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> Written for the Banner of Light. STELLAR ASPIRATIONS. BY L. COLBY.

And volces to the woodland birds, Grant me the power of saying things In simplest and in sweetest words

Grant me the power to wing my flight To distant planets in the sky That send to earth their golden light, Where soul meets soul in realms on high';

Where lofty thoughts inspire the mind, And virtue holdeth regal sway ! Oh I grant me this, Great Power Divine, For which my heart doth fervent pray.

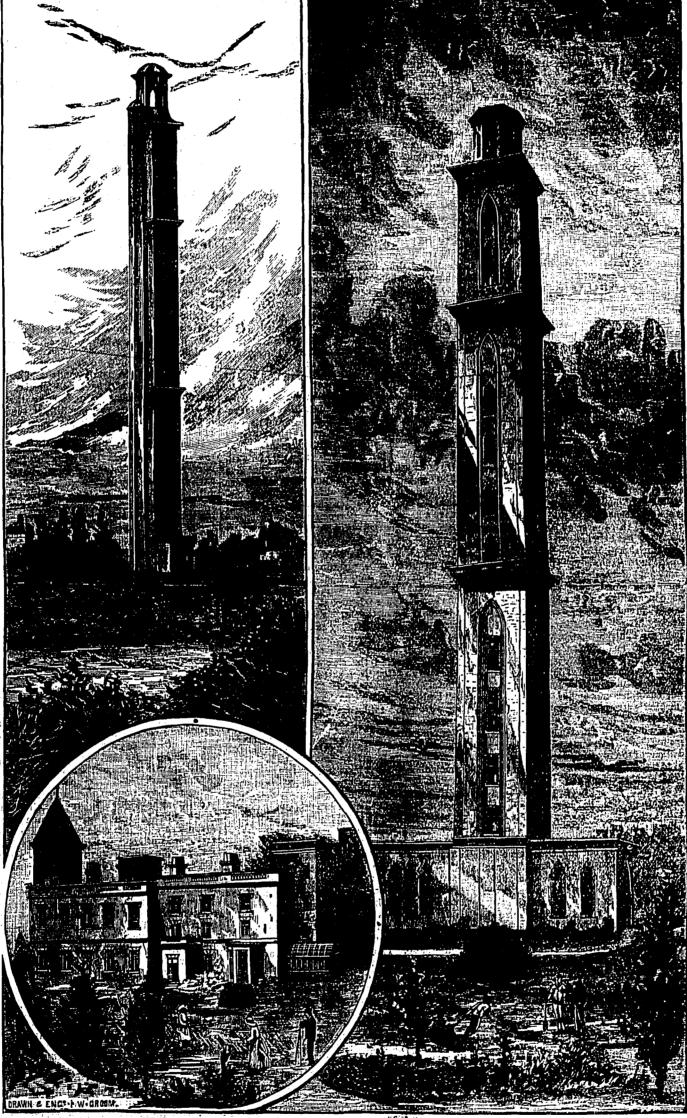
There love celestial knows no guile; There error ne'er contends with truth ; There avarice can none defile;

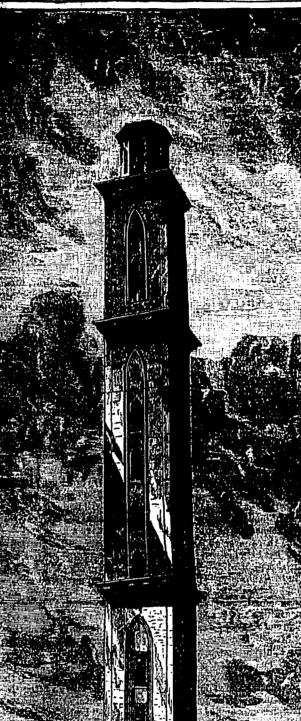
There life is one eternal youth i Then will I bless thee, Father God ! And all thy creatures here below, Who in this school of life now plod And teach them what they most should know :

That peace and love and sweet content Are better far than molten gold ; That lives in harmony thus spent, Will bless them all a thousand-fold.

ARNEWOOD TOWERS.

The engraving placed before our readers is that of a structure at Lymington, Hants, England, erected by a wealthy gentleman, A. T. T. P., known to English Spiritualists as "the Recorder of Controls," from the fact that he has for several years held private seances with W. L., a remarkable sensitive, and recorded and published a large number of communications received through his mediumship. Some idea of the scope of subjects treated upon and their value may be had from the fact that a selection from them, recently published in book form, under the name of "Essays from the Unseen," are attributed to the following controls : eighteen Oriental; twenty-two Ancient Greek and Roman; eleven miscellaneous; and eighteen of the Renaissance. The Tower is built on the grounds of the country-seat of A. T. T. P. In June, 1880, Sir Christopher Wren, being the control of the medium, gave an account of his personal history, work and times, at the close of which he said to the Recorder : "There is in your mind a desire to build a monument to commemorate the development of Spiritualism."





Literary Department.

Written for the Banner of Light. AFTER MANY DAYS.

BY M. T. SHELHAMER, AUTHOR OF "OUTSIDE THE GATES," "HFRE AND BEYOND," BTC., ETC.

CHAPTER V. FIRST LESSONS IN SPIRITUALISM.

For days no sign came to the little cottage to indicate the presence of the spirit whose message had been given in that mysterious way. It seemed to Susie as though having performed his mission in assuring her of his continued conscious existence, and in the protection of his love, John had turned away, perhaps to the more perfect joys of a higher home, perhaps to the accomplishment of spiritual duties.

She did not question, she did not doubt his coming, but patiently waited the return of that signal that should announce his presence. Sarah had resumed her work, and life continued to flow on at the cottage as it had done before.

One evening, after her working girl had retired, and Charlie also had gone to his room, Susie, seated in thoughtful silence before the grate, again heard the "tick, tick," upon her desk that assured her some invisible person must be near. It was two months since she had received anything, and her heart had yearned for a token of spiritual helpfulness. She could not read the sounds, but she knew they meant love, and nearness, and all things beautiful from John, and they comforted and gave her strength. The shadows grew deeper; it really seemed as though some invisible force lowered the light until the room was dim with gloom. The woman did not stir; a sensation of deep peace, of quiet restfulness, stole over her entire being. Gradually, through the gloom, came a soft, white light, fleecy and tremulous, that brightened as it grew, and cast a halo around the room. Presently a shadowy form appeared in the corner nearest to her bed-room door, and close by the mystic desk. As it grow in shape, and assumed proportions and features. the quiet watcher recognized the lineaments of her husband.

She did not start, she did not scream, she only sat and gazed, and gazed, with a glad smile springing to her lips, and tears filling her eyes. Too happy to move, yet so thankful, oh I so thankful for this blessed visitation, it seemed as though she had been expecting something like this, so natural did it appear to her, and she felt that she must not rise, nor ory out, nor do anything that should startle and disturb the spirit.

"Yes," replied A. T. T. P., "I have had a passing thought of the kind; but have not yet taken it to heart sufficiently to carry it into excoution."

"What did you think of doing?"

"I thought of a Campanile tower."

"To what height did you think of going?"

"I thought of going to about one hundred and eighty feet."

What is the base you propose giving it ?" "Eighteen feet square."

"Do you think that sufficient base to be safe ?" asked the spirit.

"I thought," replied A. T. T. P., "that a height of ten diameters to the base would be a very good proportion."

"If you have not dug out the foundation," remarked the spirit, "you had better make it twenty-four feet."

A. T. T. P. thought it over, and commenced the work in August, 1880. A cavity of six and a half feet deep was first dug out, down to the ferruginous gravel, which afforded an excellent basis to work from. On that, a concrete foundation wall, four feet thick, was carried up to the ground level. On this was raised the first floor. nineteen feet high, on walls two feet thick. This was all that could be accomplished before winter set in, and put an end to the operations for that year.

- In the following year, 1881, the Tower was carried up to 'eighty feet from' the ground; in 1882 it reached the height of one hundred and fifty feet. Next year, 1883, the Main Tower was completed, and the Lantern was placed in position in 1884.

The Main Tower is sixteen feet square, inalde measurement; and is continued to an elevation of one hundred and ninety-two feet, consisting of fifteen lofty rooms, the one above the other, each sixteen feet square, in each of which fifty people might be accommodated without inconvenience; one thousand might be in the Tower at one time without any evidence being experienced by any one that there were more than a few dosen. The wall is reduced in thickness, from the outside, as it scounds. Come mending on the ground level, where the fourfoot basement terminates, the wall is two feet strain caused by the wind may come.

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thick, up to nineteen feet, where the first floor occurs. From nineteen feet to eighty feet, the walls are twenty-one inches thick, being a reduction of three inches. From eighty feet to one hundred and fifty feet, the walls are eighteen inches thick, being a further reduction of three inches. The walls for the last forty-two feet are only fifteen inches in thickness. At each of these reductions in wall thickness; i. e., at nineteen feet, eighty feet, and one hundred and fifty feet from the ground, a cornice is thrown out all round, as shown in the engraving, which prevents the reduction in the walls being noticed by the spectator.

.The floors are composed of iron girders thrown across the walls in opposite directions in alternate stories; thus the strain of the weight falls equally, and the greatest possible resistance is given to the wind. Between the girders, solid arches of concrete are constructed, rendering each floor and the surrounding walls one solid mass, and greatly increasing the strength of the structure. The floor of the Lantern, or roof of the Main Tower, one hundred and ninety-two feet from the ground, is a gridiron of nine iron girders, three heavy girders being crossed by six lighter ones, by which the weight of the Lantern Tower is thrown on all the walls equally, from whichever side the the Main Tower, and the stairs ultimately pass

The Lantern Tower is an octagon, described | in a square of twelve feet, in which, at six feet, is a floor carried on iron girders. The walls of the Lantern are carried up till the whole structure reaches an elevation of two hundred and twenty feet, terminating in a semi-circular dome, as is very well shown in the engraving. The Staircase Tower is a hexagon, eight feet nine inches in diameter, which stands on the northern side of the Main Tower. The wall of this tower is one foot in thickness, so that the wall between the two towers is three feet thick. Both towers are in reality one solid stone, stairs and all, greatly adding to the strength of the fabric. In the center of this hexagonal tower is a solid pillar, two feet in diameter, on which and the external wall the stairs are carried up, leading to the chambers. The stairway (entered by a door in the angle toward the western por tico) is two feet four inches wide, and the height of each step is seven inches. Every here and there in the sicent there is a broad step or landing, which constitutes one "lift" in the work of construction. This arrangement is so adapted that in all the floors above the third, every two turns of the stair lead to a doorway into an apartment. The Staircase Tower terminates with a cornice and dome, similar to up to the chamber in the Lantern.

Porticos, twenty-one feet by fifteen feet, and nineteen feet in height, have just been added, one on the east and the other on the west side which gives the appearance of a wider base and adds to the architectural effect.

In the foundation is a vault, fourteen feet square, in which it is the wish of the builder that his body be deposited when the spirit has no longer use for it. That this separation from the form may be long deferred, all of our readers will unite with us in sincerely wishing.

The whole fabric, with the exception of the iron girders, is composed of concrete. It is, therefore, one solid stone, the most remarkable monolith in the world. It is the work of local laborers, mostly lads trained on the spot, from designs and under the immediate direction of A. T. T. P. It is his intention to have all their names, in an endurable form, placed on the in-side wall of the lower apartment. Says the London Medium and Daybreak, by the courtesy of whose publisher we are enabled to transfer to our columns the engraving and the account above given : iron girders, is composed of concrete. It is,

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the account above given : "Our Spiritual Movement affords us examples of in-spirational speeches, poems, music and discovery; but here we have a product as certainly traceable to spir-itual sources as any of these. Nay, more so, for it is wholly original in method of construction and special application of material. It is a product of the inspira-tion that is being at present poured out upon our race and country. It is Spiritualism commemorating itself it. It is not as it some man had determined to erret a memorial of Spiritualism, but, on the other hand, the spirit-world found the man, inspired the plan, and did the work through him in its own way."

ness transfused the countenance of the visitor and made it radiant. He slowly raised his hands aloft, as if invoking a blessing upon the little home, then pointed upward, and in a moment disappeared. As the form vanished, Susie distinctly heard the words whispered; "We shall meet again. I will come many times. "I go to prepare a place for you."

#Afterward she remembered that during her vision a white, vaporous substance, like a broad silver cord, had streamed from her side, and seemed to be attached to the spirit-form. It was denser, and yet appeared to be more fully vitalized than the mist in the room, and she wondered if it could have been some power or element that John had drawn from her to assist him in his manifestation.

The mist faded, the light of the lamp glowed as before, and Susie Raymond sank back in her chair overcome by a strange feeling; it was not like slumber, nor yet was she faint; it was as though a gentle magnetism settled upon her. closing her eyes and stilling her senses into repose. She could feel this mysterious power stirring her hair and breathing upon her face, filling her entire frame with a sweet yet subtle force. She was unconscious of the lapse of time, but when she aroused it was to find the embers dead and a chilly dampness pervading the room.

Three days later the Rev. A. B. Franklin called at Mrs. Raymond's home. He was the pastor of the Congregational Church, and felt it incumbent upon him to look well after the souls in his district. He had taken a special interest in Mrs. R. and her little son since the death of John, and had many times sought to persuade the widow to publicly unite with his church in a confession of faith.

But this the lady had declined to do. The ight within her was too strong to be eclipsed by the folds of theological dogma, and her mediumistic promptings would not permit her to bind herself to any form or article of belief.

To-day the reverend gentleman seemed more earnest than ever in his solicitations. There was a revival of religion in his parish, and he felt the time was ripe for the saving of souls. Mrs. R., whose thoughts were full of the wondrous experience that had come to her in the quiet of her own home, could not warm to the subject as her visitor desired. "You must pardon me," she said, "if I do not respond to your request; but the truth is, sir, I cannot subscribe to the tenets of the church. I have to be guided by my own convictions, and until they point me in that way I must stand aside. I would like to ask you a question."

"Anything that comes within my capacity of a religious teacher to answer I will be glad to consider."

"Do you believe that the spirits of the dead can return to comfort their sorrowing friends?" "No, my dear lady. A wise Providence removes the departed from any sight or knowledge of those they leave behind. It is best, for

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they would only sorrow over the sins and griefs | and din of the world, they held sacred commuof the world. I speak of the good; the wicked of course are consigned to such punishment as to prevent them knowing aught but their own misery."

"I cannot believe this, for I have seen and heard the dead," and Susie recounted the spiritual experiences she had known within the last few months. The visitor listened with a serious countenance and severe air, and when she had finished he was urgent in his advice that she banish all such thoughts from her mind. "You have evidently been the victim sorrow has disturbed your mind and rendered it weak. You thought you saw these things, but you were mistaken; the dead have no power to revisit us."

"But how do you account for the ticking on the desk and the message it conveyed?"

The ticking may have been caused by some vibration in the wood, and the 'message' was no doubt the clever fabrication of a wily girl's brain. Believe me, Mrs. Raymond, you will do well to unite with our church. It will give you strength and support, and aid you to dispel these unhealthy illusions."

"I will think of it, sir, but I cannot promise now," and after a brief but forvent prayer for her soul, the conscientious but narrow-minded man took his departure.

That afternoon, while looking over some pieces of work laying upon her bed, Susio heard three taps upon the head-board, and in a moment the words, "Fear not, I am with you. I will care for you. Be firm, do not unite with the church, it is narrow. You must be free," appeared before her as if written in lines of light upon the atmosphere. She know the message was from John, and it gave her strength.

After this the woman did not speak of her spiritual visitor save to her boy. Him she told of his father's visits, and of the great comfort they brought, and how happy they must be, that he might not feel sad.

The boy-grave and wise beyond his yearslistened and comprehended, and all the love he had cherished for his earthly father went out in warmth and sweetness to that parent in spirit-life. Who shall say that the father did not see and know, and respond to the affection of his little son?

The spiritual manifestations did not come to them with any regularity. They were rare and brief, and like some precious gift that could not be uncovered at all times. Sometimes days elapsed without bringing even a "tap," and it was only occasionally that Susle caught a glimpse of her husband's form.

Mrs. Raymond had a new customer, a lady of more than ordinary intelligence. She had only recently moved to Stirlingville, and was not generally known in that town. This lady had taken a warm interest in her quiet dressmaker. and one day as Susie stood fitting a new garment to her graceful figure, she abruptly said : "Pardon me, Mrs. Raymond, but do you know

I think you are a medium?" "And what is that?" Susle asked, without pausing in her work.

"Oh! to be sure, you could not know. No one does know in these parts. A medium is one through whom is held communication with the dead. Have I frightened you?" she asked, as the dressmaker dropped the cloth from her hand, and stood with dilated eyes and parted lips. "It is nothing to alarm you. I would not tell every one, but you do not seem bigoted. I am a medium myself."

"Oh! I would like so much to know about it ! I think I can guess what you mean, but I do not understand it."

"Well, if you will call on me this evening I will explain, as far as I can, and we will sit for the spirits to come to us."

Promptly at seven o'clock Susie called upon be seated at a table, upon which lay some sheets of paper and a pencil. Seating herself opposite, the lady naturally took the pencil, and commenced to talk upon the subject that engrossed her caller's mind. For the first time in her life Susie learned something of the laws of mediumship, its power and its uses. She listened in wondering silence, and with a growing conviction of the truth of what she heard. While Mrs. Jones continued to talk, her left hand, in which she held the pencil, began to move and to rapidly trace characters and words upon the paper beneath it. Taking no notice of this, the lady went on, giving her listener a brief account of her own development and experience as a medium : "Happily I am not obliged to display my power to the world. I am not dependent upon the public for my living, and I only exercise my gifts for my family and for such of my friends as I know will not revile it. The world is not yet ready to receive this blessed truth, and whoever is called upon to reveal it opposition which will amount to martyrdom. Poor things ! I pity them, whoever they may be," she continued, as her hand dropped motionless upon the table.

nion with the higher life. But it became noised about that there was

something uncanny and strange about Mrs. Raymond. Sarah, the sewing-girl, had told what she had heard and seen and guessed. People coming in had sometimes heard queer noises and rustlings, as of some unseen presence, and flashes of light occasionally came and went before them when seated in the dressmaker's home. Mrs. Raymond never hesitated. but boldly spoke the truth when questioned : she would not parade what to her was so saored of an hallucination," he said. "Your great before the public, neither would she conceal her tion. knowledge, as if ashamed of it, when questioned. She had the courage of her convictions. and expressed it, and so came to be looked upon as a queer and perhaps dangerous person by those who were too ignorant to think strongly on any subject.

Work became less than it had been ; some of the dressmaker's patrons were simple women who were afraid of anything that savored of 'witchery" or "ghostliness," and when it became whispered that she had dealings with the dead, these women refused to employ or to visit her. They were not all poor people either. Some of the most timid were women of means, who, if they had so willed, might have overcome the foolish superstition of the feebleminded and have set the current of patronage toward the Raymond cottage instead of away from it.

CHAPTER VI.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

The falling off of the patronage and of the recognition of her neighbors was gradual, so that it was many months before Susie began really to suffer financial loss from the withdrawal of her work. In the meanwhile the spiritual manifestations in her home continued, and scarcely a day passed but that she received some token of spirit-presence and guidance.

Her little son had long since become familiar with the unseen visitors who watched over him, and under their helpful advice he progressed more rapidly in his studies than ever before. The spirits had told the mother that they were preparing the child for a great work. She was not to restrict his mind or to attempt to bias his inclination in the choice of studies, but to leave him free to follow the light which they had set within him.

Something of the law of magnetism, of the mingling of auras for beneficent results, had that there are elements in man that, when in- is to me, and reads as follows : telligently understood and applied, will be far more effectual in warding off disease, or in relleving the infirmities of the body, than any study these principles and seek to govern and regulate its life in harmony with their established laws.

As employment failed and her former patronage fell off, Mrs. Raymond was obliged to dismiss her sewing-girl. Sarah was very willing to go, for she did not like the mysterious noises that she sometimes heard, and to her superstitious mind there seemed to be something weird about her benefactress that frightened her. The girl had no difficulty in finding employment in town, and as she lacked disoretion. and was fond of gossip, it was not long before her busy tongue had set many stories in circulation concerning the little dressmaker, that grew and spread as they passed from house to house.

Time passed, and although business was dull, yet Susie had no difficulty in maintaining her little home until her health began to fail.

During the long period of depression that preceded this calamity, Mrs. Jones, her medium her strange patron, and was ushered into a friend, sustained her by her kindly sympathy small room, where Mrs. Jones requested her to and magnetic strength. Nor did her ministra-LIODE CERSE DEFE. FOR SHE DUSIED DEFICIT IN DROcuring sewing for the dressmaker, and secured orders for work from some of her friends who resided out of the town, as well as provided material to be constructed into garments for her own use, of which she stood in little need. But at length the failing health and exhausted energies of Mrs. Raymond precluded the possibility of attempting any sustained labor. As long as she could keep about she continued to sew a little on the delicate work supplied her by her friend; but the time came when this too had to be suspended, and the fragile woman, worn and exhausted from loss of strength, could do nothing but sit in her chair and hold communion with the angels. She was loth to give up the little home that had been so much to her. Here she had entered on married life ; here her baby had been born; here John had lived and died; and here, too, she had come into a knowledge of the great truths of immortality. The place was sacred to her, for within its humble walls she must be prepared to encounter ostracism and had found all the vital experiences of her life, and it seemed as though she had grown to be a part of it. But as time brought no relief to her wasting frame, and as the little hoard of money John had left must now be encroached upon, Susle decided it was best to give the cottage up. Mrs. Jones was an invaluable friend in this emergency, seeing to the disposal of read these words, that were written backward : such furniture as would not be needed in the "This is a blessed truth vouchsafed to man to furnishing of the two rooms that she insisted inspire and console him. The world will not the invalid must take in her own house, and attending to the removal with assiduous care. Susie could not bear to be a burden to any one, and she insisted on paying the way of herself and child. Her friend did not object, knowing there are many delicate ways in which a sensitive spirit may be assisted without wounding its sensibility, and trusting to the angels to guide her in this direction. But Mrs. Jones stipulated that Charlie should take his meals at her own table, and that the invalid should be supplied with her food from the same. The sum charged for their board was very small, but the landlady would take no more. and Mrs. Raymond was obliged to sub- and its requirements through slow and painful mit. Charles still continued to attend his daily school. He was forward as ever in his studies, and would soon graduate from the higher class. The boy was full of ambition and enthusiasm, but he was not satisfied. His mother's state of health disturbed him, and their threatened poverty was not unknown to him. He was now a

tells me that people do n't need medicines to they would teach us in school about our bodies. I want to know how they are put together, and what they are made of. If ever I get a chance I will study up these things."

In those days the study of anatomy and phys-lology had not been admitted into the public schools, and car young people had but little opportunity of being informed upon them unless they entered upon a special course of such training in the higher institutions of instruc-

What would become of her boy was a serious question with Susle Raymond, one that haunted her thoughts constantly, and that was the subject of her many prayers. She was convinced that her own stay on earth was to be brief, and although she knew she should have the power to watch over and guide him, yet her mother's heart could not lose its anxiety for the object of her affection.

She had held many conversations with her friend on this and other subjects, and Mrs. Jones had always said, "Let us wait for light the spirits will guide us in the right way."

One morning this lady entered the room of her friend with a written paper in her hand. The invalid was now unable to be moved from the room, but she still retained her easy chair in preference to the bed, from which the strong hands of Mr. Jones lifted her night and morning. Charles had gone to school. It still wanted a few weeks of the day when he would graduate with all the honors of one who maintained his position at the head of the class, and he had departed with the words, "In a little while, mother, I will be free. I can't go to the High School, but no matter, I can study at home. And I am bound to find something to do to help you along.'

"Susie," said her friend, "can you bear to hear a spirit-message this morning?

"Yes, indeed. I am always ready to hear from the blessed ones," and the invalid smiled. "But this is of your condition, and of Charlie. and—

"Oh! let me have it; whatever it is, I can bear it."

"Well, dear, it came to me last night. I was aroused by knobks on the footboard, and obliged to rise, and take a pencil in my hand, when this was written. I have read it to Mr. Jones, and consulted with him. He agrees to do all the adaptability of one person to another, of the spirits wish as far as he is concerned, and to coöperate with me in my share of the work. So been explained to her ; and she began to realize | let your heart rest easy on that. The message

"The morning will soon Jawn when your beloved charge will be taken home. Let your minds be prepared for the event. It will not agent now known to the medical fraternity. be an occasion for gloom, but rather one for re-Some day, the spirits said, humanity will joicing. A weary spirit is only to find its own. "And there shall be no night there," only peace, and joy, and light unspeakable. Take her boy into your own family; guard him well. Do not train him in habits of idleness, but give him employment for mind and body. Mr. Jones will find something useful for him to do. Assure the anxious mother that her child shall have a home. We will repay you.

Your guide. ANGELO."

Tears streamed from the eyes of the sick woman as these lines were read to her. She had no sorrow for the coming change only as it should affect her son. She could not at first believe that he was to remain in the harmonious home of her friend, but when Mrs. Jones assured her that the angels' wish should be sacredly carried out, her joy and gratitude knew no bound**s**.

Long and earnestly the two friends talked. and the words of the sick woman were oberished ever after as a sacred legacy by Mrs. Jones.

"I will look after Charlie as though he were my own son," said that noble woman. "We ve no children here, but I have one OVALV blossom in heaven; if you meet her there, be good to her for my sake. Mr. Jones is a man of few words: he seems to many to be a rather rough diamond, but he is true as steel, and good as gold. He has the utmost confidence in the spirit-world, and will follow its directions. We need not fear but Charlie will find a good friend in him. As long as I live I will be a mother to your boy. I will give him my best thoughts and influence to so train his mind that he may encounter the temptations of life unscathed. I am in good health, despite the drain upon my nervous forces by the spirits who use my powers for their work. When they exhaust me 1 sit quietly with my husband, and regain strength. His magnetism is such, and his harmony with me so perfect, that he can supply me with the force I need. Long ago the spirits told us this would be so. They say mediums are easily exhausted. Their power is drawn from the nervons system. and its forces are necessarily used in the work of the spirits through their organisms. The history of mediumship will be a gradual withdrawal of life forces, a few years of active labor for humanity in each case, an accomplishment of results at the expense of physical strength, and generally an early death, until man learns the laws of mediumship, and seeks to cooperate with the invisible workers, by supplying their instruments on the earthly side with such harmonious conditions and magnetic forces as will make up for the waste or use of nerve power and energy necessary to the work." "But, dear friend, you have been a medium some years, and you are still in good health." "Yes; but I have never been forced to meet with the turmoil and friction incident to the public exercise of mediumship. My powers were developed in my own home. I only exposed them to those who I believed could understand them. My husband is in sympathy with me, and he, being also very magnetic, can sustain me in my work. Mine is an exceptional case. I believe, from what I have been told, that humanity will learn of mediumship experiences. The gift is like the blaze of a lamp : feed it with oll-that is, sympathy and the right kind of magnetic surroundings-and it will burn indefinitely; neglect it, and it will soon consume the supply and be extinguished. Many mediums will be brought out into public life, but few will remain. Most of them will flourish a few years, then drop out of public service, or they will pass away. Now and then a medium may be spared to many years of use-The boy possessed great magnetic power, as ful labor in the cause of truth, and, if the surroundings are harmonious and peaceful such an one may not suffer, greatly; but, otherwise the years of service will be at the expense of before mediumship will perform its best work. "Mother," he would say, "if I was only a One sensitive enough to catch the echoes of man, with a man's strength, and knew how to angel-whispers or to receive intelligence from.

and powers that others do not comprehend. make then well, half as much as they need to The thought of an associate, be it lowing or be it know how to take care of themselves. I do wish barsh, will affect such a sensitive with pleasure or pain. The very quality of the magnetism emanating from those around him will be felt. If it does not assimilate with his own and that of his guides, it will not only distress his mind but keep him in a weak, nervous and debilitated physical condition. But if it is

composed of such elements as will mingle with his own aura it will strengthen his powers, stimulate his mind and invigorate his frame." "But will mediums not be able to labor later than middle life?"

"Yes, in good time, when they and their friends have learned how to live. At present there may be mediums advanced in years, but they have not been in the field long. Their powers were developed late in life. So the history runs, and will do so till the world understands how to care for its instruments of spiritcommunion.

"You, Susie, are one of the world's martyrs -an open way between two worlds. You have been scorned and traduced instead of shielded and blessed by those who knew you from girlhood. And why? Because you can bring a message of love from the dead. Your life-forces have been drawn upon in order to receive this message, but the world will have none of it from you. It gives back no magnetic sympathy, and you are the victim of its indifference. Poor humanity l it must yield up many martyrs at the shrine of Truth ere it will receive the light. But there is naught of fear for you, sweet friend ; you will be lifted out of bondage.' "Out of darkness into light. From death to life-oh ! how glorious ! I know the way, and I do not fear to go." And the invalid clasped her hands in joy. Her friend regarded her tenderly, then kissing her forehead withdrew, leaving her to her needed rest after this im-

portant interview. The following weeks were full of precious moments to the dying woman and her boy. Their talks were quiet and sweet, and were only broken now and then by the sobs and tears that would burst from his overcharged heart when the little fellow realized that he should soon miss his mother from her | gard to the living and the dead. accustomed place. But the loving words and tender assurances that she would continue to | younger brother, half timidly. watch over and guard him which this loved parent gave, never failed to still the tempest and

soothe his pain. School closed, bringing the highest honors of his class to the boy. His record had been a good one, and his mind answered well of the training it had renativel. It had been decided that chartes should enter the store of Mr. Jones at once, to run errands and do such chore work as should be found for him. Mrs. Raymond had willed it so, feeling that she could pass away more peacefully if she knew her boy was doing something to repay the kindness of his friends.

It was a beautiful Sabbath morning when the summons came. The early sun breaking over grass and flower and shrub, lighted up each diamond drop of dew with radiant splendor. The soft summer breeze straying through the window stirred the brown locks of the dying woman. She had, as usual, been moved to the large easy-chair, for she wanted to pass away with her face toward the sunrise. By her side sat Mrs. Jones, holding one wasted hand in both her own, and at her feet, with the other hand of his mother resting upon his bowed head, knelt the little son for whose future her prayers went up to heaven.

At a little distance, Eben Jones, seated by a table, leaned his head upon his hands and waited for the change. He was a short, dark man, very unlike his fair-haired stately wife. People called him severe and cold, not understanding the warm sympathy and kindliness that throbbed beneath his rough exterior. He was not open to the world, and yet those who giving 'tests,' don't we, Harry ?" knew him best loved him most-and the angels

to-morrow since she went away," and the mother's voice trembled, and the children looked seriously at her, "and they said they should like so much to go to some one and get a message from her. The last time I had a séance with Mr. Williams she sent such a sweet message to them ! Don't you think they might go, dear?"

"It will cost two dollars, and Dick and T have got almost three in our bank, papa. Say yes, won't you?" oried Harry, as he saw his father hesitate.

"Why, surely, I am more than willing; but, my dear, do you propose to let them go alone ?"

"I will take them over to New York and send them down in Aunt Carrie's carriage, and then I can go for them," answered the kind mother.

The boys were wild with delight, for Mr. White, contrary to the custom of many Spiritualists, had taught his little family all about the spirit-world, and when the bright angels had taken Nellie away only one year ago the boys all knew that she had gone to the spirit-home. So on this Christmas Eve they went into the dear little bed-chamber kept sacred to the memory of the angel-child, and put wreaths at the windows and flowers on the mantel, then both said, "Good-night, dear Nellie ; come and talk to us to morrow over at the medium's home, please," and then scampered off to bed. where soon, hand-in-hand, they were sailing on the bright waters that are found only in the world of dreams.

CHAPTER IL.

Fair and bright was the Christmas morning, with all the world smiling its sweetest to welcome the "gladdest day of the year," and the great bustling city seemed almost like fairy land, with its streets white with the newly fallen snow, and its windows filled with the treasures of many lands. The two little boys stepped out of a carriage before a fine residence, and rang the bell; they were shown into a large room, where others were like themselves waiting to see Mr. John Williams, the medium, who could tell all sorts of strange things in re-

"Are you afraid, Dick ?" asked Harry of his

"Of course not," answered Dick, as he turned over the leaves of a large illustrated volume, with the earnest curiosity of childhood, stopping now and then to hear an argument on matani-alization hat we way of uncertain years and a gentleman who declared himself to be a " believer in nothing at all."

"What are you children waiting for?" asked an old lady, who was knitting busily and waiting for her turn.

"Oh I" said Dick, "we are going to have a "sitting' with Mr. Williams, for a Christmas present. I wish he'd come, don't you, Harry ?" At this moment the door slowly opened, and the medium came in. He was a tall, merryeyed gentleman, who turned with a bright smile to the boys, with, "Now, little ones, what can I do for you? Are you waiting for any one?"

"Oh! no," exclaimed Harry, "we want a sitting with you in a trance;" and then, seeing the medium hesitate for a moment, added, "We've got the money to pay for it," as if that was an unanswerable argument.

"Very well; come with me into the next room," and the door closed upon the three, and they entered the mysterious seance-room, where flowers and pictures and beautiful things abounded, and where the medium passed his time, bearing the messages from the unseen to earthly loved ones. Dick hurriedly drew their chairs into the centre of the room, in the form of a circle, saying, "Oh! mister, we are all Spiritualists down to our house, and Harry and I know all about folks going into trances and

"Oh! yes, indeed; and we know what skepthe most of all. Now he sat and waited, for the tios are, because papa told us." "Indeed !" smilingly remarked the medium.

"And what is a skeptic? You really must tell

"Let us see what we have here; they have written something for you, I think." And, holding the paper up to the light, Mrs. Jones

listen, but will turn away, until, smitten with its own sore distress and turmoil, it will be glad to turn to the spirit for counsel and cheer. Sue, I am here to give you strength. You are a medium, and the spirit-world is brought near to you. Sit with this lady for one hour twice a week and your powers will increase. You have many lessons to learn, but you are a 'quick scholar.' You are ready to receive them. Weston is here; he sends his love, and says you shall be paid for all your sacrifice. 'After many days,' Sue, it will come home to you. Kiss Charley for his father. I hold you in my heart. -John."

This was a sacred message to Susie; aside from its significance it contained many tests. John had more than once praised her as a "quick scholar." Then his reference to Mr. Weston and the unpaid debt, together with the words "after many days," were convincing as to the identity of their writer.

It was arranged that two evenings weekly should be devoted to sitting for development, Susie to leave her boy in charge of Sarah, and to go to the home of Mrs. Jones, where they would not be likely to be disturbed. All through two women seated in their little scance-room. Many priceless manifestations of spirit-power they received, many precious tokens of angelic

tall lad of twelve, and he believed he could do something by which to earn a little money if only his mother would let him.,

his mother had long since discovered, for on the summer and fall and winter these little many a night when her head was racked with sittings were continued. Not a Tuesday or pain, and her feeble frame trembled with the Friday evening passed, no matter what the weakness that overcame it, the soft touch of physical and mental happiness. The law of weather or the circumstances, but found the his hand would vitalize her system anew and harmony and of adaptation must be understood case the heavy pain.

spirits had requested his presence, explaining that his magnetism, combined with that of his wife, would assist them to free the spirit and to withdraw it at once from all contact with its frail casket.

The sun continued to rise in majestic glory, its brilliant rays flooding the earth with a wealth of light. A bird, poising upon a branch of the tree outside the door, burst into a perfect cascade of song, as though its little throat bubbled over with the waves of melody pent up within. As its clear, sweet notes softened and died away, a change was observed to pass over the paling face by the window. There was a little quick gasp, and suddenly a smile shone

out upon the faded lips-a smile of peace and joy ineffable. The fingers loosened their hold. and the soul of Susie Raymond floated out on the sunshine and beauty to the waiting arms of loving angels.

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Written especially for the Banner of Light. 'GOING TO SEE SISTER.' A True Christmas Story for the Children.

> BY J. WILLIAM FLETCHEB. CHAPTER I.

It was a very pleasant picture that presented itself, as you glanced into the attractive sittingroom, with its pretty furniture, bright carpet and warm fire burning so cheerily in the grate. A gentleman was vainly trying to read by the

fast fading light of the December afternoon, while his two boys, respectively six and eight, were climbing into his chair, trying to enlist his attention, and get him to "tell a story about the Indians," which Harry, the elder, very much liked to hear. But just at that moment the supper-bell rang, and Mrs. White, the mother, said, "Come, everybody ; supper is ready." "I'm everybody," said little Dick, as he nearly tumbled to the floor trying to get hold of his mother's hand, before his older brother, while the father followed them into the dining-room, with its table full of good things. They all took their seats, and then there was silence for a moment, as the mother laid a little knot of flowers at a plate between the two boys They both smiled, and the father wiped away a tear, for that vacant chair was for little angel Nellie, who was in the spirit-land, and they always kept her place for her at table, as well as in their hearts. "To-morrow is Obristmas Day, boys," said papa, as suppor begun ; "and what would you most like to do-go in to New York. and see your cousins ?"

"We know what we want to do, do n't we, Harry ?! said Dick, as he took up his glass of milk. "Well, what is it ?" queried their father.

love came to them, and here, aside from the toll use it, I believe I could oure you. Something invisible spheres must be keenly alive to forces | so much about our dear Mellie lit is just a year

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me." "A skeptic pretends not to believe anything, so as to make people think he knows a lot. Papa said so," triumphantly answered Master Harry, as the children took their seats and joined

hands.

An hour passed, and when the medium woke one boy was on his knee and the other had his arms about his neck.

"Oh! such a lovely message from our sister, and she has told us everything !" exclaimed Наггу.

"Yes. sir." added Dick, " and she told us about putting up the wreaths at the window in her room, and how we hung holly all around her picture."

"She sent a message to mamma by me, 'cause 1 can remember more than Dick," proudly asserted Harry, clothed with the responsibility of his eight years.

"Well, boys, we'll see who is waiting for us outside," said Mr. Williams, and as they opened the door into the waiting-room, a pale, sadfaced lady, clad in deepest mourning, advanced to meet them.

"We got through, mamma," oried Dick, "and Nellie sent her love, and she told us something you had in your muff, did n't she, Harry?"

"Now that's my message," said the elder brother. "She said you were getting something made out of her hair for our papa, and that you would bring it with you."

"And so, my darling, I have; I have here in this box an anchor made from dear Nellie's hair, and I am going to take it home to your papa." Then turning to the medium, who had been watching the mother and sons with interest, she said, "The boys were very desirous of having a message from their sister, and they wanted to come alone, so I let them, for although we are not, perhaps, Spiritualists after the accepted definition of the word, we can never bring ourselves to realize that our dear ones are lost to us, but we always remember their birthdays, and speak of them as being present, and the children believe in their sister's presence as they do our own."

"How wise of you," responded Mr. Williams, "for I am sure, if they knew their sister was near them; they would always be sweet and good."

"Oh I yes, sir, we try to be good, because she says if I fight or quarrel with, Dick she can't come, so I don't," knowingly answered Harry.

"I am afraid some of older birth have not as grand a religion as 'that," added , the medium. as he turned to the other duties of the day, it while the mother and her boys drove away in: the bright winter sunshine to find papa, and ; tell him all about Goine to SEE SURTER.

"Well, what is it?" queried their father." "Mamma said she'd tall; so you will, won't you, mamma ?" continued the bright faced dist. there. "Well, William, I have been talking to them as much about our dear Nellie] it is just a year so much about our dear Nellie] it is just a year there.

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HABEAS CORPUS.

(The December number of the Century magazine con-tains an interesting sketch of Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson's (H. H.) life and labors, which is fitly concluded by a num-ber of poems, the last legacy of the heart and hand which so bravely toited for the sinelioration of human conditions, and in behalf of the oppressed. From one of these lyrics by Mrs. Jackson, entitied "Habcas Uorpus," we make the following extracts, throbbing with the true spiritual idea of Death and his office.-ED, B, or L.)

My body, eh? Friend Death, how now? Why all this tedious pomp of writ? Thou hast reclaimed it sure and slow For hall a century, bit by bit.

In faith thou knowest more to day - Than I do where it can be found i This shriveled lump of suffering clay, To which I now am chained and bound,

as not of kith or kin a trace To the good body once I bore; Look at this shrunken, ghastly face : Didst ever see that face before?

. • ٠ . Do quickly all thou hast to do, Nor I nor mine will hindrance make; I shall be free when thou art through; I grudge thee nought that thou must take !

Stay 1 I have lied; I grudge thee one, Yes, two I grudge thee at this last— Two members which have faithful done My will and bldding in the past.

I grudge thee this right hand of mine, I grudge thee this quick beating heart; They never gave me coward sign. Nor played me once a traitor's part.

I see now why in olden days Men in barbaric love or bate Nalled enemies' hands at wild crossways, Bhrined leaders' hearts in costly state :

The symbol, sign, and instrument Of each soul's purpose, passion, strife, ifires in which are poured and spent Their all of love, their all of life.

O ! feeble, mighty human hand ! O ! fragile, dauntiess human heart ! The universe holds nothing planned With such sublime, transcendent art !

Ab, well. Friend Death, good friend thou art ; I shall be free when thou art through. Take all there is-take hand and heart ; There must be somewhere work to do.

Spiritual Phenomena.

Under the above heading the BANNER OF LIGHT pub-liahes from time to time communications contributed by reliable people describing the spirit-form manifestations they have witnessed; but we desire it to be fully understood that we cannot be held responsible for any accounts of such manifestations appearing in our columns, except these we have witnessed and personally endorsed: Writers in de-scribing the phenomens they have seen, must alone bear the responsibility of their statements,—Publishers B, of L.

MRS. SAWYER-MRS. FAIRCHILD-MISS BERRY.

BY JOHN WETHERBEE,

I wrote an article under the above heading, but it was handed in so late that only the beginning was printed, which closed with "more anon." The following is the balance of the article, which for the above cause was omitted in the last BANNER. It contains experience of importance, which, if true, is very demonstrative of the fact of spirit-materialization. 1 present it as absolutely true, and all those who believe in me and my ability of judging correctly, will be interested in the recital:

Of course, any one reading what I write, and going then to one of these seances, expects to see things as I have presented them. That is reasonable. Still, if they do not see them as I have presented them, if, for some reason, the séance proves a lamer and less satisfactory affair, it will not alter my statement, any more than that to-day being cloudy proves there was no sunshine yesterday. I do not think I ever made a statement of a seance that disinterested persons present have not said was fair, or that I could even have stated it stronger without going beyond the truth.

I am absolutely certain that the cabinet of Mrs. Sawyer, made of matched boards under the direction of my friend, Mr. W. S. Butler, merchant of this city, is whole, has no way of entrance except in front, and by the arrangement or situation no one can get in there without those present knowing it. To make it doubly sure, even the seams on the back side where the grooved boards unite, have paper strips pastintactness, and that notody is in there, as he most unquestionably is that a human being is not inside of my watch. When the manager, who on this occasion was Mr. Albro, (who had kindly volunteered his assistance) led the medium into the cabinet, it was absolutely certain that only Mrs. Sawyer was inside, humanly speaking, and then almost immediately out came two spirits. One of them was for me; all could see them, and some of the persons in the circle came up to them as they advanced, and the little spirit. "Maudie." stood at the cabinet entrance at the same time. conversing with persons in the circle. Thus were three forms in sight for every one in the room to see, and I was near enough to positively know that neither of them was the medium. It was, as I have said, absolutely certain that the medium only was in the cabinet.

"Can't you come out further into the room, and dematerialize?" He said quite distinctly that the conditions, he was afraid, were not good enough. He was standing then about fifteen inches from the curtain, I still holding him by the hand, and he began, without any bending of his body, to sink apparently straight into the carpet, as if there had been a round hole there, till his head (which was at first a little higher than mine, as he stood erect before me) was plump on the carpet, as if his body might be dangling in the room below the floor, his hand still in mine, I leaning down or bending over him so as to keep my grip until it and the rest of him vanished. The carpet was whole, and every one could see that it was. I stated the fact to the distant ones presentthose who were near saw the operation, as I did, and they will say so. This is not the testimony of one pair of eyes, but a dozen or more, old and young. I took my seat, which was in another part of the room, when to my surprise we saw the head of a form rising up as if from out of the floor without any effort ; it was about two feet from the cabinet, and widely and distinctly from it, until the form stood before me as before, only in a different place. I arose and took his hand, thanked him for giving me such a sight, and was rather expecting he would retire into the cabinet, which was then about two feet off, when, instead of doing so, he began to descend, as before, into the carpet, I holding his hand firmly in mine until he disappeared in the same way, apparently perpendicularly right into the floor. It is so astounding I would hardly dare to make this statement if the testimony was confined alone to my pair of eyes; but a dozen pair saw it, as well as I, and reliable people also. I had only this advantage of others, I held him by the hand, talked with him, and know that he was apparently a living human being; yet he was, and proved to be, an extemporized production out of, and then into, the circumambient air. I state a positive truth, demonstrated to others as well as myself.

I am making this article longer than I intended; but as I have lately spoken of Miss Helen Berry's satisfactory séances at No. 55 Rutland street, I will close at this time by only saying, in addition to what I said of her, that her manager during a séance allowed a gentleman of a skeptical turn of mind to strike a match, and go into the cabinet with it, where he found it wholly empty, except the medium, and others saw that condition also. Closing the curtains, instantly two spirits came out into the room. My friend, Senator Morrill, was seated behind the cabinet for the time, as a detective, in the unnecessary duty of watching the locked door of the next room. It seems to me, if I have been lucid in statement, and am believed, spirit materialization has been well proved.

MRS. THAYER'S MEDIUMSHIP.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

At the invitation of Mrs. Thayer I recently had a seance with her to test her new phase of direct writing; and the result was so striking that I deem it just and proper to publish an account of it, although instances of this kind of manifestation have been so numerous of late, and some of them so remarkable, that additional evidence of its reality can scarcely be necessary.

The slates having been carefully examined by me and placed together, without any pencil, were held by me on the top of my head, Mrs. T. standing by the chair in which I sat and placing her hands on the uppermost slate.

The sound of writing was very soon audible to me, and in a short time it seemed that the operator was making some heavy strokes, on which the medium remarked: "They appear to be doing something unusual." When, after about three minutes, the signal of completion was given, I removed the slates from my head, took them apart, and found the upper one filled with a letter from a near relative, signed by ed over them. One can walk wholly around the | his familiar name, while below was the drawcabinet and examine it, and be as absolutely ing of a large watch, shaded heavily around rence, and circumscribed by circumfe yellow lines, obviously for the purpose of denoting that a gold watch was intended. Accompanying this, as a part of the letter, was the remark : "You will know that this is your brother by the drawing of the watch below." Now the proof of identity consists in the fact that the watch I carry-an unusually large one, and having the peculiarity of running eight days-belonged to the deceased in life and was highly prized by him. Of course I cannot logically claim that the identity was absolutely established by this curious incident, as the circumstance might be known to other intelligences; but if it were not the individual himself, endeavoring to convince me of his actual presence, as he frequently has done in a similar way, through other mediums, why should such an act of deception be perpetrated? I leave this question to be answered by the skeptics or by the cautious disciples of 'psychical research." HENRY KIDDLE.

Banner Correspondence.

New York.

NEW YORK .- "A Proselyte," who has lately attended a public service at the residence of Mrs. T. B. Stryker, expresses himself as highly pleased with her treatment of a subject proposed by himself, and de-sires to direct the attention "of those who can divest themselves of all prejudice, and are willing to be benefited by modern thought, to Mrs. Stryker's meetings, held at her home, 251 West 23d street, every Sunday morning and evening, where all receive a most hearty welcome."

WRSTBURY,-The following from a correspondent whose name and address are in our possession, but who, for reasons given by him, writes over the initial "H.," is specially worthy of being placed before legislative committees who may have under consideration the feasibillity of reporting in favor of a law that shall give to physiclans a monopoly in curing the sick, or for attempting to do so, and either heavily fine or imprison all others who shall, as this writer has done, help those they (the Regulars) have given up as incurable : " I have been in the field as a healing medium for some thirty years, and have witnessed remarkable cures effected through my agency. On one occasion I was called to see a man who had not spoken a word for over a year, by reason of a shock of paralysis, neither could he move finger or toe on the left side. His wife was suffering with disease, and had been given up to die by a council of M. D.s the day before I saw them. I stayed with them over night, and treated them by magnetic applications of my hands. The next morning the woman got up and dressed herself, went about her work and said she felt well. The man was walking about the house and talked with me plainly; and they remained well. I went to see a girl who had been crazy for over five years; had been treated by the best M. D.s without the least benefit. I treated her by my hands, and in less than one hour she was restored to her right mind, and remained so. Beveral other cases of the same kind were restored in the same way. I treated a girl, filteen years old, who had been a cripple from fourteen months old. Her left limb was much dwindled away, the foot, turned and the ankle out of joint. After treating her several times I put her ankle in its place, and she was soon able to go without crutches.

A lady had been treated by popular M. D.s over eight years, the result of which was that for over six months she had been unable to stand on her feet or turn herself in bed. I called upon her, and she was soon able to go about the house with crutches, and very soon after was able to walk to her neighbor's without a crutch or cane. I could fill pages with cures effected through my agency, but I have always forbidden to have any of the cures effected by me published in connection with my name, as I live in a State with a law making it a criminal offence to cure anybody unless I have a diploma. Of late years I do not depend upon my hands as much as I did, but more upon prescriptions sent by mail at any distance. As age increases vital powers of course decrease. I am now in my eighty-fifth year, but find I have strong magnetic powers about me still. A few days ago I called in to see a neighbor's little girl severely aick with scarlet fever ; fever very high, severe pains in head, throat very sore. I applied my hands to ber, and she was free from her afflictions in less than thirty minutes. All that I have written I pledge my honor as a man is true, and can be attested to by unimpeach able witnesses; but I dare not let these things go out with my name attached to them."

Pennsylvania.

SCRANTON .- A correspondent writes : " The BAN-NEB OF LIGHT recently made extracts from the Scranton Truth, and proved by authentic data that the allegations of that paper in regard to Spiritualism producing insanity had no foundation in fact. Singular as it may appear, the same paper (Truth) admits that there are four or five hundred Spiritualists in Scranton; that organizations are effected, and meetings held. It further says :

further says: A number of our prominent business and profes-sional men, some of them connected with the church-es, are believers in the power of spirits to control the mediums, and converse with riends. These believers say they have made the most careful observations of the mediums while the latter wers under control, and became convinced that there was no imposition. The mediums, they claim, mentioned names of deceased relatives of the investigators, and spoke of occurrences in which the latter were concerned, and of which they (the mediums) had never heard.' Of the circles it mentions as being held throughout

the city. it says:

the city, it says: Astonishing results are claimed for them, and it is assorted that Spiritualism is destined to make great strides in this region. Some of the most prominent Spiritualists in the country come here to take part in the circles, and there are in this city and neighbor-hood numerous subscribers to spiritualistic papers.'

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES OF THOMAS R. HAZARD. From the Philadelphia North American.

NUMBER FOURTEEN.

From the Philadelphia North American. NUMBER FOURTEEN. It seems next to impossible to describe the methods pursued in the exercise of the mediumship of that world-renowned test medium. (riARLER H. FOATRE, as they were as varied as his spiritual gifts, which in-cluded nearly or quite every phase of the mail viz., form mainterialization and transfurriton. "The first time f ever saw Mr. Fositer was many verse, when he lived in Bond street, New York of the first lime f ever was then well advanced in her teens, and was staying with an aunt in Brookin, where the scarlet fover was then well advanced in her teens, and was staying with an aunt in Brookin, where the scarlet fover was very provalent and fail. A floor my seat at the lable and made known the object of my visit, without mentioning names or par-ticulars, Mr. Foster asked me to secretly write the proper nume of the patient on a plece of white paper, and fold it up closely so that it could not be seen by mortal eyes. I did as requested, and handed the pakeuge to Mr. Foster, who sat opposite me in full and plain sight. Immediately on bis taking the little packet from my hand, Mr. F. pressed it a moment against his forehead and then wrole rapidy on a sheet that lay on the table before us, "The sphere of a female; her nume is Anna; abe that his spitter of a temale; her nume is Anna; abe that his spitter of a temale; her nume is Anna; abe that his spitt guides may abe has an attack of the scariet fover. Give yourself no unea-shees. You are doing all that is necessary, and she will recover." Mr. Foster then asked me to take both his hands in mito, that his spitt fuidea might impart to me healing aura or magnelism, which i was directed to impart to my blad, aughter on my return to her, by making passes in the air downward over her fac-throat and chest. I followed strictly my spirit friends directions, and in a few days my daughter was so far restored to her tush healt in that a encouraged her to partake of solid food, which caused a suddern relapse to a state. A

broke (doubtless through spirit power) in the auflerers throat, by which she was relieved. Not to weary read-ers with details, I will say that with careful nursing my daughter's bealth was in a few weeks completely remarkable spirit manifestations. One cloudless night it seemed as if the house was being shaken by an earthquake. This phenomenon was attended with a rumbing sound like distant thunder. I have attended several of Mr. Fosier's public circles where there were a score and more visitors present, each one of whom would write questions and the name of nome decased friend to whom they were addressed on itde source pieces of paper, all of the same kind and size, which they would fold up tightly and throw in a heap on the table, after shuffing them together so that no person present could select their own poilet if their like was at stake on the issue. Foster, who was all the time seated in full view at the table, would take up these poliets, seemingly, at random, one by one, and hand them, without making a mistake, to the proper paron, accompanied with the name of the spirit addressed, and the spirit's approrint rerpit to the query address-ed to him or her. There were some exceptions in cases where the spirit wanted was not present. Date is called on Foster at his home on Broadway for a sitting, but found him engaged with a party in an ad-joining room. I was about to leave the oity, for which reason he consented sto answer what questions I had to propose to my spirit triends, provided I would pre-pare them on the sumi little slips of paper and let him know when I was ready to see him. I accordingly sat down and penned, after the manner before de-soribed, seven different queries addressed to as many spirit friends, and after shuffling the tightly folded pel-lets well together so that I could not possibly select any given one, j put them in a little pile on the middle of the table and notified Foster through a closed door that I was ready to see him. He came In great hasto and sked me to partsen him the "Make the raps on the glass of the show case." Foster sked me to lay my ear on the top of the case. As I didso, I saked him to stand away from the case, which he did, but put the end of his little rattan cane on the glass. Said I, "Remove your cane," "No." said he, "I must have a connecting link." The raps soon came directly under my ear. I queried mentally if my spirit-wife was present. I heard in reply three distinct raps directly under my ear, sounding like drops of water failing on a smooth board surface, which I recognized as hers, and commenced holding a mental conversation with her, she answering all my questions appropriate-ly with three raps for the affirmative, and one for a negative reply. There were scores of readers and loungers at the time in the reading-room, not one of whom probably observed or was aware of our pro-ceedings. whom probably observed of was aware of our pro-ceedings. I could fill a side of the North American with the relation of remarkable phenomena that I have wit-nessed in C. H. Foster's presence, but must forbear, and content myself with what little I have here nar-rated. Hespecifully, THOMAS R. HAZARD. Vaucluse, R. I.

crowning glory of his life was his founding in the city of Norwich, in 1882, a society known as "The First Spiritual Union." He was its guiding spirit, enthustastically sustaining it as long as he lived, and generously donating, by will, the sum of five thousand dol-lars toward its future support. He was the true and fuithful friend of all mediums, ever rendy to alleviate their sufferings with sympathy and material aid. Holding him still in tender remembrance they will drop the tear of love and gratitude to his memory and bid him speed on his heavenly mission.

He was ready and anxious to commence his labors in the higher life. To a friend who watched over him in his last hours he said, "Do n't weep, but rejoice, for it's only the sunset of life." Thus passed away one of Nature's noblemen, in the full knowledge that what we call death is but the continuation of eternal consciousness and progression. The funeral took place from his residence. The

house was filled to repletion with a large concourse of friends and relatives. The body was encased in a beautiful mahogany casket, bearing a plain, massive silver plate, with the inscription, "Byron Boardman, 1831-1885." The floral tributes were exquisitely beau-tiful; among them a pillow of flowers with the name "Byron" rested at the head of the casket; near it

"The Gates Ajar," at the base of which appeared the words, "Our Friend." The service was conducted by Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, of Leominster, a lady of rare spiritual gifts. Three fine musical selections were rendered by the choir connected with "The First Spiritual Union."

At the grave, as the body was lowered into the ground, the choir again sang. Mrs. Yeaw made a few eloquent and appropriate remarks, and the casket was strewn with flowers. So ended the last tribute of affection to the memory of this just man.

LESSIE N. GOODELL

December Magazines.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW supplies its usual liberal number of suggestions to clergymen regarding the best methods of defending and propagating "evangeli-cal truths." New York : Funk & Wagnalis.

VICK'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY .-- An exquisitely colored lithograph of varieties of the much admired winter blooming Cyclamen, introduces an interesting and instructive miscellany of articles upon indoor and outdoor plant culture. James Vick & Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Passed to Spirit-Life

From her home in Dorchester, Mass., Nov. 19th, Mrs. Amelia B., wife of Isalah Aubons, aged 48 years 11 months and 18 days.

Amelia S., wife of Isalah Aubens, aged 48 years 11 months and 18 days. More than a passing notice of the transition of this truly worthy woman seems to be demauled. A faithful wife, a loving daughter, a most benevolent woman, whose deeds of generosity will long itye in the hearts of those who have been benefited by her kindness, has been called home. Mrs. Aubens was a medium whose organism for many years ro-sponded to the manipulations of spirits. Through her me-dlumabip consoling messaces of love have often come to cheer the hearts of the not the hearts of the home of her "imedy," and has often spiker the word of encouragement that was baim to those who listened. Mrs. Aubens has apoken at the various mediums' meetings of our city, and has accomplished in a quiet way much good by her minis-trations. Beveral years ago it was predicted through her organism that site would passon at the ago of forty-eight, as her mother did before her. Her inusband remembered the prophecy, and but two days below also was riticen down with her mortal liness, was about to remark to her of the when something the check of him with the thought, "there was still time." Two days later his wife foil ill of conges-tion of the lungs, which in four days performed its fatal work, sending the spirit from the body. "Un the day appointed for services over the remains, the guides of W. J. Coivillo delivered an elequent and appro-priate address, ful of consoling truths to the assembled friends, after which the body was conveyed to its is is treat-ing place. "The sympathy of a large circle of friends is with the be-reaved bustand and father-the latter well known to Spirit-

The sympathy of a large circle of friends is with the be-reaved hushand and father-the latter well known to Spirit-ualists of Boston as "Father Rich"-in this their hour of trial. Boston, Mass.

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 Mr. Armstrong was the last of the family of Col. John Armstrong, a revolutionary soldier. He was horn at Co-lumbia, O., April 6th, 1800. He came to Laporte in 1835
 with his wile, who was Busnuah L. Bieggs. As a farmer and merchant he was fairly successful, and in course of time reared a family of six children, five of whom survive him. Seventeen years ago he received a stroke of paralysis, but strong vitality and excellent care repaired the injury, and not until the third visitation of the dread disease did he succumb to mortal weakness.
 Independent in thought and speech, he discovered quite early in life that the established creadscontained small com-fort for him, and the advent of Spiritualism scemed to be what he had long whhed and waited for. Three months after the manifestations in Bochostor, the same appeared promers and pligrims in the service of Fulture. All the came home rejoiding, firmly convinced of their verity, the cheerful encouragement by word and deed, and the gr-nial hospitality with which they were received at his home by himself and his sympathizing wife.
 Mrs. Armstrong was, and still is, a medium, with ro-markable gifts as a soor and healor, and the exercise of the these fits, whether for herself or others, was a source of grant pleasure and benefit After a married life of more thus fits out be of the still in aways be theirs on this is de of the line or the other. Kerne Holley, N. Y., Dec. 5th, Carola R. Plumb, eldest

Now if I have stated the truth, that fact is a settler. I am writing for those who believe me when I make a statement, and the number. I think, is quite large who not only believe my statements, but who believe I understand also the dictionary definition of the word truth. This positive fact is enough, without using up valuable space in the BANNER to go further into the details of the seance of which I am speaking, and I omit doing so.

I have also seen a great deal of Mrs. Fairchild's materializations. Some of them have been the most remarkable that I have ever witnessed. She has been polite and accommodating, allowing me to have matters all my own way, giving me every possible opportunity to test her, so as to be sure. She impresses me as being honest; no medium stands higher in my estimation. She impresses my wife, also (whose impressions are usually very correct), as being very straightforward and honest. Gradually I have tested her in every way that I wished, so as to be absolutely certain that her materializations are what they claim to be. As I have lately written so much of her seances, it is not necessary for me to extend this article further in her direction; but I will, however, state one incident which occurred at her seance Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12th, that ought to be recorded, and the statement of it will warrant the little space it takes to present it. During the scance, and when it was light

enough to see distinctly the figures on the carpet, a male form appeared, whose hair and whiskers and beard were short and nearly white. Mrs. Fairchild, entranced, was standing by the side of this form, so that I could not at first see it. It was an old man, and dressed dark. She said, "Mr. Wetherbee, won't you come up and see him ?" I did so, and we shook hands. They were warm and human like. He talked with me; I could only understand partly what he said; his voice was loud enough, but rather indistinct. As some one in the back part of the room during the searce had said. "Can't we see a spirit dematerialise?" I re-membered it, and said to this oldish man, Server Basternan I. Stansfelder Antonio Server Stansfelder Antonio Server Serve

MRS. E. A. MARTIN.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I am prompted, for the general good of our cause, to write a few brief lines of voluntary recommendation concerning the mediumship of Mrs. E. A. Martin of Oxford, Mass., who answars sealed letters. I have sent to this lady at different times several sealed letters. Every letter has been expeditiously returned and accurately answered, and I am perfectly satisfied that the seals of my letters have never been disturbed. Her mediumistic powers in this direction are simply wonderful.

Yours respectfully, W. W. GLEASON. Provincelown, Mass.

Michigan.

The First District Association of Spiritualists of Mich. igan (composed of Lapeer, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair Counties) held its Fourth Quarterly Meeting at Port Huron on the 5th and 6th days of December, 1883. The President, J. P. Whiting, opened the meeting. In

the absence of the Secretary, J. H. White was elected Secretary pro tem. A few friends from Detroit, St. Clair and Capac were

present. The attendance was small in numbers, but earn-est people seeking more knowledge of that light from the higher life. Owing to the very inclement weather, many were prevented from attending the meetings.

The morning and afternoon of Baturday were devoted to conference. In the evening, Mrs. S. M. Mace, from Medford. Mass., gave a short inspirational lecture.

Sunday morning the President, and Glies B. Stebbins, of Detroit, occupied the platform. In the afternoon Mrs. Nellis Baade of Capac related her experience at Onset Bay and with materializing mediums in Botton last summer. Mrs. S. M. Mace followed with an instructive lecture on the duties of the hour of parents to their children. In the evening G. B. Slebbins gave an interesting lecture, going back to old mythological days, showing the fact of spirit intercourse in the matient time, and following it up to the

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The old saving, the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church,' is as true of Spiritualism as of any progressive movement that has preceded it. The greater the flood of the opposition, the more strennous the efforts of those who are going up the stream to stem the tide, and in the end the greater their strength."

Massachusetts.

ADAMS .- Mrs. D. J. Dean writes: "I cannot do without the BANNER OF LIGHT, having had it almost ever since it started, either in the name of my parents or my own; and as the loved ones pass to the higher life, even though they do not come to me through its columns, their influence comes, confirming the truth it advocates, bringing hope and consolation, even though the heart well-nigh breaks with grief and physical loneliness. The candor, patience and earnest seeking for the truth ever manifested in the treatment of mediums is one of the greatest merits of the paper. and so long as each one seeks for truth, and aims to be truthful, so long will the spirit be upheld and guided Let me add one word to encourage you. Mr. Editor. in all the untoward matters that come under your eye. Every upward aim through your efforts in its columns must ever help in the same proportion the thousands who peruse them. May angel visitants prolong your life. and give strength and length of days to those who in so many ways lift the sad hearts from the sorrows of mortal life to a fuller knowledge of the life beyond."

Michigan.

BURTON .- D. Higble, M. D., writes, announcing that he proposes to open a Mediums' Home the pres-ent winter. The place is a quiet village. He is located midway between Detroit and Grand Haven, on D. and M. R. R., only a few rods from depôt. store. post-office, etc.: "Retired on a small farm, and only myself and wife in my family, I purpose affording a home to some through whom our spirit friends can manifest in one mode or other." "Ladies only can be received at present," he states, though he may be able to accommodate a male medium in the spring. For particulars address Dr. Higble, with stamp, Burton. Shiawassee Co., Mich.

New Jersey.

VINELAND .- S. H. Cornell, Cor. Sec., writes The Society of Spiritualists and Friends of Progress still hold regular meetings in our hall, and since last September we have been favored with trance ministrations through the mediumship of James H. Young. His controls have given us fine lectures, both on subjects given by the audience and those chosen by themselves. We can recommend Bro. Young as a speaker and earnest worker in our glorious cause, and think he should be kept steadily at work in the lecture field."

Vermont.

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WATERBURY .- Mrs. Abble W. Crossett writes us under a recent date : "Your valuable paper finds its way into our quiet home every week. We enjoy it so much that we think we cannot possibly getalong without it. We very much like the entire contents of the paper, and especially enjoy the messages given through the BANNER medium, Miss Shelhamer."

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BILLINGS.-G. B. Marsh writes that public interest in the matter of spirit communion is being aroused in this place, and that any medium who may feel moved upon to make a visit there will, he is sure, meet with a good reception.

In Memoriam.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light : BYRON BOARDMAN of Norwich, Conn., President of the Spiritualists' Society of that city, passed to the higher life Dec. 6th.

Mr. Boardman was born in Griswold, Conn., Anril 14th, 1831, and went to Norwich in 1851, entering the employ of C. B. Rogers & Co., where he learned the machinist's trade. There for many years he unfolded his inventive powers with a devotion and enthusiasm that overcame all obstacles. The result of this intense application was the development of various use ful machines. His most important invention-that which brought him financial success, and proved of incalculable value-was a very complicated machine for making what are known as "Boardman's Barbed Blind Staples." He was greatly esteemed among business men for his honesty and integrity.

In later life he entered the field of general reform and devoted time, talent and money in assisting to regulate State laws and in molding public opinion by promulgating principles of mental freedom. Even those who could not accept his ideas admired his intellectual powers, his keen wit: and sarcasm, and his frank and genial manner of meeting socially those who bitterly opposed him in public life. His grand and noble principles, his purity of heart and self-sacrificing devotion to all that is highest and best in human life, won for him the love and respect not only of personal friends, but of thousands who knew him through his public work.

For nearly a quarter of a century Mr. Boardman was a firm believer in Spiritualism, and to him the ing the back of

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From Holley, N. Y., Dec. 8th, Carola R. Plumb, eldest daughter of C. M. and Z. R. Plumb, in her 22d year,

daughter of C. M. and Z. Z. Flumb, in her 220 year, Admonished some time before death of the fatal nature of her disease (dialetes), she replied that she ''looked for-ward calmly and without fear.'' Nor had she aught to fear. Her rare sweetness and wonanliness evinced a lipeness for that brighter world, where we already know she finds more than full equivalent for whatever her brief life seemed to lack of fulfilment: ''Having turned her eyes toward the spirit-world, she looked not back, and was ready to de-part.'' D.

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The Final Evolution of Medical Philosophy.

We shall print in our next issue an able and scholarly address in consideration of the abovecited topic, which was recently delivered in Boston, by PROF. J. RODES BUCHANAN.

Looking for Messiahs.

The discourses of the Jewish Rabbi, Rev. Solomon Schindler, in this city, on "Messianic Expectations," proved to be as popular as they were interesting and instructive, as was clearly shown by the space given to reports of them in the columns of the daily papers. In his concluding lecture, Mr. Schindler remarked that four or five men, by the side of numerous others, have gained renown as Messiahs. They were Jeaus of Nazareth, Bar Kochba, Rubeni Molcho and Sabbatal Zwl. They were, he sald, merely the supply of a public demand. Their Messianic assumptions, whether sincere or hypo critical, became possible only on account of a popular hope in the appearance of such a person. All of them stepped on the stage in a time of national calamity. None of these Messiahs ever improved the condition of affairs; on the contrary, they all left the nation in still greater misery than they had found it. The Messianic idea, said the learned Hebrew discourser, is the child of Judaism in so far only that, when the Jewish nation was small, and powerful oppressn the the extinction of the nati Jews hoped a man would appear who would deliver them from a foreign yoke, and secure their independence. Rev. Mr. Schindler said that his Christian friends claim that the Jews were mistaken in tracing the Messianic expectations of the Jewish nation to a political basis. Although they concede, he said, that at the time of Jesus the Israelites may have expected a politician or a soldier as their liberator, they uphold the theory that such a Messiah was not needed, that the mission of a Messiah is not a local one, but that it is universal. The Christians say that the Jews. in their eagerness for national redemption, overlooked the fact that the messenger of God had come to redeem the whole world. But the best proof that the alleged Messiahship of Jesus has been a failure on earth is, that its results, namely, the boasted redemption of the world, had been removed to heaven, to spheres of which Christianity has no knowledge whatever. If mankind has advanced in knowledge, if the standard of morality has been raised, it has not been the work of Jesus nor that of Christianity. Thousands of good and noble men and women, and all the religions on earth, from superstitious fetishism to ultra liberal atheism, have worked together for that end. If humanity is better to day than it has ever been before, most of the progress is due to the host of inventors who have discovered the secrets of nature and have made its powers the obedient servants of man. The inventors of steam-power, of electricity, of gaalight, of machinery, of the printing-press -they, said Rev. Mr. Schindler, are the real saviours of humanity, for they have removed, though indirectly, more sins than the combined efforts of all religions have been able to weed out. I claim-he added-that we are better and happier than were our ancestors, and that future generations will be still better and happier than we are. The ideal of the present man ought to be the man of the future, not the man of the past. The religion of the future will be neither specifically Jewish, nor Christian, nor Mohammedan. It will be an entirely new system, in which the immortal parts of all the present religions will be represented, but at the same time so equally balanced that none will care to claim superiority. Naturally he claims for the Jewish religion, on account of its fiexibility and its rationalism, that it will evolve with greater case and with better grace into the religion of the future, and thus become its main stay, than any other of the present religious systems. Judaism, said he, is a Phoenix; it is the constantly changing, but ever living, religion of humanity. Whenever it feels that a change is needed, that its body has outlived its usefulness, it sets fire to its own nest, and, purified by the flames, it rises from the ashes, covered with new plumage, a new bird, but chanting the same old song-"There is but one God, and all human beings are breth-TOD."

Neance with Miss Helen Berry.

BANNER

On the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 16th, we made one of a party of eighteen-including Miss M. T. Shelhamer, Dr. J. A. Shelhamer, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Day and others-assembled at the home of the Berry Sisters, 55 Rutland street, Boston, to attend a séance which Miss Helen Berry had volunteered to give for the pecuniary benefit of the Shawmut Spiritual Lyceum. The conditions were eminently satisfactory on every hand, and harmony prevailed from the first to the last of what proved a pleasant and conclusive sitting.

The exercises were ably conducted by Geo. T. Albro, the gentlemanly manager at the Berry séances, who exhibited the liveliest interest in affording the visitors every opportunity to examine the cabinet, the carpet and the rooms where the sitting was held - opportunities which were fully improved by the majority present (both before and after the meeting), all being convinced of the entire honesty of the arrangements.

The cabinet was found to be a portable wooden frame, covered with dark cloth, and disposed at one end of the apartment in which the séances are regularly held; there was an open space entirely around the cabinet, so that it was at all times open to the public view on three sides-while the other was protected by the locking of the double doors of the rear parlor by one of the visiting party, who kept the key in his pocket until the sitting closed.

When the time arrived for opening the séance -the ladies and gentlemen present being seated in a semi circle before the front of the cabinet-Miss Helon Berry, arrayed in a black dress, was conducted to her seat within by Mr. Albro, who at once thereafter applied himself to arranging the light in the room outside, when, almost on the instant he left the cabinet entrance, a female form clothed entirely in white threw open its curtains and stood on the threshold.

Forms now began making their appearance, sometimes two at once; in several instances, a male and a female-both exhibiting separate individual intelligence-were to be seen, and were freely talked with by members of the party. The late Ed. S. Wheeler was recognized by a number present. Hiram E. Felch, Esq., was privileged to meet with his spirit wife, and later his two spirit daughters (at once), and introduced them to the company as such. (Mr. Felch also informed the company that he received an unmistakable test of identity from one of the intelligences manifesting, regarding a matter which happened in Paris.) A brawny Indian materialized, and bore a degree of light upon his face which rendered its every lineament distinctly visible-many of the company crowding around him for a brief time in a most informal but friendly manner, which "reception" he did not seem at all averse to holding. A French girl, who gave her name as "La Belle Malona," bounded into the room, performed quite a difficult feat in primary acrobatics, and then severally engaged in intelligent conversation in her native tongue with two gentlemen present, seated at either end of the half circle, who were familiar with the language, and were very much pleased with this linguistic test of the verity of the form before them. A large percentage of those who made up the party

were brought face to face with forms recognized by them. Among the recognitions of spirit-forms was one by Dr. J. A. Shelhamer, the spirit manifesting giving the name of Nellie Stevens, a former leader in the Shawmut Lyceum, who

passed on some twelve months since. The crowning feature of the evening was a proof of the most convincing character regarding the entire honesty of the cabinet, the reliabillty of the medium and the verity of the forms: Two distinct spirit-materializations (one a male and the other a female), each holding converse with a lady who recognized their friendly claim upon her attention, stood outside the cabinet; while the lady and her spiritfriends thus stood, Mr. Albro called a number of the party present in a sort of compact rank close up to the opening of the cabinet, and requested Dr. Shelhamer to take a position in rear of the cabinet, so that all sides of it were at the time under surveillance of the human eye : the two forms entered behind the curtains, and in an instant (as soon as a match could be lighted) Mr. A. threw open the drapery and held the lighted wood within; those of the party directly before the opening were privileged to lean forward, even within the limits of the enclosure, but nothing except the medium, sitting in her chair in a deep trance, was to be seen. Three several times was this repeated, that all might have the opportunity, and when the last match had burned away, the curtains had hardly fallen together again when the two forms (male and female) before specified came quickly out of the cabinet into the room. This closed the highly interesting exercises of the evening.

A Despicable Deed.

and decease of Charles II. Foster, the Boston

Herald has chosen to follow an entirely oppo-

site course, and in its issue of the 20th inst.

has given place to what it is pleased to call "a

from its utterly base and contemptible charac-

ter would be totally unworthy of our notice,

were it not that it is alike an injustice to the

The statement that Mr. Foster did not him-

vert to himself" after his brain had been en-

he had "sunk far into incoherent imbecility"

-is a rank falsehood. We have known Mr.

mediumship and the fact of demonstrated spirit

The Herald's "despatcher" is very bold in

his false assertions regarding the "tricks" of

the dead medium; but will this same Herald

years ago, it gave expression to the following

"The spirits may not have any part in the wonder-

who sees his performances and thinks they are done

by any sort of jugglery, is an idiot of the most hope-

We are perfectly satisfied with this charac-

terization of the New York (?) defamer. Truth

An Appeal to the Generous-Hearted.

We have just been informed that Mr. A. C.

Cotton, publisher of the Vineland (N. J.) Ros-

trum, has met with a severe loss by the burning

of his dwelling house, valued at \$2,500. It is a

total loss, as he had no insurance upon the

building. Our sympathy goes out to this worthy

Under these circumstances, he appeals to the

generous hearted for pecuniary aid. We have

will bear its own weight at all times.

brother in his sad misfortune.

return against all opponents.

in its columns:

less kind "?

dead and an insult to the living.

OF

While the Boston Globe has been extremely

New and Valuable Work on Materializations.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

LIGHT.

courteous and fair in its late notices of the life I have been permitted to examine advancesheets of a small volume about to be published at your office, entitled "MATERIALIZED AP-PARITIONS : If not beings from another life, what are they?" It is written by E. A. BRACKETT, special despatch" from New York, (?) which Esq., of Winchester, Mass., whose name is not unknown to readers of the BANNER OF LIGHT. Mr. Brackett is well known in the world of Art, as a sculptor of reputation, and he is an officer of the Commonwealth, being Chairman of the Massachusetts State Commission on Internal self believe in the verity of his own powers while in good health, and only became "a con-Fisheries. For some time he has been engaged in making a personal investigation of the phenomena of spirit-materialization, and in this feebled by disease-or to put it in the plainer work tells the result of his researches. These words which the Herald would have its readers have been chiefly among the mediums of Bossee between the lines, that he passed through ton, and he appears to have enjoyed exceptionlife a brazen charlatan, knowingly deceiving ally good opportunities for determining the real thousands of the most prominent people in his own and other countries which he visited, nature of the phenomena in question. and only accepted belief in Spiritualism after

Mr. Brackett entered upon the investigation, as he has informed me, with the intention and expectation of proving the alleged materializa-Foster personally for years, and are sure of tions a humbug and a fraud, but, instead, was what we say. He was ever ready to defend his | convinced beyond doubt of their genuineness and reality. He does not assert positively that the beings which appear are spirits-leaving that matter to be decided by the individual investigator on the evidences presented-but, he says, "I do assert that the facts warrant bedeny that when Mr. Foster was in Boston, some | yond a question the conclusion that they do not belong to what we call the earth-side of life, that they are not automatons, lay figures, or effigies, but are living, breathing, intelligent ful things done by Foster the 'medium,' but any man beings, with thoughts, feelings and passions strictly human; that they come out of invisible space, and depart in the same way." Well may the author ask, "If not beings from another life, what are they ?"

The narrative of facts by which the above conclusion is substantiated is intensely interesting to all inquirers into the reality of these phenomena. No work has appeared since the publication of Prof. Crookes's careful investigations in England, some years since, that seems so well calculated to take hold of the public mind-even of the scientific class-as this; and the author appears to have had advantages in the investigation in some respects even beyond those enjoyed by Prof. Crookes.

I have no personal knowledge of the facts testified to by Mr. Brackett, nor acquaintance with the mediums in whose presence his investigations have been mainly pursued; but his narrative bears internal evidence of sincerity, caution and truthfulness. Yet valuable as is his testimony to the reality of materialization, the chief value of his work, in my estimation, is to be found in the suggestions it gives as to the proper manner and spirit in which to enter upon the investigation, and to approach these mysterious beings, in order to arrive at satisfactory results, in either the evocation of the forms or the ascertaining of their real nature. I cannot reproduce these weighty suggestions here, but suffice it to say that they give no countenance to the suspicious, stern and unsympathetic methods which some would-be investigators think proper to pursue, and which in the nature of things prevent the ascertainment of truth. The spirit and tone of the work are admirable, and cannot fail to be of service to the honest inquirer. A. E. NEWTON.

(See announcement of this work in the advertising columns of this paper.]

New York Medical Law.

W. H. Vosburgh writes from Troy (near the State Capital): "I have a large petition from this point," and speaks of his exertions to show the necessity of the repeal of the law. It is greatly to be hoped that other public-spirited men and women all over the State are at work in the same direction-in fact, that the citizens of the State who have medical freedom and equal rights at heart, will do all in their power to show the members of the General Assembly the ininstice which the Doctors' Plot laws have caused, and the reasons for their repeal.

DECEMBER 26, 1885.

Holiday Books!

The season of gift-giving for CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR draws nigh, and those who purpose remembering their friends during these happy festivities are invited to call at the Book-STORE of COLBY & RICH, No. 9 Bosworth street. Boston, and examine the choice stock of SPIR-ITUAL, REFORMATORY AND MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS which these gentlemen have on sale.

Truly a good book is a wellspring of pleasure to the one receiving it, as well as an enduring reminder of the giver; and nothing can be more appropriate as a Christmas or New Year offering.

Those whose distance from Boston precludes the possibility of their calling at the BANNER OF LIGHT BOOKSTORE are invited to read the Firm's announcement on our fifth page, headed HOLIDAY BOOKS, as a hint from which they can favor us with their orders.

A full catalogue of the publications on sale by Colby & Rich will be sent by mail to any address on application.

New Book by Warren Chase.

Hon. Warren Chase has a new book in press by Colby & Rich, entitled "Essence and Substance; A Treatise on Organic and Inorganic Matter, Transient and Eternal Life, and Involving Preëxistence and Repeated Incarnations without Reïncarnations." It is a work he has been several years preparing; one of much thought and reflection, and will be appreciated by thinkers, even if they do not agree with him in all its deductions or conclusions. It will soon be for sale by the author and at the BAN-NER OF LIGHT Bookstore. Mr. Chase is now at work on what he designs to be his last book. which he calls "Forty Years on the Spiritual Rostrum." It will be a sequel to his autobiography, "The Life-Line of the Lone One." He has already filled out thirty-eight of the forty years, having been the first public lecturer in this country on spirit-life and intercourse who was outside of and entirely free from sectarian Christianity. His early reminiscences and acquaintance with the early workers in the cause must make this book highly interesting, as his works all are. The ninth edition of the "Life-Line" has just been issued by Colby & Rich, and is for sale by them and the author.

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

Written for the Banner of Light. CHRISTMAS.

BY MRS. HATTIE E. CARR. The Christmas bells are ringing, And happy hearts are singing: "Give thanks to God on high, The Christmas time is nigh." And sweet the merry chimes Repeat in tuneful rhymes : "Give thanks to God on high, The Christmas time is nigh. With gifts a plenty bringing."

Thou art a day of blessing Unto the heart possessing A gift from loying friends. That Obristmas always sends. How many little eyes Shall wake with glad surprise : How many tokens sweet Dear loving ones shall greet, With tender touch caressing.

The Christmas bells are ringing, And happy hearts are singing : "Give thanks to God on high, The Christmas time is nigh." Oh! turn not from your door The needy and the poor ; Give them from out your store, That they may want no more, And set their hearts a singing.

responded to his call by remitting \$50; and may we hope other friends of the Cause, of which he is an able advocate, will aid him to the extent of their ability? We trust they will. Bro. Cotton will thus feel that he is not deserted in

will acknowledge all donations he may receive. We append the following call from The Rostrum of Dec. 12th :

this his hour of affliction, and with gratitude

trum of Deo. 12th : THE FIRE FIRND'S WORK. - Our paper has (by rea-son of circumstances we could not control) been de-layed this issue. Early last evening, as we were lock-ing the form, we were startled by the cry of FIRE! Hastening to the street we found Mr. A. C. Cotton's home in fiames, and all who would work busy remov-ing the contents. We were living with them, and at this moment cannot tell the extent of his or our loss. The house is entirely destroyed. The insurance ex-pired a short time since, and for reasons which often influence the use of short funds, the renewal was de-layed, and hence the loss is total and heavy. Friends, now is the time to rally to his ald. Shall this misfortune prevent the continued issue of The Rostrum? T is for you to say. Mr. Cotton is in very poor health, and unable this morning to attend to any business. I therefore make this appeal to a generons public; send us ald and subsoribers to the paper, and his work for humanity will not cease. Friendand, N. J. JAB. H. YOUNO.

A Set-Back.

The New York Medical Journal of Dec. 12th has a paragraph headed "The Illinois State Board of Health and the Regulars in Medical Practice," wherein is recorded the following legal "set-back" for the would-be popes in medical practice in that State. The "regret" with which the paragraph closes will, we feel sure, not be shared in by any real friend of human rights in Illinois :

17 In connection with the appearance in the BANNER to-day of a picture and description of ABNEWOOD TOWERS, it will be in keeping to remark that recently, in Greenwich, Eng., a case was brought to the notice of the police, in which the inspector objected to the safety of certain dwellings because they were built of concrete. Upon which the Medium says that A. T. T. P.'s Tower shows unmistakably what can be done with concrete, as not only is it built of that material, but the owner's mansion liself, transformed from a small villa into a commodious country residence of somewhere near forty rooms, with the necessary outbuildings, is built wholly of concrete. There is not a solid foot of stonework or brick to be seen anywhere. Ponds, aqueduots, gatepillars, steps, garden walls, sheds-even the table on which the gardener pots his plantsare all of concrete. All the molding and ornamental work about the place-and taste and beauty are shown everywhere-are composed of the same material :

"A. T. T. P.'s Tower" [continues the Medium] " is, therefore, an educational necessity, and may be the rerunner of a reform in the structure of our dwellings, which may have the most important bearings on health, safety from fire, economy, and other considerations. Men are made to 'build wiser than they know'; immediately relating to themselves, some personal end is held in view as a minor incentive on their part, thus lending themselves willing instruments for achieving purposes wholly without the range of their calculations. All mankind may thus act, whereby the ming short-sighted ways of the world are, in effect, made the means of carrying out eternal purposes."

FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT no book will prove more acceptable, or more useful to its recipient, than Warren Sumner Barlow's new poem, "Immortality." It is printed and bound in a style conforming to the intrinsic value of its contents glit edge, fine gold-embossed, emblematically designed cover. Colby & Rich have it for sale.

"A decision is reported to have been made recently by one of the lilinois Couris, which it is thought will have the tendency of greatly abridging the Board's power in the administration of the medical practice act. It seems that a graduate of the Rush Medical College, of Chicago, was licensed by the Board of 1877, but that Board subsequently revoked the license for an alleged violation of the law. A suit brought by the practitioner has resulted in a decision which practi-cally limits the Board's power to that of the verifica-tion of diplomas and the identification of the holders, without power to revoke any license it may issue. If the decision is final, it cancot but be looked upon as a severe blow to the spirit of the law, however it may accord with its letter, and is on all accounts very much to be regretted." to be regretted."

J. J. Morse.

Mr. Morse, finding it a physical impossibility to attend to the many calls and invitations that have showered upon him since his lectures before the Temple Society in this city, has been compelled to remove himself and family from Lynn to 71 West Brookline street in this olty. Mr. Morse has still a few week-evenings disengaged between now and the last week in January. Many of his old friends, and those who have made his acquaintance since his return to Boston, have expressed a strong desire to hear him lecture in Boston again at no distant date. He is, as we have previously stated, one "whom not to have heard is an opportunity wasted." Keep him busy, friends, everywhere. He can be addressed care of this office.

Closed Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 25th, being devoted by all to the old-time festival of Christmas, the BANNER OF LIGHT Establishment will remain closed on that date.

LOOK OUT FOR HIM.-Dr. T. Warren-so a while handbill sets forth-is now on the warpath in Massachusetts, armed with a "religious illustrated lecture," and supported by several wonderful (?) mediums, who "will accept the challenge of ANY EXPOSER." etc... etc., ad nauseam. The investigating public and Spiritualists generally will, if they take our advice, give the Doctor the cold shoulder without fail, wherever he may make his appearance. By the way, we wonder if Dr. T. Warren [knows anything about] Lincoln ?

THE VACCINATION INQUIRER for December, a copy of which reaches us from its publisher, E. W. Allen, London, Eng., applies to the discussion upon the repeal of vaccination laws the declaration recently made in a public speech by Mr. Gladstone vis., "These are questions that do not admit of compromise."

15 The Bandolph (Wis.) Badical records that the Quarterly Convention of the State Association of Spiritualists, held at Portage City on December 11th, 12th and 18th inst., " was a creditable one in every respect."

BP Read the announcement made regarding J. R. Cocke's Reception, which will be found on our fifth page.

13 THE SPIRIT MESSAGE DEPARTMENT for the current week is introduced by a fervent Invocation, asking for strength of character and grace of spirit; after which questions are considered by the Controlling Intelligence regarding the return of "ancient spirits," the law of compensation and its effects upon its voluntary and its ignorant infractors, harmony and its necessity in spirit research and communion, the answer to which latter question should be carefully perused, its advice acted upon and its warnings heeded by every one intending to investigate the spiritual phenomena or to attend a seance of any character in any capacity. and "the crucifixion"; Thomas J. Lewis sends regards to friends in Denver, Col., and in Boston; E. G. Hamilton of Seabright, N. J., describes the nearness which he has maintained toward those former associates of his who are yet left in the mortal; Alice Hall comes to friends in Columbus, O., bringing love and greetings from other friends "who are with me in the spirit-world"; Margaret Cooper of Providence tells of her unsuccessful search for the "New Jerusalem," but thinks that the beautiful flowers, the bright faces and the good deeds which are to be found in spirit-life amply supply the place of jewelled walls, crystal gates and golden streets; Harry Weed wishes to converse in private with friends in New York and Newburgh; John Eddie Coogan speaks a pleasant word in boy-fashion to his relatives in Boston; Mrs. Jennie Swann of Huntsville asks friends in Alabama and Mississippi "not to mourn for me, for all is light"; Mrs. Cecelia Lewis brings a kindly message from her husband, William K. Lewis of Boston; and William Foster, Sen., voices a message full of recognition and encouragement to his son, William Foster, Jr., of Providence.

13 Our friend Mr. J. B. Hall of the Aroostook Herald, Presque Isle, Me., reports the advent in that place and doings while there of "Prof. Miller," an itinerating sleight-of-h and performer, who imposes on the oredulous by pretending to explain just how spirit-phenomena are produced, and to do a few of them, his illustrations being nothing more than a few stale old tricks that every smart schoolboy is familiar with.

BF Sickness and death seem to be reaping a harvest in Washington, D. C., at present. We are informed that Thomas Gales Forster, Gen. John Edwards and Judge Coombs, of that city, are very seriously ill; and that Mr. and Mrs. B. Sailer suddenly passed on Dec. 4th-Mrs. Richings and Mr. Fletcher officiating at the funeral

By We are informed that on Sunday, Jan. 3d, 1886-should he be spared-Hon. Thomas R. HAZARD will enter upon his ninetieth year in the mortal.

13 Read the card of C. H. Johnson, & fine test medium, on our fifth page.

THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL has come again, and thousands of children are thus made happy. Adults, as well (many of them); enjoy such occasions of festivity, as they bring before the vision the most tender recollections of by-gone days. Our spirit-friends, too, cluster closer to the family circle at this senson of the year, and although not seen, except by the clairvoyant eye, yet they are there notwithstanding-happy when their mortal friends are pleased, and unhappy when unhappiness settles upon them. Thus it is. And it behooves us all to manifest a lovable spirit one with another. Hence the BANNER sends out at this time its kindliest wishes for the health and happiness of its numerous patrons and friends as well, as the inharmonious ones who misrepresent it, knowing that the good angels who have it in their keeping will guard and protect it until its mission is fulfilled.

Any person who takes a newspaper from the postoffice-whether directed to his name or that of another, or whether he has subscribed or not-is responsible for the pay. Some people do n't seem to understand this is the law, but it is.

That was a rare philosophy in the three-year-old boy who asked what night is for, and not content with the reply "For rest and sleep," added, "No, papa, night is for to morrow." Many men and women grown never apprehend so clearly the true relations existing be-tween reat or recreation and the serious duties of the ween rest or recreation and the serious duties of life. Chicago Advance.

Certain citizens of Amesbury and Salisbury are to petition our incoming Legislature to pass an act uniting said towns in one municipality, or to annex a part of Amesbury and Salisbury (meahing the Mills village), which should have been an accomplished fact long ago.

TO THE CHILDREN. Christmas will bring to you many joys-Food and plenty, frolio and toys; Christmas to some will bring nothing at all; In place of laughter tears will fail. Or little Tim to your door may come, Your blessings are many-spare him some. Your Dissings are many-spare num some. The Christmas bells will sweetly ring The song that the angels love to sing. The song that came with the Child-Christ's birth, 'Peace, good will and love on earth 1" Dear little children, ring, I pray, Sweet bells in some lonely heart that day.

Our friend, Warren Chase, will have it that the eightyeight cents sliver dollar is not a nuisance. We think it is, and a deception combined. We know that the safes of business men are lumbered up, in the great centres of business, by these undervalue dollars. It is so in Boston, New York and other cities, they being ashamed to peddle them out to customers. Specious pleading to the contrary will not alter the case at all in our estimation.

Organized labor is a power in the land to be consid ered, not defied, as much as organized government, or any union among men. It has come to stay, as it should.

Found on a window-pane in a English wayside inn written with a diamond tax inter ! 現象attri_____」には、C

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"The sun's perpendicular rays litumined the depths of the sea."

Here the "fine frenzy" of the poet gave out ; but the happy thought was completed by Coleridge thusly: "And the fishes cried out in smare," "Oh; Lord I how hot we shall be !!

What next? A berdie was run into by another team early yeaterday morning and received a bad breaking up. Here is an opportunity for an ambitious novelies to write a story entitled "The Smasher Smashed" -Boston Globs,

Spiritualist Meetings in Boston:

Banner of Light Circle-Boom, No. 9 Rosworth . Biroed-Every Tuesday and Friday sternoon at So'clock. Admission free. For further particulars, see notice on sixth page. L. B. Wilson, Chairman. Boston Spiritusl Temple, Horticelitaral Hall. Loctures overy Bunday at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. H. Holmes, Fresident; W. A. Dunkles, Tressurer.

President; W. A. Dunkles, Treasurer, T. A. R. Holines, Berkeley Congregation. – Permanent lecturer, W.
 Colville, Fublic Service in Berkeley Hall, Odd Fellows Building, Tremont street, every Bunday at 104 A. M. and 754 P. M.; also Friday, 754 P. M. Wockly meetings in Lang-ham Hall (adjoining): Monday, 8 P. M., Questions and An-swer Conference; Wednesday, 354 P.M., Ladies' Union; 8 P. M., Musical and Literary Soirée; Baturday, 3 P. M., Loc-ture and Conversation. Everybody welcome.
 Union Park Hall. – The Shawmut Spiritual Lyceum interests in this Ball, corner Union Park and Washington atreets overy Souday at 104 A. M. All Fieledsof theyoung are invited to visit us. J. B. Hatch, Conductor.

are invited to visit us. J. B. Hatch, Conductor. Paine Memorial Hall, Appleten Sircet, near Tromost, -Children's Progressive Lycoum No. 1. Se-siona Bundaya, at10% o'clock. Beats free, and all are cor-dially invited. Benj. P. Weaver, fonductor. Francis B. Woodbury, Cor. Sec., 45 Indiana Place. First Spiritual Temple, corner of Newbury and Exctor Sirceta. Bervices every Sunday atternoon at 3 o'clock and every Wednesday evening at 7½. All are cor-dially invited. Seats free. IOSI Washington Sircet.-First Spirituallat Ladias

dially invited. Scate free.
1031 Washington Street. First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society. Meetings every Friday at 3% and 7% F. M. Mrs. Henry O. Torrey, Secretary.
College Hall, 84 Esser: Street. Bundays. at 10% A. M. 2% and 7% F. M., and Wednesday at 2% F. M. Eleon Cobb, Conductor.
Eagle Hall, 616 Washington Street, corner of Essex. Bundays. at 10% A. M., 2% and 7% F. M.; also Thurdays at 3 F. M. Able speakers and test mediums. Ex-cellent music. Presont Bobinson, Ohairman.
Spiritualistic Phenomensa Association holds

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ing mediums. Good speaking and inusic. New Era Parlora, 176 Tremont Street.—Develop-ing circle, 1054. A.M.; tests and speaking, 254 and 756 P.M. E. A. Cutting, Chairman. Fraternity of the White Gross, 12 Pemberton Square. Hoom 0.—Meetings second and fourth Thurs-days of each month. Bervice of Silence on Saturday even-ing. The Messonger will be at the rooms daily from 9 A.M. till 2 F. M., to give information respecting the Order.

Chelsen,-Spiritualist meetings at Pilgrim Hall, Odd Fellows Building. Sunday, at 3 and 7% P. M.

The Boston Spiritual Temple at Horticultural Hall.

On Sunday last, Dec. 20th, the next day being the two hundred and sixty-fifth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Mr. J. Frank Baxter took for his morning theme "Pilgrim and Puritan," intro-duced by the singing of "The Breaking Waves Dashed High," followed by a reading of Miss Doten's poem, High," followed by a reading of Miss Doten's poem, "John Endicott," and a song, "The Rock of Liberty." The lecture was to a degree historical. The distinc-tion between a Pilgrim and a Puritan was very clearly made. It was shown that the secoded Puritans, orig-inally called "Pilgrims," were, true reformers, exem-pilfying the highest human nobleness in aim, endeavor and conscientious work, and that they must always be an incentive to patriotism. Reading the "Compact," he said, "It would seem as if these seekers for free-dom were gifted with spirit endowed wisdom when and conscientious work, and that they must always be an incentive to patriotism. Reading the "Compact," he said, "I twould seem as if these seekers for free-dom were glited with spirit endowed wisdom when they drew up the immortal paper on the *Mayfower*. Its provisions bound alike master and servant. All might in turn become rulers, but when not rulers all must be content to be ruled. The compact contained that vertebrate principle which has been found best adapted for town, city, State or national government." It was the Fligrim Colony which drew up, signed and established this covenant, not the Puritans from whom they separated. Many of the latter came to America, and founded colonies, but they were chartered by England's king, and had no fellowship for years (till for mutual protection it was necessary) with the Pli-grims, whom they considered fanatical and infidel. It was shown to be not the Pilgrims, but the Puritans, who persecuted, who proscribed and banished dis-senters, and hung witches. The Pilgrim colony was the asylum for Hoger Willims, Anne Hutchinson, and others. In every instance where one was accused of witchersit, and brought to trial among the Pilgrims, the person was given his or her freedom, but nearly all cases among the Puritans met with death for the accused victim. Puritans limited the right of suffrage to their own church members; not so the Pilgrims. Miles Standish, though thirty siz years in Pilymouth, and not a member of any oburch, and from soruples would join none, was one of the chief officers and roundiors. James Brown, not a Prespicerian, as yere they of the Pilgrim Church, but an Episopallan, held a position as assistant councillor to the Governor. The Pilgrims wedded liberty to law, and charity to present. "Let us not forget our growth. We have innumerably more papers to read from, innumerably more and better contrivances for new-gathering and row, and the just mildscriminately at the expense of the present. "Let us not forget our growth. We have innumerably more papers to

science, in knowledge, in freedom?

ing, 7:45 P. M. Thursday, Dec. 31st, Musical and Lit-erary Entertainment, followed by collation as on Christmas Eve. Admission twenty-five cents; 10:45 P. M., Annual Watch Night Service. All freely in-vited.

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vited. W.J. Colville lectured to a large and very apprecia-tive audience in North Abington, Thursday, Dec. 17th. He can be engaged, on moderate terms, for lectures out of Boston, on Tuesday or Thursday of any week; will also attend funerals. Address Langham Hall, 4 Berkeley street. Mr. Colville wishes to inform those who desire to study metaphysics in perfect harmony with Spiritualism. that his next class will commence on Friday, Jan. 8th, 3 P. M., at 49 Rutland street. Terms for the entire course of instruction, five dollars.

Facts Social.

Last Baturday evening the first of a series of Facts Socials and Séances was held in Langham Hall, Odd Fellows Building, Tremont street. Mr. Whitlock

made a few remarks, in which he stated that it was the object of these convocations to bring people tothe object of these convocations to bring people to-gether for pleasant social conversation, entertain-ment, the development and exercise of mediumship, etc., and not for lectures or speech making. Mr. J. R. Cocke was introduced, and his control sang a song en-titled "The Storm," and later rendered an Instru-mental piece, both of which were enthusiastically ap-plauded, Lucette Webster, Miss Nickerson, Mrs. Allce Wood and Mr. J. W. Mahony rave readings, and Mrs. and Miss Whitlock sang in a very acceptable manner several pleasing selections. Mr. J. B. Billes is to give a scance next Saturday, an advertisement of which will be found in another column. FACTS MEETING.

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The Facts Meeting in Horicoliural Hall, last Sun-day, was well attended. Mr. Whitlook spoke at some length, giving his experience with different independ-ent writing, drawing and painting mediums, having the slates, books and other articles containing the messages, drawings and paintings, on exhibition.

SHAWMUT SPIRITUAL LYCEUM - UNION PARK HALL .- The usual opening exercises were carried out at this Lyceum last Sunday, with a full complement of Leaders and children. Conductor Hatch read a poem of Achsa W. Sprague. A vocal selection by Shaw-mut Quartette followed, and recitations were given by Allie Cummings, Edith Jewett, Gracie Dyer, Louise Irvine, Clare Doane, Jannie Porcelain, Rosa Gasaviour, Gracie Thorp, and Rosa Wilbur, and a song by Allce Deveroux. Mirs. A. E. Cuuningham of this city and Mr. Bearse of Providence addressed us in acceptable remarks. The thanks of this Lyceum are due to Mrs. Floyd and Mrs. Huston for the use of their parlors on the occasion of sociables; also to the Berry Sisters for substantial aid. The Christmas gathering for our children will take place in Weils Memorial Hail, Friday evening. All are invited to be present. On the first Sunday in January the able inspirational trance lecturer, Mr. J. J. Morse of England, will be present and address the Lyceum and its Iriends. ALONZO DANFORTH, Sec. of S. S. L. 23 Windsor street, Dec. 21st, 1885. at this Lyceum last Sunday, with a full complement of

PAINE HALL-BOBTON SPIBITUAL LYOBUM.-Last Sunday one hundred and twenty persons participated in the Banner March. After the Instructor Lesson,

in the Banner March. After the Instructor Lesson, Dean Clarke was introduced and conducted in an able manner a lesson on "The Natural and Spiritual Body." Mr. Clarke is a great favorite with our children ; they always answer his questions promptly, and attentively listen to his explanations, etc. Few persons possess the rare ability of this speaker as a teacher of the chil-dren. The control of the medium, Miss Emma Ireland, addressed us upon the subject, "Second Sight," pre-sented by Bro. L. L. Whitlock, who with his wife and daughter was among our guests on this occasion. J. V. Manafield addressed the school, and presented a letter to Conductor Weaver from Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe of Frovidence, R. I., in which they kindly volunteered to visit this city and reproduce for the benefit of the Lyccum the entertainment given by them at Lake Pleasant. Their offer was gratefully accepted, and the matter of arranging for it already in the hands of a committee. Readings and recitations were given by Alice Russeli, Jennie Magee, Harry Hall and Little Henry Higgins; vocal selections by Eva Morrison and Lillian Rich; duet by Miss Jennie Smith and Miss May Waters; plano solos by Bertle Knowlton. The children were each presented with a Christmas card, but at present the undersigned is unable to say who the donor was. The usual Festival occurs Christmas afternoon in Investigator Hall. Supper at 5:30 P. M. in Kneeland Hall. By kind invitation of W. J. Col-ville, the children will attend the fostivities at Berke-ley Hall on the evening of the same day. FRANCIS B. WoODBURY, Cor. Sec. C. P. L. 45 Indiana Place, Boston. THE SPIRITUALISTIC PHENOMENA ASSOCIATION Dean Clarke was introduced and conducted in an able

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at Berkeley Hall, Sunday, Dec. 20th, opened its meet-ing with singing by Mrs. Mason, after which Mr. J. at berketey han, status, bee 20th, opend its meet-ing with sluging by Mrs. Mason, after which Mr. J. Frank Baxter read a fine poem. Mr. Geo. LeClair sang in his usual acceptable manner. After Mr. Bax-ter and Mr. Chas. Builivan had rendered a musical se-lection, Mr. Baxter described what he saw during the singing-confirmed as true by a gentleman in the audi-ence- and gave other descriptions, which were recog-nized. He then said that Spiritualism was to him a pearl of great value, and since mediums are the means through whom we obtain its truth, they should be guarded with care. Spiritualism has in many ways benefited humanity. It has substituted knowledge for faith; has explained many problems in life; over-come materialistic tendencies and skepticism; given impetus to free thought; opened channels for the broadening of woman's sphere; exercised an influence wars; healed the sick and promoted all the useful sciences; added to the invention of new and improved methods, in fact, entered upon all reform, while ora-tory, art and music have been by no means beyond the pale of its influence. The church celebrates the birth of Christianity, and its belief of immoriality based on fault. tory, art and music have been by no means beyond the pale of its influence. The church celebrates the birth of Christianity, and its belief of immoriality based on faith ; Spiritualism celebrates the same, based on a knowledge of facts. Draw a perpendicular line, and join it to a horizontal one, and connect the two with another as the hypothemuse of a right angled triangle, no amount of guessing will afford the exact length of the last line, but given the length of the first two, by a simple mathematical calculation we ascertain to a positive certainty the length of the third, and thus we find the benefits of exact knowledge as compared to a belief based on faith. Looking about us, how much we see of tangible fact, yet how much is there that we are unable to see by the ordinary modes of examina-tion, but which the tests of science easily demonstrate to our senses. And, however derided, Spiritualism affords us the most rational theories as to the ultimate triumphs of all human life, which many of the hymns and melodies of the church seem to admit, though often in contradiction of its creeds. While Spiritual-ists may differ, and each be his own judge as to the mard differ, and each be his own judge as to the mard stand upon a common ground. Concerning the raps and other physical demonstra-

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Movements of Mediams and Lecturers.

[Matter for this Department must reach our office by Monday's mail to insure insertion the same week.]

Monday's mail to insure insertion the same week.] Hon. Warren Chase closes his lectures in Worcester Sunday, Dec. 27th, and is followed by Mrs. Colby for January and February. He speaks in Springheid, Mnss., Jan. 3d and 10th ; in Somerville, Ct., Jau. 17th ; in Manchester, N. H., Jan. 24th and 31st ; in Woon Socket, R. I., Feb. 7th ; in Fail River, Muss., Feb. 14th and 21st : in New York City, Feb. 28th ; in Louisville, Ky, during March and April. He is open for Camp-Meeting engagements in New England for July, Au-gust aud September boxt, if applied to before April. Our subscribers anywhere may renew or pay their subscriptions to Mr. Chase. J. J. Morse, as will be seen by reference to our eighth page, lectured in Dover, N. H., last Sunday. He speaks twice in Norwich, Ct., on Sunday next. J. Frank Baxter is at present lecturing Sundays at Horticultural Hall, this city. On Wedneeday, 23d last, he lectured in Tauntou. Will soon be in Rock-port, Providence and Woogsocket. Mrs. A. P. Brown will lecture in Portland, Me., Jan.

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HII. H. F. Merrill has the following engagements: Dec. 27th, Springfield; Jan. 8d and 10th, Portland, Me. He can be addressed for the present 43 Pynchon street, Springfield, Mass.

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Berkeley Hall Meetings.

Sunday last, Dec. 20th, W. J. Colville, under influ-ence of his inspirers, addressed very large and deeply sunday last, Dec. 20th, W. J. Colville, under influ-ence of his inspirers, addressed very large and deeply interested audiences. The subject of discourse in the morning was, "How Does Earthly Discipline Un-fold the Human Spirit?" The lecture was founded on the Book of Job, which the speaker declared was the oldest book in the Bible-a splendid Oriental dramatic poem, setting forth in allegory the universal truth that, after the trials and disciplines of life, man comes out stronger and richer than in his prisine state of untempted and undisputed prosperity. The old Bosicrucian ides of transmitation was spiritually interpreted in this connection. The erucible is earth-ly discipline, or rather the material world, which is the seducing serpent of Genesis and all mythologies. The ordue, base metals which must be thrown into the fire and converted into gold, are all the powers and faculites of our nature, and everything that comes into our lives from whatever quarter 11 may reach us. Nothing occurs by chance; there are no accidents except in seeming, and when we stain to the status described in the New Testament as that of "a just spirit made perfect," we shall be able to review all fucur past experiences and discover that all things, in every instance, have worked together for the best. This discourse, in commo with many others, has been reported verbadims, and will be on sale at the the Baxmark or Liour Bookstore as soon as published. It requires careful reaching for a comprehension of its teachings, and will well repay thoughtin coulders-tion. At 7:30 P. At the identary Entertainment, during which W. J. Colville will read from and speak upon Diekens's "Orisimas Carol." Collision at 10 P. M. Admission, including supper, twenty five cents. Dristimas, Friday, Dec. 2011, 10.30 A. M. morning service, with lecture on "The Birk of the Divine Onlid in the Present Age ;" 7:45 P. M., vesper service, followed by Children's Entertainment, during which W. J. Colville will ready prome and distribu-tion of presents from th interested audiences. The subject of discourse in

can stand upon a common ground. Concerning the raps and other physical demonstra-tions, how often we hear criticianis of derision as to Concerning the raps and other physical demonstra-tions, how often we bear criticians of derision as to such great issues being brought to our notice by such simple means; but history affords us ample illustra-tions of the use and employments of what are, to the ordinary observer, meaningless facts in the develop-ment of theories the result of which have confounded the world. The twitching of a frog's leg, the swing-ing of a chandeller, the fall of an apple and the flying of a kite in a thundershower have each, in their way, contributed to results which, compared to these sim-ple incidents, are truly marvelous. The speaker referred with gratitude to the fact that Spiritualism first received recognition in free Ameri-ca; he culogized its triumphs of the past and its pos-sibilities for the future, and closed with an eloquent appeal for the sympathetic support of all to the work of hose engaged in the dissemination of truths, wheth-er as speakers or as mediums of any other phase, never forgetting the greatest of all truths, that the ele-vation of the human race is the boblest work of man. Mr. Baxter gave two or three tests at the close of his discourse, and the President announced that Mr. Joseph D. Stiles would be with us next Sunday. G. O. PAINE, Cor. See.

THE LADIES' INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY, connected with the Boston Spiritual Temple, had a very pleas ant social gathering at their rooms, 176 Tremon ant boolal gathering at their rooms, no fremom street, Hall A. on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 16th, at which time they were favored with the presence of Mr. J. J. Morse, wife and daughter. Dean (larke and others. Remarks were made by Mr. Morse, Mr. Clark and Miss Barnicoat, and musical seleo-tions rendered by Mrs. Lovering and Miss Morse. This society meets at the above place every alternate Wednesday afternoon and evening.

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gracefully. The last regular business meeting of the year will be held Saturday, Dec. 26th, at 4 P. M. A full attend-ance is requested, as there is important business to transact. MES. H. O. TORREY, Sec.

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Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT.—We are now ready for your questions, Mr. Chairman. QUES.—Does the approach of what are termed "ancient spirits" to the earth, tend to improve the condition of those spirits who are held with-in its sphere, and thus indirectly assist in the elevation of all earth's inhabitants by remov-ing inducence detaimental to their odeance. ing influences detrimental to their advance-ment?

ANS .- There are ancient spirits and ancient ANG.—There are ancient spirits and ancient spirits. The first class are exalted, highly in-telligent, and very progressive spirits, inas-much as they are constantly pressing forward, selzing and appropriating to their comprehen-sion new truths, and applying to their life the wisdom which they gain from supernal sources. This class of ancient spirits, in sending out their influence to earth, or in coming in con-nection with spirits who are still allied to the physical condition even though they have partphysical condition even though they have part-ed with their mortal bodies, can only elevate, strengthen and bless those whom they approach. strengthen and bless those whom they approach. With their influence they can inspire mortals to reach out for higher things, to aspire for spirituality of life, and they can exert a power upon earth bound, undeveloped sculs, that will stimulate their desire for growth, and draw them out and up to a higher plane of being. The second class of ancient spirits are them-selves somewhat undeveloped; they are cling-ing to the outer form the external expression:

selves somewnat undeveloped; they are chug-ing to the outer form, the external expression; they have not laid aside their old prejudices and opinions; they pay more attention to cere-monials than they do to the cultivation of the inner nature. These spirits we call ancient, because they have been in the other life many ages, but yet they are like infants in soulages, but yet they are like infants in soul-growth and power, inasmuch as they have really experienced but little of the higher con-ditions of immortal life. Such spirits coming into contact with mortals will only shed abroad an influence that is confining and narrowing, that does not elevate. Coming into connection with earth-bound spirits of modern times, they but surround them with an atmosphere that is narrowing, confining, and not elevating, and narrowing, confining, and not elevating, and consequently the approach of such spirits, either to mortals or to disembodied souls who dwell in connection with mortality, is not enlivening, it is not uplifting, nor is it to be desired except by an intelligent man who may have an earnest desire to break through the atmosphere of bigotry, and to teach them of the higher truths which have appealed to his mind, to give them a spiritual influence which will bless and benefit them. This may be done as directly by spirits in the mortal as by advanced intelli-gences of the immortal world. Q.-If a wise man puts his hand into fire he suffers; if an ignorant man does the same, he in like manner suffers. Is there in the spiritworld a difference in the condition of one who in this life transgresses nature's laws knowingly and that of one who does so from ignorance? A.-The man who does wrong knowingly may A.—The man who does wrong knowing in a transformer of begin to suffer for his error until long after the man who has committed wrong unknowing-ly has paid his penalty of suffering and risen to a higher condition of peace, for the criminal who willfully commits injury against himself or his neighbor is obtuse in regard to apirit-ual things; his interior nature is not developed. The man who wrongs his fellow-creature or in-jures himself through ignorance, when he awak-ens to the sin he has committed, and under-stands it in its fullness, will suffer; he will de-plore the mitake that he has made, and be sorry for his ignorance; but his angulah will be mitigated by the knowledge that had he under-stood the case he would not have done this wrong, and by the eager desire which will fill his soul to atone for the injury he has commit-ted, and in every way possible to make his life purer and sweeter than it had ever been before. Growing out of this conscionances will come a relief from nair, the will etted to a bit he purer and sweeter than it had ever been before. Growing out of this consciouncess will come a relief from pain; he will attain to an altitude of peace long before he who has willfully com-mitted the wrong will do so. The man who commits wrong from malice or other ignoble motive, will pass through a long period of expe-rience before he gains the light; he will be obliged to go step by step over the road he has traveled before, take up every line that he has wrought, and redeem his past before he can possibly have happiness or peace. This law of possibly have happiness or peace. This law of retribution we do not consider has been given by some omnipotent, righteous judge who pun-iahes his children in wrath, but it is a law in-corporated in human nature, which determines that he who transgresses the laws of his own being and aims against his own conscience must answer to that inner tribunal and be ready to new the apality. Because of the importance of answer to that inner tribunal and be ready to pay the penalty. Because of the ignorance of humanity, it is impossible for man to press on-ward free from mistakes. Now and then inju-ries will arise, he will trespass against his neigh-bor or against himself and work much harm; but when he discovers his error, and seeks nobly and manifully to repair it, there will come into his soul such a beneation of peace, such a desire to bless, and to be of use, as will mitigate the anguish of his heart.

that I need assistance, and I do, for I have not been out of the body long enough to grasp this knowledge and take advantage of it as some others do. For the last few months I have been reaming around over this country, and not looking after spiritual things or places. I have traveled from the West to the East and back again, looking after the interests that I had here. Perhaps you will think it a poor business for a spirit, but I suppose it will call me until it is all settled, and then I shall be quite as glad to get away from it as any one would like to have me. I would like to send my regards and greetings to friends in Denver. Colorado. I would like them to know that I am alive, and that I have not gone away from them; that I have been!looking around the old spots, taking notice of what is going on. I them; that I have been looking around the old spots, taking notice of what is going on. I don't know as I could get to my friends and speak in this way, though there are some peo-ple who are interested in Spiritualism and know that spirits can come back. Perhaps they will open the way for me, and if so, I will be ready to come. I have friends here in Boston. There is a relative whom I would like to reach, and with

I have friends here in Boston. There is a relative whom I would like to reach, and with whom I would like to talk. There are some things of importance I would like to say con-nected with mortal affairs, and at the same time I would like to tell of something I have discovered since I left the body. Perhaps I can find a way here, as you seem to know so much of these things. When I come again I hope I shall be able to say more, for there is much I would like to talk over with my friends. Thom-na J. Lawis. as J. Lewis

E. G. Hamilton.

Permit me, Mr. Chairman, to report myself as E. G. Hamilton. I come bearing greetings and messages to my friends in Seabright, N. J. During the years that have passed since I went from the mundane side of life I have not been blind to occurrences and events taking place with those whom I left, and while I have bad advantages given to me on the other side of If charges given to me on the other sub of up different occupations from those pursuits which engaged my thought here, yet I am able to come over the way and visit those friends whom I once associated with.

whom I once associated with. "More than once I have seated myself in the drawing-room at Headlands, havo witnessed the scenes taking place there, and thought, "How strange that here I am, a man divested of the mortal, but to all intents and purposes of the mortal, but to all intents and purposes quite as tangible and notive as when in the form, and yet my dear ones cannot see me, and do not realize that I am with them." I have had many lessons to learn, some of them al-most humiliating-I seemed so like a child on most humiliating—I seemed so like a child on taking up new studies on the other side—but I have tried to learn each one well, and now I come back offering words of cheer to my friends, telling them, as the spirit who proced-ed me said, that I am still alive : I live, and I look forward to the time when all those whom I esteem will join me in the spirit world and find that they live also. Changes have taken place in my family since I was here with them. I have seen and known, and I cannot say that I am sorry for aught that has taken place. In the fullness of time changes do come to mortals, as I presume they will come to the spirit. Experience is good for us all, and I, for one, am glad to undergo whitever experience one, am glad to undergo whatever experience may come to me. For some time after passing from the body I tried to influence my daughter —indeed, I did influence her to an extent, but I endeavored to give some tangible token of my presence through her organism, as I found that she had mediumistic powers. It is sad that mortals do not understand these laws as they should, and that so many are in utter ignorance of them, for it seems to me that returning spirits who, like myself, are anxious to give something to the outward life, that man may know of the nearness of his departed friends, would be able, in such case, to do much good. I have not accomplished my wish, but I hope the time is not far distant when I shall be able to give something strongly positive that will convince my friends of my existence. Tell them Gay Hamilton is alive and active, and wishes it so understood.

Alice Hall.

Alice Hall. My friends are in Columbus, O. I have been in the spirit-world a few years, and they have not known anything of me. All who loved me here think of me as dead and gone; they do not know that I can come to them with my love, asking for theirs in return. I have many times tried to tell them, but I could not, yet I have not spent all my time in futile endeavor to reach earth friends, but I have been trying to make the best of it on the other side of life. I had plans and hopes here that were never fulfilled. I thought it very hard, and I was somewhat rebellious at first, but now I can see it was all planned just right, and that a higher power knew what was good for me better than I knew for myself. If I had been given my own way, I might have been unbeen given my own way, I might have been un-happy and sad now, but instead I am joyful. I am pleased with my surroundings, I am happy, and I come bringing love and greetings from the dear friends who are with me in the spiritworld My father is often by my side, my companion, and a teacher to me. He joins me in my re-gards, and hopes that our dear friends will give us welcome. It would be very pleasant for us to reach them in person, and talk privately to their ears, but I fear this cannot be at present, for there are no open ways for them near home; but if they can only find an influence of peace coming upon them from the higher life, I know it will be of good, to strengthen and encourage will be directed to the right channel, and meet with a reception. I am Alice Hall. Margaret Cooper. [To the Chairman:] Good afternoon, sir. I was an old lady, and I was clean tuckered out. After I got over to the other country and got guite settled like, I begun to get rested, and I felt as though 1 had just dropped down into home-life and taken a new start. That was a pretty good clear kind of a feeling to have, af-ter the storms and tempests of earth; for I had known what it was to have a body that was full of aches and pains and weariness of the fiesh, and to drop it off and feel smart-like was something to be proud of. Well, then, sir, af-ter I had looked round and seen my new sur-roundings, taken in a good idea of 'em, so as to roundings, taken in a good idea of 'em, so as to know they were lasting and substantial, and there was no 'jimorackery'' about 'em that would make 'em fade away into nothing, I thought I'd like to know how it all came about. I hunted round, and I tried to see the angels I was to look for, in their white gowns and with their harps, but I did n't see 'em. I saw plenty of mon and women and little folks, busy, going here and there, hurrying and scur-rying about on some errand or other, with rying about on some errand or other, with bright faces, looking as though they had n't a care in the world; but their gowns were all sorts of colors, and made in all kinds of styles. I did n't see as they cared anything about play-ing on the harp any more than you people do here. Then I did n't know what was accoming; here. Tl I did n't here. Then I did n't know what was a coming; I did n't know what it all meant; for I be-lieved in the New Jerusalem, and I expected to find it. Then I thought maybe I had n't got to it yet, and this must be another place or city that I was set down in to grow better and get ready for the new country, and. I got guite sat-isued with that for awhile, and so let things move ahead. But I wanted to go to meeting and hear good words spoken; and as my body was strong enough to get round. I went out to was strong enough to get round. I went out to was strong enough to get round. I went out to one place and another, listening to what the people said, and trying to make out their ideas. Well, sir, I do n't know how 't was, but the preaching was a good deal different from what I used to hear on this side, and somehow I kind o' took, it all in as the plant sucks no water; and by and by I got some new thoughts on re-ligion, and come to find out, I'd got into the immortal world after all, and 't was about as good a New Jerusalsm as any one need to hunt for, so I think I've got my lesson pred to hunt or, so I think I've got my lesson pretty well in that line. Well, then, I heard tell about spirits coming angulah of his heart. Thomas J. Lewis. I feel honored at being allowed to be the first to speak of the many that I see around, but the truth is, I am helped to come by the spirit who has just spoken to you. Perhaps he thinks

lem, and I do n't see many jewels shining round. Where I live there are plenty of flowers, and bright little faces, and good works going on, and I do n't know but that's just as well. If any one wants to know if I am happy, tell 'em yes 1 I've been a good while waking up, getting round to this sort of happiness, but it has come -I take it right in; and I would like to see all the friends on this side waking up, and getting the right kind of idea of the future. That's what I hope they 'll do, and I know it will be sure to help 'em when they get over. Well, now, when they told me I could come, I sap-posed I'd come in young and strong. I feel about like that on t'other side, but just as soon as I got here I began to feel the old creepings and orawlings of the flesh, tired out like. I do n't want to take them with me. I do n't like to, but I'm glad to get here anyhow, and say my say. I am Margaret Cooper, and I think likely more than one will remember me in Providence. Providence.

Harry Weed.

Harry Weed. Strange what methods we take of calling the attention of friends to ourselves! strange that we cannot be content to go on in the new life, taking up its experiences, and leaving our earthly friends to come on after us, and find out about what we are doing when they get to the land where we now dwell; but somehow the human heart clings to the objects of its affections, as well as to other interests which have attracted it in times past, and even after the spirit of man is freed from the outer life it comes back, seeking ways of communication, hoping to reach friends, and bring them greet-ing, or something more-knowledge. I do not care to speak of the discipline which have no doubt it has been for my soul's good, and it has developed me. I see many things in a different light from what I did on earth. Were I now in the body, possessed of my pres-ent knowledge, with the discipline I have had since passing away, I would make a different use of much that was mine. I can now realize that what I accumulated had been bestowed, so to speak, to give me an opportunity of doing much good. I do not see that I did much good with the means I had at my command, and I am regretful for that fact. Every man who passes from earth is obliged to face himself, and this is very much worse than to face any other dreaded oreature or experience. He sees himself as he is, and what is more, he sees just the mistakes he has made, the wrong he has done, and even all the outgrowing circum-stances. Any man who has lived a business career, stances.

Any man who has lived a business career, who has been thought shrewd and has mani-fested keenness in his life, will not fail to find much when he comes to face himself that is not altogether agreeable, and will not fail to see many circumstances, many places and times where he might have been of use and done much good, which he did not avail himself of

I speak of these things for the benefit of those I speak of these things for the benefit of those who are near and dear to me. I felt that I did for my children that which would be of great benefit to them. I had given them all they ro-quired for material life. Perhaps I did not give them all they will need for a spiritual under-standing of life, and I want them to seek that here and now. I want all who are connected with me to try to discover that which will be the purest and richest blessing for their lives. the purest and richest blessing for their lives, a spiritualizing, upiffing influence. Do I talk strange? Perhaps my friends will

say so; but they have not passed through the experience which has been mine the last few years. Had they done so, they would probably be here or elsewhere, talking in just such a

be here or elsewhere, talking in just such a strain. I followed those connected with me, I saw their experience and doings, I tried to guard one from an unpleasant affair—from more than one—but my influence was weak. I did not un-derstand myself how to act. The spirit who has lived largely in the material while on earth will have to learn many lessons on the other side before he is strong enough to exercise a very uplifting influence upon any other. I was a man of large means, Mr. Unairman, and of course. it goes without saying. I was

I was a man of large means, Mr. Chairman, and of course, it goes without saying, I was consequently a man of some influence, and per-haps business tact and ability. I cannot say I was altogether gratified to part with the mor-tal, even when I stepped on to the other side and found myself a conscious, active man, but feit that if I was on earth with opportunities, I could exercise my energy in a direct manner that would be productive of large results. Lately I have been trying to turn from these things to those more purely spiritual, and I things to those more purely spiritual, and I have gained assistance from good spirits in the immortal world.

Immortal world. I had property and interests in the city of New York, and irlends there; I have friends in Newburgh, those dear to me, whom I would like to reach in private ways, and to whom I de-sire to bring quietly knowledge and informa-tion which I nessess, and which may be of use to them in different ways. I have sought many times to gain the car of my son Francis, and to relate that which would be a guide to him'; but you mortals do not understand how spirits stand, anxiously waiting at the door of mate-rial life, hoping that it will open to them so they may give to their friends something that will be of use, and that will give assurance of their continued existence. You may call me, sir, simply Harry Weed. Please say, while bringing regards to old friends and former acquaintances, I send especial love to the dear ones of my family.

ly affected injuriously by inharmonious condi-tions? ANS.—Perhaps those that are most dependent

tions? Ans.—Perhaps those that are most dependent upon material conditions. And yet we have seen phase after phase of mediumship easily affected by what is termed inharmonious con-ditions. Place a sensitive before you whose brain is delicately handled by invisible teach-ters, let your minds be full of discord and strife, send out your thought toward that sen-bill observe that there is an unsatisfactory manifestation of the power of the spirit through that medium. Why? Because, in attempting to make use of the brain of the sensitive, and impress upon it beautiful harmonious ideas emanating from celestial minds, spirits are obliged to battle against the great waves of magnetic influence which come up to them from your own organisms. These waves of magnetism are dark and foreboding; they oper-ate against the medium; and the thoughts given by spirits, passing through this veil or aura of unseemiy magnetism, become clouded and detached; therefore the expression, the impiration, is entirely unsatisfactory. Possi-by you may receive nothing whatever from spirits of a high order under such conditions. Place a medium in a séance for physical or ma-terializing manifestations when the audience is inharmonious, full of discord and unpleas-antness generally, and the manifestations will be weak in character and unsatisfactory. the spirits being unable to make use of their instru-ment as they desire, cannot draw from you those

be weak in character and unsatisfactory; the spirits being unable to make use of their instru-ment as they desire, cannot draw from you those harmonious elements which they require for their work, nor the physical elements which also you ahould supply, which they may combine with those of the medium for building up a ma-terialized form or for presenting to you a mani-festation of physical force: consequently you will have thrown your time away. So we might say regarding mediums of every char-acter of manifestation: Where inharmony abounds there you will find dissatisfaction, a lack of power; for the spirits can best work where there is absolute harmony—where all present combine together in love and sympa-thy, invoking the presence of angelio beings, and desirous of cooperating with them in their good works. good works.

Q.-E. P. G., of New Haven, Ct., asks: "Was there ever one Jesus crucified?" adding that the Bible so declares, while a spirit purporting to be Pontius Pilate has denied (to him) the truth of the statement, and further averred that he "never heard of such a person as the Chris-tian Jesus" when he (the spirit) was in mortal life. The correspondent saks in conclusion: "How are we to reconcile the Bible statement with the statement of Pilate and fifty other in-telligences who have never seen a spirit in the higher life who bore the name of Jesus in the orth (or mortal) life 9"

higher life who bore the name of Jesus in the earth (or mortal) life ?" A.—This seems to be a question of veracity between spirits rather than a question of the authenticity of Bible statements concerning the man Jesus. While many spirits have with-in the last few years returned from the other life to declare that they know nothing of a man once called Jesus of Nazareth, numbers of oth-or spirits have returned through various medial life to deciare that they know nothing of a man once called Jesus of Nazareth, numbers of oth-er spirits have returned through various medial organisms in different parts of this country, not only declaring their belief in the existence of such a being, but also making a positive affirma-tion that they either themselves have seen and conversed with this spirit, or that they are ac-quainted with spirits who are familiar with him; consequently, as we said, it becomes a question of veracity between different returning spirits. We have declared from this platform in times past not only our belief in the existence of such a being as was known as Jesus of Nazareth, but have also stated that we have seen that spirit in the higher life; that he is a teacher of Moral Philosophy, sending out a grand good influence to mankind on both sides of life, one that is elevating in its tendenoy and stimulating in spiritual power. You have here in this world persons in the flesh who are ready and willing to declare their disbelief in certain laws, or in other things, because they do not understand them: they have asaen pothing of their operaother things, because they do not understand them; they have seen nothing of their operathem; they have seen nothing of their opera-tions, they know nothing concerning them; they are agnostics in this respect, and are not con-tented to avow their agnosticism alone, but are ready to affirm their disbellef utterly and en-tirely in the existence of these things because they have not seen them or seen evidence of their operations; so spirits may return to you and declare they do not believe in the existence of a man once known as Jeaus. Others may come and say they do not believe such a man as Napoleon Bonaparte ever existed; they have come and say they do not believe such a man as Napoleon Bonaparte ever existed; they have not seen him, they do not know anything about him; and other spirits, who occupy the same plane of being which is theirs, are also unac-quainted with the great warrior, consequent-ly there could never have been such a person. But what is the negative testimony of spirits who do not know, compared to that of spirits who positively affirm they do know, who have had vital experience, who have met these men, conversed with them, studied their obaracters and know something of their convertions and and know something of their occupations and present mode of life? If the spirits who come

little girl, and there she was a bright, beautiful young woman. smiling, and so glad to see me. I thought: "If I have met you and you are alive and well, then I must see others."

I thought: "If I have met you and you are alive and well, then I must see others." This is a beautiful, grand life. I come to tell my friends, and ask them not to mourn. I shall be with them all I can, trying to make their lives happy and sweet. Just now things seem dark, but I know the shadows will pass away and light will come again. I want them to make the days as pleasant as they can, not to feel it a duty to bow down in sadness, but to-rise above the unhappy conditions and gain all the beanty and sunshine from life that is pos-sible. I cannot express much, but perhaps they will feel it and know that I have come. When I get a little stronger, perhaps I will be able to make myself known, and then I want to go out to other places. There are many places, even on earth, I wish to see. I know I cound there to see those I know of. Per-haps sometime I can make myself known, that all may understand there is no death, that. we are alive after we leave the earthly body. I am Mrs. Cecelia Lewis.

Mrs. Cecelia Lewis.

Mrs. Cecelia Lewis. 1 have been in the spiritual world several years; but I come to day for one who has only just passed from the body, whose form is cold, but who still feels as though there was a tle binding him to the physical body. Only a very few days ago he lingered and struggled in the flesh, trying to be free: to-day he is with me, strong and well; not with trembling form, and with vital forces so low that they seem alto-gether suspended. Now he is indeed happy, and wishes me to say so, for he cannot speak as yet, as he hopes to do, to the friends he has left. Many years weighed upon his brow. During the last few he has been feeble, and has felt stricken down; but he knew what the spirit-world would bring to him; he knew it had re-union with wife and child and loving friends; and he has pot been deceived or disappointed; and he has not been deceived or disappointed; he has found them, but would like every friend on earth who cares, to know his condition. At present he is happy, and thankful to be freed

present he is happy, and thankful to be freed from the body. It is the message of my husband that I bring, but I cannot express in words all that crowds upon his soul that he would like to give utter-ance to. Sometime in the future we may be able to show that we are engaged in a good work. Where we live there are no ambitions to draw the thought of the spirit away from its work for humanity, and there is no vain pride. It is true we have sometimes seen spirits who seem to be enveloped in these conditions, but they live in contact wholly with earth and with ex-ternal things. These spirits who really aspire ternal things. Those spirits who really aspire for goodness, who want to grow, are meek in spirit and humble in their expression.

spirit and humble in their expression. I send my love to my friends. I want my dear sisters to know that I watch over and guard them. I wish every one who is dear to me to feel that I take an interest still in them, and that I endeavor to assist them in such ways

me to feel that I take an interest still in them, and that I endeavor to assist them in such ways as will brighten their daily lives. I am happy in my spirit-home, so happy to be free from those things which weighed me down before I passed from earth. There is no cloud upon the spirit, no shadow upon the brain; all things are clear in the sunlight of heaven. By-and-bye, when the grand reunion comes, there will be indeed happiness and peace for each one of my friends whom I left here. I have a daughter—I have others dear to me. Perhaps they will not receive my words. But however that may be, I can watch over and care for them in spiritual ways, and I shall be very glad to do so until they join me in the higher life. My little son, grown in spirit and stature, is a bright being; he is a worker for humanity, and is sending his influence here and there to open the way for the return of spirits. He is with me to-day, helping his father to become entirely freed from all outward conditions, and to grow strong in spirit.

to grow strong in spirit. I am Mrs. Cecelia Lewis. My husband is Mr. William K. Lewis of this city.

William Foster, Sen.

William Foster, Sen. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and friends. I am very glad to meet you, for I am interested in everybody who has the cause of Spiritualism at heart. This is not the first time I have man-ifested through a medium, for it does me good whenever it is possible to take hold of a mortal instrument and give some intelligent manifes-tation. I do not always succeed as I wish, but I have never been repulsed, and I always feel better after attending a spiritual circle. I was a very old man when I went out of the body, but I come back now, after the lapse of a few years, feeling young and hearty, and quite ready to take hold of any work that may offer itself. I have a beautiful home in the spirit country. My dear companion is there, many loved friends are near me, and I have no com-plaint to make of my conditions. It is true I ived a long life here, part of which was lonely and sorrowful, but it gave me many experiand sorrowful, but it gave me many experi-ences, and I have caught them up, weaving them, so to speak, into my mantle of life. It may look a little varied in color, but it just suits me for protection. But I do not come here to speak of these things; I come to give a few words of cheer and encouragement to my son. I want to thank him, not only for myself, but in behalf of many spirits, for what he has done, is doing, and desires to do, by way of assisting returning spirits to manifest themselves, to spread the gospel of truth and make life brighter spread the gospel of truth and make life brighter and better because of their coming, and also for his efforts in behalf of mediums. I know he loves to protect an instrument of the spiritual world, and when one is assailed from any quar-ter it fires his soul with indignation, and he feels ready to champion their cause. He does not believe in trickery or deception; he would not, at any time. defend either; but he is ever ready to stand by the truth, at whatever cost. You may say I am partial, because I am his old father, but it is not so. I have watched his course in this respect a good deal. I have been with him very much for the last two years. I was with him a good bit before that time, but standing by his side, and I know what I say concerning him is true. I bring him these words to encourage him. I want him to know we understand him, that he is in the right path, he need not fear, with spirit-friends around him. Those whom he loves will care for and guide him, and what is more the set wo with him. he need not fear, with spirit friends around him. Those whom he loves will care for and guide him, and what is more, we will bring to those whom he defends that strength and assistance which will give them power to live down all opposition and rise triumphantly above every foe. I think he will understand me. I want him to know that the dear friends of the higher life send their love to him. They are always happy when they can come to him and make their presence known. and make their presence known. I send my greeting and respects to Connecti-out friends, and wish them to know I am travel-ing along a smooth road that leads upward; every step of the way becomes easier to me, it seems as though something leaden was dropping from my feet, and I had power to spring up-ward. There is no fatigue, no wearlness, for I have parted with the conditions of earth. My son is known as William Foster, Jr., of Providence D. J. Low William Foster, Jr., of

John Eddie Coogan.

[To the Chairman:] Please, sir, can I come and speak? [Glad to have you.] I am really glad to do it. I was nine years old when I died. I am fourteen now. I was fourteen last spring, and I am getting along to ifiteen now, the same as I would if I was here. I have been growing, running up tall; I have been go-ing to a good many places and trying to learn a ing to a good many places and trying to learn a good many things. I want my people to know, too, that I have, because it isn't nice for any one to think a fellow is way off, don't know anything and can't learn anything; they would

be in a poor fix, would n't they? My name is Eddie Coogan. I've got a first name, too; it is John. I lived here in Boston. I've been round Boston a good many times, too, since I put off the other part of me. People say I'm dead; I aint, am I? [You do n'tappear to be.] I don't think I seem to be. I don't feel

so, anyhow. My mother's name is Mary. Do you want to know my father's name? [Should like to.] It is William J. Coogan. 1'ye thought if I could how 1 is William J. Coogan. I've thought if I could just get a chance to come back to tell how 1 was going to school, and had been so long, and was growing and learning, and that I had been round to a good many places, seeing such won-derful sights, perhaps they, would n't think I was dead, after all. I've been here before, I don't mean to speak, but I've been looking round here a little at you folks, seeing how the spirits come in and get to their mothers and fathers and brothers and sisters. I just felt kind of lonesome, sometimes, when I heard kind of lonesome, sometimes, when I heard them telling how it was, and a gentleman who has charge here told me to come round, and someday, when he found the way just right, he'd pop me in; so he has popped, and I am in, aint I?

Now I want to send an everlasting lot of love and say I've got round and I'm pretty lively. I feel good, and I want 'em all to feel good, too, and to think of me. If they'll just give me a chance to come and talk right out to ms a chance to come and talk right out to 'em. won't it be jolly? Do you suppose they will? [Perhaps so.] I should n't wondet. I'll try, hard, anyway. I lived on Wigglesworth street. I don't ever be slok nor feel bad, nor get-yes, I do. I guess, get into mischlef. But then I get out again, so that's all right, sint it? Things are pretty good where I am, and no one mist feel bad that I went away, because I didn't. And they'll see me again when they get where I live. An old lady I know says boys are always in mischlef. I guess girls are, too; and I guess some of the men and women are, do n't you? I foothe Unairman i I'm real giad to see you. I hope I'll see you again. [We'd like to see you; you must come again. [We'd like to see you; Do must come again. That's plue; that'll let me come in again. won't it?

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positively declaring these things are, so far as you can ascertain, honest in their opinion ; if you can ascertain, honest in their opinion; if their identity can be established, and you have no reason to suppose they are falsifying to you, or that they are masquerading on some name which does not belong to them, it is clearly ap-parent that their testimony is to be considered. Negations never established any law; affirma-tion may do so, when it is based upon positive evidence. As we have said, we believe in the existence of a man known to you through the records of the past as Jesus the Christ. We believe that he was an humble map, a born merecords of the past as Jesus the Christ. We believe that he was an humble man, a born me-dium, a lover of humanity. a teacher of truth as it appealed to him, and that through his agency inspirations were poured from the high-er life tending to elevate mankind and draw it away from the evil contemplations of merely sensual life. That much recorded in the Sorip-tures, so called, may be mythical, we do not doubt; that much applying to the life of Jesus may be but the outgrowth of fanciful minds, we do not doubt; and also some of the records may have been given only as memorized by par-ties, and not having at the time been transmit-ted to writing, may have been exaggerated, but in spiritual life all those who care to search the records will find there accounts of a man known records will find there accounts of a man known to moderns as Jesus of Nazareth, who lived and died in Judea, who was crucified for opinion's sake, and became a martyr to truth, notwith-standing affirmations made by the spirit who calls himself once Governor of Judea

Mrs. Jennie Swann.

1 feel that I owe you an apology for intrud-me ding, Mr. Chairman, but I have come a long dis-tance merely to say a few words, that my friends may know that I have not died, and that I have not gone far away from their lives. I tis not yet two weeks since I passed from the body, leaving mourning friends, weeping hus-band, and those very dear to me. They cannot eve see through the gloom of death and know what a bright star of promise shines beyond. There is so much of sadness that I catch it when I was outer it makes me grieve, and I want my hav friends to know that I am alive, and that all is beautiful to me now. I can also see much brightness and glory beyond. I would have stayed here in my home if I could, but I was obliged to go; the physical could not withstand the waning of power, and so I had to part, in mourn for me, for all is bright. I would like to come close to them, that they may know I am by their side, bringing courage and cheer. I cannot asy much of the change; all these things are so new to me, and they appear seen as trong and well and happy. I have not seen asy tears of sorrow, except; when I have come back to the earthly conditions. When I looked around me and saw my body lying before me, and knew that I had slipped ut of it, it was like one of my old garments; I was surprised, because I felt the same as I ever did, only more wide-awake. I looked so on me, and saw strange forms and faces. I did not know at first they were spirits, they looked so me and said. "Oh i Jemnie Coles, I am signad you have come !" I did nt know ber a first; then I learned that she was once a little child whom I knew and loved when I was child at whom I knew and loved when I was child at whom I knew and loved when I was child at whom I knew and loved when I was child at whom I knew and loved when I was child at the a learned that she was once a little child whom I knew and loved when I was child at whom I knew and loved when I was child at the start of the same and wore I feel that I owe you an apology for intrud-ing, Mr. Chairman, but I have come a long dis-

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Decease of Charles H. Foster ; A Grand Test Medium "Gone Home"; A Medial Schoolboy; An Independent Man; A Glance at His History; The Funeral Rites; Remarks by Rev. George S. Hosmer; A Tribute from Rev. N. C. Beane: Address and Poem by W. J. Colville.

CHARLES H. FOSTER, whose name has occupled for many years a prominent place in the very front rank of the modern mediums by whose persistent efforts the claims of the New Dispensation have been emphasized and forced upon the attention of a doubting and skeptical age, has gone to his reward in the other and better country-passing from the form which could no longer afford adequate service to the indwelling spirit, on Dec. 15th, at the home of his aunt, 14 Williams street, Salem, Mass., after an earthly sojourn of 52 years 2 months and 20 days. A stroke of paralysis which he received on the night before his death was the avant courier announcing the coming of the great change, which occurred on the next afternoon.

change, which occurred on the next afternoon. Mr. Foster was a Salem boy, having been born to the scenes of material existence on Turner street, that city—the late Joshua L. and Mary Foster being his parents, and himself their only child. The first notable evidence of his dawn-ing medial powers occurred when he was a member of the Phillips School, and aged four-teen years—his attention being drawn to raps near his deak during the school sessions. Phys-ical manifestations also began to make their ap-pearance in his apartment at night—his parents on being called to his room by the unusual com-motion, frequently finding the furniture scat-tered about in great disorder. Gradually these impromptu dark scances gave place to those manifestations of organized intelligence in the light for which Mr. Foster soon achieved a world-wide reputation. world-wide reputation.

A FEW FACTS.

A FEW FACTS. The late N. Osborn, of Salem, is credited with having done much to bring out, by the process of mesmeric operation, the powers latent in Mr. Foster's organism. When very young, as men reckon years, Foster visited England, and at once created a profound sensation in all ranks of society by the remarkable demonstrations in his presence of the action of occult power. He was, during this visit, a guest of the late Lord Bulwer Lytton, at Knebworth, and pro-duced so profound an impression upon this great literary celebrity that he formed the type in that author's mind for the character of "Margrave," in his singular production enti-tied "A Strange Story."

tled "A Strange Story." While in England Mr. Foster gave evidence of an independence of character which created much asionishment in that land of precedents much astonishment in that land of precedents. One instance will, at this time, suffice to show the marked nature of this feeling and its exhi-bition. Mr. Coleman, an American banker, resident in London, being a Spiritualist and a believer in Mr. Foster's powers, was desirous to bring this gifted instrument as prominently as possible, during his stay, before the influen-tial people of that great metropolis ; therefore when a nobleman of high degree, who had just lost a son to whom he was devotedly attached, was led, through a mingled feeling of longing loneliness, and self-conscious curiosity, to think of consulting a medium, Mr. Coleman hastened to recommend Mr. Foster to his attention. The gentleman called at the lodgings of Mr. F. and found him smoking, as was his wont, with great genteman called at the lodgings of Mr. F., and found him smoking, as was his wont, with great gusto, and showing no signs of desisting when his distinguished guest entered his apartment. Indignant at what he thought a want of proper respect for his rank, the visitor exclaimed in a rotund voice: "Fellow! put out that cigar!" and was overcome with astonishment when Foster coolly informed him that he (F.) was in his own room, for which he paid the rent that Foster coolly informed him that he (F.) was in his own room, for which he paid the rent, that he proposed to do what he pleased while there, and if his visitor objected he could retire at once. The nobleman hastily withdrew in high dudgeon, and, meeting Mr. Coleman subse-quently, condemned with vehemence his action in recommending him to an "American boor." Mr. C. was himself rather disturbed at the con-duct of the medium, but begged his distin-guished friend to overlook the matter com-plained of, which he thought might be as-cribed to an evanescent eccentricity exhibited by a psychic, and to visit Mr. F. again at some subsequent period, paying no attention to the inevitable tobacco-smoke, and making no ref-evence to the former rencontre. Some time erence to the former rencontre. Some time thereafter the nobleman took Mr. C.'s advice, thereafter the nobleman took Mr. C.'s advice, and called on Foster, who knew him at once on his entering, asked him to be seated, and pro-ceeded to describe his spirit son and give in-formation and consolation which brought tears to the father's eyes, and caused him, when the medium half-playfully asked him at the conclu-alon of the scance, "Is smoking offensive to you, sir?" to reply in a gratitude which over-rode all earthly considerations and conditions, "Not in the least, sir !" This independence of character, which so early made itself manifest under such trying circumstances, stood Mr. Foster in good stead during his whole life-career, tending to give him a self-reliance and a determination to main-tain the truth of what his guides or other spirits him a self-reliance and a determination to main-tain the truth of what his guides or other spirits gave through him, which made him preëminent-ly a "skeptic's medium," *i.e.*, one fitted to go out into all the highways and byways of earth, and give evidence of the verity of spirit-com-munion no matter how bitter the social or the-ologic opposition he had to encounter, or how positive the personal magnetism sought to be brought to bear upon him by unbelieving patrons. patrons. It is recorded on the authority of the late Eres Sargent, that on one occasion two skepti-cal gentlemen who were present and saw the mysterious red writing in process of appearing on his arm, seized hold of it to discover his trick, as they called it, and said : "We know nothing will come while we hold it." "What will you have ?" said Foster. "Something that will be a tast," said they. "Something that will fit our case;" and immediately, while they held his arm sain a vice, there appeared in large, round charpatrons. . case;" and immediately, while they held his arm as in a vice, there appeared in large, round char-acters the words "Two Foots." A prominent gentleman visiting California when Mr. Foster was in San Francisco, heard of him, and while scoffing at his powers was brought to visit him incog. at the Grand Hotel. After Mr. Foster had smoked a few moments he said : "I can get but one message to-night, and that is for Ida. Do either of you know who Ida is ?" The visitor, with a startled look, answered :

ful journeyings to Cuba and Australia. His rooms at the Parker House in Boston were al-ways crowded with anxious sitters and promi-nent investigators, to whom he never failed to give clear proof at least of the fact that what-ever their source, the manifestations witnessed in his presence were caused by the action of an invisible intelligence over which neither the medium nor any other person present had any power or control. On our third nage will be found citations of

needidin for any other period prosent has any power or control. On our third page will be found citations of spiritual experiences had with Mr. Foster by Hon. Thomas R. Hazard of Rhode Island, to which the reader's attention is called. Rev. Mr. Mountford and wife (recently de-mised in this city) often invited Mr. Foster to visit their Nahant residence, where, as Mr. M. frequently informed us, the most astounding manifestations of spirit-power were witnessed. The following extract from a letter written to us by Abbott Walker, Esq. is a sucoinct statement of the services which Mr. Foster has rendered :

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rendered : "Charles H. Foster, just decensed, at fifty-two years of age, was one of the best test mediums for over thir-ty years. In the early part of the spiritualistic move-ment he visited Hawana, where he held scances, most of the communications being given through him in Bpanish and French, of which languages he knew nothing. Later he went to Europe, and was met by many persons of distinction. He has visited many times the principal eitles of this country, convincing more skeptics at the first sitting, probably, than any other medium in the world. He was almost always in working condition, being little affected by adverse surroundings. This man had a large heart, and gave with a liberal hand. His father once said to the write: 'Charles has been a good son to mother and me.''

Mr. Foster was our personal friend for many years; we have had multitudes of sittings with him during that time, in company often with the late Epes Sargent and various prominent Spiritualists of the country, and can but en-dorse on our part the very highest expressions of praise for his mediumship which have fallen under our notice as made by other parties. Mr. Foster was twice married—his second wife being Miss Eva Bassett, who died some five years since, as did their only child.

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whe deing Miss Eva Basset, who died some five years since, as did their only child. HIS AFFLICTION. About four years since Mr. Foster was at-tacked by a nervous difficulty, superinduced by a severe course of typhold fever, which ended in the softening of the brain and consequent imbecility. He had been, during all the chang-ing scenes of his exciting and obequered life, ever true to his aged parents, and had sought to make their lives comfortable in their declin-ing days, and in his hour of affilotion they in turn endeavored to soothe the ravages of dis-ease and the sadness of mental decay. Many prominent friends outside the ranks of Spirit-unlism, and in various parts of the country, ral-lied to support the stricken medium; and the believers in the New Gospel, whose truth he had labored so much in the past to demon-strate, contributed liberally, as the acknowl-edgments published in the columns of the BANNER OF LIGHT will show, to help bear the financial burden. Our own earnest thanks are returned to all who endeavored to care for this stricken brother; and in this connection it is but just to state that great credit is specially due to ex-Alderman John B. Bettis of Salem, Messrs. Abbott Walker. Caleb Buffum (which latter gentleman was ultimately appointed Mr. Foster's legal guardian), and the maiden aunt of the sufferer, for their efforts in carrying on the financial campaign, which, embracing as it did the continued failure of the medium's health, his location at the Danvers Hoepital, his re-moval therefrom after a few months' stay, the death of his parents, and his final surcease from suffering, ended in his death at the home of a relative, and not, as certain bigots in Salem predicted, in a public institution. The celestial recomponse of such labors is sure, and the do-nors of the funds which sustained the hands of those who thus wrought this mission of love will also "in no wise lose their reward." We propose, next week, to give our readers an extended sketch of Mr. Foster's medial work, deeming

THE FUNEBAL.

tion. THE FUNEBAL. At 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 17th, an assemblage of friends which filled the house at 14 Williams street, where he died, convened to offer the last tokens of respect to the memory of the deceased. Among those present were Rev. Fielder Israel, ex-Alderman John B. Bettis of Salem, Abbott Walker of Ham-ilton, John R. Bassott, Caleb Buffum (under whose direction the details of the funeral were arranged and carried out), Luther Colby of the BANNER of Light, and others. The re-mains were disposed in a bandsome casket of black walnut; a large floral pillow of rare flow-ers, bearing the suggestive word "Rest," was bestowed at the head of the casket; the silver plate which bore his name and age was partly encircled by a beautiful floral crescent, and floral wreaths and other offerings were to be seen in profusion. Rev. George S. Hosmer, Unitarian, read selec-tions from the Scriptures, and followed them with an eloquent address. He also read the fol-lowing letter from Rev. S. C. Beane, the former pastor of the Unitarian society: SALEM, Dec. 16th, 1885. Dear Miss Foster-I am sorry that I cannot by my

highest planes of thought, those who in their own suffering are means of leading others into light, soon arise out of weakness into strength greater than was ever theirs previous to their

greater than was ever theirs previous to their manifested weakness. Mr. Foster's last hours were beautiful to re-member; a caim followed the tempest; the skies cleared; the music of the spheres sound-ed in his care; spirit friends kind and wise clustered round his bed, and welcomed him with open arms into their fairer state of being. On entering the spirit world with health, youth and mental vigor more than renewed, he com-mences a work beyond all that in his palmiest days could ever have been accomplished through him in the body. All the spirits who had been heiped by communicating through him, all the mortals who had been blessed through his me-diumahip, threw upon him the healing balm of grateful though; and borne aloft on pinions of loving recognition, he passes to a home in graterul thought; and borne aloft on pinions of loving recognition, he passes to a home in comparison with which all earthly dwellings look poor indeed. The address, which was couched in fervid, poetical language, closed with an improvisation in faultiess rhyme, in which the reception in splitible of the newly awakened spirit was touchingly described. At the conclusion of the services the inter-

At the conclusion of the services the inter-ment occurred at Harmony Grove Cemetery.

Newburyport, Mass.

fo the Editor of the Banner of Light: Joseph D. Silles lectured and gave many excellent tests at Fraternity Hall on the afternoon and evening of last Sunday. Jennie B. Hagan, a charming inspi-

of last Sunday. Jennie B. Hagan, a charming inspi-rational speaker, comes next Sunday. The Fair held under the auspices of the Ladies' Ald Society closed on Friday evening, Dec. 18th, having been held two afternoons and two evenings. The first night was cold and stormy, and the ladies had for an op-posing attraction a big Grand Army Gamp Fire; never-theless the hait was crowded, and the old fashioned supper and dance were both heartily enjoyed. The second night was also stormy, and although the coun-ter attractions were concerts by the Golden Cross and Y. M. C. A., again the hall was crowded, to see an old fashioned quilting by the light of tallow candles, a genuine country husking, and to trip the light fantas-tio. It is freely admitted that no other society, re-ligious or otherwise, in Newburyport, could attract such crowds, and net upwards of \$100, in such stormy weather, and against such counter attractions. The life of the Fair, the lever moving the whole, the one to whom its success was largely attributable, was Mrs. N. A. Basson, the President, who was ably seconded by the Vice-Fresident, Mrs. T. W. Goodwin, assisted by a corps of ready and willing workers. H.

The Children's Lyceum at Onset. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Last Sunday afternoon our Lyceum met for the first time at Griffin's new hall and filled it to overflowing. In addition to the regular exercises, recitations were given by Nellie Barnard, Austin Ballon, Guy Parker, Dodo Disdebar, Robert Traverse and George Bourne. Dodo Disdebar, Robert Traverse and George Bourne. A song was given by Little Carrie Williams, and a duet by the Bates Brothers. The Guardian, with Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Whittemore and Waiter Wing, finely ren-derad "Juniata." Mr. Bessle of Wareham answered at length the question, How can I best make my Ly-ceum interesting and profitable? Remarks were made by Messrs. Burgess, Griffin and Bessle, which were well received. The session closed with the Target March. On Christmas Eve the children are to be visit-ed by Santa Claus, and a general good time is antici-pated. D. N. FORD, Conductor. Onect, Dec. 21st, 1885.

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Dover, N. H.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

J. J. Morse spoke in this place last Sunday afternoon and evening. The ball of the Sawyer Engine House was filled by two very appreciative and intelligent audiences assembled to listen to the highly interesting services conducted by his controls, and gave closest attention from first to last.

est attention from first to last. The subject dealt with in the afternoon was "The Probable Effect of Spiritualism upon the Social, Moral and Spiritual Condition of the Future." In the even-ing, by request, the services were divided into two portions, the first being devoted to answers to ques-tions from the audience, and the latter being occupied by the facetious control of Bro. Morse, known as "The Stroiling Player," who for an hour and a half delight-ed his hearers by his quaint remarks and racy treat-ment of a number of the living issues of the ime. The visit of our English brother will long be a pleasant memory among us.

Haverhill and Bradford.

The speaker before the Spiritualists of Haverhill and Bradford, in Brittan Hall last Sunday (Dec. 20th), was Mrs. K. R. Silles of Worcester, whose morning control spoke of right doing, right living, and of bar-mony, as the only strong bond of union between hu-man hearts. Interesting tests and descriptions fol-lowed the address.

lowed the address. In the evening the time was largely given to descrip-tions and tests, which increased in interest and im-portance as they advanced. Next Sunday Miss L. Barnicoat of Boston will speak and give tests through clairvoyance and psychometry. E. P. H.

Is Everybody Drunk?

Among the many stories Lincoln used to relate was the following : Trudging along a lonely road one morning on my way to the countyseat, Judge --- overtook me with his wagon and invited me to a seat.

We had not gone far before the wagon began to wobble. Said I: "Judge, I think your coachman has taken a drop too much."

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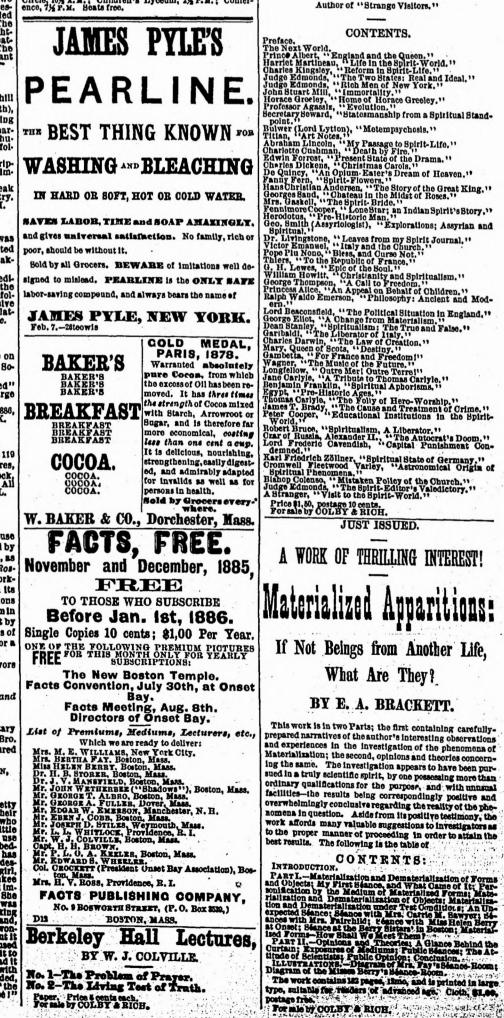
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"Well, yes; I rather think I do. My who Ida is ?" The visitor, with a startled look, answered: "Well, yes; I rather think I do. My wife's name is Ida." "Well," said Foster, "she will have to come and get it." After the gentleman had tried in vain to get the message, he left, and the next night took his wife there and all were seated around a table. Foster sat and smoked a few moments, when he said, "The same message comes to me. It is for Ida. This is the lady, is it?" he asked, as of the spirit. "Oh I you will write the message, will you? Well, all right," and with this he took up a pen and dashed off the following: Tomy daughter Ida:

To my daughter Ids :

pastor of the Unitarian society: BALEM, Dec. 16th, 1885. Dear Miss Foster-I am sorry that I cannot, by my presence at his funeral, testily my appreciation of Charles H. Foster. He was a remarkable man-one of the most remarkable men of his generation. I stood with wonder before his great gits. Whatever one's theory might be, in his presence the reality of a future life scened to posses and command even the habitually indifferent. To thousands of thoughtful men and women on both sides of the At-lantic, including the most intelligent and the highest in social station, he has been as a voice from the ster-nal world. He used his gitts faithfully and sheerely, and had a reverence and foit an obligation for them. In the many years that I have known him, I have feit that he was trying to the best of his will and might to make his wonderful powers give honest testimony to the great problem of human desting. A more generous and kindly man have never known. Every life has its darker side, but among our friend's imperfections there was not a hard heart or a selfab and niggard spirit. Let us be sure that the little gimpses he thought he had of the world of immortal souls, is now become open and satisfying vision. Always your friend, S. C. BEANE.

Always your friend, S. C. BEANE. W. J. Colville, under influence of his guides, then delivered a beautiful and most impressive invocation, which must have brought the minds of all who heard it into close communion with higher realms of spiritual being; the invocation was followed by an address of singular power and pathos, in which many of the leading traits of Mr. Foster's character and many of his phases of mediumahip were most appropriately referred to. In substance the speaker spoke as follows: The life of Charles H. Foster is a most valuable and interesting psychological study: follows: The life of Charles H. Foster is a most valuable and interesting psychological study; he was an unusual man, as his gifts were unu-sual; he was extremely sensitive to his every surrounding, and might fitly be compared to an molian harp, which responds at once to every breeze. Such natures are peculiarly apt to suffer and go astray, while they are with equal rendiness made responsive to the highest and holiest influences. They cannot be judged by ordinary standards; they belong to the excep-tion, not to the rule, and were they not thus singular they could not do the special work they were born to accomplian.

tion, not to the rule, and were they not thus singular they could not do the special work they were born to accomplish. Charles H. Foster was a medium for such va-ried manifestations of spirit power that almost every one who went into his presence received something peculiarly applicable to his own condition. His facility in describing spirit-forms and giving tests of spirit-identity was truly marvelous. He was ilonized everywhere; class distinctions in England were all forgot-ten at the approach of that supendous mystery of spirit-telegraphy which made the learned mobleman how as though he were but a paupes, in the presence of a power mightier than rank, wealth, and even death. The medium through whom such wonderful truths can be made known when minitering to humanity on the personal plane, is always, to a large extent, a vicarious sufferer; he is so easily influenced by everybody and everybody's spirit-friends, that when not exposed to the genial atmo-sphere of a healthy moral influence, his mind and body break down under the great stress with which they no longer make the effort to contend; but while suffering inevitably fol-lows every dereliction from the guidance of the To my Gaughter Ids: To my Gaughter Ids: Ten years ago I entrusted a large sum of money to Igiving the name) to invest for me in certain lands. Af-ter my decaube clied to scoount for the lavestment to of land were bought, and one-hait of this land now be-of land were bought, and one-hait of this land now be-meet. Your father, The next day the gentleman called on the party mentioned in the message, and asked him if there was not some unsettled builtness be-tween the late Mr. Vineyard and himself. Af-ter a moment's hesitation he said there war, and abortly after said he supposed they had left; it in his hands for an increase, but was ready to settle at any time, and did deed over 625 acres of land, valued at \$25,000. Mr. Foster was well known in all the great continent, and even extended his highly success-

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Meetings in Providence, R. I.

Sunday, the 20th inst., Mr. Edgar W. Emerson was the speaker. The morning discourse was suggested by the opening hymn, "The Morning Light is Break-

by the opening hymr, "The morning light is break-ing." A satisfactory test scance followed. The evening discourse was a familiar talk on medi-umship, illustrated by the personal experiences of the speaker, interesting and instructive. This was fol-lowed by a descriptive scance, in which many decisive tests were given. Mr. Emerson will occupy the plat-form next Sunday. WM. FOSTER, JR., Cor. Sec.

Washington, D. C.

J. W. Fletcher delivered an interesting lecture on Theosophy and Spiritualism" before the First So-

clety, on Bunday A. M. In the evening "Clerical Objections Answered" formed a theme that held the attention of the large normed a them audience. and intelligent audience. Next Bunday is Mr. Fletcher's last, until April, 1886, X.

when he will fill another engagement.

Springfield, Mass.

The Social Gathering of the United Friends at 119 East Bridge street is prospering. We have lectures, followed by tests, every Sunday evening, at 7½ o'clock, through the instrumentality of Dr. G. W. Frost. All are welcome. L.



Mesers. Colby & Rich-Dear Sirs: On the evening of the 10th inst. the dwelling house of A. C. Cotton of this place was totally destroyed by fire, also much of his household property. Bro. C., as you are aware, is editor and proprietor of the Rosfrum, published here. He is also one of our best workers in the Society of Spiritualists, and has been its honored President for years ; a man of convictions and bold enough to utter them. His loss leaves him in a terribly embarrassed condition. It is hoped that by calling attention to this case through the columns of the BANNER some assistance may be obtained for a needy and very deserving man.

Should our mutual friend be the recipient of favore they would certainly be judiciously expended.

H. B. INGALLS. President of the Society of " Friends of Progress and Spiritualists."

Vineland, N. J., Dec. 15th, 1885.

We, the undersigned, Vice President and Secretary of the above-mentioned Society, carnestly second Bro Ingalis's statement and suggestion, and feel assured that the Society will be a unit in endorsing them.

ELLEN DICKINSON, S. H. CORNELL.

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THAINING A RAW SERVANT. — A family in the pretty suburb of Scottwood have been in tromble with their hired girls. They had a jewel of a German girl, who had come from the East, and introduced many little ideas the had learned there-among others, to use Pearline in the landry and "dnt covers" in the bed-rooms. But Louise got married, and the family has had a series of incapables ever since. Driven to des-peration, the mistress finally secured a country girl, and determined to train her. Bhe proved of Yankee descent, and was constantly secured a country girl, and determined to train her. Bhe proved of Yankee descent, and was constantly secured a country girl, and determined to train her. Bhe proved of Yankee descent, and was constantly secured a country girl, and determined to train her. Bhe proved of Yankee descent, and was constantly secured a country girl, and determined to train her, and declared also was "goin' tor see" what they were worth. In cooking abe soon excelled. She took a fampture with it put it in the water to sprinking and bleaching, slothes, id won-ders with it. She washed the familture with it ; put it in the water to sprinking expetimes acidet with it it in ber dish water ; washed blinds and wood work with it is habor, cleaned everything in b house included, with it. With Pearline for an ally, abe declaree, "the ebolers wood's stand no show wound, this fore house i" --Toledo Blade. adultan oversitist tacht salt