty-seven years more, and then what a change shall dawn. I want to thank Benjamin Franklin and every power in the past, and the spirit-world as well, for this knowledge which has come to us. The truth still rolls on. This beautiful faith has comforted us in sorrow, ay, healed many a broken heart. I want this day to reconsecrate myself to this work, to defend our glorious belief. The eyes of all the world are upon us; they ask if our gospel has made us better, nobler and truer. Let us live so purely and divinely, that if they cannot accept our faith, they can accept our lives." Mr. Stewart from Indiana then addressed the audience. He stated that he differed from most people in theory; was considered a Spiritualist. though hardly that in its different elements. He thanked the angel world? for this intelligence, that we were permitted to commune with our loved ones. He hoped we might devise some plan for practical work, with organization or without; when he could see the way, then he was ready, with time, money, labor, everything he could bestow.

Dr. Henry Slade, of New York. At the fourth scance of the series both "Katie' and "John King" appeared many times. Both talked a great deal to us, "John King's" voice being a singular blending of a male and female voice. In the dark scance, just before, "Belle," the principal spirit guide of. Mrs. Holmes, had mentioned that "John King" had not spoken through Mrs. Holmes, because of the difficulty he found in using the lungs of a female to speak Through Mr. Holmes he had found little difficulty in speaking in his natural voice, and as he could not do so through Mrs. Holmes, he had refrained from trying to speak through her medi-

umship. This evening the identity of "John" and "Katie King" were unquestionable. Several of the circle were called up to the aperture. and saw both faces at a distance of a few inches. and conversed with them. The lips appeared to move precisely as if uttering the words which were spoken. "John King" frequently grasped his long, full beard in his hand and stroked it downwards. His hand was distinctly seen, which was that belonging apparently to a large and powerful man. Most certainly it was twice as large as the hand of Mrs. Holmes. He several times put his hand to his lips and kissed it loudly to the ladies in the circle.

The occurrences in the fifth light circle were as remarkable as they were unexpected. Not only did "Katie" and "John King" appear at the aperture very plainly and clearly, in a strong light, but "Katie" twice appeared, in full form, under the most remarkable circumstances. After appearing many times at the aperture, and conversing with those in the circle so as to leave no doubt as to her identity in the minds of those who were familiar with her features, she requested the light to be lowered, and promised to try to come out into the sitting-room. The room being dimly lighted, after a few moments a cloudy phosphorescent light was seen in front of the curtain. It gradually concentrated until a light and semi-transparent female form could be distinctly

seen by all in the circle. It remained for some moments, and then faded away. The curtain was not raised or moved, and the figure must have formed on the opposite side of the curtain from the medium. It was not more than four and a half feet high, and the other proportions were symmetrically consistent with that stature. apparently taking form in front of the curtain

in diameter, on the points of the fingers and thumb of her hand: I was particularly struck by the fact that the sleeve of the dress on the arm was entirely different from that worn by Mrs. Holmes, the latter being a closely fitting black silk fabric and extending to the wrist, the former a gauze-like short white sleeve.

After appearing many times, as stated, she isked that the light be lowered, and she would try to appear to us in full form. After a few moments, the members of the circle continuing to sing, the cloud-like appearance in front of the curtain was seen as on the previous evening. which seemed to concentrate until the dim but visible form of "Katie" was discernible to all who were present. The form was not as distinct as on the previous evening, and this was spoken of as it faded away. After a few moments the distinct form of "Katie" stepped out from behind the curtain, and, addressing the circle, asked in a clearly audible voice, "Can you see me now ?" She was dressed in a robe of thin white texture, and her features were plainly recognizable by those who had seen her frequently before. She did not again appear after fading away before our eyes, and the scance closed. We at once entered and critically examined the parlor, and found everything precisely as it was immediately before the light scance commenced. Mrs. Holmes was in the bag, which was just as it was when secured by Mr. Dennis and myself. before the circle began. The hands of Mrs. Holmes could not possibly have been out of the bag during the time when the arm and hand were being extended frequently through the aperture into the sitting-room, and it was equally impossible for any accomplice of the medium to have done'it.

It must be borne in mind, also, that these séances were held at the private residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and that there were no traps, contrivances, masks or other devices available for trickery or deception. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are most estimable and reliable persons, and would not for a moment tolerate the practice of the least deception in their home, and they both assured me that it was impossible, from their knowledge of what Mrs. Holmes brought with her, that she could have practiced any deception such as has been so thoughtlessly charged against herself and husband.

, Not only has Mrs. Holmes proven herself a genuine medium, but one of the most remarkable that has appeared since Modern Spiritualism dawned upon the world. Single handed and alone she has faced a storm of aspersion and denunciation such as few persons were ever called upon to endure. She has triumphantly vindicated, through the aid of her wonderful spirit guides, her claims of veritable mediumship, and has fulfilled wonderfully her part as a true woman and a noble wife. Fiat Justitia.

J. M. ROBERTS. Burlington, N. J., April 4th, 1875.

Conference supervened for one half hour, durng which Dr. Spencer, Mrs. Parish and Mr. Harper, of Battle Creek, Mr. Ashley, of Eaton Co., and Mr. Pope, of Ind., made short speeches. Music by the choir.

Mr. Todd then delivered an able, eloquent and touching address ; subject : "A Glimpse into the Future Life." He said : It is with unfeigned pleasure that I address the Spiritualists of Battle Creek once more, which I feel is to be the last time. I am weary, and I long to go " Where the sad hearts cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." How tired, sorrowing hearts long for a glimpse into the unknown-whither we are all tending-how gladly we accept one word of assurance or endearment from our dear departed ones.

If a child were to confine itself to the rudiments of the English language could we consistently call it educated ? Nay ; just so far as it had been confined so far was its life a failure! When we pass into the future life we are just the same as when we left the sublunary sphere. Reasoning from a natural view of things, we can only come to the conclusion that in a future realm we shall follow our appropriate and usual avocations. I am sure flowers will bloom, and why not the spirit of some sweet, decaying flower? I have no doubt there will be birds, also; very many individual lives are made up of the spirit and songs of beautiful birds, and to rob them of their loved companions would be cruel in the extreme. Should you take away our ideality and sublunarity, life there would be minus its greatest blessing. Mahomet taught that only the faithful in their especial faith should inhabit their fu-[Continued on eighth page.]

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Written for the Banner of Light. ARISE, MY SOUL.

Arise, myssoul, be strong ! Be swayed by doubt no more. For thee shall swell the victor's song, Sounding above the tempest's roar ; From out the darkness of the night Shall glow those beams of fairer light From the far distant shore

To dare and still to brave! With all a conqueror's power, The wind the storm, the swelling wave, The swift, full tide's resistless hour ; Nor find upon some barren shore 'An unknown, unwept grave.

They wait, a shining band, A countless, glorious throng. . Upon the fair and silver straid. To crown the victor's brow, the song Of triumph still to chant anew. Be swift, my soul ! be firm, be true ! JANET. The night cannot be long. Penn Yan, N. Y.

MIRACLES": SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHIC PICTURES IN THE DARK, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

BY HON. A. G. W. CARTER.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

For some time past I have been trying to get a leisure hour to communicate some remarkable facts in spirit photography to the columns of the Banner, and now having an opportunity I will do so, if you and your readers are pleased to look at them. Wonders, it seems, will never cease in. the facts of Spiritualism, even to Spiritualists, and what I am going to relate in this communication will, I think, astonish a great many of the most experienced in the facts and phenomena exhibited and manifested by the spirits, and will ' justify me in heading this article "Miracles," in the true sense of that term from the derivation of the word. Mr. Mumler's photographic mediumship is remarkable and wonderful, but what has recently occurred here is even beyond anything I have yet read or heard of him.

Mr. T. R. Evans, from Washington City, has been in this city for some weeks, and by his invitation a number of ladies and gentlemen assembled at his photographic rooms, number 392. Bowery, on the night of the 28th February last. There were thirteen of us exclusive of the medium-three ladies and ten gentlemen-honestly and truthfully interested in whatever manifestations the spirits, through Mr. Evans's medium ship, might give us, and demanding nothing. We occupied a second story large front room, with a dim light proceeding mostly from the fire in the grate, which we had not means at hand of sufficiently covering. On the mantelpiece there was a kerosene lamp, the light quite turned down, so that the room was as dark as we could make it at the time, the blinds of the front windows all being closed to admit no light from the street. In the room, there was a large, round centre-table, and around this, in double circle, at the suggestion of the medium, we sat in chairs; the three ladies, also at the suggestion of the medi um, being in the inner circle. In the middle and on the top of the table was a comerciobscura, with tube and lenses, and this was covered with a black muslin cloth over it. On the mantelpiece there were several sheets of Terrotype or, ferreotype, from which small oblong and square pieces were to be cut, to be prepared and placed in the camera. That all things might be fair and aboveboard, without even the remotest appearance or room for trick or fraud, Mr. Gurney, the veteran photographer of this city, of so plate was prepared and duly marked with primany years' standing, was appointed a committee of one, in connection with the medium, to ing-and taken, out with another triumphant cut the plates from the ferreotype sheets, and success. It was put into the bath and returned superintend their preparation in the chemical to the circle, and proved to be a message to Mr. room of the photographic medium. For this purpose no one could have been a more worthy for I have it not, (Mr. Gurney has it) but the and trusted person than Mr. Gurney. His hon- tenor of which was, "Friend Gurney, we hope esty, simplicity and truthfulness were so well known, and his long experience in taking daguerreotype, ferreotype and photographic pictures just fitted him to supervise the manipulations of the spirit-photograph. He was unanimously called to the duty, and modestly accepted the responsibility. The circle or circles being in place, Mr. Gurney cut with the seissors one or two small plates from the ferreotype sheets on the mantelpiece. and, taking one of them, he and Mr. Evans went to the chemical room and prepared the plate together. They returned with plate in holder, and placed it in the camera-which was immediately covered over with the black muslin cloth, and Mr. Gurney and the medium took their places in the circle. The medium, who is a large, robust man, now began to shake and quiver with "influence," and placing his right hand upon the camera, he held it there for a few moments, when the influence seemed to snatch it away, and slap it two or three times upon the table, which it seems was the signal for finished effort. The medium took the plate and holder out of the camera, and, accompanied by Mr. Gurney, went to the chemical bath room - the circle sitting. quietly in the meantime, waiting for return and results. Medium and committee soon returned, and the result was a failure-nothing at all could be discerned upon the ferreotype plate. The medium said, "The spirits say-my guides say-that the circle must sing to procure harmonious and proper conditions, and we will prepare another plate and try again." Accordingly all the circle joined in singing, while Mr. Gurney cut off two other plates, one of which he took himself, and the other he gave to me, asking me to put a prirate mark upon it, which I did with my penknife. Away went Mr. Gurney and the medium again, and soon returned with prepared plate and holder, the circle in the meantime being engaged in singing. The plate was placed in the camera, and it was covered as before; the circle sang, and the medium, under influence, again placed his hand upon the camera, and in about ten seconds took it off again, triumphantly slapping the table and pronouncing, "A success this time." Medium took the plate in holder from camera, and, accompanied by surpervisor Gurney, went to the bath room to bring out, by the use of the chemicals, whatever was on the plate. They returned, and, to the wonder of us all, produced the plate, and on it was written in good, plain, fine handwriting, as if photographically taken, the following : "friends, let this be your test; we will try and give you somthing that will interest you .perkins."

Mr. Evans, the medium, in reply, informed us that "Mr. Perkins was one of his spirit guides for producing spirit pictures; that in his mun- glass?" dane life he was a photographer, and worked for writing, in penmanship, spelling, no capitals, &c., on the ferreotype plate was a fac simile of readers dould see this ferreotype plate and this photographic writing on it. I have it in my side coat pocket now, and copied it in words in this communication; and the more I look at it the more I wonder at it. It is something new, novheard of spirit-photograph pictures, but who bedane chirography on these photographic plates? . If any person desires to see this specimen of spirit photographic writing, I will gladly show it to him. It is just a worder: that is what it is ?

Our excitement being over, and our respective 1 direction." places sought and taken and singing again commenced, Mr. Evans asked us if we were now satisfied to dispense with Mr. Gurney as committeeman : "for," said he, "I am satisfied the spirits can do better with my manipulations alone than if I had any one with me." We expressed ourselves willing to trust him alone. Accordingly the plate that I had marked was taken to the chemical room and prepared, brought back in holder and placed in camera, and in a few seconds another success pronounced emphatically. Plate was taken to the bath, washed and returned, and on it was a beautiful picture of a little girl child, in plaid frock and belt, within one year of rge. The excitement of the circle was intense, Could any one recognize the likeness?" I looked steadily at the picture. I had lost a daughter child within a year old, but I failed to recognize the likeness : but I looked upon the back of the picture, and there was my private mark, which I had made with my penknife when Mr. Gurney cut the plate from the sheet and handed it to me; and I could take my oath that there was nothing on that when it went into the hands of the medium. The picture went the rounds for recognition, and at last, reaching the hands of Mr. Demarest, of our circle, he recognized a likeness in it to a departed child of his and now, I believe, has it in his possession, and will show it, no doubt, if called upon.

Another plate was marked stenographically by Mr. K/ib ofour circle, taken by the medium, du ly prepared and inserted in the camera, and with the usual singing and harmony, another success in a few seconds-the picture of a beautiful boy, handsomely dressed, of about four years of age recognized by Mr. Kelb as a brother of his, deceased many years ago at four years of age, in Germany. He recognized the likeness, and on the back of the plate found his own stenographic mark, which, when cut, he had put there.

Photographic, ferreotype pictures, likenesses, 'n the dark? taken in the camera obscura in the dark! How is this? What can this mean! And those pictures, too, not like the spirit-pho tographs heretofore seen and known, but looking just as if taken here from mundane life. No dimness, no obscurity, no evanescence, but solid, substantial, real. What does it mean? How an the spirits do this? What practical scientists they must be !- What capital experimenters in scientific domain !

Again a plate was prepared and placed in the camera and out again, and returned to us; but this time another failure. Another ferreotypa vate mark and placed in the camera-circle sing-

Again I asked, "Why to-night did you use ferreotype plates, instead of taking the negatives on

He answered, "Because the pictures and writhim in his rooms in Washington City; and the lings can be made on ferreotype in somuch shorter time; ferreotype is so much more sensitive that the spirits prefer it for rapid use; and bethat he used in this life. I do wish you and your sides, pictures made this way, on ferreotypes, are so much more palpable, and satisfactory to the circle, or people interested, and are cheaper too!" "Then," said I, "there is no use of the lenses of the camera ?" "Oh, not at all," said he; then adding, "the spirits tell me that even with el, wonderful, even to us-photographic griting : Mumler, for taking the pictures of the departed done in the dark on a ferreotype plate! We have spirits, they have no use for the lenses, and this notwithstanding clairvoyants have seen the spirit fore has heard of spirits writing in their mun-standing' beside the mortal, while the picture was being taken in the camera. The spirits present the photographic plan of taking their pictures, for the sake of acceptance and more ready recognition of their efforts among mortals in this

friendships won, the kindnesses received. Proud am I of the record it bears. No young speaker A great deal more information and philosophy could have put down, which I then and there gleaned from the medium and his spirit guides, but I am reminded as usual of the room in your columns.

If in this feeble communication I have contributed something in addition to the stock of facts and knowledge so abundant in the field of Spiritualism, I am satisfied. Every day and every hour prove as much to us-that

"There are more things in heaven and earth. Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy," New York, March 27th, 1875.

TEST SEANCES-MAUD E. LORD AND MRS. NELSON.

the Edit of the Banner of Light: I wish to briefly relate a few test facts given at scances held by Mrs. Nellie Nelson and Mrs. Maud E. Lord, both of Boston, at the Lake Pleasant Camp-meeting last fall. They are of so convincing a nature that all will be pleased to read them. My sister, who resides in a neighboring town, and was brought up a strict Congregationalist, like myself, and had never received a test previous to this, came to the camp meeting and remained one day; she was an entire stranger to the medium Mrs. Nelson came to the tent adjoining mine, and while there became entranced by "Maggie," the spirit who controls her for giving tests. My sister, hearing the strange talking, went out and looked into the tent. Soon the medium turned to her and said : "Lydia, Dr. Homan is here and wants to talk to you. He was our brother, Dr. Homan H. Beals, who passed to spirit-life in 1861. After giving a message or two from him she said, "Harriet and Annis are here," and then gave messages from them; also from father and mother, who all passed away before our brother did. These messages contained several tests besides the names of Homan and Annis, which I think are quite uncommon ones. Afterwards, at another sitting, she described very accurately a brother and a sister of my wife, first giving their personal appearance and then their peculiar characteristics, and gave their names, adding, "Your sister Lucy says she will come to you to night at Mrs. Lord's circle, and kiss you."

And now a word about Mrs. Maud E. Lord nd her circles, which to me are very wonderful. I think it rare that any one visits her circles when the conditions are good without being pretty thoroughly convinced that their spirit friends do come back and make themselves known.

At the first circle we attended there were the usual manifestations, such as patting and shaking of hands, and whisperings of the different spirits to the sitters all around the circle, and at the same time giving names of the dear departed ones. When the circle was nearly through a is in a splendid state of preparation; and I have spirit voice said to my wife, "I tried to kiss you, no doubt a lecturer would make money here. but could not." At the next circle there were present a young man of German descent (but born in this country) and his wife, an American lady. The gentleman had recently come from Germany, where he had been to complete his musical education, and where his grandfather resided. During the evening they received, in loud whispers, a great many names of loved ones who had passed to spirit-life. Mrs. Lord remarked, "Here is the spirit of an old man; I should think he was a foreigner; yes, I know he is; but I do n't know of what country. Why, he must have had the asthma badly; how hard he breathes. Why, listen ; you can all hear him." We did so, and, sure enough, we could hear a loud, asthmatic breathing, very near the young man, who then asked Mrs. Lord if he might speak in his native tongue. "Oh, yes." He then asked several questions in German, and was answered in the same language! He then said to us that it was his grandfather, adding, "I did not know he was dead ; the last I heard from him he was sick, but I had not heard of his death.' Spirit hands took hold of the coat collar of a gentleman by the name of Butler, of Greenfield, and gave him quite a shake. Mr. Butler asked, 'Who is this?'' and in a loud whisper the spirit said, "Don't you know me? I am Victor. God bless you, I have been with you all day. I wanted you should come here ; father and mother are both here." Quite a number of my spirit friends came to me and gave their names, and one of them, my Uncle Robert, shook hands with me; and to crown the whole, my wife's sister Lucy came to her, put her arm around her neck and kissed her on her cheek. Those near her heard it plainly, and she says it was as natural as though a person in the form had-kissed her. If these few words shall cause any one who is now a skeptic to our beautiful and comforting religion to investigate for himself, I shall feel well repaid. Yours for the truth,

but what of that? it was done in wondrous haste -in seconds! And who is '*perkins*,' that uses no capitals, even in his own name, on this occasion?'' spirits said they were.''
-in seconds is own name, on this occasion?'' tinctly saw the speaking-trumpets and the guitars moving about and off from the table, to the great consternation of the ladies before mentioned; but the climax came in the table being lifted some eight or nine inches off the floor. Instantone of our party rushed out of the room and losed the door, leaving the rest of us to hold a very pleasant conversation with our spirit friends. Yours fraternally, GEO. A. STOW, In London Medium and Daybreak for March 12.

Banner Correspondence.

Iowa.

for it tells of grander triumphs, if it also tells of harder contests. It is golden because of the many

ever received a warmer welcome, and none ever won a better name in the short journey of a year.

I do not care to report my worki-Whether I have wrought wisely or not, I shall learn when on the

angel side I count my sheaves. I only wish to say that I shall continue to work the coming year

to request the friends in different portions of the

State to at once correspond with me, that I may arrange for my summer work; April and May I

wish to be in the north eastern part of the State,

and in June I hope to be in the north-west, but, will accept invitations from any part of the State. I would also like to make short excursions

into Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan. Will friends please correspond with me? The officers of the State Association

have kindly given me the following certificate :

have kindly given me the following certificate: "To our Brother and Sister Spiritualista: This is to certify that Capt. H. H. Brown has for the last year acted as Siate lecturer under the auspices of the lowa State Association of Spiritualists. In that capacity he has shown himself fully able to meet the demands of the times. He has ever ma le warm friends and won an en-viable reputation for eloquence and depth of thought. Therefore, we, officers of said Association, cheerfully re-commend him to al local societies and communities in want of spiritual instruction, not only as a good and effi-cient speaker, but as a thorongh gentleman and scholar. Trusting that he will be ably sustained the coming year, and that you will extend to him your cordial support, we remain, EDWINCATE, Anita, Pres. C. J. WhittE, Jefferson, Vice Pres. Mirs, J. SWAIN, Fort Dodge, Sec y, Of the I. S. A. S. Anita, Joica, March 30th, 1875.

I have received many encouraging letters and liberal notices from the press, and for all I re-turn my thanks. I am ready to attend funerals,

and being regularly ordained by the State Asso

ciation, am ready at all times to officiate at wed-

My address during April will be State Center, Marshall Co., Iowa. My permanent address is Missouri Valley, Harrison Co., Iowa.

Oregon.

LA GRANDE.-E. S. McComas, editor Moun-

tain Sentinel, writes as follows: Not having an

acquaintance with any of the many able lectur-

ers on the grand theory of Spiritual Phenomena,

I have persuaded myself to sit down and drop

you a line, hoping you may be willing to interest yourself in our behalf, or place this communica-tion in the hands of some good friend who will

I will not detain you by giving a description

of the many beauties and attractions of this new country, but will say that, as a general rule, the

people are in comfortable circumstances, and are liberal to a fault : they are of a progressive na-

ture—a spirit of independence, self reliance and love for freedom of thought being strongly-mark-

ed and noticeable characteristics; in fact, they are just the kind of people who cannot believe in the unreasonable doctrines of Orthodoxy, and who would love to investigate Spiritualism.

I know of a large number of avowed Spiritual-ists, and I do not believe there is a better field

for some lecturer and healing medium of ability than throughout this State. In my opinion the

ecturer should be a man, as he would have to

travel in all kinds of conveyances; as we are not,

as yet, favored with railroads in this section of Oregon. There is unquestionably work demand-ed here to sow the good seeds, for which the soil

Anita, Iouca, March 3th, 1875.

give it special attention.

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under the auspices of the State Association,

vate circles were inaugurated some two years since, and are still continued in the family with much mental and spiritual profit; twice a week a they are convened—Sunday evening for materi-alization, and Tuesday evening for tests. Much placement areas have a stouded these pleasure and great success have attended these regular meetings thus far. "Experience demonstrates," says our correspondent in closing, "that Spiritualism is continually developing phases of evidence fitted to the comprehension of all classes of mind." Iowa. DUBUQUE. - Mrs. H. Morse writes, March 25th: We are still at work for true Spiritual-. ism, in our poor way. We have labored for STATE CENTRE .- Capt. II. H. Brown, lecturer for the State Association of Spiritualists, the friends in Iowa for two years, and have writes, April 1st, as follows: It is just a year lectured before large audiences Sundays, and ince I began my work in Iowa. It has been to me a year beyond all others of toil and strife, of pain and pleasure, and struggle and victory. Yet the mile-stone I to-day plant is a golden one,

and

almost every evening. We have found noble souls and good people wherever we have been. In many towns we have organized develop-ing circles, and new mediums have been de-veloped in almost every circle. The good friends of Iowa believed what the spirits told them, through me, and followed the advice given, and now instead of resorting to foreign sources and now, instead of resorting to foreign sources for evidence of spirit communion, they have found the angel at home. Iowa is one of the most delightful States in the Union, with its healthy climate, and all the facilities that man needs to make a home happy and pleasant. The good cause is progressing. Brothers Chase and Eacles and our State missionaries have done of Eccles and our State missionaries have done a good work. The Grangers and the Temperance movements are liberating the people. Mrs. Susan B. Anthony is giving some of her radical words of cheer to the Grangers for allowing woman to vote; and she is invited all through the State to lecture on social purity and temperance, and of course brings in the suffrage question, which goes to help liberate the minds of the people. On the whole, I think we are progressing as fast as some of the older States.

California.

SACRAMENTO.-Miss R. Augusta Whiting writes, March 30th : Allow me to send a word of greeting, and an answer to numerous inquiries as to my movements. To the Spiritualists of California, who have so cordially appreciated and seconded my labors since I came among them last autumn, I am reluctantly obliged to say farewell for the present. Business matters have arisen requiring my presence at my home in Michigan. I therefore give up my contem-plated engagements for the next two months here, and go eastward immediately on the close-of my lectures in this city. Sometime, possibly within the year, I shall return again to take up the work so promisingly begun. Will then be glad to accept many invitations which I must now decline.

To societies in the East I would say that my time is open for engagements after May 1st. Ad-dress, Albion, Mich.

WE CHRISTIANS.

Christ dwindles into insignificance by the side of the Spiritualist wonder-workers. Jesus nev rang bells or tipped tables. He never "towsled sus never Nicodemus's hair in the dark. He could not show materialized women and Indians to the Sanhedrim. He was never able to have bells rung and fiddles played in the air "without ap-parent visible agency." He only wrought won-ders to relieve distress as acts of overflowing benevolence, and he did manage to do good to some people.—*Christian Union*. Neither did^r any Spiritualist wonder-worker

ever make a world in six days; or overspread it with a solid sky; or make a woman of a man's rib; or cause a serpent to talk; or confound the languages of mankind on account of the building of a tower; or drown all the human race but eight persons; or make a covenant with Abraham by the filthy rite of circumcision ; or wrestle with Jacob; or turn Aaron's rod into a serpent; or convert the waters of Egypt into blood ; or cover that land with frogs, lice, and flies ; or slay all its first-born; or conduct six hundred thousand men, beside children, and all their flocks and herds, out of Egypt in one night ; or take the same multitude of men and beasts through the divided waters of the Red Sea ; or cause manna and quails to rain down from heaven; or order the sacrifice of brutes in atonement for sin; or talk with Moses on Mount Sinai; or write the decalogue with his finger on stone; or direct the Hebrews to slay the people of Canaan, and sell carrion to the heathen; or turn back the shadow' on the dial of Ahaz; or make an axe swim in the Jordan; or give an emetic to Jonah's great fish. But Christ and the Father have the joint credit of these performances, and it is regarded as an unpardonable sin to disbelieve them to have been facts. Were these wonders all wrought 'to relieve distress "? and were they all the outcome of "overflowing benevolence"? And does it make men and women noble and good to believe such things of God and Christ? or that they were essential parts of a divine plan of salvation? Strange as it may seem, moreover, notwithstanding the assurances of the Christian Union. no Spiritualist wonder-worker acting as a Spiritualist or as a true medium, ever rang a bell or tipped a table; or frizzled or pulled a deacon's hair ; or injected or beat a new idea into an Orthodox parson's head; or materialized women and Indians : or caused fiddles and accordions to play without the aid of hands, or chairs to leap into the air; or doors to open or shut; or persuaded pens and pencils to write automatically, or raps to combine into significant words and sentences. These things occur without the active agency of any true Spiritualist, and even without any clear knowledge on his part how they happen. It is only charlatans, savans and the clergy who understand the whole secret of these wonders. If Christ's works dwindle into insignificance beside them, it may not be a bad thing for his . true honor. He never claimed the glory of his own deeds, not even when he withered the figtree at Bethany, being either too little of a god or too much of a man to boast of his exploits or hunger for renown. That a god should be anxious for praise is to be expected ; a true man can dispense with it. The spread of these phenomena, however, does not bid fair to be of any benefit to that large class that vote themselves saints, and pretend to mediumship between God and man, crying Lord ! Lord ! all the way from Rome to Brooklyn, while some of them "creep into houses and lead captive silly women," displaying far greater alacrity in following the example of David in the matter of Uriah's wife, than of obeying the precept of Christ and imitating Origen by making themselves canuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. Did the Christian Union ever hear of a case of this kind? D. L.

APRIL 17, 1875.

"What a wonder !" we all exclaimed. "Who ever heard of writing photographically before?

urney, the exact words of which I cannot cite. non are now satisfied that this thing can be done. It so, we want you to come again .- Your friends, Addis and others." Mr. Gurney was so pleased, and he answered emphatically that he was entirely satisfied "this thing could be done." But who is "Addis" that subscribes his name to this communication? Medium answers, "He is another of my spirit guides, and he was a photographer in New York City for many years during his life in this world." This more than pleased Mr. Gurney. I never saw any one so joyously pleased, and he said that he would ever keep that ferreotype plate with that message on it, and he has it now ready to show any one.

Another trial in the same manner as the others, and another failure-being the third failure. Another marked ferreotype plate was prepared as usual, and placed in the camera; and this time another and a fifth success. It was a writing to the following effect, though, not having it by me, I cannot cite the exact words : "friends, ice have done all we can to night; so good-night.-perkins." This written message, like the others, was very plain and distinct, but without capitals, crossings of t's, &c., and, following its timely suggestions, the members of the circle bade the spirits good-night, and went to their respective homes-all but myself. The manifestations had been so singular to me, that, late as it was, I resolved to remain behind and have a talk all alone with the medium, and I am right glad I did so for the information I obtained.

Mr. Evans told me that he had had his spiritphotographic and ferreotype experiences for the last seven or eight years ; that he recognized the fact that he had been a medium for eleven or twelve years-at first a strong healing medium, then a rapping and writing medium, then a spirit-photographer, besides being a combination medium for many purposes. He said he had not given his attention regularly to taking spiritpictures, for it interfered with his other regular photographic business; but he had had the power for a long while-the power, unlike that of all others, of producing lifelike pictures of departed spirits in the dark.

"But," said I, "how is this, Mr. Evans? This producing spirit pictures in the dark surely requires no lenses, or camera obscura !" "That's a fact, Judge," replied he, "and I am glad you have found that out. The spirits have told me that they needed no lenses or camera obscura; all they wanted was the plate made sensitive, so, they can manipulate upon it. The best picture I ever got, was in a box prepared by the direction of the spirits. It was eight or ten inches square, made of fine wood, and lined with polished zinc, and plate glass over that, with lid the same. In this I used to just put my prepared plates, and I

JOSEPH BEALS, President of Lake Pleasant Camp-meeting Association.

PHYSICAL PHENOMENA IN THE LIGHT.

TO THE EDITOR-Dear Sir: I had the good fortune to be in your office on Wednesday the 3d inst., when Mr. Herne came in, and said he was about to hold a scance up stairs with three ladies, and in order to balance the force, he invited me to join them. I gladly consented. We took our seats in the dark as usual. In about two minutes the guitar was played and floated round the room. The bell and speaking-trumpets were next conveyed, touching one and another, till at last an elderly lady was struck, who, with her friend, became very excited. The table, which is a large, heavy one, was lifted from the floor. "Ka-tie" spoke to one of the ladies at the same mo-This proved too much for our lady friends, ment.

There are many towns along the Union Pacific Railroad to Kelton, where he would take the stage for Boise City, the capital of Idaho Terri-tory, and where Eastern Oregon is reached. Many small towns, surrounded by heavy population, would be reached, and I am sure that a good medium and lecturer would be amply rewarded. I hope you will be able to lay this mat-ter before some of our many able lecturers, and that some eloquent, able advocate may be in duced to visit this fertile field at an early day. P. S.-I will be happy to answer any corre-spondence on this subject.

Kansas.

WICHITA, SEDGWICK CO.-S. W. Richmond writes: Three years ago I wrote you an article describing this frontier town, and tried to induce some wealthy Spiritualists to come and build us a hall, with a business room below. My communication brought many letters of inquiry and a few poor emigrants. Since then the lots on Main street that could have been bought for one hundred and thirty dollars, have sold as high as thirteen hundred dollars.

Our city is not yet five years old, and contains three thousand five hundred inhabitants, with a large liberal element, and some fearless, out spoken, independent thinkers. I am reading, each Sabbath, to very fair audiences, the famous lectures of Hon. Robert G. Ingersoll. We are now organizing a free Religio Philosophical Society, and intend to keep the ball rolling, by reading lectures whenever we cannot procure speakers. The extent of our spiritual literaure, in the shape of readable lectures, is quite limited, and the grasshopper raid has left us vithout extra means to procure speakers from abroad, or even to purchase the needed books our Eastern friends, who have been so liberal in their donations to feed our bodies, see how we famish for liberal literature, they certainly would send us such volumes as are now rusting on their shelves. I already have several invitations to read Ingersoll's lectures in differ ent parts of the county, and shall keep reading is long as I can procure suitable lectures to read This is the finest winter wheat country east of California, the wheat yielding from twenty-five to forty bushels per acre, and weighing from sixty two to sixty eight pounds to the bushel. Spiritualist here has a large water-mill nearly completed for five run of burrs, but lacks means to finish it, and would sell a part interest. I have no interest in the matter, but will answer all inquiries, and prefer that a Spiritualist should have it.

New York.

AUBURN .- M. A. C. writes recently from this city, with regard to the present rapid advance of the cause. While not wishing to disparage physical mediumship, our correspondent still holds up to view the great work performed by the mental phase of the spiritual phenomena, such as trance, inspirational speaking, etc., etc., and considers that the mental shares with the physical type the honor of being the sure foundation upon which Spiritualism rests in our day. The father of the writer, who was for forty years an elder in an Orthodox Church in Auburn, has accepted Spiritualism at last, and withdrawn from his church relations, and in view of the And see how plain and distinct it is ! To be sure, there are no *capitals* in the writing, no crossings of 't's', and one of the words is spelt wrongly; there are no *capitals* in the words is spelt wrongly is the there are no *capitals* in the words is spelt wrongly is the there are no *capitals* in the words is spelt wrongly is the there are no *capitals* in the words is spelt wrongly is the there are no *capitals* in the words is spelt wrongly is the there are no *capitals* is the there are no *capitals* in the there are no *capitals* is the there are no *capitals* in the words is spelt wrongly is the there are no *capitals* is the there are no *capitals* is the there are no *capitals* is the there are no *capital*

Washington; D. C.

A quarrelsome couple were discussing the subject of epi taphs and tombstones, and the husband said: " My dear, what kind of a stone do you think they will give me when "Brimstone, my love," was the affectionate I die ?'' reply.

A young lady says she don't object to the "Loan of a Lover, " but she does object to his k eping Lent.

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THE IDENTITY OF PRIMITIVE CHRISTIANITY

THE IDENTITY OF PRIMITIVE CHRISTIANITY AND MODERN SPIRITUALISM. By Eugene Crowell, M. D. Vol. 1. New York: G. W. Carleton & Co., publishers. 8vo., pp. 523. The growth of interest in Spiritualism and Spiritualistic phenomena is attended by a great increase in the volume of Spiritualistic literature. Dr. Crowell's book is the last contribution. It takes a view of the new revealed on the hithert takes a view of the new revelation not hitherto popular with its chief exponents. The charge made by the pulpit-that Modern Spiritualism is essentially anti-Christian in its tendency, has, apparently, been well founded. On the threshold of investigation, therefore, a large and influen-tial particle of the computer back but out of investigation, therefore, a large and influen-tial portion of the community have been shut out. Dr. Crowell is undoubtedly one of those parti-sans of the new faith who wisely see the advan-tage of drawing the Christian people within the lines of Spiritualism. But a bridge must be erected so that they can pass over. Hence this work, which is an effort to prove that the Chris-tianity of the New Testament days and Modern Spiritualism are one and that the believer in the Spiritualism are one, and that the believer in the first can consistently believe in the second.

The author is a resident of Brooklyn, we believe, and appears to have devoted a large share Theye, and appears to have devoted a large share of his time to an honest investigation of the phé-nomena produced in this vicinity by mediums like Slade and Foster. His book is partially a record of his individual experiences, but he adds, as if by way of corroboration, the marvelous ghost stories of all ages and climes, which have already been related in other books, and he unites the whole with a running thread of criticism and explanation. He has been embled therefore explanation. He has been enabled, therefore, to present a volume which is a complete compendium of alleged facts in Spiritualism, and an ingenious defence of it as well.

Tried by the scientific standard of testimony, Dr. Crowell's collection of extraordinary in-stances of so-called spirit-power is nearly value-less, and his inferences fall with them. But there is no disputing his honesty and candor; and we know of no work on the subject yet pub-lished which we would more readily recommend to readers who care to study the phases of the new faith, which is so rapidly making converts in all parts of the civilized world.

Some extracts from Dr. Crowell's volume will doubtless interest our readers. He gives a plausi-ble explanation of several of the knotty points concerning spirit-manifestations. It has frequently been asked why the communications purporting to come from spirits are almost uniformly frivolous and worthless, and why they are quite as often contradictory. Dr. Crowell says :

ing to come irom spirits are almost uniformly frivolous and worthless, and why they are quite as often contradictory. Dr. Crowell says: When the organism of a medium is effectively used by a spirit, we should bear in mind that it is a foreign spirit-that has assumed control, and that the spirit proper to the body is so far overpowered and rendered passive as no fonger to control any of its mental organs or processes. The spirit in control impresses the brain, and uses the or-gans of speech as it did thouse of its former body as inearly as the conditions will admit; but it is rarely that a spirit can assume such perfect control that it can use these or-gans without the communications being functured by the habits and modes of thinking to which they have been nec-cusioned, and hence errors and differences will often be noticed, which a skeptical mind will at once selze upon as proofs of imposture, or at least of self-deception. When these difficulties are realized it will be understood why many communications from spirits who possessed ac-knowledged talent in earth-life, fail so far short of their former intellectual efforts-for when existing in this life they possessed organisms, and especially cerebral organs, of larger capacity, with which they were in perfect har-mony, and which admitted of the superior modes of ex-perfect than their own in other respect, and with which they are not in altogether harmonious relations, they are offentimes unable not only to transcend the ordinary men-tal productions that characterized them, but even fail short of them, * * Therefore it is not correct to as-sume that, because a communication is below the former stand that, because a communication is below the former far productions that characterize the medium, but even fail short of them, * * Therefore it is not correct to as-sume that, because a communication is below the former stand and properly appreciated if the weak period multi-denomice the former when once their true characters are rovealed. * * Certain fact There are no two mile decignized tilter communi-origin. There are no two mile decignized althe, nor ally two bodies through which they act, and no two individuals think allko. Work are arrely true exponents of ideas. For the reasons above given it will also be seen that the same spirit manifesting through energy that the second the same spirit manifesting through energy and the second the second s at every sitting. If this is observed, any intelligent, cau-tious person will soon be able to winnow the chaff from the grain. Difficulty in answering by spirits is sometimes owing to the numbers of spirit fricted pressing and eager to com-municate, so that the conditions on their side become dis-ordered. And then, again, sometimes the minds of the mid-dium and of the spirit become commingled or confused, so that the characteristics of both appear in the communica-tions. * * Spirit communications in, different conn-tries vary in being characterized by the peculiarites and habits of thought which are peculiar to the people of the country; and in America there is probably not a medium for physical manifestations where an Indian spirit is not a principal, if not the principal, operator; and Indian spirits are also the controlling intelligences of many personating and communications. In explanation of this, "Old John," the Indian control of Dr. Charles B. Kern-ney, of Brooklyn, N. Y., said, in reply to my question "where he lived," that 's all indians for a good while live on earth, and that is the reason why they generally control mediums." This accords with what I have gathered from other spirits-that advanced spirit scannot exist near our earth and within our atmosphere for any considerable length of time. My spirit friends say that few of them can remain here for more than an hour, and some not healt that time, unless at the cost of personal suffering. If these facts be admitted they establish the truth that the spirits ty he lingent and even moral, are not generally advanced ones, and such all my experience tends to pio.e. One of the stumbling-blocks in the way of un-believers in Spiritualism is that-mediums hedge believers in Spiritualism is that mediums hedge themselves around with the provision that the "conditions must be right." In treating of this objection the author says that when modern Spiritualism attains an age advanced as that of magnetic and electric science, which is of recent date, it will be time enough to ask the question date, it will be time enough to ask the question which that science cannot yet positively answer, namely: Why certain conditions are necessary to the production of the phenomena. "Do as-tronomers," asks the author, "make their obser-vations of the stars by day, or do they investi-gate the photosphere of the sun by night? Can a photographer take a micture without the most a photographer take a picture without the most rigid observance of the rules of art, or the chemist analyze and combine without regard to compatibility or incompatibility, volume or weight? The personal experiences of Dr. Crowell with the inhabitants of the world to come are certainly, in many instances, curious. We have room for but one extract, a rather long one, but containing a fair sample of the wonders reported in the book :

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written upon the slate, while this was placed upon the cen-tre of the table in full view, no mortal hand being near it, and he broad daylight. He has kindly permitted me to copy and publish it: "WEDNESDAY, September 25, 1572. MY DEAR HUSBAND: I am so sorry you did not see me more plainly than you did; I do not like to give it ap. I shall try it again when I can have the medium's time. Dear, did you know I was present when Louise got her fright? I can make her see me if it would not make her too nervous, * * Give my love to all my darlings at home. I am, over your loying wife, M. J. H." When she says she "does not like to give it me."

Dear, did yon know T was present when Loniso got her fright? I can nake her see mi f it would not make her too nervous, ••• Give my love to all my darilings at home. I am, ever your loving wife, M. J. B., When she says she 'does not like to give it up, 's he re-fers to her attempts to materialize, which were not wholly successful, as she was able only to make herself dimly visi-ble. The next sentence referring to her daughter's fright, was an oxcellent test of the spirit's identity, for it so hap-pened that three days previous to this, when my friend came down to breakfast, his oldest daughter, fifteen years of age, said: ·· Pa, I was terribly frightened last night, something came and leaned over me, and I covered my head, but on looking again I saw it there still; but I could not see it distinctly. Tonly saw it was some oil, ·' My friend poob-poohed the story, and not the weather due the above communication, and not even then did he recei-lect it, and the could not inderstand the meaning of this portion of the message unit, having copied it, he was qui-etty reflecting upon it at his home, when he suddenly thought of the indicator teated by his daughter. As addi-tind of the indicator teated by his daughter. As addi-tind and the evening of the next day after his daughter had seen the apartition, my daughter rolated to me the in-cident as she had heard it from the jips of her schoolmate, and it was not until two days theirdfire that the above commune alon was written. Then there is the fact of his daughter's name being spelled Louise, instead of Louisa, 'the more common method. At a skene with Mr. Foster in September, 1870, among other tests he said that 'another beautiful spirit was prese-ted. My wife had a sister of that name; she died in infancy before the birth of ney wife. I may have heard her spoken of perhaps two or three times, but it is certain that I had never given the said the rime errors and early the same of a married sister who hassed from earth-life soment beforo J recognized the name. At

Pister's age was twenty six, and so stated, but one vigorous for prepended. "No." In gain expressed my doubts of the correctness of the answer, and again an emphatic "No." was appeed. But the spirit, to my surprise, was correct. as I discovered upon questioning my sister's husband, who is still it/mg.
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 "MY DEAR SON: Myself and dear Rachel, your mother, are present and bless you this evening, as will as some of your own dear children. Eugeno W. and your brother, Seth, also your good sister, S. M. C.—all were with you in this work, and 1 will consecrate my efforts to assist in this work, and 1 will consecrate my efforts to assist in the solution. May son, your affection to faster, the medium was controled by a strange influence, and, after an ineffectual effort to speak, he sunderly occurred to me that it, was my brother who was endeavoring to manifest hitself, arround the prom, with a gait indicating laneness of one limb. I was intensited to many son at the present of a strange influence, and, after an ineffectual effort to speak, he sunde

THE TWO TRAVELERS.

OF

LIGHT.

'T was evening, and before my eyes There lay a landscape gray and dim : Fields faintly seen, and twilight stars, And clouds that hid the horizon's brim.

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I saw-or was it that I dreamed ?-A waking dream ?—I cannot say; For every shape as real seemed As those that meet my eye to-day.

Through leafless shrubs the cold wind hissed ; The air was thick with falling snow ; And onward, through the frozen mist, I saw a weary traveler go.

Driven o'er that landscape bare and bleak, Before the whirling gusts of air, The snowflakes smote his withered cheek,

And gathered on his silver hair. Yet on he fared through blinding snows,

And murmuring to himself he said : The night is near, the darkness grows, And higher rise the drifts I tread.

Deep, deep each autumn flower they hide : Each tuft of green they whelm, from sight; And they who journeyed by my side Are lost in the surrounding night.

'I loved them; oh, no words can tell The love that to my friends I bore; We parted with the sad farewell Of those who part to meet no more.

And I who face this bitter wind, And o'er these snowy hillocks creep, Must end my journey soon, and find A frosty couch, a frozen sleep."

As thus he spoke, a thrill of pain Shot to my heart ; I closed my eyes, And when I opened them again I started with a glad surprise.

'T was evening still, and in the west A flush of glowing crimson lay. I saw the morrow there, and blest

That promise of a glorious day.

The waters, in their glassy sleep Shone with the hues that tinged the sky, And ragged cliff and barren steep Gleamed with a brightness from on high.

And one was there whose journey lay Into the slowly gathering night ; With steady step he held his way

O'er shadowy vale and gleaming height.

I marked his firm though weary tread, The lifted eye, and brow serene, And saw no shade of doubt or dread

Pass o'er that traveler's placid mien. And others came, their journey o'er,

And bade good night with words of cheer To-morrow we shall meet once more : 'T is but the night that parts us here."

And I," he said, "shall sleep ere long— These fading gleams will soon be gone— Shall sleep, to rise refreshed and strong, In the bright day that yet will dawn."

I heard; I watched him as he went, A lessening form, until the light -Of evening from the firmanent

Had passed, and he was lost to sight. WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

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NOTES AND NOTICES.

BY WARREN CHASE.

The equinoctial "blizzard" which seemed to bring the everlasting snows of Alaska along to block our Iowa railroads, retained and detained us at Fort Dodge till the last week in March, and gave us a chance to be regaled with a WONDERFUL EXPOSE of the medium Mott, of Memphis, Mo., by a writer who styles himself Clark, of Peorla, Illinois; and sends his - exposé to the - Fort Dodge Messenger to save the plous people of this-little city from being humbugged. The Messenger is edited by two professed infidels, but its best friends and main support are from Christians, who sustain it partly from political principles, but mainly because it opposes Spiritualism with a reckless disregard of truth and honesty, and hence is acceptable to the zealous sectarian Christians, with

whom the end justifies the means. This is not strange, since the pulpits and press are now both open to infidels to abuse Spiritualists, at which we rejoice more than our infidel brethren do, for we know that when they get a foothold we shall soon follow with our facts and philosophy.

Spiritualism, as well as in the work of social reform, to which she was also ardently devoted. With a mild, gentle and childlike spirit in her social intercourse, she ever displayed a superiority of mind and inspirational power that gave her the control of her friends, while her physical condition turned off the shaft of envy, jealousy and that suspicious hatred that checks and destroys so many whose motives are as pure and sacred as the angels, but who incur the hatred and scorn of the wicked and corrupt as she could not. Beloved and respected by all who knew her, and almost idolized in her own home, she will be greatly missed, but not as she would be if the family did not know she could return and communicate with them, and through them to others, as she is sure to do. On the 22d, a long line of carriages followed her remains to Lyceum Hall, where we endeavored to offer words of comfort and consolation to the friends, and new truths to the Christian strangers who strayed in to a funeral, but would never come to any other spiritual meeting. The Lyceum choir sang beautifully, the day was delightful, the hall crowded, and we spoke from the following text of new scripture : Weep when a child is born into this world of sorrow; mourn when a daughter is married into the pains and penalties of wife and mother in our corrupt and tyrannical social life; but rejoice when a soul escapes from its prison house of clay and goes to dwell with the angels, where the flowers bloom the whole year round, where the weary find rest and love is never .unblest. It has seldom been our lot to watch the failing breath of a dying form and a rising spirit under such calm, quiet, peaceful and reconciled conditions; not a struggle, not a sigh, not a word or look of regret escaped from the peaceful form as it lay there, giving up the spirit to its new life. It was a glorious birth under the influence of our new gospel and new religion, while personally we, with the family, have now one less friend on earth and one more with the angels in 'the home to which we are hastening. The presiding elder and local Methodist preacher were present.

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(To be useful, this list should be reliable. It therefore schooves Societies and Lecturers to promptly notify us of appointments, or changes of appointments, whenever and wherever they occur. This column is devoted exclusively to lecturers, without charge. If the name of any person not Tecturer should by mistake appear, we desire to be so informed.]

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Lue book : September 16, 1872, in company with my wife and her mother, I visited the family burying ground, in West-chester, N. Y., where the earthly remains of my children repose. A few days thereafter I had a sitting with Mr. Foster, and the first question I proposed was. "Is my son Eugene present, and can be tell me where his mother, grandmother and I were on Saturday last?" The answer promptly given was. "You were in Westchester, at the grave-yard-and my grave- and I was with you." This question, with others, had been written by me at home, was carefully and repeatedly folded, and was unopened by the medium, and not a word was said relating to the ques-tion or its subject matter.

Was carefully and repeatedly folded, and was unopened by the midlum, and not a word was said relating to the ques-tion or its subject matter. An intimate friend, a gontleman of education and refine ment, whose wifedled about five years since, was induced by me to visit Dr. Slade, of New York, and he had a num-ber of sittings, both for communications by means of slate writing, and for materialization. At one scance he re-ceived the following communication from his spirit wife,

Ever jour loving brother, E. W. C." There are two points in this communication worthy of particular notice. The first is that in which their Aunt Ann is mentioned. She was my wife's sister, before men-tioned as manifesting to me through Mr. Foster. She had never been alluded to in presence of this or any other me-dium, and only at long intervals of years even in the fami-ly, no personal knowledge of her existing. The day before my sons had this atting with Dr. Slade, when conversing about it my wife remarked that she would like to hear from her slater Ann again, and here she was reported present, quite unexpectedly to my sons, who had entirely forsotten the wish of their mother that she might again hear from her.

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The second is that, in which my daughter Caroline is mentioned. She had never been even alluded to at Dr. Slade's, and had never come to us but once before this, and that was also through Mr. Foster, just one year provious to this sitting. At the sóance with Mr. Foster, last one year provious to this sitting. At the sóance with Mr. Foster, last one she is the soance with Mr. Hoster, lasted for the names of my children deceased, when he gave all their names but one, and of this one he said. "And a little girl whose name I cannot ascertain, but her spirit name is Lily." Her properearthy name not being given 1 attached in omportance to what was here said about her spirit name, and was much surprised when, upon reading the communication the sister Caroline, and it so happoned that in the rest of the sister Caroline, and it so happoned that in the spirit name of Lily, through Dr. Sinde, I found confirmation of what Mr. Foster had asserted.
In connection with this is the fact that just previous to their leaving for this sóance I requested my sons to remember ad the communication. This does not appear like mindrealing, My spirit daughter has since then always come to us under the spirit name of Lily, through all mediums by whose agency we have received communications.
August 29, B72, my wife, self and daughter had a private sóance with Mrs. Andrews at Moravia. We seated ourselves facing the cablnet, whilst the medium sat facing us, with her back against it. No other persons were present. At first we sat the darkness. After some minutes my daughter shalt in the soine a day standing in front of me. I can sche ther while site show "Mindre stated, and the words " Grandina," apparently proceeding from the space thmeediately in front of the sowe call by sisnift hands, a

"Em, when you and pa run races do n't trip me up. I can beat you." This last was a most excellent test. The grounds sur-rounding my residence in Brooklyn comprise about an acre, and children have abundant room for exercise, and frequently, to amuse my daughter and her companions. I would join them in a race, and it was evidently to this my spirit child referred when he said the above. Had this re-mark been made of a thousand persons of my age, then up-wards of half a century, probably not one of them would have found it applicable to himself. We all instantly un-erstood its meaning, and smilled at this alusion to my childish amusement, coming from such an observing but unseen withe s. The circumstance of my thus amusing the children was of too trifling and common a character to be mentioned by my of us, over at home. The memory of it passed with the incident itself, and certainly no person in Moravia had any knowledge of it.

Whatever may be thought of Dr. Crowell's openness to hallucination, it will not be denied that he has written an entertaining book. The style is calm and intelligible. It is to be presumed, from the intimation on the title page, that a second volume is in course of preparation.

Generidius, commander of the forces in Dalmatia, hav, ing laid aside his girdle and ccased to appear at Court he-fore the Roman Emperor, under a law which had been imde that none but Christians should wear aglidle, refused to return till "the Emperor, compelled both by necessity and shame, completely abolished the law, and gave all presone liberty of enjoying their own sentiments in all offices, whether civil or military."-Zosimus-History, v. 169.

'A man is successful when he makes life give him what he wants.

The exposé of Mr. Clark is like the Scripture, while it proves any, every or no doctrine, just as you believe, still it is so plain that "he who runs may read, and a man, though a fool, need not err therein." The simple explanation is, first, if all he tells is true-which we do not believe-Mr. Mott being a medium, honest and unsophisticated, gave himself up and was given up for a purpose by his guides, to the guardian and lying spirits of Mr. Clark, so that the Scripture could be fulfilled by answering a fool according to his folly. It was another instance of depravity in the exposer with his prepared silk cord and heart full of deceit, going on purpose to expose, not to test the facts, and getting help, as Marshal Tooker did in the Mumler trial in New York City, where he got a spirit-picture with one of his guardian spirits on it, and the most hideous and devilish-looking human face that could be found in either world. If Mr. Clark could see his guardian he might find the secret of his failures. It is no uncommon occurrence for the cdn. trolling influences to let the guardians of the visitors have the medium and scance to carry out their desires; and some people now, as well as in olden times, are left to believe a lie and be condemned. But the story of Mr. Clark has another and perhaps more plausible explanation. It hears on its face the evidence of fraud and prejudice stronger than reason, and shows how easily it could have been all made up out of a few extorted and distorted simple facts, being founded mainly on the assumption that Mr. Mott was a shrewd, cunning, arch and skillful knave, capable of and disposed to cheat many of the most intelligent people, but not quite up to Mr. Clark and his silk cord, and that in his tricks he could make his own face appear as that of a little girl, spirit daughter of Mr. Clark, who says he never had such daughter, after talking to her there, in the person of Mr. Mott and in the presence of several witnesses. If Mr. Clark's word is to be taken as the opponents take it, without question of his veracity, while no reliance is to be placed on scores of others, and on Mr. Mottand his wife, then of course the case is clear as mud; but if we require as much evidence of his veracity as of that of Mr. Mott and the other side, then his statement falls to the ground.

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its will. Our own belief is, that then will the struggle really begin, and that it will be all the fiercer for the delay. What we counsel and urge therefore, is, that resistance shall begin at once; not in a loose, general and unorganized way, but with energy and vigor, with a fixed and central purpose, under a recognized leadership, and with a firm and compact organization. Unless the

iberty-loving people of the country take early and determined steps in this direction, it will be necessary for them to embark in a long and severe struggle later, which will better be called a war. Is it not much better to prevent this than to have to suffer it?

""Ghosts" and Jails.

Reports are going the rounds of the secular press to the effect that the "ghosts" or materialized apparitions of two murderers, Avery and

Wilson by name, have recently been making matters decidedly unpleasant at the jails where they were severally executed-Avery having been hanged at Hackensack, N. J., and Wilson at Hartford, Ct. The number of the witnesses in both prisons who are alleged to have seen the apparitions is large, and if any credence can be given to the reports of the papers, the occurrences are of a startling character. We cannot, from our standpoint, see anything unreasonable in a disembodied spirit lingering through sheer sympathy of conditions about the locality where it was forcibly ejected from its physical body and—the phenomenon of materialization being a fixed fact in spiritual science-if jail-yards are consecrated to the execution of such work, there

is nothing remarkable in the reappearance to mortal vision of their victims among the last scenes known to them in material life. When people begin to learn that hanging the man does not rid the world of the murderer, but only chokes his spirit out of his bodily form and places it upon ground where it is in position to do yet more deadly work by acting upon the minds of impressible ones left in earth-life, we opine an effort will be made in earnest to abolish capital punishment, and make imprisonment for life, with no executive pardoning power to intervene, the regultal for the offence. That the execution of the death penalty falls far short of producing the desired result, is demonstrated by each exhibition as it occurs. The popular theology makes a martyr of the murderer, and consigns him straight to the bosom of Immanuel directly the strangling cord shall have accomplished its purpose, and the secular press, on such occasions, teems with exciting details, to the great detriment of its youthful readers at least, and to the sure excitation of the lowest passions of ignorant humanity. In proof of the first assertion we have only to refer to the recent case of the brutal Ortwein in Pennsylvania, where the fulsome utterances of the clergy at the scaffold were so mawkish as to draw from Jane Grey Swisshelm

the following indignant protest : "It is not well that people should come to believe that a few prayers and a little plous snifle is better evidence of acceptance with God than an honest, earnest life, a life of resistance to temptation and fäithful attempt to learn and do daily humble duties. It is not well that a man who spends his days digging ditches to earn an honest living for himself and those who may depend on him, should be accounted a sinner under God's wrath and curse, a brand ready for the burning, while he who massacres a family for money is held up as a saint mete for glory, be-cause he has prayed and talked nice. I-do-not-beliere in adjudging a Theodore Pyrker to eternal oe, and an Ortwein to everlasting bliss."

And in evidence that the second is correct, see he later case of the hanging of Joseph Brown in Pottsville, Pa., where the public thronged to witness the execution, and the greed of gain morbid curiosity, that one householder whose

Mrs. Thayer's Mediumship.

There has been a great diversity of opinion among Spiritualists and others for a year or two past in regard to the genuineness of the "floral éances," so called, held by Mrs. Thayer, on Pembroke street, Boston. Not having witnessed the manifestations in presence of this lady, we cannot speak authoritatively upon the subject, but give in lieu thereof the evidence of one of the editors of the Boston Herald, who has. The writer says :

Mrs. Thayer is a middle-aged lady of prepos-sessing address and appearance, and of a highly sensitive organization. Like other mediums for physical manifestations, she holds her scances in a dark room. On the occasion referred to the party consisted of seven persons beside the me-dium.—They sat about a long table, the medium occupying a chair midway of its length, with her hands upon and at frequent intervals convulsive by beating upon it, accompanying this motion by nervous shudderings of the whole body. In a very few moments several objects were heard to drop upon the table. Soon after the medium called for a light. called for a light. A candle being lighted, there were found upon the table three varieties of the lily, a rhododendron, a species of dwarf palmetto a white rose bush, two branches of fern and a deutcher plant, white with blossoms. The plants were all moist, as with rain or dew, entirely fresh and perfect, and accompanying the rose bush and deutcher was a considerable quantity of earth not less than a pint to each. These were so dis tributed among the sitters, according to their po sitions at the table, that one gentleman was omit-He, however, was requested to take a sea ted. next the medium, and in response to his mental request, or as so stated to him, a rosebud was placed in his hand. The candle was again lighted, and after a short recess was again extin-guished. The convulsive motions and shudderings of the medium were resumed, and durin their continuance more objects were heard t natter upon the table . When the light was struck, one gentleman was found to have an orange, partially ripened, while various flower were distributed among other members of the darkness, a lady, who said she had mentall asked for a forget-me-not, as an expression from a friend in the spirit-world, not only received specimen of that flower, but two others, while a gentleman received a bunch of delicate grass, and a third person a little piece of exquisite green moss. Whey a light was struck, in response to the request of the medium, she was observed to be very pale and exhausted, and desired to be taken to an open window, where she soon re-vived. It will be asked if this manifestation was nder strict test conditions. The medium request ed that all the doors and windows be secured and if this was not done it was the fault of th investigators present. Indeed, the manifesta tion is said to have so frequently occurred under he strictest tests that no one present seemed to hink it worth the time and trouble to reënact the part of spy or detective, but all were satis-fied to watch for and accept the results of the scance without much questioning. Mrs. Thayer avers that the flowers are brought to her by spirits, and that in all cases they express ideas ac cording to their language. She says that a ban of spirits within the room and another band with out, through a series of connecting spiritual bat teries, produce the marvelous manifestation, but precisely how no mortal may know. Sometimes they bring things other than flowers he says, even such prosaic objects as potatoes and links of sausages, which some-sportive spirits have selected as symbols of the character of their friends. She says she is not the only medium in Boston attended by floral manifestations, but that a wealthy lady on Mariboro' street is similarly. honored at her residence, although keeping the fact a secret from the public. Mrs. Thayer says that one of the most satisfactory manifestations of her own mediumship once occurred in broad daylight, while she was dining at a hotel in company with a party of friends, to the amazement of the waiters, who looked in vain for the source

Renewal of Spirit Materialization Scances in Philadelphia.

of the floral shower which descended about her.

The whirligig of time produces rapid changes in men's minds sometimes in a very brief period. proved itself so fully equal to the demands of And now it is Robert Dale Owen, who has again changed front by asserting that the Holmes meresidence commanded a full view of the jail-yard, diums for spirit materialization are genuine, aldetermining not to be outdone in the speculation [though (as a saving clause) he is still of the opin- ed anything but "merchandise," certainly not by his neighbors, cut a hole in the top of his | ion that fraud is sometimes practiced by them. It may be that their spirit coadjutors impel them in this direction occasionally, for the very -hrewd, if not wise, purpose of sifting the genuine from the credulous investigator. The band of spirit chemists who control the Holmeses are but human beings like ourselves, you know, Bro. Owen, and therefore are not infallible. Under the circumstances, we think these mediums have been more sinned against than sinning, being simply instruments in the hands of a superior power. And now, according to the great law of compensation, "after the storm comes the sunshine" for them. Vide the interesting account of the wonderful manifestations of spirit power which have recently occurred in their presence in Philadelphia, under conditions, according to the statements of the writer, that would render fraud impossible. We are sorry for our friends, Dr. Child and Mr. Owen, who were so terribly wounded on the battle-field of investigation; but we should and do rejoice that their wounds are rapidly healing, and opine that these scar(r)ed veterans will yet do valiant service in behalf of the glorious cause we all have so near at heart. "Forgive and forget " is the motto of all loving souls.

The Cost of Worship.

If attending the Sunday services of fashionable churches may be called worship, then it is a something whose expense may be consistently alluded to. The New York Herald, with an ingenuity peculiar to itself, undertakes to combat the theory "that the building of splendid churches, the employment of grand organs, orchestras and choirs, the system of expensive pewrents and all the methods adopted to make religion popular and fashionable, are really the enemies of the true and simple religion taught in the M. D. Conway in reference to Spiritualism. In Bible." It says that "it is claimed that the disposal of pews by auction annually tends to ex- | fillment, he is continually writing out to the Cincite jealousy and ambition among church mem- cinnati paper of which he is a correspondent bers, and encourages the distinction between the that Spiritualism is coming to grief in England, rich and the poor. The lady who owns a five that it is dead or dying, or, has been exploded in hundred dollar pew is likely to feel an unchristian pride in the possession, and her neighbor, testimony of Mr. Crookes and the pamphlet of who has a ten dollar pew, is probably tortured with an envious disposition. Wealthy church in reference to Spiritualism in Europe, Mr. Conmembers are said to be proud of their choirs, their organs, and all the pomp and magnificence of worship, while the poorer congregations are often humiliated by the comparisons they are obliged to make." This is emphatically true; but instead of condemning the system that degrades pure religious purposes by introducing and stimulating such worldliness, and exciting such evil passions, the Herald undertakes to show how it is, after all, the best thing for the churches themselves.

For example : inasmuch as it is the professed aim of the church to "convert" sinners of all kinds, the first duty of the pulpit is to "eradicate or subdue such evil passions as envy, pride, jealousy, covetousness, vainglory and delight in the transitory pleasures of this deceitful world." This, argues the Herald, can best be done by bringing these vices directly under the control of the pulpit. Now mark the sapient conclusion "A system which promotes enry in the church enables the clergyman to preach against it with powerful effect !" If this is not rank Jesuitry, will somebody tell us what is? This is indeed seeking to do evil and to be evil, that good may come. "Sin," adds this apologist for the church, "is in this way developed, only that it may be the more effectually destroyed; and a person who is converted from the false pride of membership in a fashionable church is certain to be forever afterward hümble in everything else." These are the specific reasons furnished by the Herald why it "cannot agree with those who attack fashionable religion, but consider it to be, under wise management, the most successful means of inducing worldly individuals to attend church." But now that these "worldly individuals" fairly understand what they are drawn into the church for, that they may first be encouraged to let loose their pride and other evil passions, and afterward be thundered at from the pulpit for it, the probability is that they will not long be enticed into a trap which is to result so differently from their desires. They will be much more likely to keep away from a place where they are thus invited to enter on false pretences.

The Double Postage Business.

It should be clearly understood, and once for all, that the parties personally responsible for doubling the rate of postage on transient newspapers and all other printed matter were Senator Hamlin and Gen. Garfield, of the House of Representatives. During the night of March 3d, the former proposed to amend that section of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill which makes appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department, by making the postage on thirdclass matter one cent for each ounce, in place of one cent for two ounces-a difference of just 100 per cent. It was a time of general hurry and confusion, and few Senators understood that "third-class matter" carried in the mails includAPRIL 17, 1875.

Mr. Conway's Misrepresentations. The Globe of April 10th says : "M. D. Conway, in a recent letter, exposes a Mr. Williams. who has been creating a sensation in London by producing spirit performances on musical instruments; and then makes this important assertion : There is now not a medium of any fame in London whose fraud has not been exposed to the satisfaction of all except the large class of those who wish to be deceived." We are about tired of exposing the deliberate falsehoods of the Rev. the hope of making the prediction work its fulsome decisive way. At the very time that the Mr. Wallace had created an unexampled interest way, who seems to have an especial spite against the facts, wrote that the interest in the subjects was fast declining. Directly the contrary was the truth, as every intelligent person knew. His present assertion is notoriously and audaciously false. If there has been any exposé of any Mr. Williams, it has excited hardly a ripple of attention; and it is wholly untrue that every medium of any fame in England has been proved fraudulent. It is time that our English friends were made aware of the character of the man who avails himself of their hospitalities to stab the cause they have at heart, and we hope the London "Spiritualist" will look after and "expose" this reverend libeller.

Spiritualism in Greenfield, Mass.

Dr. Joseph Beals writes us from this town, giving an encouraging report of the progress of the cause there. John Collier, lecturer, Mrs. Nelson, test, and Maud E. Lord, physical medium, labored successfully in their respective capacities during November in Greenfield; J. "J. Morso spoke there one Sunday in January and during the month of February, and lectures have also been delivered there by Mrs. Nellie J. T. Brigham, Robert Cooper and Rev. William Alcott in March. J. Frank Baxter has recently been creating a profound sensation by his lectures and tests, to which he adds the winning power of song. Our correspondent says :

"Mr. Baxter has accomplished a great work in this place. I have never seen so many church members at a spiritual lecture as attended his last one here. His remarks are clear and logical, and his tests are far beyond anything I have ever heard —he always giving the full name. One gentleman who passed away from here a few months since not only gave his own name in full Whit-ing Griswold—but also gave the names of eight of the prominent business men of the place, one of whom was in the audience at the time-the medium turning and pointing to him, called him by name. It created quite an excitement at the

me. The two last Sundays of this month we are to have N. Frank White, when we hope there will be so great an interest that we shall be enabled to form a Spiritual Society."

. "A Night with Spirits."

With this title a correspondent of the Northern and Eastern Examiner.(a suburban London newspaper), date of March 27th, gives an interesting account of materializations under what he terms "extraordinary test conditions," at a circle conducted by Messrs. Bastian and Taylor, two American mediums. Many of our readers will remember Mr. Harry Bastian as an excellent physical medium, who, with his companion. Mr. Malcolm Taylor, a superior clairvoyant, gave many public séances in our principal towns and cities. These gentlemen have during the last two years been traveling in Europe for the same purpose, with good success.

Houor to J. J. Morse.

The Religious Test.

The action of the superstitious blacks in the North Carolina Legislature, in expelling a member who was obnoxious to them for his religious belief, which they are pleased to regard as no belief, although the constitutional qualification was fully answered to in his case, is suggestive of what is in store for all persons in States where an ignorant and superstitious population are ready for the molding hand of bigoted leaders. Since it is found so difficult, if not wholly impossible to make an impression upon an intelligent and rational public, the new scheme of introducing God into politics is to be tried, with the aid of the ignorant masses of the South, both black and white; and no State is better chosen for inaugurating the experiment in a practical form than North Carolina, which is notoriously a hundred-years behind the age in everything. What a sight for these times in a country professedly republican, for a speaker in a State Legislature to stand up and reprehend a member for not entertaining a religious belief, in harmony with that which the rest of the body claims to entertain ! What a caricature upon freedom of every sort that is ! Who can, by the closest inspection, find out in such a case where the dividing line runs between Church and State? The idea is as plainly exemplified in North Carolina as it' need be, if not as distinctly as it can be.

From small beginnings it is that large consequences flow. This North Carolina affair may be the first practical step in the work which it belongs to all lovers of religious as well as secular freedom to oppose. The God-in politics party are busy as beavers, working for their plan, to experience the realities of the world of souls. early and late. They are determined to succeed if it be possible. The people must be equally determined to resist them, or in a little time all efforts at resistance will be useless. Orthodoxy having held its footing so long, with the aid of superstitious fear, now feels it to be necessary to mists and clouds of an earthly existence to the retain it by calling in the agency of power. To glorious sunlight of the eternal world. this end it works subtly and ceaselessly.

Through Congress and the State Legislatures this new party expects to carry its ends. If it pation, it expects to be able to bend all things to FIED SATIOURS.

dwelling, and charged twenty-five cents each for all would-be spectators who saw fit to crawl through it and sit astride the roof !

There are those who cling to capital punishment in full view of all these dark attendant conditions, as a measure of settled safety, and obliect to the "life-sentence" plan, because they use of the gubernatorial pardoning power. But we think this class would fully concur in the system of life confinement, if - we repeat-the. power to pardon was irrevocably taken from the Governor and Council, and vested only in a specase. Until something of the kind is brought about in substitution for the death-penalty, society will continue to breed the spirit of murder. ous passion "in and in"-both for this-world and the world of souls-instead of wresting it as a foul excrescence from the fair face of life.

Coming Events Cast their Shadows Before."

How true this is the following will illustrate: Speaking of the tragic death of the late Mrs. Margaret Bingham, murdered in East Boston, Zion's Herald says : "A clergyman relates to us a singular incident which came directly to his knowledge. The night before her death she told one of her friends she had suffered from a terrible dream, which she could not throw off. She dreamed that she was murdered. She remarked that she was not afraid to die, but was terribly shocked at the idea of such a form of death. How singular, at times, these mysterious mental pictures of coming events cast their shadow upon us! Or was a divine whisper preparing the soul for the hour of extreme discipline?"

The "Divine Whisper," alluded to by the Herald, is no uncommon occurrence to most of our spiritual mediums. The warning voice, bidding us prepare for the change called "death," is no idle myth to Spiritualists. The night previous to the demise of our esteemed friend and coworker, Mr. White, the Banshees came, five in number, giving us palpable warning that one at

least of our most intimate friends would depart on the morrow. Therefore, when Mr. W.'s sudden exit from his earthly body was announced to us we were not surprised. His time had come to go up higher, and his gentle spirit was ready The very next day after he had passed on, he in fluenced a medium to call at our office, through whose lips he spoke words of consolation to us, saying that he was all right, and truly glad that he had so easily and quietly passed from the

Read Kersey Graves's new book, just issued by Colby & Rich, No. 9 Montgomery Place, can seize the fountains of authority in State and | Boston, entitled THE WORLD'S SIXTEEN CRUCI-

The Proof Palpable of Immortality.

This grand work by Epes Sargent, Esq.-which s 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 phenome na 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 evidence which it is able to command as proof of its verity.

In our last issue we took occasion to notice a new work, "Religion and Science," from the press of James Campbell, Boston, wherein the well-known letters of "Alpha" were reproduced in book form ; and it gives us pleasure to add that this author has paid the highest compliment possible to "The Proof Palpable," by making the most copious selections therefrom - all of which are acknowledged in full-in one case five pages being transferred from it to point the treatise on the immortality of the soul.

D. A. Eddy, of Cleveland, O., writes, stating that the figures "46"-as inadvertently forwarded to us by him-should read 36, in the number of hours transpiring before the return of the spirit of D. U. Pratt, as related in our last issue.

newspapers. Mr. Hamlin assured the Senate that the Department would add \$2,000,000 to its annual revenue by the change.

The amendment went hastily through that branch of Congress on this representation. But Mr. Hamlin was careful to mention "merchandise " only as " third-class matter," saying nothing about transient newspapers, books, or any other printed matter. It was after 2 o'clock on the morning of March 4th, the day of the adjournment, that the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill came before the House, with the Hamlin amendment thus smuggled in, as everybody believes in the interest of the Express Companies, or certainly of the leading one among them. Gen. Garfield, as Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, reported the bill thus amended, saying not a word still about the operation of the amendment on newspapers, books, and other printed matter. There was not a handful of the members who saw or comprehended the meaning of the change, or if they did, only supposed it refered to "merchandise," and the contemplated addition to the revenue of the Post Office Department. It was rushed through, and these two men are responsible for it.

Decease of Annie Denton Cridge. Herman Snow, writing from San Francisco, Cal., April 4th, says: "In a letter from Dr. Greves, the physician in the case, dated River side, Cal., March 30th, I have received the following: "Our good sister, Mrs. Annie Denton Cridge, has passed on to the higher life. She was buried to-day. Mr. Cridge was with her during her last sickness, and will probably continue to reside here."

Seauces at Havana, N. Y.

From a private letter just received, shown us by a friend, we learn that "Mrs. Compton's séances continue to be very interesting, and many spirits beside Katie and Seneca come out of the cabinet to meet and converse with friends, among these many children. Tests are abundant and satisfactory to investigators." with a

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle takes issue with Mayor Murphy's Private Secretary, Troy, N. Y., for insisting on the payment of a showman's fee by Mr. Foster, the medium, and says :

"There are very many good citizens who be-lieve in Spiritualism just as fervently as others believe in the creeds more generally recognized, and we suspect they are entitled to as much con-sideration. Foster is a great favorite among me-diums, and has their entire respect and confi-It would appear therefore that Spiritual ism is a religion in the eyes of the law, and Fos-ter certainly has not been shown to be a mountebank., If immunity from license is visited upon one creed, it certainly should be visited upon the others. Perhaps it would be well to have no im-munity at all, making all the creeds and their advocates pay a license in certain cases. That would certainly settle the matter; that would be fair play all around."

We are informed that the Dalston Association of Inquirers into Spiritualism-which Society is stated to be the most powerful and influential of the London (Eng.) local organizations - has, through its Secretary, tendered an Honorary Membership in its ranks to J. J. Morse, (who is at present lecturing in Lynn, Mass.,) and that he has written in reply, gratefully accepting the compliment. This Society has just added to the scope of its former labors a new section for the investigation of the claims and uses of Mesmerism, and is reported as doing much good work in all its departments for the elimination of truth.

IT As wonderful manifestations of spiritpower in the old world are going on at the present time as in this country, and even more so, if the accounts we receive from across the water are to be relied on. The latest phase recorded is The Painting Mediumship of Mr. Duguid, of Glasgow." The account we shall reproduce in our next paper. . The writer says : " I was privileged to witness (March 25th) a phase of Spiritualistic phenomena, unique, so far as I know, namely, the production of oil paintings in the dark, and without any action whatever by embodied human beings."

Do our sixth page will be found the regular Message Department, in which much matter of interest is embodied. The crucifixion of Jesus, the elevating tendency of Spiritualism, the transportation of solid material objects through closed doors, etc., etc., are spoken of in the "Questions and Answers;" Daniel N. Haskell endorses the truth of spirit communion ; Lulu Castro, of Boston, Mass., sends a word to her father; Benjamin Nathan declines to give information which would lead to the detection of his murderer; and Andrew Robinson (colored); of Boston, speaks to his brother George, in New-York City.

Dur "God's poor" donation fund, with occasional additions from our own exchequer, has accomplished much good the past winter in relieving destitute ones in our midst. We have refrained from making public the details of this philanthropic work, which was suggested by our spirit-friends, for the simple reason that we do not court the applause of the multitude. It is sufficient to know that we have done our duty, as the angel-world and those who have been aided through our instrumentality are fully aware.

Dr. L. K. Coonley, writing from Newark, N. J., April 10th, says : "Mr. John B. Wolff is speaking here now, the meetings being well attended. We are in need of a first-class test and medical medium. The opportunity here offered for work and remuneration is good. Who will respond ?"

IST We have received an interesting letter from that indefatigable worker, Miss Jennie Leys, wherein she gives some tracings of her experiences in California up to date. We shall print it in our next issue.

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Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting. A correspondent writing from Springfield for

the Committee with regard to this enterprise, thus treats of the preparations by the Committee and the already expressed plans of the people : The Camp Meeting Association will have pub-

The Camp Meeting Association with inversion lic exercises on the 8th of August next at Lake. Pleasant, and many will pitch their tents the first week in August and get settled; others will come as soon as the Silver Lake Camp Meeting is over, which alogas the Oth which closes the 9th.

The Fitchburg Band has been engaged, and will take their quarters at the Lake on Thursday, August 12th, and will remain through the entire

meeting. Mr. Dunklee, of New Hampshire, has been en-gaged to keep the boarding tent. He will'not be ready for the public till Wednesday, the 11th, as he has to cater for the Silver Lake Camp Meet-

ing. All who wish board before the arrival of Mr. Dunklee, can get it at Richardson's Restaurant,

which is on the ground all summer. Tents can be had the first week in August by applying to Harvey Lyman, Springfield, Mass. as early as convenient. William Denton and other prominent speakers have signified their intention of attending the

Camp Meeting.

Peace, the Policy of the United States.

In a dispatch from Washington to the associated press, on Saturday last, reference was made to an interview of Dr. Miles with President Grant, in which the President expressed himself strongly in favor of the effort which is being made to codify International Law, and establish arbitration as the permanent policy of nations. One of our citizens, who was present, speaks of the interview as one of much interest, and says General Grant spoke quite fully and earnestly upon the evils that the world suffers from the enormous standing armies, and upon the desirableness of providing means for the peaceable settlement of questions arising between nations.

Wanted to Complete our Files.

We are greatly in want of Nos. 1, 2 and 5 of Vol. I, and No. 26, Vol. XX, to complete the files of the Banner of Light up to date. We should feel much pleased if any of our subscribers who may be possessed of either of these numbers would forward the same to our address, and in the event of their so doing we will recompense them well for their trouble.

To the Public Press of the Country. Keep before the nation the last great Congressional swindle, charging double postage on books and newspapers going through the mails Insist that our public servants, when Congrass meets, repeal the unjust and obnoxious law. When the avenues of intelligence are unduly taxed, the freedom of the people is endangered.

A prominent lady medium in California in the course of a recent private letter to us, gives atterance to the following kind wishes on our behalf:

"Just and true to all mediums, God and the angels bless you most tenderly and abundantly for your fidelity. We are driven into the world for your fidelity. We are driven into the world to do the best we can with imperfect organisms— to meet the world's storn inquisition with na-tures most keenly sensitive; and I only marvel that mediums do as well as they do—that spirits have the power to accomplish as much as they do; and as one of the class 'despised of men,' I will stand by the side of every one who, as a me-dum, is thus a messenger of God if but to one areking soul!' eeking soul !"

Read the New York World's review of Dr. Eugene Crowell's standard work, "THE IDENTITY OF PRIMITIVE CHRISTIANITY AND MODERN SPIRITUALISM," which we print on our third page. Those desirous of forming further acquaintance with this entertaining and valuable volume, will find it for sale by Colby & Rich at their bookstore, No. 9 Montgomery Place, Boston. For price, etc., see advertisement elsewhere.

Died in Lowell, Mass., on the 12th inst., ol Conant (father-in-low of Mrs. I H Conant,) at the ripe age of ninety. He was a firm Spiritualist, taking great pleasure, as he has stated to us many times, in perusing this paper. Mr. Conant was a native of Hollis, N. H., and was the oldest living person admitted to the Middlesex bar, having been a member of it in 1813.

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS.

SHORT SERMON .- As the eye of morning to the lark, as the shade of evening to the owl, as honey to the bee, or as the carcaso to the vulture, even such is life unto the heart of man. Though bright, it dazzleth not; though obscure, it displeaseth not; though sweet, it cloyeth not; though corrupt, it forbiddeth not--yet who is he that knoweth its true value? Learn to esteem life as it ought; then thou art near the pinnacle of wisdom,

A man who is a man dares and says and does anything that becomes a man-that his reason and conscience dictate; and ho is no man who creeps and cringes and trembles in loing less.

The Springfield Republican thinks \$20,000,000 can be saved easter and more creditably by retrenchment than gained by laying more taxes.

If the addition of one letter will make Mary marry, how nany letters will it take to let her get a divorce

If there were no troubles but real ones this would be a happy world ; but in default of faith in God we are troubled about many things that never exist but in the imagina-

When we have taken care of ourselves and spoken the reach we have taken the of our eres and spoken mo-truth, as it appears to us, we shall find it impossible to pro-ceed much further. The attempt to compel virtue always fails, because the compulsion is wrong, and human nature obels against it, says a learned writer.

Last Sunday was a perfect Sun-day; as genial as June. Everybody gushed 1 But, alas 1 a regular old-fashloned snowstorm followed.

Oliver Sawyer, writing from his home in Fitzwilliam. N. H., April 8th, says: "It is about twenty years since I became interested in Spiritualism, and eight since I became a medium, and I can now look back over a life of al-most sixty years, and see what man was before Spiritualism was revealed and behold him, as he is to-day, and thus trace the benefits be has received from its influence, and if he is ever to be clevated above his present status, religious. ly, it will be by the influence of Spiritualism rather than y the old creeds. '

The old adage that ''barking dogs' never bite, '' is as ap plicable to-day, especially in this city, as it was when firs written many years ago.

The report that the Emperor of Brazil was about to ab dicate in favor of his daughter, turns out to be unfounded.

The flag of the Mass. 5ith Regiment, captured at Fort Wagner, S. C., In 1863, has been returned to the Common wealth by Gen. Ripley (late of the C. S. A.), by whose command it was taken, and has been placed among the other relics in Doric Hall, State House, Boston.

A fearful rumor is current that the present spellingmatch fever is to be followed by " orthoepic contests " between pronouncers, the words to be written on a blackboard

Church property is now taxable in the District of Colum The assessed value of church lots there is \$1,000,000, while the buildings are estimated at the present market value of \$500,000.

One man was killed and several persons were wounded by recent boller explosion in Syracuse, N. Y.

The ceremony of unveiling the monument to the memory of late Emperor Maximilian took place in Trieste, Austria, April 3d, in presence of Emperor Francis Joseph, the arch-Duke's ministers and an immense concourse of peo ple, by whom great enthusiasm was exhibited.

Mound College, San Francisco, Cal., was burned on Sun day night, April 4th. Loss \$60,000.

Since the issue of General Cabrera's manifesto to the Carlists, two hundred and forty-four officers have left the ervice of Don Carlos and entered. France. Of these nine were generals. Many others have surrendered to the Alfonsists.

Girls in treating dissipated young men as equals, do a wrong they can scarcely realize. Such men should be made to feel that until they walk with correctness and hon-or in the paths of right, good peeple stand aloof from them. and will decide to receive them on the familiar fooling of friendship. It is a mistaken kindness to poultice when caustic is needed, and I am inclined to think that a little sharp decision on the part of the first to-day would go far to correct the general looseness of morality among young men.-Woman's Journal.

In A pril, 1775, there were 2850 British soldiers in Boston, who were distributed in the following localities: Eightydn King (now State) street, 340 on the Neck, 400 at Fort Hill leveled), 1700 on the Common, and 330 at Castle Wiliam.

Mrs. Lydia Bradley, of Peoria, Ill., has just been elected first Director of the First National Bank of that city. She is a wealthy widow and a large stockholder of the bank.

The soul is the indestructible part of man, born from stornity and living to stornity.

There are some countries in which the press needs liberty, but in our country its greatest want at present is some wholesome restraint, says the N. Y. Herald. From the annual report of the New England Hospital

and four horses killed. The Indians fought all day behind the sand hills, and then retreated under cover of darkness, the cavalry being in close pursuit, according to latest dispatches.

BANNER OF LIGHT.

Justice is at last after the "Mountain Meadow" flends In Utah.

Daniel W. Bryant, the famous minstrel performer, died it his residence, 20 West Sixth street, New York City, of Friday night, April 9th. His disease was pneumonia. ' Mr Bryant was born at Troy, N. Y., May, 1833, and was there fore in his forty-second year. He first appeared on the tage, as a dancer, at Vauxhall Garden, N. Y., in 1845.

The blil for establishing a Supreme Court passed to its third reading at Ontario, Canada, March 30th. This meas ure does away with appeals to the mother country; its de-cision will be final. Sir John Macdonald said this was the first step toward a separation of the Domision from Engand.

The passenger earnings of the Union Pacific Railroad on the 7th list, were \$21,600, or \$5500 more than on the cor-responding day in 1874. The gross earnings of the road from the 1st to the 7th inst. were \$237,117, an increase over the same time last year of \$101,401.

A envious blunder has been discovered in the Revised Statutes. By a misprint, flint locks are described as the standard arms of the United States.

A MASONIC TEMPLETIN ROME.—On the 5th of March the opening of a Masonle temple will take place in Rome. General Garibaldi will assist at the ceremony. On March 4th the Proclamation of the Statute of Charles Athert will be celebrated; and the first article of that Statuto declares the Catholic and Apostolic religion is the only religion of the State, and on the morrow the Masonle Temple will be opened, which suggests that Freemasorry is the only reli-cion of "redeemed Italy." This is a contrast of opposite worships in the new Rome. Plus IX has been always par-tendaring in the second state is easily and now in his own eity, and under his own eyes, an outward sign of that condemned secret society is established. — Rome Corre-spondence of the Pilot.

Massachusetts will license dram shops on the first of May ext. A law could be enacted to shut them up in three weeks; but no such law is wanted. That 's it.

"It is n't loud praying which counts with the Lord so nuch as giving four full quarts for every gallon, ** says an Arkansas circuit rider.

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"How small of all the lifs that we endure That part which kings or laws can cause or cure. "

The Watchman and Reflector thinks "there has come to be, generally, a need more urgent than that of individua conversions. It is an advance, on the part of our churches, in enlarged and self-sacrilleing sympathy with Christ in his purposes of mercy in respect to our world," The wri-ter doubts whether the churches have been rendered any more effective by the big revivals, adding one hundred thousand to their membership last year; from any high standpoint this ought to have added \$100,000 to the mis lonafy funds over the year before, but instead of that they have failen short.

-The common schools of this country (says Gail Hamilton) are its pride and boast and toast. Money and thought and pains are lavished upon them. Boston can suggest nothing better to show to princes of the blood than he school children. Men of renown are led through the school houses, and patriots rejoice, and poets sing:

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Father Taylor once prayed for all the-musicians and opera singers, and especially for the beautiful young woman (Jenny Lind) who had just landed on our shores t gladden American ears with her songs. As he closed long, lank fellow rose from the pulpit steps and asked whether the privation roup rough a person who died in an opera-house could go to heaven. Father T. replied : * All good people will go to heaven, but a fool will not, even though he die on the steps of a pulpit.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: Please Tet me say through your paper that my choice for next. President of United States is Lyman Trumbull, of Illinois, for which I can give abundant reasons and remove WARNEN CHASE. April. 1875.

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127 O. French, writing from Glover, Vt., April 12th. says : "Although we have had but few spiritual meetings during the winter, we shall open again on the first Sunday of May, with the eloquent Mrs. Emma L. Paul for our speaker. We are in hopes to have meetings regularly every Sunday through the summer."

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"ECCE RESPONSA"-No. 4-by John Wetherbée, is in type for the forthcoming issue of the Banner. John's sprightly "talks" are well liked, judging by the notices of them we often receive from many of our patrons.

Read the article on our first page, wherein J. M. Roberts, of Burlington, N. J., sets forth the results attained at six séances recently given by Mrs. Jennie Holmes, in Philadelphia, Pa.

A Havana letter states that the patriots recently gained soveral substantial advantages in the Camaguay district, in one battle killing and wounding over two hundred Span-lards, capturing nearly three hundred rifles and a large amount of ammunition and clothing. That district is under the command of Gen. H. M. Reeves, an American, who was formerly cashier of the Tradesman Bank of Nev York City.

pensary, making in all 4203 persons who have received medical aid from the hospital.

our city cotemporaries makes the following strange an-nouncement in a recent issue:

"Spring Fig. D., MARS., April 6th. -- Willis H., Fairfield of Savoy has been arrested for the murder of his wife, who was recently horribly beaten and killed by an overdose of norphine!"

Morphine will "beat" and kill too, if too freely taken but we submit that this item needs ** straightening. *

Professor of Rhetoric-"What important change came over Burns in the latter part of his 'life?" Senior-"He died."

Fifteen thousand troops are to be sent to Cuba by the Spanish Goverfilment.

There seems to be a tidal wave in spiritual circles. Adul-teration, deception and skepticism are as powerless to keep it back as the good Mrs. Fartington with her mop and bucket in the case of the invasion of her doubled by the Atlantic Ocean. From all points and quarters come crowding reports, seemingly well attested, of supermun-dane manifestations, and the brothren and sisters, strong in the faith of the 'mew philosophy, '' are fain to believe that another pentecostal season is at hand.''-*Hoston Sun-*day Heraid.

Rev. Minot Savage says: It is the duty of the scientist to do all he can to find out the truth of things; and the only duty of the religionist is a precisely similar one. Truth 18 God; and to find truth is to flud God; and this is the only proper bject of either science or religion.

. The bill to enable unmarried women to vote for members of Parliament in England has been defeated in the House of Commons, but it received a very respectable vote, 152 to 187, Mr. Disraeli voting with the minority in favor of the measure

The 16,380 tons of copper mined in Michigan last year are estimated to be worth \$8,996,180.

For several months past a young woman has been at work on a ranch near San Quentin, dressed in boys' clothes, her object being to reside near the State Prison, where her hushand is confluct, for the purpose of visiting and en-couraging him.—San Francisco (Cal.) Common Sense.

The Alphonsine government is proving itself to be but another form of reactionary tyranny, which is plainly exhibited by the persecution now being visited upon the liberal professors in the Madrid University and elsewhere, some of whom have been imprisoned. The government announces that all these teachers who object to the new educational laws-which are drawn up in the interest of the priesthood, not the people-shall be exiled.

New York had a \$300,000 fire at 57 and 59 Worth street, on Sunday, April 11th.

Mrs. J. M. Spear, as one of the Committee of the Radical Club of Philadelphia, recently drafted a petition to the Pennsylvania Legislature in favor of reform in the mangement of the House of Refuge, asking especially that the Board be composed in part of women.

Colorado item: "Lately a mountain lion made a raid or ranchman's house in Left Hand Cañon. He fore the amily dog to pieces. He pulled the fiddle-strings out of the family cat. He finally succumbed, however, to the family rifle."

A devastaring tornado struck Edinburgh, Ill., recent y, demolishing a church, in which were some forty sing ers rehearsing, killing one young lady and injuring several other persons.

Troops have been sent into the turbulent mining dis tricts in Pennsylvania.

A London press dispatch says Paul Boynton arrived at Boulogne at 8:15 Saturday night, having made a successful passage across the channel in his life-saving apparatus. He was in excellent health and spirits.

A severe fight occurred at the Chevenne Agency, Indian Territory, April 6th, between Stone Call's band of Chey-ennes and the United States Cavalry, under General Mill. Sixteen soldiers were wounded, six badly, and three men

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Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT.-Mr. Chairman, whatever questions you may have to propound, I am ready to hear them.

QUES -- Was the crucifixion of Christ designed for the effect it should produce upon the mind of the ages to come, or was it an inevitable result of the barbarism of the time, from which his controlling spirits were unable to save him? yes; he knows about it-mother, too. My father's Italian; my mother's American; my

Ans.-The crucifixion of Christ was one of the inevitable effects following close upon the heels of religious darkness, religious persecution and human error. Cause and effect are ever following closely upon each other: the one does but take a step in the present, ere the other announces its 'coming and 'is with us. It was known, doubtless, to the band of far-seeing spirits who watched over the life of Jesus, that the effect of his death would stretch far into the future, and would, as it were, cover all time with its issues. They knew this ; being clairvoyantly endowed, they could and did prophesy it.

Q.—Is Spiritualism more elevating to humani-ty than Christianity as taught in the cliurches at the present time?

A .- That depends upon what use you make of Spiritualism. Spiritualism, in the hands of some persons, becomes as a two-edged sword of wrath ; in the hands of others it becomes an angel of charity and love and mercy and peace and rightcousness; in the hands of others it is a hammer, demolishing all institutions; in the hands of others it is a builder, clearing away the rubbish, and building-up-what others have knocked down. Now Spiritualism, of itself, is an infinite good, but so far as the individual is concerned, it becomes such to that individual through the individual's own efforts, and through the way and forced in to fill the gap ; but as I am not, I will manner in which this Spiritualism is taken in and appropriated, spiritually, religiously, socially and politically.

Q.-[From the audience.] What is the differ-ence between religion and Christianity?

Religion is that worshipful element of the soul

that ever pays homage to all good things, to all

conditions; that in weakness prays to the Power

it believes to be stronger than itself; in ignorance

prays to the Power it believes to be wiser than

itself. It is that element that recognizes God in

life. The savage has it; the sage has it; the

little child has it; all have it; and each one

makes use of it according to educational bias.

Q.-How can spirits transport solid material objects into closed parlors, without the opening to doors or windows?

A .- There are various ways of doing this, but

the one in most common use is this : they have

the power, by passing the article through a cer-

tain simple chemical process, of disintegrating

the particles composing the article, rendering it,

if you please, for the instant, a gas-a subtle gas,

capable of being passed through the interstices of

'matter; for it should be understood that there is

nothing absolutely solid in Nature. Every parti-

ele composing this article of furniture; [the table]

every atom is distinctly separate from every other

atom-there is a passage between each one. Now

this gas passes through these passages, comes

into the room, and is here-a gas. Instantly it is transformed again, by this chemical process,

into that that it was before. Before passing

through the material substance, sometimes spirits

cover articles with an aura that conceals them

from human sight. They often take them in

when you open your doors -- when you open

your windows, and conceal them in the atmo-

sphere until they want to make use of them.

You are, all of you, simply materialized spirits,

and the spirit chemists can just as readily dis-

solve, decompose these bodies of yours as they

can decompose, dissolve those made up for the

instant, for you to look at, at your materializing circles. One is just as easily done as the

other. If you take this into consideration, you will cease to wonder that articles can be so

easily transported from one place to another by

Daniel N. Haskell.

I used to think if we retained any consciousness after death we would be endowed with superior wisdom-there would somehow be such an

utter transformation as to give us an insight into the past and future, and more largely into the

present; but I was one of those doubters that never had any clear views of the life after death.

Your Spiritualism was, to my mind, a vagary or

superstition that had somehow been dragged

from past ages into the present, and had got il-

luminated to such an extent that millions were

getting dazzled by the illusive light; but directly on entering the spirit-world, or what seemed

to me to be rather a simple leaving of the body

and still occupying this world, I became aware

that the Spiritualist was right and I was wrong. Some of my friends claim for me the stubborn-

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spirits.

ness of opinion that, when once formed, never yields, never changes. I consider that a spiritual libel. -

Although it was hard for me to see new and extraordinary truths, yet, when I did see them, I was quite willing to leave the old and embrace the new, but, until I did, I was stubborn in refusing to believe on another man or woman's observations. That I have lost many valuable spiritual gems for the time, because 1 was not able to see through and believe in Modern Spiritualism, I know ; but as there was, to my mind, a vein of honesty in my unbelief. I shall some time in the future have made up to me what I lost here. I believe it; if I did not, I would hardly dare trust myself and my interests with God, whatever, wherever or whoever he, it or she may be.

Some of my most valued friends believed in Spiritualism, and doubtless thought hard of me because I did not and could not. If I ever did anything or said anything to wound you and yourholy faith, I ask your pardon. And now, under the new light of a new life, I will endeavor to make amends for the errors I committed here through the frail body of flesh.

I suppose I am not known; and if I were ashamed to declare my faith in Modern Spiritualism, I might, if I chose, remain incog., but I am proud to own if, now that I can see its truth, with its glory. Daniel N. Haskell. Dec. 8.

Lulu Castro.

My name was Lulu Castro. I lived with my father and mother on Cross street, Boston; my father was a street musician ; he played the organ, and I the tambourine; last summer I played here, and somebody down stairs gave me ten cents to go away (because I disturbed this place), to go up further in the place; I remembered it, and I found out what kind of a place if was; when I got sick I thought about it, and when I

got dead I come here to see about it. I was nine years old. I want father to know I come here where dead folks come, to send him a letter to say I live, ain happy, and should n't want to come back. Good day. [Does your father know anything about these things?] Oh, yes.' [He'll get your letter, then?] Yes, oh

mother's name was Woods ; she was born in New Hampshire.

Benjamin Nathan.

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1 am in constant receipt of wishes from my friends on earth that I would come to this place and give some information that would lead to the detection of my murderer. One says, "Do would only give that information?" I know, Eliza, that the harm would far overbalance the good. Another says, "I should think you would feel it a duty incumbent upon you to return, denouncing your murderer." As I never have, I will walt. If I do feel it a duty, perhaps then I shall act differently. Another says, "It would add so to the testimony in favor of Spiritualism." To this I answer: Spiritualism needs no word from me to prove its truth, to substantiate its claims, and if it is not received and honored through the testimony that has already been given in its favor, it certainly would not, if I added my mite to the many millions already crowding the scale. No, no, good friends, you are mistaken; the cause do n't need me; it is God's cause, and if the need existed, I should be decline to answer your questions, and take, the opportunity to advise you to be more charitable, and instead of seeking to bring dark spots to light, when no one can be benefited by it, seek

rather to wash your own garments, that they

THAT AMATEUR FLUTE.

Hear the fluter with his flute, • Silver flute; Oh, what a world of walling is awakened by its toot 1: • Oh, what a world of walling is awakened by its toot 1: • Oh, what a world of walling is awakened by its toot 1: • And deficth aff endeavors • To escape the sound or sight • Of the flute, flute, flute, • With its toolle, tootle, tootle, • With its toolle, tootle, tootle, • With reiterated tootlegings of agonizing toots, • The long, protracted toolellings of agonizing toots • Diche flute, flute, flute, • Flute, flute, flute, • Flute, flute, flute, flute, • Should he get that other flute –

Should he get that other flute-Golden flute-

Oh, what a deeper anguish will its presence instituo flow his eyes to heaven he 'll raise,

Oh, What a deeper alignish will vis presence instruction of the plays
As the plays
All the days;
How he'll stop as on our ways
With its praise !
And the people, oh, the poople,
That do n'l live up in the steeple,
But lubabit Christian parlors
Where he plays, plays, plays
And thinks we ought to listen,
And the must of his flute Of his flute, flute, flute,
Of the toots where with he coteth its agonizing toot,
Of the flute, pluewit, phlewgit1
And the toolle, toothe, tooting of its toot:

A Discussion. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Being at Glenwood, in N. Y. State, recently, to lecture engagement, it was arranged by fill a our friends to have a discussion between the Rev. Mr. Reynolds (an Advent minister), and Mrs. Woodruff and myself, on the general subject of Spiritualism, each side to take a full evening al-ternately. The reverend brother is spoken of as a man of considerable note in his own denomi-nation, is a ready speaker, and did his seeming best to treat us unconsult with countasy though best to treat us personally with courtesy, though his allegations against Spiritualists, as a body, were scandalons and inexcusable, and in marked contrast with the habitual respect with which we referred to his own brethren. Such ready resort to aspersion of character made him no friends, and cast the suspicion of demagoguism upon all his utterances. But, as is generally the case, the superiority of the Spiritualists of this vicinity to the general average in refinement, in-telligence and integrity of character was so well recognized, that I had only to call attention to the fact to take the sting from every accusation. The most noticeable event of the discussion was the admission of our opponent that the phe nomena of Spiritualism were realities; and his successive efforts to prove that they were the work of the devil or evil spirits, by copious readings from certain eccentric and vindictive believers in Spiritualism and other writers, known and unknown, whose puerile, contra-dictory or false declarations and deductions were offered as a fair exposition of our philoso-phy, and as evidence of the evil source of spirit communications. Nothing was too trashy or yile to escape "his attention. Ilis own church had prepared it for him ready at hand, having searched the nethermost parts of the earth with persevering industry, to collect all the froth and scum that the agitation of Spiritualism and the Social Question has given rise to, and embodied the detection of my murderer. One says, "Do, their choice gleanings in the form of a pamphlet, you know how much good you could do if you? In due appreciation of which piece of volunteer

In die appreciation of which piece of volunteer scavenger duty let us hope that mankind will some day make them a befitting testimonial. Our protest that some of the many writers and scribblers quoted never had the confidence or support of Spiritualists, that others were alto-gether unknown and unheard of, and that none of them ever had any representative capacity and could only speak for themselves—availed not; nor did the evident distaste of the audience to check fue flow of the unsavory stream : but to check the flow of the unsavory stream; but with the greatest seeming relish, and in true sympathetic style, our friend read on and delay-ed not. But possibly this was a stratagem of his to cover the weakness of his cause. Ilis suspi-clous haste to close the discussion, claiming that clous haste to close the discussion, claiming that he had "better work to do," gave color to the suggestion; for, in truth, he was reaching five fold as many hearers as he otherwise would. When he found that we were not to be hurried away, but proposed to name our own time for closing, leaving it for him to withdraw when to him it should seem best—the sad face and solemn voice with which he uttered a sorrowful and terrible warning against having further to do with Spiritualism; because he *knew* it to be of the devil, would have been in full keeping with the lictatorial powers of His Eminence, the new Cardinal.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

Spirit Communications: By Mrs. J. T. Burton, (writing medium,) corner of Broadway and 52d street, New York, May 11th, 1874.

We will not let you grow into superstition as your years advance, nor allow imbecility to creep over your mind, but, by preserving you at an even balance, have you's clear-headed at eighty as you were at fifty. I know now that men arrive at senility with intellect impaired through their own irregularities more than exhaustion of natural forces. To the individual who indulges in no excesses, but regularly partakes of uniform joy, uniform nourishment, sleeping his full quota and having due exercise of limb and fancy, old age has no childishness, except the sweetness of humility. humility.

We have carried you in our arms, have helped you over rugged places, up steeps, through difficult passages unknown to you; have approved your steady application to your own business, and your methodical precision of self-treatment; can readily acquit you of vanity, and know you to be no egotist, and the small things of avarice and stinginess have you not known. We encourage you, therefore, to renewed effort to sustain your powers. Let your life on earth be useful, as it may be the future will give the reckoning. Let your days be as many also as they may, for knowledge of earthly experience tends wonder-fully toward the development of the disembodied sout

Inasmuch as you have helped to build up the inismuch as you have helped to build up the fallen, to resuscitate the weak, to renovate the unfortunate, to comfort the overburdened, so have you laid the stones for your future mansion; and wherever your heart leads you, let your hand be stretched, knowing that the white spirit of purity who leads you incites the act. You must not be discourged if means are not so full. Out not be discouraged if means are not so full. Out of the widow's allowance was her mite donated,

which placed a star upon her crown. In the passage of your soul from your body *Truth* will open the pages of the past and reveal to you the whole record of your deeds, and their uses and application, and great is the reward of him who finds his life-volume embellished with

who must have been used and as a part of the band who watch around you.

Most truly and fraternally we are, ALEXANDER SCHUYLER,

BENJA: FRANKLIN, THEOD. PARKER.

My eyes can behold at great distance objects, and never grow tired. My mind can conceive ideas which are so strong in their own intensities as would dazzle the normal senses. I can travel to any point without fatigue. I can, by an effort of memory, bring from out the past things sweet and worth recalling. I can rest or I can work; I can devise or I can follow a leader I can obey the plans laid by Omnipotence from I cast to greatest things, and yet I am longing after earth. I would have no ambition to please God if I could not venture back to the old thoroughfares and take birdseye views of the prem-ises and control a medium's organism to send kind messages to some friends. It is the old remnant of humanity stirring up itself in me, and heaven becomes hell to the soul who cannot enjoy friend ship and loves. I have left behind me the woman who has been ever most dear to me, and until she comes out of her body and up to me, I shall not progress to my proper points. I am, CHARLES DICKENS.

In Memoriam - Anson Rice, Late of Northboro', Mass.

Monday morning, March 36th, Capi. Anson Rice, of Northboro', while sitting at breakfast, cheerfully convers-ing with his daughter and family, without a groan or strugge suddenly censed to breathe. This venerable man had reached the ripe ago of seventy-six years, but the youth of the heart had outlasted the ad-vance of years, and none who knew him can remeinber any lack of interest in the improvements and progressive spirit of the ago.

ny lack of increase in the sumper section of the age, Born and reared in this village, he had continuously, up o the last month of his life, he is offices of public trust, and uffilled the duties thereof with unvarying exactness and the life of the duties thereof with unvarying exactness and

fulfilled the duties thereof with unvarying exactness and fidelity. The love of music amounted to a passion with him. His fine bass voice for more finan half a century contributed to the harmony of the choir of the church over which the flev. Dr. Allen presided for an equal number of years. As a skill-ful performer on the bass-viol, he was known far and wile, and his services have been called into extensive regulsition through a hage circuit of towns. He was a Vice President of the "Worces ter County Musical Association." and en-thusiastically enjoyed the Annual Festivals of that Socie-ty. Members of this Association from Worcester were present at his fameral. He was a definition function in the bassor was a synonym for harmony, and doubtess his absorbing love of music was at the root of that geniality, courtesy and yivacily which made him an ever welcome guest among a

APRIL 17, 1875:

To the Liberal-Minded.

As the "Banner of Light Establishment" is not an incorporated institution, and as we could not therefore legally fold bequests made to us in that name, we give below the form in which such a bequest should be worded in order to stand the test of law :

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National Woman Suffrage Association.

National Woman Suffrage Association. The Anniversary Meeting of the National Woman Suf-frage Association will be held in Union League Hail, New York, Tuesday, May lith, 185. As but a single year intervenes before the nation's one-hundredith birthday, it behoores the women of the country to take wise counsel together upon the great question of their national recognition as full citizens of the republic. The celebration of the Nation's Centennial with womon unenfrauchised, will be the nation's disgrace. For twon-ty-seven years we have publicly pressed our claims, in the light of those personal rights of solf-government, upon tho recognition of which, as underlying principles, our nation professes to stand. Where, in the history of the world, has such able, carnest and persistent protest gone up from any class? 'T is listice alone we ask? Let us in conven-tion assemble in that great commercial centre from whence our words will go broadcast over the land, and again do-mand our recognition as solf-governing citizens, and again pressing no cur country's attention those great principles of justice upon whose foundations alone a true and perma-nent republic can be built. The speakers of the occasion will be Elizabeth Cady Stan-ton, Rev. O. B. Frothingham, Matilda Joshyn Gage, Carrie S. Burnham and Phole W. Couzens, Susan B. ANTHONY, Chair'n Ex. Com. N. W. S. A., Rochester, N. Y.

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A .- There is a very great difference. Chris may appear comely and clean when you, too, tianity; absolutely defined, is a mere blind faith shall stand in a clearer light than that of earth. in the man Christ-believe and be saved. It | Benjamin Nathan. Dec. 8. makes no provision for your reason whatever.

Andrew Robinson.

My name was Andrew Robinson ; 1 was a colored man, thirty-three years old; I was born in Virginia; I died in Boston; I have been dead a little better than three years; I have a brother living in New York with a gentleman by the name of Pierce; my brother's name is George; I'd like to have him know that I can come, that I am happy, and that a world awaits him where he will be happier than ever here, and be paid for all the sorrow he ever saw here; I want him to know this, because he is sad, and sometimes tired of life. Hold on to it, George, as long as you can, and when your time comes to go I will meet you, and you will have nothing

to trouble you afterward. Good day. Dec. 8. Séance conducted by Theodore Parker.

MESSAGES TO BE PUBLISHED.

Thursday, Dec. 10, -James Barrows, of Taunton, Mass.; James Johnson, of Boston; Susle Hyde, of Medford, Mass.; Ellen Carnes, of Boston, to her brother; Joseph Borrowscale.;

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 Monday, Dec. 14.—Alfred Stiles, of Windsor, Conn.; Ella Stimpson, of East Boston; Ruth Perkins, of Salmon Falls; Conway.
 Tuesday, Dec. 15.—Eliza Dunbar, of Boston; George W. Watkins, of East Cambridge; Mary Godin, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to her parents.
 Thursday, Dec. 15.—Eliza Dunbar, of Boston; George M. Watkins, of Zast Cambridge; Mary Godin, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to her parents.
 Thursday, Dec. 12.—Mary Adelaide Gaines, of Montgonery, Ala., to her mother; David Champney, of Boston, to his sons; Nathan Harding; Danlel Chandler.
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 Thursday, Dec. 24.—Willar Karelay, to his father, of Charles Jonnetty, M. 1; Jennie Johnson.
 Monday, Dec. 24.—Mark Jane Roberts, of Salt Lake City, to her mother; Julian Frazier, to his brothers; Capt. Thomas Neale, of Portsmouth, N. H.; Ninna Yibbert. to her mother.

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 Monday, Jan, 4.-D. D. Byrley, from Philadelphia, lost on the Morning Star; Joshna Harrison, of Dover, N. H.; Colonel Tom Leavitt, to bis son-in-law; William Sanford, of Blackstone, Mass.
 Tuesday, Jan, 5.-Elizabeth Peters, to her sister, Harfet Ellen Peter, of Minngsota; Charlotte Kendall; Phos. Hill; Rayla Johnson, ot Boston; Elien Carney, of Boston, Thursday, Jan, 7.-Samoel Mason, of Boston, to his children; Lucy Page, of Augusta. Me., to her mother; Honto, to Mr. Walker, of New Orleans; Henry W. Fowler, Thurgday, Jan, 21. -Sam Wyer, of Chicago, III.; Jennie Walters, of Lawrence, Mass., to her faher, Edward Waiters, of St. Louis, Mo.; Dominic Ludzl, of New York City, to his father.
 Tuesday, Jan, 25. - Margett Sarclay, of Boston; Paran Stevens; Harry Smith: Wack Prince, to Mrs, Sally Henderson; Margaret Calahan, to her sister; "One Who Knows," (Ahonymous).
 Thursday, Jan, 25. - Angella Sampson, to her mother; Capt. William Credeford, of Kennebusk, Me.; Mary Eliza Robinson, of Brighton, Eng, to her children; Solomon Shohas, Stevens, Harry Smith, Barding, Kore, Harry Santh, Solomon Stevens, Mary Santh, Solomon, Yu.; Jacobi Hodgdon, of Charlestown, Mass.; Paul Jaquith, of New Orleans, to Funday, Jen, 25. - Mary Jane Ogden, of Ogdensburgh, N. Y.; Major Henry W. Denning, of Stevend Alabana Infantry; Elizabeth Atwood, of Blackstone, Mass.; Col. Tom Checkering.

antry: Elizabeth Aiwood, of Blackstone, Mass.; Col. Tom Chickering. Monday. Feb. 8. --Bennie Talhot, of Franklin, N. H., to his mother: Thomas, to Francis II. Smith, of Baltimore, Md.; Hiram Blanchard; Nathanieł Andrews, of Danvers, Mass.; Lydia Perkins, of St. Johnsbury, Vt. Tustaday, Feb. 0. --Shunkareowa, to Spotted Tall; Eddlo Winkinson, of New York City, to his father; Sylvia Nor-man, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Eliphalet Barrows, of Barring-ton, N. H.; Mary Emerson Guild, of Boston, to her pa-rents.

But, to his surprise, perhaps, no one was scared. Singular as it may seem, people were not quite willing to take his word for it, and the desire to investigate after this fulmination was just as eager as before.

But so credulous was our brother in the nitch of his incredulity, that it received fitting illustra-tion and a culmination, in his last lecture, in his declaration that if he should see a spirit resembling his father in form and feature, dressed in familiar apparel, shake his hand-and receive messages from his lips, including facts and events known only to themselves, he should say, when asked if he believed, "Yes, I believe it to be the devil !" It is not every man who is willing, even for argument's sake, thus to admit himself a son of Satan, considering, too, that it is popularly believed that there are some transactions in this world less excusable and more after Satan's methods than that of preaching the Advent theology. Into such inconsistencies and stultifica-tions are men led, who, in the interest of church and creed, deny the evidence of their own senses. Good may grow out of such discussions, when rightly conducted, and I only wish the discretion of our opponents did not overstep their sinceri-ty, for their repugnance to open debate is strong if not conclusive evidence of well grounded suspicion on their part, that their dogmas will not bear the test of adverse criticism.

The weather was so much against us that on two evenings Mrs. Woodruff could not well get out, and many roads were blocked with snow but the interest continued unabated, till, finally, the churches, taking counsel of their fears, caused the house to be shut against us. But a work was accomplished that they cannot well undo. The evening of the first lecture, a prepossessing, mid-dle aged lady came forward to express her thankfulness for the thoughts advanced, saying that through false teachings from the pulpit she had been about persuaded to unite with the church. Such practical results and the undisguised and habitual alarm of our opposers-than whom none know better their danger—ought to stimulate us to renewed and hopeful endeavor to help on the good work of demolishing the strongholds of su-perstition. The end is certain, but the time with-in which it shall be effected is largely in our keeping. A. C. WOODRUFF. keeping.

vivacity which made him an ever welcome guest among a large circle of friends, and a valuable acquisition to any so-chal circle. Hisquickness at repartee, the readiness with which some apt story, sparkling with wit, was brought forth from his inexhaustible fund, to spice and give variety to convorsa-tion, rendered him a charming companion for old and young.

young. "Given to hospitality, not forgetful to entertain strau-gers," describes him in his home life, as the kind and gen-tiemanly host presiding over a household well-known for its open-handed and candid welcome to all friends, old or

Its open-handed and candra welcome to all triends, out or new. Several years since, his attention wascalled to the subject, of Spirituilism through the liness of a beloved son, who returned to his childhood's home in peace to pass away. Convincing tests of the continued existence of this cher-lished one made him a confirmed Spiritualist, and awakened an interest in the mind of his dear companion, who, four years after, followed her son to the spirit-life. Then the spiritual life and its realities became to him doubly near and dear. The communion with the departed became, but never, for one moment did his interest in the unseen de-tract from his interest in the seen, or interfere with the faithful and punctillous discharge of every public and pri-vale duty.

faithful and punctifieds discharge of every punct and pre-vate duty. He has been a subscriber for the Banner several years, and often present at the circles of Mrs. Conant. As a frequenter of spiritual conventions, picnics and camp-meetings, I think many can recall his tail, stately figure, long, slivery beard, genial counterance, and gen-

camp-meetings, it think many can recall his tail, stately figure, long, slivery beard, genial counterance, and gen-eral patristrichal appearance. If the thought of the unpopularity of the cause he had esponsed ever entered his mind, it was treated with con-tempt and indifference. Henever avoided the avoval of his belief in any company. It seemed to afford him keen grat-ification to relate the tests he had received from various sources of spirit communion to all who would lead a listen-ing ear, thereby incluing many to l, westigation, others to a respectful hearing. Nobly, in 1: e ripeness and fullness of his youthful age, has he done his work, and his life speaks reprovingly to many a Nicodemus believer in un-popular truths. He was no one-sided reformer. He sought for truth in many a varied guise, remembering to "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." He was an open ad-vocate of womaa's cause, and one of the brave few who signed the first petiling from the investigation of the "social question," reading the Weekly as carefully as the Banner. For many months his health had been gradually failing.

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For many months his health had been gradually failing, but his mental energy suffered no relaxation. On the Saturday previous to his release, he visited Boston on business, returning home wearied, but cheerful. Sweral attacks had warned him of the probability of sudden exchange of worlds, but the prospect cast no shadow of gloom over his mind, although he enjoyed this life intensity. His cherished faith and the unremitting attention of his devoted daughter cheered in way to the time when "In denth his cyclids closed, Caluby, as to a night's repose."
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Calibly, as to a hight's repose. [2] The funeral took place from the Unitarian Church, Fri-day. March 10th, and was largely attended. It had been bis frequently expressed wish that a Spiritualist should gained a ready assent from his daughter, but some mem-bers of the family did not deem it fitting that this should occur, and not wishing wholly to disregard the request of the aged father, the bady who had been requested to take a part in the public services was invited to officiate at the house.

The service at the church was conducted by iteration in the bolse. The service at the church was conducted by iteration. The service at the church was conducted by iteration. The former bad once been an esteemed member of the fam-ily. He had refused, on grounds of consistency, to take any part in the service if the original plan was carried into effect and a Spiritualist introduced into the pulpit. In or-der to maintain that consistency, he satisfied hipself with some reminiscences of the past life and qualities of charac-ter of the departed, with no deductions in regard to his future.

ter of the departed, with no deductions in regard to his future. The insufficiency of these remarks was more than atoned for in the feeling and pertinent ones of Rev. Air. Irish, in which he briefly set forth the triumph over the fear of death through the religious faith of the departed, of which he said, "Although it differed from that of many of you, it is not to be sneered at, and was dear and precious to our friend." A fervent invocation, replete with inspiration, followed from the same source, one clause of which was in itself a culogy, viz., "May all be if ited from darkness, ig-norance and superstition as he has been." I know our arisen brother rejoiced that day in this straightforward testimony, and in the thought that the speaker had been "tried in the balance and not found want-ing," and that his own light, which he had kept trimmed and hurning, had not been successfully "hidden uader a bushel."

bushel," The large choir was composed mostly of musical associ-tion of the deceased, several of whom were from neighbor The large choir was composed mostly of musical associ-ates of the decreased, several of whom were from neighbor-log towns. The music was feelingly and impressively ren-dered, and scement as a volce to the soul, even the echo of "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," With the eye of Faith following bin there, we turned to look our last upon the familiar face Death had touched so tenderly-and yet not our last, for we shall meet and know. him in the morning; yea, we will even now listen for the tidings that may come from him to us saying, "I still live." Northboro, Mass., March 31, 1575.

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IT Lieutenant R. J. Morrison, of London,

the Zadkiel of astrological celebrity, has devoted the last and best forty years of his life to the re-ligion of the stars. He is now an ardent defender of the Ptolemaic or geocentric theory of the uniyerse. His New Principea is well worthy the attention of the disciples of Newton, as every proposition is backed by figures, which, common report says, cannot lie. The following, taken from his Almanae, is a good illustration of the preture of this bulket.

nature of this belief :

Mr. Morrison's nom de plume, Zadkiel, is the

planetary angel of Jupiter, he having Sagettarius on the ascendant at birth, had in consequence Jupiter as his ruling planet. It is not improbable that this faith may yet obtain while the present spiritual tidal wave continues its influence over the world. At any rate it will hurt no one to be acquainted with ideas akin to those now agitating the thinking people of this age In the meantime let each one

"Be worthy of death; and so learn to live, That every incarnation of thy soul In other realms and worlds and firmamonts, Shall to more pure and bigh."



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ture "harem." The wild Indians have chanted for long ages their weird songs to the Great Spirit in the far away hunting-ground. The theoloin the far away hunting-ground. The theolo-gian's idea of a future heaven is, to me, the least desirable of all, as it presumes an extreme life, ual qualities, so has the mind of man supremacy desirable of all, as it presumes an extreme life, either of joy or suffering.

I am not afraid that socialism is going to de stroy human society, for I have good faith in humanity. Yet it is true that we sometimes pay a fearful price for the knowledge we gain through our experiences.

Music-" When the mist has cleared the mountain." Adjourned.

Afternoon Session .- Speeches were made, in conference, by Dr. Spencer, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Newman, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Nye, of Battle Creek, and Mr. Winslow, of Kalamazoo.

J. M. Peebles then addressed the audience. He did not think that organization was 'essentially necessary. Spiritualism was making rapid strides, was brimful of cheer, and he thought that the time was not far distant when we should see materialized spirits standing upon this rostrum. Is it a fact that spirits do return ? is an important question, he said, and quoted numerous instances of different times and places at which he had been an eye witness to materialization of spirits; he had seen, felt and heard them, thus making a majority of his senses give testimony to the fact. This had also been accomplished in the presence of celebrated scholars and individuals, in various parts of the world. He knew no bound to Spiritualism. The object was not to build up church or sect, but to diffuse knowledge. As an individual he was in favor of organization, but high and noble spirits who had themselves become harmonious were not; they had learned what concession meant, and when mortals also learned this, then would our faith cover the earth as the waters covered the ocean.

A. A. Wheelock, being introduced, gave some pleasing reminiscences of a former meeting with the Spiritualists of Battle Creek at the first Convention of the kind ever held in the State. He testified to his firm belief in spirit power-aknowledge attained in like manner as stated by Brother Peebles-and said he cared no more for Spiritualism, as an ism, than any other ism, but in its divine spiritual outgrowth, because it was natural, he had the utmost-faith. Modern Spiritualism has more ripe, rich, luscious fruit than ever grew upon the "tree of knowledge" in the "garden of Eden," for Spiritualism was not a force, but a result. It was immortal, and it could not be sunk by remissness or imperfection on the part of its followers. Like a living rill it flowed on, still on. Have we been doing all that we could in the past twenty seven years to advance this intelligence? Just in proportion as we shirked this, we were shirking a responsibility we must one day meet.

Evening Session. - Conference. Speeches by Dr. Spencer, C. H. Silliman, of Albion; Elder Stewart, of Indiana.

Dr. Newcomer, of Battle Creek; read an original poem, written for the occasion. Subject, "The Philosophy of Spirit and Earth Life."

A. A. Wheelock spoke briefly. He thought Spiritualism was rapidly gaining ground, There was something strange to him in the tidal waves of intelligence. He thought that in mediumship was a good place to begin a reformation ; if the natural tendency of some mediums was toward amativeness or acquisitiveness, these would be the result. The law of attraction held good here as elsewhere. He believed in reformation of character.

J. M. Peebles followed with a closing address in his usual happy style. Subject, "A" Trip Around the World." Mr. Peebles's lecture was replete with interest and instruction to all who had the pleasure of listening toit.

tire nature with a radiant beauty—a spiritual ra-diance—that is more attractive and lasting than inary to the dancing, which concluded the eventhe most gorgeous robes of earthly manufacture, or the gens that bedeck the brows of kings and over matter, according to his spiritual and inte lectual development and understanding; and he who has the power to pierce the dark shadows that intervene between this and the "betterland," has also the power to look into the sources of material wealth and find all that there is in them, and their application to the uses of the world, that the man whose mind is clogged by the mere emotions of sense cannot possibly have. Spiritualism therefore has not only its uses in tearing off the shroud of gloom that has been thrown over the earth through death, by opening up to the gaze a view of immortal life, but it has

also its uses in opening up a higher school of thought, a deeper knowledge of philosophy and an insight into science, than could otherwise be attained; but it has put practical power into the hands of man, by quickening his thoughts to new inventions, and leading his mind into new avenues for material wealth that he would not other-

wise have thought of. Nor is this all; the loved and loving ones who have gone before, and who while in this life showed their parental care by a watch-ful guardianship, over our best interests, still continue that care indicate and guardian continue that same vigilance and guardian care — warning us when danger approaches, soothing and comforting us when in sorrow and trouble, and when sickness threatens to disable for our earthly work, pour upon us the healing balm, either by their direct presence and influ-ence upon us, or through the hands of some kind, sympathetic friend, as was done in the days of yore through the gentle and loving Jesus. Social life is also enriched. The grand and gifted of all ages revisit the scenes of earth, and by their noble presence and the brilliancy of their unfading genius add new lustre to the lives of those who tread the shores of time, and who are favored by their visits whenever occasion or circumstance permits. From these associations genius is quickened by new fire; poetry has a deeper meaning, and flows in smoother numbers; philosophy a wider range and more thorough application, while religion, that so often is lost or covered by the mould and cobwebs of ancient creeds, shines forth again with newer and strong-

lar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night, as to the children of Israel; nor did it come as the star of Bethlehen to the shepherds on the plains of Judea, but it came in the form most adapted to the age in which science stands pre adapted to the age in which science status, pre-eminently greater in the estimate of the world than ever before. The genius that drew the Mightning from the clouds, and prepared the path which in after years made it an agent to con-vey the ideas and thoughts of men to distant countries in almost an instant of time, could not be kent equiption to the great reader of detruity be kept quiet in the great realm of eternity where he had been removed by death from the things of time; but, like him who tried to span the great ocean by the cable of electrical communication, he sought by the same means to spar the fabled river of Styx that flowed between earth and the heavenly land. The first sound that was heard from the unknown country was a gentle rap. It gradually became louder and more fre quent, until the passer-by was compelled to give heed, to ask, "What can this be? From what source does it come?" And as intelligence seemed to be manifested by vigorous rappings after certain queries had been made, it was concluded that intelligence was at the back of it, and means

were devised, through calling over the alphabet, to get intelligent answers, And when these to get interingent answers. And when these came, then the queries arose—from whence do they come? And the reply was, "From the world of spirits, where the dead exist after hav-ing put off mortality for the robes of immortali-

But I need not go over this history with which you are so familiar, nor need I recount the differ-ent methods of communication that have been established -since that time. 1 only need add that in the short space of a few years this fact has become so well established, that none but the nost ignorant and bigoted will positively dispute it, and there is scarcely a man, woman, or child the country who does not know something of it. Like all facts that come to upset theories that are devoid of facts for a, basis, it has made the, usual trouble with old creeds and dogmas. The church has been shaken to its very foundation with the developments that Spiritualism has pro-

inary to the dancing, which concluded the evening, and in which all joined with good will.

Mansfield, Mass.

A correspondent informs us that the Society of

Spiritualists which was formed in this place, May 11th, 1873, held a meeting at the residence of Hiram Phillips, on Anniversary night, Mrs. J. C. Mears presiding. Speeches were made by Mrs. Mears, Mr. Phillips, Harrison Doty and others; a series of resolutions was passed, and the company was favored by choice singing from the Misses Phillips-to whom was extended a vote of thanks. The occasion was marked with much harmony and quiet enjoyment.

Spiritualist Lectures and Lyceums. MEETINGS IN BOSTON.

MEETINGS IN BOSTON. The Hoston Spiritualists' Union hold regular weekly meetings at Rochester Hall, 55 Washington street, every sunday evening. Lectures and Conference. H. S. Wilg John A. Andrew Hall. – Free Meetings.–Lecture by Mrs. S. A. Floyd, at 24 and 75 r. M. The audience priv-leged to ask any proper questions on spirituality. Ex-cellent quartette singing. Public invited. Rochester Hall, 55 Washington street, –The Children's Progressive Lyceum, No. 1, which formerly met in John A. Andrew Hall, will hold its sessions at this place every sunday. At 105 o'clock. Geo. H. 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. Hay ward, President; Miss M. L. Barrett, Secretary. Mediums' Meeting at Templars' Hall, 250 Washington street, at 10% A. M., each Sunday. All mediums cordially invited. Larline Hall, No. 3 Winter street.–Public Free Circles

nvited. Larline Hall, No. 3 Winter street.—Public Free Circles the held in this hall every Sonday morning at 10½ o'clock. Good test mediums and speakers in attendance. Lectures every Sunday at 3 and 7½ r. M. by well-known speakers. The People's Spiritual Meetings every Sunday at 2½ r. M., at Investigator Hall, Paine Memorial Building, Appleton street, near Tremont. Good speakers always in Michalance. Trimountain Hall, No. 8 Boylston street.-Developing

Sunday; after yoon, conference and tests; evening, test clice; each Wednesday evening a test and social circle.

BOSTON, - Rochester Hall, - William A. Williams, Corresponding Secretary, reports: "The services at the session of Children's Progressive; Lyceum No. 1, on the norning of Sunday, April 11th, were well attended, particdarly by the adult portion of the community-the number of seats assigned for visitors being insufficient to meet the demiand. Marching, Sliver Chain recitations, wing move-ments, etc., composed the regular order of exercises, and were well carried out by the school. In addition, recitalons were furnished by Walter Woods, William Partridge, Helen Coffin, Mabel Edson, Bertle Kenny, Gracie Burrows, Eddle Washburn, Elmer Snith; readings by H. B. Johnson, Lucy A. Osborne, Miss Frank Wheeler, and Mr. Vaughan. Songs were participated in by Misses Cora Stone, and Nellie Ladd, (of Charlestown District,) and the Herrick sisters performed a plano duet. Dr. Tavlor, J. B. Hatch and others made remarks, and Willie S. French reclied the Anniversary-poem,-written for the Lyceum by ohn W."Day."

The following letter, redolent of fraternal feeling, was teceived March 31st by Alonzo Danforth, Conductor of this school, from F. J. Gurney, Conductor of the Rockland, Mass., Children's Progressive Lyceum, in regard to the twenty-seventh Anniversary:

the twenty-seventh Anniversary: ALONZO DANFORTH, Conductor of the Children's Pro-gressive Lyceum of Boston, convened at Rochester Hall: Upon this bright and giorloustwenty-seventh anniversa-ry of the advent of our new saviour, Spiritualism, please accept through me the happy preeting of Lyceum No. 1, of Rockland, Mass. May the happy occasion serve to strength-en your resolutions, expand your love, cultivate the Intel-lect and give the cause which you have assembled to com-memorate, a new lease of usefulness. For the day, please accept thece two sculiments: Our Lyceums, - The infant Saviours of the world, on whose divine labors rest the hopes of earth's struggling millions; may those who love their existence carnesity labor for their improvement until they shall become one with the circle above, us.

their improvement until they shall become one with the irreles above us, Spiritualism, —The Bethlehem star of the ninoteenth rentury, destined to lead all the nations of the earth out from the quagmires of superstition, bigotry and doubt. May its devotees be found as willing to practically embody in life as to nerach its holy inculcations. Rockland, Mass, March 31st, 1875. F. J. GURNEY.

John A. Andrew Hall. - The course of free meetings reg ularly held by the Spiritualist Society at this place was ac reptably continued by trance addresses from Mrs. Sarah A. Floyd on the afternoon and evening of Sunday, Apri ùth.

Investigator Hall, -The People's Spiritual Meeting wa well attended on Sunday last, and was an occasion of inter est. The exercises were commenced by the singing of the song. "Sweet spirit, hear my prayer," by Miss Adelaide DeMont, the reading of a select poem by I. P. Greenleaf and singing by the congregation. An inspirational ad-dress was given, by Mr. Greenleaf, upon the "Unity of Nature, " which was listened to with profound attention. William Cullen Bryant's poem, "Thanatopsis," was reeited by the chairman, F. W. Jones, after which Miss De-Mont sang the beautiful song of "Silver threads among the gold." The applause which was given at the announce-ment that Mr: Greenleaf would speak again next Sunday in the same hall, showed that the audience appreciated the lecture. Miss DeMont will also be present and take part in

Meetings at Rochester Hall, Boston.

The temporary organization which held its first session at this hall Sunday afternoon, April 4th, and adjourned to the afternoon of the 11th, assembled as per announcement, at about 21/2 P. M. on Sunday last, and was called to order by the President, H. S. Williams.

E. G. Brown, Secretary, read the records of the previous meeting, which were accepted by the ociety.

The President then called upon the Executive Board appointed at the former meeting to "draw up a plan of organization, procure signatures, and do such other work as may advance the movement," to render whatever report they might have to offer; whereupon J. B. Hatch, of Charlestown District, Chairman, offered the fol-lowing as a partial report, which was recommendsaid Board for adoption as a basis for further action :

Recognizing the fact that we can work together in har mony and attain success only as we are agreed in the funda mental principles from which our actions spring, we be

First. That the time has come to test, in a practical man

lieve: That the time has come to test, in a practical manner, the disposition of Spiritualists to cooperate for the scientific investigation of the spiritualists to cooperate for the scientific investigation of the spiritualists to cooperate for the scientific investigation of the spiritualists to cooperate for the scientific relation of the spiritualist to cooperate for the scientific, relation of the spiritualist to cooperate for the scientific, relation of the spiritualist of scientific, relations or benevolent purposes, demonstrates that, as with commercial institutions, success depends upon the possession of material wealth. Third, We therefore propose to build an odlifice in the City of Boston, that shall be alike creditable to the dignity and importance of the movement, the enterprise of Spiritualists, and thereby add to the number of public buildings that are justly considered ornaments to the city. For this purpose, and also for mutual ald and improvement; and to furnish facilities for the education and devolopment of sensitives or mediums; and to promote the study of pneumatology and psychology; and to ald students and inquirers in their researches, by placing at their dispositive discussion of Modern Spiritualist, and to meake known the positive results arrived at by careful scientific research, and to direct attention to the hencificial informate which a knowledge of these results is calculated to exercise upon social relationship and individual conductive, the undersigned, hereby form an Association to be known as the American Spiritualisticate.

bership. The Committee further recommend that when one hun-dred names shall be subscribed, or registered, they consti-tute a formal organization for the election of officers, adop-tion of constitution, by-laws, and other business prelimin-ser therein ary thereto.

This report was at once adopted, and circulars embodying it were distributed throughout the audience.

Five minute speeches concerning the subject in hand were made by E. G. Brown, Mr. Locke, T. B. Taylor, Dr. H. B. Storer, Dr. H. F. Gard-ner, Miss Lizzle Doten, Mrs. Dick, A. E. Car-penter, Dr. A. H. Richardson, M. T. Dole, Mrs. M. F. Albertson, Dr. Charles Main, Mrs. Morse and others and U.S. Williame President offer and others, and H. S. Williams, President, offer ed explanatory remarks in the course of the meeting.

The pecuniary result of the session was some sixty-seven dollars.

sixty-seven dollars. The following named ladies and gentlemen were added to the Executive Board during the meeting: M. T. Dole, Dr. H. F. Gardner, Daniel Farrar, Moses A. Dow, I. B. Rich, Miss Lizzie Doten and Mrs. Mary D. Stearns. The meeting then adjourned to assemble at the same hall at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 18th

18th.

In the evening the matter of building a spiritual temple was further discussed at the same hall, during the session of the Boston Spiritualist Union—many speeches being made and an addi-tional sum of forty dollars being obtained for the aid of the enterprise.

Davis, Tuttle, Brittan, &c.-Valuable Early Books.

Fo the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I have just read, a second time, that valuable book by Hudson Tuttle, "The Arcana of Nature." and found its interest and excellence greater than they seemed years ago, on the first reading. This brings to mind the fear that these earlier works are too little read.

I do not wish to underrate the later writings of our authors, or the many scientific works which now gain such wide reading, but to call attention to the great value of some of the first books devoted to Spiritual Philosophy and Phenomena and to psychological questions. Within twenty years the number of Spiritualists and liberal people has very largely increased, and some of these, quite occupied with newer books, have too

APRIL 17, 1875.

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To the Editor of the Banner of the het our friend, Will you please notice the het that our friend, Mrs. Juliette T. Burton, passed in the newer life this day (April 6th), at her residence, 205 West Fifty-Second street, in this city. She was a native of Virginia, and came here after the war. Being a natural medium, she has given life's beat knowledge to hundreds now scattered over the BRONSON MURRAY. earth.

238 West 52d street, New York, April 6th, 1875.

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MRS. L. E. BAILEY, Sec'y.

Milwaukee, Wis.

The Twenty Seventh Anniversary of Spiritualism was duly celebrated in this city March 31st. Although the weather was very unpropitious, a goodly number of people from country and town assembled to do honor to that most important event of the nineteenth century, and all concurred in the opinion that it was an occasion worthy of the time, place and object of meeting, and good for both soul and body to be there.

The programme was as follows : At 10 A. M. a conference was held, after which Mrs. Juliet II. Severance, the talented orator of the day, delivered an admirable address on "The Mission of Spiritualism," and its benefits to the world as already demonstrated, which made every Spiritualist prouder for being identified with this important cause at its close.

At noon ample provisions were made for the entertainment of visitors at the homes of the friends, and after the refreshment of the inner man, from a physical standpoint, at 2 P. M. all again repaired to Lyceum Hall for the spiritual refreshment that comes from the imperishable sources of the mind.

The meeting was again opened by a conference, as in the morning, and such speakers as E. W. Baldwin, President of the Society, Dr. Brown, Geo. Godfrey, A. B. Severance, U. B. Smith, E. C. Quiner and a number of other well-known and gifted advocates of our cause, were present to make it one of the most interesting meetings of the day.

At the close of the afternoon conference Mrs. Nettie C. Tator, of this city, delivered the anniversary address, which is here subjoined; it be-. ing the only document that was written out, the other addresses being extempore :

In response to your President's kind invitation to take part in this Anniversary, I have come only to utter a few words of kindly greeting to you all, and say that it gives me pleasure to be present at the celebration of one of the most important events of the nineteenth century-the advent of what is termed Modern Spiritualism.

It is indeed a most important event when some new land is discovered, that by the fertility of its soil, the quality and quantity of its produc-tions, the richness of its mines, or the grandeur of its lacks richness of fertility of of its lakes, rivers and forests, promises to the world additional wealth, comfort and pleasure, leading the mind into new channels of thought enriching the imagination with fresh pictures of prosperity, happiness and natural beauty. But infinitely greater is that discovery which opens up to the world's sight the shores of immortal life, and brings the "Summer-Land" so near to view that its surpassing beauties are foreshadowed to mortal eye, its soft ballny airs are felt upon the cheek, its heavenly music greets the listening ear, and voices long hushed in the solemn silences of death, once again send forth their loving tones to cheer the heart, that, ere this new dispensation, had been bowed down by its weight of woe and grief.

This new and higher country, although seem ingly not bearing the fruits of material wealth, is still rich with the immortal qualities that yield sustenance to the soul, endow the mind with most brilliant thoughts and ideas, and clothe the en- In th

duced upon the human mind, and has been comdie of inanition. It has produced a warfare that makes the timid shrink from any part in the contest, by all alike, both the timid and the bold. are thank ul for the change, and in their hearts hope that Spiritualism is true, whether they

know it, or believe it, or not. Nor has the effect been alone in the church life, social and political, has been revolutionized more or less. Every reform has received fresh impetus from this very same source; and those who had become lukewarm in the cause of hnman justice, or human redemption from error, have been fired with new resolves, and given new inspiration from this same source.

Let us thank God that so much has been done and buckle on our armor with fresh courage for the struggle between right and wrong, truth and error; and may the blessings of Heaven descend upon all, and the ministering angels who bring peace and good will to the world take back our prayers of thankfulness and gratitude to the Father of all, both in the heavens and upon the earth.

Green's Quartette Glee Club enlivened the occasion with soul-stirring music, and made all feel nearer the harmonies of heaven by their presence, and fine selections of music. At 8 P. M., the people again assembled for a so

cial reunion, and after a short, time spent in pleasant greetings, the band of music engaged for the occasion struck up a grand march, in which all joined. The rest of the evening dancing was kept up, and by the younger portion of the assembly even into the "wee'sma' hours."

H. L. BARTER, Sec'y:

Sacramento, Cal.

The Spiritualists of this city celebrated the Twenty Seventh Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, and at the same time the First Anniversary of the organization of their flourishing Lycoum. The exercises included brief addresses by the Conductor of the Lyceum, Mr. Van Alstine, Mrs. Dupee and Mr. B. F. Lowe, of Sacramento, and by Miss R. Augusta Whiting, of Michigan, who, having just closed a highly successful lecture engagement in this city, kindly consented to remain and assist upon this occasion. A Lyceum concert and ball concluded the celebration, all passing off most pleasantly and harmoniously.

Springfield, Mass.

The Spiritualists of this city held very successful meetings at Liberty Hall, on the 31st ult. -so we are informed by a correspondent. In the morning a conference took place, short speeches being made by Mr. Alcott, of Buckland, N. Frank White, Dr. Beals, of Greenfield, Rev. Mr. Yates, of Sholesbury, and others.

In the afternoon William Denton, of Wellesley, gave one of his powerful addresses ; Miss Lizzie Doten, of Boston, also spoke briefly, in an impressive manner, and Dr. H. F. Gardner gave an interesting account of his experiences as an apostle of Spiritualism in different parts of the country, and especially in Springfield with the Fox

In the evening Charles W. Sullivan and N. | during the Sundays of May.

the exercises by singing. Luritne Hall, No. 3 Winter street, -A correspondent writes: "The audiences formerly meeting in Harmony Hall have taken this place, where they now hold meetings every Sabbath. On Sunday last there was a full attend ance throughout the day. At the morning circle many ex-cellent and convincing tests were given through the mediumship of Mrs. Stanwood and Frank T. Ripley.

In the afternoon and evening Moses Hull spoke to large and appreciative audiences. This well-known lecturer will speak in the same place every Sunday afternoon and even ing the remainder of the month of April."

-ROCKLAND, - The Progressive Lyceum of Rockland meets every Sunday at 15 o'clock P. M., in Phoenix Hall; F. J. Gurney, Conductor; Maria Bennett, Guardian; Henry Chase, Secretary. The said Lyceum-which is some six years old-is reported as being in a most flourishing condition. The readings and declamations at its sessions are of the first order, and practical as well as beautiful, and the best intellect of the place is largely represented at its meetings

Movements of Lecturers and Mediums.

Mrs. J. F. Coles, 735 Broadway, New York City, is making preparations for a tour West- as far as Chicago, and yould like to make engagements on the way thither.

Mr. W. S. Bell, of this city, late Universalist pastor in New Bedford, delivered an able lecture in Salem last Sunday, to a large and apparently gratified audience. He is to speak there the remaining Sundays in April. Ilis address is care of this office.

I. P. Greenleaf will speak in Investigator Hall, Paine Memorial Building, Appleton street, Boston, Sunday atternoon, April 18th, at 2's o'clock. A large attendance is solicited.

Mrs. C, Fannie Allyn closed a very successful engagement at the hall of the Spiritualists' Union, San Francisco. Cal., on Sunday, March 2sth. Mrs. L. E. Drake is to speak before the same society in April, and Jennie Dys will follow

Dr, John H. Currler, trance speaker, would like to make engagements to lecture on Sundays at places within reasonable distance from the city. Address him, 36 Wall street, Boston.

"Mrs. Suydam, the Fire Queen, will make a tour through the Western and Middle States, giving fire tests. We hear that she is to be accompanied by Mrs. Helen Rogers, the singer." So says the Spiritualist at Work.

Dr. T. B. Taylor, accompanied by a test medium, will visit places near the city, to lecture and hold seances, on reasonable terms. Address him 46 Beach street, Boston. Mrs. Neille L. Davis will speak in Binghamton, N. Y., April 18th, in Springfield, Mass., April 25th. Permaent address 235 Washington street, Salem, Mass., care of Frank Tyler.

Mr. John Collier, who is now speaking in Springfield, has determined to make that place his home. Mrs. Collier, who is said to be an excellent physical and test medium has just arrived from England.

W. F. Jamleson has just concluded courses of lectures in Weyauwega, Wis., and Eureka. He is to speak in Ripon, Wis., Sunday, April 19th; in Berlin, Sunday, April 25th In Oshkosh, Sunday, May 2d, and the evenings of April 30th and May 1st.

J. M. Peebles lectures in Chicago again the third Sunday of this month. The last Sunday of the month he speaks in Portland, Maine, and the four following evenings (26th, 27th, 28th and 29th) in Gardner, Maine. During May he fills an engagement in Lynn, and during June he will be in New York.

A. A. Wheelock is now lecturing in Toledo, Birmingann, and other localities in northern Ohio, Hudson Tuttle, who lectures Sundays in the cities and

villages of northern Ohlo, has recently written up and delivered with great success a series of discourses to his townspeople upon the Eastern Religions. Emma Tuttle has been giving dramatic readings the past winter, eliciting the warmest praise from both the people and the press. voice and histrionic talents are of the highest order.

Dr. Samuel Maxwell will address the First Society of Spiritualists at Grow's Opera House, Chicago, Ill., on Sun day, April 25th, and Mrs. Amelia Colby will speak there

small acquaintance with these earlier writings. The "Revelations," the "Harmonia," the "Penetralia," and other works of A. J. Davis, published years ago, are full of ideas, principles and laws, that go to the foundation of things in the world of mind and matter; full, too, of wise and practical suggestions for the better conduct of life.

With my deep interest in Hudson Tuttle's Ar-cana, I can well commend his books to a thoughtful reading. "Man and his Relations," by S. B. Brittan,

filled with rare information, witten with clear-ness and beauty, and in the light of an inspiring philosophy, should be in every household. The catalogue might be extended, but suggestion is better than detail.

Let none pass by or underrate these earlier writings in making up their list of books to read, and read again, to keep and study, as food for thought. Yours truly, G. B. STEBBINS. Detroit, Mich., April, 1875.

N. Frank White in Haverhill, Mass. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

We had the pleasure on Sunday, April 11th, o listening to two lectures by N. Frank White, the afternoon discourse being devoted to the ever-recurring question, "What good in Spiritual-ism ?" which he answered in the evening by giving his experience as a medium for twenty-six years. It was a feast of good things to the Spir-itualists of Haverhill, who of late years have so rarely had the privilege of listening to the in spirations of the higher life.

The audience, which was by no means small, gave the speaker its undivided attention, and we trust a good may arise from this meeting that shall be the stepping-stone to more frequent lectures in future. W. W. CURRIER.

in future. W. W. Haverhill, Mass., April 12th, 1875.

New Publications.

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE YOUNG, by Thomas Wentworth Higginson, will answer just as well for the older readers, too. Whatever comes from Mr. Higginson's polished pell bears the stamp of a finished writer He has here sketched the history of the country in a manvelously compact outline, and succeeded in most skillfully filling it in with all the events and characters that combine to make up the country's record. Ills style is unsurbassed for a graceful plainness and lucid expression. To high praise can scarcely be bestowed on a book that, without the least pretension but with a winning familiarity, performs the work which tens of thousands of persons, old equally with the young, have many times wished they could lay their eyes on. It is a piece of work that may be said with truth to be perfectly done. Published by Lee & Shepard.

LONGEVITY; the Means of Prolonging Life after Middle Age. By John Gardner, M. D. Published by W. F. Gill & Co: The author of this valuable little essay is a London physician of deserved repute, and his performance in the present instance has carned the enthusiastic encomiums of the press on both sides of the Atlantic. It is no more than plain and familiar suggestion of the changes which occur in the human constitution in passing from middle life to old age, and of all those physical symptoms which are classed under the single word "ageing," How to take care of one's self in such a manner that age may be safely reached and then preserved as long as possible, is told in s clear a way by Dr. Gardner that if his precepts are fol-lowed they cannot very well fail of the result at which all persons instinctively aim. It is an exceedingly entertainng little treatise, and full of timely hints for every on who is passing through the middle-life stage and out of i reyond.

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