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The Rostrum.

The Sunset Glow: Its Material and Spiritual Significance.

A Discourse given through the Trance-Medium ship of MRS, CORA L. V. RICHMOND.

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INVOCATION.

Infinite God, thou source of every blessing ! thou divine life and light, thou eternal sun of splendor. around whom all souls must move like worlds and systems around the central sun of being! Oh, God! e would praise thee for every gift, for all blessingsalike for that which seems brightness, and the shadow which also bringeth its blessing; for the storm as well an the calm. for the cloud as well as the azure sky; for whatever in the shadow expresses thy life and thy love; even so would we praise thee, that in natur there is no voice that is not thine. The sound of the spring time breeze, or the rearing of the tempest, the sound of the falling rain upon the weary earth, or the ocean with its loud anthem of praise, each proclaims thy presence, each is a voice that tells of thy law and thy love. We praise thee alike for the winter and the summer, for the enow and the sunshine. Even thus in the world of man's nature he would praise thee for joy and for sorrow, for every blessing, for all the amenities of life, for each exaltation, each triumph over darkness ; he would also praise thee for the shadow, for the pain that strengthens and purifies, for that darkness that may reveal the light, and his dependence upon the light; he would praise thee that every experience is but a portion of thy loving kindness, and that if the shadow of death or of sorrow come upon him, it is that he may turn to the higher, diviner light of the soul. Oh God I we praise thee that through the mists and darkness of time, through material temptations and the infoldment of the earth, man perceives the glimmering light of immortality: faint and feeble it may be, but the herald of a diviner dawn, the glory of a grander morning, the light of eternal splendor. As in all past time thou hast given unto man the evidence of thy presence and power, revealing thyself in the visible universe, and thy ministering angels in messages of light and love unto man, so even now in the midst of all material striving, when nation is against nation, and man against his brother, still thy voice is not silent, the power of thy spirit is not quenched; innumerable altars reveal thy, presence, innumerable souls proclaim thy praise. May there be at this hour the voice of praise in our midst : prayerfully, and within each life, may there be an aspiration for truth and love, that shall bring each of us nearer and nearer unto thee, and may that sunshine of perpetual love, that glory and abundant life, that blessing of immortal power, be with each and all of thy children evermore. Amen.

lion of the planets, and that disasters, storms, | tive hand, but by the encroachment of the at- | but typical of the tangled labyrinth of human | rial expression there are cycles of unfoldment; and various commotions physically, politically and socially were predicted as following in the line of the perihelion.

The sunset glow can only be explained in one way; its increased splendor in the iridescent nues that follow long after sunset, in a flamelike appearance which never before has been equalled, even in the description of poets or the skies of artists, not Turner in his most daring attempt at coloring, nor any post in his most presumptuous attempt at description, could ever possibly portray these changing, fluctuating, vibrating hues, that, clear and orystalline, have filled the air and the western sky with wonder, like the aurora borealis, that sometimes mounts to the zenith, and, according to the vibration, are red, irldescent, yellow or white. These sunset glows have peculiar magnetic and electrical qualities, and are accompanied with rare clearness of atmosphere, proving that they are not the result either of the usual moisture which produces refraction, consequently coloring the sky, nor any perceptible substance which could by any possibility be traced to the presence of star or volcanic dust.

The electrical property betokens or indicates a suggestion of another kind, and we are now here to affirm that which is the most plausible and, to us, the only true theory of explaining the splendid rays as they have appeared for the last month, and for at least three months last winter, i. e., that in the progress, not only of your planet but the whole solar system through the heavens, there are not only new belts of meteoric lights (aerolites) and other substances that are continually encountered, but new electric belts (i. e., space-centres for greater electrical activity), since all electricity is vibration, and since certain atmospheres necessarily must tend to invite electric vibration more than others, so the whole solar system, incident upon the perihelion of the planets and upon that other revolution and larger cycle of the sun's motion around the more distant sun supposed to be in the direction of Alcyone, if not Alcyone itself, must necessarily lead your solar system, your sun and its attendant planets, into new inter-solar belts. These intersolar belts invite different magnetic and electric vibrations. Consequently, having entered another inter-solar belt, the magnetic atmo-sphere of the earth, as well as of all the planets belonging to the solar system, must be corre-spondingly affected. This will produce not only an effect upon the sunset and upon the sunrise, or that period which precedes the sunrise which has a more perfect glow than the sunset. because of the continuously increasing dawn. but presents the prophecy of new vegetable, animal and human life. We do not mean now spiritually, but physically, that the new electrithat, even in the daytime, the sun's disk de- but when you consider that everything in na- over the whole assemblage; while another, like sion; but even the thought that is in the scribes a most singular appearance at the pres- ture must yield to man's subtle power, and that a sphere of brightness, would irradiate your world is an indication that the spirit of man is ent time, proving that somewhere between the earth and the sun there is a new atmosphere; that that new atmosphere must have its corresponding effect in tempering and changing the is expressed in the forms around and above vibrations of light that reach the earth; that you, and if the higher intelligences, angelic and all vegetable, life is peopliarly sensitive to the archangelic, by the wondrous suspension of the action of the sun's rays, and that animal and human life must be strangely affected by the existence of more electrical vibrations, or few- your presence here upon the earth and your er electrical vibrations, or electrical vibrations of any new kind; that, therefore, this new inter-solar belt having been entered, these new vibrations are reproduced continually, and are revealed by the peculiar action upon the rays of the sun, which are only visible to you at sunrise and sunset, owing to the position of the sun's rays with reference to the earth's atmosphere. This is a suitable subject for all observers of the phenomena of nature, for it cannot be put aside, either by a superficial explanation or by supposing that the sunsets are no different than they always have been. Correct observers, poets, philosophers, reporters and students generally have noted the changes of appearances in the phenomena of nature according to their peculiar occupations and activities. The whole world has recorded simultaneously that these ohanges in the sunsets have transpired, and that they seem to be permanent; that they do not occur at all times, not even when the atmosphere is correspondingly clear. Therefore their occurrence cannot be owing to any condition that arises from the earth alone, but rather to the condition of Inter-solar atmosphere, because in all space there is no vacuum, but belts and girdles of substances into which the earth enters, and which, of themselves must change and form atmosphere, and alter the sun's rays. This subject to astronomers will of course form no permanent theme of discussion, except as the phenomenon 'itself becomes permanent, Then it may afford an opportunity for additional study concerning the nature of the action of the sun's rays, and what there is in space to change or alter the appearance of those rays before, they reach the atmosphere of the earth. Phenomenally, therefore, you may expeot that whatever electricity does in the development of human life, or in the perfection of all forms of Organic life, will be accomplished or will accompany the existence of these new electrical vibrations. You may expect also that certain forms of life that belong to man, and socompany his existence, will be more perfected, while those forms of life in nature that are not essential to man's existence, and that are not essential to man's existence, and do not derive, therefore, their protection or support from the consciousness of man will denses as it is evident that in those jungles and wildernesses whose borders man has approached the animated life not essential to his existence the animated life not essential to his existence. Yon will vinging of the before this society with the soci and a second s I second

mosphere of civilization and a higher existence. So the approach, as is betokened in the presence of this electrical vibration of a higher and more rarefied inter-space-sphere, of an atmosphere that has a tendency to develop a degree of physical life more exalted than that which has existed heretofore, will necessarily lessen the existence of those forms of grosser life that cannot be included in the new nature of man and his progress upon the planet, while all life that has any or the slightest relationship to man must necessarily become more and more perfected. We would like to pursue this subject in the scientific aspect of this present thought to the very extent of material science and observation; it would be a most interesting theme of speculation at least; but this is not the object solely of our present discourse.

To ascribe the cause of the sunset glow, to point out the correct theory concerning it, and predict its probable results upon existence here, would in themselves, perhaps, be sufficient topics for human interest, but beyond this the spiritual student has something to inquire into. No physical expression exists but as the result of some spiritual cause.

The Swedenborgians aspribe every form of nature in their doctrine of "correspondence ' to some spiritual attribute/ which does not necessarily resemble the form that it typifles, but which gives the life and suggestion of that form; so they say that for every flower there is a spiritual blossom, for every form of substance on earth there is a real form that is spiritual. With us we would not make the correspondence or resemblance so literal as they, but we would certainly declare that for every natural phenomenon which the forms of life express, there is not only spiritual causation, but there is a causation that lies in the realm of human consolousness, and everything that belongs to the earth or is related to the earth, whether it be a hissing sound, and where it strikes, if it be the sky that surrounds you, the atmosphere that forms a portion of the earth's vitality, or the organic substances that you meet with, must necessarily be related to, impelled by, and, in a deeper manner than you are aware of, governed by the consciousness of man. We mean by this that according to bur, needs the un-foldment of material life (heling you shapes it-self to your requirements; fifthe ou build habitations, plan cities, make desert places fertile, change the course of fivers, build railways plow the seas with your steamboats and your sailing ships, and in the end make matter entirely subservient to your will and bidding, by first studying the law, which seems to be organic, that governs matter, and then overcomng that law by the superior power of mind or intelligence. So far as man's spiritual condition is concerned, it may never have occurred to you to associate physical surroundings, the cir- We know that into this room there might come expected ways; many seem to think that it is cal vibrations must necessarily affect all forms | cumstances of life, the natural productions of some person who would affect you all as the | already here, and many in selfishness consider of life that are subject to the sun's rays, and the earth, with the spiritual condition of man; presence of a thunder-cloud, casting a gloom themselves perhaps the centers of this expres-

thought and intention; that the rank weeds growing spontaneously in the sun's fierce rays are but the expression of the rank weeds that spring up in human minds beneath the fierce rays of the sunshine of prosperity; and that the thought that is around you, but does not touch you, is the result of a condition that is expressed, but never yet overcome in human life? As across the bare and barren wastes there springs sometimes a blooming splendid casis in the desert, a fountain in the wilderness, a beautiful garden, where all else seems weeds and darkness, so in the midst of this wilderness of human life, the cases of affection, religion and inspiration come to reveal to you the future and possible destiny of man.

Has it never occurred to you that as cycle after cycle of unfoldment have recorded the material history upon the physical earth, there must be somewhere a corresponding record of the spiritual unfoldment of man? and that as you trace the past history of earth in the stratifications that seem infallible, there is somewhere a spiritual record far greater, far more unswerving, of the mental and spiritual unfoldment of man-nay, that human life has made its impress, not only upon the visible uni verse but upon the invisible, yet all the more palpable realm around and within? If a pebble dropped into a lake makes undulations that reach the shore, and stir every grain of sand upon that shore until, as is poetically said upon the remotest star, why is it not more than probable that the thought, that the mental cause sensible vibrations upon these occult yet most palpable substances, until they, too, shall reach even to the furthermost world? If an arrow hurled swiftly through the air produces not only hiss serpent-like through all the atcause the rose to wither in your garden, the ily to fade by your side ?

We know it is true that the personal contact of some people with-flowers will cause them-to fade and wither; that it is also true that others produce a blossom almost by their touch, and all flowers seem to love them. We know, aside from care, skill and attention, there is someaffects little children; they turn away distrustfully from some, while others win them by their very presence, their voice, their manner and gentleness of eye, or that other subtle presence which is not known by any material token.

and as in the physical universe during the perihelion of planets there must be produced certain results, without any speculation or supposition whatever, then in the atmospheric condition of these planets there must be a corresponding exaltation and a defection or deflection of the condition in other planets, those in perihelion absorbing more magnetic power, which, from the sun's rays, must be more directly manifest. So the earth in sympathetically being deprived of magnetic or electric vibration has correspondingly suffered; but it is the depletion which precedes the flood-tide, it is the ebbing which precedes the inflowing.

As in the physical universe there must be culminations of events, occurrences, circumstances, inventions, arts and sciences, so in the world of religion there have always been cycles of manifestation and expression of spiritual power, recurrent periods for the outpouring of the presence of God, and its manifestation among the sons of men. In the present instance everything betokens the advent of a new life and light; and not more glorious are those wonderful sunsets in indication of a new period of physical progress and advancement which the world or earth is about to enter, because it has dipped into the shadow of magnetic poverty, and soon enters the wealth of magnetic affluence; not more certain is this than that spiritual lines of light along the mental horizon are shooting flames of invention, and splendor, and even in science, that vibration may be felt scientific research, that are like crowns of glory around the sun: The aspiration of man's spirit that denotes the outpouring of new vital state, that the condition of the spirit, shall life from God; the awakening of a new dispensation; the abrogation of creeds, formulas and ceremonials, the drawing near of all worshipbend, until they, too, have undulations that ers unto the Temple of God, these are the indications of an approach of a new spiritual atmosphere from planets of splendor that in their far distances from the earth seem to have not a tree, or flower, or earth itself, leaves its the remotest connection or association with wound, why is it not equally true that the you; still, after ages of time you feel the pulsvenomed word or shaft of angry thought will ing pinions and rays of spiritual life as you do the rays of material light from those distant mosphere of human being, but perchance splendors, and the power which now envelopes and encompasses the earth is the new daydawn of the heavens. Those golden, crimson skies give promise of a more wonderful glory in the summer-time, more beautiful productions of earth, greater abundance of harvest, brighter vegetation, more varied expressions of human life. So in the spiritual heavens, where the firmament reveals myriads of new stars, and thing in the very presence of some people that | the descent unto the earth of spiritual ministrations is more manifest and abundant, the new day-dawn of life appears, a new spiritual sunrise, a splendor before unknown, a glory that reveals the advent of a new cycle. Many are prepared for this; many look for it in uncountenances with smiles; you would feel their | reaching for a new strata of atmosphere, a higher and diviner and more perfect expression; a wider orbit of spiritual unfoldment, a broader and deeper knowledge of the power of God. This sunset splendor that across the physica' horizon bears no message unto the materialist; though to him it "is but the sign of a new vibration of atmosphere caused by the presence of some foreign substance in the air," it is to those who read aright a token, not of the destruction of the visible earth, not of the approach of the day of final judgment, that through fear man has interpreted materially, but the fulfillment of the divine vision that the new heaven and the new earth are appearing; that the old heaven and the old earth are passing away; that star after star, constellation after constellation are being revealed unto the enraptured gaze and mind of man, and corresponding spheres of spiritual glory, unknown, undreamed of before, are bearing their light toward the earth. Not only the manifesting spirit: not only the twilight glory within the dwelling that having gone out into the realm invis-/ ible hovers near you still; not only the evening stars of your own affection, that forever in the twilight hour seem to draw near and still more near; not only the Hesperus of your mortal being that, passing into the spiritual state, be comes a risen star of glory there-but angels masters of the solence of the universe, so, in a | and archangels who herald the advent of a new deeper and diviner sense, those who stand amid life; who bring an awakening and quickening power; who pour out upon the earth the flood. tide of their inspiration until all art, all mechanics, all inventions, all poesy, all expressions of the beautiful are but the feeblest portrayal of what that work and word will be. The sun's splendor from the realm of life and light that ushers in the new dawn of spiritual truth, takes away the old hatreds and slaveries from the minds of men, and reveals to them the presence of living messengers of light; bright lines that belt the horizon with the new promise of dawn. The sunset, all glorious, sinks down into peaceful surrender of past time, is only given as a prophecy of newer and better things. Nations that may in the great shadow of chastisement and retributive justice pass out of sight do so to only give place to new nations that shall rise up in themselves and herald the springtime of new glory. Freedom, whose pinions have been overshadowed, whose presence on earth has scarcely been dreamed of, much less discerned, draws near and more near, and the divine worship of God, achievements of love instead of hatred, the conquest over all human struggles and strivings by the might of the spirit-these

DISCOURSE.

"" And autumn sunsets gleaming with splendor like the gates of far-off Paradise,"

Tradition suggests and poesy reveals the fact that the reddening sky at eventide always betokens a bright to-morrow; that if the sun goes down in cloud or shadow the rain is sure to come. And always when the tinted gold and orimson and wondrous coloring of cloud and sky have revealed peculiar. refractions of the sun's rays, there have been poetlo fancy and imagery that have filled artists and poets alike with dreams of some far-off realm and higher. light leading up to the Infinite.

The meteorologist has no explanation other than the usual one for the splendors that appeared in thesky twelve months ago and in greater or less degree of brilliancy until this night. They seem to have endeavored to explain them, at least some astronomers have, on the hypothesis of volcanic dust, that, thrown up from eruptions on the earth, formed a thin film or stratum of peculiar atmosphere. This theory seemed plausible twelve months ago, volcanio eruptions having then recently occurred; but no one expected that this glow would continue, or at least the astronomer (Prof. Prootor) did not; but the phenomenon, recurring again at this time, without having been continuous, must entirely destroy the theory. Nor can it be supposed that, as was suggested, meteoric fishes are in the atmosphere in sufficient numbers or layers to retain or continue the effect upon the sun's rays witnessed one year ago during the winter, almost entirely disappear-ing in the summer, and recurring now again.

the higher the power and the more subtle it is the more it expresses itself upon surrounding things, it must be evident that if creative mind usual laws of nature, as they are termed, sometimes manifest a conquest over nature, that expression of intelligence must continually modify, change, alter, and finally perfect to happiness every form of life that surrounds you.

Therefore when it is claimed that in the physical realm about you there would be no violence, no storms, no disasters, were the spiritual expression of man free from hatred, from blame, from anger, from warfare, it may seem like a transcendent flight of the imagination ; but however it may seem, it is no more a transcendent flight of the imagination than it once was to the ancient people that the earth is spherical, that it revolves around the sun. supported by certain centripetal and centrifugal forces that act in compensation; that all the stars move in their places, held by these invisible, yet all-potent powers, to their orbits and office, and if that which governs worlds, and is confessed to be material law, is so impalpable and invisible, yet all potent, that you each copfess it is the only power that governs the movements of the heavenly bodies, does it require any great stretch of the imagination to suppose that not only these forces represent intelligence, and that sometime you will control it absolutely? Even as now you master the power of steam in the engine, and it obeys your bidding, you will control the atmosphere of earth, will produce vibrations that

shall cause the rain to descend, or disperse the cloud, according to the convenience and requirement of man; and as now the winds and tides are subservient to your ministration and your interest, as the lightning is your errand the atmosphere combine to light your cities and bear your burdens, so one day you will intelligently sit in the midst of all these surrounding elements, knowing that whatever is expressed is the conscious action of your mind and will.

Is it too much, then, to suppose that the state of mind upon earth has its expression in the objects around you, and that there would be no serpents possible if there were no venomed tongues of hlander; ho wild beasts, if there were

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genial sphere though no word was spoken.

If you, possessing a soul and spiritual attributes, are conscious of all these subtleties, then there are a million billion more that you are not conscious of at all, that, like the unskilled in colors or in music, you cannot detect. As only the artist can see the varying lines and tints along the horizon, as only the musician can detect in an orchestra of three hundred the slightest deviation from concord or harmony, your comfort, enjoyment and expression of so only the skilled, awakened and inspired perception can know the numberless vibrations in all the atmosphere and from the realm of the soul; and those numberless vibrations, forever affecting matter, forever encroaching upon material life, forever shaping and molding them to the bidding of the Infinite, will byand by be your conscious possessions. The story of Promethean Jove will no longer be a fable, for you will behold, sitting enthroned amid clouds of splendor, an angel of some mighty world, moving the lightning, controlling the thunders and bearing the messages of the angelic hosts and the burdens of the world. As now, enthroned amid material science, your Edisons, Morses, Humboldts seem like Olymplan Joves; as now those who gaze across the seas of space by lenses like that which Herschel gave must be the prophets, revealers and the lightnings and thunders of the spiritual universe, who see all around you the play of those elements that you are to finally govern and control, who behold that you make for yourselves the world or atmosphere, the glory or shadow in which you live, see, also, that

these will one day be controlled by you. As upon the countenance is reflected the angry thought or gracious love, so upon the atmosphere around, upon that impalpable lifesubstance that moves and glows and kindles in every atom, there must be a corresponding reflection of shadow or light, until souls are not and message boy, as the various elements of only moved, spiritual expressions are not only governed, but the very air is suffocating or clear, according to your spiritual state. Then, still further, as the physical universe is observed to move in cycles; as materially you note certain changes in the physical universe ; the revolution of planets around their suns, the revolution of the earth upon its axis, the cyclic approach of certain manifestations or phenomena of nature, as, for instance, the meteoric showers that are supposed to occur once in about thirty-three years, and other cycles that occur more frequently, some continuously,

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se of peace and love. All along the hillsides and mountains of that sacred horizon the spiritual camp-fires of the kingdom of the soul are lighted ; already angels olad in the shining armor of truth, arrayed with mighty power and wisdom, bearing not the sword, but love, the burning shield of wisdom and knowledge, approach the earth. The voice of that celestial wisdom sounds in your hearts, summons your lives, reveals itself in your wish to do good to one another. We picture to you no Utopia from far sunset gates that reveal glimpses of Paradise; we draw nothing impossible from pictures or dreams, that poets have sung of forever; we bring you nothing that is not capable of fulfillment; nothing that is not to be fulfilled in your lives daily. Upon some new wave of spir. itual exaltation; upon the birth of new light and life within each soul, you will be borne on and on toward that diviner glory that is not the sunset of earth, but the sunrise of spiritual splendor, whose dawn will be the dawn of love and peace; whose kingdom will be the kingdom of harmony; whose glory will be the reign of the celestial empire upon the earth, and whose presence will be the abiding presence of God within your lives.

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BENEDICTION.

May the glory of all mornings and evenings, the splendor of that other morning of soul and the light of God's love gleaming through the dim twilight of your mortal beings, guide and lead you forevermore unto Him.

The Soul of the World.

A Class Oration delivered at the Mouroe Con-servatory of Oratory, by

SOLON LOUER, A Student.

The Greek philosopher, Plato, taught that the world has a soul. Whatever may be the value of this teaching from a scientific standpoint, poetically considered it is a beautiful truth. The world has a soul, and it manifests itself to us in all the myriad forms of life that cover the earth with grace and beauty. It has taken countless ages for this soul to express itself through outward forms, but always it has existed. When our old earth existed as star-mist in the presence-chamber of the Infinite; when it floated in the dark abysses of boundless space like a sun-kissed cloud in the azure sky of summer; when it existed in the burning bosom of the sun and shot its flery glances through the realms of night; when as a flery mass it was hurled by the hand of Omnipotence and started on its circling course about the central orb; when it lost its melting heat and was hid from the sight of its sister orbs by enshrouding vapors; when its molten streams grew cold and still, and desolate barren rocks were formed; when fierce volcanoes here and there were the only signs of the fiery passions raging in its breast of stone-through all these countless ages of her early growth this soul was slient; yet it lived intense within, and waited only for the lapse of time till It should speak in tones of love and tell to all who heard its voice its wondrous story of enchanting truth.

Beginning with the alphabet of life, it uttered first but syllables of truth. It spoke in prophecies, and told what was to be. Sweet promises of future victories were breathed upon the silent air by wandering winds. There were moans of pain from the black and yawning depths of caverns by the sea. Triumphant cries of victory were uttered by the raging storm ; and sad, subdued and solemn tones were murmured by the washing waves. Glad songs were sung by rippling brooks, and sliver cataracts laughed out in glee. There were deep, deep thoughts that brooded in the bosom of placid lakes, nestling among the mountain tops, while stars reflected spoke in solemn tones of worlds beyond the skies of earth. The silver moon looked calmly down, and smiled on hill and wide-stretched plain, while waves of ocean danced in joy, and flung her kisses back again. Black night descended from the skies, and spake of mystery and death, and while her sable mantle covered earth all other tones were hushed. Bright Phoebus came in his car of gold, and from the eastern palace gates drove through the skies. and scattered light o'er all the earth; and when his tired coursers sank to rest amid the blushes of the west, he went but to return again. Sometimes the glorious god of day would hide his shining face and weep, but his tears fell on the bosom of the earth, and made it fertile. Low forms of life appeared, and as anged, and earth grew kinder, higher forms. The great soul spake in nobler forms of speech. Majestic palms waved high their leafy heads, and made obelsance to the bending sky. In forest depths faint sounds were heard, as new-born insects chirped upon the air, and soon the shadowy depths resounded with the songs of birds, whose notes of joy ascended to the dome of heaven, the first grand symphony to nature's God. Sweet flowers bloomed, and cast their incense on the air, and spake of purity and grace. Upon the waters of the sea great monsters swam, and delicate star-fish moved within the depths. The great soul spake. In beauteous words she sung the song of life, and taught the lessons of eternal truth. But no man listened to her words. She spake but to the empty air, and all her songs were sung to vacant space At last the form of man appeared, endowed with reason and immortal life. He roamed the fields, swam in the shining flood, and threaded forests with undaunted heart; he gazed on all the beauteous forms that nature had reared up for him. He stood beside the murmuring brook and plucked the flower from its grassy bank. He gazed in awe upon the stars by night, and when the dreadful thunder rumbled in the sky and lightnings flashed across the black-browed clouds he fell upon his face and worshiped. The Great Soul spake, and man, her highest thought, was launched upon the sea of time. She speaketh still-in all the trees and flowers, the bubbling springs, the murmuring brooks, the heaving ocean and the placid lakes; in loving sighs of summer air and dreadful thunder of the storm; in waving boughs and drooping vines; in song of birds that flit among the trees, and hum of insects sporting in the air; she speaks in plushes of the rose, in modest grace of violets, in bright-hued plumage of the bird and painted wing of the gaudy moth ; she speaks in sweetest voice that breathes from out the rose-lipped shell, which tells the secrets of its wild sea home ; she speaks in ocean's colling tide that follows Luna with a mighty love; in heaving waves, old Neptune's valiant warriors, that dash and charge upon the rock-bound shore. In myrfad ways she speaks, and he who loves to listen to the charm of her sweet voice will be uplifted by her magic words. The heart that loves her understands her speech and learns of her the wisdom of the gods. Through her external forms of speech he reads the thoughts that burn within. On every page of nature's book are truths that God has written for our eyes to scan. The eyes that are not covered with the scales of earthly things will see the hand of God still writing there; the cars that are not dulled by earthly din will hear the whispers and the tones of love whereby the Great Soul speaks, and every heart that knows this heavenly speech will throb with joy unknown to baser. ones. The soul en rapport with the soul of earth will learn of truths denied to other souls, and, growing greater with each lesson learned, will mount to spheres of heavenly joys, unreached by souls that grovel in the dark. Yes, nature has a soul, and that soul speaks in sweet, angelic whispers to the sons of men. Blessed are the pure in heart who understand her volce of truth; for it shall ever be to them a source of heavenly light and loy. November 1926, 1894.

For the Banner of Light. AN INVOCATION. BY M. LARKIN.

Eternal Spirit I thou whose life and love All space illumes, beneath, around, above: Whose law, controls the peopled worlds on high, And each stray atom through immensity; Whose will inspires each soul its upward way; Aimighty mind I to thee we bow and pray; Not in proud temples reared by pagan zeal, Nor costly fanes where erring votaries kneel. No outward altar to thy name we raise; Our grateful hearts shall form thy shrine of praise, Our highest aim to comprehend the right; To do thy will, oh ald our feeble might ! Our anxious hope to find what angels know-That heavenly wisdom mortals need below. May virtue's charms inspire our hearts to love Our earthly kind and kindred souls above. For all the gifts that from thy goodness flow How poor our thanks I how vast the debt we owe ! Man's erring race thy pardoning grace implore; May Eden bliss thy willing hand restore. While sun and stars by thy behest shall shine Thy will be done; and endless praise be thine ! Downingtown, Chester County, Pa.

SECULAR PRESS BUREAU. Organized under the Direction of the America Spiritualist Alliance, 137 West 35th Street, New York.

(From the Pittsburg Leader, Monday evening, Nov. 17th,

1584.] Some time ago Mr. B. F. C. Morgan of St. Louis, in a letter to a Pittsburg friend, gave an account of what he considered some very remarkable spiritual manifestations which he had noted while visiting a medium in the firstnamed city. That letter was published in the Leader, and subsequently was replied to by Rev. Coovert of this city, who is an earnest opponent of the mystic science. The following letter from a member of the American Spiritualist Alliance is in answer to Rev. Coovert's

first communication: EDITOR LEADER-The Secular Press Bureau of this city, an organization formed to defend the truths of Spiritualism against unjust and the truths of Spiritualism against unjust and calumnious attacks, has had its attention called to a letter in your issue of the 2d inst., from the Rev. W. R. Coovert, said to be a pastor in the Church of God, replying to a communication in your paper from Mr. B. F. C. Morgan, relating some of his experience in witnessing spirit-manifestations. As far as this letter refers to Mr. Morgan and his statements, we, of course have no concern; but as the reverend gentle-man in a spirit of obvious rectlesseness and have no concern; but as the reverend gentle-man, in a spirit of obvious recklessness and virulent animosity, makes a general assault on Spiritualism and Spiritualists, insulting and slandering both the living and the dead, the Bureau feel called upon to repei this bitter, un-generous and untruthful attack, and they, therefore, in the interest of truth and justice, request you to insert in the columns of your therefore, in the interest of truth and jusice, request you to insert in the columns of your journal the following brief reply to Mr. Coo-vert's misstatements. With remarkable *Chris-tian charity* the reverend clergyman alleges that "it is part of the Spiritualist profession to lie by only telling a part of the truth, so as to "decaive and mystify the mind of the people." deceive and mystify the mind of the people." In penning this sweeping libel, did he mean to In penning this sweeping libel, did he mean to assert that suppresso veri is a part of the gen-eral policy of Spiritualists? He says so; but no greater falsehood could be uttered. He might as well have imputed this to the martyrs of Christianity as to those of Spiritualism. What motive could those pure and just men who have professed a belief in Spiritualism, with the sacrifice of earthly honor, official dis-tinction, social position, wealth — yea, even home, relations and friends, sometimes—have had in disguising the truth in order to "deceive the people"? The charge is false, and absurd on its face. The ranks of the Spiritualist have included many of the purest, ablest, most cul-tured men of the time, representing every pro-fession and walk of life, not excepting that clerical order to which Mr. Coovert himself be-longs. Does he dare to say that the Rev. Sam-

tive of the fact of spirit-communication, the very thought of which seems to put Mr. Coo-vert in a rage. As for spirit slate-writing, or psychography, the fact is established by the experiments and attestation of such men as Prof. Zöllner, who carefully and scientifically investigated it (see *Transcendental Physics*); and to deny it puts the denier on a plane with the Rev. Jasper, who, with Coovertian pertinacity and positive-ness, says: "The sun do move." Trickery ! yes, there is trickery everywhere; but we do not rest our conclusions upon that, but upon facts that are proved by far stronger evidence facts that are proved by far stronger evidence and more certain testimony than Mr. Coovert can adduce for the statements and dootrines which he preaches as infallibly and absolutely

true. Did Mr. Coovert ever know spiritual truths Did Mr. Coovert ever know spiritual trains to be presented or proved by a bet or a chal-lenge? His Master was often challenged to show a "sign" or work a "wonder"; did He ever accept it? Hear this enlightened minis-ter of the Church of God: "I denounce all me-diums as living frauds; and to make my chal-lenge good will leave two hundred and fifty dollars as a forfeiture with the *Leader*." Is that Christike? Does not this man know that that Christlike? Does not this man know that some of the purest members of private families

some of the purest members of private families are mediums—have given as much evidence of mediumship as the four daughters of Philip, the evangelist, "which did prophesy"? (Acts, xxi: 9.) Prophesy means there not to predict but to exercise the "spiritual gifts," which St. Paul described. "Neither prescience nor pre-diotion," says Dr. Smith, "is implied by the term prophet in Hebrew, Greek or English." Mr. Coovert attempts to stigmatize the edit-or or publisher of the Spiritual Telegraph by raking up some notice published in that jour-nal some twenty years ago. I know nothing of the notice or the person it concerned; but I knew the late Dr. S. B. Brittan and I know Mr. Charles Partridge. The character of each is irreproachable. Dr. Brittan was a man of the brightest talents and the highest culture; and I am sorry he is not now on the mortal place

brightest talents and the highest culture; and I am sorry he is not now on the mortal plane to make this clerical disputant one of the fig-ures in the "Battle-Ground of the Spiritual Reformation." Mr. Partridge is an honorable merchant of this city, prominent in several be-nevolent societies, among them the New York Juvenile Asylum, which he helped to found. Mr. Coovert says: "Rev. Joseph Cook was fooled by the slate-trick, and now it seems Gladstone has been duped by the slate-writing medium, and made to believe in the unknown psychic or occult force, which is simply the mechanical trick of a lying humbug of a medi-um." This is the language of vituperation as well as prejudice. Facts disprove the state-ment. Mr. Cook was not fooled; he never as-serted that he was, but, on the contrary, a cerserted that he was, but, on the contrary, a cer-tificate, signed by him and others after a thor-ough investigation, contained these words: "We cannot apply to these facts any theory of "We cannot apply to these facts any theory of fraud, and we do not see how the writing can be explained unless matter, in the slate pendil, was moved without contact." This was signed by F. E. Bundy, M. D., Epes Sargent, John C. Kinney, Henry G. White and Joseph Cook. What right has Mr. Coovert to assert that all these intelligent and careful investigators were, in his coarse language, "fooled"? Nor has the English premier, Gladstone, been "duped," as his statement when published will show. The medium, Mr. Eglinton, is as free from fraud as is Mr. Coovert, and is far more candid. He gave incontestable proof of genu-ine spirit-power, as evinced in psychography, candid. He gave incontestable proof of genu-ine spirit power, as evinced in psychography, at a recent public meeting in London, before four hundred witnesses, among them some of the *élite* of London society; and at a subsequent sitting a friend of Mr. John S. Farmer, editor of *Light*, certified that he "saw the last word be-ing written with the crumb of pencil which moved without any sisible cause from the right, in order to complete a word. It then stopped and fell on the last stroke of the word." We refrain from all further comment upon the shameful (or shaméless) series of slanders and falsifications by a "minister of the ohurch of God." The God of ruth can be served only by the truth. If the Hureau, New York, Nov. Toth, 1884.

Mr. J. Clegg Wright in Philadelphia.

years, for some eighteen years of the time closely associated with him in railway management. He was a man of intelligence, great industry and force of character. Previous to his departure hence he was in very poor health ; among his other afflictions was that of insomnia. I saw him shortly before his final taking off; he looked haggard and depressed-the wreck o his former self. What he says of his condition before the end of his physical life and its final ending is precise ly as understood by his friends and neighbors here. Cleveland, O., Nov. 28th, 1884. L. M. HUBBY, AMASA STONE (one of our millionaires) was well known to the business and railroad men of this and other cities. In 1881 he handed over to the trustees of our new and beautiful college, as a free gift, a deed of the grounds and the key of the splendid building, and delivered before a large assemblage, of which Ex-President Hayes was one, some brief but very fine and appropriate remarks. Asking a gentleman who was personally acquainted with Mr. Stone what he thought of the message, he replied: "It is very character-Istic. and Mr. Stone might have said so." Cleveland, O., Nov. 28th, 1884. J. A. HEINSOHN.

Spiritual Phenomena. New Medium and Remarkable Mani-

festations. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

A year ago I attended for the first time a circle or meeting of Spiritualists, and, as I expected before I went. I came away "an unbeliever in Spiritualism." However, as I had determined to investigate. I attended another circle on the following Tuesday evening, this time accompanied by my wife and father. During the sitting the medium turned to my wife, and, shaking hands with her, said, "You are a fine medium, and I will not let go your hand until you promise to sit." She promised to do so, and on the following evening we procured a small table and sat down placing our hands lightly upon it, the gas burning at its full height. After sitting this way without any sat isfactory results, we determined on trying it with the gas down. We had sat about three minutes in this way when, most strange as it seemed to us, the table began to tip. We asked a number of questions, and, more strange to us, it answered them all intelligently and correctly. This tipping continued for about three weeks, during which time, if my wife only put her hands on the table, it would push her all round the room. At this time my wife was controlled to write, and the first message received consisted of only four words, but what words could be more comprehensive : 'Have faith in us." We said we would, and, as they requested us to sit regularly on Sundays, Wednes-days and Fridays, have done so regularly this last year, except when prevented by the sickness of the medium. Shortly after our first communication in writing the medium was controlled mentally, and as this was rather a new experience with us we imagined the medium had fainted. We got rather excited, chafed her face and hands with water, and brought her out of her trance, or faint as we supposed it to be. Speaking with a well known Spiritualist the following morning, I mentioned the circumstance. He told me to allow the spirits to do as they wished and all would come right. At our next sitting we did so, and the medium

described some of our spirit-friends around us. After several nights of receiving verbal communications the medium was controlled to write. The mes sage was to the effect that, as it was near Christmas, some of our spirit-friends wished us to have a little supper on Christmas night, and instructed us to set the table for five, two seats being reserved for the me dium's mother and my mother, both of whom had passed over. We asked: "How will we know that you are here?" They replied that after the supper we were to turn down the lights and they would move our chairs.

Arrangements were made as they requested. Christ mas came and our supper took place. After supper and some little "speechifying" to our unseen guests, as the clock struck ten we turned down our lights, and in an instant both chairs were turned round at exactly the same distance and at the same moment. As the clerical order to which Mr. Coovert himself be-longs. Does he dare to say that the Rev. Sam-uel Watson has been guilty of deception, or of suppressing the truth? That Dr. Robert Hare, who was converted to a belief in Spiritualism by the most careful scientific investigation, did not tell the whole truth as he found it? That Governor N. P. Tallmadge, Judge John W. Ed-monds, William Crookes, A. R. Wallace, Pro-the University at Leipsic have concealed facts in order to deceive mankind? Or that any of that numerous host of eminent scientists, lawchairs turned my wife screamed with fright, declaring state of the religious world was far different from what | was to occupy in the room. We followed their direcit is now. At that time the doctrines of Calvin had a tions, placed the cabinet where they desired it to be, and there it stood for a considerable time, the medium meanwhile being afraid to go near it. At last she agreed to enter it if accompanied by some one. I therefore entered it with her and remained until she was controlled, then left her alone in the cabinet. The first night we sat we had no visible result; the second, at a small aperture in the side of the cabinet there protruded a beautiful small white hand holding a large lily, which was left with us, and on opening the cabinet the medium was found to be decorated with beautiful roses. After a few nights' sitting we were rewarded with full-form materialization. About this time we had the pleasure of being introduced to a well-known Spiritualist, Mr. John W. Free, By invitation he came to our circle on a Friday evening, and the spirit-control, "Jeanie," came out and shook hands with him. She asked him to come again on Sunday evening, and promised to bring him a flower. When Sunday evening came Mr. Free was with us, and to satisfy himself, but more especially others, he carefully examined the cabinet and was quite satisfied there was no flower there. At 8 o'clock the medium entered the cabinet, and after about five minutes' quiet singing a rap was heard. We asked if the flower was there. They replied that it was. We opened the cabinet, and there stood a large fuchsia in a pot. and bearing a profusion of beautiful blossoms. When measured, it was found to stand two feet four inches in height. Flowers have frequently been left since; and the spirit-forms walk out with wonderful strength to the friends they may wish to approach. The climax in our spiritual experience was reached on Wednesday evening, Nov. 19th, it being our first anniversary, some particulars of which are given below. ARCHIBALD S. BISHOP.

DECEMBER 13, 1884.

December Magazines.

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ST. NICHOLAS .- The Christmas number is introluced by J. G. Whittler with a poem entitled "The Light That is Felt." Miss Alcott gives the twelfth of her Spinning-Wheel Stories, "The Hare and the Tortolse." The distinctively holiday features are : "Visiting Santa Claus," by Lucy Larcom; "The Snow-Man," by Grace F. Ocolidge; "Madie's Christmas," by Mary Mapes Dodge; "Christmas Feasts in Westmin-ster Halls," and "What the Philosopher Said on Christmas Day." "Davy and the Goblin " is amusing, as is also the experience of a page in the United States Senate, related by Edmund Alton, as an incldent of his early days. Among the illustrated sketches, "The Little Unknown," in verse, by O. T. Congdon, will be much admired, and "Summer at Christmas-Time" no less so. The Century Company. New York. Cupples, Upham & Co., "Old Corner Bookstore," 283 Washington street, this city.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for December is a capital number, as reference to it on the part of the reader will quickly demonstrate. The arrangements making for the New Year prove that Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 4 Park street, Boston, Mass., are determined to keep their publication abreast of the highest promptings and uses for 1885. Among the specially notable features for the coming twelvemonth will be serial stories by Henry James, Mrs. Oliphant, Charles Egbert Craddock, and Sarah Orne Jew-ett; a series of papers entitled "The New Port-folio" will be contributed by Oliver Wendell Holmes; and poems, essays, stories and papers on scientific, literary and social topics may be expected from Whittier, Howells, Lowell, Richard Grant White, Charles Dudley Warner, Harrlet W. Preston, Edith M. Thomas, Thomas William Parsons, George Par-sons Lathrop, T. B. Aldrich, Eilzabeth Stuart Phelps, and others too numerous to mention. The Atlantic "portraits," obtainable at a slight advance on its subscription price, are gems in their way.

MAGAZINE OF AMERICAN HISTORY .- Portraits and brief sketches of the "Unsuccessful Candidates for the Presidency," from Fremont to Tilden. "Zamba's Plot." is a chapter in the history of New Orleans, giving some of the particulars of the discovery in 1730 of a conspiracy among the blacks to destroy the French residents. The early history and rapid growth of our country are shown in "Significant Beginnings Out West," by William Barrows. "Historic Portraits" include one of Washington at the age of twenty-five. The first part of "Political Americanism" indicates the coming, in future numbers, of a very instructive, at the same time entertaining series of articles from Charles L. Norton. Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York.

WIDE AWAKE excels, as a Christmas number, all its previous issues, opening with a joyous holiday scene printed in eighteen colors by Prang & Co. Other attractions are ten historical pictures of "Wonderful Christmases of Old," and an illustrated sketch of "Child Life in Venice." Of the stories readers will be drawn to"The Bubbling Teapot," "Benny in Court" and The Postman's Doll"; and of poems to " Little Maid Bertha's Stork," " Christmas Day," and " A Christmas Carol." Two serials are commenced, and the whole number is profusely illustrated. D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.

OUR LITTLE ONES has a fine frontispiece, with a descriptive poem, "On the Way to Grandmother's." The usual variety of interesting stories, poems and sketches are given, all accompanied with engravings. Among them are "The Torchlight Procession," "The Eagle and the Pig," "About Japan-The Theatre," "Scamp's Birthday Party," and a charming little song with music about Mother Hubbard. Russell Publishing Company, Boston.

THE ELECTRICIAN contains an interesting descriptive sketch, illustrated, of "The Waring System of Underground Cables," which, or some other of a similar kind, must soon come into general use, to the great relief of our cities, by ridding them of the hideous poles and scaffoldings that now disfigure them. One gets a good idea of the rapid growth of electrical solence and its practical developments from the pages of this periodical, which no one interested in the subject should fail to possess. Electrical Publishing Company, 115 Nassau street, New York.

CASSELL'S FAMILY MAGAZINE closes the year with the concluding parts of serials, gives several short stories, a few fine poems, informable articles on prac-tical subjects, and in "The Gatherer" new facts in art and science. Cassell & Co., New York.

Quarterly Meeting at Marcellus, Mich. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The last Quarterly Meeting of the Spiritualists of Van Buren County, this State, commenced at Marcel-lus, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, and concluded the follow-

More and the second charge of the second sec A clergyman, atter mifering a number of years from that loathsome disease. Catarrh, af-ter trying every known remedy withfout success, at last found a prescription which completely ourse and sayed him from death. J'any sufferer from this drassful disease sending a self-address-det temped envelope to Dr. J. A. Lawrence, 199 Bus attest Provident, New York, will receive the mage free of charge.

In order to deceive mankind? Or that any of that numerous host of eminent scientists, law-yers, scholars and divines (among the latter Archbishop Whately), did not tell the truth, and the whole truth, in their profession of a belief in Spiritualism? Such a statement would disgrace the most ignorant and reckless of partisans; how much more, then, a minister of the Church of God. Another specimen of the same disregard of the truth is found in what is boldly affirmed of Judge Edmonds. Mr. Coovert says: "I know that Judge Edmonds died insane. Why, Judge Edmonds became such a fool that even the Dem-ocrats would not elect him." This is absolutely untrue, both as suppressio veri and suggestio falst—it not only suppresses the truth, but as-serts what is false. Judge Edmonds was promi-nent as a lawyer during the whole twenty years that intervened between his conversion to Spir-itualism and his decease, practicing in the higher that intervened between his conversion to Spir-itualism and his decease, practicing in the higher courts : and up to the very close of his long and useful life he was consulted by the most emi-nent of the profession. He published as late as 1868 a valuable legal work, "Reports of Select Law Cases." I have received within a short period a full account of his decease, from his councher and here that is to converse. daughter, and know that it is a scandalous un-truth to assert that he "died insane." I hope truth to assert that he "died insand." I hope the Rev. Mr. Coovert will have as glorious and blessed a death, when the time comes, as this noble and gifted man, whose motto was "The Truth against the World." I need not refer to the circumstances under which a political con-vention refused to re-nominate him for the po-sition of the fourt of Appendix Would within of fudge of the Court of Appeals. Would W. R. Coovert be, necessarily, a fool, if a synod of atheists should decline to support him as a "minister of the Church of God"? Was St. Paul a fool because the Jewish Sanhedrim cast him out; or was he insane because Festus said

he was mad?" Neither did Robert Dale Owen die insane. It is true he became over-excited in regard to the disclosures in Philadelphia, which gave him the impression (an incorrect one) that he had been made to testify to what was untrue; and this, for a short time, unhinged his mind. How un-generous and illogical to refer to that circum-stance, as if it proved anything against the truths of Spiritualism, attested as they have been by so many strong-minded and highly in-tellectual men! Did Mr. Coovert never hear of a Christian clergyman who was sent to a lunaa Christian clergyman who was sent to a luna-tic asylum, or who "died insane"? Does he desire a catalogue of such cases to be drawn up and made a basis for assailing the truths of Christianity?

Christianity? This minister does not seem to know the Bi-ble as he should. He says: "The Bible does not teach that Samuel appeared and was mate-rialized." Well, let us quote the language of the Bible (I. Sam. xxviii: 12-15): "And when the woman saw Samuel, she oried out with a loud volce... And Saul perceived that it was Sam-uel... And Samuel said to Saul," etc. Dr. Smith's "Dictionary of the Bible," which is, perhaps, as wood an authority as Mr. Covert Smith's "Dictionary of the Bible," which is, perhaps, as good an authority as Mr. Coovert, says that the king, "must have falt the presence of the dead, and heard the sound of a sepulchral, voice. How else could the doom have come. true, and not the king alone, but his sons, have gone to the place of disembodied souls on the morrow?" Josephus says it was Samuel that appeared, and so does Jesus, the son of Sirach, in Ecclestasticus, an apocryphal book commend-ed by Luther, and held to be canonical by the Ostholic church,"

Catholic church, Now, does not the Bible, as well as scholarly Bodenta of the Bible-Dr. Adam Clarke with others may that Banuel appeared and prophe-sied? And how, could be appeared and prophe-use modern particular be appeared and prophe-instance to Spiritualistic it is but illustra-

firm supremacy in theology. The cold formal severity of religious thought is shown in the laws and circumstances of those times; freedom of thought had not been conceded; the names of men who had no religion were anathematized. The parents of Priestley were good people, and imbibed enough of the doctrines of the Church of Geneva to make them cherish a deep desire that their son should have an education to fit him for the pulpit. The young mind of Priestley was not averse to this. He went to college and studied hard. He had a fine memory and rare intellectual nowers. He joined the debating society at the college. and generally took the heterodox side on all subjects, which practice soon made him see that he could easily puzzle the divines and confute some of their arguments.

In after life he threw off the straitened faith of Calvin and widened out. He denied that the blood of Jesus Christ was a sacrifice for sin. The doctrine of the atonement was unreasonable, and he denied it. This was growth, surely, at that time of day. Victor Hugo says that the future belongs to Voltaire; and is he not right? Are not all systems of theology going down to forgetfulness. When they have all gone, will not the philosopher of Ferney be known and honored for his work?

Priestley had a great sympathy with the object of the great French Revolution. That exciting event made the old monarchies of, Europe tremble and totter. Edmund Burke, that excellent writer and orator of the age of the Georges, wrote a book against the French Revolution, which was replied to by Priestley, and caused the French people to honor him. This caused the Tories to hate Priestley, and on the occa sion of the fall of the Bastile, a few of the people of Birmingham decided to celebrate that event, which caused a riot, and the mob fell upon his house and destroyed his books and papers. Priestley was an in timate friend of Franklin, and did good work for the science of electricity. Priestley died in Pennsylvania ín 1804.

In spirit-life he belongs to that band of which Frank lin is so great a centre for the development of the most wonderful physical spiritual phenomena. These pirits have superintended a great amount of labor in the working out of the knowledge on the spirit-side of life of those laws which are connected with these physical manifestations.

The lecture was listened to with great interest by s large audience. SCRIBE,

Verifications of Spirit-Messages HENRY WOLFE.

In the BANNER OF LIGHT of Aug. 30th, 1884, there is a communication from HENRY WOLVE of Norwich, Ct., who put himself out of the body a few years since. showed the communication to his brother, who readiy recognized it as true in every particular. He also informed me that a short time after Henry's death he received a letter from his mother, who lives in Germa-ny, inquiring what had happened to Henry. She was impressed that something dreadful had happened to him ... Her description of her feelings "while under this impression... as to what she new, sta... were precisely as described by Spirit Henry Wolfe in his come. munication. I have shown this communication to many, and all who knew him reconniced it at once as being characteristic of him. Respectfully yours. Norwich Town, Ct.

L. W. DEAN. AMARA STORE: In the BASTER OF LIGHT of NOV. 224 appears a message from AMARA STORE of NOV. 224 appears a Chonged at the second dealer of the

837 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON, Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 1884.

We, the undersigned, hereby testify that we assem bled this evening for communion with our spiritfriends, and to witness the power of spirit over matter. We sat around a table partially provided as for tea, and after some music commenced to partake of the refreshments, when a spirit guide of the medium, Mrs. A. S. Bishop, who sat in her cabinet, appeared, and asked for an empty dish, which when she returned was filled with about two pounds of Malaga grapes. Soon she appeared again, and gave each of eight people a fine pear, and then brought twelve apples. After a pause, and a good deal of wonder as to what would come next, the spirit appeared, and presented us with bottle of wine.

All the above we know and affirm to be facts, and are satisfied that the grapes, pears, apples and wine were brought by our spirit-friends. After the spiritguide of Mrs. Bishop retired, the wife of Mr. Free, and also of Mr. John Bishop, appeared, and talked with and caressed their husbands, and manifested their pleasure in their ability to return and manifest their earthly conditions as of old.

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The last Quarterly Meeting of the Spiritualists of Van Buren County, this State, commenced at Marcel-lus, on Saturday, Nov. 16th, and concluded the follow-ing Sunday evening. Mrs. Oile O. Denslow, of South Bend, Ind., charmed the audience with her poetical and musical improvisa-tions, while her inspirational discourses brought truth and light so vividly to minds long in the thrall of gloomy doubt or degrading superstition, that many an individual who came from a prompting: of curiosity returned home with the binding feiters of creed and dogma forever broken. Mrs. Denslow is one of the most powerful and logical and inspiring discourses without feeling new and higher aspirations for better living and doing. Her work and fits results commend her to the consideration of societies and individuals interested in the diffusion of ilberal thought and a knowledge of immortality among the masses. Mr. O. A. Andrus, of Grand Rapids, entertained with his rance uterances; and impressed those who heard him with the fact that he is destined, under the guidance of his controls, to do a great work. Infinenced by the spirit of a Scotchman, he improvised poems on subjects given by his listenes, one on "What is Su-persittion?" being especially admired for its witty and sarcastic hits at the absurdites of the common belles of the day as taught by religious instructors. Mrs. Fuller of Mattawan, well known in all this sec-perience, and sound and ripened judgment, related on Sunday afternoon a marvelous story of her sittings in the circles of Mr. Mott of Memphis, Mo., (now of Kaness City.) The hall was filed with attentive, in-guiring persons, seeking information concerning the beyond, which the churches could not give them, and as she narrated how spirits, sometimes four at a time, came to the aperture of the cabinet, and, face to face, taked to her as of oid, referring to and conversing on indicents long. forgotten, every ear listened eagerly to the welowne who massed to enjirit-life at the explexed proving that death 'is not

emotions with a strength that no denial of all the strength can weaken or overcome. Among the Spiritualists of Marcellus those who came from a distance found an old-time and hospitable welcome, and they who met as strangers at the fire-side were friends on the morning of separation, with a bond of union between them which they are assured that not even death can interrupt. Schoolcraft, Mich.

Next January there is to be held in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, & conference of artizans, capitalists, and persons interested in the study of social problems, to discuss from every point of view the questions con-nected with the distribution of the arealis of labor be-tween the actual workers and those supplying the capital. A "gentleman of Edinburgh, sassiven \$5: 000 toward carrying out the process programme.

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BANNER ÖF LIGHT.

A MOTHER'S THOUGHT.

Mother, with your children straying Into danger everywhere, How, amid your household duties, Can you keep so free of care? "Oh i" she said, with pleasant smiling, "There are angels everywhere ! "Angels guard the little children ; All their willful fancies rule; Watch them in the summer playing By the deep and ready pool; Keep their little feet from straying Going to and from the school.

"On the winter's frozen river, In the summer's rozen river, In the summer's fever heat, In the woods or on the mountain, In the danger-haunted street— What could mothers do if angels Did not guard the little feet?"

And we are but larger children, And we are out target contaren, Needing also angel care. They give courage when we 're weary, Hope and help when in despair, Whisper many a word of caution, Keep our feet from many a snare.

In and out across our thresholds, They go with us every day; Oh, how often have they turned us, When we should have gone astray; Oh, how often death had met us, If they had not barred the way!

And we dimly feel their presence, Feel their love, and strength, and care; And amid a thousand dangers, In life's battle take our share Fearless, knowing, like the mother, "There are angels everywhere."

Banner Correspondence.

New Jersey.

ANCOBA .- The following tribute to the effective labors of the editor of Facts reaches us with a request that it appear in our columns, which, in justice to our contemporary, we take much pleasure in complying with:

BRO. WHITLOCK-Your magazine. Facts. is a store house of most valuable and interesting evidences of man's immortality-positive proofs, I ought to sayand should be scattered broadcast o'er all lands, that the people in every quarter of the globe may have at last a "bible record" that will be indeed worth preserving-good for the soul, refreshing to the weary spirit, a consolation to the bereaved, a hope and promise for all: God bless you, brother, for such work as you are doing; may the angels of love and peace surround you, and mortals join hands with you to aid and assist by earthly sympathy and material support; that these facts, "more strange than fiction," may multiply as record, till they are plied more than mountain high -"Pellon upon Ossa"-and till no one shall dare to question the reality of life after death, the unity of the two worlds, and the grandest, sweetest fact of all, that "Death hath no power over human affection i Life is unending and Love eternal i"

Accept these last words, in quotation, as a tribute to you from the further side (originally wafted to me from the loving hand of a cherished one there). Yours, for the spiritualization of humanity and the ushering in of the era of peace on earth,

J. MADISON ALLEN.

VINELAND .- The following, condensed from the columns of The Rostrum, indicates that Mrs. Field of Boston awakened much interest in the cause during her stay in Vineland:

Columns of The Rostrum, indicates that Mrs. Field of Boston awakened much interest in the cause during her stay in Vineland:. "Sunday, Nov, 16th, Chara A. Field occupied the platform at Cosmopolitan Hall. The hour of the morn-ing was passed in discussion of the subject of phren-ology, and psychometry. A well-balanced head was. likened to a well-regulated household. The back brain stands for the kitchen, and is the foundation of all life. We should keep the kitchen clean; just in proportion as we abuse these faculties we suffer pen-sities of a violated law. This brain, property devel-oped, gives a force of character and insures a good front brain—A good sitting-room and parlor. Back brain was first, front next in order—both need care and balancing. Well-lighted rooms are necessary to health, so the soul should live in the light in order for best development. It was declared that it was possi-ble for us to be so developed as to be able to ignore every bad influence and stand up in the dignity of a grand man and womanhod. "Bubject in the 'evening i' What is Evil?" The argu-ment was to the effect, that evil was only seeming-it was undeveloped good. The subject was well and ably discussed, and at the close of the 'lecture the speaker exercised her psychometrio powers and gave some readings of character, making some good hits, as par-ties declared. "Sunday, 23d, subject discussed was 'Mediumship.' Mrs. Field said : 'All mediumship is not found among Spiritualists. Spirits attracted to earch are living out their lives through some one or more. In this earth straia earth-bound spirits are held by law of attrac-tion. You may have here i and few also, get out of earth-attraction, when they, no over. Obsession or possession is a fact—Vanderbil is still at work in the same line. When our friends get out they what to optroj, and we desire them to control. Fasting is conducive to an inspiration from the angel-spheres. Here the speaker gave an account of her grand up lifting after fasting ten days. 'Scandal-mongers

circle, then the clairvoyant told me it was a steamboat which was burned on some river, and a man and wife by the name of Hutchinson passed to spirit-life, and wished her to tell of it so it would be printed in the BANNER, for it would be recognized. If any one does recognize it, I wish such person would make it known to me by letter, as it would be a test to the medium and to us all.

I hearthere are other circles in town, but I am not informed in regard to their details. I hope every circle will prosper, for the more there are the better. Last Friday evening, Nov. 28th, I attended a private

circle at the residence of Col. J. S. Kidder with Edgar W. Emerson as medium. There were eight people in the circle-four gentlemen and four ladies-and just before Mr. Emerson was entranced his left arm began to pain him very badly. He removed his coat and pashed up his shirt-sleeve, and on his arm, between the elbow and wrist, we saw the name of 'Martha,' in red letters, and under it the capital letter 'M.' While looking at it, other letters came by the side of the 'M,' spelling the name of Mason-Martha Mason, who was a friend of one of the ladies present. The writing had the appearance of being scratched with some sharp point. After we had all seen it, it begun to fade away; it was wonderful to us, for we had never seen anything like it, and it is a new phase with Mr. Emerson, he having had it but once before. Our cause seems to be growing surely but slowly, for

New Hampshire is a very conservative place, and is far behind Vermont and Massachusetts in regard to Spiritualism."

Michigan.

PINE WOODS .- Dennis Dowling states that he was a Darwinian before he heard of Darwin or his theory, and relates by what means he became so, as follows: " In 1850 I came to Michigan and became a land-hunter, which required me to be in the woods weeks at a time alone. At one time, being near the head of Muskegon River, I came to an opening in thick, heavy pine timber, of about thirty acres. The pines, by an electric storm or a detached part of a hurricane, had been thrown down, and the year before had caught fire from lightning, spontaneous combustion or Indians, and had burned everything clean but the stumps of the pines, which were still there. I stood on a log and looked over the vast expanse with wonder and amazement. 'It was June 12th, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; the air was filled with balsamic fragrance not a sound to be heard but the soft music of the summer breeze through the pines; and I think there is nothing in nature that touches the grand and sublime in man like such stillness. The whole of that opening was green as a clover-field; on every foot of ground was a little oak tree, from six to twelve inches in height. They had grown so fast the stems of many of them were still green-had not taken on the grey color of the oak bark. As I stood looking at them, I wondered where all the acorns came from to produce so many. I did not know of an oak tree nearer than the river bottom, four miles distant. I pulled up hundreds of them and dug in the ground to find some relic of an acorn, but failed to find the least particle of one. I sat on a log and thought-and you may call it mechanical cerebration, or spiritual influence, or what you are a mind to-a light shone upon me above the brightness of the sun. At that instant the beautiful theory of Evolution flashed upon my mind, and I said to myself, this we call nature goes on developing all the time, and has been doing so always. Certain combinations of matter in the soil produce a pine; other combinations, caused by natural chemistry, produce an oak, and so on through the whole vegetable kingdom; and I was a firm Darwinian or Evolutionist from that instant. And I reasoned further: If the Creator does a part of his work this way, why should we not expect him to do all the same way, from the nebulous formation of the planets up to man? This whole thing became a firm conviction, a fixed fact in my mind; and if all the infallible bibles and infallible popes and all the fallible preachers had preached to me from that day to this, telling me I had arrived at an erroneous conclusion, I could not have believed them."

Connecticut.

NEW HAVEN.-E. P. Goodsell writes: "Some months since a correspondent of the BANNER OF LIGHT gave his views respecting a 'New Theology,' first assuming that the Creator of the universe' must be incomprehensible. He then proceeded to bring forward a 'new faith,' which, in his view, ' becomes necessary above all things." Faith in what, or in whom ? Certainly not in theology, for it has been tried eighteen and a half centuries, and mankind has become weary of it. Yet the writer referred to says : 'Its confident and constant expectation is perfectly reasonable." What I shall a faith that has failed to satisfy man's longing desires to know of immortality be perpetuated? What is faith without facts for a basis? It was formerly admitted that faith without works was dead ; now; it is found that faith without facts is dead and buried without hope of resurrection. The 'new theology,'like its predecessor, studiously and continuously ignores the work of God's angels-ministering spirits. Why should his messengers of light, of knowledge, of truth be repulsed, and forbidden to teach mankind the way of eternal life; and to make that way so plain that even babes may understand it? Faith is blind without facts for a basis. Facts form the chief corner-stone, indeed, the entire foundation of the building, and render it immovable. Facts constitute a firm foundation for the ladder on which mankind can safely climb into higher realms of infinite space and infinite knowledge. The facts are increasing, and our world is being flooded with them. They who are giving them to us we know: we knew them in their mundane stage of existence. So, therefore, your faith does not become necessary to our peace, happiness, or well being. Give mankind the facts, and they will accept them, for they are worthy of attention, and will endure. 'That which is now dawning on the Ohristian world is doubtless destined to have its day,' says the correspondent. But this dawning light is not the result of theological teaching of faith, nor can light henceforth come through pulpit orations on such themes as vicarious atonement, the shedding of blood, raising decomposed bodies from their graves in an unknown future, and other like absurdities."

Questions Answered Through the Trance-Mediumship of Mr. W. J. Colville.

SERIES NUMBER ONE.

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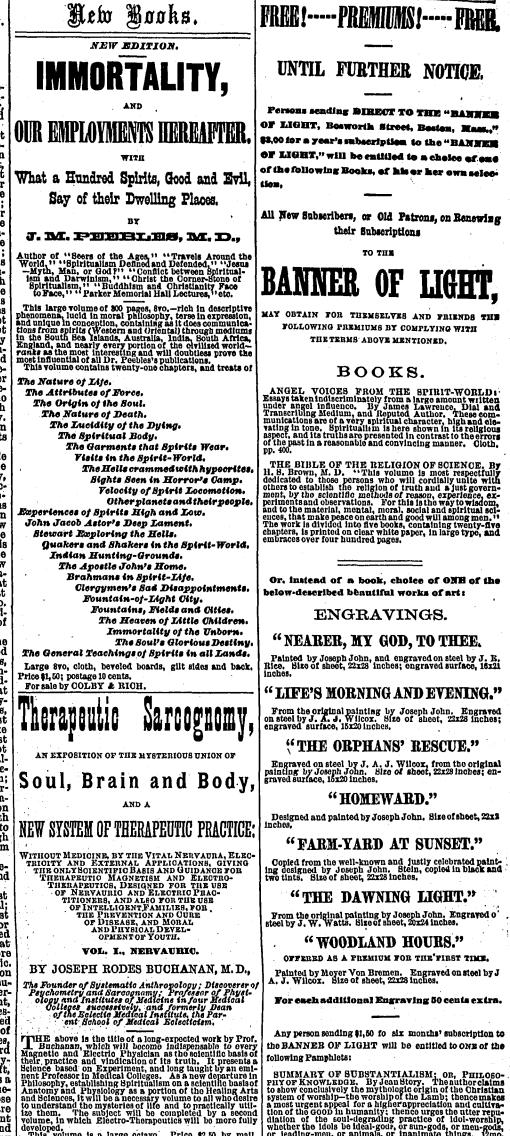
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QUES.-Do low, ignorant spirits become de-veloped by returning to earth through medi-ums? If so, what is the advantage gained, or, in other words, why may they not be developed by higher spirits in the spirit-land? Ans.-Spirits of a low degree of development certainly do become developed by their asso-clation with more developed minds here on earth. Spirits of a low degree of development, concerning whom you speak, have never left the earth at all. Although they have left their physical bodies they are as much a part of the population of this globe as they ever were; they as really live on this earth as they ever did in other days. The reason why they are not so readily developed by higher spirits, with-out the agency of mortals, is because they are not in a condition to know their voices or to see their forms; they, also, can only com-prehend that which they understand through physical sensations; and as they no longer have bodies of their own, these physical sensations can only he device why contact, with hodies physical sensations; and as they no longer have bodies of their own, these physical sensations can only be derived by contact with bodies that yet live upon the earth. As they do not see with the eye of the spirit, as they do not hear with the ear of the spirit, as they do not hear with the ear of the spirit, is is necessary they should be manifested through your organ-isms, in order that they may gain light and knowledge. Those spirits who are so much de-veloped that they can learn direct from higher spirits are those who are cultivated in the re-gion of spiritual perception, whereas those who cannot receive except through contact with those on earth, are more devoid of spirituality. Q.-Will you please explain the phenomenon known as the stigmata? Is it spiritual in its results? A.-Decidedly it is, and it is quite possible

results? A.-Decidedly it is, and it is quite possible that this form of manifestation should be the direct result of spirit agency. It is, in reality, a spiritual manifestation: it can decidedly oc-our in connection with a living, individual be-ing. Blood may appear upon different portions of the body. We have seen letters written in blood appear upon the arms of persons now living, and while this blood may not really have exuded through the pores of the skin. It is exuded through the pores of the skin, it is materialized blood. If spirits can materialize anything from the atmosphere, as we know they can materialize fruit, flowers and fac sim-fles of human forms, it is, of course, a less feat to materialize simple blood. We know that spirits can produce this manifestation, and do. to materialize simple blood. We know that spirits can produce this manifestation, and do. Q.—What have you to say in regard to acci-dents or disasters by sea and land, which are of

so frequent occurrence? A.—You do not really understand all the workings of spiritual law. If you understood the lesson of life as it is learned by the angels, you would not ask the question you do concernthe lesson of life as it is learned by the angels, you would not ask the question you do concern-ing accidents and disasters. From the stand-point of the angel-world there is no accident at all; there are no real disasters, because every-thing is under the direction of higher powers, who, if they do not positively ordain, at least undoubtedly permit whatsoever may take place. You do not know what is the best method for you to gain experience; you do not always understand what your fellow-men real-ly need. Very often they may need the expe-rience which such accidents may bring them; therefore their guardian spirits do not inter-fere to prevent their being engulfed in the wa-ter. If you have any special work to do on earth, your spirit-guides will keep you on earth until it is done. But if it is better for you to pass from earth-life at the time you do, through any disaster, you will not be prevented from going where it is. Q.—Do you not recognize wit as a divine ele-ment? And do not force of expression and spiritual unfoldment go hand in hand? A.—Not necessarily in all cases. The most witty persons are not always the most spiritual; the most spiritual are not always the most witty. You might as well state that an actor was necessarily the most spiritually-minded man in the universe, whereas we know that many actors and actresses are neither more nor, less spiritual world more than another cocu-

One occupation does not necessarily fit a person for the spiritual world more than another occufor the spiritual world more than another occu-pation. We cannot argue that one set of per-sons are more spiritual because more brilliant, because they have wear failt because more brilliant, because they have wear failt because more brilliant, because they have wear failt because more brilling for your wit or humor, for your fertility of ideas, so much as failt your purity of motives, for the chastity of your thoughts. We regard wit as a divine quality, just as much as any-thing else. The divine quality of wit is a gift, as much as a taste for drawing or music is a gift. Your musicians and painters are not ne-cessarily more moral or spiritual than those who possess none of these talents. If you are excellent in this direction, you may be deficient in another direction; taking deficiencies and areally for your they way be deficient. excellent in this direction, you may be deficient in another direction; taking deficiencies and excellencies together, you will find, in many instances, that those who are not brilliant outwardly are brilliant inwardly; those who have not great power of expression may have great sympathy, great purity of thought. The mere verblage, the clothing of the ideas, the outward flash of brillianty is not necessarily an indication of spirituality because many of the most brilliant people are the least spiritual, and many of the most spiritual people are the least witty; at the same time we regard wit, like anything else, when rightly used, as being a divine gift, capable of reforming the world.



Massachusetts.

SPRINGFIELD, - H. A. Budington writes: "A the meeting of Nov. 30th, Mr. E. W. Emerson gave the following names and proofs of identity of spirits seen by him :

by bin :
 of Springfield, Mass.: Richard Clark, Sarah J. Cooley, Luke Hart, Mrs. Emeline Maniy, Eddle. Cook (who wished his father, mother and sites to know that he is with them every day; that he is pleased with the pictures they have made of him, and he tries to come very near to them often). Alfred J. Bartlett, Rich-ard (Dick) Rice (said he 'tipped' the glass too much). Henry Woods (said he was a music dealer here, but he now enloys far more beautiful music that he ver did on earth). John Farrell, old Uncle John Farrell, Mary Far-rell, Badie Farrell, Hattle Farrell, Mary A. Tinkham (said she was intersted in the Olivet Church). William H. Hankerson, Ephraim B. Taylor, John G. Taylor, Stephen Graves, Nathaniel Adams, Kdi Lucas (said he was a drüg-gist). Alice Boath (six years old), Oharles White (little boy). Oharles Dennison (said he was id this grandma, and was frightened to death). William Bist; Jonnie Eg-gleston, Alonzo Kendall (dimbeam said this man had but just died that day, which was correct). Annie. Albeck, Merritt Aspluwall, J. Engene Johnson, Eddig Johnson, Merritt Aspluwall, J. Singleton, Mrz, Helen Loud (said ake died in Westbannyton, as once lived in Loudville. C. C. Loud was her huband). Johnson Eddig Johnson, Boranna Ohaplin. . J. West Springfald 3. Frank Ashley.

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Gardner, Mass.) Of Haaley, Mass.; John Kellogg, Belzey Kellogg, Mary Rellogg (med. to be called 'Aunt Polly)', Addrew Laz-son, William Field Shipman (said he was postmaster there). Job Pierce (said he died in a poor-house away from Hadley, and that he was ninety-sight rears old). Of South Hadley Fails : Edmund Allen, Loren Robin-

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 Of South Middley Fulls: Edmund Allen, Loren Bobin-of Stafford. Cf.: Edward Walcott, Josiah Alford, Barah Gough, Nancy Campbell.
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New Hampshire.

MANCHESTER,-Geo. F. Rumrill, 86 Laurel street, writes, Dec. 1st: "The Pennacook Club in this place has started its circles again. We have a nice room, new chairs, carpet, table and organ, so we are nice and comfortable. Our room will hold forty people, and we have the chairs all filled. Hope it will continue so all winter. We begin at 6 o clock by reading selec-upon, and anging by the members of the Club for. about hair an hour; then the time is given to mediums and spirits until 8 o'clock. We have for trance medi-und spirits until 8 o'clock. We have for trance medi-und sails and blocks and takles all the with which it abounds. Every page smacks of sail see-wares. No landsman could write a book like this. There also Mis. Tayole, who is a fine dialryoyant. Last function and takes a some most disaster was de-southed by both mediums, but it was so confused that is could make all the group and takes, by then y is a so confused that and sails and blocks and takes of sail see-wares. No landsman could write a book like this. There also Mis. Tayole, who is a fine dialryoyant. Last function is a state mboat disaster was de-southed by both mediums, but it was so confused that is could make a book like the state is book by both mediums, by the both both the south of it, but it after the is the street, cheage, ill. (1)

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PROVIDENCE.-Wm. G. Wood reports that he at-tended a séance held by Joseph West, at No. 6 Lake street, and received much satisfaction from rappings and tippings, the demonstrations occurring in the light.

New Publications.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE. By M. S. Robinson of the Chicago Bar. 12mo, paper, pp. 86. Chi-cago: Published by the author.

A treatise giving the laws of the various States of this country, England and the Continent, regarding marriage and divorce; causes for which divorces will be granted: what are and what are not legal marriages and valid divorces, and other information, together with a statement of the effect of divorce upon persons, right of property, etc.

DOBCAS, THE DAUGHTER OF FAUSTINA. By Nathan C. Kouns, author of "Arius the Liby-an." Illustrated. 12mo, cl., pp. 255. New Nork: Fords, Howard & Hulbert.

A story of Rome and the early Christians, exhibiting a remarkable delicacy of expression and purity of thought. The insight it gives of the social life and religious customs of the Romans in the third and fourthcenturies entities the book to a careful reading. It imparts a most interesting fund of information respect-ing the era in which its scenes are laid, the persecu-tions to which those who chose to follow the spiritual leaders of those times were subjected being vividly portrayed.

AN OLD SAILOB'S YABNS, By Capt. Roland F. Coffin. 16mo, pa., pp. 148, New York: Funk & Wagnalls.

These are not so near actuality as to bring sea-alckness to the reader, but very near that point, as every one, will admit who peruses the vernacular of the

Compared Latences Spansons

Officer inspecting ranks: sergeant major following. Officer-"Private Atkins has n's shaved this morning, sergeant major." Sergeant major-"He is going to let his beard grow, sir." Officer-"I can't have men coming on parade like this. Any man wanting to grow a beard must do it in his own time and not on parade.—Ex.

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From Boston, Nov. 22d, 1884, Mrs. Juliette M. Field, at

Fransect to spirite-Line.
From Boston, Nov. 224, 1884, Mrs. Julietto M. Fleid, at the age of 76 years.
Mrs. Waters, where Mrs. Fleid has resided for the past eighteen months, is the only survivor of the family. In Mrs. Fleid's early life she was engaged in school teaching, and in the early days of Modern Spiritualism she embraced the philosophy as her religion, and has been a subscriber to the BANNER OF LIGHT for a fourth of a century. She was the only one in the family that was interested in the subject of Spiritualism. She saw spirits, and was made happy by the knowledge has gained from them. For the material life, carling but little for material than in the material life, and past for weak she hold on the family that was made the philosophy as here the four them. For the material life, and past for a source of the spiritual than in the material life. Carling but little for material than in the material life. Carling but little for material the signed away, and har general system broken up, but in the shell was a sugar previous to her departure, she attended a seance at the Banner of Light Circle Boom, and this was the last time she left the fours. The final cauge of her exit was a slight cold, and boing weak she had. hot sufficient strength to overcome it, and her spirit left her body like putting out the light of a candle. Mrs. Field resided in bisficord. Conn. the most of her life, and was beloved and respected by all who knew her for her many mobile trailing charter. Some persons remark that Byfit the the body was the orden where the struct by buy the show the to her many nobile trails the short her and her sufficient strength to of a lagit Circle Boom in the show her for her many nobile trails of the ractic. Some persons remark that Byfit and her spirit and her show the structure is the structure of the show there are monose to her converse and had her sufficient strength to other and her sufficient strength to the light of a candle her days do very well to live by but the show the the t

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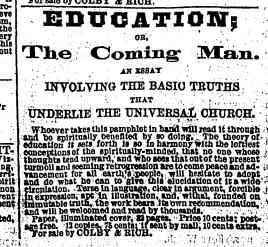
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the feat in the presence of a jury composed of Mr. Maskelyne and others, who are in a posi-tion either to declare that there was no conjur-

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who has seen these manifestations has admitted that they were beyond his art, and not one of

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bands were secured, writing has been obtained between two slates while held firmly together in the air between the thumb and fingers; in

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The Indian, and "a Sixth Sense."

Scientific men, and all others of course, have long since settled down in the conclusion that there were only five senses-seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and touching-and there was the end of it. But the condition of life is discovery, which means progress, and it has in our day become a serious question whether still another "sense" has not been discovered. We recently gave a digest of the reported facts by the Psychological Society of London, published in the Nineteenth Century, on this most interesting of subjects. This Society has a branch in Montreal, and the Toronto Mail risks the statement that mental communications are "a branch of Indian Medicine." It states that there is a proverb in the northwest that it is impossible to give one Indian news of another : these Indiana get word of events affecting themselves or other Indians it admits to be incon. explicable on any ordinary theory. It believes that some of their senses are sharpened by their mode of life, and cites Archbishop Tache as testifying that the half-breeds possess the marvelous faculty, or instinct, of observation of the pure Indian, which white men appear to be unable to acquire. A number of most interesting illustrations of the fact are given by the Mail. Although this keenness of observation and power of localization in the Indians of the Northwest is allowed to be a part of their training in order to secure what white men would call a precarious subsistence, he nevertheless connects it with the "medicine," or craft that enables him, according to his own account, to behold scenes occurring elsewhere, and to learn what a friendly Indian afar off is doing. Thus, says the Mail. a Blackfoot on the reserve near Gleichen will sometimes announce that a herd of antelove. numbering so many head, is crossing a certain creek on the frontier a hundred and fifty miles south of there, at such and such a period of the day or night. He is unable to describe the way in which he comes by such wonderful knowledge, but he gives all the credit to "medicine," which is a term that includes everything which he cannot understand. Another illustration of the possession of this sixth sense is given, which we will recite. A squabble once arose, sixty or seventy miles from Calgary, between Bull Head, the Sarcee chief, and a government official, over a ration of bad fiour. It could not possibly have been premeditated on the part of the Sarcees. A Blackfoot Indian employed at the police barracks at Calgary described the affair with great minuteness to an officer there, not only on the day but at the very hour it occurred, and a week before word of it reached the police. He even desoribed the government official as a stranger in that region; described his personal app arance and dress with vivid particularity; repeated the angry words spoken on both sides, and the conversation that took place at the healing of the dispute, and much more besides, all of which proved true to the letter. The Mail concedes it would be an easy matter to account for this and similar facts by saying that the diviner-so to call him-heard of them from persons directly or indirectly interested: but it says that the police affirm that such a theory will not stand. They tell, for example, from actual personal knowledge, of news of trouble among Indians near Qu'Appelle station being known and discussed by members of the same tribe at Fort Walsh, some fifty miles south of Maple Creek, before the telegraphic report of it had reached Maple Creek, which is two hundred and seventy-three miles west of Qu'Appelle, though the authorities there had made all haste in acquainting the Maple Creek blick that they might forewarn the detachmt af Tort Walsh.

wide distinction who expresses belief in a sixth | The "Truth" Not in Accordance with sense. Doubtless many Indians do possess it. Nature has thus kept the evidence concealed until the time had come for it to be used in support of the new theory. If the London Psychological Society has a field before it in such visions as Canon Warburton is related to have seen, then the branch society at Montreal have a field all their own in the so cailed Indian "medicine," to which its members may profitably direct their future studies. We are evidently in sight of things in the universe of God which were never seen or known of mortals before; but the habit of utterly denying the possibility of their existence because they are not yet familiar to us is only folly in its su-

Marvelous Slate-Writing.

At Moffitt's gallery, says the New Britain correspondent of the Hartford Times, we saw a photograph taken from some writing on a slate. This slate, which, by the way, is a double or a pair of slates, belongs to a well-known citizen of fifty years of age. He took the pair of slites to Boston, after having first tied them together tightly and attaching sealing-wax in four places. Calling upon a spirit medium there he asked for a genuine test of spirit-writing. He did not let the slate leave his hand once. He was told to place it on his head, and hold it there with one hand, taking hold of the medium's hand with the other. He could hear the writing going on. In ten seconds the writing was done. He left Boston, and went to a relative's house in Springfield. Not till he reached his sleeping-room did he break the sealing-wax, and then he saw the message. The handwriting was instantly recognized as that of a deceased sister and brother. This citizen is an honest man, and would not knowingly be a party to any imposition.

The above statement sets forth an experience analogous to one which we were privileged to have in presence of the psychic, C. E. Watkins, some years since, in New York City, and which, if memory serves us correctly, was in detail as follows: Mr. George A. Bacon, a prominent Spiritualist of Boston (now of Washington) being our companion at the time, and a co-witness to the verity of all which transpired during the sitting. We called together on Mr. Watkins for a sitting, just as he was about to partake of lunch, and, inviting our attention to some half-dozen slates which were upon the table in the parlor, he requested us to examine them carefully while he was absent from the room. We did so, and are positive that there was no writing of any description upon them. The room we were in was in full daylight, the sunshine flooding it during the seance.

When Mr. W. returned from his lunch, we selected two slates, which we held firmly together-after inserting a bit of pencil between them -in our right hand (the hand extending horizontally with the body), while our left hand was held by Mr. Bacon, whose left hand was in turn held by the medium—who was consequently further from the slate than either of his visitors. Sounds of writing, or rather more like scratching, began to be heard between these slates thus held, the medium being so affected that the result showed itself in contortions of his body, he declaring that two persons, or spirits, were certainly writing between them, for he could feel their influence. When the scratching was no longer heard, we opened the slates, which we had not for one moment lost sight of or allowed to be taken out of our hand. and upon one half of one of them we found a highly satisfactory and appropriate message from our late partner, William White, the signature appended being a perfect fac simile of his writing when in earth life. The other half of the same slate contained a message personal to the medium is used at the BANNEE circles. and Mr. Bacon, from his old friend, L. Judd Pardee. This message was divided from our own by a heavy line drawn across the slate, and the chi- tion; JOSEPH F. JOHNSON wishes his friends rography was entirely different from that of in Dedham and Jamaica Plain to interest themthe one addressed to us-the signature of Spirit selves in the investigation of Spiritualism, and

Holiday Offerings!

Christmas and New Year's are close at hand, In Truth, published in London, Mr. Labouand as the making of presents has become a time-honored custom regarding these seasons of festivity, it is the general wont to glance "Some years ago, one Slade appeared in this country, and made money by pretending to have a slate on which 'spirits' wrote. The man was exposed at a police court, when Mr. Maskelyne explained how this very simple trick was performed. Now a Mr. Eglinton has turned up and has the affrontavy to andervor about in advance in quest of the most appropriate offerings which friend can make to friend.

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E A correspondent of the Exeter (N. H.) Gazette for Dec. 5th states that Mrs. Maud E. Lord (the distinguished dark-circle medium) visited that place on Thanksgiving Day, delivering in the evening an eloquent address, the subject matter of which was a description of her early life and mediumistic experiences. The Gazette's account concludes as follows :

"At a private séance Friday evening, in her presence, many forms of invisible power and intelligence were shown. Materialized hands passed around freely and independent voices were heard by all present. Lights were seen and a variety of phenomena presented. Careful observers were there who concede the honesty and sincerity of the medlum; and cannot refute the ascription of spiritual agency involved in these manifestations. Precisely how these are produced is a mystery awaiting solution. It is sheer cowardice to shrink from investigation, and wanton effrontery to deny it without knowledge. To ascribe It to demons (as the term is understood) is absurd."

A well-attended and interesting seance was held at 94 Waltham street, Boston, on Monday evening, Dec. 8th, Mrs. Lord being the medium. Mrs. L.'s address is at this office for the present.

10 A late number of La Constancia contains, in addition to much valuable spiritual matter, many of the well-authenticated evidences of spirit power gleaned from Bro. Whitlock's magazine, Facts; among which we find one from Mrs. Kate Stiles, of Worcester, Mass.; an account of Dr. Slade's visit to Onset Bay in 1883, and the translation of the Latin and Greek messages received through his mediumship, by Dr. James Cooper, of Bellefontaine, Ohio. We also learn that the government of Costa Rica has absolutely prohibited the establishing of monastic, or other religious orders; within its territory, and in view of the excesses committed by the clericals, has deprived them of the right to vote. The war against magnetic healers still continues in Madrid, the authorities having expelled from that city two healers, who, by their wonderful cures, had received the name of "The Apostles." We also note an extract from the BANNER OF LIGHT, giving an account of the spiritual manifestations which took place some time ago at Wairarapa, New Zealand.

ET The crowning work on the WASHINGTON MONUMENT took place on Saturday last, by the workmen setting in place the marble capstone and its pyramidal apex of aluminum. As soon as the capstone was set, the American flag was unfurled overhead, and a salute of twenty-one guns fired in the White House grounds. The sound of oheers also came up faintly from the crowd of spectators gathered around the base of the monument, while a number of invited guests on the five-hundred-foot platform and in the interior of the monument at that level, spontaneously struck up the "Star Spangled Banner." and other patriotic songs. The flags over the monument floated from a flagstaff the top of which is exactly six hundred feet from the ground, thus displaying the American colors at the greatest height of construction ever yet known in the world. The monument itself, with its total height of five hundred and fifty feet, far overtops every other structure of human hands.

A Good Suggestion.

Several years ago we suggested in this paper that the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism (which falls on the 3ist of March) was of sufficient importance to have all our various city meetings unite on so important an occasion. But the idea thus thrown out was passed over unheeded. Now several of our correspondents suggest that, as a Grand Temple, devoted to the cause, has been erected in Boston, the various societies unite to celebrate the Thirty. Seventh Anniversary in the said Temple (March 31st. 1885), and at the same auspicious time dedicate it. Such an event would be a marked era in the annals of the New Dispensation, and we earnestly hope that the managers of the several Spiritualist societies, etc., will call a meeting and take measures toward accomplishing so laudable a result.

Franklin Typographical Society.

At the recent meeting of the Boston Franklin Typographical Society, the committee appointed at the August meeting to consider the statement from the Treasurer upon the decrease of the funds, reported recommending a reduction in the weekly benefits from \$5 to \$4 per week, with a resolution providing for the restoration to \$5 per week when the available surplus in the treasury amounted to \$600. As this Society is purely a charitable one, it is to be hoped that the benevolently disposed will donate funds sufficient to keep up the weekly benefits to \$5,00. This Society is one of the oldest institutions of the kind in the city, and has done much good in assisting its sick members.

105 We have in Boston a Parker Memorial Building, where liberal thought is enunciated; a Paine Memorial Building, where the Liberalista hold Sunday meetings, the proprietors of which edifice-although not believers in Spiritualism-allow one of our Spiritualist Children's Lyceums to hold meetings there; and we also have a splendid edifice (nearly completed)-the First Spiritual Temple-where the ethics of Modern Spiritualism will be taught. Is not this a sure sign that the people are throwing off the shackles of Old Theology for more rational views? Does it not also prove that men and women are beginning to think for themselves upon subjects of vital interest to the human race? There can be no question of this fact. Not only is liberal thought rapidly expanding in this country, but all over the civilized world the brightest intellects of the age are joining our ranks.

10 Le Spiritisme reports a séance at Bordeaux, at which a lady who was a seeing medium gave a description of the communicating spirit, by which the writer says he recognized M. L., an expert in telegraphy, whom the lady had never seen in earth-life. At request, the spirit communicated, by means of the Morse alphabet, using the leg of the table as manipulator. The medium had no notion of telegraphy. Several investigators, practical telegraphists, were present and convinced of the accuracy of the manifestation.

ET THE MIND CURE AND SCIENCE OF LIFE at Chicago, Ill., is gaining so rapidly that the editor, Prof. A. J. Swarts, has arranged to become the sole proprietor, and has removed to 425 West Madison street. Send two-cent stamp for No. 3. All who begin with this number will get it for \$1.00 per year. Price may advance with January number. Metaphysicians and magnetic healers should see No. 3. It concerns them.

10 In renewing his subscription, W. J. Bumstead writes us from Petoskey, Mich., as follows: "We are in sympathy with you in your efforts to further the cause of Spiritualism. It is everything to us; more so now than ever before, as we are somewhat advanced in age (seventy-seven and seventy-five). We hope you may have even greater success in the future

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Our Advertising Columns.

We frequently receive letters of inquiry concerning advertisements which patrons have seen in our columns.

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IN VINELAND, N. J., at the Unitarian Church, a series of Sunday afternoon conferences are being held for the discussion of topics of vital interest. Recently our valued correspondent, Mr. A. E. Newton, spoke at considerable length upon "The True Basis of Morals." After giving a resumé of various theories prevalent in modern times-such as the "Utilitarian," the "Fitness of Things," the "Authoritarian," whether the authority be derived from human law or from alleged divine revelation-together with some objections to all these theories, he proceeded to set forth the Spiritual or Intuitional theory, as in some respects preferable to all others. His remarks gave evidence of much study in the direction of est, made a deep impression on the minds of his hearers.

The Agricultural Bureau at Washington, of which George B. Loring is the head, distributed last year nearly four million packages of flower and vegetable seeds, all going free to the people who received them. The seeds were of all sorts, from field corn and potatoes to the rarest flowers; 128 varieties of the former and 131 of the latter. The distribution continues the year round. One hundred and sixty women and 58 men and boys are constantly employed is quoted as a man of world- the packages to the post-office.

to give him a chance to return to them in a less public manner, assuring them that there is no cause for them to shrink from him just because he "happens to have laid off the outside coat"; SABAH HACKETT desires to more fully impress upon the mind of her daughter, Eliza, in Cambridge, the idea of her motherly presence and of her wish to exert a beneficial influence upon that daughter and her brother: Ithose who feel sad-hearted with the oppressing thought that life is not what they would have it to be, since duty steadily crops the flowers of personal inclination, hope or enjoyment,

are invited to read this message, for its triumphant words regarding the reward which the spirit-world holds in store for such will thrill them like a trumpet resonant of eternal joy]; MARK F. LAITON hopes his friends in Brooklyn will give him "a welcome in coming back to them"; MABEL CLOUGH wishes to send a message to her mother, Lucy Clough, in San Francisco; [the sentiments expressed by this spirit are worthy of solemn consideration by every thinking person in this sphere of existence]; JOHN CHANDLEB of Machias, Me., intimates that he feels as actively individual in all things which go to make up his mental powers as when on earth-he has dropped the body which bore the weight of over seventy years, and is now ready to undertake the task of enlightening his friends as to the truth of spirit-communion; MRS. SARAH M. THOMPSON of Cleveland has kind words for her friends; gives an eloquent exposition of the life that now is and the

capabilities it affords for the attainment of that which will advance the soul in knowledge when the Better Land is gained ; and voices a message to J. W. Fletcher from Spirit Ed. S. Wheeler.-No. 3 of "Thoughts from a Spirit's Standpoint" will be found on the same page, and is earnestly recommended to the reader's

We regret to be obliged to state to the many friends of our valued correspondent, Mrs. Milton Rathbun, that: at the date of our going to press the darling son (ten years of age) of Mr. and Mrs. R. is dangerously ill with diphtheria. While the parents hope for the best, the result still hangs in the balance; they will receive, we know, the deep sympathy his subject, and, listened to with much inter- of all who know them in this hour of suspense and trial.

> Bee fifth page for the announcement of the Neue Spiritualistische Blaetter, Leipzig Germany. Dr. B. Cyriax, its editor, left America sometime since, and inaugurated, over sea, this paper, devoted to the interests of spiritual research; readers of the German Language in the United States should acquaint themselves with its contents.

> "Recognition of Materialized Forms," from the pen of E. A. Brackett, Esq., was put unavoidably delayed until our next number

23 A special despatch under date of Dec. 6th to the Boston Herald. sets forth that smallpox (notwithstanding the compulsory vaccination laws of the British Empire and the safety (?) which this Allopathically-coddled practice is supposed to bestow) is rapidly increasing in London and the Provinces. The London figures amount to five hundred new cases per week, with a mortality of about twelve per cent. of the total number attacked. The despatch concludes:

At Leicester there has been a serious outbreak, and At Leicester there has been a serious outbreak, and the authorities believe that it has been caused or ag-gravated by the efforts of the Anti-Vaccination Socio-ty. The members of this society defy the law [and do so justly, in our opinion.—ED. B. of L.] which makes vaccination compulsory, and no less than four thou-sand summonses have been issued to require them to come to court and show cause why they and their children should not be vaccinated. The Bociety, on the other hand, is making a vigorous fight, and has is-sued a pamphiet, which shows that compulsory vacci-nation has cost Leicestershire \$12,500,000 for doctors' fees and incidentals since 1840.

105 The very pleasing custom of the Spiritualists of Paris to devote one day of the year to services commemorative of those who have passed from their society to that of the immortals was recently observed in that city. The attendance was quite large. The President of the day, M. Leymarie, read an invocation. then the names of about sixty of the departed. giving a brief sketch of each. Communications received through various mediums were also read, poems recited and orations delivered, a report of all the proceedings filling several pages of the Revue Spirite.

THE LAST OPPOBTUNITY .- The course of instruction in Sarcognomy, Electro-Therapeutics, Psychometric Diagnosis, Healing, etc., which Prof. J. R. Buchanan begins this week, is the last opportunity that will be offered by him in Boston for the benefit of magnetic healers and the enlightened citizens who would wish to understand how to preserve health and remove disease without the assistance of doctors and drugs.

By reference to his announcements elsewhere in this issue it will be seen that J. William Fletcher-an excellent and reliable test and business medium as well as eloquent speaker-has returned from his fulfilled lecture-engagement in Washington, D. C., and can be found by all desiring his services at his rooms, No. 2 Hamilton Place, Boston.

WT L. S. Dezendorf, Schoolcraft, Mich.; writes : "From all parts of this State I hear the writes: "From all parts of this State I hear the most favorable reports of the progress of Spirit nalism. The Message Department of the BArr write of Light, and the accounts of materialit failth and shared Demomena reconniced is failth and shared Demomena reconniced is its columns, I find, particularly adapted to the in putting them up, and one wagon in carrying in type for this issue, but from want of space is its columns, I find, particularly adapted to the wants of the people."

than in the past.'

Mrs. Annie Lord Chamberlain, one of the earliest among the spiritualistic mediums for the physical phase of the phenomena, has a card on our fifth page to which attention is called. She will hold seances at No. 32 Worcester Square, Boston, and deserves a full measure of the public patronage.

10 We shall print next week the reportprepared specially for our columns-of a fine lecture delivered in Berkeley Hall, Boston, recently, by the guides of W. J. Colville, upon: "THE PERFECT WAY; OB, THE FINDING OF CHBIST."

ST Spiritualism in New Zealand continues the rapid growth previously reported. Societies for its investigation and promulgation-including excellent lectures, the development of mediums and well attended seances-have been formed in Greytown, Wellington and Woodville.

27 Good reasons therefor having been encountered by those ladies, we are requested by the Misses Berry to state that Mr. Albro, the manager at their materializing seances, is the only person with whom they ever have held sittings for their mediumistic development.

83 Mrs. Emma Hardinge-Britten is, we are informed, having eminent success as a lecturer at Republican Hall, New York, where she speaks during the Sundays of December.

ET Dr. A. H. Biohardson has returned to his office, and would be pleased to meet old friends and patients as usual. See his advertisement in another column.

Ko Mr. Keeler's seances are reported to be very interesting and convincing to visitors.

The Spiritualists of Boston, in New Eng-land, a city which claims the highest culture and finest thought of any in the world, are about to have a splendid spiritual temple, which will vie with the grandest churches, the free gift of a wealthy Boston Spiritualist. Here is a good example for some of our own Spiritualists to follow, when the time comes. Americs took the lead in manifestations. The newer scoul-try the freer its thought, the more spontaneous its action. In England, with all on boasts of freedom, we are limited, bounded, field ap, and crippled beyond all civilized and scoulined en-lightened peoples, while Employ Colonists of other lands are among the freet in the world. —"The Spiritual Cultock: in Laws of Nov. 2007.

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ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

SCANDAL MONGERS. Not all they say or do can make My head, or tooth, or finger ache. Nor mar my shape, nor scar my face, Nor put one feature out of place; Nor ever will ten thousand lies Make one less virtuous, learned or wise; The most effectual way to balk Their malice is, to let them talk,

Italy is doing more in the cremation line than any other country. The incineration societies in that country now have more than six thousand members, and there are beautiful and costly crematories in all the principal cities.

In Paris they celebrate divorces by grand balls. Grand bawls often cause divorces.

"Elmina" talks in the New York Truh-Sector about her late seance with "Joe Caffray," as she flippantly calls him, and endeavors to make it appear that she is an honest investigator; but she slips up terribly, and shows her bigoted prejudice in every. other line. She had better hereafter confine her literature to her Children's Department in the Investigator, although that is just about as namby pamby as anything can be.

A very pretty story is told to the effect that the thimble was invented in 1684 by a goldsmith named Van Beuscholten of Amsterdam to protect the fingers of his lady-love. The English were the first to adopt the new invention.

It seems that peripatetic impostors, who profess to be spiritual mediums, do a paying business in East Boston, which only goes to show that some of the people in that section of the city rather be imposed upon than not.

> CHBISTMAS. OHBISTMAS. Ob i Christmas, bappy Christmas, Sweet herald of good will, With holy songs of glory, Brings holy gladness still; For peace and hope may brighten, And patient love may glow, As we listen in the starilght To the "bells across the snow."

Woman Suffrage is a success in Washington Territory. The old politicians there are surprised, as the balance of power is held by "the new and aggressive 'element."

The whaling bark Alaska, lately arrived at San Fran. cisco from the Arctic Ocean, brought the body of a sea monster which the crew harpooned. Its head closely resembled that of an alligator, while the body looked like that of a lizard. It measured 33 feet in length, the tail alone being 9 feet long. This is the first true sea serpent story on record.

Can't go that parody, J. G. D.

Bro. G. W. Kates, editor of Light for Thinkers, has sent to us a cabinet photograph of himself; and now we suppose he would like to know what we think of the picture: to which we reply that he is a very nicelooking young man; besides, one of our spirit friends. said she had visited his sanctum, looked him over, and prophesied that his work on the spiritual rostrum would produce grand results.

Reckless, personal journalism is just as real a crime against the peace of the community as the attempted taking of life to satisfy revenge or hate. They are twin evils, and experience bitherto seems to show that the one cannot be suppressed until the other is also.

John Bright is in favor of delivery of the mails by carriers on Sundays, as on the other days of the week, whereat the Sabbatarians and very many of his fellow Quakers are much offended.

It is well to remember, in this hymeneal season of the year, that wedding cake cannot be sent through the mail. In one week 1,500 boxes of the toothsome substance were sent from Philadelphia to the Dead Letter Office.

She went to the roller skating-rink And put the sliders on; A strap or two about her shoe, And then was off and gone. She slid, she slode, she glid, she glode, Unheld by fear or fotter. But at last the gentle maid was "throwed "— For the roller skates upset her. —The Newton Kansan.

The Exlavigator is the queer name of a paper just started at Asheville, N. C. The editor informs the public that "exlavigator" means "to strike with a brick."

"How does the new girl strike you?" asked a citi-zen of Detroit, at dinner lately. "She has n't struck me yet," answered his wife meekly. "But she has done almost everything else."-Independent.

THAT THE RECENT FLAGELLATION adminis-tered to Hudson Tattle by Prof. Kiddle was eminently deserved, says The Spiritual Offering of Dec. 6th, is evidenced by the fact that we have received from prominent Spiritualists in the East and West several communications on the subject, specially thanking Mr. Kiddle for his good work. We have room the present week for the following only, the closing sentences of a letter received from John Wetherbee : BORTON Non 196 1984

a letter received from John Wetherbee: BOSTON, Nov. 13th, 1884. BROTHER FOX: I read with a great deal of pleasure in The Spiritual Offering, and since in the Banner, Mr. Kiddle's critique on Hudson Tuttle. It is good, sharply, but dignifiedly put, is a readable article in itself, and a full justifi-cation of his cause. I should think Hudson Tut-tie would shrink down into his boots out, of sight. Every fair-minded Spiritualist will see merit in Kiddle's idea of phenomenal Spir-itualism. Where would the ethical constella-tion be without the lustre that the phenomena throw on spiritualistic preachers. Without the phenomena, our bright intellectual lights would be second-class free religionists, for the latter have a culture that would bring them relatively to the front in 'a go-as-you-please' race. The setting, that the sensuous phenomena give our ethical and intellectual brethren and sisters, takes these ordinary earthly beings and puts them in the zodiac, and they are sublime, not so much in what they say as in the sources of their influences. Yours truly, J. WETHERBEE.

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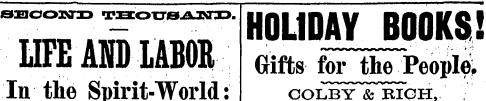
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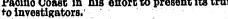
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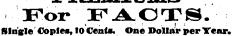
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which angels dwell. We would to day come into holy communion with thy spiritual intelligences. Perchance some heart may be uplified by what they have to give unto mor-tal life; perchance some spirit in the realms of immor-tality may receive assistance that will prove of bene-fit and blessing. And to whatever end the meeting may be convened, oh i our Father, may its influence bu uplifting and beneficent; then shall we feel that the work is indeed from thee and of thy will. Amen.

Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT.-We will now consid-er your questions, Mr. Chairman. QUES.-[By E. W. S.] Sitting alone in my room, reading audibly, writing or doing any-thing that might happen, and not being medi-umistic, are my spirit-friends cognizant of what I do? Have they knowledge of my feelings I do? Have they knowledge of my feelings, whether sad or otherwise? And if a friend is with me, not mediumistic, can they hear our

general conversation ? Ans. - The questioner might be surround-ed by spirits, not any one of the surrounded by spirits, not any one of whom would understand or know what he was doing at the time, but not one of those spirits would be in sympathy or in rapport with him. Mediumship belongs principally to and is a part of the external condition, although it stretches of the external condition, although it stretches into the spiritual realm and becomes, also, a part of the spirit; but soul-affinity belongs to the interior being entirely; therefore if a spirit who is in entire sympathy or affinity with the questioner approaches him, that intelligence will readily perceive what the friend is doing: if he be reading some article the spirit will be able to follow him out to clearly understand able to follow him and to clearly understand that which engages his thought : if he be writ-ing, the spirit will be enabled to trace and understand the writing, through the psychological power of its spiritual sympathy. Spirits may power of its spiritual sympathy. Spirits may sometimes approach one in mortal form, and yet not realize that they are thus near a mor-tal being. But those spirits whom you love and who love you in return, and are in entire harmony and sympathy with the purposes of your life, will clearly understand all that is taking place with you when they come within your atmosphere, and they will have no diffi-culty in following your line of experience, even though you may not possess what is commonthough you may not possess what is commonlanties. Q.-IBy Mrs. H. L. Gwynne, Taylor's Falls, Minn.] Friends of mine have held scances with yery satisfactory results: a son of theirs named Charlie communicating in a handwriting in fac simile with his own when on earth. At a Charlie communicating in a handwriting in fac simile with his own when on earth. At a scance not long since, father and mother were sliting with a medium, a perfect stranger to their family, when Charlie, after writing other messages, suddenly wrote, "Cousin Annie H. is here with me. She has been in spirit-life three weeks"; and what is stranger still, the spirit insisted that it was herself, Annie H. In a few evenings others came in to sit, who had known Annie H. when she was a young girl; and a spirit brother of one of the sitters who also knew her well, also wrote that it was the spirit of Annie H. Now this Annie H. is a young woman who was for a long time in very poor health, but is now living, and quite well. Another strange fact is that her cousin, the father of Charlie, the communicating spirit, who is mediumistio, conversed with the spirit claiming to be and insisting that she was Annie H., by means of tipping a table. During all this time those receiving the messages, rela-tives of Annie, had every reason to believe her to be alive and well, or convalescent, as they ware in weekly corresondence with best fast for the week her to be alive and well, or convalescent, as they were in weekly correspondence with her family, and so it proved to be. We should like some explanation of this, as those most intimately connected, with the incidents here mentioned have had their hitherto strong faith in the pos-sibility of spirits to return and communicate sibility of spirits to return and communicate with their friends considerably weakened by this experience. A.—It would seem from all the facts which we gather from the case that the parties most intimately connected with it have had sufficient evidence of spirit return and of the manifesta-tion of spiritual power to prevent them from allowing these circumstances to weaken their faith and knowledge concerning the affairs of immortal life. In explaining this particular in-stance we must waive entirely any question of the medium's honesty, for the simple, reason that your correspondent states that the medi-um on this occasion "was a perfect stranger" to the parties to whom the spirit communi-cated, and that what was given through her agency was strictly true, except the portion which claimed the decease of the young lady in question; therefore we must opine that there was either a mischlevous spirit masquerading before these parties under an assumed name, and amusing himsale with their parphatir or with their friends considerably weakened by

friends-more after the method of Spirit Lotela? -We afford opportunity for as many re-

A.-We afford opportunity for as many re-turning spirits to manifest as there is power and vitality in the medium to spare. Every spirit who takes possession of a mediumistic or-ganism draws largely upon its vitality. This is a necessity. The spirit makes use of the vital forces of the medium in order to manifest at all, and unless very familiar with the laws of spiritual control, and possessing a large share of spiritual magnetism, by which it may sup-plement the forces which it draws from the me-dium and assist her to gain an equilibrium, it will more or less exhaust her vitality; therefore every spirit who controls contributes to this end, and we cannot, in justice to our medium, allow a larger number to manifest than will leave her in a condition to recuperate, so as to end, and we cannot, in justice to manifest than will leave her in a condition to recuperate, so as to be in readiness for future work. This condi-tion, it is true, might be obviated to a large ex-tent, were some familiar control of our instru-ment to take possession and speak for the re-turning spirits, but only on rare occasions do we feel this advisable. This place was estab-lished as a training school for spirits quite as much as a means of communication between spirits and mortals. The uses of this scance was much for spirits; and those who return and de-sire individually to take possession of the me-dium, that they may gain an understanding of the laws of mediumistic control, and pass through an experience which will enable them to come closer to their friends or to more easily gain possession of some other medium in pri-vate life, are permitted to do so, provided we

to come closer to their intended to there easily gain possession of some other medium in pri-vate life, are permitted to do so, provided we are satisfied they will not injure our instru-ment; therefore when five, six or eight spirits return at a circle and communicate as best they can, you may be sure that they are not only coming for the purpose of giving some word of love or remembrance to mortal friends, but also for the purpose of gaining experience for themselves. Could you see, as we have, spirits who have succeeded in only speaking a few sentences sufficient to be understood, in this circle-room, step away from the side of the instrument with brightened faces and happier hearts, feeling that they had accomplished something, after perhaps many years of trial and experiment in endeavoring to control a medium, and believing that by this achievement they would be able to control some other medi-um where they could reach their friends, you would feel that we had established this work for a wise and good purpose. for a wise and good purpose.

Joseph F. Johnson.

Joseph F. Johnson. I do not exactly feel like a wanderer here, Mr. Chairman, but I do feel something as a stranger. I hope you will pardon me if I in-trude upon your platform; I am scarcely ac-customed to the proprieties of the spiritual life. I only passed out of the body a few months ago, and then with scarcely any prepa-ration, for I did not expect to be called to my immortal home so soon or so suddenly. I did not drop dead, but I was only sick a few hours, comparatively speaking, and although the vain comparatively speaking, and although the pain was intense and the suffering more than any one could imagine, yet it did not last very long, and I was soon released from it.

and I was soon released from it. I was an active man. I knew what it was to be up early in the morning and about my work; and I have been feeling lately that it was time I was again doing something. I have been lay-ing off, taking a rest; but now it seems to me I ought to be awake. I am quite ready to be in the harness. My friends might think it strange that I should talk of going to work, now that I am what you call a spirit. I feel that I am a man, as strong and tangible as I was a year ago, and more so, because I am free from the body, which, after all, had its aches was a year ago, and more so, because I am free from the body, which, after all, had its aches and pains and troublesome discomforts, even before I was attacked by the last fatal illness. I am surely powerful enough to be of use some-where, and I am told by those whom I have met on my side of life that there is plenty of active, congenial work for a willing spirit to perform I do not know that I agree to drive perform. I do not know that I care to drive horses and look after them, or to do that sort

of work, but I mean to get into something and make the most of it. What I come back here for is to give my love to my friends. I want them to know I can come to the old home and can walk around come to the old nome and can walk around among my former associates, and have them realize, if they can, my presence with them. It would do me good, and would do them no harm. Tell them Joe does not forget any one of them; he is quite as hearty a fellow companion now as he ever was, and there is no cause for them to shrink from him, just because he hap-reng to have hold off the outside cost pens to have laid off the outside coat.

I have a good many friends, sir, in Dedham, especially in the western part of the town, and all along the road from there to Boston, and I have friends in Jamaica Plain—relatives, whom I most desire to reach. I want them all to feel that I have got back, and, what is more, I mean that I have got back, and, what is more, I mean to come again and again; perhaps not here, for I do n't want to be mean enough to take up some other fellow's chance, but I shall go somewhere and make myself felt and known; until I succeed in convincing some of my friends that I am still alive. I want my broth-ers to remember that I have not gone out from them but om still one of their number ers to remember that I have not gone out from them, but am still one of their number. Love and greetings to all. If they wish to hear from me, I think, if they give a loud call, they will get a response. I am Joseph F. John-son. I was a milk-dealer, with other members of our family. We are pretty well known in this part of the country.

associations are growing dim, others stand out clear and distinct in my memory. I have got interested in the spirit-world during the last two years, and so have allowed many thoughts two years, and so have allowed many thoughts of the external life to slip away from me. But a few days ago I thought I would like to come back and see if my friends had forgotten me, and try to understand what was taking place where I once lived; who is filling my particular spot in life-for you know very well that as the old die out others spring up to take their places. I have friend in Brooklyn. I have they will

I have friends in Brooklyn. I hope they will give me a welcome in coming back to them. I am familiar with Brooklyn and New York, and have tried recently to manifest my presence to friends who were there. I did not succeed very well; indeed, did not succeed at all as I wished to do; but I began a work which I intend to pursue, hoping my friends will assist me from their side of life.

Ineir side of life. I am quite well satisfied with the world I have found. I know that it is adapted to the wants of mankind, and it is a step in advance of that world we inhabit when we have on our outside garments of flesh; therefore I am only one who has stepped on a little further in the road of life, and is pressing on to other scenes and experiences. I am Mark F. Laiton.

Mabel Clough.

My name is Mabel Clough. I want to send a letter to my mother, who lives in San Francis-co. Her name is Lucy Clough. I do n't think she would expect any tidings from me, as she loss net in expect the who die have the new she would expect any tidings from me, as she does not know that those who die have the pow-er of sending messages to their friends. She does not comprehend that the good Father has left open an avenue of light, through which those who are in heaven can return to their dear mourning ones on earth. She is a devout and faithful woman, and believes religiously the doctrines that she has been reared to ac-cept. I did not understand them when I was here as she wield me to, and sometimes I. cept. I did not understand them when I was here as she wished me to, and sometimes I thought that perhaps they were not altogether as she believed; but I never whispered it to any one but herself, because I was afraid they would say I was a "deluded child," and had "gone astray"; but my mother understood and sympathized with me, and although I did not believe all that her heart scenario da he ner

and sympathized with me, and although I did not believe all that her heart accepted, she nev-er upbraided me-she only said: "Well, dear child, we will wait until it is given you to see clearer; by-and-by your heart will understand these things as mine does." I passed to the spirit-world, and then the clear light streamed in upon me, but it did not give me the information she thought it would; it rather brought me the knowledge that the immortal life was open to every soul, that sal-vation was universal, that all the poor, suffer-ing creatures we see around us, who are so uning creatures we see around us, who are so un-fortunate and degraded, will sometime be given a chance to grow better, brighter and purer. If they do not get that opportunity on purer. If they do not get that opportunity on this side, it will assuredly reach them in the future. And I am so glad of this, for it is a much pleasanter belief, or knowledge, than to much pleasanter belief, or knowledge, than to think that *half* of our fellow-beings are to be forever unhappy. I want my mother to feel the same, and to grow into sympathy with everybody, so she will be glad to realize that not one creature of earth, or of any other life, will be forever miserable, but that sometime and somewhere everybody will grow peaceful and somew and happy.

I think my mother will accept this idea when it becomes clear to her, for she is not dogmat-io, nor does she wish to condemn her fellow-creatures who are not as pure and good as she : she feels tender toward them sometimes and everybody who is unfortunate.

everybody who is unfortunate. She has sorrowed very much since I passed away, and wondered how it was possible for God to have taken me from the body. The only thought that consoles her is that it was because I was "too good to stay here." I don't think that I was, at all, but my body was so freil Leould not retain my hold on it. I had so frail I could not retain my hold on it; I had

to give it up. I am in a happy home with my dear father I am in a happy home with my dear father and with my sister who passed away a tiny in-fant, whom I. could just remember, and with other dear friends. I want mother to know that we are all safe in a lovely home, where everything is bright and beautiful, where our happiness and our pleasures are not at the ex-pense of other poor creatures who are suffer-ing but the isome conditions are one to all ing, but the same conditions are open to all, when they are ready to understand and profit

This is my message to my mother, accompa-nied with ever so much love and affectionate remembrance from the dearlones who come with me. We sometimes visit her in her lonewith me. We sometimes visit her in her inhe-ly hours, and try to brighten their gloom. She does not know what makes the peace enter her heart; she thinks it is because she comes into nearness with her Heavenly Father. And so she does; but it is through the influence of the spirits who approach her and make her feel their presence. their presence. Thank you for permitting me to speak.

gain strength and magnetic power from kindred intelligences, for we may draw from a reservoir of magnetism by coming in contact with human beings in the flesh, and with the disembodied who gather for the purpose of entering into soul communion, even though we do not speak one word that will identify ourselves to mortal understanding. I have gained not only power, but I have also

reaped instruction by coming here at different times, and I feel myself indebted to the powers that govern and guide the affairs of this Circle-Room

I come to-day because I wish to send my love and greeting to my earthly friends. I do not forget them at any time, neither the affairs of forget them at any time, neither the analys or personal friends, nor the more general matters that affect the organization and association in which I am always interested, those which have the affairs of Spiritualism at heart, the broadening out of a grand philosophy, the un-derstanding of a spiritual life, and the vitaliz-ing of the life that now is, that it may grow grand and strong and rich for the existence that is to come. Ob I my friends. I do not step aside from you.

that is to come. Oh! my friends, I do not step aside from you, but in your midst, in your séance-rooms, in your hours of social communion, I bring you my influence which may not be as powerful as that of some spirits, but at least it is in har-mony with you, and cannot fail, at times, to be felt.

I know that our cause is growing, that its in-fluence is spreading, that although sometimes clouds overspread its horizon, yet it by no means is under the baleful influence of any

means is under the baleful influence of any evil, but on the contrary it is under the guiding power of the great Supreme Soul of all Love and Wisdom, and it is moving on and on, mak-ing itself folt in every town and hamlet, and exercising a good and beneficent influence. To my personal friends in Cleveland, I say that those dear ones who have gone out from the earthly bodies are still in your midst. It is true that they are not actively identified with the affairs of material life, but they are inter-ested in your spiritual welfare, they are help-ing you to surmount the obstacles and difficul-ties along the road of life, and are guiding you ties along the road of life, and are guiding you onward to the better land; I say better land, because the spiritual state is a more ripened condition than is that of earth; its environments

condition than is that of earth; its environments afford higher opportunities for spiritual unfold-ment than we often get in the body. Yet this earth of ours is a most important place, and we should strive to live here as well as possible, and to do our work as faithfully and effectively as we can, for this gives experience, helps un-fold our spirits and prepare them for that which is to come after. The child cannot step immediately into the grammar school, take up all the lessons there and understand them; he must pass through the elementary departments of the primary state first, enter upon the attainment of the first principles of education, and then he will be fitted to acquire higher knowledge, and en-ter upon grander and broader branches of study. If we do our duty here, make the most of life, attend to its duties, and as we go along use our attend to its duties, and as we go along use our observation so as to pick up all the knowledge we can, we shall be prepared to understand and appreciate the lessons and experiences of the spiritual world.

Many spiritual world. Many spirits go out of the body who are not by any means fitted for the occupations or the studies of the immortal life, and they are held in a semi-condition, neither belonging to the physical nor to the spiritual, but vibrating be-tween the two worlds, so to speak, and it takes them a long time they must ness through beauty

tween the two worlds, so to speak, and it takes them a long time, they must pass through heavy discipline before they are prepared to realize what belongs exclusively to the spiritual state. So I say to my friends: Be careful you make the most and best of the earthly life; do not slight any duty that comes to you; do not over-look any mission that you feel you can fulfili; do not go carelessly along neglecting to take observation of passing events, because by that means you will remain in a state of ignorance, you will not become versed in knowledge; but press onward, doing all that you can to unfold your soul's best powers, and when you gain the higher life you will be prepared at once to step into its upper departments, to study, to gain knowledge and experience which will be of un-told value to your souls.

Every little Lyceum scholar, every little one who has been identified with our Association, and has passed to the higher life, every member and has passed to the higher life, every member of the home circle who has stepped higher, still returns, bearing messages of love. I see them often, and they say to me : Oh I we are so hap-py that our friends realize we can return; it gives us hope, and oheer, and comfort, and we know that, by-and-by, we shall all join together in a loving band in the spirit-world. I must add before I close that this morning [Nov. 14th], in company with a large circle of kindred souls, I listened to a spiritual address made by a spirit whom many of you know, and who is still identified with the spiritual cause, and is also exercising a power that will elimi-

and is also exercising a power that will elimi-nate error from truth, and illuminate the hearts nate error from truth, and illuminate the hearts of mankind with a grand, refulgent ray of im-mortal light, and exercise a power that will have its results in being felt by those who are influential in the flesh—those who hold public offices, but who are unaware of the spiritual power brought to bear upon them. This spirit desires to see all corruption and fraud swept away from the governmental offices of this country; he desires to see all that is debasing swept aide from society; he wishes all that is swept aside from soolety; he wishes all that is debasing enervating, and has a tendency in any respect to debase spiritual truth, thrown aside from our beloved cause. Having these themes press-ing upon his heart, and his whole soul engaged in such a work, you can realize that his address of the morning was one of power, one that could not fail to leave an impression upon his hearers. After the discourse, in a conversation with my friend, I told him I intended, if possible, to speak a few words of greeting and love to mortal friends from the Circle-Room of the BANNER OF LIGHT. He said to me: "Mrs. Thompson, if you can give a word of greeting from me I shall be deeply indebted to you. I have sought to con-trol the BANNER'S medium and speak for mytrol the BANNEB'S medium and speak for my-self, but I have been unable to take possession of her organism. Through some subtle law which I do not yet understand I fail to pos-sess her brain so clearly as to make myself known; but if you will give my greetings and remembrances to all old friends and co-work-ers, I will be very glad. Tell them that I am still in their midst, not an idler, but one who desires and means to work and exert an influ-ence that will be felt. I am not suppressed. desires and means to work and exert an influ-ence that will be felt. I am not suppressed, but have arisen, strong in my spiritual might, and from the world of causes I shall send back that intelligence which I believe will make it-self understood, and will have its effect on the cause by-and-by. I cherish in my heart loving memories of the past that cheer my life and brighten my pathway. Tell them that in days to come I shall speak the word which they will recognize, and give them the token that will identify me as a laborer for or a promoter of their cause. And, if you please, one word to a friend who in life and in death has been more than faithful to me, as a mortal, as a spirit Caleso, and that what was given through one given by provide the storing purposed of the

for thoughts of love that reach out to spirits are tangible to them, they are precious, they, give them power, and make them indeed happy in their higher homes of light. I am Mrs. Sarah M. Thompson, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, a friend of and worker in the cause of Spiritualism.

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Thoughts from a Spirit's Standpoint.

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NUMBER THREE.

The moral government of the spiritual world. is maintained by the high and ennobling principles upon which it is established. The directors and tutors of moral ethics rule by love alone, while the pure uplifting magnetism that emanates from their holy lives stimulates and strengthens the weakened moral sensibilities of those who come under their charge for disciplinary tuition. The spirit who passes from the body debased in character, whose moral faculties are undeveloped, who has merged the higher sensibilities in the constant exercise of unholy passions, is looked upon as a diseased soul. His nature is warped and one-sided; his spiritual powers are not unfolded; his entire being is out of harmony.

Such a spirit needs the services of a physician; requires to be placed amid conditions that will repress all further growth of those passions that have run riot in his nature, and where the opposite traits and attributes of his being may become encouraged to expand and to blossom out.

As soon as possible, wise intelligences who have a positive magnetic power, approach and exercise their influence over him: his own mental and moral atmosphere may be in such a state of turpitude he cannot see them, but after a time he begins to feel their power working within him; it arouses him to thought; it awakens him to his condition and to his own needs; it continues to operate upon him until he ories out for help-until he prays to be lifted out of himself, until he desires to grow in purity and goodness.

Then he is fitted to receive the instruction his teachers have to impart, to feel the effect of the moral restraint they throw around him, and to sense the uplifting power of their presence. He is now conducted to a sanitarium. where he receives the magnetic power and instructive lessons he requires to bring his soul into shapeliness, and he begins to give evidences of his genuine desire to be of use, by striving to do good to others, by obedience to his guides, and by studiously devoting himself to his tasks.

To say that we have no reformatory measures of discipline in the spirit-world is to assert that which is not true. Yet mortals may fall into such an error, because undeveloped souls are, sometimes brought back to mediums and to the conditions of earth-life to gain their first lesson in morality, and to make the first step of progress. The reason for this course on the part of spirit-philanthropists is that sometimes they have a being under their charge whose nature is so intensely earthy, whose desires and inclinations partake so largely of the physical life, that they are constantly attracted backward toward materiality. It is almost impossible to

convince such that they have passed through the change of death ; but they persist in believing themselves still incarnated in the body. By guiding such to a medium, and enveloping

them in the atmospheric aura of such a sensi-

Sarah Hackett.

My name, Mr. Chairman, is Sarah Hackett. I have been gone a number of years, more than ten, and have never spoken or communicated In this way before, but I have many times thought I would like to do so. I have a daugh-ter, Eliza Hackett, who lives in Cambridge, and whom I have often tried to reach. I do not mean to say 1 have not seen her, or known of her life-experiences, for I have often visited her and tried to impress her mind. What I mean is, that I have never yet succeeded in giving her an idea of my presence, and I wish her to know that I come to her home, and often her to know that I come to her home, and often seek to give an influence which I feel will be beneficial to her and to her brother. He was a little child when I passed away; he has now grown to the age of youth, and needs constant guidance. I am so thankful that my daughter has been able to give him almost a mother's care, but yet I sometimes feel that he also requires what influence I can bring to him, and have, at times, an anxious heart concerning the

welfare of my dear children. If my daughter can realize that I come to her, I know she will feel her heart lightened, and that a new power has been given her to do her

Last a new power has been given her to do her duty. I bring a mother's blessing for all her faith-fainess in the past years, for cares and respon-sibilities were placed upon her when she was just budding into womanhood, and all the joys and pleasures, almost, of a young girl's life had to be laid aside in the stern pursuance of duty. She hes dong her part well and I am cledted She has done her part well, and I am glad to say from this place: I bless you, dear child, and having watched your career, I know that not one duty has been neglected, not one little portion of your work left undone. It is a bright record that will open before your mind in the eternal future.

John Chandler. .[To the Chairman:] You seem to be all right here, neighbor. I rather like the looks of the quarters I have got into; but you will under-stand me, friend, I am not an old resident of these parts. I am something of a new-comer, and perhaps I don't get along as well as some of the folks that have been over a longer while. But, sir, I am ready to learn, and I am looking about with a good deal of curlosity to see what is going on. is going on. I belonged to that class of people who always

I belonged to that class of people who always are ready to pick up information, and when I go here or there I keep my eyes open. I do n't mind asking a question now and then, if it is to give me any more knowledge, so I think I'll learn, after a while, about this sort of life on the other side. It did n't seem so very strange to me as it does to some folks that come over; I did n't look around me in such great aston-ishment when I got out of the body; on the contrary, I just picked myself up and went round to see what was what, where I was, and who the people were around me: and I got so who the people were around me; and I got so interested I clean forgot I had given up my old body, and I never sent a regret after it. Well, now, that's about as it should be, aint

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I was an old man here, on this side of life. I had seen more than seventy years pass along. They brought me a good deal, one way and an-other, some things pleasant, and some not so good: but, after all, it's just about as it should be, I think, and I'm not at all dissatisfied; but I want to let my friends know where I am. It is rather rough for an old fellow, pretty tough to have to be drifting round, coming close to those whom you know and care for, and not have them realize your whereabouts at all, but think you are way off at the land's end, nobody knows where, giving up all thoughts of ever see-ing you again, and especially of ever hearing from you on this side. I do m't altogether fancy that sort of thing; so I 've come to tell them I am not so far off; I am close by, looking on to see how they 're settling up my matters and I was an old man here, on this side of life. I see how they're settling up my matters and other affairs, and I am quite ready to take a hand in their arrangement myself, if there's

the wise teacher demonstrates to tne spirit the power he has obtained by parting with his physical form; and when the incredulous spirit finds himself in possession of a mediumistic organism, and expressing himself by the means of speech, writing or signs to a mortal, it dimly dawns upon him that as he is here in the midst of unfamiliar surroundings, it must be true that he has passed through some change. However, the full force of his condition does not strike him until he withdraws from contact with the medium and loosens his control of her organism; then the psychological power that has so long held him in the thought of a physical life becomes broken, and for the first time he realizes that he is no longer a mortal.

The spirit is usually humbled after such an experience-sometimes he is very much alarmed -and sinks into a state of quiet submission that enables his instructor to operate upon him with ease, and to bring him to an understanding of himself. Thus the true reformatory discipline begins. The hitherto refractory one knows he cannot longer rule by the passions he has so long exercised, and knowing no other means of command, he remains quiet, and listens to and obeys those who are wiser than he, and whom he now realizes desire to help and to uplift him.

I am satisfied that in every instance where an evil or undeveloped spirit visits a pure-minded medium, or makes himself known to a circle of honest, earnest people, he is attended by a wise and exalted intelligence who acts as his teacher and guide, and who at the same time holds his turbulent passions in check, by the influence of a high spiritual magnetism exerted upon him. Therefore, no mediam, no kindly disposed person need hesitate to receive and give gentle admonition and good advice to such returning spirits, for by so doing they are assisting the protecting angels of love and meroy in their beneficent labor of educating and uplifting re-mentant, sorrowing scale.

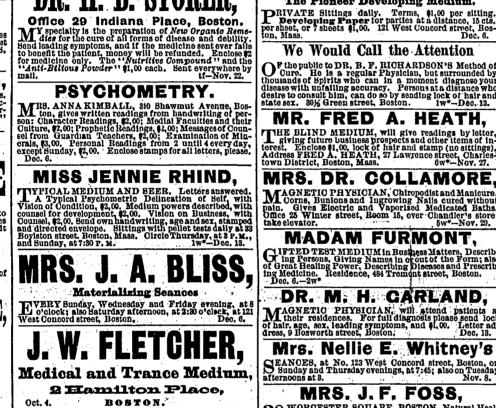
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Spiritualist Meetings in Boston:

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The Working Union of Progressive Spiritual-ista holds public services at Berkeley Hall Sundays at 2% r.M., also Wednesday evening at 7% o'clock. J. Commo-dore Street, Secretary, 5% Beacon street.

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retary proten. 712 Washington Street.—The Fraternity of the White Gross holds regular Sunday meetings at its Rooms at 104 A. M. and 75 P. M. Also on Thesday evenings for discussion, public circles, social or other entertainments: on Thursday evenings its regular business meetings, and on Friday evenings a circle for spiritual culture. A dmis-sion free on Sundays and on Tuesday evenings; Thursday and Friday evenings only members and such as they may invite. John Orvis Sceretary.

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Chelsea. — The Spiritual Association meets every Sunday in Odd Feilows' Building, Hawthorn street, opposite Bel-lingham Car Station, at 7 and 7% P. M. The Ladks' Harmonial Aid Society meets at Temple of Honor Hall, Hawthorn street, every Friday afternoon. Business meeting at 4% o'clock. Entertainments in the evening. Mrs. E. A. Baker, Secretary, 129 Mariboro's street. Hadley Hall. - Meetings will be held in this hall. East Somerville, during the fall and winter on Sunday evenings.

SHAWMUT LYCEUM, WELLS MEMORIAL HALL .--The interest in this Lyceum increases from Sunday to Sunday. This pleasant turn of affairs greatly encour-Sunday. This pleasant turn of affairs greatly encour-ages us to persevere in the good work of educating those who ere many years will occupy our places. On Sunday last, additional to the regular exercises, the adult members read from the "Shawmut Educator," Silver Chain Rectations. A similar reating will form a part of our regular services in future. By it the chil-dren will be taught some fact of our philosophy. The general exercises were participated in by Rosa Wil-bur, Mabel Roberts, Georgie Wilbur, Gertte Rich, Louisa Irving, Lulu Morse, Allie Cummings, Ruth Parkhurst, Oscar and Flossie Cassell, aud Willie Wil-cox. A plano solo was played by Little Blanche, and remarks made by Assistant-Conductor Rand and Mrs. Pennell.

Dr. Coonley was present, and invited all children Dr. Coonley was present, and invited all children under twelve years of age to bis house, with the mes-sage that a life-reading should be given to each. At the meeting of the Working Union of Progressive Spiritualists at Berkeley Hail, Nov. 30th, this Lyceum was represented by Miss Rosa Wilbur, and on Dec. 7th by Miss Mabel Roberts. ALONZO DANFORTH, Sec. S. S. L. 23 Windsor street, Dec. 8th, 1884.

SPIRITUALISTIC PHENOMENA ASSOCIATION.-There was a large audience at the meeting on Sunday last. Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Carr kindly volunteered to assist in singing. After the invocation Dr. H. F. Tripp gave interesting psychometric readings of arti-cles handed him from the audience, and in every in stance they were acknowledged to be correct. Mr. James R. Cocke made a few remarks, and his spirit guides gave several clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. Waiter Elder, a member of this Society and recently developed, gave an exhibition of his glitt of medium-ship, making some remarks under control. Mrs. Bag-ley, the well-known test medium of this city, who has been sojourning in California the past year, gave en-couraging words to those interested in the success of the society, alterward giving many tests to those in the audience. Mr. David Brown made interesting re-marks and several delineations. Mrs. Pennell gave many tests, describing and giving full names of spirits as they presented themselves for recognition. E. A. C. last. Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Carr kindly volunteered

CARD OF THANKS.

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Society of the Perfect Way. George Ohainey lectured in Chickering Hall last Sunday, upon the subject, "The Ministry, Old and New." He said that the principle underlying the ministry is universal. In all departments of life men must be ministeried unto by those of superior powers. The great musician is a minister, so is the great art-ist, author, poet and statesman. All greatness is feunded on service. It is elernally true that it is more blessed to give than to receive. All our joy is in pro-portion to the service we render humanity. But this subject of the ministry is, in its technical meaning, limited and professional. In this country there are about sevenly-five thousand that come under this head. They represent all grades of culture, from the whining, canting, fanatical cross-roads M-thodist exhorter, to men who have attracted the thought and admiration of the civilized world. The time was when their power was much greater than it is to day. Kings received their authority from them, and allife, from the cradie to the grave, paid them tribute. They notonly professed to hold the keys of heavenly preferment, but equally those of earthly honor. They were everywhere regarded as the embassadors and representatives of the court of heaven. But things are changing. The in-telle out life of the age has swept on far in advance of the pulpit. In the place of society fearing the minister, he begins to have a wholesome regard for the oblich to learn anything. The ministry of Orthodoxy is rotten through and through with Insin-icerity and hypocrisy. A good sermon is a bundle of pretty sentences that don't mean anything in particu-hr. What is the matter with the ministry? It is man-made, instead of God given. It is fettered by oreds, instead of being free as the blicks of the air. It is professional rather than inspirational. It is con-ventional and conservative, instead of radical and pro-gressive. It is cringing and time-serving, instead of bold and fearless. There are of course exceptions of great and tender sou

shall be to the old as light to darkness, truth to false-hood, beauty to deformity, joy to sadness, and hope to despair. The new ministry will not be as numerous as the old. The great variety of sects are born of the letter of ecclesiasticism. When we outgrow the creeds of the past and live from within, we shall find that these barriers of separation will be burned away by the fires of love. One minister will then do the work of many. In the place of two thin, watery sermons about Nebuchadnezzar, or Jonah, or the sins of the Israelites, there will be one earnest, eloquent lecture, on some live topic of the day, charged with the inspi-ration of a living and present communion with the world of spirits. This will leave some of the churches empty, but that 's no matter. One can be turned into a symnastum, another into a free library and reading-froom, and still another into a science hall and art cal-lery. This ministry will be bound to no creed, to no word of spirits. The will serve some of the churches members of society. A beautiful poem on "Berry Linedy Yenhards, Acceptung the spiral servers of spirits. The will server and fruits are server spiral and art can be the spiral of the spiral servers of spirits. The spiral servers of spirits or science spiral servers of spirits. The spiral servers of spirits or science spiral servers of spirits. The spiral servers of spiral ser

vice and lust, the fumes of alcohol and excitement of gambling, while all this true beauty and inspiration of life is left unheeded. If at any of the theaters the curtain had risen on such a scene the roof would have been shaken with the spontaneous applause of a thou-sand threats—yet it would be only a shadow of what was here in all its glory without money and without

Berkeley Hall Meetings.

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members of society. A beautiful poem on "Regrets for Past Errors" brought to a close a highly instructive service.
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 Sunday next at 10:30 A.M. Mr. Colville's subject will be, "The Ministry; True and False, Old and New." At 7:30 F.M., by particular request, "Egypt and Her Wonders; The Great Pyramid." Some years ago Mr. Colville's inspirational treatises on Monumental Egypt and Her Wonders; The Great Pyramid." Some years ago Mr. Colville's inspirational treatises on Monumental Egypt and there and pressing invitations that this subject is announced for next Sunday evening. On the following Sunday, Dec. 21st, the Sphinx and other mysteries will be considered and explained as far as possible. The public are freely invited, and will be provided with seats as far as space permits. A collection will be made at each meeding to defray the necessarily heavy expenses. All who attend will confer a favor on speaker and auditence of persons at all times during the service greating disturbs those who make an effort to be always in time. Those who cannot help being late are requested to take seats in the gallery, which is commodious and comfortable.

The Fletchers in Washington, D. C.

In the course of Mr. J. W. Fletcher's brilliant series of lectures delivered in the Masonic Temple, an invitation was accorded to Mrs. S. Willis-Fletcher to pass some days with the Willis-Fletcher to pass some days with the friends who have known of her work, as well as that of her husband, in connection with the cause of Spiritualism. In order to more em-phatically stamp the approval of the Society upon the presence of the couple above men-tioned, the ladies of the board tendered them a grand reception at the residence of D. A. Chap-man, Esq., 104 C street. The spacious parlors were thronged to overflowing by a company representing the best and most earnest work-ers in the cause, besides others not to any de-gree identified with Spiritualism.

ers in the cause, besides others not to any de-gree identified with Spiritualism. After some time being passed in general con-versation John B. Wolf, Esq., welcomed, on be-half of the Spiritualists of Washington, the guests of the evening, saying: "Mr. Fletcher, we know from personal experience, has ren-dered signal service to the truth and drawn to-gether the largest audiences we have had here for many a day; and Mrs. Fletcher, if what we have heard be true, has equal power in the same direction, and to them both we wish to express our most hearty welcome, hoping they may be able to tarry with us for a long time."

may be able to tarry with us for a long time." Miss Alice George was then introduced, and rendered several very fine poetical selections in a truly dramatic manner. Whereupon Geo. A. Bacon being called upon, added greatly to the interest of the occasion by a well-worded speech, in which he emphasized the necessity for great-er sociability as being an important fastor in er sociability, as being an important factor in the movement. Mrs. Clara A. Field also offered remarks of a

Mrs. Clara A. Field also offered remarks of a general character, touching upon the necessity of less *talk* about charity, and more real justice. She was warmly applauded. Darius Lyman related some very important phenomena which he had just witnessed, and thought that our movement only needed a few more strong, dignified workers to give it the success the truth deserves. The President then introduced Mrs. S. Willis Flatcher, who was received with prolonged ap-

Fletcher, who was received with prolonged ap-plause, and said in substance : I appreciate the honor of this occasion, but my mind goes back three years, to other scenes, less pleasant, I admit, when my only visible friends were the un-seen. I realized then the great power that can come from psychological influence, and I be-lieve if the center was only strengthened here, such a power might go out as would make itself felt the land over. Many instances were given to illustrate this idea, and when the lady had finished she received the recognition that friend

makes to friend. Mr. J. W. Fletcher was next called upon and made some very timely remarks, accepting the honor of the brilliant company, especially men-tioning the kind host and hostess. The compa-

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DECEMBER 13, 1884

The Rich Man's Fear of Burglars_ The Story of an Electrician.

Buffalo, N. Y., News.

At the dead of night, Mr. J. B. Anthony, a wholesale grocer of Troy, N. Y., was awakened by his burglar alarm annunciator, which told him that his house had been entered through the roof scuttle. He hastily dresses, rings for a policeman, hurries to the upper story, and hears the burglar in the servant's room, threat-ening her with instant death if she made a loud noise.

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Be was captured, convicted, and sentenced to Sing Sing prison for ten years. So said Mr. C. H. Westfall, the electrician of Westfield, N. Y., to our reporter. "Do city residents generally use burglar alarms?"

alarms "" "Yes, all first-class houses are provided with them, and I have never had any dissatisfaction from my customers, many of whom are the best known and wealthiest people of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and other large cities." "Do wealthy men have much fear of burg-

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many large cities, but none of them seemed to understand my case. About a year ago I was in Albany, and a physician there stated that I would probably not live three months. But to-day," said Mr. Westfall, and he straightened himself up with conscious pride, "so far as I know, I am in perfect health. I weigh 170 pounds, eat well, sleep well, feel well, and am well. One of my old physicians gave me a thor-ough examination a few weeks ago, and told me that I was in a perfect condition." "You are a very fortunate man, sir," re-marked the scribe, "to have escaped instant death after an electrical shock."

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Trenton. N. J.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Rev. Charles P. McCarthy lectured for us last evening to a full house. The hall of the First Association of Spiritualists was crowded, and the discourse of an of Spiritualists was crowded, and the discourse of an hour and a quarter listened to with attention to the last. His subject was, "My Experience in Materiali-zations, and the Philosophy of the Phenomena." He gave graphic accounts of the séances of Mrs. Williams and of Mrs. Bawyer, and promised us to get Mrs. Saw-yer to visit Trenton soon, if it were possible. His de-fense of mediums in general was very feeling and thorough. Bro. McCarthy is a very able speaker, and much thought of by our Trenton people, who are thor-oughly awakened on the subject of Spiritualism. MillTON BAKER.

Spiritualist Meetings in Brooklyn.

The First Society of Spiritualists holds its meet-ings every Bunday in Conservatory Hall, corner of Fulton street and Bedford Avenue. Morningservice at 11 o'clock, evening at 7:45. Dr. F. L. H. Willisspeaker for Decem-ber and January. Spiritual literature on sale in hall, Wm. H. Johnson, President.

Church of the New Spiritual Dispensation holds sorvices at their new hall, on Adeiphi street, between Fulton and Greene Avenues, every Sunday, at 11 A.M. and 7% p.M. Conference, under charge of S. B. Nichols, at 3 r.M. Mrs. Mrs. J. T. Lillie will lecture every. Sunday to July. The public cordially invited. Daniel Goons, Secretary.

The Eastern District piritual Conference meets every Wednesday evening at Composite Room, 4th street, corner South 2d street, at 7%. Charles H. Miller, Presi-dent: W. H. Coffin, Secretary.

watch with great interest the future of these sensi-tives, believing that a career of great usefulness has opened to them, and that they very soon will establish reputations in their respective lines of mediumship second to none in this country. We say to our brother and sister : Go on in the way you have begun, and rest assured that you will have the support of this Association in every possible way, to the end that the truths of Spiritualism may be pro-mulgated, and mediumship developed, encouraged, and protected. Unanimeusly adopted by the Association. Boston, Mass., Nov. 20th, 1884.

HARMONY HALL, 34 ESSEX STREET .- On Sunday

last, excellent meetings were held in this hall. Drs. Dewey, Thomas, Tripp and Coonley acquited them-selves admirably. Mr. Braithwaite spoke, and Mr. Kirsh gave instances of perceiving in advance the de-signs subsequently given him by his employer in the shop. Speech and singing by Mr. Patterson, very good. Arthur McKenna gave tests. Mrs. Ireland did well. Mrs. Charter was more than usually interest-ing, under control. Remarks by Mr. Scarles. At 2:30 Prof. Milleson exhibited several psychic cartoons-done through his mediumship-and spoke of the cura-tive powers of mind. The hall was filed with a very intelligent audience. These art lectures are attracting much attention. We were favored with fine music, and good order prevailed. Dewey, Thomas, Tripp and Coonley acquited themand good order prevailed.

HADLEY HALL-EAST SOMERVILLE.-We have the pleasure of reporting the best attended meeting yet at this hall, on the occasion of Bro. W. J. Colville's lec-ture last Sunday evening. He treated the three sub-jects surgested by the audience in an eloquent and convincing manner, and held the attention of a large audience to the close, notwithstanding a later hour than usual, and a rather oppressive warmth in the hall; and we are glad that we can announce Bro. Col-ville's return to this hall on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21st, at 2:45 o'clock, and perhaps make a regular after-noon service here under his ministration. If this can be done, we predict a rapid increase in interest and bower. On next Sunday, (the 14th) afternoon at 2:30, evening at 7:30, Dr. H. P. Fairfield will occupy the platform. Afternoon subject to be selected by the au-dience; evening subject, "Ancient and Modern Spirit-talism; its Origin and Tendeney." Notice, friends, the revival of the afternoon services, and when convenient is us have the benefit of your presence, both then and in the evening. We believe the meetings so far have broadened and enlarged the minds of the bearers, and we feel confident that Spring wix dawn upon more knowledge and less error in Som-civalie as the results of these meetings. J. this hall, on the occasion of Bro. W. J. Colville's lec-

CHRISEA SPIRITUAL ASSOCIATION .- MIS. S. M. Mace occupied the rostrum last Sunday evening. The control gave a fine lecture and a poem, both of which were highly appreciated by the andience. We would recommend Mrs. Mace to societies desirous of engaging a good speaker. Next Sunday, Conference meeting at 3 P. M.; at 7:30, Barah A. Byrnes, one of the best speak. ers on Spiritualism, will occupy the rostrum.

J. Clegg Wright in Philadelphia. On sunday morning last the hall was crowded to listen to the lecture on "Jesus," delivered by the guides of Mr. Wright. Spiritualism is a living power guides of Mr. Wright. Spiritualism is a living power in this city when so: many intelligent faces can be gathered together to listen to a spiritual lecture. There were in the andience men from all ranks of so-ciety, from the cultured university professor to the humble artisan, and all held by the power of the speaker. I have hever seen so many people in this hall before on a Sunday morning. The lecture was in the controls' best style, and the subject grow in their hands so much that it will be continued next Sunday. The meetine sight in the evening filled the hall, so that some had to stand all the time; the greatest inter-est was manifested in the lecture on both consistons. The Meetry hamily are entitled to greatowase in ar-mandars it. The young people enjoyed themselves, and their citety looked on, approvingly happy.

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price." Mr. Chainey will continue his lectures in Chickering Hall, which be has engaged for the year. Much inter-est is manifested toward his labors, and he will, un-doubtedly, he well sustained, as he certainly deserves to be. The liberal-minded people of Boston should esteem it a privilege to enjoy the ministry of such an earnest and eloquent worker in the field of truth.

Berkeley Hall. Mrs. Anna Kimball lectured in Berkeley;Hall Sunday evening, taking for her subject "Divine Motherhood." The following are a few thoughts from her interesting discourse. Divine motherhood implies di-vine fatherhood. In creating man God creates one whole and perfect being, formed of two distinct parts - the earthy or exterior man, and the spiritual or in-terior man, his soul and itving mother. It is of the soul restored to her pure estate, and not of the body and its animal propensities, that the divine man must be born. The body is of earth and ilable to death. The soul is the divine woman, released from subjection to the body. She is called virgin and has for her spouse that divine spirit which is God. The child born of this union is in the image of God-is God made man; and it is the Christ thus born in every man who redeems him and endows him with eternal life, for in him the man bimself becomes transmuted. from matter into spirit. The soul in absolute purity is mystically called the blessed virgin mother. Man is not man, only a rude froward animal, eager and solicitous only to ex-ert his strength until the hour comes for him to recog-nize, appreciate and appropriate his soul as the divine mother of his spiritual nature; and, making her his better half, he renounces his material impuisions and yields to her interior attractions. Doing this with all his heart he finds it makes him in the highest sense man, for adding to his intellect her intuitions, she en-dows him with that true manhood, the manhood of mind. Thus, by the ald of the divine mother within us all, we attain to certitude of truth, by exaiting the soul, or the woman within. There is no summit, too lofty, of goodness or truth, that man can appire to, which he cannot reach by her ald; for recognized in her fuliness she reveals herself as the divine, the God within all soul. The wise of oid who exaited the woman in themselves attained to full intuition of God. GRAPHO. hood." The following are a few thoughts from her interesting discourse. Divine motherhood implies di-

Meetings in Haverhill, Mass. To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

Dr. H. P. Fairfield, always a welcome inspirational speaker wherever heard, spoke last Sunday in Brittan Hall before fine audiences, afternoon and evening Hall before fine audiences, afternoon and evening, many new hearers and investigators being present. The afternoon theme was "The Harmony between Spiritualism and Reason." Among the spirits de-scribed as present were Knoch Ordway, Elizabeth Thompson, Capt. Jesse Newcomb, John Loud, Daniel F. Fitts, Charles G. Graham, Moses B. Noyes, Eliza-beth Noyes and Joseph Fitts, all of whom were recog-nized. The evening, theme was "The Bible Rvidence of Spiritualism." He will speak here again two Sun-days in February. E. P. H. E. P. H.

Salem, Mass.

To the Bditor of the Banner of Light: Sunday, Nov. 28d, our rostrum was occupied by Mrs.

S. A. Byrnes of Dorchester, one of the ablest locturers in the field; Nov. 30th, by Miss M. A. Keating, trance peaker and test medium; and Dec. 7th by Miss. N. J. Willis of Cambridgeport, who gave us two as fine dis-courses as we have been privileged to listen to the present season! MBS. G. R. KNOWLES, Cor. Soc. S. S. S. 201 Kesser strated.

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Jandor Jo his wife who has hnug the water-pall on the gas-job "Bridget, me darlin", did Mr. Levystrans fell ye to put this pall on the pas?" Bridged "No, Pat; but he was allow ayur, that the gas was laking, stre !" Fashing and the past of the gas was laking, stre !" Fashing a strength of the gas was laking, stre !"

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ture between the parts will be on "Music in Germany, and the Great German Composers." Dec. 24th, "Mu-sloin Heaven"; Dec. 31st, "The Future of Music on Earth."

Boston Spiritual Temple.

This Society was privileged to listen to the controls

of Mrs. A. H. Colby last Sunday, morning and evening. The speaker said the band had decided to deliver a course of lectures by different controls during the present month. Announcing as the subject for the morning discourse, "Human Progress, or the Old and the New," and quoting,

"Within the soul of man is a constant yearning, Of something holler, higher, unattained, Onward, upward, from the present turning, Biopping not, when the point is gained,"

"Within the soul of man is a constant yearning, Or something holier, higher, unattained, Stopping uot, when the point is gained," She said, " If we accept the position taken by the an-thor of these words as a fact, they lead us to the con-olusion that there is an immitable law of human pro-gress, and that like the universe it is based upon the powers demonstrated by growth. And further, the motions of the planets are governed, by this law, each planet being kept in its orbit and performing its mis-sion through its natural functions, and presenting its life in accordance with its general unfoldments; that our physical bodies are wast laboratories, holding within the forces of the past ages, this vast power of growth continually evolving or throwing into space the finer constituents of the formation and growth of spheres and conditions in which we as individuals must live through all the past and will exist through all the future, an omnipotent power, holding this iaw of growth or change to such an extent that our indi-viduality remains unbuched. We live in an age of progress. The growth and un-foldment that Spiritualism has brought to the human family has so opened avenues of thought and discus-sion that we no longer try to comprehend an omnipo-tent being, but that within us exists a power awaiting development in order to give higher and nobler mani-festations. Much of the past is still wrapped in mystery. Ignorance and superstition have to a great extent wrapped around all ages a "manite of darkness, ob-scuring from human conscionaines the spiritualism comes to reveal great truths to humanity. Before us are grand lessons and around us are vast forces; conditions of striking importance will be evolved during the coming year, enabling spirits of ancient as well as modern times to commune with earth's people and give stoh assistance as they will most need. Spiritualism comes to reveal great truths to humanity. Before us are grand lessons and around us are vast forces; conditions of striking importance wi

to control, make, the organism suited to them by true lives." Mrs. Colby spoke under the inspiration of a different control in the evening, the subject of discourse being introduced by the remark that Spiritualist, as a class, are the only people that can be expected to realize the necessity of protecting the libertice of the human fam-lify, they only possessing the the throwfide that human life has mobile do in preparing conditions and laying a foundation for meeting the demands of a continued life in other spheres. The lecture was, from first to last select and in-structive, frequently eliciting applicate, and was, at the close, spoke of by the sublice is the most enth-isame obset of a dimiration. Mrs. Colby speaks at the same obset Sunday, and every, Sunday of this month.

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Minneapolis, Minn.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: We arrived in the beautiful city of Minneapolis on Friday, and on the following Sunday attended a meet-

ing of Spiritualists held at Malcolm Hall, where we ing of Spiritualists held at Malcolm Hall, where we had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Tryon, inspirational medium, who, additional to interesting and instructive remarks, described spirits present, many of whom were recognized. At the close of her descriptions there was a very harmonious session of the Children's Lyceum, conducted by Mrs. Specrs (I think), recently of San Francisco, who organized the school only a short time since with five members, and now having a regu-lar attendance of fifty or sixty. In the evening we listened to an able discourse by the control of Dr. Thomas, followed by wonderful descriptions of spirits present, many of whom expressed words of cheer and comfort to earth friends present. We hope to enjoy more of these pleasant and profitable occasions. A. H. WILLETS. A. H. WILLETS.

Charles Dawbarn in Springfield, Mass

Sunday, Dec. 7th, Gill's Hall was well filled with an appreciative audience to listen to two discourses by appreciative audience to listen to two discourses by this able speaker. The subjects were "Everyday Spiritualism in India" and "Nature, Science and Man." The speaker was foreible, pithy and practi-cal. He drew graphic word pletures of the wondrous powers of the medium fakirs of India, showing that they far excelled in physical manifestations anything produced in the presence of our mediums. In the evening he showed how from the ant, the monkey and other animals practical lessons can be taken for the improvement of mankind, and how we may better our present condition by living close to nature. Next Sun-day, 14th, Mr. Dawbarn will again occupy the ros-trum.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

The meetings in the Court of Appeals Room con tinue to be well attended by very attentive and deep ly interested audiences. On the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 1st and 2d, Mrs. Nellie J. T. Brig-ham spoke with great acceptance. The descriptions of spirits on Sunday evenings, by Dr. Mills, attract much attention, and are the subject of wonderment and dis-cussion throughout the week.

Clinton, Mass.

CHINTON, RAISES. Our Society is having interesting meetings at pres-ent. Next Sunday, Dec. 14th, Mrs. Dr. Dillingham, of Lynn, speaks for us. Dec. 21st and 28th, Miss Jennie B. Hagan; the first Sunday in January, 1885 George A. Fuller, of Dover, Mass.; the next four Sundays fol-lowing, Dr. H. P. Fairfield, of Newburyport J. D. W.

Spiritualist Meetings in New York

The First Society of Spiritualists holds its meet-ings.every Sunday in Bepublican Hall, by West 33d street, Morning service 11 o'clock; evening, 7:45. Seats free, Pub-lie cordially invited.

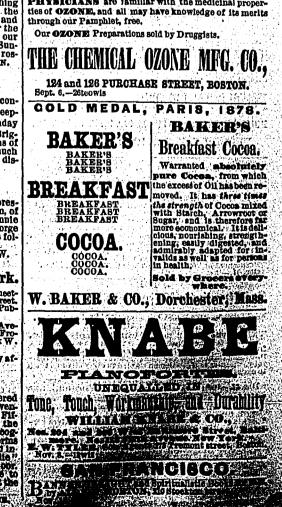
Arcanum Hall, 57 West 25th street, corner 6th Ave nue. The People's Bpiritual Meeting (removed from Fro lisher Hall) every Sunday at 23 and 73 F. M. Frank W [ones, Conductor,

The Ladies' Aid Society mests every Wednesday af ternoon at 3 o'clock, at 123 West 43d street.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: The medium, Mrs. Garrie M. Sawyer, has recovered from her late slotcness. She held a scance this even-ing, which proved to be a very satisfactory one. Fif-teen full form materializations appeared during the evening outside of 226 satisfactory and all were recog-nized, and were well kind finely robed t No two forms were of the same size. Hour persons were layited in-alde the cabinet with the medium, and yet "Mandie " was able to materialize her hands at the cabinet motor. Nearly all the full form developments were satisfaction. Median and all were state the persons were fully and the same was able to materialize her hands at the cabinet motor. Meany all the full form developments were yeakent at the stance, and all were minded. New Yet: Oty, Devida, 'Grings Drug Palarm.'

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