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In Re Seybert Commission.

[From the Manchester Guardian, August 19th, 1887.] SPIRITUALISM: A REPLY TO MR, MON-CURE CONWAY.

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian: Sir-In your issue of the 2d inst. I find an article headed "Spiritualism" from the pen of Mr. Moncure Conway. Mr. C. commences by saying-"You need not be surprised if a number of mediumistic avatars appear in England about this time. During the last three years there has been going on without observation, even without the knowledge of the Spiritualists themselves, a scientific detection of their frauds, which leaves few eminent mediums with reputation enough to remain even amongst their most infatuated customers."

I reply, the Spiritualists have known all about it from the day of Mr. Seybert's decease. As in similar attempts to entrust the life or death of Spiritualism to the tender mercies of death of Spiritualism to the tender mercles of Associations whose vested interests Spiritualism materially interfered with, every experienced Spiritualist has known from the first, it would be a pitiful fallure, and from the first, in to the ten men to initate the Samon of old, and with the same respectable weapon to slay the world-wide faith of millions....

When it is remembered that Australia, India, China, Japan, every one of the thirty-six States of America and every country of Europe abounds with mediums, and that the private mediums of the home circle are in thousands of instances preferred to professional ones, it is something too much to expect that even the whole sixten [persons examined as mediums by the

sixteen [persons examined as mediums by the Commission] if found wanting, should outweigh the truth of the thousands who did not go to oughly certain that all the sixteen examined would be found wanting if the ten professors and Mr. Conway had deigned to look on the other side? Permit me then to lift the veil to see what that other side may be. The late venerable Thomas R. Hazard accepted the office of counsellor to the Commission upon certain conditions, including one which Mr. Conway has ditions, including one which Mr. Conway has somehow forgotten to allude to. It was this, that he (Mr. Hazard)—and here I use his own published words—"should reject the attendance of any person or persons whose presence I (he) deemed might conflict with the harmony and good order of the spirit circles." How far the Philadelphia Commission respected this condition may be gathered from Mr. Hazard's own words. He says: "I must say that through some strange infatuation, obliquity of judgment, or perversity of intellect, the trustees of the University have placed on the Commission for the Investigation of Spiritualism a majority of its members whose education, habit of thought and prejudices so singularly disqualify them from making a thorough and impartial ify them from making a thorough and impartial investigation of the subject which the trustees are obligated, both in honor and by contract, to do, that had the object in view been to belittle and bring into contempt and hatred the the cause that I know the late Henry Seybert held nearest to his heart, the trustees could

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the cause that I know the late Henry Seybert held nearest to his heart, the trustees could scarcely have selected more suitable instruments for the purpose intended from all the denizens of Philadelphia than are the gentlemen who constitute a majority of the Seybert Commission." In vain Mr. Hazard solicited that some of those professors whose public addresses on Spiritualism breathed that very spirit of hatred and contempt of which he complained should be excluded from the Commission. There they remain to this day, and are among the signers of that report.

It is not only that whatever facts did accrue in these investigations are reported in the spirit of "prejudice, hatred and contempt," but there are some reasons to show why it must have been most difficult to procure any spiritual manifestations at all before such a Commission. Whatever that force may be which constitutes the difference between a medium and a non-medium, it is certainly of a mental and magnetism, and therefore of a psychological and not of a physical nature. Whilst the Spiritualists of this generation have had notone totseach them either what apiritual gifts are, or how to use or how to abuse them, experience has shown that the conditions under which spiritual phenomena what spiritual gifts are, or how to use or how to abuse them, experience has shown that the conditions under which 'spiritual phenomena are produced through mediums are not only helped or hindered by their, mental states, but also by the will, magnetism and mental states of those who surround them. Investigators have again and again proved that the presence of some individuals promotes and alds the manifestations of suiting lower while that of other of some individuals promotes and side the mailfestations of spiritual power, while that of others absolutely quenches or nullifies it, and that
in hundreds of well-proved cases in which human agency of fraud was utterly impossible.
The most philosophical writers on occult subjects all testify that while honest skeptidism is
not obnoxious or injurious to medium power,
determined antagonism, ill-will, "hatred and
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have invariably been found to quench and destroy the power they pretend to investigate. If
other reasons are wanting to show why committees of specialists, self-styled scientists, or determined opponents rarely succeed in evolving
spiritual manifestations. I have but to add
that the appliance of physical formules to psychical conditions cannot be otherwise than a
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have but to refer to the recent French experiments with "hypnotism." i.e., animal magnetism, as evidence that the whole subject of cocult force is at present entirely beyond the domain of physical science, and requires a thorough and candid research into psychical phenomena to master the laws of its production. Without further dilating on a subject to which physical science affords no clue, I submit that the most ordinary experience will show that materialistic writers and physical scientists imbued with hatred and contempt of any subject involving subtle psychological conditions may be fairly distructed when they assume to pronounce the verdict of failure which they had evidently determined to ensure.

Let me refer to Mr. Conway's statement concerning the four Leipsic professors, who endorsed the genuine character of the occult phenomena given through Siade, the Leipsic University, and published in Zöliner's excellent work entitled "Transcendental Physics." On the faith of Prof. Fullerton's statements (one of the veritable Philadelphia Commission) Zöliner was mad, Fachner blind, Scheibner nearly so, and Weber too far advanced in years to recognize the disabilities of his associates. A noble verdict truly to pass on four accredited prefessors of the Leipsic University! and one which ble verdict truly to pass on four accredited pro-fessors of the Leipsic University! and one which fessors of the Leipsic University! and one which should make the Pennsylvania professors tremble lest they, too, should fall under the lash of Mr. Conway's gentle pen! True it is that Mr. U. C. Massey, the eminent London Barrister, who translated Zöllner's book, in the last number of Light, Aug. 13th, in a long and lucid article emphatically refutes each statement; but Light is only a Spiritualists' organ, and how many of those who read Mr. Conway's cruel words in the Manchester Guardian will see Massey's noble refutation in Light? I would gladly give quotations from this part of the other side, but dare do no more than repeat the too true opinion of Von Hartmann, quoted in Massey's article, when he says: "The short way with spiritists, who are unfortunately also men of science, is to declare them mad."

As a final word to Mr. Conway, permit me to

science, is to declare them mad."

As a final word to Mr. Conway, permit me to assure both him and the English people whom he so generously warns against the invasion of the mediumistic avatars of America, that the Spiritualists in that country are just now too busy to trouble themselves about the Seybert Commission or the idea of emigrating to England. This is the camping season, and by my latest public and private advices I find that there are scattered over America about from twenty to thirty camp-meetings. averaging in latest public and private advices I find that there are scattered over America about from twenty to thirty camp-meetings, averaging in all something over two thousand campers in each. Every day brings long trains full of visitors, all believers, or at least sympathizers, with the spiritual movement. I don't know where Mr. Conway's sixteen "representative mediums" may be, but I do know that at least in indicate smess that number are busily plying their profession in different directions, and from the reported speeches already made on the occasions of the great mass gatherings, either the verdict of the Philadelphia doctors has entirely dropped out of memory, or it is not deemed worthy of a reminder in the Spiritualists' happy, holy, religious meetings.

Let me assure your readers that the English people are safe from the irruption threatened by Mr. Conway at present; and, last of all, that which might well have been the first—setting aside all the ages of proof that have preceded this century—that which is now called "Modern Spirtualism" is not due either to the spirit circle or to spirit mediums at all.

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to the spirit circle or to spirit mediums at all, the entity called spirit. But why does it not By many long years of travel around and about the world, as well as by ceaseless research and investigation. I have proved, and shown in my voluminous published writings, that Spiritualism is a spontaneous, world-wide and irresistible outpouring—often as unwelcomed to its recipients as it is unlooked for and astonishing. The spirit-circle is wholly a secondary movement, and was organized and commanded by spirits for the purpose of developing mediumship and aiding investigation. To these facts I have pledged myself by the publication of an immense mass of testimony, gathered from every country of civilization, and witnessed by tens of thousands, amongst whom are monarchs, princes, nobles, statesmen, authors, scientists, and plain common-sense men and women, many of whose honored names I have given in full, and whose testimony I have openly cited. When all these can be shown to be such fools as not to know fraud from fact, or such knaves as to be in one world-wide conspiracy to delude, the ten Philadelphia professors may put Spiritualism in the tomb of "hatred and contempt," and Mr. Conway may preach its funeral sermon.

Im am, etc., Emma Hardings Britten.

Manchester, Eng. By many long years of travel around and about the world, as well as by ceaseless research and

For the Banner of Light.

IN MEMORIAM.

To the memory of Mrs. Lottie C. Belden, who passed the gates of transition on the morning of the 27th of July, 1887, this tribute is affectionately inscribed by her sister,

Ascended spirit, thou hast made Still brighter the transition way, Dispelling more the heavy shade Of matter by love's golden ray. Each time the gates are thrown ajar To the immortal realms of light That we we idealized afar,

The soul, with a re-quickened sight, Beholds them with a clearer power.

That brings them nearer every hour. Only a step " is seems indeed Across the boundary of the spheres-Only a sigh; and we are freed From the long stress of tollsome years. Dust unto dust," soul unto soul! Barth unto earth and heaven to heaven, And spirit reattains its goal; The vell is rent, the chains are riven: The wor in outer matter done, teceives what it has won. The sor

Original Essay.

WHAT IS SOULS BY A. F. MELCHERS.

Soul is the essence of existence, a purely intelligent life-principle, and constitutes a part of universal life or causation. Assuch, it is intelligence per se, and indicates that life is intelligence, that causation is intelligent in esse.

or conscious of its existence.

Matter is not intelligent, and yet it must contain a portion of this life-principle inherent, otherwise it could not manifest motion force. growth, development, or bring forth effects endowed with life. Material life is not conscious of its existence, and yet it produces effet which prove that an anterior force of within or behind it that is enabled to unit it, or give it expression, as it were here

Animal life exhibits a degree of conscious ness which, if not as active or intelligent as human life, is sensuous at all events, and may be regarded as a compromise between absolute sensuousness or intelligence, and absolute lifelessness or inanition—death. The latter comprises matter in its carbonace us tate, and
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effect only, why should not the do likewise? Or have the sp appendage connected to their laye, through which these d

ous or material nature are experienced? They have a spiritual body, it is true, and which is said to be composed of the essences of the intelligence or matter? If the former, it would only act for an intelligent effect, as the soulprinciple of man does, and if the latter, then it ought to be seen by the material eye. But as it is neither, it must be a compromise between the two, and thus sensuous in-nature.

exhibit the same intelligence that man does? Is it because the soul-principle is lacking, or because spirit is not intelligent? Or because the inherent life-principle has not reached the same degree of motion that pure intelligence has? If the latter, then only the inner condition of life is intelligent; and the outer must be of a different nature, and soul is one thing, and spirit another. If the spirit of man is not intelligent, but sensuous, why should not universal spirit be of a similar nature, and like the same, an essence of the material or a compromise between the two?

That intelligence is more active in quality, and therefore superior to spirit, is proven by the fact that as man develops in soul-motion he loses taste or desire for the material or sensuous; and why should not the same rule hold good for spirits outside of a material body? Have they not the same sensuousness to overcome that man has? If not in the spirit-body, where else does this animal or material sensuousness exist? And if their spiritual bodies are not spiritual, and are not composed of spirit-what else are they? But if they are spirit, then spirit is not intelligence. The only part of man that manifests a purely intelligent motion or action is his soul, or his soul-nature, whatever that may be. The effects prove it to be an intelligent life-principle. and as such we term it soul, to distinguish it from that sensuous life-principle known as

Psychometrists know that spirits may be sensed by their exterior, their spiritual bodies, and from this understand their material or animal proclivities. Mortals are sensed in like manner, and as long as they do not express themselves by word or utterance, no intelligent manifestation or thought is perceived only sensuousness is experienced. But when the intelligent principle within, the soul, becomes active, either love or intelligence is manifested—the latter by language from mortals and by impression from spirits. But love being the highest form of intelligence, may be cognized without the aid of a medium, for God is love. By virtue of being a condition which constantly, gives, imparts and bestows, and in exerting his soul-force for this effect, man creates a temporary rapport with the cause of his being-intelligence in its purest state. No spirit action is enabled to produce this effect, but, on the contrary, the more he exerts his outer nature, the more sensuous or emotional man becomes. Loye is calm, tranquil and tender in its effects, but like the power which governs the universe potent in its bearing, and thus enabled to penetrate to the innermost center of the soul-the intelligent principle in man which constitutes the essence of life's existence, and an uncompromising, unadulterated part of the universal soul, God. Charleston, B. Contring the latter

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A BROKEN LIFE:

MABEL'S WARNING.

Written Empressly for the Banner of Light

BY MRS. E. M. HICKOK.

Two young girls sat, half-hidden by fleecy dential impressiveness, "very singular in some lofty window in the elegant up town residence things, mamma says, yet we have all become of James Weston, Esq., one of Boston's merchant princes.

Comfort and luxury, convenience and beauty harmoniously combined, were seen all about them. The air was so sweet and fragrant, laden with the incense of many choice flowers, that it was a blessing to live and breathe it on that lovely June day. Even within the city's precincts one could rejoice in such a plenitude of air and aushine. Mabel Weston and her most inti-mate friend, Florence Barclay, had been out to ride, and had enjoyed the refreshing coolness of the morning among the shaded drives and beautiful avenues of the city's suburbs.
They had not visited the narrow streets and

wretched hovels where want and orime and misery stalk almost unrebuked. They had not inhaled the polluted air which some human beings were compelled to breathe; they had not looked on human faces pinched with poverty, stolid with orime, or haggard with despair; nothing rude or terrible had shooked their delicate nerves; and they returned at peace with all the world, and especially in love with their own beautiful city.

Florence was to pass the day with Mabel, so the two fair young oreatures, who knew noting ing of life's itern purposes, and had not guessed the shall the pair and sorrow, established them solves nomiterably alone in the spacious room for a confidential ohat

Mabel was known to be engaged, with the full sanction of her parents, to a young lawyer, Raymond Alford by name. "Poor Florrie," physical body. But what is its nature? Is it as Mabel pityingly called her (when alluding to this fact), was less fortunate. The young man whom her innocent heart had chosen was born and had ever lived in very humble circumstances. By his own determined efforts he had arisen to the position of book-keeper in the establishment of "Barclay, Holmes & Co.," with a It is said that all material life has a similar spiritual appendage, and that it is composed of provided for his mother and sisters several years previously, and indeed until they were able to care for themselves.

But proud, aristocratic Mrs. Barclay frowned upon the good-looking clerk, who hardly knew himself how he had dared to let his devoted heart's love speak from his face, unless it was the unmistakable response which had looked from Florrie's lovely hazel eyes ever since that time when he had been fortunate enough, by ready wit and daring, to save her from an impending danger. Yet, although each understood the language which the soul flashed in magnetic light from the other's speaking eyes, there appeared not the slightest hope that Florrie's parents would ever consent to her marriage with Ernest Harvard, because his family could not possibly gain admission to their fashionable circles. And yet papa Barclay knew very well what estimate to place upon the young man's ability and integrity.

Plorence and Mabel were quite conversant with each other's heart histories, and the former found her greatest comfort in long, quiet talks with her sympathizing friend.

"My own father and mother met with just such opposition," Mabel would say, "because one was poor and the other rich; yet they have always been happy, and I know they love and advanced toward the bookease, while Masometimes that I have the happiest home in the world; no one ever speaks an unkind word in this house."

In truth, the home of James Weston did possess the rare combination of wealth and happiness. Early in life he had married for love. and prosperity had marked all his undertakings. He could now afford a season of vacation each year; and his devoted wife, who had ever cheerfully remained at home when a pressure of business kept him there, accompanied

Only one grief had shadowed their hearts in the vanished years, when a bright little boy, who blessed them for a few months, was taken from their loving care, and spared alike the sorrows and fleeting joys of an earthly experience. Mabel was their only darling, and though guarded most tenderly, she had been too wisely taught to mar the harmony of that little house

Into this sweet, peaceful atmosphere, as a wayworn, tempest-tossed traveler drifts into a haven of quiet rest, came a woman-a woman whose life-history was written in the deep furrows, lining a still beautiful face, surrounded with waves of snowy hair, which contrasted so strikingly with soft black eyes and jetty brows and lashes. She looked like one whose high spirit and intense, proud nature, had been subdued and toned down by deepest suffering; a woman who rarely smiled and seldom conversed freely, yet who was singularly attractive to young and old, perhaps from her deep sympathy, which needed no form of expression to make itself realized. It was of her that the young girls were speaking at the time of their introduction to the reader.

very fond of her. You know she came to give me one term of music lessons, , but she is such a superior teacher, so refined and pleasant, yet. sad ; we like her so much, and she seems so well content to stay with us, that papa has offered her a home so long as she wishes to remain."

"Do you know anything of her history?" queried Florence.

"Very little," replied Mabel. "You see,, Aunt Mabél Haynes recommended her as a woman of superior intellect and accomplishments, and without near relatives. Auntic only spoke of her having met with some sudden, terrible grief years ago, which had changed. the whole tenor of her life. I believe she was: quite wealthy, and once very fond of gay life; but she has spent nearly all her property in charitable gifts and deeds. But, Florrie, Later most whispered Mabel, "she has the strangest. ideas about seeing and conversing with friends who have died.

"And does she ever speak to you about it?": "Yes, often. One day she described my baby brother, who died so many years ago: how could she have known? And she speaks of them as real and natural beings. Manna thinks it is beautiful, but she carnot quite be-lieve (t is antibling but imagination and the Why! Mabel Weston! My mother would

not have a Spiritualist in her house. She thinks their belief is either the result of insanity of very wicked."

"My mother says she prefers to judge people by their lives rather than by their professions. But there is the dinner-bell; we will dismiss the subject-it is too deep for me."

"I thought," smiled Florence, as they arose, "that you were becoming quite serious for my gay, teasing Mabel."

On their way to the dining-room they were joined by Miss Aubrey, the music teacher just ing and Mabel a loving smile, making some pleasant commonplace remark to both. It was easy to see that this woman thoroughly appreciated the generous kindness which had received her as one of the family in this pleasant home after a brief acquaintance of a few months.

Dinner over, the girls proceeded to the library, discussing the merits of a newly published book which had already found its way there. From this the conversation drifted to their own personal affairs, until Florrie exclaimed, laughingly, yet half in earnest:

"But you do tease Ray Alford unmercifully, I think, Mabel. I should not dare to persist when that fire comes into his eyes."

"But, Florrie," Mabel answered, with a little, careless laugh, which told how lightly she regarded the subject, "I want to cure him of his absurd jealousy. Even now I have a new test for his love-a plan which may show him how ridiculous his suspicions are. Yes, come right in, Miss Aubrey; you will not disturb Florrie and I, not in the least." For that lady had opened the door, and seeing the two friends in conversation was about to withdraw. To Mabel's words, however, she bowed, smiled, each other very dearly. Why, Florrie, I think | bel went on: "You see, Florrie, I pretend to have a secret-of course Ray has no peace until he can discover it; he fears it may relate to Mr. Rudolph, of whom he is inclined to be suspicious in many ways; and by-and-bye, when he has become so angry that his eyes flash fire, and look so handsome, you know, I will laugh at him, and tell him to see how utterly ridiculous is groundless jealousy."

"Who speaks of jealousy as a thing to be treated lightly, or stung to desperation?" said a voice, so stern and commanding, so unlike Miss Aubrey's gentle tones, that both girls turned, with a startled look, toward her.

Her face was pale as death, even to the quivering lips: the book had fallen from her hands: her eyes were dilated with a wild, agonized expression.

"Miss Aubrey, you are very ill," cried Mabel. in alarm. "Shall I call mamma?"

The lady shook her head, laying a detaining hand on Mabel's arm, and soon she mastered the tide of emotion sweeping over her and spoke:

"No, dear, I am not ill-not bodily, at leastbut I heard that terrible word. Tell me, please, who is jealous?"

"Why, Ray," answered Mabel, quickly, but coloring a little; "Ray Alford. He has become so horribly jealous lately that he must be cured. It is his only fault, too. He wishes me to dance with only a select few: he is not willing for me to go anywhere without him, and he is hardly civil to Mr. Rudolph, who will persist in his attentions, though I have decidedly refused him."

"Pardon my plain speaking, if you can, for I am your friend. I think your lover is right. and his careful guarding of his dearest treas-

ure seems to me a sign of his devotion. Mabel, dear, I would not toy with such a love as that." Miss Aubrey took the young girl's hands in her own-so loy cold that Mabel shivered-and continued, speaking with an evident effort: "I have learned to love you and your good parents, and my interest in your welfare is deep and lasting. For your sake, that possibly you may not learn one of life's lessons at such a heartwrung cost, I will probe again a wound, so deep and terrible that time can never quite heal it. I will read for you a page in my own broken life's history. Can you come to my room directly after tea to-night?"

Mabel bowed assent, awe and wonder blending in her levely face, as she looked into the pain marked one before her.

"Come, then, my dear, and I will ask for strength to tell the story which I have never before breathed to mortal, though it is graven on my heart and memory in lines of deathless fire! It will make you sad and draw upon your sympathetic nature, but it may also save you from an experience of sorrow. Sometimes a timely warning will spare the soul a bitter lesson." She pressed Mabel's hand, bowed, smiled a little, and was gone.

Florrie drew a long breath and exclaimed: "Oh, dear! what can it be? I feel a great gloom settling over me, Mabel."

"So do I, and cannot talk and laugh as thoughtlessly as I have been doing; and really, Florrie, perhaps we ought to think of something beside pleasure, occasionally, in our careless lives."

"Well, I don't know," mused Florrie: "I think it is time enough to dwell upon the terrible things of life when they come. But, Mabel, I am very anxious to know something of that woman's history. Will you tell me?"

"If she does not entrust it to me as a secret, I will." answered Mabel.

In the darkening twilight of that peaceful day Mabel sat gazing with something of fearful awe and reverence into the pale, sad face of her kind teacher, in the latter's quiet room. For a few moments the lady bowed her head, as if in silent communion with some power which her soul recognized, then fixing her beautiful dreamy eyes on Mabel's face, she said:

"My young friend, you may think that the blessed faith which once saved my reason, as I firmly believe, ought also to lift me above the weakness of human sorrow and regret. But a grief like mine, combined with such terrible self-accusation, I imagine, can never be wholly overcome in this life, therefore pardon me if I sometimes falter in my story. I will try to make

"At your age, Mabel, I was like you, a happy, care-free girl; unlike you, I had not been blessed with a wise mother's guiding influence since my infancy. I was gay, wayward and undisciplined-my father's idol. When his beloved wife left him for the better land he centred all his hopes, joys and affections on me. He was quite wealthy, immersed in business, and could only entrust my care and education to wellpaid strangers; and to compensate for the lonely hours when he was not with me, would lavish money most freely at my request. I was thoroughly educated at home, and accomplished in all that was deemed necessary for a young lady to know who was destined to enter polite so-

"But alas! for me; my flery temper was unchecked, my moral nature wholly untaught. Always accustomed to rule, of course I grew up selfish and exacting; my imperious will was law in my father's stately home. But one dangerous and wicked passion seemed to predominate in my nature-it was fealousy! You see. Mabel, I do not spare myself; God forbid that I should. I knew this was a mean, unworthy element, and by some strange fatality I guarded it so closely that few realized its power over my len silence. I would sometimes brood in solitude over a fancled slight until, with all my beautiful surroundings, I was perfectly miserable. I dwell upon this evil passion that you miny know how unchecked and unrestrained it grow with my growth and strengthened with my strength until it reached its awful culmina-

"Ab Mabel! the human heart that knows the bitter pangs of jealousy is, after all, to be pitied : it should be wisely and carefully tanoht. lest it he sometime goaded to freuzy. It should learn to overcome and subdue the fearful nower. as I learned all too late. At what a cost I naid the penalty, even the price of precious blood, the sacrifice of a life, and such a life! But I must not linger.

"Another, a new, delightful emotion, dawned upon my heart at last. I loved-wildly, fervently, passionately, as you might suppose-I worshiped in my selfish, earthly way, the man who was so proud to win me from many admirers, for I was accounted handsome in those days, and brilliant enough to be the life of every party in our city.

"I would like, Mabel dear, to describe Launce Everett to you; but I have no language to ploture him to another as he looked to me. Far beyond the splendid physique, the handsome, classic features, the speaking eyes of deepeat blue, the waves of dark hair thrown carelessly back from a forehead pure and white, yet of noble proportions, was the charm indescribable which cast its reflection over all, from a lofty, steadfast soul.

"His blue eyes could soften to tenderest pity, even to tears, or kindle with virtuous indignation till they looked intensely black. He had the most perfect control of passion and emotion of any person I have ever seen. Strong, self-reliant, calm and true, the contrast with my own impetuous, flashing spirit exalted him to the grandest of heroes in my estimation. And I had won the devoted, worshipful love of this god-like man! To me, the noble face, capable of stern command, looked only gentlest love : for me, the strong hands were ready to dare any toil or effort; by me, the proud, high soul could be moved to rarest bliss or deepest

"I knew all this, Mabel, when calm reason asserted itself, and yet - oh fatal, wretched passion, haunting and torturing me ever-I could sloop to unworthy, baseless jealousy of this kingly man I'I never breathed my suspicions to him, better perhaps if I had; but when the wicked fancy, whispered to my heart, I was cold, reserved, almost cruel, without giving any explanation. I plead no extenuation for my willful, unreasonable course : no human being can blame more bitterly than I have blamed myself; yet if charity can find an excuse it must exist in my all absorbing love for Launce all wanted all the world to know that he lived only for me. I almost grudged his commoned the best of the same and the deputed at the

gained him many. I was not always thus suspicious, and when I trusted in his loving words and dear caresses, my soul asked no other

"But again, when absent from him, the demon I had nursed and petted all my life would whisper: 'He has such wonderful powers of intellect and will, how easily now he can deceive you; and really you have some reasons for believing him possessed of a secret.' For after we were engaged to be married, Launce made frequent visits to his own home, which, situated in a distant country village. I had never seen, and invariably on his return my watchful eyes detected a troubled, anxious look in his face, which, however, my caresses would soon banish. Sometimes I tried to sting him to a jealous word or act, but no unkind rebuke, no cruel sarcasm ever fell from his lips. Then again my flend would say: 'Ah! his affection is not deep and strong like yours. Perhaps he even loves another, or has sometime, and this sadness after every visit to his native place seemed to give a shadow of basis | riage? for the last suspicion. If he had loved before, even though she whom he loved were dead, my selfish heart would hate her in her grave; and he could never seem the same to me.

" From all that Launce had told me, I judged him to be an only child, like myself, the pride and hope of his parents, both of whom were living. He had told me much about them, and spoken repeatedly of the time when he would be happy to take me to his childhood's home. Yet I fancied he felt some reluctance concerning it, and ever put off that visit to some day in the far future.

"At length I willfully determined upon going, if I ever went, without further delay. Again I watched that anxious look creep into his face, as he pleaded for a slight delay; and this only strengthened my resolve. Dearly as I did, to maintain a calm, cheerful demeanor in loved him, I gave him no peace until he promised, saying he would write at once to his mother, and go as soon as I could prepare.

"When I had quite gained my own wish, a feeling of condemnation rather disturbed my happiness, but I soon set it aside and hastened to be in readiness. Launce was all kindness and affection, as usual, but he did look quite careworn at the time I informed him that my preparations were completed.

Business would not allow him to leave just then, he said, (he was about commencing to study for a physician,) but I felt that he awaited, and with great anxiety, a reply to his letter, and was unwilling to go until he received it.

"The next evening he came to me with a giad expression, all his troubled look gone, or hidden away, for the time at least, as if he had resolved to make my visit all that I anticipated, and to fully enjoy it himself. 'Yes. Maudie, we will go to-morrow,' he said. 'All ready, my darling? Then we can take an early train. I shall try to forget every care and business thought, that we may realize the perfect dream of love amid the quiet scenes of nature. June roses will be in bloom, looking their loveliest; but you, my peerless Mand, will be fairest of them all.'

"Ah! Mabel, how I loved him! How I wor shiped him with my whole soul, watching his expressive, noble face, his warm hand clasping mine, my head resting upon his broad shoulder. How every tender word thrilled me, as he planned our pleasant walks and drives and thought might interest or please me. The morning of our departure dawned as brightly, the birds sang as sweetly, and all nature smiled as beautifully as nature can on a perfect June loving good-bye. We were comfortably seated in the swiftly moving train, a great gloom, like room whence I had so daringly intruded. the blackness of night, fell over my gay spirits.

in his best spirits, and by-and-bye the heavy sadness wore away.

Launce Everett's home and friends, as I wish to tell you all this evening. They were all that one would expect from knowing him. I was and my doomed lover, but darkness fell around most cordially received, as though they felt that me-all power and consciousness had gone. one whom Launce could love must be worthy of all esteem and confidence.

" Mrs. Everett I found to be a saintly woman, calm and gentle, wise and loving, yet with deep lines of sorrow in her winning face. She was rather delicate in health, but most carefully shielded from all care and fatigue-a strong, willing housekeeper, assuming all responsibility of the work.

"Ah! Mabel, I fain would linger now over those happy days, the brief season of perfect bliss in that peaceful home, which, alas ! alas ! for me, I was destined to ruin and desolate for-

Only once had my evil spirit been disturbed. and this by an insinuation from the gossip of the neighborhood, one of those persons whose chief earthly delight seems to consist in one day when I happened to be alone in the parlor, and having a slight previous acquaintance (I had been in the place about two weeks), she soon led the conversation to home matters, evidently bent on learning if I was suspicious of any concealment or deception on the part of Launce or his family.

""They're a proud set, the Everetts,' she said, but they have their cross to bear; every house has its skeleton, you know. And for all Launce keeps up so cheerfully, he worries more than people think, I guess; though, of course, nobody blames him, nor any of them, or thinks secrets.

"Fancy, if you can, Mabel, the effects of this well-aimed shaft on my impetuous, hasty nature! Though I tried my best to forget the careless words, they recurred far too often for my peace, and I half resolved to ask Launce about it. But no, my good angel came not near enough to teach me, and I said nothing, only determined to watch and learn the secret for myself.

"I recalled the fact that there was one por tion of the large, old-fashioned house that I had never seen. Now I must know the reason -I must learn what those rooms contained without appearing rude as a guest. They were in the back part of a long ell, and furthest from the one assigned to me, which was a square, front chamber, large and alry, with a most delightful view. I scanned the windows but a bower of leafy vince so nearly covered them that I could discern nothing plainly on the inplace, kindly courtenies to other friends, and side. Net so determined was I to know somehis ganish ways and conversational powers thing of these excluded rooms, so steadily was

I urged on to the wrecking of all my happiness, that I even watched an opportunity one day There can be no peace, no forgiveness for mewhen a strong wind tossed and swayed the never! never! vines and branches, almost loosening their clinging hold, and pressing my way with difficulty through the shrubbery beneath, I gained a nearer view of the windows, and there I watched as if fascinated, while strange emotions surged in my beating heart.

"My sorutiny was not in vain this time. Suddenly a face appeared—a woman's face, my excited fancy thought-pale and wistful, with earnest, burning eyes, that, looking steadily into mine, terrified me to a quick retreat, daring and determined as I was.

Then I pondered on my discovery; I brooded over my wrong in being so deceived by Launce, who knew well my own family history -knew my entire, worshipful love for him. What right had he, my promised husband, to keep a secret from me? and why. Indeed, should he, unless he feared its knowledge would destroy my love or prove a barrier to our mar-

"Then I learned that Launce often visited these rooms, usually when I was supposed to be engaged with my tollet or had retired for the night. More dark mystery here; more fuel to feed the fire of jealousy which now began to rage in my untaught soul. Still I said nothing. only watched and prayed—oh! God, forgive me -for the opportunity that came at last."

Miss Aubrey paused, bowed her head for a few moments, moaning as if in mortal pain, then with a firmer clasping of her cold hands and a face like the dead, she resumed:

"That day-that fatal day !- the last whose early sunlight did not mock me for long and weary years, was as bright and beautiful as this has been. I thought Launce appeared uneasy and anxious, though striving, as he always my presence. Once a distant noise, for which I could not account, made him start nervously, glance at me, and appear to listen. My keen. detective sense understood that he was surious to visit those rooms! I pleaded a dizzy headache, and signified my intention of lying down to rest in my own apartment.

"Launce kissed me lovingly, and spoke some tender words of sympathy, readily believing in my headache, from my flushed cheeks and throbbing veins.

"Ah, Mabel! had I not been insane from my wild jealousy, I never could have acted the mean part of which I must tell you. I listened until I heard him ascend the back stairs and pass along the narrow hall beyond. Then I followed stealthily, waiting in a room near by, where, listening intently, I heard another door unlocked, then quickly closed and looked again. I paused not long before I quietly pushed open the door which Launce had first unlocked, and found myself in an apartment containing some chemical apparatus, with surgeons knives and instruments, many of which had been given to Launce by an uncle, who was once an eminent surgeon.

"Once or twice before I had glanced into this room, but my lover had gently drawn my attention to something else as soon as possible. Now I stood alone, with only one locked door between me and that secret. I could hear voices in the distance, quite distinctly.

"With the skill and noiseless movements of sails, recalling every place and scene which he of the delicate instruments (for I soon discovered that the key had been taken from the inside) until one accomplished the work.

"I meant only to push the door slightly siar, but my heart beat so tumultuously, my moveday; but when, after bidding my fond father a | ments were so uncertain, that instead it swung wide open, letting a flood of light into the

"A terrible, unearthly yell, like nothing I "I wondered at its chill and terror. I had had ever heard, nearly stunned me, as the figunderstand, Mabel, how a coming, terrible woe | saw a tall man seize one of the glittering may send its warning shadow for a time across | knives, his burning eyes fixed upon Launce, the sunlight of our existence. But Launce was | who had no time to pinion him; but he might have escaped through the open door beside him, had it not been for leaving me unpro-"I cannot dwell upon the appearance of tooted. I saw the knife descend with the swiftness of light. Ishricked and shricked! I tried to throw myself between that gleaming knife When my locked senses again awoke, it was only to recall that fearful scene, the end of which the stricken faces about me plainly told, and again I sank into a delirium of angulah and demair.

"For weeks I raved of my wild fancies, torturing those dear, suffering hearts with my unceasing cry for him, my darling, my worshiped. murdered Launce! For months my brain reeled even to the verge of madness, and it was long before I could bear the history of that tragedy.

"Harry Everett was Launce's only brother, young man of brilliant mind but delicate in health. Unfortunately, while quite young, he loved a beautiful girl, who cruelly deceived him. He turned again to his books, despite all warnings, and plunged deeper and deeper into intriarousing the curiosity of others. She came in | cate problems and bewildering sciences. The over-taxed brain so far outreaching the physical structure at length gave way, and the gifted soul became a wreck. But his insanity was so mild and harmless, that his family, yielding to their natural affections, kept him with them, and as he sought retirement and was averse to strangers, they fitted up two rooms for him. where he passed most of his time. They had told him that a young lady was to visit them. and he was not pleased, even made some violent demonstrations; and but for my willful haste, they would doubtless have sent him away ere my arrival. However, as lie signified less of them on account of their trouble. But his wish to be looked in his room when I was there, I never allow myself to talk of family present; they ventured to let him remain, thinking at his first symptom of unessiness or violence to remove him quietly.

"Their only motive in keeping this and knowledge from me was the fear that it might cause me to feel nervous or mar the pleasure of my visiting When the poor, beclouded mind seemed dimly to realize what the frenzied hands had done, the last spark of reason was forever extingulahed, and Harry Everett was at once seourely,confined—a raying maniac for life ["

"Ah, Mabel! Mabel! few, I think ever feel the dire pangs of such remorse as I have known. "And for all the misery I had wrought these afflicted parents, they gave me only tenderest pity. The saintly face of his mother, grown so soft hand rested lovingly on my wildly throb- suffering woman, she would not intrude. bing brow, as she murmured : 'Poor child;

killed the best, the noblest man I ever knew.

"I could not tell you in a brief space of time rescued me from those depths of darkness and despair.

"My father conveyed me home, but my restless spirit could not endure the mockery of my former life. Again reason reeled, and my one wild cry was for Launce's home and mother. She took me gladly, kindly to her blighted home and stricken heart; and sitting lowly at her feet. I learned such wise lessons of this life, such grand truths of the future, as I had never dreamed of. One little ray of memory now lights the gloom of that past. After I had come to realize, through her instructions, that all the sad mistakes of this life may be righted, and all the bitter experience become useful in the life beyond, when I, too, could accept the blessed truths of spirit-communion, and thereby gain a chastened peace, I was able to minister in many ways to her comfort in her brief stay on earth. I tried in every way to show her my sincere devotion. I watched with her for many days and nights, and the task was never irkmother-for she was to me all the word implies.

"It was very hard to have her go; but my new faith supported me, and I did not again descend into the darkness of despair. I only oried. half choked with sobs, in that hour of parting: "'Oh, mother ! tell Launce, my darling-tell

him "'My poor darling,' whispered the tender voice, 'you shall tell him yourself, for we will we are with you. I even hope you may some. time see us.

"'Oh! that is too much to hope for, though I would bear any cross or burden for just one glimpse of his dear face.'

"And, Mabel, that priceless blessing has been vouchsafed to me. Ah! dear friend, I never our Father in heaven is to his children. I have seen Launce; I have talked with him-though I cannot often be calm enough. All my dear ones are there now; and do you wonder, Mabel, that this blessed truth is very sweet and sacred to me? Through it I can be even cheerful and enjoy a chastened peace, though the agony of the past has planted these furrows and changed my raven hair to snowy white. It has been my salvation—it is my eternal hope. By it I have lived; by it I shall die, physically. And oh thow gladly I shall go when they come for me."

Miss Aubrey closed her eyes, weary with her painful effort; and Mabel kissed her silently, reverently. She smiled, returning the caress, and the young girl whispered "Good night," and went softly from the room.

Ray Alford was most agreeably surprised the next evening when Mabel met him in such a tender mood, and tearfully declared that she would "never tease him again, never seek to make him jealous; no, never."

Ray kissed the sad, sweet face, and hastened to assure her that he would strive anew to overcome that foolish, unworthy element in his nature. He would believe and trust his darling forever. Then, in loving confidence, Mabel told a professional burglar, I tried one after another him the story of Miss Aubrey's broken life-a story whose impression was too deep and lasting to be forgotten by either. Its sad memory saved many a careless word, many a thoughtless, tessing act by Mabel, who loved Ray dearly, and often shuddered as she reflected what might have been the end of all her happy dreams if, in some unguarded moment, stung by the demon jealousy, Ray's high temper had gained the supremacy over his naturally noble, loving heart.

> one moment hear of her seeking another home. Mrs. Barclay, indeed, held high her fashionable head and professed a plous horror of one who wickedly disturbed the peace of the dead, saying in the next breath that they could not return. She could hardly forgive Mrs. Weston (though one of her dearest friends) for harboring a believer in this "monstrous delusion." and her visits grew less frequent and more formal. But there came a time when she turned to this woman, who had known such suffering, for comfort. Like a swift lightning-shaft from a cloudless sky came the dark shadow to her heart and home.

> Florence Barclay had one brother, a few years older than herself, who was perfection in his fond mother's estimation; Florrie was well enough, held in ordinary affection, and desired to make a good society alliance, but Herbert was at once Mrs. Barclay's idol and ideal, proud and elegant, choice of his associates, fastidious in every taste, and careful in seeking for companion among the "upper ten." On him his proud mother allowed her brightest hopes to rest. Whatever Florrie's willfulness would lead her to, Herbert would properly maintain the dignity of the family name.
> One morning Herbert left them, full of life,

hope; and ambition, to visit another State on business connected with the firm. The evening of that day saw a cruelly mangled form, whence the spirit had forever fled, brought home to the stately bouse. It may be "better to go to the house of mourning than the house of feasting," but from describing such a scene as there occurred my heart shrinks, my pen falters. The terrible "dispensation of Providence" was almost too hard to bear. There was no consolation in the rich plotures, the luxurious furnishings, the thousand elegant beautifiers of that shadowed home. There was no comfort in the expensive mourning robes, the costly tokens layishly displayed to relieve the ghastliness of death. There was no balm, no restful peace, in the minister's set phrases of sympathy and advice. Poor soul, he could not even speak assuredly of the young man's eternal happiness for. though upright and exemplary, he had never been "born again." Yet God was mor-ciful, even while he so ornelly sundered heartties. She must trust in him and try to hope.

But all all was darkness ! One after another of her friends gave up in despair the hope of bringing one ray of consolation to this bereaved mother, whose hitherto sunny life had left her wholly unprepared for such a shock.

Mrs. Weston visited her often. She longed to speak of the brighter faith which had been alowly dawning in her own heart, but she felt that the time was not yet. And while Miss white and thin, was often at my bedaide, her Aubrey's deepest sympathies went out to the

When the last cold semblance of worldly pride poor broken hearted one—how she loved him—had melted from the stricken heart. Mrs. Hat. Just lighted it and that broke it, said his wife she suffers most of sill. Just lighted it and that broke it, said his wife olay, closely shrouded in her gloomy habile derives falls, yet know but light breaks. Then I oried out in my ageny: Oh! why do you not turse me? I deserve no sympathy, talk and dirrowed brow, to humbly act has all by Warrist Principles for sale by Coltional my heart hould break it and it. I

longer rebelled at the agencies employed for the coveted knowledge; no longer protested against the impious lifting of the vell between the two worlds! It was useless to bewail forhow that blessed woman taught me, by degrees, ever the ornel fate which took Herbert, from of her sublime faith, which alone could have her; but'if there was hope for him beyond the grave, she must know it. Seeking honestly for truth, she was rewarded; and in time she, too, came to love Miss Aubrey, who so readily understood her grief.

With her higher ideas of life, came the promptings of charity and benevolence, which had lain dormant for years. Then she realized that she still had something to live for. Then she thanked God as never before for the wealth which could so abundantly bless others, and therein doubly bless berself.

Looking back over her gay, thoughtless life. the record was not satisfactory. She became more gentle and loving, and regarded Florence with a watchful interest never manifested before. She fought her last battle with pride and prejudice, when she called Florrie to her one day, and told the poor, lonely girl, who sadly missed her brother, that henceforth Ern. est Harvard should be a welcome visitor at their home. More, she would use her influence -which was almost unlimited with her indulsome. I called her by the sacred name of gent husband-to have him installed in Herbert's place in the firm. Florrie's grateful tears touched her heart anew; and she resolved that the mother-love, so freely lavished upon her departed boy, should now be shared with the two young people, whose future home should be with her.

Before June roses bloom again there will be a grand wedding in Mabel's home; and later, when the sombre robes have been toned with come to you, Maudie, and you shall know that | the subdued grief of the mourners, a more onlet event of similar nature will occur, in the home of her friend Florrie.

Miss Aubrey, with her stately, quiet grace and winning manners, will be an honored guest, calmly happy in the joy of others.

Oh! broken lives, despair not! Gather up the tiny threads, and go steadily on to the end, guessed before how wise and loving and kind All will come right "in the sweet by-and-bye."

SILENT WORK.

All wearlly the summer waiteth now, Her work perfected. Silent she has wrought Through shower and sunlight. All the breezes caught Her meaning. E'en the popples on her brow Soothing to siumber, and the tired brooks, low, Half-dried in pebbly beds, murmur her thought.

Now pulsing life the wondrous secret tells, For lo! the flower that dropped its leaves in May Hangs crimson ripe upon its bough to day. And that small handful of earth-buried grain Waves fair and golden o'er the wind-swept plain, And the flowers' sweetness waits in well-stored cells. And the howers sweets in nee! work in secret done
Shows marvelous when brought to light of sun.
S. P. K.

September Magazines.

ST. NICHOLAS .- A summer at the seaside is the inspiration of a fine story by Nora Perry, "Tib Tyler's Beautiful Mother," given the first place in this month's number. Quite in keeping with this, follows " An Old Sca-Beach," by S. L. Frey, giving some account of a spot of ground that, though a distance from the ocean, bears evidence of having once been washed by its waves. "The Boyhood of W. D. Howells," relates several interesting incidents of that period of the now popular novelist's life. The quaint and curious customs that have continued in the famous "Blue-Coat School" of London from the time of its founding, centuries ago, are described, and other facts given in an article upon "Christ's Hospital," by Elizabeth R. Pennell, one of which is that the boys never wear hats or caps, summer or winter, out-doors or in. "Christina of Sweden," is the subject of E. S. Brooks's " Historic Girls." Gen. Adam Badeau gives a thrilling account of "The Battle of Gettysburg," illustrated with spirited engravings. Mr. Manson in his paper for boys upon " Choosing an Occupation," gives good advice to those who desire to "follow the sea." Fine poems, new chapters of "Juan and Juanita," and "Fiddle John's Family," "The Brownies," etc., are the remaining contents. New York : The Century Co.

WIDE AWAKE. - Since a hundred years ago the 17th so closely that few realized its power over my life. Though usually flashing out my words with overcome my devoted lover's reluctance to the hardly a thought, on this point I was strangely visit at this time. I had gained my own way, Launce. Half dazed, I turned to look. Oh, tenderness and respect. They would not for was adopted by a Convention gathered for that purpose in Philadelphia, the event is celebrated in an one moment hear of her seeking another home. Miss Aubrey was treated by all with increased of this month the Constitution of the United States interesting paper by Annie Sawyer Downs, descriptive of the attending circumstances, illustrated with fifteen engravings of old paintings, statues, photographs, drawings, and the original parchment. That heroine of humanitarian work, Clara Barton, is the subject of Mrs. Bolton's present paper of her series, "Some Successful Women." A portrait is given, and her example commended to the attention of girls who complacently rest in idleness under the supposition that they have "nothing to do." Eighty pages of excellent reading in prose and verse, with numerous attractive engravings, are given, and the publishers offer to send a back number as a specimen for five cents. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co.

THE ESOTERIC. - The opening article, entitled "The Luminous Presence," treats upon man's interior nature, powers, and possible attrainments. John Latham gives his second paper on " The Art of Never Forgetting." Other contents are "Man's Cyclic Unfoldment," "The Ideal City," "The Science of Understanding," etc. Boston : Esoteric Pub. Co.

THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE.-Dr. W. F. Hutchinson gives the second installment of "Along the Caribbean," illustrated with sixteen engravings. Lieut. W. B. Hughes contributes an illustrated sketch of 'Our New Navy," and an interesting account is given by J. MacDonald Oxley of "The Military System of Canada." A reminiscence of Southern reconstruction is given in "Hunting Ku Kiux." Interesting stories are : "A Sin Not to be Forgiven," "Denham on the Vantars," and "A Woman who Falled." "A Poet and His Verses" is a sketch of the reputed prolege, of Lord Byron, Richard Realf, whose and and romantic life and its ending in this country, including his connection with John Brown, is familiar to many of our readers. Lieut. Barrett, U. S. N., gived " Some Curious Sea Words." Much else of an interesting nature, prose and verse, and a supplement varied, entertaining and instructive, complete the number. New York t American Magazine Co., 130 Pearl street.

SPELLING.—The second number of this quarterly publication in advocacy of a simplification of English orthography gives a formidable array of condemnato. ry views of the present system and in favor of a reform. In a treatise upon the subject by Prof. W. B. Owen occurs the following: "The word face, which has but three elementary sounds, may be speid in \$62 ways, and everyone justified by good English analogy. One of the ways would be gheighech; viz., gheef in laugh, tough, enough, etc.; eigh=a in eight, Leighton; etc.; sch=s (ce) in schiem." Boston: Library Bureau.

MENTAL SCIENCE MAGAZINE. - The themes of the leading editorials are "Great Historio March; The Spiritual Promised Land,""Respers and the Sheaves," and "Belence the Interpreter." Various writers tribute their views upon "Mind Oure." Chicago: A. J. Swarts.

AMERICAN ART .- "Sunny Uplands" is the subject of the frontispiece, and "New England Homes" of the opening article. "Comment and Review," a "Monthly Record of Art News," etc., with illustrations, follow. Published at 179 Tremont street, Boston.

If Indian meal is spread over the surface of a carper and lightly worked into it with the broom than swept off carefully, it will bring the dirt with it. Some persons like it better than ten leaves. 2. 00 persons like it better than ten leaves.

How did you break that tamp? Frouved Mr. Yesty your lighted it, and that broke it hald his wife in the work of the you know but light breaks. If there were the work of the wo

Banner Correspondence.

Massachusetta.

ONSET BAY.-Emily B. Ruggles, of Brooklyn, N Y., writes: "I am at Onset, and am so delighted with place, people and proceedings, I want the whole world to know what a charming spot it is. When I meet friends from Brooklyn. New York and elsewhere, they tell me I should have been here two months instead of one week, and I am an object of pity for having realized the fact of being in some peculiar state at the appeared among these scenes of pleasure so late in the season. It reminds me of what the late Henry Ward Beecher said of Boston, namely that he was an object of commiseration to people when they found he was not born in Boston—they felt a pity that he was born in only Litchfield, Conn. Beecher added: 'Let us hope there is a heavenly Boston, where we can all go when we die, as it is impossible that we can all be born in Boston;' and so I say of Onset: we will hope to find an Onset in the Summer-Land where we can en-joy seasons of friendly greetings and spiritual refreshments from the more active employments of spiritlife. As late in the season as I arrived, I have had time to listen to the grand and soul-stirring discourse of Mrs. Richmond on these grounds. The words of wisdom given by her guides are always the very some of perfection to me; she has numerous friends here who feel and express the same sentiments.

Mr. Chas. Dawbarn has given two eloquent lectures

since I have been upon the grounds. The been present at two of Mrs. Christine B. Bliss's scances, and am sure no one need be in doubt of the truth of materialization after witnessing them under the test conditions she so willingly accords the sitters. Mrs. Bliss allowed all to examine the empty cabinet, and each evening a stranger is requested to come in and look the only door in this cabinet and keep the key. Many very beautiful forms came out to greet their friends, and the familiar spirits were very convincing to skeptics: Miss Alice Brooks is won-derful in grace and height; Carrie Miller called me to the cabinet, greeting me with a kiss, and sending her love to her father, Chas. R. Miller of Brooklyn. Once when I was called to the cabinet three spirits greeted me and in appearance seemed to be my little niece, Anna, my petite sister and my more stately cousin Rmma Mrs. Bliss does not need commendation from me; all seem to be convinced of the genuineness of her manifestations, as well as those of Mrs. H. V. Ross, whose seances are very remarkable for the many personal tests that are given. I was, at one of them, called to the cabinet and greeted by a finely materialized form, who gave me her name and an exnifeit communication relating to personal experiences equal to any I ever received from entranced medlums, which greatly astonished me, Mrs. Ross being an entire stranger to me. Many forms appeared - little children and two forms often came out at one time, while the medium was speaking, under control, in the cabinet.

Onset has a large and interesting Lyceum, under the management of Mr. Ford and his assistants, with only seventy-five permanent families here. This should stimulate Brooklyn Spiritualists, who number ten thousand, to form a Lyceum this fall.".

BOSTON. - A correspondent who furnishes her name and address, writes: " Dr. Martha Lyon, of 538 Tremont street, has cured me of a serious kidney difficulty that has troubled me a long time. She has also relieved me of a severe gastric trouble. Her diagnosing of disease is very satisfactory, and as her prices are reasonable, I think she deserves patronage."

HANSON .- "G. F. S." writes : " Eben Cobb, of Boston, was with us on Sunday, Aug. 28th, and we' most assuredly had a spiritual feast. His subject in the morning was: 'The How and the Why versus the Isness of the Universe; and in the afternoon, God, and the Moral Law.' Mr. Cobb is strong and, eloquent in his discourse, and has the gift of presenting the most recondite facts of advanced knowledge so that all may apprehend. Mr. C. has left us much food for thought, and it is the unanimous expression that he will receive a hearty welcome among us at a future

ONSET BAY .- A correspondent writes: "On the afternoon of Aug. 80th Mrs. James Wixon (some seventy-five years old), of Fall River, and her sister, Mrs. E. D. Stanton, of Onset Bay, who had been in Wareham, shopping started to drive back to Onset and desire to cut loose from it. I would recommend that when at the crossing at Wareham narrows, the 'dy- they resolve to leave it,off, so into the conflict in earning dude' train on the Old Colony Railroad, bound from Boston to Wood's Holl, came along at 4:12 favorable conditions if possible—out of sight of tobac-o'clock. The horse became frightened and unman-co, and for a few days use as a substitute the inner ageable; and dashed toward the train; and in spite of bark of the bickory. This has a healthful influence on the utmost efforts of the flagman, who risked his life the stomach. The satisfaction of a triumphant victoto stop the animal, he struck the tender, and together ry over the fee is compensation for all the trial and with the carriage and occupants was thrown twenty trouble of the conflict. Do not say I can't, but make fect aside and down an embankment. The norse was the earnest effort, and what now seems impossible killed and carriage wrecked. Mrs. Wixon in her fall | will become an easy task. The idea of being enclaved struck a post and was instantly killed. Mrs. Stanton to any bad habit is thoroughly distasteful to the rewas very seriously injured.

Mrs. Wixon is the mother of Miss Susan H. Wixon. authoress and correspondent of several liberal papers. With her two daughters the deceased was passing the summer at Onset, leasing the Thayer cottage. She was fully pursuaded of the truth of angel communion. though not an outapoken advocate of the New Dispensation. In daily life she was a noble woman whose visible presence will be much missed by a large circle of frienda. In this control of

LAKE PLEASANT. - A correspondent. "H." writes: "C. B. Watkins, wife and son, came to the Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting the last days of its sesgion. Mr. Watking has wonderfully changed in his physical appearance since he was in Boston and had his widely-known experiences with Rev. Joseph Cook at the residence of the late Roes Sargent, Req. He has grown from a slightly-built young man to one powerful in statute, and of commanding appearance. He informed the writer that he had all he could attend to at Lake Pleasant in his phase of mediumship, and that all who utilized hits services seemed to be well satisfied that the phenomena witnessed were produced by an invisible intelligent power outside that of the me-

Mr. Watkins informed me that the fifty thousand dollar offer by Hiram Sibley, Esq., of Rochester, N. Y. some years since, is still open for any one, if such person can discover a modus operandi by which the phenomena at his seances are produced other than spirit ual, or can show them to be the result of prickery, etc.

- particulars, of which offer can be obtained of Mr. Bibley, Here is a chance for the American Psychical Research Soplety to investigate the phenomena, and make, money in case they can prove them to be not what Spiritualists claim they are. Let the investiga-tion go on; truth will stand the trial, Market C. Hornstoth, Miss M. Penny and C. M. C.

Black and son or Outton IIII have been Visiting Lake Pleasant for the past few weeks; they seem delighted mith the place when the spirit tests they have tecolved Mrs. H. says she would not on any account have missed the visit. Mrs. Black engaged Albert E. Tisdale, the bloquent speaker for a course of lectures during the months of Decembers She Invited John Sister to make them a professional visit while on his chip to the Pacific coast. Crops: elegation: Legicord is coast of the pacific coast of the coast

ing interesting instance of spirit identification occurring in his experiences number and the summing "About (au years ago, my attention having neen at-thaties to the phenomena of Spiritualism; and full of tracted to the phenomens or spermanent, and for bothe eagerness to investigate for myself, I just for bothe weeks with a slate after the usual method, ho the pencil in my hand and awaiting developments patience was soon rewarded the penell decidedly

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beds. All of us retired at about 10 P. M., and were beds. All of us formed as about 10 f. M. and about soon asleep. I was awakened at midnight by sensations somewhat akin to electrical shocks, which seemed to come in wave like motions, as though I was submerged in an electrical flood with the waves flowing over me. Notwithstanding this wholly new and surprising sensation, I did not feel at all alarmed, and every sense seemed as acute as in a normal, state. I looked about and saw the moon shining through the front windows-saw the other bed with its occupants, and recognized each familiar object in the room, but I same time. My speculations on that point, however, were out short by the apparition of a very beautiful lady at my side, who appeared in a horizontal position, poised on nothing, in mid-sir, apparently. Her features were perfectly outlined. I could see the delicate bloom of her complexion and the old-style way of dressing a luxuriant head of hair. Obeying an involuntary impulse, I sought to approach her, but she threw up her hands, and with a smile disappeared, only to reappear a moment later, looking for something she seemed to have dropped in her hasty exit. She was looking downward, and I got a full view of her bright

About two weeks after this curious occurrence, I recelved a letter from a total stranger living in Stenben ville, O., making inquiries concerning some property (real estate,) in Louisville, Ky. I was never in Steubenville, and am not at all acquainted with the locality or people. This gentleman's name was John Wyatt. Struck by the similarity of names, I wrote a description of the spirit-lady as I had seen her, and asked Mr. W. If he knew anything of her? He responded very promptly that I had given him a very good description of his first wife, Martha, who passed away in 1836, and to whom he had been married in 1813. He had no portrait of her, but sent me a lock of her hair, which was exactly the shade shown by the spirit. If Mr. John Wyatt is yet living in Steubenville, O., no doubt he will be pleased to confirm these statements as far as they touch him.

In conclusion, I must add that I am not a medium but I payonly a deserved tribute of respect to that much maligned class of people, when I also add that they rank with the best people socially and morally I have had the pleasure of meeting."

Kansas.

FAIRMOUNT .- A. H. Nicholas writes: "When I hear a man say that he cannot relinquish an evil habit, I think differently. I think he can, especially if he puts his mind in opposition to such habit, and strives with full purpose to conquer it; because human endeavor, if persistently and earnestly made, must of necessity develop a positive will-force, which force will ultimately succeed in whatever direction the effort is made. An individual who strives to do right because it is right, and who endeavors to live in obe-dience to the laws of being, will attract to himself good spirits, who will delight to guide and teach him; and they will belp him through difficulties-help him to develop a determined and indomitable will power. which knows no such word as fall, and which will succeed in spite of all obstacles.

It is evidently easier for young people to turn away from bad habits than it is for older ones; yet people never get too old to learn or make changes for the better. My neighbor, a man seventy years of age, left off the tobacco habit three years ago, which he formed in boyhood, and now takes delight in telling of his victory over the habit. In my boyhood days I was led into it; by other misguided youths, who thought it smart and manly to smoke and chaw tobacco. Several times I have quit the habit—one time for three years, at another for seven years. Again, recently l have quit ; (I am over fifty) and now, with my experience, and my present knowledge from the higher life respecting sin and its consequences, it is to be hoped that I will exercise the wisdom and courage to steer clear of the evil habit for all future time.

The question is asked: 'Why should a person not use tobacco?' I would prefer the question in another shape: 'Why should a person quit the tobacco habit?' and would reply : Because the practice of abstinence will be advantageous in many ways; because the habit is inconvenient, expensive, immoral; because it is injurious to health in most instances; because it is evil in many other ways, and has a degrading influence on the subject.

Now if this meets the vision of tobacco users who est, invoke the aid of spirit friends, place themselves in fined mind.

The good and wise spirits have often expressed their disapproval of the use of tobacco, shown how it is a damage to humanity, and they have induced a great many persons to abandon the habit. All honor to the good spirits. If we would qualify ourselves for their companionship we should avoid any habit that is offensive to them."

Vermont.

QUEEN CITY PARK, SOUTH BURLINGTON. Bufus 8. Herrington writes: "After remaining at Lake Pleasant during August; I thought I could not return to my home in Nebraska until I came here. Some one hundred and fifty six boarded the excursion train at Lake Pleasant, the 29:h of August, at 9:30, with the genial Dr. Smith for pilot. The cars were crowded for a few miles, then a number of cars were added, also passengers. As we proceeded, Dr. Smith pointed out many places of interest along the way, making our journey very pleasant.

All that makes up this camp is beautiful. The intelligence of all here assembled is to me a great surprise. Why should any one be ashamed of being called a Spiritualist, especially after becoming acquainted with them? "I feel proud I am one on account of its (oun-dation of facts taught and demonstrated; but I never expected to witness from the spirit side of life what I have during the past month. Why, to think of its va-riety of facts, the character and standing of those who bear witness to its transdendent truths; then to wit-ness its phenomens of materialization, slate-writing and other phases; then the old speakers, and the young grants coming rapidity to the front!

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There are many mediums I would like to speak of;
there is one tast coming to the front, Mrs. Dr. J. W.
Stiff, a woman in the prime of life, honest and upright,
if one can judge from a short acquaintance. I heard her to day in conference before a large and approcla-tive and longe that seemed spell-bound by her singuient bresentation of truth. Mrs. Still wishes to correspond with any Spiritualist Society from here to the Pacific Coast with a view of giving lectures."

a to many disconvisionale. And disconstruction MILWAUKER, J. S. writes : "Many of the old workers in our cause are passing away, among them, a tew weeks since, Henry Preeman, once yery liberal and active with us. More recently, Mr. N. M. Gra-ham. Though he was a firm Spirituallet and a me-dium and a constant reader of the BANNER, there were only a few spiritualists at the spieral. The min-fatch officiating, a stranger to him, said to those as-sembled that he was took acquainted with the man, help as far as he sould learn he was ready autimot atraid, to die, which was a consolation; to the family, and, that, if, they lived; good, and, unright; lives; they could meet him in the, spirit-land, 1) How long have we walk for Spiritualism to become recognized at all imes, and on all occasions, perpoially at a funeral

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a séance in our own house. A cabinet was made in a corner of our parlor with shawls and curtains of our own. She was here on a visit; did not come for a seance. There were ten beside myself and husband. My mother came very plainly, and several other spirits who were recognized, one a little girl of twelve. A young lady came, and in full light of the lamp stood so that all saw her plainly. Mrs. Kramer is also a fine medium. She site in full sight, while at the same time we see spirits, full form, three and four at once."

New York.

BROOKLYN.-B, W. Clough writes: "I was in San Francisco in 1884, and often attended the spiritual meetings. During the summer of that year we were favored with the presence of that inspired and gifted lady, Mrs. Emma Hardinge (now Mrs. E. H. Britten). I had heard her lecture in New York some time before, and was very much pleased that she had come to San Francisco. There were not many Spiritualists there at that time, but the few had engaged a small hall on Market street, a little way below Montgomery street, and there the lady's lectures were given." Our correspondent also apeaks highly of Mrs. Hardinge Britten's labors in California as an orator for the Na-tional Cause at a critical period in the late civil war.

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Good Things for No. 1.

We shall inaugurate Vol. LXII. of the BAN-NER next week with a fine table of contents, which we feel will interest our readers everywhere. Among the spiritual and literary matters which will find publication in No. 1 may be mentioned the following:

A full account of the remarkable mediumship of the late John C. Grinnell, from the pen of Hon. Thomas R. Hazard-never before pub-

An interesting sketch of "AMARONA," (with

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Reports of phenomena, BANNER Corespondence from various States, etc., will also appear.

Dr. Talmage on the Other World.

A recent discourse of this noted Brooklyn preacher, delivered at The Hamptons, was devoted to the subject of the "Employments of Heaven," and was extremely interesting from his standpoint and as an exposition of his per sonal views and sympathies. The question: 'What are our departed friends doing now?" he thought was more easily answered than might be supposed. Nevertheless, he is content to depend for his ideas and information upon the story as it was told eighteen centuries ago, drawing his inferences from that

After God has made a nature—he lays it down-he never eradicates the chief characteristic of its temperament. A phlegmatic temperament never becomes a sanguine one, nor the reverse. Paul and John were just as different natures after their 'conversion" as they were before. And Dr. Talmage argues that if "conversion" does not eradicate the prominent characteristics of the temperament, neither will death eradicate them. He regards the question, therefore, as a sum in addition and a sum in subtraction. We are to subtract all earthly grossness from our departed friends, and add all earthly goodness. Then we are to conclude that they are doing in heaven what in their best moments they did on earth.

Dr. Talmage spurns the common notion of heaven, that it is a place of rigid and out-anddried forms, full of monotonous occupation. He remarked of people who liked to go to church that they would not wish to stay there till Christmas; and that however much people may like to hear the halleluiah chorus, they would not care to hear only that for fifty centuries; and that, though it might gratify many to wear crowns of gold, it would be only an afflicting burden to have to wear such things forever. We run the thing into the groundto employ his own language—when we make what is special and celebrative to be the exclualve employment of heaven. You might as well, said he, if asked to describe the habits of American society, describe a Decoration Day, or a Fourth of July, or an autumnal Thanksgiving, as though it were all the time that way.

He believed we should all be just as different one from the other in heaven as here; and hence he believed that there will be at least as many different employments in the celestial world as there are here. The great love that will absorb our being will no more abolish employment than loves on earth-paternal, filial, fraternal and conjugal-abolish occupations here. Those who on earth found great joy and delight in what is esteemed fine, he belleved are now indulging their tastes in heaven in the same direction. On earth they had their gladdest pleasures amid pictures and statuary, and in studying the laws of light and shade and perspective. Have you any idea, he asked, that that affluence of faculty at death collapsed and perished? There is now more for them to look at; they have a far keener appreciation of the beautiful; they stand amid the very looms where the sunsets and the rainbows and the spring mornings are woven. Because the treachery smacks strongly of immediate death, painter has dropped his easel, the soulptor his They give up their arms without a struggle and the engrayer his knife, is it to be and then flee for their lives; this is the great of that that taste which he has been en
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graph all over the nation; great sympathy is chiest, and the engraver his knife is it to be

is obliterated? These artists while on earth worked in coarse material, and with imperfect brain and frail hand. Now they have carried their art into larger liberties and wider circumference. They are at their old business yet, but without the fatigues, the limitations, and the hindrances of the terrestrial studio. Raphael could now improve upon his masterplece of Michael, the Archangel. Michael Angelo could more vividly present the Last Judgment. The painters find their strength of faculty muleye, the brain and the hand were taken away from them.

And so, too, our departed friends who in this world were passionately fond of music are still regaling that taste in the world celestial. If heaven had no songs of its own, said Dr. Talmage, a vast number of those of earth would have been taken up by the earthly immigrants. Cannot the soul sing? We often say there is so much soul in such or such an one's music. In heaven it will be all soul. Cannot the soul hear? If it can, then it can hear music. Therefore do not, when some one in our households leaves for heaven, close the plane and unstring the harp, as many do, because the fingers that used to play them are still. We must remember that they have better instruments of music where they are. Music was born in heaven, and it will ever have its highest throne in heaven.

And those who in this world had very strong military spirit are now, he believed, in armies celestial and out on bloodless battle fields. They are enlisted straightway in some heavenly campaign. Besides, in our own world there are battles for the right and against the wrong, where we must have the heavenly military. We are buoyant and courageous, because while we know that the armies of evil in the world are larger than the army of the truth, there are celestial cohorts in the air fighting on our side. Dr. Talmage confessed that he had not so much faith in the army on the ground as he had in the army in the air. And our mathematical friends in heaven find their delight and joy in mathematics. In heaven numbers, distances, calculations, are infinite. And the metaphysicians on earth are still engaged in studying mind. With them it is glorious metaphysics, everlasting metaphysics.

but with lightning locomotion, vision telescopic and microscopic at the same time. A continent at a glance; a world in a second; a planetary system in a day. Those whose delight on earth was in study are studying yet. with all the volumes of the universe open before them. The historians are studying history, but instead of the fragmentary history of our planet the history of the eternities. The departed astronomers are going with one stroke of the wing right out to Juniter and Mars and Mercury and Saturn and Orion and the Pleiades. The chemists are still pursuing their own

The explorers on earth are exploring still,

science. They stand on the other side of the thin wall of electricity, the wall that seems to divide the physical from the spiritual world. that so often seems to be broken through, and the mystery is all at once cleared up for them. And the legal minds are studying law in a universe where everything is controlled by law, from the least unto the greatest.

And those who in this life delighted in exercising the art of healing, they are still busily engaged at their old business. "No sickness in heaven." says Dr. Talmage. "but plenty of sickness on earth, plenty of wounds in the different parts of God's dominion to be healed and to be medicated." He dwells on the probability that the healing spirits are still employed in their vocation on earth, and under greatly improved conditions and with vastly increased powers. He would not at all wonder if Abercrombie and Dr. John Brown, and others of renown as healers on earth, come back again and again to see some of their old patients, and to have their joy in healing the sick-

ness and the woes of earth. And as for those who found their chief joy here in social converse, what are they doing now? Dr. Talmage believes they are engaged in brighter conversation there and enjoying a grander sociality. "What a place to visit in," he exclaims, "where your next door neighbors are kings and queens, you yourselves kingly and queenly." And he fills up the picture with striking personalities. It is strongly evident that Dr. Talmage refuses respect for the old belief in the nebulous and vaporous indistinctness of the spiritual state, and does implicitly believe in spirit return and spirit service on

Who are the Law-Breakers?

In the matter of the recent Ute troubles a case in point is furnished showing how weak is the hope of the red man for justice in this conntry when white cupidity or prejudice enter the field against him.

It is only a short time since that the daily papers all over the land were filled with halfcolumn headlines about a great "Ute uprising" which threatened to engulf in general massacre the unfortunate white settlers, and spread fire and ruin broadcast in the sovereign State of Colorado. For awhile the enemies of the Indians, East and West, fed-as they always do in such cases—the flame of popular panic, and magnified the aggressive nature and bloody character of the projected Indian campaign. But all at once came a puff of investigation from Washington, and loi the frontier card-

castle of war fell in ruins and without a sound Let us review the case according to the printed reports in the daily press-for these are, naturally, all we have to be governed by in the matter, and upon their trustworthiness this criticism must stand or fall: A party of Indians are challenged by a number of cowboys to a race—the penalty being that the losers must forfeit their horses; the race is won by the Indians; the white men refuse to pay the "debt of honor" (an indebtedness which those who are given to games of chance among civilized people are wont to consider more binding than a written note); the Indians having fairly won, take the only course which according to their light will give them their due, and decamp with the horses in the night; the laws of Colorado proclaim them at once as horse-thieves. [Mem. Would any one, in the name of the law. have taken steps to protect the lives of these Indians had they lost, and then refused to give up their ponies and been murderously attacked with revolver and rifle by the cowboys, because of their recalcitrance?] A sheriff and posse attempt the arrest of the offenders (?) under circumstances which to the minds of the Indians schooled to the memory of white

expressed for the sheriff and his party, and the 'raw militia" who have been ordered into the Indian fastnesses by the Governor of Colorado; and the finger of the Indiophobist everywhere is pointed frantically to the scene of trouble with an hysterical shrick for government troops to "pul down the savages."

Just here President Cleveland by his action (for which he deserves the thanks of every lover of justice in America,) proves himself the true man that he is, and his subordinates, from the tiplied ten thousand fold. And this is why the Indian office down, together with the army commanders on the spot, seem pervaded with his own spirit. The Governor of Colorado is assured that the State laws must be enforced by Constitutional means; that the Ute reservation-under the protection of the United States—cannot be invaded by the State troops, and shall not be; and thus the wave of frontier wrath is stayed by the very hands of the regular soldiery by whose aid it really expected to roll on to victory and a fulfillment of the old Colorado ory : "The Utes must go !"

As time proceeded the true state of the case has dawned on the nation; the daily press wipes the fevered perspiration from its furrowed brow, and laughs heartily about the whole thing as one huge joke. But how about the Indian side of this very funny episode: Quite a number of them have been killed and wounded; if report be true they have been treacherously assailed by the Colorado troops in the morning, when the night previous they had been assured by these same troops that they would be allowed to retire unmolested to the reservation; they have been attacked, (if the same report be true) contrary to the rules of civilized war, by frontiersmen disguised in United States uniform-which in the present instance has meant that its wearer is the Indian's friend: 8000 head of sheep and other stock have been abandoned by the really peacefully inclined Indians in their terror ; and 300 horses, the property of Indians, have fallen into the white man's hands "to be held as hastages," so the dispatches naively state it, for the persons of Colorow and the two comrades whose bodies the State demands the surrender of as horsethieves—the agent of the Ute reservation protesting, and an officer of the United States troops averring that these same horses were already being broken for individual uses by private parties, so that the number in the hands of the State was slowly melting away and would thus be lost to the Indians entirely. We might be pardoned for asking if the laws of Colorado, about which we hear so much, contemplate a protection of such a course, which, to say the very least, closely resembles "hippo-

klentia" on a large soule? The hand of Colorow have, as by last accounts succeeded in getting back to their reservation (from which Agent Byrnes claims they were originally absent of right, being on a hunting expedition under the provisions of the treaty of 1874); peace reigns; and the authorities, National and State, are doing what they can to return to the Indians such of their propertyhorses included—as can be gained possession of. We trust that in the settlement of this trouble the government at Washington will stand by its wards, and hold the State responsible for all Indian property lost or destroyed in this connection.

And we further hope that the lesson of this unfortunate affair-so patent that we will not pause for a summing up-will not be lost on the people of America.

"The Boston Journal of last week, we believe stated the case correctly when it said that in all the incidents thus far recerded "it is the whites who have been the aggressors," and added: "The fact that not a single outrage or depredation of any kind has been committed by the Indians, that they have shown a steadfast purpose to avoid hostilities, and that such fighting as has taken place has been only when they were attacked, seems to attest their innocence of any desire to make war."

The Struggle at Hand.

On the fourth of next month will be held in Springfield, Mass., the regular annual meeting of the American Board of Foreign Missions, alphabetically known as the A. B. C. F. M. The session is expected to occupy the body of the week. There are some two hundred members of the Board, the total number being restricted to two hundred and fifty. It is what is called a close corporation and is self-perpetuating. It has the power to manage its business according to its own pleasure; and the Congregational churches it represents have no right to interfere. In such relation, however, it is difficult to understand how it can claim to be their representative. Yet while it depends upon the churches for the more than one-half million dollars which it annually requires for carrying on its missionary work, it has committed itself to a missionary policy that is fast alienating their sympathy. Therefore there is a loud summons for a radical change in the Board. The churches, as they are the ones that furnish the money, insist on the right to a representation in the Board that shall at least be an acknowledgment of their indispensable service. They begin to think they ought to control its

The interest in the coming meeting is deep and rapidly extending. The party that holds the fort as against Andover Seminary have been extremely active in the issue of circulars calling on all members of the board to be present without fail to endorse the policy of the prudential committee. It is at work precisely after the fashion of political parties that are drumming up votes and making proselytes. The issue is the one raised over commissioning a certain missionary to preach to the heathen at the board's expense, who believes that probation for those who have never heard of Christ is continued in the next world. The trouble is really caused by the limitation of the Orthodox creed; it is found that it will not work, the more widely it is applied to actual humanity. As a dogma and symbol of church authority, it was as good as anything else for a time to rally around, but an enlarging application of it forces it to go to pleces. The issue raised by the party in possession of the American Board is this: that no man can be sent out as a foreign missionary under its auspices who holds that those who have had no chance to hear of Christ in this world may have probation continued to them in the next. If the board stands by its present policy and utterances, it is believed that a fatal division is inevitable.

GERALD MASSEY, who has for the past twenty-three years been in receipt from the English Government of an annuity of seventy pounds, has, in response to the memorial of Matthew Arnold, Bobert Browning, Herbert Spencer, Prof. Tyndall, William Orookes and others, had it increased to one hundred pounds.

Much matter of special interest, phenomenal, local sind philosophical, is printed this week under the "Banner Correspondence" head, tries Iristeds in Kanasa, Ohio, Missouri, Versanta, Manachusetts, Wasconin and New York 11

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The Cincinnati Waif Movement

Is a worthy one, and should become an established fact. What on earth is more commendable than to resoue from destruction, mentally and morally, the little neglected waifs of a great city? This Mrs. Hattie D. Mackensle, of Cincinnati, is endeavoring to do. Our spirit friends and ourselves endorse this movement of that philanthropic lady. Such an institution is already in successful existence in London, and is well patronized by the liberal-minded in England. Why should not such an institution or a number of them-be established in this country, as Mrs. Mackenzie is endeavoring to put in practical operation? Sufficient funds are all that is required. The BANNER's call for aid has been responded to thus far liberally; but we hope to increase the donation fourfold. Any sum, no matter how small, will be gratefully received.

Previously acknowledged [The Postoffice address of Mrs. Mackenzle is 114 Broadway, Cincinnati, O.]

THE SPIRIT MESSAGE DEPARTMENT WILL be found unusually interesting, as to contents, the present week. Attention is specially called to the communication of Waukaleta-verily a prose poem in itself. The questions cover important matters, and are cogently treated by the Controlling Intelligence.

The trenchant reply of Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten (see first page) to the "learned foolishness" of Moncure Conway anent the Seybert Commission and its report, should be read by every one into whose hands the present issue of the BANNER may fall.

Augustus Day, of Detroit, Mich., to whose card on our fifth page attention is called. informs us that "the Camp-Meeting at Haslett Park has indeed proved a grand success, the attendance taxing its accommodations to the utmost extent."

The sensational articles which have lately appeared in the daily press in regard to the Cincinnati Walf Institution were wholly unwarranted-and have resulted in injuring the feelings of highly respectable people.

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"Only a Thin Veil Between Us."

The above deeply spiritual and very impressive song, the latest given to the public by Prof. C. P. Longley, was sung by Mr. J. Frank Baxter at Lake Pleasant Camp, and received with great favor. So no circles will be held on Friday afternoons, as great was the popular interest in it that he was requested to repeat it at a subsequent Sunday meeting, which he did before an audience of ten thousand. It is destined to become a general favorite among Spiritualists. Copies may be obtained at the Banner of Light Bookstore, 9 Bosworth street, Boston.

PROF. JOHN McLEOD (formerly M. P. of New Zea land), to whose remarkably successful labors for the relief of human suffering in America we have several times alluded in the columns of the BANNER, is at pres ent located at 121 Pine street, Providence R. I. The Professor's special gifts are the bestowal of clairvoyance, the development of mediumship, the healing of disease at a distance, by transmitted magnetism, etc. We have recently perused a number of letters addressed to him by parties in Boston, Charlestown Dis triot (do.), South Boston, New York City, Memphis. Mo., etc., in which the writers acknowledge the receipt of marked benefit from his powers in the sev eral directions above named. One gentleman in Missouri, whom the Professor has never seen, and who is unward of one thousand miles distant from the home of his benefactor, avers that whereas he was for years tortured with bronchial pain and a severe cough, he was cured in 24 hours by the application of a simple magnetized bandage, sent him by Prof. McLeod.

HALL'S JOURNAL OF HEALTH.—In the September number the cause of many cases of ill health is traced directly to a habit of over-eating, which the writer onsiders to be as injurious as a free use of intoxicating liquors. A plea is made for a more general introduction of amusements as conducive to the health of the people. An attractive page of this issue is that on which appears the representation of a portrait in erayon made through the remarkable mediumship of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Bogers, transferred from the Ban-NER OF LIGHT March 26th, accompanying which some account is given of the manner in which it was produced, and the personal experience of the editor in obtaining a correct likeness of a long-since departed friend by the same phenomenal process. An interesting variety of shorter articles is given, and taken altogether, this is a most excellent number of a periodical that all our readers will find it to their advantage to subscribe for. Published at 206 Broadway.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Berry mediums, on our fifth page. We are informed that Mr. Johnson, who has recently been developed under the care of George T. Albro, has already given excellent promise. He will hold scances (under strict conditions) at the homes of any who may desire his services. Mr. Albro retains the management of the Berry sisters, and will also act as manager for Mr. Johnson. The scances of the Berry sisters and Mr. Johnson commence Bept, 18th.

Mr. L. W. Goodell, seed grower, of Amherst, Mass., exhibited some choice out flowers at Horticulturni Hall, Boston, Saturday last, for which he received the first prize. Mr. Goodell kindly donated them after the exhibit to the BANNER OF LEGHT establishment. and they were distributed among those connected with the paper in its various departments.

Our correspondent, A. H. Nicholas, of Fair mount, Leavenworth County, Kan., writes that he has just patented a simple, convenient and practical faid ing step for common wagons. Partice wishing to know. particulars touching the invention can address him as

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A NEW DEPARTURE.

Reopening of the Public Free Circles,

As is well known to our oldest patrons, these circles have been held ever since the issuance of the first number of the BANNER OF LIGHT. wherein thousands of decarnated human beings have had the blessed opportunity of communicating through this avenue with their dearly loved ones in the earthly life. We propose, with the assistance of the good angels who inaugurated this Department of our paper. to still continue it. Thus on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, and each recurring Tuesday of the season of 1887-8. MISS M. T. SHELHAMER, the wellknown trance medium, will occupy our platform for the purpose of answering such questions as may be presented the Controlling Intelligence by the Chairman, MR. L. B. WILSON -and of giving such other spiritual matter to the public as the guides of the medium may deem important-which matter given through her vocal organs will be reported verbatim by MISS EMILY CHACE, a competent stenographer. for publication in due course upon our sixth

Miss Shelhamer first made her appearance upon our Circle-Room platform in October. 1879, and has filled the position of medium thereon during the seasons that have followed. up to the close of the past season. Thousands of individual spirit messages received through this instrumentality have been published in the columns of the BANNER, as we have before said, a large number of which have been fully verified and joyfully accepted by the friends of the communicating spirits, nearly all of whom were entire strangers to the medium and to ourselves until brought to our knowledge by the denizens of the spirit-world.

Now as to the new departure: In view of the long service of Miss Shelhamer in this capacity, and because of the unavoidable taxation visited upon her magnetic forces during this lengthy period of control by constantly changing and unfamiliar intelligences, and because her guides have deemed it best to henceforth devote a portion of her powers and time to the public lecture-field, they have decided to make a change.

Henceforth, therefore, Miss Shelhamer will hold but one public circle weekly at this officeand that as stated above. It will be devoted to the consideration of questions—such as may be sent in by the public—by Spirit John Pierpont and his spiritual band.

On Thursdays of each week, beginning Sept. 15th, our platform will be occupied by some well-developed trance medium, through whose instrumentality individual spirit-messages will be given to the world. At the Thursday meetings no questions will be presented, but the time will be devoted to the reception of such spirits as desire to reach their mortal friends through the medium thus employed. Having made arrangements with that excellent trance medium, John William Fletchen, and his guides to occupy our platform for this purpose on Thursday afternoons, that gentleman will make his first appearance there Sept. 15th, at 3 P. M. In consequence of the new arrangement. heretofore.

Our Circle-Room on both Tuesday and Thursday afternoons will be open to the public, free of expense, where, under the combination of the spiritual influences to be centered there, we feel satisfied those who may attend will find much food for instruction.

Any one having questions of practical bearing upon human life in any of its departments of thought and labor, which they would like answered by the spirit-world intelligences, may send them to our address by mail, or hand them to the Chairman of the Circle at this office, who will present them to the spirits at the Tuesday séances for consideration.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Mr. Charles E. Watkins, the wonderful medium for independent slate-writing, came to the Lake Pleasant Camp-Meeting, with his wife and child, the last week of our meeting. I am very happy to state that Mr. Watking was very fortunate in his selection of a wife. She has proved a helpmeet indeed. Let us all try by words of encouragement to help him in his good reso lutions. His mediumship is improving. The manifestations in his presence are very remarkable. I was informed that their little boy, seven years old, possesses the same gift of his father, and has obtained writing between two slates, for the amusement of his young companions. His parents do not desire him to practice this until he is older, fearing it may affect his health while he is so young. I think there is no phase of mediumship so convincing and satisfactory to the skeptic or believer as that of independent slate-writ-JOSEPH BEALS.

Greenfield, Mass., Sept. 2d, 1887.

[We are fully satisfied, as was the late Mr. Epes Sargent, of the entire reliability of Mr. Watkins as an independent slate-writing medium, and we hope the friends everywhere will encourage him in re his mediumship.—Ep.]

Hypnotic experiments seem to be the reigning sensation at present in Paris, and other thought contres in France. One singular result of this system of practical inquiry is recorded in the following paragraph, to the dissemination of which many of the secular papers of America are now devoting the necessary

space:
"In one of the Paris cafés chantantes a young girl is at present giving singing performances while in a hypnotic state. When awake Mile. Theodosie is said to have not the slightest musical talent, but as soon as she sinks into a trance she warbles in the most artistic manner all kinds of songs. It is said that fraud is out of the question, as a number of physicians have textified that in the natural state Mile. Theodosic sings execrably."

Attention is called to the card of Mrs. Amanda M. Cowan, on our fifth page, amounting a change of location to take place about the middle of the present months and a supplied to ach

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ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

The present number of the BANNER completes its sixty-first volume. It closes this division of time at 8 o'clock. in its history with greetings to all its friends in every portion of the civilized world where it circulates-desiring a continuance of their friendship.—To its numerous correspondents who have aided it in the great work, it is indeed grateful.-And now it confidently hopes that its patrons will aid in its circulation by urging their friends to subscribe for it at this time of the opening of a new volume.

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As light as thistle down upon the breeze
Upon the billows floats the Volunteer;
That she may down the Thistle with all case
Is what some hope and what some others fear.

"If thistle do the work I think it can,"
Says shrewd designer Burgess, "that is all;
If thistle not, why, thistle be my plan:
I'll have another model out next fall!"

—Choogo Tribune,

"ALKS! POOB" YANTIO.-The following, from the Boston *Herald's* special dispatch from Bar Harbor (Me.) before the North Atlantic Squadron sailed for the recent mock battle at Newport, R. I., contains information which will hardly strike terror to the hearts

of our country's enemies : "The Yantic may possibly not accompany the squadron on the entire trip, as, owing to her boilers being worn out, her speed is reduced to such an extent that the new steel vessels of the squadron will hardly be able togo equally slow without backing their engines, a progress in economical steaming which is hardly compatible with newer methods."

Nevertheless, the Yantic did "get there," though the accounts would seem to indicate that she was entirely "out of breath" when she arrived; as the narrative states sententiously (regarding the battery practice off Brenton's Reef,) "The Yantic did not

A BULL OF BASHAN.—An Albany lady who has great admiration of her minister recently said of him: "Oh! he is so very smart. Why, just think of it, when he gets going you can hear him preaching way down by the creek bridge."—The Arcostook (Me.) Herald.

The Theatre Royal, Exeter, Eng., was destroyed by fire on the evening of Sept. 5th, during the perform-ance of "The Romany Rye"; and a fearful loss of life occurred by reason of poor exits and the terrible panic which reigned among the people. Latest advices at time of going to press place the dead at upward of one hundred and forty, and the wounded at sixty-many of whom were thought to be fatally injured.

WANTED.—At the Belvidere Seminary, a gentleman teacher qualified to give instructions in Latin, Greek and higher mathematics. A Spiritualist preferred. Address Principals of Belvidere Seminary, Belvidere,

It is stated that Sir Walter Scott had the strange experience of reading, with the same sense of novelty as if he had been one of the general public, three of his own works," The Bride of Lammermoor," " A Legend of Montrose" and "Ivanhoe." He dictated them while he was sick, and after his restoration to health found that every circumstance of their composition had escaped his memory. He himself said of "The Bride of Lammermoor" that he "did not recollect one single incident, character or conversation it con-

The ship Falls of Bruar of Glasgow, bound from Hamburg to Calcutta with a cargo of salt, founded off Yarmouth, Sept. 4th, the cargo having shifted. Five of the crew were rescued and 24 were drowned.

"My mother gets me up, builds the fire, gets my breakfast and sends me off," said a bright youth. "What then?" said the reporter. "Then she gets my father up and gets his breakfast and sends him off, then gets the other children their breakfast and sends them to school, and then she and the baby have their breakfast." "How old is the baby?" "Uh, she is most two, but she can walk and talk as well as any of us." "Are you well paid?" "I get two dollars a week; father gets two dollars a day," "How much does your mother get?" With a bewildered look the boy said: "Mother! why, she don't work for any-body." "I thought you said she worked for all of you." "Oh, yes, she does, but there aint no money in it."—American Farmer.

Ten thousand people attended the Ennis meeting of the Irish National League, Sept. 4th. The soldiers and police having selzed Ballycoree hill, where the meeting was to be held, the people were addressed in a field, and later, under police pressure, in O'Connell square. Military and police caused movements of the procession from its halting points, and the crowd quietly dispersed.

Mrs. J. R. Vincent, for thirty-five years a favorite ember of the Boston Museum Company, died at about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, Sept. 4th, from a shock of apoplexy received on Thursday. The deceased had attained to nearly 70, years in earth-life. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 6th, at St. Paul's Church. The interment occurred at Mount

Photography, it is claimed, is to be still further advanced by the use of the air brush. In this device a little holder is charged with India ink, and, by a bellows operated with a foot-pedal after the manner of a sewing machine, the fluid is blown upon a faintly outlined portrait, the result giving a picture superior in many respects to the best crayon drawing-the whole operation involving only a few hours' time.

According to a Parliamentary return, the British national debt decreased \$29,199,518 during the last financial year, and \$490,818,518 in the last thirty years. The present amount is £736,278,688, or \$3,582,782,095.

The August number of the North American Review has a paper by Wong Chin Foo entitled "Why I Am a Reathen." The writer, after some years spent in this ling of the operations, and a practical acknowledgcountry, has no doubt of the wisdom of still remaining among the heathen: "The only positive point," he says, "Ohristians have impressed on heathenism is that they would ascrifice religion, honor, principle, as they do life, for gold !"

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LITERARY TROUBLES!—The trouble with the compositor is that most learned men haven't added the art of writing to all the accomplishments that have made them famous.—The trouble with most learned menisthat those "blamed" compositors never learned to read.—The trouble with the proof-reader is that both the learned men and the "blamed" compositors expect him to know everything that both of them never knew or have forgotten.—Somerville Journal.

Charles M. Hovey, the famous pomologist, closed his earthly career at his home in Cambridge, Mass., Thursday, Sept. 1st, at the age of seventy-seven years.

The Woman's Congress, of which Mrs. Julia Ward Howe is President, will hold its next meeting in New York City, Oct. Sein, 27th and 28th.

"I wish I could afford to have the house painted this spring," said Mr. Chippenberry, as he stood out in the front yard affor, supper and looked ever his domicil. "Can't you get it lithographed?" suggested Mrs. Chippenberry. "Lithographs are so much cheaper than real painting, you know."—Chango, Mriss.

Mr. Bailcroft is now venerable, but one would not say it to see the historian daily liding his thoroughbred horse on Bellevue Avenue. He has as firm a seat in the saddle as though only a man of forty, and the only sign that years are creeping on him is that his groom rides at his side, and no longer follows at the regulation distance.

Glass dollars, a dangerous counterfelt, are bothering tradesmen in a New York precinct. Glass gives a ring to the false metal. The glass dollar is brittle and may easily so broken with a hammer.

It was Miss Grace H. Dodge, daughter of Wm. E. Dodgo, the millionaire, who organized the first of New. York's: working women's 'clubs, of which there are now more than a dozen in New York City.

"Labor Day" was observed in Boston last Monday

Funeral of Curtis Allen, Esq. The funeral service of Curtis Allen, Esq., was held

at the Hotel Franklin, Boston, on Sunday, Aug. 28th,

The floral designs were very beautiful, and there was a large attendance of friends. The exercises were conducted by Mr. J. W. Fletcher and Miss M. T. Shelhamer.

After an invocation by Mr. Fletcher's guide, Miss Shelhamer proceeded to deliver a very touching and appropriate address that brought comfort and conso-

committee of arrangements. Questions were asked practically without limit, as every meeting concluded long before answers could be given to all desirous of interrogating the speaker. The poems delivered after each discourse gave great satisfaction.

On Saturday, Aug. 27th, a social reception was held at the residence of Dr. Barrington, attended by nearly one hundred invited guests. The company appeared highly entertained throughout the proceedings, which were attractively diversified.

The city papers gave lengthy and complimentary reports of some of Mr. Colville's addresses, and the Spiritualists as a whole are very sanguine that great public interest will be sustained in the cause as a result of the publicity given to these large gatherings. Financially the affair was thoroughly successful; the ex-penses were heavy, but were all met without difficulty -indeed there was a balance remaining after all bills were settled.

On Sunday, Sept. 4th, Mrs. Ada Foye, of San Francisco, was engaged by the friends who employed Mr. Colville. Great interest was felt in her approaching visit.

Mr. Colville commenced his work in San Francisco on that date. His address is care of Dr. Albert Morton, 210 Stockton street.

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The noble BANNER is too widely known and has sustained too grand a mission to be culogized at this late day. It speaks for itself each week, and never trails its spotless folds in dust or mire. The past has proved its worth and success, the present marks its power, and the future will carry it triumphantly on .- Light on the Way, Dover, Mass.

Perine Mountain Home.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: The meeting on the mountain top last Sunday afternoon, at the Perine Mountain Home, was an immense success. The day was superb and in every way an enjoyable one; there were not less than three thou-

enjoyable one; there were not less than three thousand persons in attendance to listen to the eloquence of the Rev. Dr. Kdward McGlynn, of New York. If the machine, he said, will not let me preach, the mountain top, the seashore, the halis and the streets are open to me to proclaim the truth.

With regret he noted that religion is losing its hold on men in the church. It cannot conquer the world until purified by suffering and until the church seeks only souls. It is time that we should learn to distinguish between the truths of religion and the rottenness, corruption, abuse and ruinous policy of the ecolesiastical machines. Love God, he said, and cling to him. Look up to him every hour in the day, and never for a moment be separated from his truths.

Dr. McGlynn proceeded at some length, with all the eloquence and force of which he is master. He will work for the right, to elevate man for his highest development, and for his social and financial, as well as religious happiness.

On Sunday next Wm. C. Bowen, of Brooklyn, will lecture at the Home. There will also be a test medium present.

To the President of the World's Medical Congress.

Dear Sir-Will you be so kind as to call the attention of the World's Medical Congress, now in session at Washington, D. C., to the necessity on the part of the medical profession to-day, of a better understandment of the existence of the subtle forces generated in or superimposed upon the human organism, such as magnetism, electricity, etc., the efficiency of which in assisting nature when patients are attacked by diseased conditions of body and mind—as shown by the process of healing by laying on of hands, and by other vitalising methods—is being widely recognized among the people of the present age, and in all parts of the A. S. HAYWARD, Boston, Mass., Sept. 6th, 1887.

Portland, Me.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

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The Spiritual Temple Society of Portland commenced its meetings for this season on Sunday, Sept. 4th—Dr. P. H. Rosede, of Providence, R. I., being the speaker. F. H. Roscoe, of Providence, R. I., being the speaker.
He gave us two of the finest lectures ever given in
Porliane under spirit control. The Doctor is engaged
for the month of September. Societies would do well
to secure his services, for in the future they will be in
great demand. He is certainly one of the best trance
speakers now before the public; and not only commands the respect of the Spiritualists but of akeptics
and investigators as well.

MRS. JOHN B. BRAZIER.

15 Myrile street, Portland, Me.

Detroit. Mich.

I intend to inaugurate a course of regular meetings in Fraternity Hall in the month of January, and would invite correspondence with platform test lecturers as to their terms and conditions.

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"I would not wish to employ any one for less than one month; with privilege of three or six." I am opposed to the "itinerant plan" of lectures, and the paying of so much to ratiroads in the way of fares.

"The field here was never so ripe for harvesting as at present, and I feel that I am ready to commence my long-desired work: I say it of engage such lecturers as will command a full hall (capacity six hundred).

"I State street, Desvot, Mich., Augustus Dax.

To the Deserving Poor.

Spiritualistic Meetings in Boston.

Children's Progressive Lycoum No. 1.—Sessions every Sunday at il A. M. in (large) Paine Memorial Hall, Appleton street, near Tremont. All seats free. Every one invited. Benj. P. Weaver, Conductor; Francis B. Wood-bury, Corresponding Secretary, 45 Indiana Piace, Boston.

bury, Corresponding Secretary, 45 Indiana Piace, Boston.
College Hall, 34 Essex Street.—Sundays, at 10½
A. M., 2½ and 7½ F. M. Eben Cobb, Conductor.
Engle Hall, 616 Washington Street, corner of
Seasex.—Sundays, at 2½ and 7½ F. M.; also Thursdays at
3 F. M. Able speakers and test mediums. Excellent music,
Prescott Robinson, Chairman.
1931 Washington Street.—The First Spiritualist
Ladies' Aid Society meets every Friday. Mrs. H. O. Torrey, Secretary.

Shelhamer proceeded to deliver a very touching and appropriate address that brought comfort and consolation to the sorrowing wife and friends. The result, but in the effort that is made, in the motire that has inspired in the life, and this brother has gone out leaving behind a record which we can all study with profit to cursely. He loved the truth, he was willing to suffer for it and to bear its banner in the face of all opposing forces; and his deep interest in Spiritualism, together with his deavored to earter of the face of all opposing forces; and this deep interest in Spiritualism, together with his deavored to earter of the sum of the state of a part of his life.

Spiritual gain is true wealth; the only riches that can be taken to the world of light are those that the heat gains from the deep wells of experience; and the lesson suggested to every mind is that of a trutholoring soul gone to his reward; Yet, in the future spiritual influence was felt by those present.

Mr. Fletcher, under control, said: "As we stand here before the open comin, and look down upon the face of the dead, we instinctively sair." Is Death the face of the dead, we instinctively sair. Is Death the face of the dead, we instinctively sair. Is Death the said to be with the hear sairs and to be work the instrum. The older the sair of the s

Another correspondent, "A. S. H.," whose report of these meetings is covered by the above, received prior to his, closes with the remark that these College Hall gatherings may justly be termed a school of investigation and psychical research, suited to skeptics, inquirers and Spiritualists alike.

novements of Mediums and Lecturers. [Notices for this Department must reach our office by

Monday's mail to insure insertion the same week.] George A. Fuller will speak Sept. 25th and Oct. 2d at Stafford, Cons.; Oct. 9th, Hanson, Mass.; Oct. 16th, West Duxbury, Mass.; Oct. 23d and 30th, Clinton, Mass.; Nov. 18th, East Dennis, Mass.; Dec. 4th and 11th, also the first two Sundays in February, at Lynn, Mass.; the month of January in Worcester, Mass.; other dates not yet engaged. For terms, etc., address at his home, Dover, Mass.

at his home, Dover, Mass.

Mrs. Carrie C. VanDuzee will answer calls to lecture in any part of the country. Address 212 Baldwin street, Eimira, N. Y.

Prof. W. F. Peck finished a very successful engagement as vocalist at Lake Pleasant, and is now taking a two weeks' rest at Onset. He is engaged to lecture and sing at Epping, N. H., Sept. 17th and 24th; Norwich, Conn., during Oct.; Newburyport, Nov. 6th; Haverhill, Dec. 4th and 11th; Worcester. Dec. 25th. He is open for engagements Nov. 13th, 20th and 27th, Dec. 18th and the Sundays of Jan. within easy distance of Boston. Terms reasonable. Permanent address, 123 West Concord street, Boston.

Frank T. Eipley lectures and gives tests at Quincy.

Frank T. Ripley lectures and gives tests at Quincy, Mass., September 11th. Can be engaged for the last two Sundays of the month; also the month of October. Address him in care of this office.

Mrs. Ada Foye, of San Francisce, having recovered from her late illness, is on her way eastward.

J. Frank Baxter began his season's work at Dux-bury, last Bunday. On next Bunday, Bept. 11th, he will open the season's sessions in Fitchburg; and on Bundays, Sept. 18th and 25th, will lecture in Lynn. Oc-tober will take him to Bridgeport. Conn. Week'even-ings, that month, at liberty for Western Connecticut. Charles Dawbarn, of New York, speaks in Salem, Mass., the first four Sundays in Ostober.

The People's Spiritual Meeting of New York has secured Columbia Hall, 878 Sixth Avenue, where its sessions will be held Sunday afternoons and evenings hereafter, at 2:45 and 7:45, commencing Sept. 11th inst. Mrs. A. L. Pennell, of Onset, Mass., is expected to occupy the platform Sunday, 18th inst.

Etna, Me., Camp-Meeting.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

In my opinion, the Ktna camp ground is the grandest and the best conducted in the Etate, although Temple Heights is fast forging ahead to a very prominent place as such. The grounds are beautifully located on the Maine Central railroad, 17 miles from Bangor. The grove—consisting of beach, birch, cherry and maple trees—is inclosed by a fence surrounding 10 acres of ground, inclining downward toward the north, and forming exactly the right pitch for seating an audience in the pavilion. This is a large building, 40x65 feet long and 30 high, capable of seating 1000 people. Dr. Cyrus Chase of Monroe, Maine, is President. C. M. Brown of Glenburn, Me., Becretary, with an efficient Vice President, Treasurer and Committee; the grounds are destined to become a financial success. A gate fee of 10 cents a day is charged for all new comers, from which the expenses of the Association are paid. The Association consists of 400 members, and every one of them is brimful of enthusiasm for the cause. Maine Spiritualism is of the radical type, and of course I have felt perfectly at home since I have been amongst them, "for how could I help it?" Within the enclosure over 30 cottages and 70 tents have been erected—a city of itself—and some of them are the pretitest designs I ever saw. Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes of Boston, Geo. A. Fuller of Dover, Mass., and Mrs. Abbie Morse of Bearsmont, Maine, are the speakers that have arrived thus far on the grounds. Dr. H. F. Merrill of Montague is expected to arrive to night, and Joseph D. Stiles of Weymouth, Mass., to morrow. Many test mediums are here and are kept quite busy. On August 28th 2,250 tickets were sold, and had the day been clear, I have no doubt but 5,000 would have been. Mrs. Byrnes and Mr. Fuller are splendid speakers and hold their andiences spell-bound. I start for Philadelphia, Bept. 1st, and will continue this letter from there.

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Duxbury. Mass. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

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On Sunday, Sept. 4th, the spiritual meetings continued in West Duxbury, with J. Frank Baxter as speaker, who followed his usual and well known course of song, reading, letture and clairyoyance—and most acceptably. The direct subject in the atternoon was: "Spiritualism, an Humanitarian Beligion."

In the evening, at Duxbury proper, Mr. Baxter again exhibited his versatile sifts, and gaye a trenchant argument in favor of Spiritualism. The attendance was good, and the exercises entertaining and instructive. A want was certainly met.

The scance of the afternoon, though brief, was very good, but that of the evening was long and calculated to incite thought, as well as wonder, and to strengthen a reliance on mediumship, as well as to open the eyes of the akeptical.

On Bunday, Sept. 18th, Mrs. N. J. Willis, well-known, tried and accepted in this vicinity, will be the welcomed speaker. Mr. Baxter will make his next annual visit among us in the summer of 1888. The benediction of Flymouth County Spiritualists is: "Good will and success follow Bro. Baxter in his work for our cause and humanity."

Old COLOMY.

To the Readers of the Banner of Light:

Permit me to say that those among you who wish to open the way for one of the dearest little women in the cpen the way for one of the dearest little women in the world as a speaker upon the public rostrum, or as a medium through whom in home scances spirit-friends come to communicate and give holy, loving messages and wise counsel, can do so by engaging Mrs. Kate R. Stiles, of Worcester, Mass. I volunteer this announcement without any knowledge of it on the part of Mrs. Bitles, because I think her eminently worthy; and am sure I confer a favor upon all who may patronize her.

M. S. TOWNSEND WOOD.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate in Mervous Prestration. Dr. O. C. Srout, Syracuse, N. Y., says; "I have no doubt of its efficacy in all cases of nervous prostration. I gave it to one patient who was unable to transact the most ordinary business; as he explained it, his brain was tired and confused upon the least exertion mentally. Immediate benefit followed the use of the Acid Phosphate, and he owed his recovery by it. "Labor Day" wis observed in Boston last Monday
by a large procession of the Workingmen, (12,000 in
line) and person will be welcome and receive the most
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Spiritualist Meetings in New York. Adelpht Hall, corner of 52d Street and 7th a versue.—Berrices every Sunday at 11 A.M. and 7M F.M. Donference every Sunday at 2M F.M. Admission free to each neeting.

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meeting.

Columbia Hall, 878 6th Avenue, between 49th and 50th Streets.—The People's Spiritual Meeting (removed from Spencer Hall). Services every Sunday at 14 and 74 P. M. Mediums and speakers always present. Frank W. Jones, Conductor.

First Society of Spiritualists.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: Bervices were resumed by the First Society of Spiritualists of New York at Adelphi Hall, corner Seventh

itualists of New York at Adelphi Hall, corner Seventh Avenue and 52d street, on Sunday, Sept. 4th—Mrs. Neilie J. T. Brigham occupying the platform.

The audiences, morning and evening, were of a goodly number, and all seemed glad to again assemble after the usual summer vacation.

Mrs. Brigham discoursed in her usual instructive and entertaining manner. The President of the Society, Mr. H. J. Newton, urged all attendants to be earnest and diligent in the work of promulgating the truths that Spiritualism has made plain to man's comprehension—saying that the harvest was great, but that the faithful and willing laborers were few.

These meetings will be sustained each Sunday morning and evening, at the same place, for the current Society year, and Mrs. Brigham will be the regular speaker; but other speakers will from time to time occupy the platform. Miss Allen has been engaged to sing for the Society.

J. F. C.

Back numbers of the BANNER for no special date will be supplied at four cents per copy: But parties ordering papers for any special date will be charged the usual price-eight cents per copy.

Do you wish to develop Medium Powers? Consult J. W. FLETCHER, 6 Beacon street, Bos-

ALLEN PUTNAM, Esq., will answer calls to lecture or to attend funerals. Address him No. 670 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

The Wisconsin State Association of Spiritualists Will hold its Fourth Annual Meeting in Omro, Wis., Sept. 23d, 24th and 25th. 1837.

Engaged Speakers.—J. L. Potter, Mrs. Aldrich, Mrs. S. E. Blishop and C. W. Cook.

Mrs. L. M. Spencer and other first-class mediums will be present. Good vocal and instrumental music secured. Omcors for ensuing year will be elected. The Life Assurance branch of the Association will be perfected and ready to commence business. Sunday, at 229 F.M., Prof. Lockwood will give a discourse in commemoration of the lives of Lucius Thatcher and Betsey Bates, members of the Association, who have passed to spirit-life since our last annual meeting. Hotel rates \$1.00 per day. All Raliroads in the State will give reduced rates to nearest points to meeting.

*#F Be sure to ask all agents for return certificate before purchasing tickets. Let all Spiritualists interested in life insurance in the Association come prepared to copperate.

1918. J. C. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Omro, Wis., Sept. 1st, 1887. The Wisconsin State Association of Spiritualists

To Correspondents.

No attention is paid to anonymous communications.

Name and address of writer in all cases indispensable as a
guaranty of good faith. We cannot undertake to preserve
or return communications not used. MRS. F. O. H., RAVENNA, O .- We shall at all times be

pleased to receive from you the "notes," etc., spoken of.

Spiritualist Camp-Meetings.

PERINE MOUNTAIN HOME.—A Sunday afternoon meeting (at 3:30) will be held for the summer at this place—near Summit, N. J. Summit, N. J.

PARKLAND, PA.—The Camp-Meeting heretofore held at
Neshaminy Falls now takes place at this locality. Its ninth
annual session will close Sept. 10th. THE QUEEN CITY PARK CAMP-MEETING, Burlington, Vt., closes Sept. 12th. NEW ERA, ORE.—Camp-Meeting at this place com-tences Bept. 15th, and continues two weeks.

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Oh, thou Supreme Spirit, thou wonder working God, whose manifestations of power we behold on every hand; thou who art the light, the truth and the way, the sum and substance of all beling, the fount of all love and peace, we approach thee at this hour, bearing our songs of joy and offering up to thee our thanksgiving of praise, of gratitude, for all that thou hast bestowed upon mankind. We realize thy benefactions, and recognize thy supreme goodness as showered upon humanity; and although we can count up its dark unfoldments, discipline which has been painful and hard to bear, experiences that have been shadowy in heart and life, yet we can understand that these have all been for the good of humanity; that thou hast directed these things for thy own purpose, in thy own way. We would look above the shadows, oh, our Father, and behold the sunbeams; we would rise above the darksome conditions, and realize the grand and glorious ones which thou hast given; and oh! we would ever look upward and onward, gaining light, and joy, and new beauty from the scenes that unfold before our siness. May we reap wisdom from experience; may we gain instruction from the things that are brought to us; may we gain some light, and knowledge, and understanding, from the discipline of life which thou hast given. We nak thy blessing to rest upon all mankind. May it fall into the heart, bearing peace and consolation to the weary and wounded, bringing inspiration and strength to the weak, knowledge to the ignorant, and just that supply of thy bounty and thy love that is most required by any heart. We welcome all returning spirits to this place; we sympathize and mound commune with each one. May all, mortals and immortals alike, be upilified, strengthened, and brought into a closer condition of harmony and peace through the associatious of the hour.

Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT.—You may now present your questions, Mr. Chairman.

QUES.—{By "J. E. D.," North Oxford, Mass.]
Is not the present system of educating children an overtaxing of their mental faculties, and injurious to both their physical and spiritual being? Should not their natural inclinations are when which their natural declinations. tions, as to what subjects to study and how to study them, be more respected than they now

Ans.—If the personal nature of every child was studied carefully by parents and teacher, and a due regard given to the unfoldment of that personal nature and its attributes, there would be less cramming, less restriction in regard to the educational advantages given that child, than at the present time. One system of education is outlined for a large class of pupils, and every one of those scholars differs from the other in some manner—in temperament, habit, inclination or natural feasible—and yet the eninclination or natural faculty—and yet the en-tire class is subjected to one set of rules, the teacher and the board of instruction ignoring the special qualities of the individual brain. One scholar pursuing the line of study placed before him by his teacher, finds it impossible to follow it all, and a sensation of cramming comes over him, and he feels as though gorged to suffocation; physically and mentally he suffers, and we find the child breaking down under it. Another follows the same line of study, but it does not meet the wants of his nature, it does not seem to unfold his mental faculties, and when that child emerges from the school. and when that child emerges from the school, he does so with his mental nature uninformed by the lessons which he is supposed to have learned, and has but a very faint conception of life and the duties. If overwhild was pleased under the its duties. If every child was placed under the care of a wise tutor, its mental and physical na-ture were taken into account, and all the parts of its being brought into harmonious relation to each other, under a scheme of instruction that would unfold its best mental powers, keep-ing in restraint those qualities which seem would emerge from its course of school training well informed and well balanced. By-and-bye, we believe, the educational system will be bye, we believe, the educational system will be improved upon, and the personal nature of every pupil will be more thoroughly understood than it is to day. We do not believe in allowing the child free scope without careful management and oversight, even in the outworking of its own inclinations, or of its personal nature, because it might run into excess, and develop certain parts of its nature at the expense of others, and thus become an illy balanced human being.

Q.—[8y Frederick Haase, National Military Home, Ohio.] Are there islands free from ice, and inhabited, in the Arctic Ocean? If so, what are the spiritual, intellectual and social conditions of the people?

A.—We do not claim to have a knowledge of such islands, not having explored that region

such islands, not having explored that region ourself, but we have met spirits who declare themselves well informed upon the subject, and they affirm that within the Arctic region there are islands free from ice and snow; that a warm atmospheric current flows around those islands, and that the streams are warm and equable. They tell us that upon those islands grow natural fruits and follage, and that flowers of brilliant hue blossom there. We are also ers or brilliant due blossom there. We are also told that upon those islands dwell a people fair in feature, small in stature, and mentally they are not at the present time largely developed, but in habit they are rather indolent, although gracious in manner and simple in appearance. We give you this as given to us by others. True, there are some spirits who believe these narraand the present this larged period from the present the the

It seems to me that one might deal with the practical questions of the day with more profit than is to be found in speculating upon the conditions and localities of the Arctic regions; it seems to me that it is far more worth while to look after the spiritual welfare and educa-tion of those people and nations that we know of than to consider the possible condition of some possible race. Not but what I am willing that every mind should turn its thought to whatever subject most interests it, because that is very much better than allowing the mind to stagnate, or not to come into exercise mind to stagnate, or not to come into exercise at all; and it is well, perhaps, that the spirits come to you and try to satisfy such minds upon the subjects which engage them, because it may lead to deeper thought, more earnest cogitation; and of course we all know that as the atmosphere of thought is stirred it sends out its currents wider and wider toward all minds.

I am thankful that you have here a free platform, and that every spirit who can succeed in making his thoughts known at all may speak just as he feels inclined, and voice whatever

making his thoughts known at all may speak just as he feels inclined, and voice whatever theme is uppermost in his mind. To me, free thought and free speech are of paramount importance, for I think the exercise of these must educate the mind and train the individual; and as the individual becomes trained and cultivated, he will exercise his influence more widely and usefully, and thus sasist in developing and refining other individuals, until by-and-bye we have a cultivated humanity.

I am very happy to return and speak to my friends with loving voice; I am very happy to send out my warmest sympathies toward every friend who is laboring sincerely for the spread of the truth, for the enlightenment of humanity in any direction. I am most deeply interested

of the truth, for the enlightenment of humanity in any direction. I am most deeply interested in the cause of Spiritualism: I want to see it grow and flourish, and make its way throughout every quarter of the country. I am interested in many reformatory ideas and movements that might not be considered exactly a part of Spiritualism; yet Spiritualism, to me, includes every reform, because it strikes at the vital heart of humanity and takes hold of life itself; but the advocates of any special movement might disdain to say that it is only a branch of Spiritualism and spiritualistic ideas. I am deeply interested in the subject of heredity, in the training and rearing of human

heredity, in the training and rearing of human beings. I believe that it is best to set out in the right direction, rather than to wait until a child has grown up, and then try to take it forcibly from one position and place it in another. It seems to me that the training of the intellect and the encouragement of the spiritual faculties may be commenced even before the child is born, and must especially be maintained after the child enters this external sphere of being. the child enters this external sphere of being.

I was glad to hear your question on education. I am happy to see that the subject is taking hold of the people, and that a widespread interest in the formation of youthful minds is maintained. I believe this will be agitated over and over again, until you have established special schools of learning for special minds; until there will be institutions where the child can be trained mentally, and hand in hand with them, institutions where industrial education may be given also.

I do not come to give a long discourse, Mr. Chairman; this is not the place for that, because there are other spirits who wish to make themselves known; I only speak the senti-

themselves known; I only speak the senti-ments that enter my mind in coming here, so that my friends may know that I have not given up the thought or effort to be of some

use.
I am not now visible in mortal form, but I come to my friends and those who have been associated with me on the spiritual platform, associated with me on the spiritual platform, and I endeavor to help them, if only by the stimulation of a thought, or the exercise of an influence which may rest their minds or be of use to their spirits. One lady friend of mine has recently sent out an earnest desire for me to approach her. It comes only mentally to me, but it is none the less strong and clear. I wish her to know that I have been with her many times during the last six months and I wish her to know that I have been with her many times during the last six months, and I have influenced her to make certain movements which I felt would be of benefit to others, and I shall most certainly continue with her for a time, because I can find a sphere of usefulness there which has been closed to me in other ways. I am Aggie Davis Hall.

Phillip Abbott.

I thought I would like to send a few words back over these wires, Mr. Chairman, that my old friends and neighbors might know now that I have grown above the earthly condition, that I am not weak and bowed with the weight of years: I feel strong and happy in this spiritworld. I have a family there, and I have been united in joy with the dear ones who passed on before me, but I do not forget those who remain.

one faithful soul, who came after I entered the higher life, has joined our circle; she, too, is at rest and happy after the turmoils of life. She sends her greetings back to the dear ones. We are all satisfied to have life move on in its own even current, bringing what it may to each one. Perhaps only one will receive driftown even current, bringing what it may to each one. Perhaps only one will receive driftwood, while another may gain a pearl of great price, but in the end all shall receive their due, and it will be made up to them just that which they most deserve. I see it in the clear light of the angel-world, and many things seem plain to me that once were doubtful. As we live here a long life we meet with many things that we cannot explain or understand, but we only see them from one side, or in one light; then. see them from one side, or in one light; then, after we get out of the worn-out body and get rested and start anew, we come to see these things more clearly, and what was before dark and unexplained is read in a truer light. I thought if my old neighbors and friends at Marlow and Washington—I speak of New Hampshire now, sir—should hear of my return Hampshire now, sir—should hear of my return they might plok up and feel cheerful, and might think of getting themselves ready for the new life, because they are all coming over sconer or later; not many of them are to stay a great while on this side; and then I thought if my children and any of my children's children should hear of my return, it might make them feel a little pleasant to think the old man had come hack strong and without any wight on come back, strong, and without any weight on his shoulders, to bring them a word of cheer and affection, and to say that all the loved ones who have passed from the mortal side are safely gathered in the Father's kingdom on high; they are all well and cheerful, and they all send back many strains of love and encouragement to those who are recoing clong with the

I am a stranger to you, Mr. Chairman. I felt like a poor old woman in coming here among so many unfamiliar faces, and I thought I never could speak in the world; but when I saw how the others did, it gave mea little courage, and I thought I would come and send a few words of love and friendship to those who know me. They are at Baton Rouge, La. I suppose they have no more idea of hearing from the spiritworld than they have of getting a message from the moon, but pethans it will do them no harm to know that the old lady has come around to see what is going on.

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I never was up North before; this is a strange place to me; it looks more strange than the spirit-world did when I went there, because I saw places there, homes that looked very much like those I had been accustomed to, and it didn't take me very long to get acquainted with them. The first face I saw was that of my mother, and then my brother John came and gave me greeting, and other friends I had known, and I didn't feel like the lone forlorn creature that I had fall a while back. Not but creature that I had felt a while back. Not but what I had friends here on earth, but there were times when I seemed to be out of their sphere, as though they didn't understand me and I didn't understand them, and it seemed as though I ought to get away, where I more properly belonged, because, I suppose, I did n't grow with the young people and with the age; but now I see these things, and it is all right. I have found my place and I seem to fit into it. There are many on my side who know a great deal more than I do, but they are very kind in explaining things, making them clear to me, and somehow I get hold of them before I know it, and they seem very familiar, and that's the

Now, I send my love, and want them to know that Aunt Betsey comes once in a while to see what they are doing, and is glad to know when they pick up in worldly things; she wants them also to look to the inside man and woman, not let that get stunted, but have it grow out and be strong and straight. My proper name, sir, is Elizabeth Freeman.

James H. Foss.

For years I made up my mind that when I got out of the body I would go to the Banner of Light Circle and have something to say. I have made the attempt and managed to let myself be known, but have not spoken as I wanted to; and to-day I am very glad to get in, so I can tell my friends how it fares with me on the spirit side.

I was a medium, and I entertained what I

I was a medium, and I entertained what I believed to be angels—the spirits of my friends. Some of them were queer looking angels, you might say; some of them I had never known in the body, but I got familiar with them by their coming to me in friendly ways, and I had a welcome for them all. I tried to make them feel at home, whether they were Indians, ne-groes or white people, or whatever they might

gross or white people, or whatever they might be.

Well, sir, when I passed into the spirit-world, I found myself surrounded by a great many faces; some of them were familiar and some were strange; but I learned that they all belonged to spirits who at some time or other had come to me—had been in nearness to me—and had felt my influence. Some of them told me that they had been benefited by what you might call a healing power going out from my apartment, that had made them spiritually stronger and better able to understand things on both sides of life; and others told me that by coming to me and being received, they had gained the power to reach their friends elsewhere and come into communication with them, and so on.

I always took an interest in your paper. I read its columns from week to week, and the Message Department was my especial favorite. I tried honestly to verify what was given in this I tried honestly to verify what was given in this way, and whenever I was able to verify a message it did me a great deal of good. Sometimes I found a little mistake in what was given, but I didn't pick and hack at it and think it was the medium or you people here making upthings; I tried to reconcile it with the idea that spirits must have a very hard time in geting back, and that when they get hold of a machine, in their exgerness and haste, they don't stop to think whether they have got it in special working order for their use or not, and I have found outsince I went over that that is exactly the idea, and that a great many more exactly the idea, and that a great many more truthful statements are made than mistaken ones, so I feel you are doing a good work. If I am gabbling too much, just stop me. but I feel at home with you. I am James H. Foss.

effort in it, and sometimes a little mistake and failure; yet the whole combined strengthens the mind and stimulates the entire being.

I have no special message to give to-day, but I would like every friend to take this to himself and feel that it is meant personally, and to accept with it love and regards from Charles and Susan.

Elizabeth Freeman.

I am a stranger to you, Mr. Chairman. I felt like a poor old woman in coming here among so many unfamiliar faces, and I thought I never could speak in the world; but when I saw how the others did, it gave me a little courage, and I thought I would come and send a few words olove and friendship to those who know me. They are at Baton Rouge, La. I suppose they have no more idea of hearing from the spirit world than they have of getting a message from the mon, but pealsage it will do them no harm.

Ans. - It sometimes happens through the process of mediumistic development that spirits are attracted to the unfolding medium who are of the earth earthy, rather of a physical than of a spiritual nature, who do not pay strict al-legiance to the rules of truth, who delight in experimenting with whatever phases of mediexperimenting with whatever phases of mediumship the instrument may possess. It may be possible that some such spirit as this has come in contact with your correspondent and is making use of his mediumistic qualities for self-gratification. If so, this spirit must be displaced by one of a higher nature. In order to do this it will be necessary for the medium to earnestly invoke the presence of the pure and high-minded from the higher life, not only to simply request that the disturbing influence shall depart and his place be taken by those of a higher order, but to desire it from the very depths of the soul, to pray for it constantly and sincerely, to seek the purest, most harmonious depins of the soul, to pray for it constantly and sincerely, to seek the purest, most harmonious of associations, and if still the disturbing influence remains, it may be wise for the medium to seek the companionship of one, two, or more harmonious friends who can assimilate magnetically together, and in their presence sit for the unfoldment of his medial powers; thus will a hattery so to speak he formed which will be will be supported. the unfoldment of his medial powers; thus will a battery, so to speak, be formed, which will enable spiritual intelligences to make use of his mediumship in a higher and wiser degree than they may possibly have done before. It may be, however, that the spirit who gives the unsound statements through this mechanical writing is not evil-disposed nor falsely inclined; it may be that he does not fully comprehend his work or the subject he has in view; it may be that he does not fully control the machine which is under his care; false statements may be explained upon these or some other hypotheses. Let the medium or the friends closely question the spirit, until they are satisfied whether he is falsifying willfully or through some law which has not yet been explained. If he proves himself to be fair-minded and honorably inclined, they may, by patient experi-If he proves himself to be fair-minded and honorably inclined, they may, by patient experiment and waiting, give to him such conditions
as will enable him to fully control the instrument, that is, place him upon ground where
he can make clear, careful and truthful statements. It would be wise, however, for the medium in question to come into the magnetic
companionship of good friends, those who are
wise, teachable and sympathetic, and uniting
with them, earnestly seek the highest unfoldments, the clearest revelations of spiritual life.
Q.—Can a medium be developed to give the
full name who only gives the first name at present? If so, how?

A.—A medium who possesses that phase of
mediumship which enables foreign intelligences
to impress the Christian name upon the sensorium, can most certainly, under proper condi-

by coming to me and being received, they had gained the power to reach their friends either them, and so on.

Well, I wavery much interested and pleased and I thought I would like to come here and the limit which can be set to impress the Christian name upon the sense of the stream of the limit was and so on.

I want to send my regards and my love to all who could understand me, and were friends you with my ways and methods. I have friends, and they have been very kind. I don't want them to think I neglect their interests, for that would make me feel very bad; because sit, if anything hurts me at mil, it is the feeling that one circum the meaning of the stream of the there were; but it did not trouble me then, and it don't now. I would like to tell the mottal was a trange being; indeed, thooy there were; but it did not trouble me then, and it don't now. I would like to tell them that if they can only learn as much of the spiritus and sum of the my have been they are to know anything about me at this time.

I always took an interest and others told me that would make me feel very bad; because, sit, if anything hurts me at milling the strength of the with their mortal lives; and in turn these guides will be able to transmit it to the brain of the medium, from whence it will flow to the outside world either through verbal speech or by written communication. Mediumship possessed by an individual may vary in character from that possessed by some other person, and yet if there be the faintest indication of similarity it only proves that the difference is in degree, and that the lesser mediumistic power of the one may be unfolded into the likeness of the other; but it sometimes takes the spiritual band of a medium many long months to fully perfect her powers to so unfold her mediumistic qualities as to give through them the clearest manifestations of spiritual intelligence, One possessing such powers or faculties as those of which we speak, should sit regularly with one or more sympathetic friends for the purpose of or more sympathetic friends for the purpose of coming into a passive condition and receiving tranquilly whatever may be given by the spirit-world, thus affording her guides power and opportunity for the pursuance of their work. It sometimes happens that these very qualities of mediumship have been unfolded within the organism unknown to the medium herself; it sometimes happens that the spiritual attendants of such a medium have been experimenting upon her powers in order to bring forth their most perfect work at the moment of time their most perfect work at the moment of time desired, and therefore exhibitions of such powers as the moment of the notice of such medium or her friends, when they have little realized, the unfoldment which had been going on; consequently, a medium, who suddenly exhibits signs of this phase of mediumahip, through which names and data are given by retaining spirits for the purpose of identification, that the sale of the sum and the direct influence of spiritual guides who have been gradually, but constantly operating upon her organism for this very end.

spiritual world, and we unite in sending many expressions of love and greeting to the friends we have known in the past. I felt, sir, that I was identified with the life and interests of Newport, R. I. I take an interest still in the old city, for every path is dear to me; almost, I might say, every life there seems to have a hold upon me; though strangers throng its streets, and many I have not seen, yet there is a rivel upon me; though strangers throng its street, and many I have not seen, yet there is a vital association binding me to that locality of which I must speak. When I return to these haunts of earth I come into close communion with friends of the past, and I would be gratified to speak to them of spiritual things, of all my experience, of the grand and lasting lessons that appeal to my soul, of the truths that unfold before me, of the gentle companionships that are mine, of the vast, stupendous lines of travel that open to the view of one who desires to learn and to explore.

But of (these things I will not speak here, as I have no right to make a draught on your time.

Report of Public Seance held June 14th, 1887.

Questions and Answers.

How can a person who sits for development, and has writing of an untruthful nature executed by his hand without his own volition, change the control to one that will give only that which is my pleasant remembrances of the past, and in my pleasant remembrances of the past, and in my heartfelt greetings to those whom we have approached from time to time. They may not the past approached from time to time. my heartiest greetings to those whom we have approached from time to time. They may not have seen nor understood our presence, but none the less it has been manifested in spiritual ways, and will continue so to be until the end of their earthly lives. G. W. Ellery, of Newport, R. I.

Sarah Sloan.

I have no friends here, Mr. Chairman, but I have very dear friends in Nashua, N. H., and it is with the hope that they will hear of my return from the spirit world that I come here today. My name is Sarah Sloan. I have been in the spirit world a few years. They do not seem long to me, for the time has passed yery rapidly in the pursuit of these new and strange things which have come to me. My mother has joined me since I passed over, and long before I went other relatives were there; they gave me greeting, and they and myself hastened to meet mother when she entered the spirit world. We have dear ones on earth; they are filling their time as best they can, and doing their own work. We love to watch them and to help when possible, but they do not know we can come, and sometimes it makes our hearts sad to think that they cannot realize the love and care that is showered upon them from the unseen world. I send my greeting to all, and I wish to say I have watched Joseph in his career. I knew when he made changes that seemed almost to threaten disaster to him. I know he thought it best to leave the place where he had been so long, to seek a home and business life among other scenes, but he could not leave his spiritfriends; they still kept track of him, for they know, they realize what is passing in his life. other scenes, but he could not leave his spirit-friends; they still kept track of him, for they know, they realize what is passing in his life, and are seeking to help him all they can. I wish to say he will be more happy, I think, in the near future than he has been, because the roughest part of his work has been done; he will soon see a partial fulfillment of his hopes and plans. Other friends, whom I may not men-tion by name, are just as dear to me as this one of whom I speak; they too; are doing the one of whom I speak; they, too, are doing the best they can. We will try to assist each one, and at all times send an influence of peace to their lives, until the time shall come when we shall all be united in a home beyond.

SPIRIT MESSAGES TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.

June 14.—Helen Lovejoy; James A. Ryder; Harriet Maria Longley; Lily. June 21.—Austin Kent: Rose Goodwin; Agnes Day; Henry Kingman; Nancy Kendrick; Albert Messenger. THE MESSAGES ON HAND.

Not mentioned above, will appear in due course.

from Portsmonth, N. H.,

Wednesday, Aug. 24th; at 2 p. M., the session
was opened with woosl music by the full-choir;
a poem and lecture were given by Addie M.
Stevens, when siter a song, Mrs. Odiorne gave
tests; Miss Lizzie Ewer was introduced and
made some pleasant remarks, closing the session. In the evening, at 7:30, the conference
was opened with a song, followed by remarks
from Mrs. Addie M. Stevens. Sabin Scott, Dr.
A. H. Richardson, Mrs. Rich of Manchester,
N. H., Mrs. Odiorne and Miss Ewer.

Thursday, Aug. 25th, at 2 p. M., the session
opened with a vocal selection: a poem followed
from Mrs. L. A. Abbott, who, after another
song, delivered the lecture of the afternoon.

As the Steamer Edmund Burke was steaming
up to the pier in the early evening, a crowd of
people, led by the Ladies' Ald Association,
gathered there to meet Dr. H. B. Storer, of
Boston, and, headed by the band, escorted him
to headquarters, A halt being made in front
of the hotel, President Richardson welcomed
him again to Sunapee, and at the same time
notified him of his election to the Presidency of
the Association for the coming year—Dr. Storer
replying, in a few pleasant remarks feelingly
expressed.

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On Thursday evening the last of the regular dances occurred. It was the largest one of the senson, being attended by over one hundred couples.

theinpart. The Band has furnished beautiful music daily during the meeting, adding very much to the enjoy ments of the camp. [The officers for the ensuing year were reported last

week.]
The Association has instructed the Secretary to present its thanks in writing to the President, Dr. A. H. Richardson, for the able, manner in which he has preaded at the meetings for the last two years—he not having been absent from a single aession in that time. A vote of thanks was also extended to V. C. Brockway and N. A. Lull for their services as officers of the Association.

Rec'y Sunapee Lake Camp-Meeting Ass'n.

Reception to Mrs. Richmond at Onset.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: A reception to Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, her husband and visiting friends at Onset, was given at the commodious and sightly residence of Mrs. J. P. Ricker on the evening on Monday, the 22d of Aug.

The day had been a stormy one, an unusual occurrence at this point during the camping season, but the long parlors were completely

silled with those who were glad of the opportunity to meet this veteran, though comparatively youthful, worker in the educational ranks of Spiritualism. From the years of her childhood were the majeden's lips toughed with fire from off the altar, and to day coming litto, the middle age of life; the teachers above find her only the more enlarged in capabilities and perfect in reception of spirit-power, so that they are continually more able to interpret through her brain the intricacles and mysteries of life and its meanings.

The entertainment was opened by a few words of welcome to our guest of the evening, from Onset's trusted President, Col. W. D. Crockett, and by Mrs. Lita Barney Sayles, after which the guides of Mrs. Richmond entranced her, and interested and instructed the friends present for two hours or more, replying to questions, some of which were elicited by her most eloquent and fascinating discourse in the auditorium the preceding (Sunday) morning, upon "The Origin and Destiny of the Human Soul;" some other questions were asked by those previously more or less acquainted with the teachings of the guides of the medium; and still others by those interested in what are deemed the more practical needs of earth-life; thus presenting various lines of inquiry, which were met and replied to in a satisfactory manner by the controlling spirits.

After the deeper questions of the evening had been disposed of, the favorite "Ouina" took possession of her medium and read the leading characteristics of several ladies and gentlemen, who considered themselves very graphically and truthfully described, and who received from "Ouina" titles descriptive of their development or capabilities. This is a very interesting portion of Mrs. Richmond's evenings with her friends, and was heartily enjoyed by all present, many of those named by "Ouina" being well known to the company.

It is sincerely hoped that Onset Camp may never again be so long without the refining and elevating ministrations of this lady—one of the first in Connecticut; and many others. THEODORE.

Verona Park, Me. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Sunday, Aug. 28th-the closing day at Veroni -brought large audiences to our grounds. Mrs. Glading and Dr. Merrill conducted the services both afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Glading's fine lectures and readings were

Mrs. Glading's fine lectures and readings were the admiration of all; while Dr. Merrill's tests and messages could not be excelled. The Doctor has given, during the meeting, nearly nine hundred messages and names, nearly all being recognized by friends present.

At the annual meeting of the Penobscot Spiritus! Temple, held at Verona Park, Saturday, Aug. 27th, the following officers were elected: Dr. Chas. F. Ware, Buoksport, President; Benjamin Ryder; So. Orrington, Vice-President; Dr. H. F. Merrill, Montague, Mass. Secretary; Rufus H. Emery, Buoksport, de., Treasurer, Directors: Hiram Hawthorn, Mattawamkesg, Me.; Oliver O. Eddy, East Eddington; Mrs. Cora T. Abbot, Verona; A. M. Blackington, Rockland; Henry Hawes, Mattawamkesg, Mrs. Emelline Randall, Stockton; Mrs. S. Abbie Mitchell; South Weymouth, Mass.; John H. Eldridge, Buoksport, Me.; Mrs. I. P. Carleton, Camden, Me.

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John H. Eldridge, Bucksport, Me.; Mrs. I. P. Carleton, Camden, Me.
Committee on Speakers and Music: Dr. C. F. Ware, Dr. H. F. Merrill and R. H. Emery,
Tyansportation: Rufus H. Emery,
Grounds and Gate-Keeper: Oliver C. Eddy.
A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Oliver C.
Eddy, for, his kindness in rendering valuable assistance in looking after the interest and welfare of the grounds. Voted to leave the time of next year's camp meeting to Dr. Ware, Dr. Merrill and R. H. Emery, to be announced by them hereafter.

The Association presented Dr. Merrill with a fine building lofs: He will build a cottage before the next scamp meeting on a county previous year; and much good has been accomplished for the cause of Spiritualism.

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Passed to Spirit-Life,

From Tacoms, Washington Territory, Aug. 10th, 1887 From Tacomis, Washington Territory, Aug. 10th, 1887.
Job Carr, aged 78 years, strong non-time about 11.

He was a native of New Jersey, but wont with his parents to Ohio, thence to Indiana, where he joined the 3cth Regiment Indiana Volunbeets. He was a dear lover of his country and of justice. He came to the Pacific Slope is country and of justice. He came to the Pacific Slope is wonly, three years ago and built the first layue on the their town site of Tacoma. He held various offers from it city and country; was generous to a fault; and sear a triand to the poor and neody. He accepted the Spiritual Philosophy more than thirty years ago, and never wavered in his loyalty to its teachings, though called a "faulty" by those who, knew not what they said. His passing away was like his life, quies and pescoful, spirit-friends bringing to one agood man and true Spirituslist."

From his home, in Sycamore, Ill., Aug, 12th, 1887, after From his heme, in Bycamore, ill., ang. little, 1874, attor a brief tilness, H. S. Dayis, in the 72d year of his age.

He was for many years an earnest Spiritualist, and the Spiritualist here have lost one of their brightest lights and most faithful exponents of the Spiritual Philosophy. During his last days he hapressed limined as anxions to go, as he had be double or fear of the hereafter. His wish was that Mrs. Blohmond might conduct the funeral services, but as she was too far away, they were conducted by Rev. Mrs. Balph, Universalist.

MRS. S. G. MOSHER.

From Peak's Island, Mo., July 17th, Mr. Wm. E. Smith.

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MOTES OF A VISIT TO QUEEN CITY

PARK. BY GEORGE A. BACON.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Though your wide awake correspondents have kept the BANNER readers well acquainted with the many special items of news at the various out door gatherings held by the Spiritualists this season, it is with a feeling akin to a sense of duty that I am prompted, on behalf of my good wife and self, to make record of our brief but pleasant visit to this spiritual camping.

After stopping a few days at each of the more prominent camps of New England, receiving numerous personal kindnesses from friends which will not soon be forgotten, it is in no invidious sense that mention is here made of Queen City Park as furnishing to the individual all the better elements for an harmonious, a restful, enjoyable Spiritual Camp-Meeting, where one's social, mental and spiritual nature can get sen sibly strengthened for the duties of daily life.

Be it known to those who perchance know it net, that Queen City Park is some two miles south of the city of Burlington, Vt., favorably situated on the eastern shore of Shelburne Bay, and comprises about forty acres of a narrow plateau seventy-five feet above and overlooking the bay. A more beautiful and picturesque spot could scarcely be found anywhere. Speaking of this particular locality, the Journal of Education says, "It has the mountain scenery of Scotland, the sky and sunsets of Italy, the valleys and verdure of France, the lake views of Switzerland, and the quiet, park-like surroundings of an English landscape;it is a gem, set in an encircling ring of natural beauty which can hardly be equalled anywhere else in

New England, and can be excelled-nowhere." Changes are noted here since our last visit, two years ago, and the improvements are welcomed on every hand. Others are needed, and these will doubtless follow as the exigencies of the times demand. The large cottage, 22x54, with a five-foot veranda additional, erected by P. S. Briggs, Esq., of Massachusetts, as his free contribution to Queen City Park, is designed to be judiciously used in the interest of Spiritualism one large room, the entire width of the house, being set apart for the demonstrations of spiritual phenomena. Mr. Briggs realizes our indebtedness to medi umship, and wishes, as far as he can, to provide for it and to surround it with the most satisfactory conditions possible. Agents on both sides of the line, and recipients everywhere who have been blessed through these instrumentalities, thank him without measure for this appreciative consideration. His example is worthy of frequent following. This cottage, to be forever held in the name of the Association, has been placed in frust of wisely selected parties, who will faithfully carry out the wishes of the generous donor.

Leaving Lake Pleasant on the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 24th, at 9:30, we arrived at Queen City Park about 5 P. M. On the afternoon of the next day Bro. J. Clegg Wright addressed the campers in the Pavilion on the subject of Anthropology. This man is a mental phenomenon. To attempt to report verbatim this speaker's words would be likely to break the pencil of any one not a Congressional reporter, accustomed at times to take down two hundred words a minute, for an exhaustless stream of instruction pours through his lips from the moment he opens his mouth till he ends his discourse; and, though his utterance is rapid, his enunciation is unusually distinct. Suffice it, that on this occasion his discourse was a grandly comprehensive yet closely critical one, and replete with erudition. It commanded the strictest attention. In the evening he lectured again, this time on the subject of Heredity, wherein he traced with minute discrimination the nature and method of descent and quality in human kind. The substance of this lecture, if printed, read and heeded, would prove invaluable to the welfare of the race. Relative to a point just now recelving much attention, the relation of spirit to matter, he remarked that matter and spirit are known only as qualities: that matter was not the cause of spirit, nor was spirit the cause of matter. They have o qualities in common. At the close of the lecture he gave an insightal delineation of several ladies and gentlemen who had taken seats upon the platform for

Friday forencon, Aug. 26th, a conference was held in the Pavillon, participated in by Messrs. Hubbard and Howe, Mrs. Morse Baker, Prof. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Fowler, the writer, and others. In the afternoon Bro. A. A. Wheelock gave an earnest and profound discourse on "Anthropology, as Applicable to the Development of the Mental Forces; or the Origin of Good and Evil." which, with reference to the law of mentality, closely followed the line of reasoning pursued by Bro. Wright in his treatment of the development of physical man. One appropriately supple mented the other. Bro. Wheelock was followed by Miss Jennie B. Hagan, in a triple poem from the suggested topics, "Origin of Thought," "Aspiration" and Conscience." This was a very clever production, involving excellent powers of versification, bits of fine descriptive painting, poetle imagery, and a happy blending of sense and sentiment.

Saturday, Aug. 27th, a small party of us spent the day visiting Burlington, Vt., thence by steamboat across Lake Champlain to Port Kent. N. Y., thence by stage to the world-renowned Ausable Chasm, one of the rarest and grandest freaks of nature on this continent. The weather was all that could be desired and the trip one to be forever remembered. In the afternoon, Miss Hagan lectured to a good audience with excellent acceptance. In the evening the children gave a highly interesting entertainment in behalf of the Association. This was conducted by Mr. Chas W. Sullivan.

Sunday, Ang. 28th, opened in a manner to fully merit its significant name, Sun-day, A clear sky, s gentle breeze, a bright, golden sunshine flooding woodland, lake and shore, as well as all visible na ture, made the camp rich with the promise of a glorious day, a promise which was fully kept: With greatly increased numbers, the audience gathered at the appointed forenoon hour at the auditorium. After choice and apt selections by the choir, than whose voices it would be difficult to find any to blend more sweetly, followed by an uplifting, soulful invocation by Mrs. Fannie Davis Smith, this lady proceeded to address the multitude on "The Church of the Spirit, and its Holy Communion." It seems like desecration to attempt by crude fragments to convey to another what in Its entirety, artistically and spiritually considered, was truly a prose poem; but I will try to state some of its salient points, in phrase, however, necessarily shorn of the speaker's strength and beauty. She said, we are divinely related. The best of the voices, in cathedral arches of elaborate design or in the more common churches of the land, that administer to the spiritual needs of the people, fail to recognize this sense of our high relationship, the unity of man's spirit with the Spirit of All Truth. Only to-day, as it were, are we beginning to realize that man is a spiritual being. Surely nature is nearer to us to-day than ever before. A new continent of thought is in sight; the source of inspiration is found; new energies of thought and mind, better than the mighty past reveals, exist in the present. The future of Spiritualism is what no man. no Spiritualist, however sanguine, can conceive. As yet we are in the childhood of the race; its manhood stretches forward beyond human vision, stretches forward on the spiritual side. Every intelligent minister knows that the day of doom has come to the limits. tions of the past : that the grander truths to follow are not found in books, they are in ourselves, inherent in our spirit. The Church of the Spirit rests not, yields not to external authority. The power of the spiritual platform to-day is found in the unity and liberty of the irit. We are our own arbiters; there is no God outis of us that can do anything for us. Oh, for a bit of
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Miss Hagan improvised upon the following subjects 'The Church of the Spirit," "Behold, We Know No Anything." "The Sea-Serpent of Lake Champlain," and "The Soul of Things." Tests were also satisfactorily given by Dr. W. B. Mills, of Saratoga, N. Y.

Bunday afternoon another goodly audience assem-bled at the stand, and after the excellent choir had rendered in a most acceptable manner "Over the Jasper Sea," and "Only a Thin Vell Between Us," the Chairman introduced Mr. A. A. Wheelock, who prefaced his address by a well merited compliment to the forenoon exercises, the music, the lecture, the poems, the rapt altention of the audience, etc., which were all in keeping with the perfect day of clear sunshine flooding the earth and heavens, kissing the surrounding mountain peaks and the rippling waves of this peaceful lake, clothing these verdant valleys with a marvel of beauty. Like diamonds glistening with the twinkling radiance of stars from out the realms of wisdom, were the pearls of thought, fashioned in graceful speech, set in links of logic and enshrined with the flowers of rhetoric, as they fell from the lips of our gifted sister, while she portrayed " The Church of the Spirit and its Holy Communion." Her fitly chosen words were "like apples of gold in pictures of allver."

Responsibility and duty alike now enjoin me, said the speaker, to ask your patient hearing, sincere interest and pleasant company, in kindly, helpful thought, while I seek to unfold "The Spiritual, Physical and Mental Life of Man, and What they Involve." First, it involves a trinity : Birth, Life, Results. Secand, energy of life, expressing its force in a trinity of laws adapted to growth, change, progress. Third, all power in the Universe of Life, in all worlds, in every form, is embodied in spirit; hence, the spiritual life of man is first. This involves the primal necessity of structure of spirit. This structure of spirit lies at the base of man's existence. Whence the origin of spirit? It originates in the dual force, positive and negative. of soul. Language ever fails to express the invisible lines that are so real. The mind naturally seeks the law of causation. That which is sensed in our subject is found in the soul-life of the individual. The principle of trinity flows out of the soul of unity. "Behold, we know not anything," is a declaration out of the ignorance of the past. It is no more true than that death, in its popular sense, is the end all of everything. Whatever there is in force, action, etc., is from the original, supreme principle of spirit-life. Back of the process of physical birth is the germ of your spirit structure, which finds its material result in the sacred law of motherhood; this involves the embodiment of the triune principle of growth, change, progress. The speaker then logically considered the relation of man structurally to the mental life that characterizes him, presenting this with rare insight and argumentative power. The spirituality of your life, he said, is determined by the character of your thought. There, is a natural locality to the mind, as

In concluding this letter, already too long, let me specify this notable fact : that the clearness of the mental and spiritual atmosphere of the meetings here this season has been particularly profitable and enjoyable. The management has demonstrated that the real success of a Spiritualist camp-meeting does not necessarily depend upon vast numbers.

Commending to the reader a reperusal of the Ban-NER's well-timed editorial in the last issue concerning "The Spiritualist Camp-Meetings." I bring these hast ily recorded notes of my visit to Queen City Park to a close, leaving many items unsaid Cliftondale, Mass., Aug. 31st, 1887.

J. J. MORSE II' SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

(Specially written for the Banner of Light.)

DEAR BANNER-In response to a veritable host of kind inquirers in the East, who have written to ask me how I am faring out here, and to whom I am, individually, unable to reply, owing to pressure of many duties, let me again send word to them through your hospitable pages, first to assure them of my undimin ished esteem, next to tell them "All's quiet upon the Potomse," or in other words, " all's well" on the Pa-

My good friend, Mr. G. H. Hawes, has already in formed your readers, and my friends, of the opening services in Metropolitan Temple, in this city, on July 10th, narrating the fact of the two large audiences that honored me with their presence on that occasion. It is satisfactory to note that the audiences evidence signs of growth right along, in no case falling below an average of fourteen hundred for the two services. about the largest lecture audiences assembling here of late years. The Temple is a very handsome and commodious edifice, seating about sixteen hundred persons; it possesses a magnificent organ, the largest and finest upon the Pacific coast, and is furnished throughout with folding opera seats. In the day the sunshine pours through handsome stained glass windows with delightful effect, and at night handsome "sunlights" in the ceiling shed a soft and diffused light over this truly handsome interior. The scariet carpeted aisles and rostrum, the attractive toilets of the gentle sex, and the abundant floral decorations supplied by Mr. Hart, make a picture that inspires all concerned with a justifiable pride in its beauty and completeness The general management of the services is in the hands of Mr. M. B. Dodge, who is indefatigability personified—a veritable king of managers—since no point escapes his attention that can either enhance the efficiency of the arrangements, the comfort of the audience, or the pleasant surroundings of the speaker. He is ably seconded by Mrs. Dodge, his most amiable. wife and efficient lieutenant; while Hon. A. R. Robinson and his active and genial wife are both most zealous co-laborers in the management of the Temple

On the platform Mr. Wadsworth is Chairman, per forming his duties in a most exemplary, dignified, but unobtrusive manner; avoiding that bele note of most Chairmanships - long speeches-with praiseworthy self-denial, yet always saying enough, and in the right manner. The organ is presided over by Sig. Arilliga, and a more competent representative of the divine art it would be difficult to find-his soul-stirring voluntaries and effective and judiciously rendered ac-companiments calling out loud demonstrations of approval. The vocal solos are rendered by Mrs. Howell, a charming soprano, whose rendering of high-class compositions nightly delights her appreciative auditors, and adds fresh laurels to her already rich acoumulations, for Mrs. Howell is one of San Francisco's most noted vocalists. With such emilient adjuncts it

compels me to mild expression, but if vehement applause, large audiences, sustained attention and enthusiastic reception all mean anything, then that no ble teacher has made an impression and met a recog nition here which reminds me of the enthusiasm with which he is greeted in my little island home, seven thousand miles away. His outspoken denunciation of the shams, absurdities and shallow pretentiousness that pass current as the Spiritual Philosophy in some quarters has received an emphatic endorsement on all sides, so far as I can hear. I am proud to be a private under such a general, who does not hesitate to carry the war into the enemy's country.

Acting under the advice of my inspirers, I have responded to the great desire that I should establish 'classes" for the teaching of spiritual science. The system is entitled "Physic Psychological Science," and is embraced in a course of twelve inspirational essons. We originally commenced in the Palace Hotel, but after two sessions were compelled to seek larger quarters, and are now meeting in the Golden Gate Hall, Alcazar building, a superbly furnished chamber of handsome dimensions. The average attendance for the first class has been eighty-five pupils, and nearly all are booked for an advanced class just about to commence. A second, general class is also preparing, and it will be quite as numerous as the first one, judging from the numbers already enrolled. This work has branched out into a new system of character-reading, embracing body, mind and soul, and has produced a chart and manual that are now being printed. These are inspirational, and are very highly spoken of by competent judges.

Altogether, my reception here has fully justified the promises made to us by mortals and immortals. Our stay will certainly run into next May, if not longer, as the good friends will not hear of us leaving them for any cause; and being so generously treated, we feel to stay as long as circumstances permit. Socially, our treatment has been all that could be expected; the ladies of the Temple paying my wife and daughter every courtesy, while our good friend, Mr. F. H. Woods, frequently places his splendid double team at our service for drives around the district.

The Carrier Dove and Golden Gate give notices of the lectures and classes, especially the former paper, now a handsome weekly. Its pages have given quite extensive reports of my doings, and in the kindest manner helped my work-in, too, an utterly disinterested fashion very pleasant to note. I am obliged to both journals for their several measures of support, feeling toward them as do the ard myself and work.

I recently visited our good sister and faithful worker. Mrs. E. L. Watson, whose desk I am occupying, and was greatly pleased with her deep-hearted character and earnest sincerity. She is deservedly beloved by all who know her, and is one of those true. honest workers, our cause ever stands in need of. She will occupy the platform with me on the first Sunday in September, the first time for many months, owing to physical inability.

Wishing the BANNER every success, and trusting this will find a corner therein, and expressing the continual pleasure its weekly visits out here give me, believe me your cordial friend, 331 Turk street, San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 23d, 1887.

Queen City Park Vt. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

If there are any out of the State who think that a Vermont Camp-Meeting does not "mean business," they have only to come here to find out their mistake. A lady and gentleman who are visiting us for the first

life, he said, is determined by the character of your thought. There is a natural locality to the mind, as much as there is to the ear. The realm of the mind is in the brain. The brain is but an agent for the transmission of your thought. The brain power and force of the mind may send your thought one mile or one thousand miles away, and work so-called miracles, but the mind itself remains with you. Learn to har measurement of the intellectual forces of your being. This synopsis gives but the faintest shadow of what its great thoughts and truths may not be allowed to go and the composition of the intellectual forces of your being. This synopsis gives but the faintest shadow of what its great thoughts and truths may not be allowed to go and the composition of the intellectual forces of your being.

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Messrs. Holden and Colburn are doing good work as test and developing mediums, at their fine cottage. Miss Knox, from Boston, is always at her post. She is well-known to the writer as an honest woman, and all that she pretends to be as a medium, test and heal: ing. Give her a cail.

Dr. Brunson is housed in a neat cottage, and is doing well as a magnetic healer.

Mr. Leonard, of East Calais, is doing good work as a physical medium.

We must not omit to mention the name of Dr. S. Locke, of Newport Centre, Vt., whose clairroyant powers are of a high order—besides being one of the best magnetic healers in this place. His quarters are at Dr. Gould's cottage, opposite the hotel. The commodious séance-room in this cottage is in use day and evening. The Doctor has spared no pains to make his place a home for all that may be fortunate enough to be under its roof.

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To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Managers everything moves like clockwork. The President, Dr. K. A. Smith, of Brandon, Vt., presides at all of the meetings and conferences, unless unavoidably absent—which thing seldom occurs. He is the right man in the right place, and it is largely due to his untiring efforts that the railroad facilities have been so well arranged for the benefit of the campers. The other officers are no less imbued with the interest of the Association, and all are inveterate workers, finding their chief pleasure in doing the work that lies before them; and having the assurance that it is faithfully done.

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Bunday, Aug. 28th, was a beautiful day. The morning lecture, given at the auditorium by Mrs. Fannie Davis Smith, of Brandon, Vt., was one of the best discourses we have had, and was listened to with great interest. Mrs. Smith was one of the exponents of our philosophy in the early days of spiritual lectureship, and stood upon the restrum when it cost something to do so. To day, in the wide spread understanding and acknowledgment of this philosophy, this grand woman beholds the fruits of the seeds she helped to sow. Following the lecture were poems by the wonderful improvisatrice, Jennie B. Hagan. Subjects selected by the audience. At the close, Dr. Mills gave descriptions of spirit friends that were recognized by their friends in the audience. Wheelock delivered a very able address on "The Origin of Life," to a large audience; it was well received; a poem by Miss Hagan followed. Dr. Mills held a reception at the Pavilion in the evening, and a large gathering had another opportunity to hear the names of their spirit-friends. Those of about forty were given, nearly all of whom were known to the friends present. It was estimated that nearly fifteen hundred people visited the camp Sunday, most of whom listened with interest to the lectures.

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Monday there were no meetings, but a day for all sorts of things to be done. The evening brought one hundred and fifty from Lake Pleasant, and some from other points. Among the number were many prominent speakers and mediums. Warren Chase seems to have lost none of his old-time vigor, and adds life to the camp as he saunters among the people. Mr. W. A. Dunklee, Treasurer of the Boston Spiritual Temple Boolety, and his good wife are here; also Mrs. Mary F. Lovering, Corresponding Secretary, and are stopping at the hotel for a few days.

Tuesday, Aug. 30th, in the absence of Mr. Tisdale, who was to have spoken, A. B. Stanley, Secretary of the Association, addressed a large audience, who listened attentively to one of the ablest discourses of the season. In the evening an entertainment under the management of Charile Sullivan, who is very popular here, as he is everywhere, and untiring in his efforts to aid the Camp-Meeting.

Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Morning, conference. In the afternoon Mrs. Juliette Yeaw gave the people an excellent discourse, with which all were much pleased and benefited. Poems and tests followed, as at the close of all the lectures. Evening, an entertainment by Prof. Cadwell, demonstrating the power of pay-

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Sept. 1st, the warmest day of season. A large number assembled at the auditorium to listen to a discourse by one of our best mediums and speakers, Mrs. Clara A. Field, of Boston. Some excellent points were brought out and a good impression made. Afternoon and evening were devoted to the work of the annual fair by the Ladles' Ald Society, and was in every sense a grand success. Every one seemed imbued with a feeling of generosity that was well appreciated by the Society.

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On the morning of Friday, Sept. 2d, a very eloquent discourse was delivered by Rev. Mr. Healey of Morrisville; it was deeply interesting to the large audience assembled. Mr. H. is by profession a Universalist clergyman, but in conviction a Spiritualist. Such workers, it allowed to remain within the church, would soon liberate it; but, alas, they cannot; bigotry turns them out, as doubtless it will him ere long. In the afternoon a lecture was given by Mrs. Juliette Yeaw to a full hall; a grand lecture and well-liked. Such women should be kept at work. The world needs them, and through them will find its salvation. Mediums are doing well here this season in their various phases of mediumship. The Eddy Bros, and Mrs. Huntoon are giving good satisfaction, I am told. Carrie E. B. Twing is giving sittings and holding scances. Prof. Butler and wife are having a quiet time and enjoying camp-life. It is hoped by some of his friends that he will be able to hold a few meetings before he leaves, and give the people some thoughts of his ou the subject of Theosophy, in its relation to Spiritualism.

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Parkland, Pa. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Our last days in camp were marked by large meetings and great enthusiasm. Nature seemed to lavish on us and our visitors wonderful weather.

hought. It can truly be said of Mr. Wright that in im the world has a benefactor, and there is reason to crateful that he has lived in it.

"The condition of Boston is a good alto slugar and a very amiable woman. Mrs. Thompson, the planist, is doing good service, both in the choir and entertainments.

The conferences are full of interest and zeal. Questions which to most people are new and startling are coming to the front and commanding attention by the thinking age. To discuss and understand them is the only true way to effectually dispose of them. Prof. Butler of Boston is stirring up the campers by the leading thoughts that he puts forth.

Dr. Mills of Saratoga, the well known platform and test medium, is stopping at the Gardner cottage.

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Charles Dawbarn gave us scholarly lectures, interesting and instructive, Aug. 28th to Sept. 3d. Mrs. H.

S. Lake on Sunday, Sept. 4th, was more than interesting; she actually held an audience of thousands of tachers that he pleasure of listening to. If any fail to be benefited by the rich treat of intellectual and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the mental and spiritual truths they must be low on the estimate truths they must be low on the estimate the mery laughter of those happy, happy children; the gift of the mery laughter of those happy, happy children; the gift of the mery laughter of those happy, happy children; the gift of the mery laughter of those hap

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On Aug. 24th Mrs. Langham passed to the higher life from this place, aged 74. She was ready spiritually, having been forty years a Spiritualist in deed as well as name. Beautiful flowers in wreaths were hung on the door instead of crape, from the friends and Lyceum scholars.

Capt. Fulmer had his new cottage dedicated by the friends. It is called Rose Cottage, and is a large and nice affair.

Mr. Coles and Mr. Hudelberger are each having a handsome cottage built in West Parkland this fail.

The Lyceum will have erected a large and comfortable cottage for the accommodation of the Lyceum scholars in Bast Parkland.

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Many improvements are in contemplation, and next season we will be in the midst of flowers and music.

Mrs. Peterson was surprised by a large number of her friends with refreshments, etc., who gave her a call on Friday evening; a very pleasant evening was apart.

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The report reaching us a short time since that Bro. H. B. Champion had passed to the higher life, reminds many of us of the pleasant associations had with him during the years he was of our membership, and so faithfully discharged the duties of President.

In view of our convictions of a life beyond the grave, and of the beautiful truths given by the ministrations of angelic intelligences, we have no corrow to express over the event, since our mortal loss is our brother's immortal gain; therefore,

Resolved, That a record of the expression hereby given be put upon the minute book of "The First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia," and published in the Spiritualists journals.

R. A. THOMPSON.

Onset Bay.

The closing meetings of the season were held at the auditorium on Sunday, Sept. 4th. The Middleboro auditorium on Sunday, Sept. 4th. The Middleboro' Band, John M. Carter leader, furnished music. A. E. Tisdaie delivered the addresses both morning and afternoon. Singing by Miss Nickerson.

The closing ball of the season on Saturday evening Sept. 3d, at the Temple, under the management of George Ozssell, was a grabd success, upward of two hundred couples being on the floor. The same band farnished the music.

The illumination of the grounds on Saturday evening, 3d inst., was very general, and the fine display was witnessed by large numbers of visitors and cottagers.

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Mount Pleasant Park, Clinton, Ia. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

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Our camp is still on the increase, more coming than going away, and the officers have to work hard to get them places to stay in.

Monday atternoon a lecture by W. J. Colville and in the evening a mediums' meeting free for all the camp at the Pavilion. A great many tests were given, and all seemed pleased with the meeting.

Tuesday, conference in the forenoon and lecture in the afternoon by Rev, Samuel Watson.

Mrs. Blodgett, one of our best mediums, was surprised and delighted, in sitting for slate-writing, to find some beautiful flowers between the slates, and as the slates did not go out of sight of the sitters for a moment, it was a perfect test. She has wished for this development and prayed for it for some time, but was greatly surprised when it came Tuesday. Then one surprise followed another. Some of her friends sent to the city, got a beautiful basket of flowers, invited a large number of her friends to Rainbow Cottage, and asked her to come. The exercises commenced by singing, after which speeches were made by Pof. Loveland and Mattie Hull, who presented the flowers with a very touching speech; also Dr. Grey, Dr. Reed, Dr. Adams, Prof. Severance, Rev. Mr. Watson, John Brown and Moses Hull, who was master of ceremonies. All had something to say, and said it. Mrs. Blodgett was taken wholly by surprise, and of course so affected that she could hardly reply to what had been said. This little surprise was given her in honor of the event of the flower-test that had come through her mediumship.

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At seven o'clock a large number of the friends, say from fifteen to twenty persons, met at Rainbow Cottage with Mrs. Blodgett to see if the spirit-friends would bring flowers between the slates, and a large number were brought between three different slates. A double slate was tied up in a handkerchief and given to Prof. A. B. Severance, who placed it under his chair in sight of all the company, eight or ten feet from the medium, and it was written all over with a message to the friends present.

At eight o'clock another entertainment at the Pavillon that was well attended and fully appreciated by the Stillman Brothers and Jenny McCarroll.

The Stillman Brothers were appreciated in what they have done to help entertain the people by a donation from the Association. Thursday, Mr. Colville gave his farewell address in the forencon, and Samuel Watson in the afterncon gave a lecture. In the evening the ladies gave another dance to the campers which was greatly edged by every one.

Friday, another conference at ten o'clock. Afterncon, Prof. Loveland gave us a lecture, subject, "Will spiritualism Die Out?" Of course he made out that it would not; he was listened to with the closest attention, and gave entire satisfaction. In the evening a public dance, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the young people.

Saturday, at 9 o'clock, business meeting of the Association. Fact meeting at half-past ten. In the afternoon Mrs. Aldrich, from Philadelphia, occupied, as there was nothing else of interest going on.

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This closed one of the pleasantest camp-meetings I ever attended. It was the fifth camp-meeting held on these grounds, with a free platform, and there was yet to be the first inharmony. A free platform does not bring inharmony; it is the attempt to throttle free speech that brings discord and bitter personalities. Mrs. Frankie Cole of Chicago had charge of the music, and they never had better. She was ably assisted by Mrs. Hulser of Clinton, Iowa.

The camp-meeting seemed like a great school, for there were so many classes gotten up for teaching healing and psychometry, for developing mediumship and other branches of the Spiritual Philosophy. These classes met at different hours, so as not to conflict with the regular lectures or with each other; and from morning till night this teaching was going on, either from the grand stand or in classes.

In amusements, there were two or three dances a week, one dramatic entertainment a week. Séances were held at different times by different mediums, and as a rule gave good satisfaction. All who came to camp seemed to enjoy themselves hugely, and when the time came to say good-bye until another year many regrets were expressed.

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the time came to say good-bye until another year many regrets were expressed.

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Great changes and improvements will be made be fore another year. A large lodging house will be constructed, so that people can have rooms away from the large diding hall and free from all files, that generally hold mass meetings in close proximity to dining room and kitchen. This will be run by the Association and he a great convenience.

Also a building will be put up for the Ladies' Bazar, as they find this a great help to the Association and an accommodation to the people, besides other needed improvements.

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A large number of new cottages will be built, and it will soon be quite a summer resort whereat to spend a couple of mouths among the trees on the high bluffs of the Mississippi River. The air, is pure, the water good, and it will not be long before there will be an artesian well gunk and four lountains playing in disterent parts of the grounds.

Let me say, in conclusion, to persons who are interested in free thought principles, be with us next year, for you can all learn a little, and you can give us the benefit of your opinions, for there is the largest liberty in thinking and expression of free thought.

The grounds will be open another year from the first of July to the first of September; camp-meeting to commence the last Bunday in July—to hold over live Bundays.

Aug. 81st, 1887.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

W. J. Colville concluded his engagement at Mt. Pleasant Park. Clinton, is., Thursday, Aug. 25th. During less than a formight's stay in camp he delivered eighteen fectures and held two receptions. Before leaving for Denver, at the request of friends in Clinton, he held a reception at the regidence of a leading citizen, which was attended by a numerous and influential company. All sorts of questions have been asked this versatile speaker during his engagement at Mt. Pleasant, and the most peculiar subjects have, in many instances, been suggested for impromptu poems. The uniscent intelligences, however, have never been at a loss either for an answer or a rhyme. This fact along has set many akeptics thinking, and it is safe to lay the exactises at the camp, from first to last, have done a great deal to remove prejudice and open the eyes of the public in all the surrounding country. Rev. Samuel Watson, Prof. Loveland, Mr. Randall and Moses Hull have each delivered spe, eloquent discourses. The above four speakers are singularly distinct beam from the others in their mode of presenting thought. Watson, is a inspected subject of the properties. The discourse when considering for its great and told it is safely mentapy head embeddating for jungs and telling of wonders he has withouter a presentative. Each room, Loveland, is seminately appressed the first transfer. FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.