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Original Essay.

ONE OF THE SUPERSTITIONS OF OLD THEOLOGY.

Mr. Andrew D. White, formerly President of Cornell University and United States Minister | bells may accomplish this purpose by the conto Berlin, has recently written a couple of articles for the Popular Science Monthly, in the second of which he treats of the old superstitions respecting meteorology, cherished all through the Middle Ages, and even past the time of Dr. Franklin by the Roman Catholic | the rector of the Clementine College at Rome Church, and to a large degree by the Protestant Church also. He is writing on the warfare of science, aiming to show the slow and difficult progress it has made in attaining its present position. In treating of meteorology, he practices, namely, the ringing of bells when a necessarily discloses and describes the belief universally entertained by the elergy in "de- | fold effect, physical and moral-a physical, bemons of the air" and other malignant spirits that caused thunder and lightning and were responsible for various calamities. It was in order to exorcise these demons that bells were | moral effect is the more certain, because by set up in the towers of the churches and rung, the sound the faithful are stirred to pour forth having first been baptized and blessed by the priests. At the same time that the bells were rung, the people were summoned everywhere to prayer, that the power of these evil demons might be abated and overcome. Hence the di- to flight the legions of Satan. rect connection between the ringing of bells

ant theory was developed of a rationalistic sort, asoribing the good effects of bell-ringing in storms to the calling together of the devout for prayers during storms at night. As late as the end of the seventeenth century we find the bells of Protestant churches in Northern Germany rung for the dispelling of tempests. The bells, in fact, may be heard ringing during storms to this day in various remote districts in Europe. This belief was really part of a deep theological current, steadily developed through the middle ages, the fundamental idea of the whole being the evident influence of the belis upon the "powers of the air." Having grown steadily through the middle ages, it appeared in full strength at the Reformation period. The archbishop of Upsala and primate of Sweden, in the sixteenth century, declared, in his great work on the northern nations, that it was an established fact that cities and harvests may be saved from lightning by the ringing of bells and the burning of consecrated incense, accompanied by prayers. He tells his readers, in a vein of caution, that the workings of the thunderbolt are rather to be marveled at than

inquired into. The agency of demons in storms and the power of bells over them, as well as the portentousness of comets and the movement of the heavens by angels, were taught by a Franciscan professor in Italy, in a school-book, as late as 1673. Both Descartes and Bacon speak of it with respect, the English philosopher admitting the fact, but mildly suggesting that the

cussion of the air. And a number of authorities are cited by Dr. White to corroborate the atatement that this superstition was long oherished by the Protestant teachers and theologians. In the very time of Sir Isaao Newton, published, under the highest church authority, his lectures on meteorology, in which it was taught that "the surest remedy against thunder is that which our Holy Mother, the Church, thunderbolt impends; thence follows a twocause the sound variously disturbs and agitates the air, and by agitation disperses the hot exhalations and dispels the thunder; but the their prayers, by which they claim from God the turning away of the thunderbolt." Demoniacal influence is kept in the background, little being said of the efficiency of bells in putting

"Thus we see the beginnings of the dawn of and the call to worship-a relio of superstition rationalism on the subject. The superstition which remains even to this day. A few points, was here and there assailed by noted ecclesiaswith their illustrations, cited from Dr. White's tics, but still to no purpose. The tide rolled on. The bull issued by Pope Innocent VIII. in 1484 has doubtless caused, says Dr. White, the greatest shedding of innocent blood of all documents over sent forth from Rome. It exhorted the clergy of Germany to leave no means untried to detect sorcerers, and especially those who by evil weather destroy vineyards, gardens, meadows, and growing crops, basing its precepts upon texts of Scripture. Witch-finding inquisitors were authorized by the Pope to soour Europe, especially Germany, and a manual was prepared for their use. This manual was revered for centuries, both in Catholic and Protestant countries, as almost divinely inspired. The delusion continued to prevail until Franklin's famous discovery on the banks of the Schuylkill brought it to the ground. Nevertheless it was persisted in for many years after he drew down the lightning from the clouds, and showed the only method of securing protection from its ravages. Tens of thousands of people suffered torture and death as " weather-makers," under the bull issued by Pope Innocent VIII, And still we are told to confide in theology rather than actual knowledge. It requires even a physical demonstration to convince modern Orthodoxy of the reality of the spirits which theology was ever so ready to believe in as devilish only. PATIMPSEST.

THE PHILOSOPHER ATOM.

THE PHILOSOPPERS' ATOM. When ask we, "What is it? and thence did it come?" No answer is given; our accesses is danno. Yet, bold in their dogma, normality cannot did the come?" No answer is given; our accesses is dannot. These agree assure us the Arm 's they cannot And ruler supreme of all mathematics. The thinker may think and. I thinks, but it's plain T is merely the Atom exciting his brain. Transmitting ideas through and and nerve. As if it were working some proof the serve. Yet, facing us a iways, this in risk as erve. Yet, facing us a iways, this are admined: The puppet scamines issel are admined: The wire-puller knows not is trick of the wires. This paradox fungy unquestioned in the wires. This paradox fungy unquestioned in the wires of the wire of the or some of the trick of the wires. The side the conscience is and some of the trick of the wires. The puppet scamines issel are admined: The wire-puller knows not is trick of the wires. This paradox fungy unquestioned in the wires of the trick of the wires. This paradox fungy unquestioned in the second of the wires. This paradox fungy unquestioned in the wires of the second Yet sleep with a conscience are the stand. We may murder, or libely are the blame; 'T is the dom that standers, and compused As though the most viring an parawer the blame; 'T is the dom that standers, and subre and solved. 'T would be folly to feel any errow or shame, Since our dear little A tom begins ever the blame; 'T is the dom, in short, that is an diagener of ehest. While we, driven helpless, septicking at all. Ohl wonderful doctring it how motiling and sweet To the would be assausing address of ehest. While we, driven helpless, septicking at all. Ohl wonderful doctring it how above, Himself to forget and his help ab

Dr. De Wette, the Tamous German biblical oritic, returning home one ovening between nine and ten o'clock, was surprised, upon arnine and ten o'clock, what surprised, upon ar-riving opposite the house in which he resided, to see a bright light burning in, his study. In fact, he was rather more than surprised; for he distinctly remembered to have extinguished the candles when he went out, an hour or two previously-locked the door and put the key in his pocket, which, upon feeling for it, was still there. there.

Pausing a moment to wonder by what means and for what purpose any one could have en-tered the room, he perceived the shadow of a person apparently occupied about something in a remote corner. Supposing it to be a bur-glar employed in rifling his trunk, he was upon the point of alarming the police, when the man advanced to the window, into full view, as if for the purpose of looking out into the street. It uas De Wette himself i the scholar, author, professor; his height, size, figure, stoop; his, head, his face, his features, eyes, mouth, neek, chin, every one; skuil-cap, study-gown, neek, tie, all, everything; there was no mistaking him, no deception whatever; there stood Dr. De Wette in fis own illbrary, and he out in the street; why, he must be someoby else/ the doctor instinctively grasped his body with the Pausing a moment to wonder by what means De Wette in his own library, and he out in the atreet; why, he must be somebody else! The doctor instinctively grasped his body with the psychological tests of self consciousness and identity, doubtful if he could balieve his senses and black were not whits; wondering if he were really himself or not, perplexed, bewil-dered and confounded, gazing at his other like-ness looking out of the window. Upon the person's retiring from the window, which co-curred in a few moments, De Wette resolved not to dispute the possession of his study with not to dispute the possession of his study with the other doctor before morning, and ringing at the door of a house opposite, where an ac-quaintance resided, he asked permission to remain over night. The chamber occupied by him commanded a full view of the interior of his library, and from the window he could see his other self up and down the room, immersed in thought; now sitting down at the desk to write; now rising to search for a volume among the bookishelves, and imitating in all respects the pecu-liar habits of the great doctor engaged at work and busy with cogitations. At length, when the cathedrai clock had finished atriking through first four and then cleven strokes, as German clocks are wont to do an hour before twelve, De Wette Number Two manifested tweive, be wette Number Iwo manifested signs of retiring to rest; took out his watch-the identical large gold one the other doctor in the other chamber felt sure was at that mo-ment safe in his waistcost pocket-and wound it up; removed a portion of his clothing, came to the window, closed the ourtains, and in a few moments the light disappeared. De Wette Number One, waiting a little time until con-vinced that Number Two had disposed himself to also, also retired to bed, wondering very to sleep, also retired to bed, wondering very much what all this could mean. Rising the next morning, he crossed the street and passed up stairs to his library. The door was fastened; he applied the key, opened street and passed up stairs to his horary. The door was fastened : he applied the key, opened C it and entered. No one was there; everything appeared in precisely, the same condition in which he had left it the evening before—his t an up on the paper as he had dropped it on going out; the candide on the table and the mantelpiece evidently, not having been lighted, it he window oursains drawn aside as he had left i the window oursains drawn aside as he had left i the window oursains drawn aside as he had left i the window oursains drawn aside as he had left i the window oursains drawn aside as he had left i the window oursains drawn aside as he had left i the window oursains drawn aside as he had left i the been insare 'the 'might beford? 'He' must have been in the wis growing old 'something i was the matter. with flisters as on the insare to one of the same of the 'might beford? 'He' must have been in the as these, he remembered he j such reflections as these, he remembered he j had not: yet examined his bed room. 'Almost ashamed to make the search; now convinced it was all an vhalluning to of the senses! he croased, the marrow passage way and opened the door. He was thunderstruck. The celling, the inght, filling the grow, had fallen during the inght, filling the grow, he fall on during the night, who was will for the senses! he croased, the marrow passage way and opened the door. He was thunderstruck. The celling, a lofty, massive brick grow, with rubbish and ornshing his bed into atoms. De Wette the Apparition had saved the life of the great Ger-man sololar: "I have of being mitting the aneco-tend to account for the phenomenon; no knowl-edge, selentific or metaphysical, in my posses-sion, is adequate to explain it; but I have no more doubt it actually positively, literally did cocur; than I have of the mistence of the sun and moon."--The Open Grute."

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The Harvest of a Life.

Written Expressly for the Banner of Light BY MISS M. T. SHELHAMER, Author of "After Many Days," " Crowded Out," " The Spirit of the Storm," Etc.

CHAPTER XIV. A SOLDIER'S BRIDE.

The red hand of war had been laid upon our fair land. Its scorching touch had fallen upon sunny fields and pleasant places where the fair green bountles of nature had been spread with lavish hand. The two great sections of our country had become divided upon a mighty question pertaining to human right and liberty, and the flat had gone forth that only through carnage and bloodshed and the sacrifice of human life could this question be settled, and the vast problem of personal proprietorship in human flesh be forever solved. And so the North and the South had come together, not to discuss with amicability the rights of man ; not to adjudicate great national issues in a brotherly spirit : not to settle questions of statesmanship; but to do battle with each other at the bayonet's point and at the cannon's mouth.

The war had been in progress for some months, when a special call of the government for more troops seemed to particularly reach the hearts and to fire the spirits of the people of Allentown. A recruiting agent had established his office in the place, and just at this precise season he found all the business he could attend to in receiving the men who came to him to be sworn into the Federal service.

Among the young men of the town who caught the blaze of enthusiasm and of patriotic fire that went sweeping from heart to heart, might be counted Albert Keene, a pleasant-faced, strong-limbed fellow, frank and genial by nac. ture, studious and industrious by habit; a young man who had risen from his boyish position of "helper" in the mill where he had been employed, to that of a civil engineer, in which ca-

turned to a sea of blood, in which there floated but one blurred figure, the image of her beloved. But only for a moment, and then her vision cleared, as, looking up into the manly face that bent above her own, she said, almost in a whisper, "Dear, if you believe it to be the call of duty you must obey. I would not be the first to bid you stay," but the voice faltered, and tears unbidden filled her love-lit eyes.

'It will be very hard for us to part, my Jane, but I think the cause demands the sacrifice. I will not go, however, if you think best for me to remain. The trouble may be over very soon and I be back almost before I am missed; or the conflict may last for years; it may embroil the whole country and call for the best blood of all her sons. I think it likely that we have not begun to see the end; our parting may be long and bitter; it may be forever. Whatever it is, I shall know there is a faithful, honest heart waiting for me in the dear old place. I do not want you to think of it lightly, Jane. I want you to see the matter in its most serious aspect, and to consider it gravely. I will not go if you bid me stay at home."

They talked long and earnestly, but Albert would not allow his love to give a decisive answor that night; she must think it over, he said, and he would return for her word on the morrow ; and so they parted under the silent moon that had arisen in all its matchless splendor while they talked-he, to return to his room to dream of scenes of martial glory, and she, to onter her chamber to ponder, to weep, and to pray the hours away.

"Albert Keene was very dear to the heart of this woman, and she had looked forward to the sweet married life which had promised to be theirs with joy and thanksgiving. She had prayed that she might be worthy of his love, and for the power of making his home one of perfect peace and of happy security from all ill. But now a horrible shadow had come over the beauty of her innocent dream. The thought of separation as a dreadful one, but the more terrible possibility of his destruction mingled. with that thought, and made that night most hideous. To bid him go to his death, to the fearful slaughter of human life, how could she do it! True, in the first moment of his plea she had said she would not bid him stay; but could she give him up? He had said it rested with her whether he should go or not, and for a brief hour she hesitated. Then the soul of womanly sacrifice, of patience and of fortitude rose within her. If she bade him stay it would be against his own sense of duty and of right; she would dishonor him in his own sight. No I she would bid him go, with cheerful voice and approving smile, and he should never know the agony that her spirit suffered. So she wont to him, when he came, and in her accustomed bright tones bade him follow duty's call, and do his best to defend the right. He was pleased with her answer, and he said, "I knew it would come right, darling 1 I was sure you could do no less; you are too faithful and true not to see what is just; I felt so certain what you would say that I told Capt. Harris this morning he could count me in as one of his volunteers before the week is up." And so it came to pass that Jane Meigs yielded up to her country's help all that she held. most dear; but before the hour of parting came the lovers were made one, in the little parlor of Corning farm. Albert would have it so, and Jane could not deny his wish. "If I fall, dar-ling," the young soldier said, "I will die casier with the thought that you bear my name; and if I return safe and sound, it will help me on more joyfully to remember there is a dear little wife waiting for me." And living or dying, Jane knew that she would rather bear his soldier name than fill the most honored station on earth. Three days after the quiet wedding, the company which Albert had joined, and of which he had been made the second officer in command, was ordered away to join its regiment, where it. was to pass through proper drill and training for its duties in a distant part of the State. During the next three months Jane had several' opportunities of visiting her lover-husband in camp, and of spending a few hours with him' there; but at the ond of that time his regiment was dispatched to the scene of action in the South, and the young pair, with many a olinging embrace, and earnest prayer for blessing, wore parted by the cruel contingencies of that war which left'so many hearthstones of our land forlorn and desolate. For months the young bride, pursued her daily tasks, lightened only by the gleam of sunshine that his letters brought. They were not frequent, and each was studied and learned by heart before another arrived; but they were very precious to the lonely wife, who waited They were standing by the farmyard gate, and hoped for a better day. No word of complaint ever fell from her lips; with sunny face

last paper, will prove not uninteresting to the general reader.

The means of baffling the powers of the air which came to be most widely used, said he, was the ringing of consecrated church-bells. This custom took its rise in the time of the Emperor Charlemagne. He prohibited the oustom of baptizing bells and hanging certain tags on their tongues as a protection against hail-storms; but even his great authority was powerless against this mediæval superstition. About the year 970 Pope John XIII. is said to have baptized a bell in the Lateran, christening it with his own name; also to have stood sponsor for one of the bells of St. Peter's, and to have issued a bull for the baptizing of bells "to cleanse the air of devils." The idea spread widely in sermons, and was popularized in multitudes of inscriptions out upon the bells themselves. One bell, for instance, declares that "the sound of this bell vanquishes tempests, repels demons, and summons men." Another declares that it can "ward off lightning and malignant demons." Another bears the inscription, "They praise God, put to flight the clouds, affright the demons, and call the people." Another makes the declaration, "It is I who dissipate the thunders." All was of course in Latin, of which the foregoing are translations. A ritual for the consecration of bells grew up with the doctrine. Popes, kings and Effect of Imprisonment on the Mind. prelates were proud to stand as sponsors at these bell baptisms.

As late as January, 1824, four new Bells were baptized at the Cathedral of Versailles, in France, to take the place of four that were destroyed in the French Revolution, ... The great reformer, Luther, told the story of a certain bell having been christened, "Hosanna " by the authorities of the older Church; they ignorantly supposing it to be the name of a woman. Water was sometimes brought from the river Jordan, to add to the officacy of such baptisms. Rituals, were regularly prepared for "these ceremonies, that of Paris including the petition that "when-sorver this bell shall sound, it shall drive away, the malign, influences of the assailing spirits, the horror of their apparitions, the rush of whirlwinds, the stroke of lightning; the harmi of thunder, the disasters of storms, and all the spirits of the tempest." Fornes of the time york presoribed in various manuals sanctioned di-rectly by papal authority. The Protostant, theologians of the Reformation, as a rule, op-posed the baptism of bells, and denied, the thethe demons could be scared by the clang of bells, and provent the demons could be scared by the scar

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To the ordinary mind, full of busy schemes and plans for future good, in the many active and fruitful years which people are so sure remain to them, the condition of one condemned to die at the hands of the law is inconceivable. To the sick, offlimes the restraint which comes to die at the hand, of the law is inconceivable. To the sick, of times the restraint which comes in from their own weakness, the inkomenus of inactivity, is barder to bear than all the achiles of pain and disease. This is but the beginning a with the prisoner. Withdrawn from all the in-terests of the world, having no longer any part in humanity; destined at a fixed hour to have the poor remnants of. his paie and shadows life choked out of him at the hands of the race of which he was once a part, he must count the days and hours' that remain to him till that, if which he was once a part, he must count the days and hours' that remain to him till that, agonizing moment when he shall, before the un-pitying eres of the community he has wrouged, writhe ont, that wretched existence to which he yet as an animal blings. All orine proba-bly has an element of insanity in ft. There is something abnormal and unbalanced, there, is not entry the strain of prisoning addition. But under the strain of prisoning it the samest mind cannot for or prison it of a the falles, them-bar, is an averaging of parts and raking a the and the strain of prison it destarts. All or ing a the strain of prison it destarts and a strainer in the strain of prison it is one. All and a the strain of prison it is the samest mind cannot for realm it is one. The first mind cannot for the strain of prison it is an area seen.

youth and maiden, drawn together by their mutual interests, likings and studies, came to find the highest degree of happiness in each other's presence.

Jane had now reached the age of twenty two; her lover, as Albert had declared himself to be, was her senior by two years. With the sanction and blessing of her foster parents -John and Martha-the girl had become afflanced to the young man, and their wedding had been appointed to take place about the middle of the coming September.

The plans of the young couple had been welldefined. They were to live at the farm with John and Martha, and to make no change in their daily habits and pursuits. Albert would continue his work for the county authorities; his was a head for construction, for designing. for shaping plans, and he found the best of experience, as well as a fair degree of success, in his present position; and Jane would still follow the path she had marked out for herself when she assumed the charge of the nursery department of the Foundling's Home. Loyalhearted and patriotic as she was, Jane had given much thought and sympathy to the cause of freedom as expressed in the attitude of the North toward the South. During the first few months of our civil war she had watched with interest the movements of the armies as recorded by the daily press, and her approval for the men who had given up home and happiness to do battle in a righteous cause had been of the most generous kind, (e. i)

But the young woman had never dreamed of the possibility of her lover taking his place in that vast army of loyal volunteers, whose footsteps resounded now throughout the length and breadth of the land; and so it came upon her with a great shock when the question was put to her by himself. Both any h

. "Jane, my darling girl," said the manily fellow, taking the two hands of his promised bride in his own strong grasp it the President has made a call for troops. This war seems to be a more serious thing than was at first supposed. It is a time when every man is expected to be at the post of duty. I have been thinking seriously of the country's need. I am convinced that she requires the young, fresh ardor, and strong service of her younger men, fully as much as she demands the wider discipline and perhaps steadier brains and hands of her older generation. It is a time when all who are unburdened by age or ill health, or heavy responsibility, should spring to her defense. 'And, my' dear girl, I am thinking that it is my duty to go."

where they had been watching the mellow glow of a late August sunset, and for a moment it | and cheerful voice she attended to each duty seemed to the girl as though the whole sky had | as it came, and only the allent watches of the

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night witnessed her tearful, prayerful vigils. Every one was patriotic in those days, and es pecially the wives and mothers, the sisters and the daughters of the boys in blue, who in far-off camps upon the tented field dreamed of dear ones at home, even amid the battle of shot and shell. The family at Corning farm was no exception to this rule, for in addition to the genoral interest its members felt in their country's fate, there was the life and honor of the young soldier-husband at stake in the fortunes of war. Prayers and wishes were not all that went forth from the old homestead in behalf of the brave men in arms, but many a box and barrel, well filled with articles of comfort and convenience, collected and packed by tender

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hands, found its way from the place to hands commissioned to distribute the contents among the soldier boys. There had been a great battle, with heavy

loss of life on either side. The daily press, cagerly watched by our friends, reported long lines of killed, wounded, and missing. The regiment to which Albert Keene belonged had been engaged in the fight, and had retired in dismantled condition. No word as to his fate had crept into the chronicles of the press, and so Jane hoped that her husband had escaped unharmed. But just as she had settled down to this conviction, and had commenced to look for a letter from him, detailing the news from his standpoint of observation, a telegram arrived, dispatched by the surgeon of a field hospital at the South, containing the information that Lientenant Albert Keene was mortally wounded, and that he constantly begged to see his wife.

Pale and stricken, with white lips and silent step, Jane made her hurried preparations for departure. John Corning would have attended her, but she would not allow him to do so. Now, more than ever, his presence was needed at home, especially at the asylum where their little walfs were sheltered, and it was with a firm hand-clasp, and a parting injunction to care for the helpless, that the young woman hade her friends good-hye, and started alone upon her sad but sacred mission.

She reached the hospital in the dim twilight of a stormy morning, only to find her husband in the last threes of death : he was unconscious. and could not recognize her as she sat by his side through the long hours that preceded the final change. Two or three times his lips moved and the name of "Jane" escaped them, but that was all. Toward night the summons came, and with only a gentle sigh and a slight convulsive movement of the poor mangled body, the soul of the young warrior passed on to a higher field.

The last sad duties were discharged ; he had been given a soldier's burial ; bravely he had fought through all that dreadful day, and at night he had fallen beneath the enemy's fire. It was a story only too common in those days of carnage, but Jane liked to listen to the tale John and Martha Corning had no idea that of his courage, his undaunted valor and his herole end. But for her life the close of all bright | eyes, and listen to the cheerful tones of her faand beautiful dreams had come; in the death of that brave soldier she could see naught but gloom and shadow for herself, though her undimmed faith in a Heavenly Father's love made her feel that her husband must have gained an immortal home of peace. The thought gave her strength to partially put aside the weight of woe that threatened to a long while to recruit her strength after the overwhelm her, and to look upward for light and guidance, in the hour of her affliction.

There was much to demand the attention and to appeal to the sympathies of this stricken woman-much to call her out from herself and the contemplation of her own woes. Suffering ers who were looking after it and the waifs, in reigned on every hand. The doctors and the a proper manner ;" there was no need for Jane nurses were barassed and overburdened by the to enter it again as a worker, and they would tasks laid upon them. Jane beheld more than persuade her to look after herself at the farm. one poor fellow left apparently uncared for ; which she might manage as she pleased, when she felt strong enough to attend to it. ore than one faint voice noaning wit pain and feebly crying for water or for some other alleviation of his misery. The attendants were doing their best to care for all, but the work was great and the workers few, and the attention bestowed fell short of the necessities of the hour. Jane saw and understood, and rising up from beside the freshly heaped grave that covered the remains of the one to her most dear, she offered her services to the surgeon in charge of home. that unhappy place. They were gratefully accepted, for no help could be cast aside in these hours of trial, and the young widow was assigned a place as nurse among the wounded and suffering men. Lightly she moved about, ministering to the afflicted with gentle hand and kindly touch. a beautiful day this solemn service was dis- untolife." Hour by hour she spent by the cots of the sufferers, soothing, cheering and encouraging them | dren from the "Home" rose in an anthem of by her tender care. The wounded men came to look upon this woman in a spirit of devo- and song and music, these were the blessed tion; she was like an angel of mercy and good tributes brought in commemoration of that cheer to them in the hour of pain, as she young life that had spent itself in loving saoribrought great comfort into their days of wearinoss and anguish. For a long time she labored, and later when the hospital was removed, Jane Keene followed sition, the single inscription, "She hath done the ambulances to other fields of usefulness. She had found her mission in caring for the wounded and helpless; and in toiling for the welfare of others her own stricken heart found its measure of submission and peace. Occasional letters from home informed her of the condition of things there. John and Martha were doing their best for the asylum : her own place with the waifs had been filled by a capable young woman, and she could well and reformation of sinful lives. But the joy be spared until she could feel her work was which we are now called upon to record, was finished in the Bouth ; and with many words of | occasioned by the blessed news that a soul was approval and blessing on her course, the letters | nearing the shores of eternal life. Serapha and of her old friends closed, with the fervent wish that she would soon be relieved from distant certainty of this fact came to them. What duty, and return to find the tender love and care which awaited her at home.

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constitutions, and had sent off the discharged bride's reception, and we may well believe that and disabled ones with a word of cheer and in all things that tended to this end Serapha hopefulness

It would fill a volume to narrate the events operation of the loyal man. and experiences of her hospital-life but with these we have nothing to do. Suffice it, that the woman began to see the end of her labor, them her old-time protector, "Farmer Cornand to turn in thought and longing toward the ing," who, with his companion, Sarah, sympafriendly hearts and scenes of refuge awaiting thized with the happiness of the waiting house her in the old home.

submitted herself to the care of others, expect- from the battle-fields, seeking homes in other strength and vigor sufficient to afford her an turbulent and without spiritual discipline asy journey homeward.

But such was not to be her fate ; the languor and weariness only increased. In spite of all constantly called upon to render service in that skill could do, Jane sank rapidly. Over- their behalf. So the Cornings and their assoexhausted nature could not rally its forces, clates had faltered not nor wavered in their and almost before the danger was perceived, the loving, faithful, tired heart ceased to beat, and the honest blue eyes of Jane Keene closed on earth forever.

Alone and friendless, would you call that fading life? Oh, no! Loyal hearts and true watched beside the dying woman; tender assoclates, who had been comrades with her in many an hour of watch and toil, attended her couch of pain. She was not alone in a mortal sense, even though the friends of herearly days were far away; for love, and care, and kindly ministration were her portion. And then, what shall be said of the heavenly companionship, the angelic attendance bestowed upon our heroine by unseen watchers in the solemn hour? None on earth could witness the radiant light, the love-glowing faces, the outstretched hands of the bright beings who had come from other worlds to beckon and to receive her passing spirit. Yet they were there, and ere the gracious eyes became forever dimmed by the touch of death. there flashed into them one brilliant, happy gleam of recog-

nition and of joy. "She must have seen the angels," whispered the friends who attended that peaceful deathbed; "and surely, if any soul was ever worthy

of their presence, hers was one." And so she died, and gentle hands robed the pulseless form for its last repose, while the faithful soul, freed from the crosses and the pains of material life, went speeding on to its immortal home, upborne by the loving hands of angels, and guarded by a company of heavonly visitants who had come to receive her in

this triumphant hour.

Waiting in their quiet home for the especial word that would indicate the hour and train by which they might expect their foster child, miliar voice. They would be so glad to welcome her home again. The whole place had been brightened and made fresh against her coming. The worthy couple had planned how they would pet and coddle her when she came. She should have no care put upon her for a long time. She was to be made much of, and given long tax upon her system. Of course she must need rest, and she could have it too, and anything that she wanted that money or love could souls rest from effort and from toll. buy. The Home was "doing well enough," they said ; it had "a force of teachers and help-

and Susle gained the heartlest support and co-

Other friends also looked forward to the en trance of Jane to the heavenly world, among hold. All of these spiritual friends of ours had

But when her time of voluntary service) ex- pursued their useful, beneficent labors for hupired, and her conscience permitted her to manity in their chosen fields. During the think of that homeward journey, Jane felt weak years of warfare and misery through which and miserable and ill. She had overtaxed her- our country waded in its struggle for freedom self, the physician said, and must take a few they had found much to do. Whole forces of days of rest before she could depart. So she newly arisen spirits were constantly passing ing that in a week at most she would regain worlds. Many of the recruits were wild and They needed attendance and supervision, and

> such ministering beings as our friends were missionary work; but as the years went by they rather strengthened in their labors. Now they were at home again in the peaceful country where we at first beheld them when the old farmer entered spirit-life. They had earned a season of rest on their own estate; but their purpose was still to seek the afflicted and to

bless the unfortunate. And now the expected hour approached, and with husband, mother, sister, friends in heavenly guise watching beside her lowly couch. Jane Keene became dimly conscious of something glorious, mystic, radiant, hovering around her. A conviction of celestial presence deepened in her heart as the vague shadows of mortal dissolution settled upon her frame, and at the last moment the conviction fisshed into reality, for a beauteous visiop met her sight. She beheld the loving, familiar faces, as with one glad, exultant smile of recognition breaking in her fading eyes and over her pallid features the dying woman knew that she had found her own.

Who shall describe the scene that followed? Who shall tell of blissful reunion, grand receptions, completed companionships, in the spiritworld? Who shall transcribe the burning. elevating communication that passed from soul to soul; the wonderful revealments, the glorified experience of that nobler life ? Who can relate the histories and the events that through the advancing years reached the lives of this dear band of spirits, united in all that is lofty, grand and true? Surely not they who are limited to mortal language, and we must content ourselves with the thought that these pure, good souls are working ever on in love and harmony.

They have reaped the harvest of those deeds sown on earth ; the fruition of past seasons has been a plenteous one; but like the prudent farmer here who is not content to rest upon the fruits gained from the toll of one year, but who never again would they look into her living sows in the spring-time that he may reap in the autumn, our spirit-friends continued to sow their good deeds abroad, and to gather from season to season the abundant and blessed fruitage of their toil. In other worlds than this they pursue, their labors, waiting for the coming time when the Husbandman, the giver of every good and perfect gift, shall pronounce their work fulfilled; but not until wrong and oppression are unknown, not until sin and ignorance give place to wisdom, love and truth, in the heart of man, will they and all such brave

> Corning farm has fong since given way to the march of enterprise and improvement. Its Charles I. Dutton ; two duets, "The Wandergrounds have been built upon, and its site is er's Night Song" and "The Hour of Parting," now the centre of a prosperous city. John and by the same two gentlemen; and several ad-Martha have been gathered to their fathers, or mirable character songs by Mr. J. Williams in other words, they have joined the band of Macy. These were interspersed with plano seprogressive spirits who are marching on in good lections by Messrs. Irving H. Tifft and W. E. works and lofty aspirations. The entire estate of this worthy couple was left in trust to the Corning Home" for orphans and waifs. The Home, now an incorporated institution, is doing a noble work, and its founders may well look down with satisfaction upon the lives of usefulness and honor that it has sent out into the world-lives rescued in early years from the degradation and ignorance of the slums, and saved to a career of probity and of success. THE END.

A Pleasing Memorial Celebration. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Macgregor Hall, the beautiful audience-room of the Metropolitan Church for Humanity, on Madison Avenue, corner 59th street, New York, was filled to overflowing Friday evening, Dec. 9th, with a brilliant assemblage of the personal friends of the President, Mr. George D. Carroll; gathered there at his special invitation. to enjoy a musical and literary entertainment given by him in honor of his father, mother and son-all in spirit-life.

The platform was beautifully decorated with cheice flowers; among them three tall pedestals supporting large baskets of roses, gracefully draped with wide silk ribbons, bearing in conspiouous gold letters the words, respectively : " My Father," " My Mother," " My Son." The programme announced an attractive array of talented artists, many of whom were the warm personal friends of Mr. Carroll's son when he was in mortal life, and who rejoiced in the opportunity to volunteer their services on this anniversary of his transition. As a preface to the entertainment, Mr. Car-

roll made a short opening address, saying :

"Friends, you have gathered here this even-ing to assist me in rendering honor and giving

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remembrance; there is nothing strange about this—it is custom. We have a legal holiday—Decoration Day. The military, grand dignitaries and veterans march to strains of music through the streets, and convey to the cemeteries flowers to deco-rate the graves of those who died for principle. It is a beautiful tribute and recognition of what we owe the departed spirits. There is nothing strange in the beautiful and elegant display, because—it is custom. Hecognizing the fact that the spirit—all that there was to my beloved ones—has passed to another plane of existence, in accord with God's infallible laws, and having knowledge of spirit-return and communion, I have adopted this way of expressing my love and regard. I invite my mortal friends to come here and celebrate this anniversary with flowers and music, as a titting expression of my love. My father, mother and son also invite their friends in spirit-life to assemble here and enjoy this entertament. in spirit-life to assemble here and enjoy this entertainment.

I thank the artists who have so kindly and so generously contributed to make this occasion one to be long remembered in honoring my father, mother and son. To the large audience I can truthfully say: You have a treat before you this evening excelling any heretofore, or which you are likely ever to receive on this

plane of existence. "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God hath given thee."

Most prominent among the pieces rendered by the vocalists were "Mirella," "To Seville," and "The Daily Question," by Miss Lillie P. Berg; "Remouldo," and "My Lady's Bower," by Mrs. Anna Bulkeley-Hills; the duets 'Streamlet Full of Flowers" and a "Tuscan Folk Song," by the same ladies; a soprano solo by Miss L. L. Middleton; baritone solos, "Fond Heart, Farewell," and "Old Winter Comes," by Mr. James A. Metcalf; tenor solos, "The Brook Sings," and "Sing, oh ! Heart," by Mr. DECEMBER 81, 1887.

only as genuine and real, but approved and accepted as spiritual. I congratulate my friend Mr. Carroll upon the success of this delightful occasion, and upon the fine audience in whose presence these interesting and tasteful exercises have been performed, which I look upon as the embodi. ment of a beautiful spiritual idea-the orys-tallization of a preclous and tender thought." Prof. Kiddle's short address fitted in extremely -all It was right to the point, and had well. It was right to the point, and had a marked effect, being greeted with frequent anplause.

This was the fourth of these unique anniversary entertainments given by Mr. Carroll in honor of these deeply-loved and venerated members of his family; and as those who had enjoyed it gathered around him at its closenear eleven o'clock-to congratulate and thank him for the pleasure, every thoughtful man scanning their happy faces could but say such a method of honoring one's dear friends who for a time have, passed from mortal sight, is truly a commendable one for Spiritualists, and far in advance of the cheerless and too often despondent "memorial services," where friends mostly meet to condole with each other in heaviness of heart over the memories of the dear ones who have passed into spirit-life, and whose love and friendship they too often seem to consider as irreparably lost in death.

S. H. TERRY.

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PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION. BY WARBEN CHASE.

Every person will admit the propriety and necessity of protecting by legislation, both national and State, our institutions and the principles of our government, sometimes even at the expense of some precepts and practices of religious sects, even when well established on, and supported by, Bible authority,

ernment, sometimes even at the expense of some pre-cepts and practices of religious sects, even when well established on, and supported by. Bible authority, as in the case of polygamy in the Mormon Church, and in other cases of sacrificing of hearts, if not hu-man beings, which we would not allow. It is too late in human history to support any barbarous practices by religious zeal or Bible authority in many cases, although the gallows and capital punishment are of this character and sustained maining by church sup-port in our country. To many of us it has long been evident that we have an insidious foe to our fustitu-tions in our country. To many of us it has long been evident that we have an insidious foe to our fustitu-tions in our midst, sapping and mining our government and binding its votaries to a foreign potentate and pow-er above any in our government or country and in the person of an infailible fore, whose word and authori-ty are above all iaw on earth, as he is claimed to repre-sent God and Christ on earth, and, being infailble from the time he is elected Pope, can no more do wrong than God can. Few persons are aware of the growing strength of this foreign element in our midst, which is now building more churches and laying out more morey to strengthen its power and principles than any other sect among the conflicting denomina-tions, which are divided and distracted by discussions that greatly weaken them. They are also building a grand university home for the Pope (when expedied from Italy, as he is likely to be) in Washington, at our seat of government, which they hope, if they do not expect, to control by the time he is fored out of Italy, and most tolerant and liberal government on earth, and here they can work their insidious schemes unmolested, and hence their insidious schemes church are sware of the restricted discipline the children are sware of t

autor all churches, as well as other corporations, to guire all churches, as well as other corporations, to submit to this principle, by which the members of any church should have the right and the power to select its own teacher and preacher, and to control its church property, especially when they build it. Under a law of this kind Dr. McGiynn could not—as he should not— have been turned out of his church, and many other such cases of arbitrary foreign authority would be averted. This law would not infringe on religious be-lief or devotion, but would protect American principles, so far as it goes. such that the set of t

CHAPTER XV.

IN OTHER WORLDS-CONCLUSION.

The beginning of the end had come. The war was nearly over; peace had not yet been de- once the brave soldier, now a contented workolared, but the Northern viotories had been so many, and the fate of the South had proved so disastrous to itself, that it was now a foregone conclusion what the end would be The struggie had been a long and bloody one; broken homes and devastated lives on both sides told a heart-rending tale of sorrow and despair. The price of liberty was a most heavy one, but even those that mourned the loss of their dearest and best, acknowledged that freedom was worth all the cost.

Jane Keene had never once, through all this long period of trial, faltered at her post. She now that the smoke of contending armies had had remained in the hospital service, devoting her life to the needy and the suffering. Like many snother brave woman, she had nursed the wounded back to health ; had attended, the bedalde of the dying, ministered to the afflicted m who were to drag out years of pain, with d bodies, maimed limbs and shattered

In the midst of these plans and consultations came the direful news by telegraph, Jane was sick unto death ; the shock staggered them, for they had not known she was alling even, only their love had told them that she must be in need of rest. Before they could make their preparations for reaching her, another telegram came announcing the death of their dear one. and the transportation of her body to her old

Tearful faces and trembling hands received the precious burden when it came; there was only left to them the sad, sacred duty of consigning this to its last resting-place beside the forms of those dear ones who had preceded her to the higher life. Under the warm sunlight of charged, while the tuneful voices of little chilpeace from beside the open grave. Flowers fice: and when, in later days, a shaft of snowy marble was erected over that sacred spot, it bore, beside her name and the date of her tranwhat she could."

There was joy in heaven, or in a portion of that immortal world of peace where the spiritual characters of our story have founded their eternal home; not over the repentance of a sinner this time, though much of thanksgiving had our friends experienced in their unstudied labors of good, in perceiving the repentance her daughter Susie were overjoyed when the preparations they made for the reception of their darling! what blissful anticipations were theirs of the happy, happy life she should find in their pesceful bower! Nor were they alone in their satisfaction; beside the angel mother and sister who waited to give the tired spirit welcome, there was Albert, the lover-husband, er in higher fields, who waited almost with impatience to receive his bride. He had found his long-lost parents in this spirit-world; he had been greeted and made to feel at home. His interest in the fortunes of war, the fate of his country, the weal of his comrades, and, above all, in the welfare of his wife, had never ceased, and the brave soul had done his best in behalf of the people and the cause he loved on

behalf of the people and the cause he loved on earth. But beside this duty he had also gained op-portunies for soul expansion and for study, and now that the smoke of contending armies had ready to withdraw; his attention from the thingy that had olaimed it, and to direct it tothings that had olaimed it, and to direct it toward those higher pursuits and investigations that were congenial to his inventive mind.

But now, no:, one thought, one task en grossed his heart -; the preparation for his then look for the cause of it.) Try it and in but

Written for the Banner of Light. TRUTH, LIGHT AND LIFE. BY LYDIA DAVIS THOMPSON.

What is the strait and narrow way? Not that hemmed in by selfish creeds, But that which guides us every day To paths where nobler living leads:

And where shines ever truth sincere, And where;we'll find, as on we go, That half the promised life is here, And ours to live while here below:

That bids us rise from out the gloom. Leave chilling dogmas far behind. And unto our "high calling" come That teaches love to all mankind

And guides us, that we do not stray When Self her luring snares doth set; Forsooth. we 'll find the " narrow way " When we begin self to forget,

That fain would hide the clearer light Of life divine, sent from above, That shines upon Truth's mountain height. Supported by Immortal Love,

Revealed to us by spirit-power That marks the "law of liberty,"

Do what you can when you cannot do what you would. Warner's Log Cabin Plaster will immediately, relieve the pain in your back;

Taylor, and exquisite morceaux on the violin by Prof. Carl Lauzer, together with a rich and highly appreciated variety of recitations by-Madame Anna Randall-Diehl, Mrs. T. B. Stryker. Miss Florence Vanderbilt, Mr. J. Leslie Gassin, Mr. J. Williams Macy, and others.

During an interlude in the regular programme of the entertainment, Prof. Henry Kiddle (who, with his family, were present as invited guests,) was called upon by Mr. Carroll to make some remarks appropriate to the occasion. Accepting the invitation he ascended the platform, and as nearly as his extempore remarks can be recalled. said :

"Ladies and Gentlemen : This call on the part of my friend Mr. Carroll is quite unexpected; but I respond to it with pleasure, as it gives me an opportunity to express my approbation of this beautiful entertainment, and the motives which prompted Mr. Carroll in getting it up. It is a practical application of the basic fact of Modern Spiritualism—the spiritual pres-ence of our departed relatives and friends, and their ability to hold intercourse with us:

Father, mother and son in spirit-life are not to be regarded as "dead," nor as far away from us; but are living entities, with all the sensi-bilities and affections of the human heart as binties and active as they were when their pos-sessors formed a part of our domestic or social circles, and were visible to our material sight. My friend has learned to recognize and to realize this great fact, which has been proved to him as clearly and undeniably as any other fact of his present consciousness. It is not a more sentiment to reminiscence

fact of his present consciousness. It is not a mere sentiment or reminiscence that has prompted these beautiful exercises, but a conviction of the present existence of those who have gone away from our sensuons perception unto the higher life of the spirit-world. We not merely treasure their memory, but we cherish a realizing sense of their sotual existence and living presence, and thus keep them, with all their warmth and sympathy, within our own spiritual sphere while we linger below,

That marks the "law of liberty," And guides us every changing hour To where the "many mansions "bei Ohi strait the way to life divine i When in the light of truth we stand, And let its bright rays o'er us abine, Brought by some radiant angel band. Biest teachers i sent to tell us how To know currentree "as we are known," And unto that blest shrine to bow Where "charity seeks not its own." For, oh! 'tis stean, unselfsh deeds, And "loving kindnees" erery day, That unto life most blessed leads, And marks the "strait and narrow way." Bydeld, Mass. A report to the Imperial Diet of Germany shows that the condition of the sewing and factory gins of Berlin is quite as melanchoiry a statist of the when always to the states of formals indore in berlin is not satistatorily explained, New York. The cause of the fabnious cheapness of formals indor is indefined by solut of the statist and mary way." New York. The cause of the fabnious cheapness of formals indor in Berlin is not satistatorily explained, formals indore in Berlin is not satistatorily explained, formals indore in Berlin is not satistatorily explained, formals indore in Berlin is not satistatorily explained, forma, conning to us with a sing more indefined to be and the set are of the strait from such processed a setting when very skillful semetreened to bow in beases. No connois the ord is investioned sewing women cannot et of the investion is the strait ard on processed reading to the strait form goin plut ways, women formals indor in Berlin is not satistatorily explained, forma, conning to us with a temporary res-toration of all that, endears them individual measures is any can be applied. Do what you cannot do what

January Magazines.

THE MAGAZINE OF ABT .- A finely, descriptive sketch of winter in the forest of Fontainbleau is the opening article; an exquisite word-ploture that calls, for no engraver's skill to ilustrate, though half-a-dozen specimens of it are given. The second of " Studies in English Costume," relates to coats in the time of William III.; its illustrations include a good portrait of Sir Isaac Newton. A full page engraving is given of a painting, "John Arnolnal, of Luces and his Wife," as seen by Jan Van Eyck, the artist who made It in 1434, "Glimpses of Artist Life," is an interesting becount of the Royal Academy Schools, Illustrated. The growing interest in art and art studies is brought into prominence by an article upon the "Wolverhamp ton Municipal Art Gallery," the origin of which was the presentation to the town some years since of a handsome building to serve as a public) museum and art gallery. Copies of several of its notable treasures are given. The frontispiece of this number is a photogravure of Delaplanche's celebrated bronze statue, Music." New York : Caseell & Co.

THE OUTVER. - New Installments are given of the sorial stories, "Wanted, & Governess," " Not All in Valn," and "The Flying Bibli," and a story complete value," and "Inte Figure Skill," And a story complete in one chapter, "Half-Dozen Heroines," is con-tributed by Katheriae Sect. Chafrontispice is a fre-illustration of a poem entitled "Kyee to the Bind." The Dean of Calterbury informs his readers "How God Preserved the New Testament," and the remain-ing contents are religiously didactie. New York : Cas-cell & Co.

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interest in Spiritualism ; but recently I perceive some

encouraging signs of thought on the subject. I lend

my papers and strive in the way that seems best

adapted to circumstances to throw out a good influ-

ence in its favor. We know it is only a matter of time

for its truths to be appreciated, therefore we walk on

A Letter from Dr. Dean Clarke.

Eighteen years have elapsed since first I visited

Philadelphia as a missionary in the employ of the

State Association of Spiritualists, then presided over by Dr. Henry T. Child, and now I have again had the

of the denizens of this great and flourishing city.

leasure of speaking for a month to several hundreds

In material matters there have been vast improve-

ments and a wonderful growth during this time. I am

astonished at the vast area covered by brick, wood,

stone and iron, constituting this great emporium. The vast multitude of humanity here, engaged in the

struggle and warfare of life, certainly evince enter-

prise, public spirit and business capacity worthy of

the historic fame achieved by their illustrious ances-

Not only the citizens of the Keystone State, but of

America, may well be proud of the historic associa-

tions from Revolutionary to Contennial times, con-

nected with this favored and consecrated focus of commercial, financial and political power.

No American" to the manor born" can come to this Mecca of Liberty and walk in the streets where the heroes, patriots, statesmen and true noblemen of

the past trod in the conscious dignity of freeman this

hallowed ground, without sharing in the pride with

which Philadelphians point to the shrines that are

monuments of illustrious deeds wrought by true

Every citizen of this great country, whether native

or naturalized, ought at least once to enter old Inde-

pendence Hall, and view the portraits that adorn its

walls and the many mementoes of "the days that

tried men's souls," that he or she may catch the in-

spiration to patriotism, fidelity, valor and virtue which

such relics of greatness must over infuse in respon-

Spiritually, too, the "City of Brotherly Love" has

made an important record in the abnals of time. Here live and have lived many of the champions of spiritual,

as well as of political liberty. Quakerism was an im-

portant antecedent to the freer and broader spiritu-

alization which the New Dispensation has inaugu-

rated. George Fox, Ann Lee and Blias Hicks were inspired instruments to introduce a spiritual leaven

into this world, and many of those who had em-

braced their ideas were thereby in a degree prepared

Here in the early days of our cause the illustrious

Prof. Hare, by his scientific apparatus and his crucial

test experiments, lent important aid, and gave a great

movement. Though he won martyrdom at the time,

he gained immortality in history for his fearless

Many others of less renown, but of no less bravery

and fidelity, have succeeded him in holding up the

standard of progress which is the true ensign of our

The First Association, under whose auspices I have

recently labored, has a few of the old ploneers

who listened to me in years gone by, still faith-

fully sustaining the public work, and they deserve to be honored and commended for their persevering

for the new and higher light of to-day.

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happily in the light manifested to us."

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

GREAT BEND.-Mrs. A. C. Spalding writes : " In

SARATOGA SPRINGS .- Harvey Lyman writes: We have a good society here; speaking every Sunday; C. Fannie Allyn is with us this month. Dr. W. B. Mills puts on the cap-sheaf by seeing and describing spirits after the close of each lecture. I see by the BANNER OF LIGHT that Horace M. Richards, of New York, one of our last season's boarders, and who engaged a room in our new house, has passed on to spiritlife. I am glad Mrs. Gray opened her parlors, and invited speakers and mediums to take part in his obsequies.

Being recently at Island Pond, Vt., I met a family by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ladd, and in it found a vacant chair; their daughter Hattle, twenty four years of age, had passed to spirit-life. Before she left the form she called her friends and young comnanions to come in. She told them she had been a constant reader of the BANNER OF LIGHT, and wished them to distinctly understand that she fully believed in the truth of Spiritualism. This was a great conso lation to her parents and the friends she left behind.

Prominent spiritual workers in that section are Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Canaan, Vt.; mediums; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Gillman, Colebrook, N. H.; mediums, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Newman, Charlestown, N. H.; speaker, Mr. J. P. Haseltine, of Lancaster, N. H., was formerly what the church calls an Infidel, but is now a Spiritualist, having become one by seeing his son's picture appear over his own."

BUFFALO .- Willard J. Hull, President and Secre tary, writes: "Our banner has been flung to the breeze, bearing upon its ample folds the name 'First Society of United Spiritualists.' The winds that have beat upon it have been thus far those of adversity, financially speaking, but we are in hopes of being placed upon a firm basis in this important respect inthe near future. Our meetings have been in the main self-sustaining, however, and since the middle of September Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Edgar W. Emerson, Mrs. Clars Watson, Mrs. F. O. Hyzer have been with us, and Mr. Walter Howell is here for the month of December.

Of course the degree of good accomplished cannot be measured, but the quality and influence of the less sons inculcated cannot be disputed or overestimated; and we are satisfied that every word spoken in behalf of spiritual enlightenment and progress is a step in the scale of a higher plane of thought and action, and consequently a better humanity. Therefore we shall go on, confident in the inherent righteousness of our cause, and a firm reliance upon the immortal intelligences in whose hands rests the success of all human endeavor.

If there are any speakers or mediums who expect to be on route to the East or West, who will accept for their services a reasonable remuneration, and are de-sirous of contributing to the cause of Spiritualism in a benighted community, we shall be glad to hear from them, and can assure them of a hearty welcome. Our meetings are held in Metropolitan Hall, one of the finest of the smaller halls of this city."

Louisiana.

SIMMESPORT.-M. K. P. writes: "To the close observer, the published details of the Seybert 'investigation ' are at this time flat and uninteresting, save as they arouse a feeling of indignation that truth should be so trifled with. But it was not to deal with their misrepresentations my pen is now called into requisition. Abler pensthan I can hope to wield are drawing attention to that phase of it ; and while every thinking individual who knows anything of the spiritualistic phenomens can feel no surprise that this is so, still, looking at it in all its bearings, one can but feel that we as Spiritualists have reason to rejoice rather than grieve over the much-talked about Beport. While doubtless intended to be a deadly thrust at Spiritualism, what event of recent date has given the impetus to it that the published result of this socalled ' investigation ' will in the end?

Astonished and indignant at its statements, many of the ablest inheliects are dealing with it most sum-marily; while those who have never investigated Spiritualism, seeing and hearing so much of it, are becoming anxious to learn for themselves what there is in it. Thus, thousands who perhaps might have gone through life and given the subject scarcely a thought. are being brought into the ranks of Spiritualists. For, as all know, he who honestly and patiently investigates the phenomena, becomes at last one of the number of those who believe.

Many a time has Spiritualism been dealt what its umphs. I have received high encomiums both from

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though it has met opposition from press and pulpit, rostrum, and won many laurels, as she deserves to. under the efficient management of its worthy Presi-Bhe does a grand reformatory work among juvenile dent, Mr. A. H. Newcomb, is growing in numbers and offenders, and has a heart of sympathy and a word of influence. The impetus given to our cause by Mrs. cheer, and if need be, a hand of beneficence for the K. will not be lost. Mr. and Mrs. Kates, of Chatta- poor and unfortunate everywhere. God bless her in nooga, Tenn., will occupy our platform upon her deher earnest work.

Jennie B. Hagan, the versatile improvisatrice, and spirituelle instrument of angelic teachers of a high order, was my successor; and it is needless to add created great interest, and won new triumphs among

those who so highly appreciate her wonderful gifts. Having been kindly entertained, cordially appreciated and duly rewarded, while in Philadelphia, I reluctantly bade adien to that goodly city to direct my footsteps northward.

As I find good people everywhere, and have many ear friends in New England, I shall return to the 'Hub," hoping to be called to service wherever I can do most good, and best help onward the cause I most devoutly love. Yours ever for truth,

DEAN OLARKE.

DR. CHARLES E. TAYLOR is under sharp treatment at St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. He has been sentenced to pay fifty cents a week for two more of his unvaccinated children; three in all, making twenty-four shillings a

month! He writes: "On my asking the Police-Master how long this would continue, he said 'Forever,' On my expressing surprise at the length of time, he corrected himself, saying, 'Until they come of age.' Several others were fined, and expressed themselves pretty strongly. As these were some of our most respectable of tizens they cannot be charged with ignorance. Indeed, it is from the upper classes that opposition springs. It will cost me £20i for the three children ere they are of age."

We extend our hearty sympathy to Dr. Taylor under this annoyance, but he is well quali-fied to take care of himself, and is just the man to make an end of such monstrous legislation.

Passed to Spirit-Life.

From his home, in Dixon, Ill., Dec. 13th, 1887, Judge ohn V. Eustace, aged 66 years.

John V. Eustace, aged 66 years. Judge Eustace was an carnest and devoted Spiritualist for many years, and took a deep interest in its philosophical as well as its phenomenal phase. The writer has known him for the past fitteen years, frequently meeting him at leo-tures of the First Society of Spiritualist in Chicago and at the seance-rooms of Maud E. Lord and other mediums. Judge Eustace had the confidence and esteem of his fiellow-citizens, having filled positions of honor and trust for many years, and was known to a large constituency as a taiented, genial, noble-sould citizen; a kind, loving husband and father. New York Oity, Dec. 17th, 1897. New York Oity, Dec. 17th, 1887.

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nower. My audiences, during my late engage-ment, were, on the whole, sympathetic, appreciative, and more responsive than I expected the "staid

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New Jersey. NEWARK .-- Mrs. E. N. Crane, Secretary of the First Association, writes: "I do not know that you have heard anything of the progress of our Society; If not, it may be we have been waiting for it to say something for itself; but it has never been strong enough to say much, although it is about four years old. In fact it has been so weak sometimes it has nearly ceased to exist. It had nearly reached that point last winter when Mrs. and Mr. Dorn, who were our leaders, succeeded in getting Mrs. E. Cutler, of Philadelphia, to come and give us a lift, to whom we are obliged, for Mrs. C. has proved herself to be a real live woman, a decided psychometrist, with heating gifts, engaging in her manners and possessed with a faculty to please. She had not been with us long when she realized there was a city of Brookiyn where there were live people to be found, among whom are Mr. W. C. Bowen and Mr. A. S. Larine, who kindly offered to come over and help us. These earnest and talented men are willing to give their services for no other compensation than the satisfaction of knowing they are doing a good work. Judge Dailey, of Brooklyn, an earnest and able speaker, has also lectured for ns gratuitously. Mrs. O. has succeeded in getting us other good talent; besides, Mrs. Nellie J. T. Brigham favors us semi-monthly, on Monday evenings, with lectures. The result of all this interest manifested in our behalf is, our Society assumes a more flourishing condi-

tion than ever before. We have reorganized, and adopted the name First Association of Spiritualists. Mr. H. G. Avery is our President.

It is fair to say that the Liberal League Association of this place, to whom we feel somewhat indebted, are entitled to credit for their work in industriously clearing sway the parriers of an ignorant past, and thereby preparing, the ground for a structure founded on rationalism, whose religion is humanity."

Ohio.

TOLEDO.-O. W. Johnson writes : "Hrs. Mary O. Knight of Fulton, N. Y., has been with us for four weeks, and by her foreible, loctures has awakened in this city a widespread interest in Spiritualism. The influence of mind over matter and over mind is a prominent subject of consideration to-day, and Mrs. Knight is giving all who wish more light thereon, food for thought. Her lectures partake of that high de-gree, of spirituality and intellectuality which give nearly all of our spiritual journals. them great force and power among the people. At times she lectures upon subjects presented by the audience, and handles them in a satisfactory manney. As a test medium she is highly successful, and has siven striking tests which, to those interested, are in-dubitable proofs of the immortality of the soul and of

finely developed spiritual and intellectual nature that her spirit-guides can: so come en rappert with her as to produce the most happy results. She has been a public advocate of the Spiritual Philosophy for more Dublic advocate of the Spiritual Philosophy for more than tex years, and from this long experience speaks with a positiveness (that earlies only letting). This grand book with a positiveness (that earlies only letting). We re-commend her to all spiritual societies, and assure all who may engage this sloquent takeher of the science and philosophy of Spiritualism that they will be am-ply repaid 4 (19). This sheater was to grand at a they will be am-ply repaid 4 (19).

the old workers and several rather prejudiced critics sis and explanation adopted by my inspirers. It is of a lecturer, to succeed in meeting the exacting de-mands of audiences so heterogeneous in growth, tastes and requirements as are those which convene in our great cities. The assurance that I did so, mani-

fested by most eager attention, frequent applause, and after congratulations, gives me gratitude to my spirit-helpers, hope for future usefulness, and a reciprocal feeling of fraternal love toward those who "first loved me" and gave me the "helping hand " of magnetic and verbal encouragement.

By time was so thoroughly occupied that I visited but few of the mediums of Philadelphia. Among those I did see were Mrs. Lawrence, formerly of Montpeller, Vt., Mrs. Abbott, of Western Massachusetts, Mrs. McCann and Mrs. Mancks, who bear the highest reputation as test mediums. They all are noble speci-mens of womanhood and worthy of their high calling. I received great benefit from the magnetic treatments of Miss T. Gilbert, 819 Spring Garden street. She is a powerful healer, a true, grand woman and an earnest, devoted Spiritualist, of the best Quaker stook.

I wish to mention another trance test medium, who has been before the public about four years and is growing in popularity and usefulness-Mrs. Bertha Binker, of Jewish birth and education, but now a thorough Spiritualist, and through her fine mediumship doing much to lead many of her race as well as others into the light of to-day. She is noble-hearted, intelligent and thoroughly honest, and commands general respect. I had an interesting seance with her, and many of my old co-workers from spirit-life greeted me through her controlling guide.

The mediums of Philadelphia are in fear every day of being arrested for practicing "Fortune-teiling," which is a misdemeanor under the laws of the bigoted State of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Powell have already been tried and condemned, and a menace hauge over the beads of the rest. Is it not time for the Spiritualists of America to unite their energies to protect all honest mediums in the exercise of their divine gifts? I have advised the First Society of Philadelphia to ordain all worthy media of the eity as ministers of the Gospel, and thus endow them with all the privileges and prerogatives of other religlous teachers, and give them the same protection the ministry of religious denominations are entitled to. When spirit communion is made a *crime* in any State it is time for Americans to assert their inalienable

rights at any cost. Dr. Bhodes still supplies the investigating public

It is apity that our spiritual literature is not more thoroughly and generally read; "Spiritualists cannot help the cause: of religious progress more effectually than by obtaining the standard works found in the catalogue of Golby & Rich, and first reading, then sir-culating them among their neighbors. Many will read at home who dare, not go to public places or even to public mediums. To all who are interested in mind-cure let me commend as the best and by far the most

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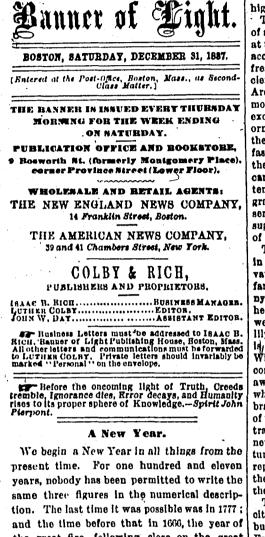
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plague in London. The opportunity will not occur again until 1909, which will be another one hundred and eleven years off. What is another interesting fact in figures, once in every thousand years these three similar figures appear in two contiguous years-thus, once in every thousand years, and at the close

Important work is continually going on in excavating the life of old Rome by making the extensive improvements necessary for modernizing the imperial city. The laying out of new streets and the regulation of the course of the Tiber, has yielded a large crop of archeological discoveries of extreme interest, and brought to light new treasures of the hoary past to awakon general wonder and admiration. Rome has not been misnamed the Eternal City. There is none other such on the face of this changing earth.

Among the art treasures recently discovered, according to an elaborate report of the matter by Lucy M. Mitchell (writing to the New York Times from Lausanne, Switzerland), is the house uncarthed in the garden of the Villa Farnesina, so widely known for its frescoes from the hand of Raphael. The recent discovery of this ancient house in the Farnesina garden supplies additional testimony to the same taste in adorning private dwellings in Rome that was uncovered in the dwellings of even the humble poor in Heroulaneum and Pompeli eighteen hundred years after their entombment by the terrific eruption of Vesuvius. While the Pompelian frescoes are plainly the work of provincial artists, this freshly exhumed Roman house reveals the work of talents of a higher order.

The writer, while lamenting the barrenness of a mere word-description, says that, looking at the large and well executed plates on which accurate and exhaustive reproductions of the frescoes which still adorn the walls of this ancient villa have been published by the German Archmological Society at Rome, a wealth of harmoniously blended color is seen throwing its exquisite veil over plaster and stucco; chaste ornamentation, such as inspired Raphael and the other workers of the Renaissance, winds its fascinating tracery over the whole; we see on these walls borders, friezes, columns, masks, caryatids, and the architectural illusions of temple columns and open doors, combined in graceful symmetry; while the paneling is reserved for choice mural paintings which would suggest themes without number for the artist of ideal and allegorical subjects.

These paintings, which are conceived as held in a grand architectural frame, are of most varied themes. One of the largest is of the infant Dionysius in the nursing care of the nymphs. Another represents Aphrodite with her attendant, and Eros, the goddess of beauty wearing her castellated orown and holding the lilv in her hand as she sits on her throne and is being velled by her attendant behind her. Winged Eros stands before her awaiting her commands. No Pompeiian wall-painting can awaken the admiration produced by this work. which is supposed to be a copy of some celebrated ancient painting, the old representation of the goddess with archaic crown having been transformed by the artist in the spirit of the new life of his time, probably the fourth century before Christ. There are other paintings. representing scenes connected with worship. the stage, the court, and daily life, all adorning the walls of this Farnesina house.

nate.

The archmological stratum below the historic city has been reached in the removal of the buildings and the accumulations of ages on the the great fire, following close on the great Esquiline and Viminal Hills at Rome, at which point the primitive level of the soil has been touched. The oldest Roman wall was built upon this, with its agger, which was removed to make way for modern buildings. In the progress of excavation the remains of primitive habitations were recognized; but, more interesting still, a vast necropolis was disclosed, the 1909 and the next year 2000. This happens only sepulchres in groups, at intervals, all over the extensive area of the city comprised by five streets that are mentioned, which is the same

Then that unique object, Mount Testaccio, which has awakened the curiosity of so many strangers, has been under investigation, to discover the true origin of this stupendous pile of broken fragments of pottery and glass. The the piles of fragments of vessels in which the yearly tribute had been brought to Rome from the various provinces. The names of the provinces themselves are to be read on the fragments. This belief was the traditional one, too, all through the Middle Ages. The names of Africa and Spain are particularly frequent on these fragments. A rude artificial limb was likewise found in a tomb in Capua. The ruined temple of Diana has yielded new treasures, too, especially terra cottas, unquestionably in large

part votive offerings to the goddess. Some of them are statues, life-size and smaller. They are generally but ordinary work, and do not reach beyond the first period of the empires. The continued excavation of Etruscan tombs at Carnero has disclosed a large number of most ancient graves, that had never been disturbed. Of the objects found with the enularly at the right hand, while the drinking vessels were at the left. The oll vessels were likewise found near the hands, while the plates near the head and feet. These investigations furnish rich material for the study of the ceramic art, and serve to confirm the opinion

from a time before the potter's wheel came into use. The very great number of oil vessels, unguentarii, found with the dead show what prominence unguents had in the commerce which the Tarks carried on with the Etruscans one of the trade in cotton stuffs and alcoholic beverages in our own times from the European to the barbarous nations. The oldest Etruscan tombs are simple pits excavated in the rock. A hand-made assuary for the cremated bones was placed in a narrow depression in the bottom. These tombs contained various small objects, all in bronze. In the oldest of them are found a hut-shaped urn, a rude representation of the earthly dwelling. The second form enough to hold the skeleton, and shows the progress of custom from cremation to burial. The third form is not very different, the rerock, being first put in a case of neuphro, a rudimentary form of sarcophagus. No cremated remains are found in these. A fourth form consists of a mortuary chamber hewn horizontally in the rock. The more ancient of these are without any decoration, but contain Corinthian vases. Later, they become more or-

The stage of investigation that furnishes the most interest is that in which burial takes the place of oremation. The passage from this period to the garnished sepulchral chambers of flourishing Etruscan art is clear and continuous. Two theories are put forward on this subject of burial without burning; one, that the old tombs with cremated remains belong to a friends. Mr. Thomas R. Hazard, Mrs. J. H. time anterior to the Etruscan, called the Um- Conant and other spirit-friends appeared, and brian, and that the appearance of the Etruscans and that of the new mode of sepulture is identical in point of time; the other, that a of the medium was introduced to us. She herprogressive development is traceable in all self turned on the gas in order that we might. these tombs, caused by a constantly increasing distinctly see her face. Another spirit, entiretransmarine foreign influence. The latter the- | ly unlike her, did the same. ory is based on the fact that the contents of the richest and latest of the oldest class of tombs this kind in so strong a light. It is no wonder are equally found in the more ancient tombs to us that Mr. Frederick Whittaker writes-as of the second and third class. The rich and he has in a communication published in last those holding high social position would nat- week's BANNER, on the second page-that the urally first accept the elaborate innovations manifestations at Mrs. Cadwell's seances are from abroad, which in time were generally wonderful. They are indeed ! And we agree adouted. The poorer tombs with more antique | also with Mr. W., (as we have suggested the objects and more simple equipments would be same thing many times,) namely, "that if we found by the side of those presenting more give the spirits the conditions they ask, instead elaborate and more recent types. Not the slightest indications are given that | care as to conditions, as is too much the case the old tombs had any visible monuments above | with Spiritualists at present, if concerted efforts ground. The inscriptions on vessels found in were made to secure perfect surroundings, ancient tombs show that the oldest type of what might not be accomplished?". We had tombs was in vogue even after the introduction | convincing evidence of this fact at our last sitof the alphabet. The more ancient remains ting with Mrs. Sawyer, on Monday evening, seem to be those found in North Italy in the Dec. 12th, when the Indian spirit, Springflower, lake dwellings and of the age of bronze. In manifested her presence to us. these the cremated bones are in assuaries, sometimes with vases and utenslis of bronze. The widely extended prehistoric civilization, traces of which have been found in abundance in Central Eastern Europe, as in Hungary for example, marks a movement from north to south, and formed the remote antecedent of the oldest necropoli of Italy. Many objects corresponding to the ancient group in Italy have been likewise found in Olympia in Greece. in recent years; also in the necropoli of Attica, in the remote Caucasus, in the Troas, in Cyprus and in North Africa. The necropoli of two cities on the Isle of Rhodes have also furnished many objects perfectly corresponding to the ancient group in Italy. The early Etruscan and early Greek were surrounded by the same influences, but the growth from the same seed in different soils was very distinct. It is evident that in Etruria foreign influence supplanted the older funeral rite of cremation by the universal Oriental custom of burial. Under the Church of St. John and St. Paul in Rome have been discovered three rooms of a Roman house of the fourth century. They are located under the principal altar of the church. They show remarkable paintings. Besides the pagan pictures there are Christian subjects; among others, Moses removing his sandals before ascending the mount, and a woman in the attitude of prayer. This is the first instance in which Christian paintings have been found in a noble house-the Ohristian art of that early period being known only by the rude productions in the catacombs. A dozen years ago Samuel Lott mysteriously disappeared from Anderson, Ind., and, though it was thought he had been foully dealt with, all efforts to find the perpetrator of the deed supposed to have been committed, or the remains of the viotim, were unsuccessful. On Sunday night, Dec. 4th, says a telegram to the Indianapolis News, a communication was received through a medium at a meeting in Ohesterfield, Ind., purporting to be from Lott, saying that he was murdered by a man with whom he was last seen in company, who has since doceased, giving the name and all the particulars, and indicating where his body was hidden. The place named was subsequently visited and what remained of the body found there.

A Scance with Mrs. Cadwell.

At the request of several Brooklyn and New York gentlemen we attended a séance given by Mrs. Cadwell, at 1827 Broadway, New York City, on the evening of Dec. 20th. She is a mepottery is found to bear witness itself to being dium for physical manifestations, whom we had never before seen. The circle was composed of a select number of ladies and gentlemen, mostly strangers to us, but who we soon found were very intelligent and harmonious persons. On being introduced to the medium we learned that she had a stroke of paralysis some time ago, resulting in the permanent injury of the bronchial tubes, and that she does not speak above a whisper.

A spirit dressed in pure white came from the cabinet to the centre of the room and requested a gentleman in the audience to stand beside her in order to show that she was half a head shorter in stature than he. She then passed into the cabinet, when another form appeared. who stood in the same position the other spirit had a moment before, when it was shown that she was as tall as the gentleman-thus demonstrating the fact of the appearance of two tombed, one class of vessels was found reg- spirite, not only in height but of different cast

of countenance. The chief control of the medium was Nelson Seymour, (familiarly known while in the earthand other receptacles for food were placed life as "Nelse" Seymour, who was, it is said, up to the time of his decease, a prominent member of Bryant's minstrels.) Calling us to the cabinet, he ordered more light, thus showing that many of the earliest Etruscan vases date his face very distinctly. We asked him how long he had been the cabinet spirit of Mrs. Cadwell; his reply was, "Three years." He spoke in a full, distinct, masculine voice. After we had resumed our seat the spirit reappeared, and desired those in the audience who felt so in the sixth century before Christ, and remind disposed to propound any question they pleased, and he would answer to the best of his ability. As no one responded, after some delay we said that there was one question we would like answered, and that was, Why certain trance platform speakers often in their public utterances condemned the physical mediums, and called those people who endorsed them "nothing but phenomenalists"? etc.

The spirit forcibly replied at some length, and to our view truthfully, that in some inof tombs was an oblong out in the rook large | stances such speakers were wedded to the intellectual phase of mediumship exclusively because it was their stock in trade; that such persons lacked in a great measure true spirit mains, instead of being placed directly in the | uality, or, in other words, did not possess in a very large degree the natural affections inherent in most people, while those who did were drawn to the materializing séances as well as to the lecture-rooms of the trance and normal speakers. Besides, said the spirit with much earnestness, a trance speaker might be of a very affectional nature, a true and pure lover of his race, but, before going upon the platform -especially if he were engaged to lecture for weeks or months at the same place-his surroundings would lead him to believe he might please his audiences best by ignoring the materializing phase.

In the course of the evening other spirits appeared and were fully recognized by their seemed to be highly pleased that they possessed the power to come. The spirit-mother

We have never before attended a seance of

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Gov. Joseph R. Bodwell,

Of Maine, passed to spirit-life from his home near Au. gusta, the Capital, on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 15th-being the first Governor of that State to die in office since the decease of Enoch Lincoln in 1829.

The main trouble leading to his demission is set down as a general lesion of the nervous system, though heart failure is said to have been the immediate cause. Gov. Bodwell was in his seventieth year of carthlife; having been born June 18th, 1818, in Methuen, Mass. His father, Joseph, was a faithful citizen, and his mother a true and worthy woman.

Born in close contact with the plane of manual labor, he wrought successively as farmer, shoemaker, granite worker, etc., and finally turned with keen eye and a steady judgment to the fields of law-making, and the greater responsibilities of the State executive.

He performed very practical work in the upbuilding of Lawrence, Mass., and the utilizing of the waterpower which has made that place so widely known; it is recorded that to him the granite trade of Maine owes almost its entire source and spring-the Bodwell Granite Company, of which he was President up to the time of his death, having attained the standing of the leading granite corporation in this country; the Hallowell Granite Company also owed its existence to his foresight and energy.

He twice served as Representative in the Maine Legislature; was a delegate at large to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in '80 and '84; and was elected Governor in September, 1886.

THE BANNEB feels to place this memorial in its columns in grateful remembrance of the fact that the citizens of Maine at this time, owe to this man their freedom - when sickness invades their families - to shoose the system of practice and the person to apply it which they themselves desire. By certain strategic movements the fossilized M. D.s of the State, some months ago, succeeded in securing the enactment by the Legislature of a law putting the people under legal guardianship in the matter of medical treatment, and causing the State to assume to declare that certain men must be employed, and others discoun-tenanced, while the State did not assume the responsibility for damages in cases where its own prescribed practitioners failed of benefiting the sufferers. Gov. Bodwell arose to the height of the occasion, and smote the unholy measure with a veto the echo of which rang throughout America, as a protest from an intelligent and authoritative source against Allonathic monopoly. He has, left Maine free as he found it; and has entered the sphere of reward for good actions done on earth. Truly does the Herald of this city say of his life and its lessons:

this city say of his life and its lessons: "The death of the Governor of Maine will afford the press and pulpit the text for many a sermon. Born a poor farmer's son, and deprived of the educational and other privileges almost all boys among us now enjoy, he dies rich, not only in money but in the es-teem of his fellow citizens of all parties. He had been honored by the people of his State, trusted and con-suited by our leading business men, and leaves a rec-ord of usefulness in a thousand ways.... His habits were simple, and he was not puffed up by money. When he ran for Governor there were no old scandals to be raked up for use against him. He was an ex-cellent example of the best product of our institu-tions—honest, serviceable men."

"Prepare to Meet Thyself."

That the future state of every individual depends wholly upon his own efforts in the present has come to be accepted as an inviolable law of our being. The very reverse of what was once claimed, namely, that what we do in this life has no influence upon our condition hereafter-that works, be they good or evil, are of no account as regards that condition-is rapidly gaining ground in the beliefs of Christendom. Rev. Samuel Watson, in a lecture given by him before the Spiritualists of Cleveland last October, strongly emphasized this view. He held, and very justly, that this life should be a preparation not to meet God, upon our entrance upon another plane of existence, but to meet ourselves : to meet face to face our own acts. "As we leave this world," said Mr. Wat-'so will we be in the next. Every man will son. go to his own place. Live right-be just: be temperate; be pure. Cultivate the germ of spirituality that is in the breast of every man, and cast out all base, unworthy thoughts. We are told to prepare to meet our God. That is well; but I say, prepare to meet yourself. It is yourself you will have to meet on the other side

of the next century will be the second time only since the Christian era began.

But all this is matter of curious investigation only, and nowise pertains to the sentiment of these tombs is made evident by the mode of that ought naturally to pervade the season in which a new year is ushered in. The universal custom is to pause, if only briefly in the Valley of the Po. This discovery strengthens thought, at this pivotal transition time, and in that short pause to run over the past and look out speculatively into the untried and unknown future. To that healthy custom, approved of wisdom, let us all adhere. It is the right time to ignore old scores and settle up all differences, and begin anew the life that is before us.

The events of the coming year promise to be of great magnitude and the largest importance, both at home and abroad. The world is moy- of the grand skeleton are revealed. They being forward on the lines of its advancement at an almost startling pace. Invention stimulates the higher faculties of the human race as no mere preaching or teaching of morals has ever done. The way is fast being opened for the during this period the enormous manufacture influx of the more exaited spiritual influences, by the very triumphs of material power. However much the apparent conquests of the latter may be deplored, it is to be said of them that strove to get this most important industry into they are but temporary in their nature, since their own hands. The Emperor Trajan's name the spirit of mortals can never rest content is to be found on bricks as the proprietor of with that which merely serves the needs of the physical existence.

All things are preparing the way for the advent of the new age that is fast coming in. It is to be the higher age, because the more spiritual one. The scoff at spiritual realities that is now heard from the materialist on the one hand and the religionist on the other, will be silenced before the resistless power of that out inhabitants. Towns fell to ruin. The great wave which is to overwhelm the world abandoned fields reverted to forest. This as a tide from Eternity's Ocean.

Nothing illuminates the world like the light that is streaming with new power from the though it fails to explain the termination of heavens above and around our planet. In the stamping chronological notices on the bricks. fullness of that light we succerely hope that all A considerable number of kilns were united in may find the new twelvemonth, upon which high persons attached to the imperial house, they are now about to enter, indeed

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Harmony in Diversity

CONSISTENT WITH UNITY ON EARTH AND IN SPIBIT-LIFE"-a lecture by the guides of W. J. COLVILLE, recently delivered in San Francisco, Cal., and specially reported for these columns - will be placed before our readers next week.

sends out various premiums to those who sub- | The imprint on bricks expressed one of the last soribe for one year, See full particulars in languid flashes of Roman life before it went another solumn. The adjust and the second of t

zone through which extends the Servian wall. In none of these tombs have any traces of cremation been discovered. The great antiquity sepulture. In each tomb was found an earthern cup, characteristic of the pre-historic lake dwellings and the age of bronze existing in the the opinion that the early inhabitants of Latium had their origin in the people known under the generic name of the lake dwellers. In comparison with these races, ancient Rome seems a modern city.

The stamped bricks so extensively used in the structure of the ancient city are of the first importance in throwing light upon the picture of its civilization. The Emperor Augustus made the historic boast that he found Rome brick and left it marble. It now becomes a city of brick once more. The bones come genuine documents, confirming and correcting the other chronological sources. The kilns for baking bricks were during the time of the first four Emperors a great monopoly. They were located in Northern Italy. But of them in Rome was in the hands of private persons. One particular family, the Domicii, supplied the city with brick for more than a hundred years. The Emperors persistently kilns, under the disguise title of "Our Cæsar." His wife was likewise the possessor of numerous kilns, and her name is found stamped on bricks still more frequently.

Consular dates on bricks commence before the death of Hadrian, and continue down to the year 164, the beginning of the reign of Marous Aurelius. During his reign a terrible malady broke out in Rome and Italy, fatally scourging the population. Entire cities remained withmalady was brought from the East by the returning soldiers of L. Vero. This blight on the city checked also the industry in brick-making, the family of Marous Aurelius, and besides the were many of both sexes belonging to the aris tooraby, of whom no other record generally remains than is on these humble tiles. The Roman bricks record the overthrow of the imperial dynasty. After the third century the production of them was apparently reduced to a minimum, and the custom of stamping them ceased for the rest of the period. In the times of Diocletian and Constanting, the industry revived again, in consequence of the construction of new baths and other public edifices. The last period in the series of stamps was that of Theodorio and Atalaric, whose names are found 10 Don't forget, friends, that THE BANNER quite frequently on & series of Roman tiles. .11 mir = Ya Vi

13 We are under deep obligations to our New York friends for their many kindnesses to us while on our last visit to their metropolisfor which they have our most grateful thanks. They all spoke well of the course of THE BAR-NER and assured us of their deep interest in its future welfare.

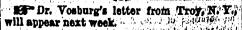
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Electricity versus the Rope.

We stated last week that the New York Commission, appointed two years ago to inquire as to a more humane method of capital punishment, is expected to present its perfected report to the Legislature that is to assemble at Albany next month. The Commission consists of three well-known citizens of the State. The statement is made that they are agreed on a recommendation to substitute electricity for the rope in executing oriminals condemned to death, and will report to that effect. We are ourselves free to admit that death by an electric shook is far more merciful than by strangulation. If simple killing is the thing sought to be accomplished, and not killing with the accompaniment of torture, then no one will persist in disputing that that method is best which, being equally efficacious, is likewise devoid of the oruelty of making the end a lingering one in the paroxysms of torture.

The Rev. Dr. Talmage has been devoting one of his Friday evening "talks" to the subject of capital punishment, and he puts the question directly: "Why not, when a man is by decree of the law to be dismissed from this life, let this | hands of the apparition in her own, and the moforce (electricity) by one touch discharge him from the mortal tenement ?" He demands to know if the prolonged strangulation is to be regarded as a warning to orime. If the warning is more, impressive the more terrible the taking off of the condemned is, why not, he pertinently asks, add some of the oldtime modes. and pour hot lead into the ear, pull out the tongue by the roots, draw the victim asunder with horses, sew him up in a bag with rattlesnakes, or have him crucified? Prolongation of suffering on the scaffold, he truthfully asserts, will work no healthy sentiment in the community. And it is not needed to warn any of those who are called to witness the execution. there is a strength, the last

Mrs. H. S. Lake's closing lectures at the Berkeley Hall, in this city, last Sunday morning and evening, were of great importance, and listened to with the closest attention by large audiences. Mrs. R. Shepard-Lillie, the able trance speaker, will occupy the desk at the above hall next Sunday morning and evening. She, too, is an excellent lecturer, as all admit who have listened to her platform utterances.)



Will, A. Mansheld, the slate writer, has changed bis location. He can now be addressed of found at the Manuel The HULLA TH. TOD (HIN] 474 Bhawmut Avenue, 1

of mortality. It is your record you must face, the record of your life. Let it be one you will not fear to encounter."

A PLEASANT MEETING in honor of the eve of Christmas took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hatch. Jr., Everett Avenue. Boston, on Saturday night last. About half a hundred guests were present, and the contents of a well-filled Christmas-tree were harmoniously distributed to old and young-the editor of this paper returning thanks to those who remembered him with friendly gifts. Services of an interesting character also occurred, in which remarks by Miss M. T. Shelhamer (in a normal condition, and also entranced by spirit Capt. Robert Anderson), J. B. Hatch, Senior, (who also acted as chairman.) John W. Day and Charles McArthur; singing by Mrs. Nellie M. Day and Prof. C. P. Longley; and violin solos by Mr. Geo. Hosmer, combined tastefully and effectively. Then came the partaking of refreshments. At a late hour the company dispersed, with wishes for a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year" for their hosts and all concerned.

We are told by one who was present that an interesting and remarkable phenomenon occurred at Mrs. Cowan's seance on the afternoon of Dec. 11th. A form was on the point of emerging from the cabinet, when Mr. Cowan, who stood near by, said : "You are not fully made up, are you?" Apparently paying no heed to this, the form, that of a female, passed, out toward a lady, who upon rising to meet it saw that nothing above the shoulders was distinguishable; but she took the outstretched. ment she did so the head was perfected, the form was immediately recognized and a conversation ensued: We witnessed a somewhat simllar manifestation at a seance in New York, the spirit appearing with no eyes, in order to prove that it was not transfiguration.

Miss Louisa Cooley, Miles Oity, Mont., writes : "What first attracted my admiration for the BANNEB OF LIGHT was the mainer in which its opponents are treated. There seems to be no room in its columns for rude or harsh language, against those who do not profess the views therein advocated. Such a disposition, I am sorry to say, does not always exist in other out scene saway has another periodicals." or souther

"SUNDRAM" is the title of a superbly printed and bound quarto volume, a copy, of which, from its com-Carroll is of the firm of Dempsoy & Carroll, Art Sta-tioners and Engravors, 46 Bast 14th street, New York who in their special branch are unexcelled, if, indeed, equalled, by any other sugaged in the business. The volume before us, of which five thousand copies have been presented to Mesars. Dempsey & Carroll's cuscomers, contains hundreds of specimens of their work and a Literary, Department, that includes, a hundred or more pages of wit, humor and sentiment, selected with much care and exceeding good tasts.

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There is not the slightest reason, says the Congregationalist, for believing that the Roman parochial schools will turn out a better educational product in the United States than they have elsewhere. They should be opposed in every lawful and proper manner.

A Poor Judge of Evidence.

Shakepeare died in a drinking bout with Ben Jon-son. But at no time did be get drunk enough to ex-pose his true character as a fraud. — Dallas (Tex.) Weekly News.

The same issue of the above-named paper which contains this brainless slur upon the immortal " Bard of Avon" has an editorial in which the writer thereof goes into spasms of ecstatic endorsement of the Beybert Commission and its alleged "Report" on Spiritualism and its utter unreliability-to state the matter mildly: Thus showing the peculiar shallowness of capacity for correct judgment of evidence, in both cases, which this weaking critic possesses.

Is it True

That such a state of "Orthodox " demoralization exists among the Jewish leaders as the following from the conservative Hebrew Standard would seem to imply?

sonservative Hebrew Standard would seem to imply? "Does your rabbi believe in the dictary laws?" asked Bolomon Issass. "No," replied his friend, Morton La-veile Cass (Meyer Loeb Katz). "he eats his bam and ergs regularly for breakfast." Does he fast on Yom Kippur?". "He tells us that the progressive spirit of the ask does not require it." "Does he believe in Toras Roshay?" "Not at all, except, perhaps, as a matter of ancient history." "He believes in God, of course?" "I think he does." And the condition to which Judaism in America has been brought by these false teachers can be inferred, when all that can be said to the credit of a rabbi is, "I think he believes in a God !"

Electricity in a New Role.

Naval men have been looking with some anxiety upou the vast banks of smoke which the great guns of the present period cast out around the ships when at target practice, and speculating on the part which this unexpected and often unwelcome screen may play in actual warfare. It has, however, latterly been found by experiment that smoke, as it issues from the muzzle of a heavy gun, can be almost instantaneously precipitated by means of a simple electrical apparatus. The invention is based upon the researches of Prof. Tyndail, Lord Rayleigh and Prof. Lodge in the action of electricity upon floating dust and vapor, and the discovery promises to be of marked naval and also military value.

Thoughtlessness Bordering on Crime.

What young gentleman suspects, as he sits in a drawing room watching the taper inggers of a young lady daintily twisting in and out about the delicate materials of some faney job, that she is hard at work for a store down town and in the sot of earning a few cents? It's a fact, nevertheless. I know a lady who goes to a store on Broadway in a carriage with her four daughters, and who makes a business of it. In many cases the landlord's wives and daughters are taking from us the means of paying the rent.— Work-ing Woman, in New York Herald.

The above tale of soulless human acquisitiveness and its effects on the poor working girls is true enough -and "pity 't is, 't is true."

Theologic Castor Oil.

George W. Cable, the noted writer of fiction, who has now assumed charge of the Tremont Temple Bible class (adult), not long since astonished the cences of that conservative retreat by a lecture on " Cobwebs in the Church"; he was particularly caustic in his treatment of some things found in Church history and tenets, which he regarded as justly coming under this heading, and which maintained a false value because of their mere antiquity: among them indiscriminate veneration ; bitter Church partisanship ; mental bondage to the conventional sense of things rather than personal freedom of opinion; an idea that the clergy were a separate class of men; a disposition to look at matters as they once were rather than as they now are; and the forgetfulness of the collective aspect of humanity in the interests of merely private aims. Coming to the Sunday school propaganda he is reported to have said :

ed to have said: "There are cobwebs in the Sunday school, and we must recognize this fact. Large numbers of our teach-ers in Sunday school are teaching an oral tradition, and a belief in the infailbility of the Scriptures, which no proscher would dare set forth. The laity are to-day descrimating mistaken views of doctrine that are not justified by any teachings in the pulpit. We require professions from those entering the Church that are aboute mockery unless they can be supported by scholarship. The Church is putting castor oil into the milk of the word."

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

TO OUR THOUSANDS OF PATRONS, SCATTERED ALL OVER THE WORLD, THE HANNER OF LIGHT SENDS ITS NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

CHRISTMAS was quite generally observed by the public institutions of Boston and the country gener-ally; and everybody knows that in the home circle everywhere the day was honored as it should be. The

BANNER trusts the occasion was a "Merry" one to all its numerous readers. By reference to our local meeting reports it will be seen that various lessons were drawn from the Christmas season by the speakers on the Spiritualist rostrums in this city and elsewhere.

An African traveler says the intoxicating liquot now chiefly exported to Africa from Bremen and Hamburg is a polsonous distillation from the potato and produced very cheaply. Chemists state that there is more fusel oil in it than in any other known spirit. The natives give it the appropriate name of Death.

Rev. Lyman Abbott has been selected as pastor of Plymouth Church at the same salary paid Mr. Beecher.

Mrs. Garfield, the mother of the late President Garfield, is eighty-seven years old, but is as bright in mind and apparently as strong in body as when her son was elected to the Ohlef Magistracy of the nation.

The Prussian and German departments of justice have commissioned Judge Ascherott to study and reportupon the American penal system, with the view of making it the basis of a new system in Germany.

Jay Gould's income is placed at one thousand dol lars an hour.

The beer-bearing valkyrias (of the Norsemen's heaven) were probably the originals of the modern waitress of the concert saloon. The difference be-tween the two is but slight : the valkyrias of Odin se-lected those who were to die, and served them after they were dead; the waitress of Gambrinus serves those who are in the body, and who will die from the effect of her ministrations.—*Poliuto*, in Chicago Times.

The German Crown Prince, so report avers, is in a much better condition as to health.

Patent Agent..." I've got just the thing you want. It is a book-holder, and" German Professor... "Vell, I do n't vant him. I was hold on to my books poody vell. Vat I vant ish a padent ash vill pring back dot books vot was borrowed from me.".-Har-per's Bazar.

Burning a piece of zine occasionally in the stove or furnace will prevent the accumulation of soot in the chimney. When there is a good supply of live coals

lay a piece of sheet zinc, say a square foot, or more if necessary, on them and shut up the fire-box, leaving the draft open. The zine will melt and burn with a bluish flame, and the fumes acting chemically upon the soot, keep the chimney clean.

Bulwer was correct when he said that "in the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fall," It is now always mollified down into "assignment."-Now York Ledger.

The great strike of Reading Railroad employés has been lifted by their Executive Committee pending the result of arbitration with the company. Much business trouble, physical suffering and mayhap blood-shed and violence has been averted by this action; let us hope that both parties will reach, by the calm and dispassionate exchange of arguments and veri-fied facts, a practicable and just arrangement of their present difficulties.

Young woifs (at dinner table, sobbing)-" I think you-you-are just as mean as-as-you can be. I made that apple dumpling as a pleasant surprise for you, and and now-you-want me to bring a hand-saw to cut it in two with." Young Ausband-"Good heavens! Maria, is that a dumpling? I took it for a cocoanut! (With desperate Brmness) "I'll eat it now, Maria, if thils me!"-St. Augustine (Fla.) Press.

The cost of carrying a ton by freight from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia in 1817 was \$140, and in 1886 \$2.87.

A CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL.—Mother—" And if I tell you the story about the babe in the manger and the wise men from the east, Bobby, will you go to sleep?" Bobby (after studying for a moment)—" No, ma; you tell me the story about Jack the Glant Killer first, and then I'll go to sleep while you're telling about the babe in the manger."—Texas Siftings.

THE GOOD SAMABITAN BROTHEBHOOD.-An offort is being made to revive the above benevolent organization, the purpose of which is to raise the fallen, and assist those in distress. Its membership is open to all who are willing to labor for the moral and social improvement of their fello nationality, race, color, religion, or political faith. Further particulars may be had by addressing Mark Allen, Advertiser office, Woburn, Mass.

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BANNER OF LIGHT.

Dr. Dean Cinrke has a letter on our third page, re-garding his recent labors in Philadelphia, to which at-tention is called. He can be addressed for lecture en-gagements in care BANNER OF LIGHT.

GREEDERTS IN ORTO BANNER OF LIGHT. Dr. J. K. Balley, since his last report, has spoken at Pooullar, No., Dec. 12th Jefferson City, Mo., 15th; Springfield, III., 23d, 25th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st. He is homeward bound to attend his sister's "Golden Wedding" celebration on the 19th of January 15th inclusive. Address him immediately, "General De-livery, Decatur, III." Home address, Box 123, Soran-ton, Pa. He would like engagements for lectures in New England States for February, March and the rest of the season.

Mrs. A. H. Colby-Luther's address for the remain-der of the winter will be at her home, Crown Point, Lake Co., Ind.

Lake Co., Ind. Dr. Henry Blade will occupy the platform of the People's Spiritual Meeting at Columbia Hall, 870 Sixth Avenue, New York City, Sunday evening, Jan. 1st.

Dr. H. F. Merrill has the following engagements : January 1st, Rockland ; Jan. 8th, Augusta, Me.; Jan. 16th, Mattawamkeag ; 22d, Bradford ; 29th, Norway.

16th, Mattawamkeag; 22d, Bradford; 20th, Norway. Oharles Dawbarn, of New York, who has been doing excellent work of late at Clereland, Troy, Greenwich, Albany, and other points, speaks in Bridgeport, Cl., Jan. 23d and 30th; Norwich, CL., Freb. 6th and 13th Providence, R. L., Feb. 20th and 27th; Worcester-Mass., March; Lynn, Mass., April 1st and 8th; Phila, delphia, Penn, May. He is also engaged for the Ni-antic Camp, July 16th; Casadaga Camp, Aue, 1st, 3d, 5th; aud Lake Pleasant Camp, Aug. 17th to 20th. Mrs.F. O. Hyzer was annouced to close her en-gagement with the Union Boolety of Clucinnati last Bunday. Her services in that city during the month have been in every way highly satisfactory, and many are indebted to her and her able spirit guides for in-struction that will be of enduring value to them in a long future. Frank T. Ripley, the lecturer and platform test

Frank T. Ripley, the lecturer and platform test medium, is making up his engagements for the season of 1888 and 1880. Those who desire his services should write at once to No. 3 6th street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Edgar W. Emerson held avery successful meeting in Attleboro'. Mass., Dec. 20th ; was to be in Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 28th ; will be in Cleveland, O., Dec. 28th and 30th ; and is engaged with "The Society of Union Epiritualists" in Cincinnati, O, for the Sundays in January and February.

January and February. Prof. W. F. Peck spoke Christmas day at Worcester to the complete satisfaction of all. He is recoraged for the last two Sundays of May. He would like an engagement for the last Sunday of January.—Thos. Palno's Birthday—to celebrate that occasion. The Sun-days of February and March are mostly disengaged. Address 600 Columbus Avenue, Boston.

Mrs. A. P. Brown can now he found by correspond-ents at her home address, St. Johnsbury Centre, Vt.

Ars. Mary A. Charter has exercised her medial gifts acceptably of late in Rindge, N. H., Ashburnham Cen-tre, and Fitchburg, Mass. She soon hopes to com-mence her westward journey to Adriau, Mich., from which she has been deterred by temporary liness. She can be addressed for the present at Fitchburg.

Bbe can be addressed for the present at Fitchburg. J. Frank Baxter was announced to give his closing lecture in Cleveland. O., on Bunday, Dec. 25tb; to lec-ture in Newburgb. O., on Monday evening, Dec. 25th; Rillicottville, N. Y., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27th; Palmyrs, N. Y., on Wednesday and Thursday even-ings, Dec. 28th and 29th; and will lecture in Troy. N. Y., on the Bundays of January, Deginning with Bunday, Jan. 1st. The Friday evenings of January be will lecture in Albany, N. Y. Address 181 Wainut street, Chelsca, Mass.

Mrs. H. S. Lake speaks at Salem, Mass., Jan. 1st, 8th and 29th. Societies desiring her services will ad-dress, 566 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Passed to the Higher Life.

At Santa Monica, Cal., John Day, a native of Staf-

ford, Vt., aged 79 years 6 months. Gen. Day was a life member of the California Soci-ety of Pioneers, and has been prominently identified with many of the leading enterprises of California and Nevada. He served as County Surveyor of Nevada, and was for thirteen years Surveyor General of the State of Nevada, during which time he was employed by Adolph Suiro, his warm and generous friend, in the survey of the Sutro tunnel. Gen. Day was for many years a firm and outspoken believer in spirit commun-ion, and a constant reader of the BANKEB oF LIGHT and Golden Gate. Being deprived by deainess, in a measure, from social enjoyments, his greatest comfort was four that purpose for many years. For him death had no terrors, and he looked forward to the relinion with the loved opers for with pleas-ant anticipations of the time when he would be re-leased from the sufferings-caused by a cancerous tumor-which he bore with remarkablefortitude. Our dear old friend is "at rest." ALBERT MORTON. ford, Vt., aged 79 years 6 months.

Hon. Warren Chase

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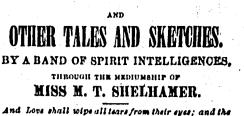
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It is announced that a shoemaker named Willis, located at the Spencer House in Cincinnati, has made the discovery that he possesses the gift of medium ship which does not seem to be affected by his advanced years.

Recently out of curiosity he attended a séance for independent writing, and was told thereat that he possessed mediumistic powers, and was urged to sit for development. Night after night, for more than two weeks, he continued this course without progress. seemingly, until at last one night he heard muffled raps. At first he was alarmed, then concluded that his son was playing a joke on him, but found the lad slumbering soundly. Returning to his shop, the rapping became more distinct. Nightly thereafter the manifestations became more pronounced, and finally he invited a number of friends to hear them.

On a recent Bunday evening one of his séances was attended by a large party, and among the other occur rences of the occasion were the following, as reported in a daily contemporary:

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The shoemaker's sowing-machine," continues the account, " was run by some invisible power, a heavy oak chest was turnen about and a zither was played by unseen hands. The scance continued more than two hours. Willis still works at his trade, but gives weekly Sunday night scances, which anybody may at-tend without charge."

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Charles Barlow, a respected and prominent oltizen of Horseheads, N. Y., passed to spirit-life Dec. the st the advanced age of ninely two years. His funeral occurred on Wednesday, Dec. 7th, and as he had been for years a pronounced believer in the New In the second se

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All are needed by each one ; Nothing is fair or good alone. -Emerson.

NOGALES, ABI., Dec. 26th .- The Gautemalan revo lutionists under ex-President Castano, who rose against Gen. Barillas because he proclaimed a dicta torship June 19th, fought a desperate battle in the mountains near the city of Gautemaia a few days ago, and were almost annihilated. This ends one of the most bloody wars the republic has ever known, and peace is restored.

MUOR THEN AS NOW.—A clergyman of South Nor-waik, Conn., recently preached a sermon in which he compared the newspaper with the Bible. The follow-ing passage is peculiarly striking: "The Bible's orim-inal news does not differ much from that which we may read to morrow. It contains no display head-lines, yet it records in the same realistic way a mur-der, such as that of Abel, or a suicide like that of Samson, or Abimelech, or Saul, or Saul's armor bearer, or Ahitophel. Narratives of thefts and robberies are scattered through its pages, accounts of family quar-rels and separations for cause."—Ex.

HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT .- President Cleveland's jublies gift to the Pope is a copy of the United States Constitution.

She-"Lan' ob de libeni Brudder Ell i Did you come on de kyars, or by private couweyance?" He-"Private conweyance, chile-I walked."-Harper's Bazar.

It is admitted by foreign electricians that the progress made in the United States in the utilization of electricity is far in advance of that of any other nation.

The great Theodore Parker, when uttering the Lord's Prayer, used to say: "Forgive us our tres-passes as weshould forgive those who trespass against us." He also prayed: "Lead us from temptation." instead of "Lead us not into temptation."-Gazette.

Mrs. James, of Rappahannock County, Virginia, had twelve stands of bees, which were valuable until a distillery was started in the neighborhood. The bees pay frequent visits to the still, get very much intoxicated, and are now of very little profit.

Judge to Pickpockst-"Who are your accomplices?" "Your fignor, you would not have me divulge a pro-fessional secret !"-Paris Figaro.

A huge wave struck Baracoa, Cuba, on Dec. 4th. People saw it coming and fled to the hills. The wave struck the beach, broke and flowed island about four hundred feet, after which the water flowed back to the ocean. Nearly three hundred huts and houses

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Manchester, N. H., who occupied the platform at Brittan Hail. The decorations with laurel and holly indicated that the Christmas hour was remembered, and the event it celebrates placed in proper relations with the later events in history, pointing to the great fact of immortality, which Spiritualism seeks to make known as one to be realized rather than as only a-something to faintly believe in. The meeting was particularly adapted by the pres-ence of strangers, whoreceived most striking evidence of spirit presence, to carry conviction of the truth of what was professed to be demonstrated; and the ex-ercises were thus rendered most fitting to the hour. A large number of invisibles made known their pres-ence, both in the atternoon and evening, most of whom were recognized.—Next Sunday Dr. J. O. Street, of Boston, will occupy the Brittan Hall platform. K. P. H.

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Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT.-You may now present your questions, Mr. Chaliman. QUES.-[By A. B. Alexander.] It is claimed by many spirits that, prior to their living on the

mortal plane, they had an existence. Is it pos-sible that a positive knowledge of such an ex-istence has been demonstrated to any individual

Ans.-We do not think that such a preëx-istence has been positively demonstrated by any individual spirit to mortals, nor do we think it possible for any spirit to so demonstrate the truth of such statement at the present time. We believe, personally, in preëxistence; we be-lieve that the soul is eternal; that it never had a beginning, and will never end. But we be-lieve there was a time when each soul that expressed itself as a conscious individual entity, became aware of its consciousness, of its per-sonality, of its possible powers of expressing that identity. So far as we have judged this subject from our observations we have come to the conclusion that every soul that has ex-pressed itself through mortal life, or has attempted to impress its personality upon the things of matter on this planet, had a partially conscious existence as an individual entity, but conscious existence as an individual entity, but that its direct personal identity had not, at least, in every case, been established previous to its existence on this planet. It is our belief that there are individual spirits who have come into life and conscious being on this material plane who have had an individualized, con-scious, active existence upon other planes or planets.

planets. We are not to conclude, from our finite and limited knowledge of human life, that an individual springs into existence here, gabing its first consciousness and power with its first con-

mind, as the exercise of individual thought. We believe, then, from our studies, that there is one great law in operation, controlling and directing the influx of human life, upon this as well as upon other planets; and we also be-lieve that this law operates intelligently upon those spirits, seeking avenues of expression through physical forms. It is our thought, then, that these spirits are divided into classes, so to speak; that those who are in need of the highest degree of experience are set forth in certain quarters, to be brought into assoin certain quarters, to be brought into asso-ciation and contact with certain races, and to come under certain physical laws and environments.

We feel obliged to touch upon the subject of reëmbodiment, for it can only explain, to our mind, the subtle questions which will arise in the consideration of such a subject, and in tracing out not only the possibility but the tracing out not only the possibility but the action of this law we can readily discern why it is that certain human spirits, endowed with intelligence, with consciousness, with all that goes to make up the main or the woman, are brought in contact with a race of people, and put under climatic conditions which do not de-velop the highest grades of human life and af-ford the grandest opportunities for human pro-gress to be attained on this planet. We be-lieve that certain spirits, crude and unformed, scarcely individualized as conscious, energet-io, personal entities, are, at first, brought in scarcely individualized as consolous, energet-ic, personal entities, are, at first, brought in contact with the oruder races of this mortal plane; they are brought in contact with those races which more closely resemble the animal life; because we believe in evolution, we are taught that the planet has evolved these various forms and objects of life, through one king-dom after another, and the physical form must correspond, in a certain degree, with that ex-

tent of intellectual power or of conscious iden-tity which is to control or to be absorbed by it. Thus we believe that the spirit but par-tially formed in intelligence is drawn surely and unmistakably into contact with a physical

and unmistakably into contact with a physical form to which it is adapted; therefore we find that spirit possessing one of a native tribe, and exhibiting only the ruder, coarser signs of intelligence and of growth. In time, that same spirit, coming under the higher, diviner laws of spiritual life, passes on, gains an experience, and is swept back by the mighty current of existence which sets in to-ward the planet earth, taking upon itself a new embodiment, more highly refined, better adapt-ed to the higher growth of that spirit than was the first which it inhabited, and so on ; this proving only that the law of evolution holds the first which it innabited, and so on; this proving only that the law of evolution holds good in relation to spirit growth and develop-ment, just as surely as it does in connection with physical unfoldment, with material growth and development.

These questions, Mr. Chairman, might take many hours to enter into them in elaborate detail; we only give some few thoughts, hoping they will evolve new ideas and sound sugges-tions in the minds of those who receive them.

 Q_{-} [by I. H. L.] Does the moral nature of a medium affect communications received through that medium? In other words, can one who is addicted to evil be under the con-trol of a spirit who is wholly good?

A.—That depends largely upon the surround-ings and the general associations of the medium. You may take an individual who exhibits signs You may take an individual who exhibits signs of viciousness, who has inherited moral pro-clivities of an unboly nature, and if that indi-vidual is so placed as to provide by his surround-ings and general associations, emanations of a magnetic character, or other favorable condi-tions of which the higher spirits can make use in approaching that child of earth, then he may in approaching that child of earth, then he may possibly be brought under their dominion, and be so influenced by their power as to give through his organism that which is holy, pure and unlifting from the spirit-world. But this inst consciousness and power with its first con-tact with matter on earth. We may safely study this subject with what light is given to us, and if, from the spirit side of life, we dis-cover such ways and avenues of existence as may lead us to conclude that there are spirits or individuals who have had a conscious, per-sonal existence on other planets, who may, through the process of time and unfoldment, they here as unfoldment, they here the existence of the stern, the almost unrelent-ing rule, in general: "Evil attracts evil"; "Like begets like"; consequently a medium who is impure, unholy in tendency and in habit, will attract spirits of a like nature, those who are impure or undeveloped, who are satisfied only with the coarser, sensual objects and pas-slons of the external life, and he will, most probably, exhibit just such traits in his commu-nications or associations with the spirit-world. Generally, what is given through such an in-strument, bearing the garment of light, is put forth only in a mischlevous spirit, by those orade, unformed creatures of another life that cluster around him. Vice versa, a medium who is pure-minded, who desires only the good of his fellow orea-tures, is aspirational by nature, praying in the secret of his heart for truth alone, wishing to ald the good spirits in their work for humanity, and the good spirits in their work for humanity, even though he sometimes falls and falters by the way, even though he is not always strong enough to resist temptation, will find himself environed by such an atmosphere of harmony, peace and light from the angel world as will subtain him in every hour of trial, and aid him in giving to the world that which is uplifting

heritage of all, and that none will be more highly gifted than another. And yet, so di-verse are the attributes of human life, so won-derful is the mechanism which governs and sets human thought in operation, that we be-lieve while all will be equally active and pow-erful, each will display its power and conscious might in ways that differ from the other, and the whole make up a complete, individualized, intelligent entity, which we may compare to God or infinitude itself. Q.-By the same.] Is there a law existing whereby they are drawn to any particular race or country on earth? A.-Of course we do not presume to speak with authority; we merely voice our personal opinion, based somewhat upon observation of this great question, and what we have to say mind, as the exercise of individual thought. We believe, then, from our studies, that there is one great law in convention controlling and the wine and what we have to say in this relation aprings only from our own mind, as the exercise of individual thought.

go from this world seeking homes in a better sphere. We speak thus distinctly to free the lady's mind, if possible, from its burden of terror and anxiety; we would have her realize truly and sincerely that there is a divine power exercised over humanity, and that this power takes with-in its tender protection the innocent and the lovely of this world and of every other; that, as the bent of the mind is, so will be the gravi-tation of the spirit; those who are pure and as-pirational will gravitate to homes of purity, peace and goodness, when passing from earth-it is of necessity so-and those of whom the lady speaks and thinks, whom she knows have been good here, are indeed, and must be, wise and good and loving there, surrounded by holy influences, and assisted in developing their in-ner powers for beautiful works in behalf of ner powers for beautiful works in behalf of humanity.

Q.-[By a subscriber, New Bedford, Mass.] Is not the "change of heart" said to be expe-rienced by some prior to uniting with a church, the result of a development of mediumistic or spiritual gifts, whereby spirits gain nearer ap-proach, and by their closer presence impart that influence to the person which has been denominated "a peace that passeth all under-

standing"? A. — It frequently happens that a person, through long meditation upon some serious subthrough long meditation upon some serious sub-ject, may come under conditions of mind, and even of body, favorable for the advance of spir-itual intelligences. By withdrawing the mind from a too close contemplation of material things, and fixing it upon that which belongs to the spiritual side of life, wishing to understand things belonging to religion, one may rise, so to speak, above the material atmosphere, and enter a more spitteral tota thus entering into enter a more spiritual state, thus entering into closer connection with spiritual beings from other worlds. At such seasons as this, the un-seen workers may exercise their influence upon a mortal and bring him into closer rapport with themselves; he may feel their influence, but not understand its source, and believe that he has been divinely acted upon by some heavenly power, and through its ministrations may have met with what is called "a change of heart." This is, we believe, the development of the spiritual nature, the unfoldment of that inner allied, in any active way, with the physical things of life.

Again, one may experience what he calls "a change of heart" by coming under the psycho-logical power of some fervent, enthusiastic soul who is endowed with great magnetic qualities, who is endowed with great magnetic qualities, and who, even unconsciously to himself, sends forth these magnetic emanations to those who come in contact with him. They catch the fire of his zeal, absorb the magnetic emanations of his life, and are caught up into his own atmos-phere. He may be perfectly honest and sincere in his claims and teachings; and those who re-ceive them may also he perfectly honest and ceive them may also be perfectly honest and sincere in their expression, and yet this change ancere in their expression, and yet this change which comes through such an experience is borne in upon them through vital contact, even though they may not have physically touched his person, with that other more positive, elo-quent, magnetically powerful individual who exhorts and reasons with them. This change of heart may come in different ways and proceed from different sources with various individuals. The more consistive one

ways and piceed including the more sensitive one may be, the more susceptible to influences in or out of the body, the more readily will be ex-perience this condition if placed in such ways as to make it possible for him so to do; conseas to make it possible for him so too, conse-quently, while he may fiel the magnetic ema-nations as well as the psychological power of the mortal exhorter, he may also come into di-rect contact with spiritual helpers or friends who desire to exercise their influence upon him; he may feel this influence and act upon it, expressing his thought as best he can, becoming overjoyed with the knowledge that he is experiencing a new life, a new condition, even though he has no conception of the whence and wherefore of this strange, subtle, wonderful power.

C.--[By N. M. Smith, Protem. Mo.] For sev-eral years I have been able to see spirits so clearly as to describe their personal appear-ance and dress-usually after retiring at night,

must, at such times, be in a state of passivity, the vital energies of the body must be partially withdrawn, or held in abeyance, the entire outward man must be in a state of repose, but outward man must be in a state or repose, but at such times the spiritual part may be all-powerful; it may withdraw itself from the ex-ternal, being held to that by merely a slender line resembling light, but of such magnetic strength as to be inseparable. At such a mo-ment as this the spirit may pass out secure of safety, and enter into other conditions of life, and previous states network and local and perceive various states, persons and local ities, come into intelligent contact and even communication with other souls, and, indeed, reap a rich harvest of experience and disci-pline through this method of travel, and then return to its body. It may have been absent but a few moments, and yet those few moments have been vitalized

and yet those few moments have been vitalized by wonderful experiences; or it may have been absent hours, the body not having required its attendance. Thus the spirit goes on, gain-ing information and perception which it could not possibly do through the mortal avenues of the external form. At such a time the spirit can never wander so far away from the physical as to lose track of it. This cord of magnetic light is strong as steel, as bright as the sun, and guides the spirit in its wanderings, and it can always retrace its way, because it is drawn and guided by that cord or line of light. When death comes to the body, then is the

guided by that cord or line of light. When death comes to the body, then is the cord severed; "the silver cord" of which the old apostles have spoken is loosened, for the spirit and the body are no longer one, and it is no longer required. Then the spirit goes forth still linked to an external life and association by the wonderful magnetic cord binding the spirit body to the soul, the intelligent life-prin-ciple within, and the two are still oue, insepara-ble. And so mortals gain their experience and knowledge, not only through external avenues knowledge, not only through external avenues and sources, but by the interior light and guard-ianship of the spirit, or spiritual life, which guides them on forever.

SPIRIT MESSAGES, GIVEN THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF John William Fletcher.

Report of Public Séance held Dec. 8th, 1887. Horace M. Richards.

Brother Wilson, how do you do? It is a glo-Brother Wilson, how do you do? It is a glo-rious thing to be able to come so soon, after having left the old, worn-out, broken-down tenement of clay; and I could n't have done it if it had not been that they had a circle over my body before it was burled—and that broke the connection between my spirit and body. It seems to me now as if I had been a bird in a core time to set out when a bird in a cage, trying to get out, when a hand opened the door that I might fly-fly wherever I pleased --and I am now right here. I want to bless them for thinking so much of me and about me

them for thinking so much of me and about me after I was gone. My dear sister, beside whose grave I have stood and shed many tears, and who some-times, I believe, impelled me to speak and to write some things, in company with my angel daughter, stood by the doorway to welcome the old man into his new life. No more suffering I no more pain I no more worriment of mind about the things that cannot be changed I But now is relief, peace and rest, all of which "sur-passeth the understanding of man."

passeth the understanding of man." 1 can never thank those friends of mine enough for the assistance rendered me. I am enough for the assistance rendered me. I am only sorry that I was not able to arrange in book form some of the things which I boped one day to give to the world; but my health was poor and the road seemed long; I got tired before I reached the end of it, and friends again rose up around me and smoothed the way; they spoke kind words and took me by the hand as a friend and a brother; and then, after it was all over, and my mortal eyes closed never to open again, they gathered around me, and I tried to speak and make them know that I understood all they were saying and all they

were trying to do. Bless them! bless them! bless them! Words that are very easy to be said, but the whole strength of my heart is echoed in them. When I am more awake and can see more clearly than now, and understand more fully the working of the great, eternal laws of God that are with-In and without everything that lives and moves, I may be able to say something that will be of

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that no one found them out, and something all the time whispering to me: "Do it! do it! do it!" I looked at my home. I thought of the children. Oh ! I thought of both of them; and most of all, I thought of what my friends would say; and I laughed to myself when I knew they could n't help themselves. And so the shot was fired that settled the question for-ever, as far as I was concerned. It will be four years ago the seventh day of next April since I took the fatal step. A spirit came to me in the darkness-took me by the hand, as my mother might have done-

A spirit came to me in the darkness-took me by the hand, as my mother might have done-and led me away into the light; and I have been struggling through light and darkness ever since, until I was brought here three weeks ago. Attracted by what was being said. I listened to a lesson on the condition of sui-cides, which a friend gave, and I have found my way out so far. That is all I can say to-day, for I am much troubled. My name is Jen-nie Dubois, of Camden, N. J.

Hattie Rich.

I should like to send a message to my hus. band, as he has so many times asked me to within the last few months, and I am now able to do it. My name is Hattle Rich, and my

within the last few months, and I am now able to do it. My name is Hattle Rich, and my home was in Saratoga, N. Y. The Doctor missee me very much. I know and feel as if his iffe was almost wrecked at times; and if he could get something which he knew came from me, it would help him, and he would have more faith in any influence I could bring, if it came to him personally, than in any other way. And my son, my dear son, whom I love as every other mother does who thinks that her boy is the best boy in the world—and we moth-ers always feel that way—I watch his foot-steps too. I wish he could feel that death has not taken his mother away from him, it has only taken her from one world into another, but she is as near to him now as in the old days. The child that is with me is a great com-fort to me; we are happy together, happy, not alone in the present, but in the thought of the future, of the better days that are coming, of a happier time in the spirit home; I shall have them all around me again, and we will forget that we ever suffered, or sorrowed, or died. If you can report this for me, I shall thank you, oh is to much. you can report this for me, I shall thank you, oh i so much.

Winona

Spoke for the following spirits : Jacob Bray.

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Jacob Bray. A gentleman here gives me the name of Ja-cob Bray, and he wants me to say that he passed to spirit-life in Sonora, Cal. He says: "I come more particularly to friends of mine in Portland, Maine, who will remember me. I lived there for a considerable length of time before I went West. My passing away was a great surprise to me and to all my friends, and I have wished that I had not gone away, from home at all, because I should have been happler to have passed my last days among those who were nearest to me. those who were nearest to me.

Sylvanus Nash.

There comes a spirit here who gives me the There comes a spirit here who gives me the name of Sylvanus Nash, and he passed out in Ablogton. [The spirit was publicly recognized by a lady in the audience.] He had something to do about the post-office, because I see some letters; I see bottles of medicine, too, standing along in a row. He bows his head to that lady who just spoke of him. He wants to send a measure home for they want to have that he message home, for they want to know that he can come.

He says: "Just say that I have come. Every-thing is changed completely from what it was. I have found out the truth of what we used to talk about. I always said I would come, and on this occasion I was assisted by the friend who is present here to do it. I am glad to send a message assuring my friends of my per-fect happiness in the spirit-life. I was liberal in my ideas before I came away. I find they were narrow in comparison with the grand and noble thoughts which come to the mind when once it is freed from early education and asso-ciation. I would like further to identify my-self by saying I passed away with a trouble of the lungs — which they called pneumonia — which caused me, the last of it, to be unable to hold any conversation directly with them." He says : "Just say that I have come. Every-

Mrs. M. A. B. Farrar.

My name is Horace M. Richards, and I have only, just passed out of the body, in New York City. David L. Belden. My name, Mr. Chairman, is David L. Belden. My name, Mr. Chairman, is David L. Belden, and I feel that George will be glad to hear a few words from his father, who has many times been near him, although unable to make any

have been swung into contact with this planet earth, and have found it necessary to perfect their experience by coming here and taking up an existence in association with the things an existence in association with the things of time and matter, then have we gained in knowledge of these laws. But if we do affirm a belief that a human soul, or a human per-sonality, begins with its birth on earth, then we may just as safely conclude that its ex-istence ends with its passage through mat-ter, or the death of its body; the one conclusion is as logical as the other, and certainly the final one is the natural outgrowth of the first. Preone is the natural outgrowth of the first. Pre-existence, we believe, has been firmly estab-lished to the thinking mind; but it is not possible, at least with our present knowledge, or our methods for conveying information, to de-monstrate to the satisfaction of earth's people the precisitent tate of those spirits who have been born on earth, and have gained an experience through their association with matter.

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Q.-[By the same.] If all humanity had an existence previous to physical birth, by what

cast off from one great central sun, and each spark or flame containing within itself the same elements, however one may shine more bril-liantly than the other. In accordance with the law of gravitation-of adaptability if you will-or of affinity, these various sparks of light must have been drawn into one common current, and have been impelled forward in accordance with that line or law toward the natural centre of gravity, so is anask.

omnipotent force and power is, and no finite mind, however intelligent it may be, can pre-sume to explain this great source of infinitude and power.

We believe that in the primary condition all were all sent forth into primary condition all were all sent forth into being from the one grand source of intelligence and life, and they must all partake of the characteristics and capabilities of the parent sun. But perhaps some of these entities have been drawn forand been placed under more favorable condi-tions for the expansion of their inmost power than have others, and consequently they have developed grander powers of mentality and of intellectual vigor than have some of the others who have not come under the same favorable

conditions as themselves. Some of these spirits may have started eatlier upon the road of progress and come in advance of those who are behind, consequently they ahould display grander possibilities of mental sotvity and accompliahment than those that bring up the rear. And yet we believe that all souls started from one common centre; that each one is endowed with like powers and poseach one is endowed with like powers and pos-sibilities; and however long may be the race and march of progress for each one, however much one may be outstripped by the other, eventually all shall find their common brother-hood again, and all shall find their common brother-hood again, and all shall develop their own pos-sibilities of power, of active growth and of schlevement; that each one shall nitimately shine in the heavens a brillant soul, strong and conscious in might and energed in intelligence. onnectous in might and energetic intelligence, and that the destiny of the human race is one of morality rampans in the spirit-world as that power, and beauty, which is to be a common which are fears.

existence previous to physical birth, by what power were they drawn to earth? Are they all equally intelligent? and if so, why is there ing the physical body? A.--We should conclude, basing our ideas upon natural laws and natural premises, that all souls or spirits, in a primary or first condi-tion, occupied the same plane or altitude of being and development. We may liken these spirits to so many sparks of finme or light being spirits to so many sparks of finme or light being that their instrument on earth is not injured by their contact. On the contrary, every per-son who is impure in thought and character may well hide his head, and shrink from the gaze and contact of pure and exaited spirits, for their influence and their magnetism will burn into his life, causing him to seek to hide

and have been impelled forward in accordance with that line or law toward the natural centre of gravity, so to speak. When we come to explain, or attempt to ex-plain, just what this great law is that governs human existence and human gravitation, then we attempt to explain just what infinite law or omnipotent force and power is, and no finite and iow desires because they have been obliged to slip off the mortal coll, who do come some-times in contact with earth and lowly haunts and associations; yet it is also true that this is because of the bent of their minds and the orude physical elements in their constitutions, which is drawing and weighing them downward; they find their best happiness in connection with such persons on earth, who, like them, desire to live in unboly essections. Such persons on earth, who, like them, desire to live in unholy associations. But such cannot harm the pure and the good. There is a sys-tem of restriction in operation in the spirit-world, one of protection, which disarms the evil-inclined spirit, and enables him to do but little against those who are pure and holy in their character, but who may come under the observation of such spirits.

observation of such spirits. Mr. Chairman, you will pardon us a moment, while we couch here upon a subject which has come to our attention: within the past few days there has come to the Banner of Light days there has come to the Banner of Light Circle Band, from a lady near Washington, a desire for assistance and advice. This lady is under the strong conviction that she has been selected as an instrumentality for freeing a large number of spirits who have been brought-into the polluted atmosphere and under the unholy care of a large band of undeveloped, impure spirits. She desires to know what she can do, and if we and other good spirits will assist in the work of freeing these innocent and lovely souls who are thus berseouted by assit in the work of ifeeing these innocent and lovely souls who are thus persound by impure intelligences; and we must say, at this time, that she is laboring under a great mis-take, and is, possibly, the prey and the butt of some one or more mischlevous spirits, who thus play upon her oredulity for their own amuse-ment; because there, is no such avism of im-

being then in a quiet, passive state. I also have the presence of spirits made known by raps, but have been unable to obtain any in-telligence by means of these manifestations. What course am I to pursue to establish communication?

A.-The questioner possesses the elements of A.—The questioner possesses the elements of fine mediumship, but we should judge from his note that his spirit friends have not yet discov-ered a way by which they can more intelligent-ly make use of his powers than that of which he speaks. We should advise him to frame a series of sittings with some friend who is sym-pathetic, and who can assimilate magnetically with himself; perhaps it would be better to have two or more friends, but we should not take place regularly and at stated intervals. The questioner should invite the presence of good spirits, and request them to make them

The directioner should invite the presence of solves known in every way possible to them. They will then have the power of so combining their magnetic forces and the forces of the mor-tal sitters as to give direct manifestations, not only of their presence, but also of their will and purpose in coming. At the present time it seems as though some

At the present time it seems as though some spirit or number of spirits were busy experi-menting with his mediumistic forces, and that while they can make the single rap, they can-not so utilize the physical force he gives off as to make a series of raps in reply to any ques-tion or thought which he might express alone. They may be able to pass bafor his widen tion or thought which he might express alone. They may be able to pass before his vision certain lights or objects, but they have not, seemingly, the power to so arrange these visions as to make them significant or intelligent to the one who beholds them. We should judge it to be only a matter of experiment, and it is pos-sible these spirits are working intelligently to the one end—that of the time when they have utilized their forces and conserved their pow-ers, making more demonstrable manifestationss to that mediumistic individual, or with those who may gather about him. We should most certainly advise the sittings, because we think that would give power to the spirits, and that that would give power to the spirits, and that is what is most essentially needed.

Q.-[By C. W. Carr.] I was once traveling through a section of country which I never had seen before. Suddenly it flashed in my mind that all in sight was familiar to me-the landscape, the trees, the fences on the road-side, in fact, the whole scene, in its most mi-nute details, I was certain 1 had seen before. This state of mind lasted only an instant. I have experienced this several times in my life. I have heard a great many persons speak of similar experiences. I will be pleased to re-ceive what information you can give regarding the phenomenon the phenomenon. A.-Sometimes when a person contemplates a

journey, the spirit-in moments when the phys-ical powers are in a quiet state-undertakes to make the journey in advance of the body. The spirit of man has, under very many conditions, the power of partially disconnecting itself with the physical body, and of projecting itself for-ward in any desired direction. It is possible that the spirit of the quastioner disconnected itself from the physical body at some time, previous to his making the journey in mortal form, and traversed a section of country which may have been unfamiliar to him in his normal condi-tion, and which he recognized afterward when passing over it. We think this extremely prob-able. We know that a mortal is a dual being, possessing a spiritual form, with all its abili-ties, activities and functions, as well as a phys-ical body, with those organs, functions and abilities which belong to the state of matter alone. ourney, the spirit-in moments when the phys-

we know that it is sometimes possible for the spirit to so gain ascendency over the physi-cal as to become almost entirely independent of it, and to make its way without the indim-brance of the mortal form. True, the physical 74078 IN 784 11 492 OFT Manut TOLDAN ACLASS IN

tew words from his father, who has many times been near him, although unable to make any sign of his presence. Things have changed greatly since I passed away, because the double death, as it were, broke up all the old relations and made it necessary to enter upon a new life, almost. Sarah, that is my wife, passed out about two weeks before I did, and when I fol-lowed her it seemed as if she had taken a step or two in advance of me. When I opened my eyes, not knowing where I should be, but feel-ing that something structure had becommed she ing that something strange had occurred. looked into my face, and I heard her say, "W Well. Wish you could have brought George along with you !"

We are both in a pleasant home, unlike any-We are both in a pleasant home, unlike any-thing that religion had taught us to expect. We are both often watching George, and bring him a brief message of our continued life, hop-ing that the doubts that he has got in his mind will be like weeds in the garden—the sooner they are pulled up and thrown away the better for the soil in which they are trying to grow. There are other friends who are very kind, and I am sometimes inclined to put in an an

and I am sometimes inclined to put in an ap-pearance, for I see that Spiritualism is making great headway all through the western part of New York. Well, from what I can see, it is spreading like wild-fire. pretty nearly over the whole world. I lived at Fredonia, N. Y. David L. Belden.

Eva Perrin.

Once more, dear parents, I come to you from the world of light to bring you a message of love that you may know I live forever. I know you do not need this message, for already your hearts are filled with sweet memories of the pleasant and happy hours we have passed together, even since I departed for my spirit-home. I come because I wish you to feel that there is no door I will not enter, no threshold over which my feet will not mass to meet you. Both of you keen feet will not pass to meet you. Both of you keep leet will not pass to meet you. Both of you keep me lovingly in memory; you are trying to do all the good you can for the truth, and I like to sing to your hearts sweet melodies that will echo again through your souls. I know all that you have done; I know how earnest your hearts are; I know what good friends you are to those whom I may use to

to some of the Spiritualist meetings, so I can get near to him, and make him know what some day he has got to learn. Ask him if he remembers the twenty-ninth of June.

Juliette Manley.

Quite a large; stout lady, comes here now. She tells me to say that her name is Juliette Manley. This is what she says: "Dear friends, who stood by me during the years of persecu-tion, and who helped me to uphold the banner of truth when energies were round about us, do not think that I am idle or floating away on a "flowery hed of asso," as the old elden werd to

do not think that I am idle or floating away on a 'flowery bed of ease.' as the old elder used to say the angels reclined upon. When I think of what we children were taught in the earlier days of 'our life, it makes my blood run cold. I used to go to bed and cover my head over, for fear I would see the devil looking at me; and I think it is wrong to teach children that God is so wicked as to stud such a devil into the world. They must have a very poor opinion of God, if they believe any such trash as that i After I got my even opened, and begun to

Such trash as that I After I got my eyes opened, and begun to learn how beautiful the world is and how the angels express themselves, although not always clearly to our understanding, then it really seemed as if I had found the new birth, and felt I must work for the truth, and so I do. My friends in Western New York will re-member me. I know there is many a fireside that holds a place for me, and where I often am. Say that I am alive, never more so, and that I am working with true souls for the free-dom of the world. Juliette Manley.

Fannie Burbank Felton.

A very beautiful spirit now comes. She says that it does not matter about her taking con-trol, but that I can speak the words for her. Her name is Fanny Burbank Felton. She says "I was present, this afternoon, attending this scance, just as many of the friends in the body were. I heard the words of the last spirit, and they impressed themselves upon me very foro-bly, because I do not think that all Spiritualities

the good you can for the furth, and I like to sing to your hearts sweet melodies that will coho again through your souls. I know all that you have done; I know how earnest your hearts are; I know what you friends you are to those whom I may use to bo domunicate through, and you will deel the good results; many will call you blessed. O, turn not your faces backward I know you will not. Keep ever toward the bright star of truth that ahlnes in he darkest night, mar-ting a pathway of glory over which your feet thought revery pure desire, every holy aspira-tion, brings us nearer together. The year is slowly but surely, receding, the last night will come and fade out to make way for the new year, with higher hones a way, and er promises; a year that will be full of use-ting or the wy year, with higher hones and was the bright syn or er, and waiting for that happy time when our ever, and waiting for that happy time when our of the with to, honer father and mother, in New York City. **Jeanne Dubois.** D, it was terrible I terrible I thores is for way never come again. **By Perin**, to her father and mother, in New York City. **Jeanne Dubois.** D, it was terrible I terrible I thores is for many who have come again. **By Perin**, to her father and mother, in New York City. **Jeanne Dubois.** D, it was terrible I terrible I thores is for moment on the earth. **Jean Bubois Jean the Wear is the or the wear is there of the spirit all the for a stheir duty toward the prove one again. By Perin**, to her father and mother, in New York City. **Jean the Undots: Jean the Undots: Jean the Spirit and the start or the spirit is a spirit start or the spirit is a spirit will be there in the indifies there is nothing in Spiri-ting and the is the father and mother, in New something, morning, noon and night. Ever be fore me, wherever: I went, there it was print the spirit start or the spirit is a spirit will be there in the spirit shart there is the provent is the prov**

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I would impress on your minds, friends, every-where in the world, the necessity of teaching your young people the right way to go. "I used to have mothers come to me and say: 'Well, if my oblid talks about Spiritualism none of the other children will have any respect for her, and what is my duty?' Your duty, par-ents, is this: Teach your children that there is one thing better than the respect of the world; it is their own self-respect, and to feel that if one thing better than the respect of the world; it is their own self-respect, and to feel that if they have the truth in their hearts they can afford to bear the frowns of those who are too ignorant to comprehend it. Give your children some back-bone in Spiritualism, and they will go forward, and be a credit to you, and a glory to the world in which they live."

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TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK. Dec. 15. - Andrew T. Foss; Julis Sellins; Isaco Z. Brock; Worcester Smith; S. B. Wing; Charles Jenkins; Sophia Scott; Wigons, for Thomas Boss, Benjamin Benner, Ed-ward Oross.

Verifications of Spirit-Messages. HENRY P. DUCLOS.

In the BANNER OF LIGHT of Dec. 3d appears a message from HENRY P. DUCLOS, of Hartford, I can fully testify to the truthfulness of the message in every particular. Being acquainted with his wife, I showed her the message, and she acknowledged the correct ness of it, saying it was very characteristic of him. and believed it to be a genuine spirit-message from her husband, and was very thankful indeed to receive it. She is fully convinced of the truth of Spiritualiam as was also her husband before he passed over. But her friends are all opposed to it, and she said she probably would not have seen the message had I not called her attention to it.

And speaking of people who were not believers in Spiritualism, she said, she did not know what conso-lation they had for their departed friends. Her husband and herself were both very fond of pets, having a number of dogs and horses, and Mr. D. left pro-vision by his will that they be well cared for ; and I can say that they are better provided for than many human beings. He was one of the officers of the Hart-ford Life and Annuity Insurance Company. And it was in a great measure due to his efforts that the company was built up to its present prosperity. Yours for the truth. G. W. WENTWORTH.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 5th, 1887.

BYRON BOARDMAN.

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On permaing the BANNER OF LIGHT of the present date I saw a communication from Spirit Bynow BOABDMAN, formerly a resident of Norwich, Conn. through the medium J. W. Fletcher, which I wish to acknowledge, with the many others who knew Mr. Boardman.

It is so much like Mr. Boardman that none could fail to see his noble spirit and grand soul in all its veins of communing with souls he left on earth. I was acquainted with him, and esteemed his noble soulqualities, which were many. The remark in his message: "I am thankful that I did

do some good for the cause," or to that effect, is known to be exactly his style of speaking. I knew personally of his goodness unto many, and though away from the flesh he liveth in the spirit, and still speaks his words from the higher life.

May heaven's choloest benedictions rest upon the Respectfully thine, medium.

W. L. JACK, M. D. Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 10th, 1887.

JOHN O. EMERSON.

It is with pleasure I send you a few words in verification of the message-in BANNEB of Dec. 10th-from JOHN O. EMEBSON. who says he lived in Brockton, Mass. The genuineness of this message is well established. I have shown it and read it to several citizens of Brockton, and they agree that it is characteristic of Mr. Emerson. Among others I read it to the



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 In the BANNER OF LIGHT of Nov. 12th I read a communication purporting to come from the spirit of my brother, CoL. SABIN POND, of Blackstone, Mass. I am perfectly satisfied it was from him. I have since had conversations with him through the mediumship of Mrs. Wood of this village. I told my brother the message was not quite what I was expecting; I was expecting one much longer. He replied that he was expecting one much longer. He replied that he was end of the set a chance to as a flew words: and to aver a chance to as a flew words: and to aver a chance to as a flew words: and to aver a chance to as a flew words: and to aver a chance to as a flew words: and to aver a chance to as a flew words: and to aver a chance to as a flew words: and to aver and the word of this will age. I told my brother the specific of a statil the development of a specific person work in development of the specific person. Aver and that they were sthe same in the flew words are and they were statily obtain th Daybreak, April 2410, 1885, I feel impressed to give these facts to the world at large, with the view of demonstrating them, wherever I am called upon to do so. Business matters will detain me here in Heasric until next June, after which time, if the people of the United Biates think sufficient of my Belence to invite me to their shores, I can readily prove all that is herein stated. If societies or communities wish to write to me, my address is 0. M. COGIN, F. C. C. A., Heasric de Santa Fé, Bepublica Argentina, 022 eow South America.

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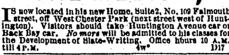
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JOHN MORSE.

In the BANNER OF LIGHT of Dec. 17th I read a com munication from JOHN MORSE, through the mediumship of J. W. Fletcher, and I recognize facts known to mysell ; and the circumstances are so surprisingly true that any one familiar with the conditions could not fail to be convinced of the authorship. With gratitude to the BANNER, the medium and spirit-friends who so often come to cheer and bless this side of life. I remain yours sincerely, JAMES E. RIWHLL. Boston, Dec. 17th, 1887.

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We have read a sweet communication in the BANNER OF LIGHT of Dec. 17th, so like our BLOSSOM that I feat like acknowledging in writing my recognition of it. She has told us for a long time that she was going to he Banner Circles to tell something, and once went there with my father, but could not get in. We thank y and Mr. Fletcher. Yours sincerely, MRS. O. E. PRATT.

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Chelsen.-The Ladies' Social Atd Society meets in Mrs. Buffum's partors, 196 Chestnut street, every Friday after-moon and evening. All are invited. Mrs. E. H. Pratt, President; Mrs. M. A. Dodge, Socretary.

Berkeley Hall-Boston Spiritual Temple .-Sunday, Dec. 25th, Mrs. H. S. Lake, under the inspiration of her guides, spoke both morning and even-

The morning discourse was founded upon questions proposed by the audience. After singing by the con-gregation, led by Mrs. M. F. Lovering, the speaker said: "Each of the subjects proposed is sufficiently profound to require much time for its elucidation. You squire:' Is there an absolute standard of truth, and what is evil?' Man cannot comprehend the absolute, and yot it exists. Truth is essentially one and the same at all times. Being placed in a different rola-tion to it makes it appear differently. The nearer you approach an absolute standard of truth, the greater becomes your spiritual development. Animal man does not even formulate the question which you have proposed, and standards of truth, and morals do not trouble him, because he has no sense by which to ap-proach that side of the universe. Evil is anything which disturbs the harmony of the soul. When spirit-ual laws are violated the effect is discord, disease, death-which is evil. It is the negative side of ilfo, the absence of spiritual viality. The inhabitants of your planet are rapidly approaching a spiritual epoch, an era in which justice is to supplant injustice, truth to overwhelm error, and harmony to succeed in harmony. Christian Edientiate. Metanbrakians Agnostice reproposed by the audience. After singing by the con-

truth to overwheim error, and harmony to succeed in-harmony. Christian Scientists, Metaphysicians, Agnostics, re-ligionists of all kinds, as well as Bpiritualists, feel this incoming tide of spiritual power. The result is up-rising, questioning, confusion and dismay. Those whose spiritual perceptions are not quickened and aroused cannot behold us, as spirits, cooperating in this work. They, therefore, while feeling the influ-ence, deny the source, and quietly relegate their arisen comrades to the mysteries of Nirvana-the ultimate negation. But there is no proof of continuity of indi-vidual life except that which is found in the phenom ena of Modern Spiritualism. Arguments will not sat-isfy the heart, and evidence must be presented to the sonses, and thus absorbed by the intellect. Theolo-pian, metaphysician, philosopher, all must at last seek the humble mediums for demonstration of continued life."

1116." Kvening.—The subject of Mrs. Lake's guides was: "The Value and Utility of Holidays." The recurrence of Christmas time had suggested the thought. Days of remembrance of heroic lives and historic events were useful, inasmuch as that they stimulated a like sentiment or emotion oftentimes in others. Great events and grand characters are worthy of recognition, and we perform a duty when we emphasize them with and we perform a duty when we emphasize them with

celebration. The birth, life, career and death of Jesus, when contemplated in the light of the added spiritual truth

contemplated in the light of the added spiritual truth which has come to succeeding ages, may impart a les-son of much value to the human heart. It illustrates the effort of one soul to conquer material environment and to place it in subjection to the inward power. In the contemplation of these events we rest our own souls, relaxing from the strain of outward care and indulging in flights of the spirit toward diviner allitudes of being. All days of commemoration may be employed in this way. Keep green the memory of those who, in your own households, have met the be employed in this way. Keep green the memory of these who, in your own households, have met the Gethsemaue of mortal trial and anguish, and have be-come thereby spiritually resurrected. Let every an-nitersary of their birth be a holy day, celebrated by deeds of devotion to the lowly, the suffering and the wretched everywhere. It is thus you are born into the spirit and bequeath to those who come after you events which are worthy of commemoration." The lecture was followed by psychometric tests, all except one being pronounced entirely correct. Next Sunday the platform will be occupied, both morning and evening, by Mrs. R. Shepard Lillic.

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short but effective lecture, carrying the truth home to every heart. He closed with a number of tests and descriptions of spirits as seen by him clairvoyanily. David Brown followed with interesting remarks and a large number of spirit delineations, which were readily recognized as correct; Mrs. M. A. Chandler made unusually entertaining remarks and gave many tests which were recognized; well chosen words were also spoken by Dr. J. B. Ayer, of Brockton, and Mr. Kirsch; Mrs. B. E. Buck gave a few tests, and the ex-ercises closed with a fine original poem by Mrs. Dr. A. W. Wildes. In the evening Dr. J. L. Parson opened with a brit-liant speech; Mrs. J. F. Dillingham then took the platform, and after a few appropriate remarks (under control of "Chinne Wanna", ber Indian maiden guide), gave many tests, spirit descriptions and psychometric readings, each one of which was pronounced correct Dr. Thomas offered appropriate remarks, with many correct tests and spirit descriptions; Mrs. J. D. Bruce gave a number of psychometric readings, all of which were pronounced correct in every particular.

Children's Progressive Lyceum-Paine Hall. -A large company of friends of the school was pres-

ent at the Christmas session, at which an eloquent address was delivered by A. A. Wheelook that aroused address was delivered by A. A. Wheelook that aroused considerable enthusiasm. Two fine readings were given by J. William Fietcher. Miss Maria Falls de-serves especial praise for her reading; Miss Rosa Wilbur gave a Christmas relection of much merit, and Miss Hattle Dodge, Miss Flossie Butler, Annie Bar-low and Allie Cumminus excellent reading; musical selections by Milligan's Orchestra, Grace Scales and Jessie Judkins were an interesting feature of the co-casion.

Jessie Judkins were an interesting feature of the oc-casion. On Monday evening a large number of adults and one hundred and fity children of the Lyceum gath-ered in Investigator Hall, and celabrated Christmas with happy greetings, a Christmas tree, and social dance. Through the kindness of Mrs. W. 8. Butler, and other friend, every child a member of the school received a present. The children, to show the appreciation they have for their friend, Mrs. Butler, through Miss Jessie Jud-kins, presented her with an elegant gift. Mr. and Mrs. Torrey, Mrs. Daisley, Mr. Richard Laundry, Mrs. Heavener, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Peters, and several others, successfully bore the arduous duties of the occasion. Thus closes one of the most successful year's works in the Lyceum, giving us great encouragement for the future.

A Happy New Year to all. F. B. WOODBURT, Cor. Sec'y. 1031 Washington street.

Spiritualistic Phenomena Association-La dies' Aid Parlors, 1031 Washington Street.-Prof. J. W. Cadwell conducted the services last Sun-

Prof. J. W. Cadwell conducted the services last Sun-day. A large audience was present in the evening, and the lecture and experiments surpassed all his for-mer efforts. [A series of resolutions expressing an ap-preciation of Prof. Cadwell's services was adopted, a copy of which will appear in these columns next week.] A large number of persons attended our Christmas Festival, an elegant tree being the centre of attraction. After a collation had been served, every person pres-ent received a Christmas token from the tree. Acting President Hall was presented by his co-la-borers with a barrel of flour. Theguides of Mrs. Loomis Hall, in behall of herself and friends, presented F. B. Woodbury a beautiful gift, thanking him for his sam-est endeavors in behall of this Society, and the cause of Spiritualism. Mr. W. in a brief speech acknowl-edged the same. An exciting contest was engaged in over a gift do-nated to the Boolety, to be voted to the most popular lady present, resulting in a victory for Mrs. Jennie K. D. Conant-the Association realizing from it the sum of \$57. Watch Meeting pext Saturday night. 8 to 12. at Ladiew

Vi 457. Watch Meeting next Saturday night, 8 to 12, at Ladies' Aid Parlors; everybody invited. New Year's services next Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30. FRANCIS B. WOODBURY, Svo'y. FRANCIS B. WOODBURY, See'y.

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The Ladies' Industrial Society .- On the evening

of Dec. 20th, the members and friends of this Society held a social meeting in Lyceum Hall, 1031 Washingbeld a social meeting in Lyceum Hall, 1031 Washing-ton street. Master Willie Boyce opened the exercises with a musical selection. Mrs. Kate R. Stilles, after a brief address, gave many personal tests of spirit pres-ence, and correct delineations of character from arti-cies placed in her hands. Dr. O. T. Buffum favored the company with a song, "Something Sweet to Think Of." Mr. W. A. Dunklee closed the exercises with ap-propriate remarks, and a vote of thanks to Mrs. Stilles for her entertaining scance, after which social con-verse was in order.

verse was in order. The next social evening meeting will be held Jan. 3d. MARY F. LOVERING, See'y. No. 81 White street, East Boston.

Spiritualist Meetings in New York

ings every Sundayat 11 A.M. and 7% F.M. Admission free, Columbia Hall. 378 6th Avenue, between 49th and 30dh Mireeka.—The People's Spiritual Meeting (removed from Sponcer Hall). Services every Bunday at 2% and 7% F.M. Mediums and speakers always present. Frank W. Jones, Conductor. The Metropolitan Church for Humanity, Rev. Mrs. T. H. Stryker, pator, will hold services every Sin-day at 2% F.M., in Maggregor Hall, Madison Avenue, South-East corner of Soth Street (entrance 42 East 59th Street). All sre cordially invited to be present.

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phia, Pa.

J. Frank Baxter in Ohio. To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

Each week since Mr. Baxter has been Cleveland, the papers have given reports of his lectures and tests. The Plain Dealer of Mon-

day, Dec. 19th, said in beginning : "The audience that listened to the lecture of J. Frank Baxter on Spiritualism at the Colum-bia Theatre last night was the largest of any since the course began. The theatre was al-most completely filled. Several members of the Board of Education with their families

most completely filed. Several field bar of the Board of Education with their families were present, and his honor, Mayor Babcock, occupied a box. Mr. Baxter spoke on 'Spirit-ualism: Its Facts, Philosophy and Fancles.''' The synopsis of the lecture was fine and cor-rect, as also was the account of the scance in the *Plain Dealer* and *Leader*. In the forenoon of this same day Mr. Baxter addressed, by invitation, the Children's Pro-gressive Lyceum. In view of the numbers of small children present and the approach of Christmas, he talked on Mother Goose and her Melodies; and it is safe to say not only were the children pleased but the older ones edified. The Lyceum gave Mr. Baxter loud applause, and voted him thanks. Dec. 20th and 21st he lectured to large audi-ences in Newton Falls, O. The weather was ex-tremely cold and the roads were rough. Enroute he officiated at a funeral in Parkman, the Con-gregational Orthodox Church being tendered for the aspected Knuther of Spiritalism

he officiated at a funeral in Parkman, the Con-gregational Orthodox Church being tendered for the service. Many heard Spiritualism preached for the first time. The pastors of the Congregational and Methodist Churches were present. At Newton Falls his lectures and tests were remarkable and the people as-tonished. Public tests were a new thing, and aroused intense thought and discussion. Dec. 22d and 22d Mr. Barter lectured in Mid-dlefield, O. When he arrived he found great excitoment. The meetings had been adver-tised for the "New Town Hall," the transfess having granted it if seats came as they were due. They did not come, but the Spiritualists were still granted the hall if they would seat it. Temporary board benches were being pre-

Temporary board benches were being pre-

pared and the trustees objected, saying chairs must be used. The Spiritualists acquiesced, and hundreds of chairs were promised and other hundreds ordered from a neighboring town. The chairs were about to be put in on

down " on the use of the hall. Public indignadown" on the use of the hall. Public indigna-tion was roused, the greater sympathy being with the Spiritualists. The old town hall was not in condition, and what should be done? At the last minute the trustees of the large Methodist Church said: "There is something wrong here. The Spiritualists and Liberalists aided us in repairing our church. Here is our opportunity. You may have our church the first night, but the second it will be occupied for our Christmas-tree." It was taken, and at 6:30 olock every available spot was filled. At 6:45 Mr. Baxter appeared and crowded through the assembly. Never was such a lecture deliv-ered in that church before, and never was the Bible so literally read and enforced. All things

Bible so literally read and enforced. All things considered, everything reflected favorably upon the Spiritual Society, and when Mr. Baxter was through, Spiritualism commanded the respect of hundreds who had been indifferent to or

through, Spiritualism commanded the respect a connective of hundreds who had been indifferent to or denounced it. The next day the old town hall was speedily prepared for heating and lighting, and although the hour for meeting was 7 o'clock at 5:30 the house was half full, and at for the house, that with difficulty did Mr. Baxter get in. A trenchant lecture was given, followed by a series of convincing tests. On the previous evening, certain answers as to a dates, etc., by a spirit through Mr. Baxter's mediumship, were contradicted by a gentleman who was a brother of the spirit reporting. "If you are Mary Gates, when did you die?" said the spirit. "Wrong," said the man; "it was July 26th, 1860." Said the spirit : "I am wrong and you are wrong; neither spirit nor man is infallible. It was the 27th of July." The man was indignant and replied : "My records do n't the spirit neither spirit nor man is accordance with my record at home-though I the spirit new rong. I own up beat!" This was greeted with cheers. Mr. Baxter's work in this section was note-thought him wrong. I own up beat!" This worthy, and he left amid congratulations. He worthy and he left amid congratulations. He worth his engagement at Mantua, the one concetion with his engagement at Mantua, the one conset summer. F.

A Phenomenal Scance

With the Famous Medium, Dr. Henry Slade, recently returned from Europe, and now domiciled at 58 East 9th street, New York City."

BY MRS. J. O. GOODWIN.

Meeting Dr. Slade at one of the popular musical and test soances occurring weekly at Adelphi Hall, I was invited by him to visit the spirit-friends at his rooms, in company with the planist, Señor Ceruelos.

We proceeded there at the appointed hour-11 o'clock A. M .-- and were cordially invited to seats at the table near the window: We were shown some slates and asked to examine them. We found them to be two common slates, such as are used at school, and perfectly clean. We were then asked to examine the table; the cover was removed, the table turned up, and we found nothing but plain deal boards ; after which we joined hands with the Doctor's left hand ; he taking the pair of slates and placing the minutest piece of slatepencil between them, held one on top of the other just across the elbow of Bellor Ceruelos (not under the table.) who, not speaking English, was told by interpretation that he was about to receive a communication. Directly we heard raps on the table, on the chairs, on the wall and on the slate, which seemed to be an

introductory manifestation of spirits' approach, for presently the pencil began to move and we could distinctly hear the writing, apparently as human hands would accomplish it. After the space of five minutes three distinct raps gave the announcement that the work was completed. We immediately opened the slates and found one fully covered on the inner side with beautifully written messages in four different languages, of which the following is an exact copy : Buon giorno-La servirò come signore, e spero che

alla sara contentu. 8. C. X. Guten morgen. Wie steht es mit ihren gesundheit? Ihn engebeuster Diener, unt wiederschen. C. S. My Friende-The spirit that has just given the above message is not able to do more now-this is his first effort to write in this way-I am truly the spirit of DB. DAVIS.

Madame-Je me charge de votre affaire reposezvous entierement sur mol, je ferai tout mon possible. Ÿ. V. L.

My Friend-Your spirit guides are pleased to meet DB. DAVIS. you here. I am

After reading the above messages the Doctor requested us to write questions on another slate, unseen by himself, which we did in turn, each question being answered on the opposite side of the same slate while held between us, the bit of slate pencil being seen to stand up and proceed to write independently, as if held in human fingers. This was palpable evidence of spirit-agency.

Next a chair, at the corner of the table opposite the three sitters and out of reach of all, rose up in the sir and turned around, back to the table. Then Benor Ceruelos was lifted bodily in his chair entirely from the floor. The medium next placed a slate at his side. asking the spirits to take it under the length of the table to the writer, when it suddenly but gently float-

ed under and rose up from the floor to her lap. A book was then placed by the Doctor on a slate, and in just one second it disappeared, we knew not whither-bis hands being joined together before us-and in another moment the volume respected upon the slate.

Such was the nature and variety of the phenomena physical and mental, on this extremely interesting and memorable occasion.

The Doctor relippears in America apparently in the best of health, with his powers as a medium as grand and astonishing as ever.

143 East 15th street, New York City.

A Remarkable Case of Spirit Identity Through Transfiguration.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: At a recent public seance held by Mrs. E. A. Wells

a lady who for the first time attended one of this me dium's scances, and was a stranger to her and to every one present on this occasion, said to little Eunice, the child control of the medium and message bearer of the cabinet, that she would like to have, at her convenience, an explanation of transfiguration; not at this time, but at any other time when she should come again. Eunice replied, "Perhaps we will try this afternoon."

A few minutes later Eunice spoke to the writer of this incident, saying that if I would take the lady who made the request to learn about transfiguration by the hand and stand up in front of the cabinet, they would try and convince her with a manifestation. As soon as we took our position a spirit form walked out from the cabinet, giving her name as Mary; at the ST 19 HILLANDSTO

DECEMBER 31, 1887.

The Late Governor Bodwell.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: Allow me to say a few words in relation to the late Gov. J. R. Bodwell, as regards his views and acts concerning medical freedom in the old Fine Tree State. The only time I ever personally met him was some twelve years ago; I was at that time stopping at the Augusta House, in Augusta, Me. and was called upon to visit Mr. Bodwell professionally, as a magnetic physician, as he was suffering with a server attack of rheamatism. I heeded the summons, and, going to his home in Hailowell, gave him one magnetic treat-ment.

rhounatism. I heeded the summons, and, going to his home in Hailowell, gave him one magnetic treat-ment. I found him a genial, social man, and he expressed himself as benefied by the treatment. While the "Doctors" Plot Law" was being pushed to the ex-treme by its advocates, in the last days of the legisla-tive session, I wrote to him and called his attention to my visit to his home while he was afflicted with rheu-matism, and expressed the hope that the proposed bill, whose provisions, should it pass, would out him off from employing such treatment; would not find favor at his hands, etc. At the time he withdrew his name and vetoed the bill, and the Senate sustained his veto. I sont him a congratulatory letter, taking ground that his just and noble act would be approved by all the citizens of the State except those whom the proposed has would have assisted financially. I also applauded his veto as being a good example which might encourage other governors to do likewise under similar circomatances. I most sincerely believe that in his last sickness, if he could have has dadapted magnetism applied, it would have vitalized his blood and restored the equi-librium which the sudden chill had disturbed, thereby greatly assisting nature to regain the natured condi-tion so far as circulation of the blood and vitality of the same was concerned—a work that is quite dimenit to do with medicine atone. The magnetism would have worked in harmony with judicial medical treatment; and in such a criti-cal case it would certainly seem that both abould have been applied. When will end was that be own what both about a setti-

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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

MEMORIAL SERVICES. At Berkeley Hall next Sunday morning, the annual Memorial Service of respect to those members of the Boston Spiritual Temple Society who have passed to the higher life within the past year will be held. Col. Moses Hunt, aged elthy-relativ, of Charles-town, remembered this society by leaving it a trust fund of five thousand dollars, and made liberal con-tributions while living. Geo. W. Smith, aged seventy-five, is known by his subscriptions to the Music Hall meetings and to the Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1 in its early struggles, the Ladies' Aid Boolety, and the Boston Spiritual Temple. His widow is one of the trustees of our Society.

Bpiritual Temple. His widow is one of the trustees of our Society. Allen Putnam, Esq., aged eighty-four, well known by his several works on Spiritualism and his defense of its truths at the Harvard Investigation, was an honorary member of the Boston Spiritual Temple. Mrs. Caroline Cook, widow of Capt. Samuel Cook, aged eighty, recently passed on from South Boston. The "widow's mite" has always been given to the cause of Spiritual Temple since its organization. It is not usual that the ages of those who depart within a year average over eighty years. W. A: D.

College Hall, 34 Essen Street .- The meeting Sunday morning was opened by Mr. Bben Cobb with a short address upon "The Progress of Spiritual

Sunday morning was opened by Mr. Bben Cobb with a short address upon "The Progress of Spiritual Truth." Mrs. Jennie K. D. Conant gave some very remarkable tests and readings that were accepted as correct. Tests were also given by Peter McK enzie, Mrs. A. Forester, Mrs. J. D. Bruce and others. At the alternoon session Mr. Cobb spoke relative to the lessons of the Christmas hour, remarking that when we celebrate the birth of the great Christian Baviour, let us remember that no pagan or Christian Saviour, let us remember that no pagan or Christian end of the the state can ever save us from the consequences following our own deeds. We must work out our own salvation ; the man who truly loves him-elf will love all about him, and the Christmas time will be the happler as we try to help each other. "Wiona" gave tests of spirit presence that were fully recognized. Miss B. E. Oulien on stepping to the platform made the remark that mediums very soldom understand each other; they may understand them-seites and their own controls, but do they know and have charity for each other? Readings of charactor from the faces of several present were correctly given. Dr. W. S. Eldridge gave diagnoses of discases under spirit control that were acknowledged correct. The evening service was opened with "Home of My Besuliful Dreams," (words by Miss M. T. Shei-hamer,) the song being finely redered by Miss H. T. Bhei-hamer, the song being finely redered by Miss H. T. Bhei-hamer, the song being finely redered by Miss H. T. Bhei-

Oase. Dr. H. B. Leighton spoke earnestly, comparing the dogmas of the church with the teachings of Spiritual-ism. Dr. H. B. Storer said that every one of us is more or less influenced by the spirit-world. We often go whither we would not, led by influences beyond our control. Prof. Carpenter spoke in the same line of thought, and asked all present to read in the Sunday *Heroid* the weak attempts of the Orthodox clergy of this city to prove immortality, and compare them with the revelations we are daily receiving from the immor-tal land itself. ad itself.

Eagle Hall, 616 Washington Street,-Interest ing meetings were, held in this place on Sunday last,

ing meetings were down in this piece on Spanny Last, both afternoon and evening. The afternoon exercises were opened by Dr. M. V. Thomme-nader control of his guides-delivering a ing according to the state of the s

Seni Communion Meetings every Tuesday at 3 P.M. harp, at Mrs. Morrell's, 230 West 36th street. Progressive Spiritual Test Meetings are held cach Sunday at 25 and 75 P. M. at 62 Union Square, by Mrs. A L. Pennell of Boston.

New York, Dec. 25th, 1887.

Dr. F. L. H. Willis. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

On Sunday evening, Dec. 25th, Dr. Fred. L. H. Willis delivered the last of a series of six lectures at the meetings held in the parlors of Mrs. M. E. Wallace and those who were fortunate enough to listen to him felt that they had been both instructed and entertained.

tained. The Doctor writes out his discourses, and delivers them from the prepared manuscript, and thus presents his views in a forcible and orderly manuer. After the close of each lecture he has been controlled, and de-livered a poem in each instance of a high order of merit-especially the one delivered on Buaday even-ing, Dec. 18th, under a control purporting to be that of Edgar A. Poe, which was fully equal to anything writ-ten by Poe while on the mundane plane. On next Buaday evening, Mrs. Wallace announced that the Rev. Mr. Fairchild, of Boston, would be the speaker; and on the Bunday following Prof. Henry Kiddle.

Kiddle. On Saturday evening, Dec. 31st, there will be a meet-ing of the friends to celebrate the closing of the year. J. F. C,

A Midnight Scance

Will be held at Mrs. M. C. Morrell's residence, 230 West 30th street, New York City, Saturday evening, Dec. 31st, to consist of literary and mediumistic exercises and social exchange of thought; to commence at 8 o'clock, and continue, with brief intermission, until the New Year is ushered in. Friends interested are cordially invited.

Haverhill, Mass., Unity Hall .- The First Spir-

itualist Society, compelled to leave Music Hall on account of fire, will, through the kindness of the First

tal land itself. Mrs. Forester said 'that 'many who were with us the last Christman have passed on b-fore, and while we last Christman have passed on b-fore, and while we can hold communion with the dear departed. Dr. Ridridge gave some of his early experience at the time when he was led or rather driven from the Church into the broader field of liberal truth. All these speeches were interesting, but want of space forbids a more extended report. Miss Annie L. Curtis recited "My Darling's Bhoes," which was well received.

Tross. At 7 P. M. Mrs. Storens gave an account of her me-diumistic development and her labors in Galifornia; after which her guiding spirit. "Biarlight," answered guestions presented by the sudlence. Mrs. Ida Whit-ipek will occupy the same platform next Sunday. Haverhill, Dec. 37th, 1657. (p. 1. W. W. CURRIER.

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Dr. Storer on Christmas.

Dr. H. B. Storer spoke last Sunday afternoon

at the First Spiritual Temple, corner of Exeter Sunday at 2% and 7% F.X. at 62 Union Square, by Mrs. A. L. Pennell of Boston. First Society of Spiritualists, Newi Nork. Mrs. A. M. Glading spoke morning and evening last Sunday, and, it being the close of her engagement, many regrets were expressed that we should listen to her words of wisdom no more at present. After the address Mrs. Glading mave several delineations of character that were perfect and well received. The meeting for spiritual manifestations in the st. ternoon was well attended. Mrs. Henry J. Newton read a beautiful genetic of of spiritual manifest, wells given and spirit messages in writing. Mrs. Glading packs at meeting. Mrs. Glading speaks in Washington during Japuary and to Brooklyn during February. Mrs. Nellie J.T. Brigham speaks for the First Society next Sunday and during Japuary. On Saturday evening, at the real dence of Mrs. K. A. Weils gave a large number of tends. New York, Dec. 25th, 1887. and Newbury streets, Boston, upon the observ-

abything that made is an expression of all that
is best and most beautiful in human life.
He believed that this Christmas antiversary
was a christianized form of an ancient observance running back among the earliest nations in of antiquity; and instanced the ancient Egyptitic and instanced the ancient Egyptitic is best for a single and instanced the ancient Egyptitic is the sense of the year.
To him the idea that the great Divinity who oreated the universe of worlds could be even one third embodied in human flesh, was unreasonable, and he could not conceive how a thinking mind could entertain such ideas. Take the career of Jesua as that of God and it places him doore human sympathies and fraitlies; but look upon him as a divine man, with like feelings and temptations with ourselves, and the very lowering him from deity, raises him for us into a beautiful example which we can all follow, love and appreciate. The virginal conception contravened Nature's laws, but the manhood, became a beautiful symbol and type of those virtues which we all should strive to investing around it a rational conception, would never give up this beautiful anniversary, but throwing around it a rational conception, would never give up this beautiful anniversary but throwing around it a rational conception, would never give up this beautiful anniversary but throwing around it is not an sympathy and love in gifts and song.
There will be at the organ. Printed protomeration of the New Year. A fine quartette choir will be in attendance, and Mr. E. E. Truett will preside as usual at the organ. Printed protomeration in einging them, and that it may prove an interesting and 'agreeable' innovation to our' usual service. Seats free as usual, and all are conducted in the seats free as usual, and all are conducted in the seats free as usual, and all are conducted in the seats free as usual, and all are conducted in the seats free as usual, and all are conducted in the seats free as usual, and all

interesting and agreeable innovation to our usual service. Seats free as usual, and all are cordially invited.

cordially invited. There, will be a sociable every Wednesday evening in the lower audience room at half-past seven, to which all are invited. This week will be the Oblidren's Festival, which it is ex-pected will be agreeable and entertaining. W. H. R.

Latoronce, Mass. -- Mrs. Abby N. Burnham of Boston lectured Dec. 25th for the society at Pythian Hall, alternoon and evening, giving interesting dis-Hain alternoon and evening, giving interesting un-courses which were listened to with close attention. She is a speaker who clovates and inspires ther hear-frs. The tests which she gave were fully recognized. She will occupy the same platform next guaday... FRANE 8, RASTMAN.

Salem, Mass .- Mrs. Mary L. French of Townsen

same time Eunice spoke out from the cabinet: "The spirit says her name is Mary, and that she is your sis-

The light was good, and we could distinctly see every line of the face; there was not the least resemblance to Mrs. Wells, and the lady declared that it was a likeness of her sister in-law in every minute particular. Eunice remarked from the cabinet that it was really Mrs. Wells transfigured. I believe it was, as the sequel will prove: The lady (whose name I have not learned) stated to

the circle that she was a stranger here; that she had recently come from New Orleans; that while in that eity a medium told her if she would attend a stance of Mrs. Wells in New York her sister-in-law, Mary, would transfigure Mrs. W. and prove her identity.

To the lady it was an excellent and convincing test and one of the most satisfactory evidences of spirit return she had ever experienced; while to the rest of us it was really wonderful, teaching a lesson from that Book of Nature of which, after all, we know so little. New York City. "PATTERSON."

Norwich, Conn .- Sunday, Dec. 25th, closed the present engagement of Mrs. R. S. Lillie as speaker on our platform, and Mr. J. T. Lillie as soloist. Their work has been well appreciated, the Ghristmas ser-vices being especially fine. Mrs. Lille, in response to subjects and questions from the audience, present-ed new and beautiful thoughts in relation to the origin of Christmas and the teachings of Jesns of Nazareib. The musical selections were choice and well render-ed by Mr. Lillie and Miss Kate Taber, in connection with the choir.—Next Sunday Mr. J. W. Fletcher will speak and give descriptive tests on the same plat-form. MBS. J. A. CHAPMAN, Sec y. our platform, and Mr. J. T. Lillie as soloist. Their

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