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## Message Department.

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 these meetings, will be open at 2 o'clock, and the doors will  
 be closed, excepting no access until the conclusion of the  
 service, except in case of absolute necessity. The public  
 are cordially invited to attend the above meetings.  
 The messages published under the heading indi-  
 cate that spirits carry with them the characteristics of their  
 earth-life to the beyond—whether for good or evil; that  
 earth-life to the beyond is an undeveloped  
 state, eventually progress to higher conditions. We ask  
 the reader to receive no comfort with his or her  
 deceased friends, but to look to the future.  
 All express as much of truth as they perceive—no  
 more.  
 It is our earnest desire that those who may recognize  
 the messages of their spirit-friends will verify them by  
 informing us of the factor publication.  
 Nature shows upon our circle-table are grate-  
 fully appreciated by our visitors, therefore we solicit  
 donations of such from the friends in earth-life who may  
 feel that it is a pleasure to place upon the altar of Spiritual-  
 ity their own offerings.  
 We invite suitable written questions for answer at  
 these sittings from all parts of the country.  
 (Miss Shelhamer will be in attendance, and will be  
 those who will be in attendance at any time; neither does she  
 receive visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays.)  
 Letters of inquiry in regard to the mediumship of the  
 BANNER should not be addressed to the medium in any case.  
 L. W. B. WILSON, Chairman.

### SPIRIT MESSAGES,

GIVEN THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF  
 Miss M. T. Shelhamer.

Report of Public Séance held Dec. 26th, 1884.

(Continued from last week.)

George E. Snow.

[To the Chairman:] I don't feel good. They told me if I would come I'd get help, so I could study faster and get along better, but they didn't tell me I was going to feel like this. I've tried hard to tell my folks what a good place I had found, and that I wasn't working in a mill now, but was going to school, and trying to learn every so many things that one wants to know; that I have a good home, and plenty of time to do what I want to; but I couldn't tell them what I wished. Then I heard you had a place open here, and I thought I would come. An old gentleman, who takes an interest in me and is my teacher, told me if I would come here I could get help from some of the wise ones, and would then understand my lessons clearer, so that is one reason why I have come; and now I will send my love to my friends, and tell them how well I am getting along. I shall get a little clearer light, if I can, on those things which I don't understand.

I worked in the mill—in the Packchoas mill. The old mill burned down. I got out, but was too foolish to go back after something I had left, and that was the last of me, so they said. They found my body afterward, and some of 'em felt bad. But it wasn't the last of me, was it? I'm feeling pretty good, only a little kind of stuffy, unpleasant like, since I've come here; I don't know why. You ain't having any falling walls, are you? I ain't got no right of mind.

My friends were in Worcester. What time is this, please? [This is Dec. 26th, 1884—Friday afternoon.] I went away in the spring of '83; so you see it wasn't so very long ago. I am feeling tip-top, tell 'em, and getting along first-class. I want a chance to talk at home to those I used to know, especially to some of the boys. I can tell 'em a good deal more than I could when I was here, because, you see, I've been gone off on quite a journey since then, and seen lots of new things worth telling about, and I don't think I'm dead. No matter if they did find my body, I am alive. I want 'em to feel just the same about it as though they knew I was still alive, and had only gone away for a while. My name is George E. Snow.

Charles Richards.

[To the Chairman:] How do you do, mes-  
 mate? That chap floated out [alluding to the  
 previous speaker] in one way, and I drifted out  
 in another, but I suppose 't is all the same to us  
 after we get over, and into port, no matter how  
 we go out. Well, I and my mate was out in a  
 dory, but we never got back, we went down.  
 I seemed to say that when we were out, and  
 ourselves going under; but after a while we got  
 up top, and could see land ahead, and so, sir, we  
 felt pretty good. We belonged to the schooner  
*Webster Sanborn*. We were off the Grand Banks  
 when we went down. I don't know as I can  
 tell you just when it was, but it was over three  
 years ago, and I think getting along to four.

I belonged in Nova Scotia, in Alyredshire. I  
 have friends there. I want 'em to know I'm  
 not knocking around among the fishes, nor be-  
 lying about in the water with no right of port  
 ahead, but I've been on the solid land. I'm in  
 a good way, don't feel bad, and I think it's all  
 right. I've been all this while learning how to  
 get back—a long while, some may say, and so it  
 is, to learn such a simple lesson; but after all,  
 when you think you've got the lesson learned,  
 and understand it, you'll try to hitch on to one  
 of these kind of machines, and find your hold  
 slipping, and yourself drifting off before you  
 get a chance to take your bearings, or under-  
 stand your latitude. It's not so easy, after all,  
 as some folks think it is.

But I've got here, and want to send my love  
 to friends, and tell 'em I'm all right. I don't  
 feel a bit bad because I've gone over. I rather  
 think it is just as it should be. I didn't at first.  
 I thought it all wrong, and that my place was  
 here on the old schooner, not up top with the  
 good folks and the persons. [Is that the only  
 class you find there?] No, not exactly; there's  
 a pretty rough crew alongside; but it seems to  
 me there's no right of way, and I don't like to  
 be the others. However, they are a good lot, and  
 we get along first-rate together; we all bunk in  
 and have a jolly time.

I'd like to have some words to say in private,  
 if I can, with some parties in Gloucester, of this  
 State. I hope I'll get to them. I want to give  
 'em a little something which they'll not be sorry  
 for, but I don't want to speak it here. I  
 send them greetings.

[To the Chairman:] You're very kind, Cap'n,  
 and when you get over to the other side, I hope  
 I'll be round to give you a little. I'd like to  
 come again, but I don't know as I'll get the  
 chance, but I'm glad enough to get here this  
 time. My name is Charles Richards.

Minnie Stowell.

I am Minnie Stowell. I come to bring my  
 love to my sister Emma. She lives in Boston.  
 I have other friends here, but Emma is my  
 nearest relative, and I take a great interest in  
 her welfare. She does not know I come to her;  
 she does not understand about spirits return-  
 ing; she thinks when one dies they go way off  
 beyond the stars, where they can neither see  
 nor hear anything of what is taking place on  
 earth; so she only thinks of me with a kind of  
 tender memory, as one whom she loved who  
 has gone away from her. I want her to think  
 of me as one who is with her still; a sister, in-  
 terested in her welfare, and desirous of assist-  
 ing her in her way of life.

My sister has many things to try her spirit,  
 and she also has some very pleasant experi-  
 ences. I think all those things that come to  
 her are given her for a wise purpose, to discipline  
 her life, and what has been given has proved  
 instructive. Changes have taken place in her  
 life since I went to the spirit-world, and she  
 sometimes looks back to that time with won-  
 derment, hardly realizing that she is the same  
 girl; yet I see no change in her, only one for  
 the better; she is stronger and brighter in char-  
 acter and in all spiritual attainments than she  
 was then, and I know she is marching on.

I shall endeavor to make her feel my pres-  
 ence. I would like very much to come and talk  
 with her, and give her some consolation, and  
 those matters which are of so much importance  
 to us both when I was with her. I hope the  
 time will come when I can do this. I am seek-  
 ing to influence her life and to bring her happy  
 conditions. When she comes to me in the  
 spirit-world I will give her welcome, and con-  
 duct her to a beautiful home, where our dear  
 parents may be found, and where many dear  
 friends will come to give her greeting. Until  
 then I hope she will accept my love, and feel  
 that her sister Minnie is not far away.

Annet Betsey Miller.

[To the Chairman:] I am glad to meet you,  
 for you look as though you might be pretty

good. I was told you made things quite easy  
 for the returning spirit, so I thought I  
 would try and see what I could do for myself.  
 I am Betsey Miller, and my home was in Phil-  
 adelphia. I was known as "Aunt Betsey" by a  
 good many, so I come to send my report to them.  
 I lived a good while in the body—over seventy  
 years. I have been gone out a good while, and  
 my voice has been silent. They don't know  
 that I have been doing and taking things; and  
 while I am very much pleased with some af-  
 fairs that have taken place, I don't feel at all  
 satisfied with others, and of course those most  
 connected with them will understand what that  
 means, because they know very well what would  
 have suited me when I was here. And, sir, I  
 was not so very hard to please after all. I liked  
 to have things go quiet and harmonious; I didn't  
 like to have disturbance and discord around me.  
 I feel the same now.

I like this place. I am glad to see you and  
 the rest of the people here, because it seems so  
 quiet and harmonious, or I don't mean to say  
 that I like to go to sleep, or go to meeting for  
 the purpose of taking a nap. No, sir; I believe  
 in keeping awake when there is anything worth  
 keeping awake for, and not in going to sleep  
 unless one needs repose. But there is a great  
 difference between sleeping one's life away and  
 wearing it out in the frictions of discord and  
 inharmonious. Now don't think I am complain-  
 ing, because I am not; I am only speaking out  
 my thoughts, and would like to read a lesson or  
 I could, to one or two who have been rather  
 discordant within the last year or two. I would  
 have them know that spirits understand just  
 what is in their minds, whether it is spoken or  
 not for that matter, and it might just as well  
 be cried upon the house-tops, for it would be no  
 plainer to the spirit's comprehension than if it  
 were kept within the heart. The spirit can  
 read what is taking place within the mind much  
 better than it can comprehend the utterance of  
 the external voice.

I send my love to my many friends; tell them  
 I am in a good condition in the spirit-world; I  
 have been growing young, handsome and smart  
 since I went over, and I think I might present  
 a pretty good appearance at some of their wed-  
 dings and jollifications, if I should just happen  
 to walk in among them in a tangible form. I  
 want them to think of me as one who is alive—  
 I don't like this thinking of me as a dead per-  
 son, as a woman who is gone out and don't  
 know or care anything more of what is taking  
 place—because, you see, I am alive and do know  
 and care a great deal about them. I want to  
 see those whom I have looked after, and to  
 erect in a path that will lead them onward and  
 upward over the hills of life. I have a good  
 many things to say in this connection, but not  
 here; I cannot unfold them before the public  
 eye; I only want my friends to know that I  
 have the power to return, and I would like to  
 inform them of many things.

They used to say I was a queer woman when  
 here, but I had a good many friends, with all  
 my quaintness, who understood me, and I want  
 them to do that just now—take me as I am, and  
 when I am with them I will give them what I  
 can of spiritual light and wisdom, for I have  
 no material possessions to offer them, nor do I  
 think they require such from my hands; but if  
 I can instruct them, or give them a little spiri-  
 tual elevation in any way, it will do them more  
 good in the future life than though I had oceans  
 of wealth to lay at their feet.

This is all I have to say now; but I have freed  
 my mind and feel better about it. I think per-  
 haps the few words I have spoken may sink  
 deep into the hearts of those I am interested in,  
 and be productive of good results.

Charles H. Brown.

[To the Chairman:] I am Charles H. Brown,  
 sir, at your service. I can hardly tell you how  
 many years it is since I passed away, but a good  
 many have rolled by. I used to live in Boston,  
 and took an active interest in its welfare, for I  
 felt I belonged to it, and sometimes my friends  
 used to hint that I talked as though I thought  
 I belonged to me, but I think I didn't; so it  
 is as that in my feelings still, I have not out-  
 of this good old city, and liked to see it well man-  
 aged, although I held no official position, but  
 merely performed my duty, as every private  
 citizen should. Well, that being strong in my  
 mind, you may believe that I have taken an in-  
 terest in the place ever since I stepped out of  
 the physical condition. Although I have found  
 much in the spiritual world to occupy my  
 attention, yet I frequently come back here to see  
 that is going on in our good old city, mark its  
 improvements, and also try to manifest my  
 presence as a spirit.

I have been interested in what you call "ma-  
 terialization," which I believe is the building  
 up of temporary forms out of elements extrac-  
 ted from the atmosphere and from human  
 beings. I have watched the process, and seen  
 spirits bring together elements which at first  
 appear like very thin vapor, but as they gather  
 and concentrate them, they become firmer  
 and more material, until they are produced  
 which seems to be like a bath, hardly a vapor,  
 but more solid and substantial—reminding me  
 very much of that which whitewashers use in  
 their work. I have seen spirits envelope them-  
 selves with this material, by plunging into the  
 bath, so to speak, cover themselves all over  
 with it, and then, after a few more manipula-  
 tions, step out, apparently firm and solid bodies  
 which however last but a very little time.

Taking an interest in myself, I have gained  
 some experience for my friends, and I have  
 seen a certain gentleman in this city, who thought  
 he recognized some one whom he had once  
 known, at a circle where he has recently been,  
 that it was really "Charlie Brown" who tried  
 to come to him, representing himself as he was  
 in former days. The success was not very  
 great, but it was something, and promises bet-  
 ter results in future attempts.

I bring my love and good will to all friends.  
 Many of my old business associates have passed  
 over to the other side since I went out of the  
 body; some of them I have seen, and conversed  
 with others I have not met. They all go their  
 several ways, and I go mine. They are un-  
 doubtedly performing their work, undergoing  
 such experiences as are best for their unfold-  
 ment. Whether I shall meet them all again in  
 the future remains to be seen; but I am cer-  
 tain that all those who are dear to me, all  
 friends who were really friends in spirit as  
 well as in name, will come to me after a time.  
 I think I can afford to wait, and am willing to  
 do so, hoping in the meantime to do something  
 that will instruct and benefit those on earth  
 whom I love.

I wish my friends to know that it would  
 please me greatly if they take an interest in  
 Spiritualism and investigate its claims, seek  
 earnestly to study into its laws and inform  
 themselves upon the great questions which it  
 brings to humanity, of vital importance, affect-  
 ing all that concerns the human heart and its  
 interest. I believe, when Spiritualism is thor-  
 oughly understood, when its pure teachings, its  
 moral ethics, are coupled with the earth, and  
 the question that is of importance to man-  
 kind, whether affecting the social, political, do-  
 mestic or religious life, will be adjusted prop-  
 erly and correctly, and the people will begin to  
 live as they should, noble and useful lives.

Well, I am not here to preach nor to discourse  
 on weighty matters, but only to send my love  
 to friends and tell them I am quite satisfied  
 with the eternal world. I have long been try-  
 ing to come back and report here, but could not  
 until now. It was not because the disposition  
 to do so was feeble, or because I was not  
 I have come, as I say, seeking to manifest  
 myself in physical ways, and I trust to succeed  
 as fully as I hope some future time.

Report of Public Séance held Dec. 30th, 1884.

Invocation.

Once again, oh Father, do we lift up our souls  
 to thee in praise and gratitude. We thank thee for  
 the bright wings of the past, and for the promise  
 and prophecy of the future. In looking back, we can perceive through  
 the history of the ages the struggles, the trials, the  
 mistakes and the achievements of humanity; and in  
 that retrospect we may take courage and hope for  
 the coming time; we may feel that in the future, grand-  
 er unfoldments, higher conquests, greater achieve-  
 ments await mankind; that within the human soul  
 lies a power that has never yet been developed, but  
 which may be quickened into power and activity.  
 And realizing this, may we each one set to work with  
 a will to unfold those possibilities, and to perfect the  
 powers within. The hours are passing, bearing onward their burden

of a year. Oh! may they bear up to the record of  
 each heart; may they unfold before the lessons of  
 each heart; may they perform of days and nights  
 the duty of a fraternal feeling going forth  
 between man and man; may they show that unity,  
 that concord and peace are more universal to-day than they  
 were one year ago. And as the hours become rounded  
 into the full fruits of a year that is closed, may  
 we all feel that the past has performed its duty, and  
 brought us to this point, where we may speed onward  
 with greater hope and cheer for the future.

Oh Father, we ask thy blessing to rest upon all  
 humanity; upon those who are suffering from the  
 sufferings of the past, and upon those suffering from  
 ignorance, as well as upon the powerful and the fortu-  
 nate; may all feel that they are indeed under thy di-  
 vine protection; that thy hand is mighty to save and  
 to guide them; that in spite of all temptations, all storms  
 and painful experiences they are guarded by one who  
 is powerful, omnipotent, all-loving and eternal good-  
 ness. Our Father, may thy ministering spirits be  
 given power at this time to make themselves known to  
 loving friends on earth, may all present come in har-  
 mony of spirit, and sympathy of purpose, and afford  
 favorable conditions for spirits to manifest.

### Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT.—We will now attend  
 to your questions, Mr. Chairman.

Q.—[By Joseph Burns, Bremen, Me.] Two  
 members of my family saw at noonday what  
 appeared to be a circle of light come in at the  
 door, ascend to a certain place, where it re-  
 mained a few seconds, and then disappeared.  
 We five entered into prayer, and a spirit friend,  
 and did it indicate a mediumistic power in one  
 or both of those who saw it, which, if cultivated,  
 would develop that of materialization?

ANS.—The light of which your correspondent  
 speaks was undoubtedly produced by some  
 spirits present, and it probably also indicated  
 the existence of medial power in the organisms  
 of the two who witnessed it; for had it been a  
 material demonstration all who were there  
 would have witnessed it likewise. This may  
 have been perceived by the power of clairvoy-  
 ance; but it may not have been perceived by  
 what we call the power of individuals  
 who witnessed it, or it may have been the result  
 of their mediumistic powers. It may be that  
 their clairvoyant vision will be enlarged and  
 unfolded, or possibly other phases of medium-  
 ship may be developed, for instance, that of  
 materialization.

Q.—[By E. J. S., Crossville.] I have several  
 times seen the face of one who when in earth-  
 life was a very near and dear friend of mine.  
 When I beheld her face it appeared as though  
 she was very desirous to speak to me. Is it pos-  
 sible I can do anything to aid her in her efforts  
 to get back into the body?

A.—Undoubtedly the spirit whose face was  
 shown to your questioner desires to make her  
 presence known, and to give something of an  
 instructive or comforting nature to her friend.  
 We recommend to that friend the practice of  
 sitting at frequent and regular intervals, for  
 the sake of developing mediumship and receiv-  
 ing whatever the spirit has to give. There  
 should be pencil and paper at hand; and the  
 sifter should write down whatever may be im-  
 pressed upon the mind, or speak whatever may  
 be uttered by the spirit. It is of interest to him  
 who is in sympathy with the work and pur-  
 pose in view. If the spirit in question is unable  
 to make her presence known in this way, and  
 to indicate her desires, it will be desirable for  
 the friend to visit some medium, or to in some  
 way come into contact with a mediumistic in-  
 dividual, in order that the spirit may have a  
 better opportunity of presenting its views, and  
 declaring its purpose.

Q.—[From Isaac Faden, Galesburg, Ill.] In  
 what manner do best informed spirits regard  
 the Christian Bible? What views do they  
 hold respecting its origin?

A.—The best informed spirits that we know  
 of look upon the Christian Bible as a work of a  
 two-fold nature. The Old Testament they re-  
 gard as a record of Jewish history, a compen-  
 dium of important events in the history of a na-  
 tion, and as such they look upon it as a valu-  
 able work. The New Testament they regard as  
 a work of moral philosophy; in many respects  
 teaching principles and practices which it would  
 be well to endeavor to emulate, and to have im-  
 pressed in their minds. For this reason, it has  
 been written it presented a remarkable work upon  
 moral philosophy and upon spiritual teachings.  
 The man Christ they look upon as one who was  
 divinely inspired—that is, inspired by wise and  
 holy intelligences from a higher sphere of ex-  
 istence—and through whose organism they pre-  
 sented grand truths to the world, truths which  
 at the time very few were prepared to accept,  
 but which have been growing upon the world  
 through the unfolding of human comprehen-  
 sion, and found an abiding place in many minds.  
 Advanced spirits regard the Bible as a whole  
 work to be studied and carefully weighed in the  
 judgment and reason of human minds; to be  
 regarded simply for what it is, a record of life  
 in the past. Much that has been given to you  
 from the "Scriptures," so called, undoubtedly  
 was inspired, came down from higher sources  
 than the human intelligences of earth of that  
 day. But while you may receive and study the  
 Bible, you must not endeavor to place any more re-  
 liance upon what it contains than the spirit has  
 upon any other work calculated to record the  
 history of nations, or to unfold to human ac-  
 ceptance a system of moral philosophy and  
 ethics which was intended to unfold the best  
 and purest conditions and attributes of the  
 mind.

Q.—Do facilities exist in the spirit-world for  
 obtaining accurate information concerning the  
 physical conditions of the planets? If so, what  
 is that information, so far as obtained by your-  
 selves, and as far as you are able to convey it  
 to the mortal mind, for study and research, or  
 the reports of others?

A.—Facilities and opportunities do exist in  
 the spiritual world for the studious mind to as-  
 certain something of the nature of the physical  
 life of the planets. But it would be impossible  
 for us to give you an account of what we have  
 learned in relation to the various planets—I  
 would fill a volume and take many hours to  
 give you a brief record of that which has been  
 placed before the minds of spirits, and require  
 an instrument developed especially for such la-  
 bor; but I can tell you that the atmosphere  
 of a private study. Some day, however, such  
 information will be given to mankind by  
 spirits advanced in the knowledge of planetary  
 laws.

Q.—Are the planets inhabited? If so, what  
 are the characteristics of their inhabitants?

A.—We are informed that certain of the  
 planets are inhabited by human beings; that  
 the inhabitants of some of these planets are  
 very refined and exalted, their special charac-  
 teristics being purity of heart and power of in-  
 telligence.

Q.—If not now inhabited, have they been, or  
 is it presumable that they will be?  
 A.—The inhabitants of other planets, we are  
 told, are in various grades of mental and spiri-  
 tual attainment. We understand that there are  
 certain planets not inhabited, some of which  
 have been human-bearing planets, but have  
 passed onward to a stage where they are unable  
 to produce conditions necessary to the growth  
 and existence of human life. Others of these  
 planets, we are told, are in a state of growth, and  
 at a condition or stage of growth where the  
 human-bearing period will eventually come to  
 that condition, and human beings will dwell  
 upon them. Many things we have yet to  
 learn concerning the life and history of the  
 planets; but as man advances, he constantly  
 gains new light and knowledge on those sub-  
 jects. There are many advanced, studious  
 spirits, who are giving much thought and at-  
 tention to the life and condition of these  
 planets, and when the proper time arrives, and  
 all the old friends and neighbors are pleased  
 to understand these truths, they will be given  
 from a spiritual standpoint.

Dr. John H. Currier.

I am gratified to meet my friends of earth,  
 whether they be located in Boston or in many  
 other places where I was wont to meet them.  
 I regard them all as one body, and I hold  
 them all in the same fraternal regard, which I  
 hope they will reciprocate. I am bringing them  
 greetings from the spirit-world.  
 I have not been idle since I last made myself  
 known to them. I have not been obliged to  
 remain in one condition from which there was  
 no escape, but I have been privileged to go out  
 here and there and gain what experience and  
 instruction was good for me, and to give some  
 influence or magnetic strength which might be  
 beneficial to those with whom I came in con-  
 tact. I am working on the good name of Spirit-  
 ualism, and I find those powers which were mine

are growing stronger; they are developing;  
 it seems as if I held within myself a reservoir  
 of magnetism, and that the more of it I give out  
 or impart to others, the greater the inflow from  
 higher sources—and I am happy to say that I  
 can make this magnetism of use to those I meet  
 who are debilitated and feeble and require  
 physical as well as a spiritual stimulant. I am  
 happier in my present work, far happier than  
 I was for many years before I passed on. I  
 want no friend to think of me with sadness; to  
 feel that I am in an unhappy or depressed con-  
 dition, for I am not. There are many things  
 connected with my life on earth, many circum-  
 stances which I would have had otherwise, con-  
 ditions which I have been trying to outgrow,  
 memories that pain me as they return to my  
 mind, in summing them all up together, and  
 placing them all before me, I can say, in spite  
 of all, I am not unhappy; I am quite satis-  
 fied with my present condition, and thank God  
 I can press onward to a higher state of unfold-  
 ment, a grander attitude of being.

Friends, this is a glorious work, that of spread-  
 ing light and knowledge before the eyes of the  
 ignorant, those who are in darkness concern-  
 ing the truths of immortal life. I believe there  
 is no grander labor anywhere. There is a beau-  
 tiful mission for many beneficent souls—that of  
 ministering consolation and peace, giving help-  
 ful instruction to those who are in need of  
 these great lessons; and such missionary souls  
 are destined to go forth from the higher sphere  
 of life, making their way amid the darkened  
 places of earth, spreading their influence  
 abroad, giving to weary hearts instruction and  
 stimulating influences, which cannot fail to be  
 felt and appreciated.

There is another glorious mission, which  
 many noble, self-sacrificing souls are striving to  
 fulfill, that of uplifting the sin-sick souls of  
 earth, those who are cast down in the slough  
 of degradation and misery. Although you do  
 not see those who are going from place to  
 place, they are indeed busy, they are not  
 neglecting those poor outcasts, but are send-  
 ing a spiritual influence down into the mire  
 and slough of despondency, vice and wrong;  
 and I am sure that it will be felt, after a while,  
 in such an uplifting wave as to bear those un-  
 fortunate creatures along with it to a higher  
 state of being.

Still another grand work is being performed  
 through noble souls of earth, who are inspired or  
 impelled to go on in this labor of love, and that  
 is the work of ministering to the physical needs  
 of those who are in distress, who are laid low  
 down by the cramping chains of poverty. All  
 such work, whether it be on the spiritual side  
 or in the material world, is a blessed work;  
 it carries its own benediction with it; it creates  
 a grand influence which is uplifting in its qual-  
 ity, and which in turn will bear the worker on  
 to high and noble ends in a grander life.

I am proud to be called a Spiritualist, and to  
 be numbered among the workers for the cause  
 of Spiritualism, for I know that when it is un-  
 derstood by the people of earth, they will see  
 that it carries with it that is of interest to hu-  
 manity, takes this thin folds all the vital is-  
 sues that tend to elevate mankind; that among  
 its beneficent teachings and labors it gives the  
 hand of friendship to all people, those in need  
 not only of spiritual instruction, but physical  
 assistance. It will be shown to be what it really  
 is, the grand illuminating power which will  
 brighten the pathway of mankind onward to  
 the higher life.

To all friends, I bring my greetings and my  
 regards, and I wish them to understand that I  
 am ready to cooperate with them at all times  
 and everywhere where they are at work, ear-  
 nestly seeking to be of use to themselves or to  
 their fellow-creatures.  
 You will know me as Dr. John H. Currier.

The Indian Maiden, Lotela.

For Thomas Hardin: Prudence Hathaway; Ben-  
 jamin Staples; John Bechtel; Marguerite;  
 William Reer; Maria Worthington; Elizabeth  
 Hulbert; Samuel Allen; George H. Allen;  
 Dickey; Abigail Whittier; George; Hannah  
 White; Jennie Harlow; Charlie; to Mattie.

[To the Chairman:] How do, Wilson brave?  
 Lotela goin' to talk now for the spirits.

THOMAS HARDIN.

There's a brave here, and he's been gone to  
 the hunting-grounds ever so many summers;  
 he went out in the big war, and that med'cine  
 man that I s'posed he was talking to you is helping  
 him along. He wants to go to a new world, and  
 send his greeting to his friends, and tell them  
 he is well-conditioned in the spirit-world; he  
 has been over a good while, but he has not been  
 idle; he has been taking up new lessons and  
 learning them for his soul's advancement. He  
 says he understands a great deal more about  
 this Spiritual Philosophy than he did when  
 here; it seemed to be a strange kind of thing,  
 but he felt there must be something about it  
 apart from this material life, but what it was  
 he could not comprehend. Since he went over,  
 he says, he has begun to study into the spiri-  
 tal laws of magnetism, and he is satisfied that  
 it has been instrumental in doing a grand work  
 for humanity. This brave lived in Chelsea,  
 and belonged to Company H. He wants to  
 send his greetings to any of the boys that are  
 left who belonged to the old company. His  
 name is Thomas Hardin.

PRUDENCE HATHAWAY.

Now Lotela sees a squaw trying to get here;  
 she has been trying to get here for the last few  
 weeks, but she just gets to a certain point and  
 can't get any closer; she don't seem to have  
 magnetism enough to get up to the med'y. She  
 wishes to send her love to her friends, and tell  
 them she is satisfied with the other life; but  
 she can't send things connected with the set-  
 tlement of affairs belonging to her, and that she  
 would like to talk over with friends, if she  
 get an opportunity, so she comes here hoping  
 to reach them and have them know she wants  
 to say something to them. She wants to come  
 in private. She don't know much about these  
 things; they seem strange to her. She says she  
 is pleased with the home she has found in the  
 spirit-world, and she would like to tell all about  
 it, besides speaking about matters connected  
 with the mortal life that seem to need regulat-  
 ing, and she would like to reach H. H. Hath-  
 away of Duxbury, Mass.; her name is Prudence  
 Hathaway.



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