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Thirty Years.

This number of the BANNER OF LIGHT dates the opening of the Thirty-first year of its existence and the beginning of its Sixty-first volume. It is such a statement to make as carries with it a lively sense of prolonged service in a cause that is of the highest moment to the human race. To have been permitted to work with and for the invisible so long a time in establishing and proclaiming the great and absorbing fact of the direct communication of spirits with mortals—a vital fact in human history, for centuries overlaid with the assumptions of ecclesiasticism and the crushing dogmas of theology—is a precious privilege, whose full value cannot at all once be comprehended or made an enrichment of the present consciousness. It should be esteemed an inestimable solace and a sufficient reward to know that this uninterrupted work has not been without visible and valuable results from its very beginning, that it has helped in preparing the way for the greater and better things that are to come, and that, as a simple record, it is something that cannot be diminished or taken away.

The history of the BANNER's work in the world needs no recapitulation. If it were to be attempted, it could not be compressed into chapter and paragraph. Its influence has worked unannounced, and its results have been diffusive. Entering all classes of homes alike, pervading all ranks of people, presenting the phenomena of Spiritualism and the legitimate deductions from them together, and seeking to give adequate expression to the undying truths which they unmistakably convey to mortals, it has striven at all times and on all occasions, in season and out of season, to impress them indelibly upon the public mind, and to spread them abroad to the furthest limits of human recognition. Saying this, but little really seems to have been said. Nevertheless, the story of all service can only be expressed in words, and the significance of such words is appreciated best by those already familiar with the story. It could not well be that thirty consecutive years of devoted labor in a high cause and for the noblest ends should result otherwise than in corresponding good. If the uncounted blessings of others may be accepted as the measure of it, then we have reason to repose in the fond belief that our labor has not been in vain.

Arrived at this present stage of the progress of Spiritualism, it is in our power gratefully to state that as a cause—the cause of the largest truth—it is steadily spreading throughout our common country in the face of open hostility and another internal jealousies. Happily, truth never takes on the color of the characters of its professed advocates or defenders. It stands forth beyond the reach of partisan and personal prejudices, pure and unswayed, while they seek their own interests, more or less, in professing their love for it. They who fancy themselves to have an exclusive proprietorship, who care chiefly to dogmatize and discipline, whose worship is swallowed up in their self-complacency, will naturally continue to fence in what they consider their share and to fence all others out, but they neither dispose nor delude anybody but themselves. They continually proclaim their own limitations without being conscious of it. They are capable of creating confusion, but not of calling to clearer and better views. As obstructives they belong to the hind that is all the time being pushed further away from the heart and core of the new spiritual fruit, having no part in the elaboration of its precious essence and reality.

We are able to extend our sincere congratulations to the ranks of Spiritualists on the rapid increase of our sacred cause the world over. The signs of the times continue in our favor with fresh accessions of power all the time. And wherever the cause spreads, the BANNER OF LIGHT is freely recognized as its ever faithful and its oldest living exponent and representative. It enjoys the affectionate confidence of all those whose gift of such a boon would add to the lasting value. We are assured and reassured by reliable correspondents that its appreciation everywhere among the people was never so wide and earnest as now; that it is regarded as the "complete" and most generally accepted spiritual journal yet published. It is on the basis of these repeated assurances

that, at this present opening of a new volume, we make a fresh appeal to all friends of Spiritualism to join their good wishes in an effective purpose for increasing the circulation of the BANNER OF LIGHT to the utmost. Let it be remembered, among other things, that a large number of copies are regularly sent free from the office of publication to those who are unable to subscribe; and that it is the time doing for the destitute poor, with the assistance of a few generous souls, that without which they would be subject to great suffering, and possibly death itself.

If, therefore, Spiritualists would everywhere and forthwith make it a special work to induce their friends to augment the list of the BANNER subscribers, they would thus help us to do a great deal more good for our common humanity than we have accomplished in the past. The work of spreading the truth and the work of doing practical good rightly go hand in hand, and are not to be considered apart. A blessing with a loaf is a far richer one than a blessing without a loaf. "By their deeds ye shall know them" is just as true now as ever. Therefore we ask all Spiritualists and friends of Spiritualism to make common cause with us now after having faithfully tried us for thirty years, and help to spread the welcome truth with love wherever human hearts beat responsive to angelic influences and swell with the enlargement of hopes let down from the heavens.

The Profit Sharing Plan.

Instances of a sincere desire on the part of employers to divide the profits of their business with employes are becoming more common, thus making it apparent that the effect of this extended labor discussion is to bring the two parties to production into juster relations, and thereby to secure the permanent amelioration of that largest class of a modern population which earns its bread by the sweat of its brow. The obvious tendency is to demonstrate the single great fact that the interests of labor and capital are identical. We have previously referred to the proposal voluntarily made by the proprietors of the Boston Herald to their employes, of this character; and we now have to note with increasing satisfaction a similar one on the part of the well-known Rumford Chemical Works at Providence, owned by a corporation that is of great financial strength, and the extensive manufacturers of acid phosphate, baking powders, and other chemical products for domestic use. The works keep a large number of hands in constant employ. They are based on scientific discoveries and inventions made many years ago by Prof. Horsford, of Cambridge.

Prof. Horsford was formerly the occupant of the Rumford Chair of Applied Chemistry at the University. With him was associated, in the founding of the Rumford Chemical Works, Mr. George F. Wilson of Providence, now deceased. The management from the beginning has been marked by the most liberal and considerate treatment of the employed men. Prof. Horsford, who has been the president from the start, became strongly impressed many years ago with the candid statements respecting his business made by the chief proprietor of a great steel manufacturing establishment in England to a popular writer who was collecting statistical information concerning the industrial conditions prevailing in Great Britain. Not the least interesting and important of these statements was that which related to the labor element in his production. This element was frankly conceded to be one of the greatest strength; only that of the best quality was employed, and that quality was sedulously maintained by according to its entire interests the fairest and best treatment. Thus was continuous, faithful, and loyal service absolutely secured. Upon the basis of the same principles have the Rumford Chemical Works been steadily operated.

A recent visiting reporter was informed by Prof. Horsford that the governing purpose was to make the interests of the employed as far as possible identical with those of the employers, and by that means to encourage them to gain a surplus, thus making themselves capitalists as soon as they can. He said to the visitor that it is the desire of the corporation to enable its employes to make the best of themselves, and putting it even on a selfish plane, it can be shown to be the best policy to pursue from a purely business view. He said they never had any labor troubles there, and had no fear of any. The efforts of the company are put forth in behalf of its employes in various directions. It exerts itself to secure for them the pleasantest surroundings and best appliances for performing their labor. Plans for their self-improvement are promoted in number of ways. A good library is connected with the works. Encouragement is given to the employes to become house-owners. A plan to this end has been concerted, whereby through the agency of a trust company, or something similar, when a man wants to own a house it shall be built for him, by funds supplied by the company.

The cost is to be represented by a certain number of certificates, carrying a low rate of interest, which are held by the trust company and acquired by him from time to time as his means allow. The owning occupant is to pay the interest on the certificates, as well as the taxes and repairs. Thus he has an immediate interest in maintaining a home of his own, for which he receives a deed in full as soon as all the outstanding certificates have been acquired by him. The interest will of course become less as the certificates are acquired. There are additional details which we have not the space to recite. But it was further decided upon, a few months ago, to adopt a plan of profit sharing, the features of which are the following: Each employe to receive an annual gift of a certain sum of money, after having been in the company's employ for ten years and upward; to those whose wages amount to \$1200 a year, or less, the gift will be 10 per cent. of the wages that are earned by one who has been employed ten years and less than fifteen; 15 per cent. for fifteen years' service and less than twenty; 20 per cent. for twenty years' service and less than twenty-five; and 25 per cent. for twenty-five years' service and over.

To those whose wages amount to more than \$1200 a year the gift is to be one-half of the above percentages for corresponding terms of service. The list of employes to whom this gift is to be made will be revised every year, placing each one in his proper class, and adding the names of others as fast as their terms of service reach ten years. The wages of the employes are to be determined, as heretofore, by the character of the service, and the ability of the one rendering it. The ten years' fixed upon

as the basis is considered an adequate term of probation, during which the character and merit of an employe are determined. The company also offers gifts to the woman employes who shall marry before having been ten years in its service. Annual remembrances are likewise bestowed on all the employes in the form of tokens and gifts. An annual excursion and entertainment is also provided for them. Care is always taken of sick employes, and those who have grown old and infirm in service, as well as of the widows and children. Prof. Horsford regards it the first duty of the company to secure to the employed permanent as well as remunerative employment in times of depression no less than of prosperity.

Henry Ward Beecher.

The unexpected translation of the spirit of this great American preacher to other spheres of life and activity was duly announced in last week's BANNER. His decease was painless, and without ability on his part to continue communication with the friends who stood at his bedside lamenting his departure. He left the bodily form after having done his allotted share of work in the world, leaving a wide fame as his lasting memorial.

Mr. Beecher was a growing man up to the last day of his life, from the very necessities of his being. His temperament and his native endowments both impelled him continually to the achievement of more than he had ever accomplished in the past. He was a preacher by birth and inheritance, but his preaching qualities steadily expanded into the larger ones of genuine oratory. He was dominated by his convictions, and this accounted for his constant earnestness. No man's heart ever beat more truly for philanthropy; he loved his fellow-men, much as he desired their love and admiration in return; he was inspired with a wish to uplift humanity; the cause of the poor and oppressed he made his own; to the helpless slave he was indeed a friend; all forward movements had his ready and strong help; he believed in growth and progress and expansion; creeds could not confine him, and churches were but transient agents for him in the imperfect performance of what life demands; in a word, he lived to outgrow the restraints of the old theology in which his youth was nurtured, and he steadily became a religious and moral power by himself before his fellow-men.

No man in this eventful century has visibly done more to break down the high barriers of dogmatic theology and let in the free and fruitful influences of true religion. For this he will be long remembered, more than for anything else. Calvinism received from him the hard blows it needed, and all the more effective because they were delivered by one whom Calvinism itself dared not cast out. Yet when he dealt the most effectively for the demolition of its dead dogmas, he was ready to supplant them with a presentation of the superior power of love. He preached the love of Christ for all men to the end of his life. For this precious boon to humanity he stood ready to sacrifice place and prospects, creed and church. He preached the power of the divine love, and let the clouded and complicated theories of theology go.

This was why he was a man of such vast currents of power, which flowed through his capacious being without interruption. This was where he derived the immense energy of spirit which characterized him above most men of his time. He drew his sustenance continually from spiritual sources. The fountains of spiritual life were always accessible to him. Man though he was at best, he never wearied to the last because this measureless supply of spiritual strength was never exhausted. He stood forth in his own sphere before men a medium for the communication of the higher truths which it is so essential they should know. He not only translated these truths for others, but he saw them for himself, and thus he spoke as one rapt with the truth and beauty and glory of his theme.

Spirit Miram E. Felch.

The Message Department of the BANNER OF LIGHT last week contained a missive from our ascended brother, which is so perfectly characteristic of him that we cannot forbear advertising it at this time. He was a devoted Spiritualist, a good man, and to-day from the spirit side of life returns to affirm to the truth of his previous views of Modern Spiritualism. He says in his message that he found very nearly all of that which he accepted while in the earth-life in relation to the spiritual phenomena and spirit communion to be true. He was a close student of the phenomena while here, having given special attention to the materializing phase of manifestation. Information which his loved daughters whispered to him, when coming from their homes of light, he found correct in every essential point on the other side—as he had confidently expected. The phenomena, which interested him so much while here, still appeal to his heart, he says, and he feels it his duty to do his best in convincing those who have known him concerning their truth.

His post-mortem statements at this time, when certain individuals and newspapers are under-rating the phenomena, are convincing evidence that this class of mediumship should be sustained by every Spiritualist in the land, while at the same time all should carefully endeavor to separate the tares from the wheat—not by "muscular effort," but by making the conditions such that no cause whatever of suspicion shall rest upon the medium. When this course is inaugurated, all trouble will cease, and the glorious truth of spirit-return will be made as clear as the noonday sun. That time will surely come. When it does, none but spiritually-minded individuals will be allowed to enter the séance-room.

New York Doctors in Albany.

Bronson Murray, Esq., writes us from New York City, 19th inst., in this wise: "Their Bill is said to be, and no doubt is, 'memorized' in the Senate, and likely to sleep in committee through the session." In other words, has gotten quietus for the present.

Mrs. Hardinge Britten was announced in the Newcastle Daily Chronicle of Feb. 19th, to lecture on Religion and Evolution the next day (Sunday) in that city. The Chronicle alludes in very favorable terms to Mrs. Britten's ability, remarking that "if there could be any doubt about the propriety of the gentleman going such work, the capacity of Mrs. Britten would set all doubt at rest."

A Report of the Meeting of Southwest Michigan Spiritualists at Benton Harbor, Feb. 19th, is received from the Secretary, but too late for insertion this week. It will appear in our next.

Prof. Crookes was not Deceived.

An article has appeared in print plainly designed to further prejudice the public against Spiritualism, by leading its readers to infer that Mr. William Crookes, F.R.S., was deceived into a profession of belief therein by D. D. Home, home, it styles, "A pretender to occult powers," and that the distinguished scientist has since admitted the fact of having been imposed on. This leads our Australian contemporary, the Harbinger, to remark that Mr. Home never was a pretender to, but the actual possessor of, occult powers, which he demonstrated for over thirty years to hundreds of men a long way ahead of men like his accusers in intellect and social position. Mr. Crookes, adds the writer, "was never in any way deceived by Mr. Home, but conducted a series of careful scientific experiments which were lucidly recorded in the Journal of Science, and have run through a series of editions in book form, a new edition being called for and about issuing from the press at the present time. Mr. Crookes has never admitted any error in his experiments in connection with the phenomena called Spiritualism, and when Dr. Carpenter misrepresented one of them for the purpose of disparagement, Mr. Crookes took prompt and public steps to have the matter rectified." The author of the article alluded to, is, says the Harbinger, "grossly misrepresenting the case, and casting an uncalled-for slur upon one of the most eminent, careful and impartial scientists of the day."

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's

Sunday discourses upon spiritual topics at Parker Memorial Hall at the present time are highly appreciated by the good people of Boston. This lady is a very useful instrument of the spirit world, through whom for years many interesting topics have from time to time been admirably discussed, not only in this country but in England as well. On our first page to-day may be found the report of her recent address on "THE SUNSHINE OF THE NEW DAY"; and we hope to print another soon upon the subject of MATERIALIZATION—OR PERHAPS MORE PROPERLY to be designated FORM-MANIFESTATION—which is agitating the public mind at the present time. The discourse was delivered last Sunday morning, and was listened to with marked attention by a large audience. The points treated were sound throughout, and the report will doubtless be perused, when published, with deep interest by the reader, whether Spiritualist, investigator or skeptic.

On Sunday, March 20th, Mrs. Richmond's subjects will be: morning discourse, "Living Issues of the Day, from the present standpoint of Wendell Phillips"; evening, "The Work of Spiritualism; What is it to be, and how best promoted?"

Dr. F. H. Roscoe's Mediumship.

Dr. Joseph Johnson, who has recently held a private séance with Dr. F. H. Roscoe, of Providence, R. I., speaks very highly of the mediumistic development that gentleman has attained, and of the great satisfaction he derived at the séance, during which he described his (Dr. Johnson's) life most minutely from the age of four to the present time, and gave the names of many of his relatives who have passed to the world of spirits. Aside from Dr. Roscoe's mediumship, our correspondent recommends him for his affability and gentlemanly characteristics.

An Entertainment.

We are requested to announce that the Boston Spiritual Temple Society will give a literary entertainment, "with recitations and singing in character," at Berkeley Hall, this city, on Wednesday evening, March 23d. It will be under the direction of Mr. Charles W. Sullivan, so well known by the Spiritualists of Boston and vicinity. Other first-class talent has been engaged.

Independent Spirit Drawing.

We shall place upon our first page next week a remarkable drawing, by spirit power, through the mediumship of Dr. Henry Rogers, late of New York City, who is now located at 683 Tremont street, Boston. An account of our own experience and that of others in regard to this wonderful phase of mediumship will accompany the engraving.

All newly discovered truths must pass the ordeal of opposition in consequence of the prejudice and self-conceit of those who vainly think they know it all, and hence are unwilling from pride to admit their ignorance when taught new ideas by others—so they remain in mental darkness. Any new light to such wiseacres is a subject of terror, and so they cry "fraud, fraud," whenever they attend a séance for form-manifestation, and sometimes resort to physical force to accomplish their purpose. But truth has triumphed in the past, and will triumph again, for it is based on facts. Our poor, abused medium, therefore—we mean those who possess spiritual as well as mediumship—should bear in mind that a clearer light is dawning, when they will be more fully appreciated than they are at the present time.

THE SPIRIT MESSAGE DEPARTMENT.—Answers by the Controlling Intelligence to the questions of correspondents; and others concerning re-embodiment, and whether the individual spirit has any definite character before entering a human body; and communications from George A. Keith (Bridgewater, Mass.); Casper Hopple (Cincinnati, O.); Louisa Wilkins (Des Moines, Ia.); Lizzie Florence Hatch (Astoria, L. I.); Julia Frances (St. Paul, Minn.); Mrs. J. Adams (Charlestown); Henry Coleman (St. Joseph, Mo.); Jennie Robinson (Vineland, N. J.); Silas Watkins (San Francisco); Mamie Howard (to friends in New York City); and David Hunt (Boston); offer interesting and valuable reading the present week.

On our fifth page will be found an account of the meeting recently held in Philadelphia, to remonstrate against the proposed law against Spiritualist mediumism. A correspondent writing from the "City of Brotherly Love" under a late date says: "Mrs. Sarah Patterson has already been arrested for prescribing medicine without a license, and is under six hundred dollars bonds for trial." What with orthodoxy in medicine and bigotry in religion, "free America" is getting into a nice mess. True, indeed!

Mrs. Augusta Dwinells, 20 Common street, a few steps from Washington street, will reduce her terms one-half for the next two months, and will charge only \$1 a sitting. She has long and highly developed trance mediumship, and her tests and business statements are well informed, very satisfactory.

Send in Your Reports!

The friends in all parts of the country where meetings are to be held in commemoration of the forthcoming Thirty-Ninth Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism, are earnestly invited to contribute to our columns brief reports of the proceedings in their respective localities. We will see that their letters are carefully edited for publication, and printed in due course of time.

THE BANNER OF LIGHT in years past has made a specialty of giving such reports in its pages—a labor of love in which correspondents in every part of the American continent have aided it essentially; to those who have responded to the invitation in years gone by, we return our sincere thanks; and trust that either these veterans, or the younger laborers upon whose shoulders their mantles may have fallen, will prove equal to the occasion in 1887.

THE OPEN COURT.—A fortnightly journal, devoted to the work of establishing ethics and religion upon a scientific basis, reaches us from its office of publication, 169-175 La Salle street, Chicago, Ill. Under the headings "Special Contributions," "Editorials," "Essay and Discussion," "Correspondence," "Poetry," and "Book Notices," B. F. Underwood, editor and manager, has grouped in No. 2, Vol. I, which lies before us, much matter of thoughtful interest. He is ably assisted in his labors by Sara A. Underwood. The issue furnishes a good index to the broad purposes and kindly tone proposed to be sustained in this new publication.

THE ANNIVERSARY.—For several weeks past the BANNER has published notices from correspondents going to show that the forthcoming (Thirty-ninth) Anniversary of the advent of Modern Spiritualism will be widely observed throughout the country, as it richly deserves to be. Attention is called to the announcements in this direction to be found in various parts of the present issue—notably the great meeting to be held at Cincinnati, for which see seventh page.

We are pained to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Nettie Pease Fox, the able assistant of Col. D. M. Fox of the Spiritual Offering. We trust she may yet be restored to health, and permitted to resume her editorial labors, and the public work for Spiritualism as a speaker, in the discharge of which duties she has shown in the past such marked fitness and worth.

Mrs. M. E. Williams has just inaugurated a novel enterprise under the title of the Beacon Light Circulating Library. We are requested to state that citizens, and friends visiting New York, can obtain books upon the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism, and general information pertaining to the cause, at 232 West 46th street, from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. daily.

Dr. Joseph L. Newman, No. 84 Bowdoin street, Boston, the magnetic healer, gives great satisfaction to his numerous patients, we understand. Why shouldn't he? He is one of the most harmonious individuals we ever fell in with, and that is a reason, without doubt, why his magnetic powers are so potent in eradicating disease.

"SUNSHINE" is the name of a new semi-monthly, published by W. D. Rhorer, 330 North 12th street, Philadelphia, Pa., in the interest, it states, of "Media and Mediumship." It proposes to furnish, as a special attraction, portraits and brief biographies of mediums.

J. J. Morse was greeted with large attendance at his two meetings in Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday; at night the overcrowded place of meeting afforded at an early hour only those primitive accommodations covered by the term "standing room, only."

Upon another page of this issue the reader will find a communication in which the writer endorses the legitimacy of the form-manifestations he lately witnessed at the residence of the Berry Sisters, 85 Rutland street.

We shall give our readers next week an admirable article from the pen of Prof. Henry Kiddle, of New York, on the "RESPONSIBILITY OF MEDIUMS."

Mrs. Amanda M. Cowan (whose card appears on our seventh page) holds séances on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evenings of each week.

Foreign Items.

Mr. Eglington resided St. Petersburg, Feb. 18th. Complete success attended séances given by him at the palace of the Grand Duke Constantine, the Prince of Oldenburg; the Grand Duke Vladimir (brother of the Emperor), and before other distinguished personages. On the evening of Friday, February 25th, Mr. Eglington gave a séance to the Emperor and Empress, their Imperial Highnesses the Grand Duke and Duchess Sergius, His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke Vladimir, and their Imperial Highnesses the Prince and Princess Oldenburg. The success was perfect, and their Majesties were greatly gratified. On Saturday and Monday Mr. Eglington gave séances at the palace of the Grand Duke Sergius and the Grand Duke Alexis, brothers of the Czar.

The Russian authorities have exhibited their fear of the growth of Spiritualism by prohibiting the sale of photographs obtained by M. Aksatow in London last year, which were in great demand. The Spiritualist paper, The Robe, had also attracted the attention of the public censor.

Professor C. F. Longley's songs are not a mere arrangement of words to give a momentary pleasure to the ear, but, as Prof. H. E. Hyatt once wrote, they "embody the pure feeling and sentiment of thousands who only find free and adequate expression in the universal language of the heart—music." We can sing them, or hear them sung, without our feelings being spiritually better. These meritorious compositions are for sale by COLBY & RICH, who, in payment of price, etc., will be found in our advertising columns.

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Banner of Light.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1887.

Spiritualistic Meetings in Boston.

Banner of Light Circle-Room, No. 9 Bowditch Street.—Sessions are held every Tuesday and Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock promptly. A donation free. For further particulars, see notice on sixth page. L. B. Willson, Chairman.

Boston Spiritual Temple, at Berkeley Hall.—Services every Sunday at 10½ A.M. and 7½ P.M. Richard Holmes, Chairman; Wm. A. Dunklee, Treasurer. The Ladies' Industrial Society will meet fortnightly the coming season at Langham Hall, No. 4 Berkeley street.

Parker Memorial Hall, Berkeley and Appleton Streets.—Public meetings every Sunday at 10½ A.M., 1 and 7½ P.M. Lecturer, W. J. Colville, Organist, Rudolph King. 448 Tremont street; Monday, 7½ P.M.; W. J. Colville's reception for answering questions, etc.; Tuesday and Friday, Classes in Spiritual Science, 2½ and 7½ P.M.; Saturday, Lecture and Conversation on Theosophy, at 3 P.M.; Ladies' Benevolent Union meets every Wednesday from 2 till 6 P.M.—all ladies cordially invited.

First Spiritual Temple, corner Newbury and Essex Streets.—The Spiritual Fraternity Society will hold public services every Sunday P.M. at 2½. Sociables every Wednesday evening. All invited.

College Hall, 34 Essex Street.—Sundays, at 10½ A.M., 1½ and 7½ P.M., and Wednesday at 2½ P.M. Eben Cobb, Conductor.

Eagle Hall, 616 Washington Street, corner of Essex.—Sundays, at 2½ and 7½ P.M.; also Thursdays at 3 P.M. Able speakers and test mediums. Excellent music. Prescott Robinson, Chairman.

Spiritualistic Phenomena Association, Berkeley Hall.—Meetings Sundays at 2½ P.M. Address all communications "Spiritualistic Phenomena Association, 1031 Washington street, Boston, Mass." D. J. Ricker, President. This Association also holds meetings every Sunday evening at 7½ o'clock at the Ladies' Aid Parlors, 1031 Washington street.

Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1, Paine Memorial Hall.—Sessions Sundays at 11 A.M. Seats free. All invited. Benj. P. Weaver, Conductor; F. B. Woodbury, Cor. Sec., 45 Indiana Place, Boston.

Ladies' Aid Parlors, 1031 Washington Street.—Sundays at 10½ A.M., 2½ P.M. Dr. P. C. Drisko, Conductor.

1031 Washington Street.—The First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society meets every Friday. Mrs. H. O. Torrey, Secretary.

Chelsea.—The Ladies' Social Aid Society meets in the Hall over Hellingham Station every Friday afternoon and evening. All are invited. Mrs. E. H. Pratt, President; Mrs. M. A. Dodge, Secretary.

Boston Spiritual Temple, Berkeley Hall.—The morning service last Sunday was opened with a violin and piano duet by Mr. Miller and Mr. Frank Crane, followed by a vocal duet by Miss Clara Clark and Mr. John T. Lillie. After an invocation by Mrs. Lillie and singing by Mr. Lillie, questions were offered, from which Mrs. L. selected for a subject "The Possibilities of Man." "Man," she said, "has been trying to find something beyond and to come, and neglected what is here and now. He is now perceiving the possibilities here, and seeking more in the present. He wonders why men do not divine these present possibilities. I ask you what is above you, and you say empty space, or atmosphere. I say in that are all the elements of the future: tree, shrub and flower, even the animal, are there for future use. The body is furnished by the spirit that demands a covering, and that covering is drawn from the elements surrounding it. Of inventions and improvements made by man, the materials used are drawn from the elements of nature. Take the electric telegraph, the electric light, as instances, and in them see how man can draw from the elements of nature for his service; yet more is to be done by him in that direction. Poverty is around you; but I say that man will draw food from the elements for the poor, and poverty will disappear; through the exercise of the practical mediumistic genius of an Edison crime will gradually recede. The possibilities of man are infinite, and will conquer. Nature's laws, always the same, man is growing to understand and control. These laws were the same two thousand years ago, but there has been an advance in man's knowledge of them and their uses. All the properties of the universe will yet be opened to man.

Religions and beliefs never have and never can save man. I say this in view of all that has been done. Man must save himself. A man born right lives right and does right; will not need to be born again, but will live evermore."

The lecture was followed by an improvised poem to Col. Moses Hunt, in reference to his arisen companion—the occasion being his first attendance at this meeting since her demise.

The service closed with a duet by Miss Clark and Mr. Lillie, Mr. F. Crane, pianist.

Evening.—Opened with a duet by Mr. Lillie and Miss Clark. Mrs. Lillie spoke on progressive thought as illustrated in the lives of men like H. W. Beecher. Mr. Beecher, she said, had raised the standard higher, as we look upon it, than Orthodoxy would allow many to do. When Mr. Beecher spoke openly he was called to order for a time, but again he was in the advance. I believe that higher minds in spirit-life influence and guide minds of earth. The influence upon Mr. B.'s mind, as I see it, was the same as our mediums receive. Such men as Thomas, Swing and Beecher are leaders of the people; are the stepping-stones to higher ground. Mr. Beecher has found harmonious spirits in the work of reform by his exit into another life, such as William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and Theodore Parker. These were opposed in life, but in death they were lauded, and those who antagonized them creep up to near the places they occupied. Those now who give the truths are the saviors of mankind. I admire Mr. Beecher for holding the torchlight of truth before the people.

Mrs. Lillie will lecture at the same place the next two Sundays of March.

At a regular session of the Boston Spiritual Temple, held March 7th, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That the deep sympathies of this society be and the same are hereby tendered to Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher and family in this their hour of great bereavement, by the removal from the visible relation of husband, father, brother and friend—the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher—whose labors of love were ever manifested eloquently in pulpit, press, and on the platform in efforts for the removal of ignorance and oppression from the people.

Resolved, That in the transition of our brother from earth to spirit-life, Christianity has lost a worthy representative and an eloquent advocate; the nation a noble patriot in time of peace, a bold defender in time of war; and the cause of humanity one of its most earnest and devoted friends.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Beecher.

(Signed) DR. J. D. MOORE, WILLIAM A. DUNKLEE, } Com.
MRS. R. SHEPARD LILLIE, }
RICHARD HOLMES, President,
OSCAR L. ROCKWOOD, Secretary.

THE LADIES' INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY held its regular meeting Tuesday, March 8th. In the afternoon Mrs. H. W. C. ... the well-known musical medium, under control, gave many personal tests of spirit presence; Dr. B. M. Lawrence rendered some violin solos. In the evening, Captain Richard Holmes presiding, Charles W. Sullivan opened the exercises with a song, Miss Clara B. Clark piano accompanist. Mrs. E. B. Lillie made a very touching address, and improvised a poem on Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's transition to spirit-life, and a committee was appointed to express the sympathy of the society to Mrs. Beecher and family. Songs by Dr. O. T. Butum and Mrs. M. F. Lovering. Remarks by Mr. L. L. Whitlock, Dr. J. D. Moore, Captain B. Holmes, Mr. W. A. Dunklee, Dr. B. M. Lawrence and Mrs. Maggie F. Butler. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond and husband were present, and Mrs. Richmond favored us with a short inspirational address. Mrs. L. L. Whitlock, under control, made some very fine, practical remarks. Mrs. H. W. Cushman expressed her heartfelt thanks to the society for the donation of a sum of money lately received from it, and closed by wishing it success in its future work. The large audience joined in a closing hymn, and dispersed feeling highly pleased with the evening's entertainment. The next regular meeting will be held March 22d.

MRS. MARY F. LOVERING, Secretary.
No. 430 Shawmut Avenue, Boston.

First Spiritual Temple, corner Newbury and Essex Streets.—Last Sunday afternoon the guides of Mrs. H. S. Lake addressed a large audience, the discourse being founded upon subjects presented by members of the congregation.

"Occultism" said the speaker, "is a field for experiment and investigation. Unseen forces manifest everywhere, and may produce ill as well as good effects. An intelligent study of the laws governing the operations of these forces is essential to safety. Spirits who have not grown beyond the domination of the appetites and passions may return and intensify those propensities within yourself, unless you learn how to guard against these influences. Those who unfortunately have left the body without having become spiritualized, should be assisted by those here who are capable of rendering assistance. Evidences of a life beyond the grave are numerous, but all are not constituted to receive them. Different phases of spiritual phenomena are produced to satisfy, as far as possible, these varied needs. Mediums cannot always sense the motives and conditions of other mediums, simply because the elements of their being do not blend and harmonize, thus falling to create a channel through which these sensations can flow.

Conditions are states in spirit-life, and those persons are in purgatory who have failed to purify themselves here, and hence are obliged to take up the work on the spirital side of life. They remain in this state of suffering until a desire is born for better things.

Re-incarnation, or a return to matter, may be necessary when the individual has failed to evolve in this, or another state of being, the adequate spiritual force to survive the various experimental processes of soul. Spiritual attainment is obtained by effort, as physical power is also maintained. It is essential that correct beliefs should be generated in the degree to which these beliefs dominate the life. Yet not infrequently those who hold erroneous views

of deity, immortality, etc., find their condition more desirable in the spiritual world than is that of those who have intellectually accepted the phenomena of Spiritualism, but who have not incorporated the philosophy into the life as a vivifying power. The true religion is that which regards the rights of one's fellow, under all circumstances and at all times.

Spiritual light is objective to us, as physical light is objective to you. That which is objective approaches you from without, that which is subjective from within. To reconcile the interchange of these forces in nature is the discipline and purpose of life, and when it is measurably accomplished harmony allies us with the eternal good."

Next Sunday at 2:45 Mrs. Lake's guides will speak upon "The Ministry of Sorrow," and "The Work of Guardian Spirits."

Spiritualistic Phenomena Association.—Last Sunday afternoon, the exercises opened with a trio by Mrs. Edwards, Miss Wakefield and Prof. Milligan. A very fine original poem was then recited by Mrs. M. E. Thompson, after which a cornet solo, with piano accompaniment, by Miss Lizzie Howie, was received with enthusiastic applause, as were other selections by Miss Howie during the afternoon. Mrs. M. Cunningham then gave tests. Among the spirits named and described were William Willard, Nancy Olapp, Reuben Hollis and wife, Charles Fiske of Lowell, Freddie Hill, Lucy Pratt, John Pratt, Sarah Cobb, Dr. Haskell and others. Many of these gave messages to friends. Mr. Louis Jones, fire-test medium, gave an illustration of his peculiar development. At his own request several gentlemen from the audience examined his hands, and saw him wash and wipe them thoroughly. He then went under complete control of the spirit making this display of power, and in that condition took a lighted lamp, and after the chimney had become intensely hot, held it against his cheek a minute and a half by the clock. After that, he removed the chimney from the lamp and held his hands in the flame for a long time. The fire had no effect on them whatever. They remained cool and wholly unaffected. Then he held his handkerchief in the blaze, but it would not burn, nor even scorch. Next he took a handkerchief from a gentleman in the audience, and subjected it to the same process, with a similar result. Then a lady asked permission to put her handkerchief into the flame, wishing to show how quickly the fire would affect it; but, under the influence of the controlling spirit, the fire refused to burn this handkerchief also; showing most conclusively the subjection of the matter of the elements to spirit-power. At the conclusion of this exhibition, Mr. Jones gave descriptions of some spirits visible to him clairvoyantly, among whom were Dr. John Hall, Zenas Carpenter, Henry Frost, Albert, Nancy Poore and Mary Bradford.

Mrs. J. K. D. Cohart then gave a number of satisfactory psychometric readings. Mr. Ricker, President of the Association, made some remarks, in which he said, "We have been told that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. That is true, and it is also true that in times past mediums had to sacrifice everything, even their lives, as was the case in Salem and elsewhere. We all know there was a time in our own day when it cost us something to be Spiritualists. Public opinion is more liberal now, but mediums still need sympathy and protection."

The exercises closed with a few remarks from Mrs. Maggie Folsom Butler, in the course of which she said: "When I was first controlled as a medium, and different spirits came giving tests, the people would sit like sticks, not daring to say whether they recognized the spirits or not. Things have improved since then; but yet it is often the case that the returning spirit is repelled and hindered from manifesting fully by the doubtful welcome it receives. The doors of communication between spirits and mortals have been open so long there is no reason why your spirit friends should not now come to you giving their full names and talking with you as freely as one mortal talks with another; and they will do it if the door of your spiritual nature is thrown open and your heart gives them welcome."

At the evening meeting at the Ladies' Aid Parlors, Mrs. Carrie E. B. Twing occupied the platform.

Next Sunday afternoon, at Berkeley Hall, Mrs. M. O. Bagley will give a test séance. Miss Minnie Nickerson, elocutionist, and Mr. Lewis Poole, violin soloist, will take part in the exercises. There will also be an address and an original poem by Mrs. M. E. Thompson.

Boston Spiritual Lyceum—Paine Memorial Hall.—Every seat was occupied and many were obliged to stand at the session of the Lyceum last Sunday. Francis B. Woodbury presided. Mrs. Carrie E. B. Twing read a poem and addressed the children, suggesting that some of the good advice given the young folks might be of some practical use to older persons. Dr. A. H. Richardson addressed the school. Miss Lucette Webster gave several of her best readings, and Miss Lulu Morse was warmly welcomed, this being her first visit to the school since her return from New York. Miss Flossie Butler was appreciated in her readings. Miss Hattie Dodge, Adel Block, Sadie Peters, Edith Jewett, Grace Seales, Louise Irvine, most of whom are pupils of Miss Webster, gave a fine programme of readings. Miss Emma Ireland's guides addressed the school. Mr. E. Matthews contributed a song, and Blanche Huston received an encore for her vocal selection. Among our guests was Mrs. S. Bicknell, for a long time the guardian of this school.

Mrs. W. S. Butler has recently been elected Monitor of Groups, and gracefully and thoroughly fulfills the duties of that office. We are glad to see that Boston Spiritualists appreciate the work she has been doing in our behalf, and show their appreciation by attendance upon our sessions in such numbers.

The entertainment of the Adonis Club at Wells Hall on Thursday evening of last week was a success, financially and socially. The young comedian, Charles Fearing, received much praise for his talented presentation of the parts assigned him. Miss May Havener, Miss Sadie Grant, Miss Nettie Morris, Benjamin P. Weaver and Mr. H. Bradford were excellent in their respective characters, testifying by the work they did a comprehension of the parts assigned them, a thorough memorizing of them, and dramatic ability in presentation. Miss Annie L. Clark, F. B. Woodbury, E. L. Fearing, Master A. Bradford effectively and successfully supported the company. The orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. L. Poole, rendered exquisite music. Character sketches were given by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Bates, and loudly encored. Readings by Miss Nettie Morris, Miss Maria Falls and Miss Amy Peters. The Spiritualists of this city and others will please accept thanks for their liberal patronage.

FRANCIS B. WOODBURY, Cor. Sec.
35 School street.

The First Spiritualists' Ladies' Aid Society.

—Friday afternoon and evening, March 4th, this Society entertained about sixty members of the Brookton, Mass., Ladies' Aid Society. After the business meeting the ladies escorted their guests to the Boffin's Bower Dining Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been spread. At the close of the feast, the company, numbering about one hundred and fifty, assembled in the Parlors, and listened to addresses by Rev. Mr. Beals, Mrs. Fletcher, President of the Brookton Society, Dr. A. H. Richardson, Dr. Street, Eben Cobb, and L. L. Whitlock. The Brookton Lyceum Quartette, Mr. Plummer, of Brookton, and Miss Amanda Bailey, contributed fine vocal music, and Miss Roche, Miss L. Boes, Mrs. C. M. Howard, of Brookton, and Miss Lucette Webster, of Boston, entertained all with readings. The guests departed on a late train, individually returning thanks to their Boston sisters for their cordial reception. Carrie E. B. Twing, Dr. A. H. Richardson, and Ex-President Mrs. Waterhouse, with Amanda Bailey, vocalist, and Miss Lulu Morse, reader, were the persons who occupied the platform at the last meeting.

Friday, March 18th, this Society will entertain the Stoneham Ladies' Aid Society, who are to come in large numbers.

All lament the illness of our beloved sister, Mrs. John Woods, and express the hope that she may soon regain her health to such a degree as to once more meet with the Society with which for thirty years or thereabouts she has been so prominently and honorably connected.

F. B. WOODBURY.

Eagle Hall, 616 Washington Street.—At this hall the meetings last Sunday were presided over, in the absence of the regular Chairman, by Dr. M. V. Thomas, who requested that each and every one get in harmony with themselves and the speakers, in order that they might receive the best the spirit-world had to bestow upon them. Prof. Milleson opened the meeting with remarks on "Harmony," and was listened to with close attention. He was followed by Prof. Hudson on the same subject, after which Dr. W. A. Hale gave some excellent tests, which were fully recognized. Remarks were made by Mr. Twitchell, Dr. Garland, Mrs. Hugo, Mr. Fernald, David Brown, Dr. J. B. Ayer, better known as "Montana Charley," being present, was called upon, and gave some excellent tests. Dr. Thomas interspersed the exercises with clear delineations, and the meeting closed with a recitation from Little Lulu Morse.

The evening session was devoted to different speakers, Prof. Milleson, Mr. Fernald, Mrs. Hugo, Dr. Lawrence, Prof. Hudson, and others. Excellent selections of music were furnished by the choir at both meetings.

Maquoketa, Iowa.—The Society at this place have listened with increasing interest and satisfaction for three months to the exceedingly able and philosophical discourses of Prof. J. W. Kenyon, and have employed him for the month of March. We have also just held a successful entertainment under the auspices of the ladies of the society, which netted us about \$70. We trust that our success may inspire others to go and do likewise.

MARY E. PRESTON, Sec.

East Dennis, Mass.—Mr. J. P. Thordyke spoke before the Lecture Association Sunday, March 6th, on an appropriate subject. The following Tuesday evening he gave a very interesting exposition of why he was a Spiritualist. He is full of life and energy in the cause, and we hope to have him with us again soon. Mrs. N. J. Willis speaks here the 20th.

X. Y.

W. J. Colville

W. J. Colville commenced work in Chicago on Sunday, Hall, 55 South Ada street; I lent at both meetings. In discourse was "Spiritual T. son." The speaker took up t Savage and other leading li of to day, showing how pla the nineteenth century is dis conflict between Spiritualist science, simply fails to dem it goes a long way in the r short just where intuition at spiritual faculties of manki problems. The public mind nstruction under severi ple are beginning to inve which were formerly ignor fully tabooed. The spirit-wo its divers instruments in o lent designs, and however spiritual revelation may app of sense, its absolute unit the highlands of spirit. To al things we need special qu ive powers of observation; i developed in but few, comp present awakened thought tending to develop the payt ure as it has never been of the new era dawns man will a higher reason, a profound dreamed of in the days of yoi

The above remarks were general, the speaker fully a of such gifts and their remari cases through all generation lowing the lecture a beautif on "The Marriage of Love at charming reference to the ex which graced the platform.

In the evening the inspiring holding completely the heall ed no countenance to those theories which rule out the ac dums derive from their in Certain statements of Mrs. I inconsistent, though no bars to any one or to any school of dealt with human possibill ideal, a lofty standard for all to reach. A few questions of svered previous to each lec vice concluded with a fine Unity of Life."

On Wednesday evening, Ma of Spiritualists gave a grand time's Hall, followed by a dan exercises pleasantly occupied after which dancing and sup number of those present till money and good feeling prevail enjoyable evening, and a hanc by the Society above all exp

On Thursday, March 10th, met at Dr. Bushnell's 439 Wea parlors were uncomfortably ci and stairs, otherwise everythi ably. Various exercises were evening. The latter portion c by Mr. Colville, who, under inf svered a great variety of qu poems.

On Sunday, March 13th, M Martine's Hall were, "The Tr Beecher; with a Sketch of Present Labor Difficulties (point." A condensed report of discourses may appear in the

The First Society of Spiritu doing a great amount of good tentation manner; it numbe some of the finest people in meetings are well sustained, a is steadily advancing.

W. J. Colville's classes for Science are now in session at 54 Two very large parlors throw at every session, and the gre The questions following the at amount of information, and are able to endorse all they b that great interest is being tal and the inspirational utteran waking up many persons to th tualism, who have hitherto b beautiful philosophy. In ord who wished to attend the cl Sunday and Thursday work i Spiritualists, Mr. Colville has twenty-four private lectures, weeks.

The Maine Me-

To the Editor of the Banner of L

"A snake in the grass" that the proposed medical bill now bers of the Maine Legislature of the session.

The bill is claimed to have who is a Senator; it is endori in Bath, and is acceptable to e in the State—and this is all th made known to the public as enactment.

If this be a fact, it shows doctors' plot scheme to captu not allow the people to pro movement of the "Regular

The proposed bill, if enacte from employing hundreds of ple from employing their own ch and practitioner when diseas families, unless that mode and the "Regular" or allied strip

There is no earthly need of himself or herself to prescribe if he or she does not make use natural gift of healing the s

A similar bill has been de voice of the people made kno tion. This should be suffi people do not desire their cor that will enslave them.

Why not make use in this la tests sent in by the people to judiciary committee recently pass?

One of the members, a d quently, "The people are agi lation," and that he was di or words to that effect," as Journal.

Let the case of every meml just bill now up for consideri memory of his constituents fo

Onset Bay

To the Editor of the Banner of

March 13th was a beautif attended Lyceum was the res acuate our members, and ev work the coming season," given by Daisy Robinson, a Parcher; song by Arthur B duet by Miss Goodrich and O Anatomy" and "Physio now engrossing the attention We to-day adopt the little y will use it each Sunday. We Lyceum wants more than ev it fills a place no other can.

Masters Fred. Keith and callisthenics.

Two of our past officers, M ser, lately conducted an ente of the Lyceum; and to-day receipts of the same. All h ers.

Springfield, Mass.—Feb was with us and exhibited a work. His descriptions, sym cal line of thought so greatl that he was engaged to spe The interest was well susta lessons of the subtle forces should be better understood, but by all who are interesta manly.

Feb. 27th, A. A. Wheelock ture under control of Will a resident medium, saw a Wheelock upon the platform as well as in manner of exp recognized by those familiar as remarkably like him, and old friends, were enthusiast delight at the success of his.

In the evening, under oc Mr. Wheelock gave an ext False and True in Philosoph man life." It was well re elated by an attentive audie N. E. SMITH, President.

Newburyport, Mass.— last Sunday for the third large audience. Sue B. F it will be her last visit to F Fuller has been engaged to address, which ensures an nality.

East Dennis, Mass.—A writes that a good materi great in all that place. A tatement, she feels confident the residents. She can be a Menards.

Fort Development.—By Fletcher, 6 Beacon street

