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| persons, and very appropriately surmounted

The words of presentation by Mr. Duncan were choice, tenderly eloquent and expressive. Those of acceptance by Mr. Smith, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, were full of grace and grace alone, were like "apples of gold in pictures of silver," captivating the ear and moistening the eyes of those who listened.

Miss Mabel Clark presented, for the children of the Lyceum, an exquisite basket of flowers in which were included a bouquet of flowers from Miss Carrie Smith to her father-to both of which he gracefully and feelingly replied.

Five little girls, bearing separately lilies, roses, daisies, pansies and forget-me-nots, headed by one with a white banner, marched upon the platform and presented their offerings with an appropriate stanza.

Out of the many letters from friends a few were read by Mrs. Yeaw, each expressively of deep regret at their inability to be present, and full of cordial sympathy, among which were those of Dr. J. V. F. Field, J. C. Street, Francis Woodbury and Miss M. T. Shelhamer of Boston; District Attorney D. W. Bond

The remainder of the programme was of exceptional excellence, consisting of the reading of a poem and an eloquent speech by Mrs. Banks of Haydenville; a speech full of telling points, with confirmatory visions, by Miss Jennie Rhind of Boston.

Mr. J. T. Lillie of Boston, as a vocalist, called forth the enthusiastic applause of the audience. His rendering of "The Engineer" and "Spinning" distanced all criticism. Mr. J. D. Weston, as an accompanist, was much admired. Miss Julia Dickinson of Springfield gave two vocal selections with fine effect; and Patricia Smith, by the charming sweetness and pathos

Mr. F. H. Pope (representative of the Boston Globe, from Leominster) finely illustrated an elocutionist, by his rendering of "The Stow away," the dialectic and pathetic, while his closing dialectic and humorous selections con-

The exercises were interspersed with recitations from members of the Lyceum, viz., Misses

At the conclusion of the programme Miss Gracie Smith, by request, accompanied by Miss Gracie Smith, sang a beautiful song after which the

From the auditorium all repared to the vel-
try, where an elegant collation was served
the appointments of which being in beautif-
keeping with the occasion. An elegantly fro-
ad up, the work of Mrs. Hanks's loom.

ed cake—The work of Smiths, basis for the ladder of the society—appeared before the plate of Mr. Smith. At this table we noted the genial face of Mr. Ell W. Smith of Boston, Miss Carr Smith seated by her father, and other space filled by those who had taken part in the exercises of the evening, and Miss Helen B. Lochlain.

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Around the other tables gathered smiling faces, so many indexes of the happy hearts which were beating in unison with the beloved and honored host, rejoicing that his hands had been strengthened and his heart cheered for the work to which he has so nobly consecrated soul, mind, strength and means.

All who joined in the festivities of that memorable evening united in pronouncing it one of the pleasantest occasions of a lifetime.

Too much credit cannot be reflected upon the unselfish and efficient labors of the Commissee, and the ladies generally, who so skillfully

planned, and, aided by fathers, husbands and brothers, carried out to so successful a completion this praiseworthy undertaking.
Leominster, Mass. JULIETTE YEAW.

Dr. Willis in New-York.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:
On Sunday morning and evening, April 3d, Dr. F. L. H. Willis occupied the platform of the First Society of Spiritualists of New York, speaking in the morning upon "Mediumship," and in the evening on "The new Spiritualism and Materialism."

The Doctor stated that it had been his intention to have spoken under the control of his guides, but that he found himself in a condition that rendered that impracticable, as he had just passed through one of the periods of nervous prostration that he had recently undergone from the cruel treatment applied to

He showed in his remarks that he had studied the laws of the state to some purpose, and had grasped some of the laws that govern it; he pointed out

One of his illustrations was very apposite, and vividly illustrated the point he wished to make, which was that, in mediumship for physical phenomena, much of the "show" is the work of the manifestations.

upon the persons surrounding the medium: He compared the medium and the spirit controls to the zinc and copper of the battery, and the persons forming the circle to the acidulated liquid in which they immersed; pointing out that as the persons in the circle were always one of the elements for the production of the phenomena that took place in their presence

Dr. Willson had a large audience out to listen to him in the evening, and held their close attention for nearly two hours. After the close of the meeting many a

The Nation's Tobacco Bill.
It is estimated by the American Grocer,
March 20, that the total expan-

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its issue on March 26, that the average consumption of consumers in the United States for tobacco is \$256,600,000, a sum that represents per capita tax of \$3.44 per annum. If the average smoker consumes two cigars per day, he spends \$42.00 yearly. Cigarettes cost \$6,500,000 per annum and smoking tobacco \$20,000,000

For chewing tobacco \$50,000,000 are spent every month a sum more than double the average monthly loss occasioned by fires. The relation which the expenditure for smoking bears to the consumption of a few other articles more or less of a luxury is shown by the following table:

ing exhibit, which is based upon the average retail cost of the various articles: Liquor, \$70,000,000; tobacco, \$250,500,000; sugar, \$187,000,000; coffee, tea and cocoa, \$180,000,000; shoes, \$110,000,000.

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a pretentious younger man. While some

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