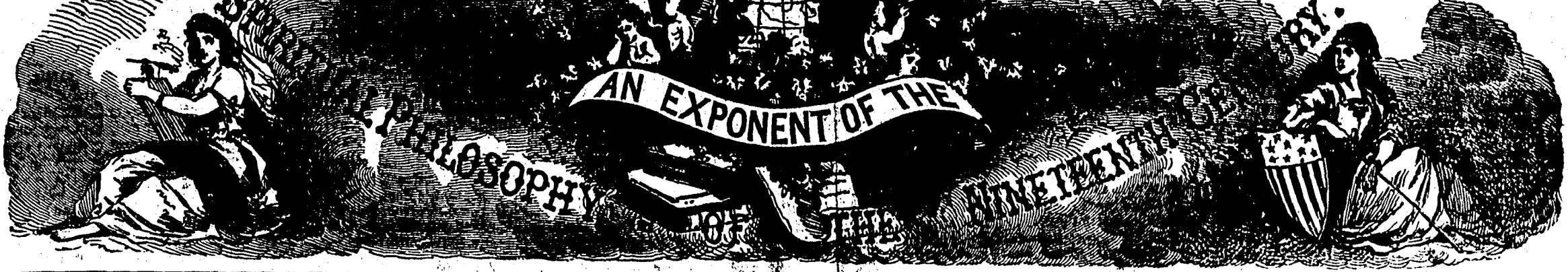


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Investigation of all systems of morals, religion, and philosophy, which assume to represent the truth, and particularly Modern Spiritualism.
In accepting this offer, the Board of Trustees, July 3d, 1883, appointed a commission to carry out the wishes of the donor, consisting of the following named persons: Dr. William Pepper, Provost of the University, and ex-officio, chairman; Rev. George S. Fullerton, Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy; Joseph Leidy, M.D., Professor of Anatomy; Robert E. Thompson, Professor of History and English Literature; and George A. Koenig, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry. All these were, as will be seen, members of the Faculty, as the terms of Mr. Seybert's offer required. The ten signers of the report are these five members of the Faculty, and five other persons not belonging to the Faculty. These are all facts which the report omits to mention.

The Trustees, in accepting the "gift" from Mr. Seybert, requested the Provost to return thanks to the donor, and to state that they accepted his "liberal gift" subject to the conditions mentioned in his letter (as above stated). The decease of Mr. Seybert occurred a short time afterward, and his will was found to confirm the gift by bequest.

T. R. HAZARD AND THE COMMISSION.

The relation of Mr. Thos. R. Hazard to the Commission may best be explained here; and it is necessary to do so, as he is the only friend to Spiritualism whose testimony we are able to invoke in regard to any of the circumstances of the investigation. Fortunately, we have Mr. Hazard's own exact statement of the facts that occurred previous to his being obliged to leave for the Pacific coast, early in May, 1884. This statement is found in his well-known Protest (dated Santa Barbara, Cal., May 18th, 1885), printed in the *North American*, of Philadelphia, under date of May 18th, 1885. Mr. Hazard gives the following explanation of his connection with the matter:

"For some weeks previous to his decease, Mr. Seybert was in the practice of consulting me in matters germane to his establishment of the 'Adams Seybert Chair,' both before and after the arrangements were completed; and the \$50,000, or is to be paid over to the trustees of the University only upon the condition that the incumbent of said chair, either individually or in conjunction with a commission of the University Faculty, shall make a thorough and impartial investigation of all systems of morals, religion, and philosophy which assume to represent the truth, and particularly of Modern Spiritualism. Mr. Seybert had repeatedly solicited me to become his representative and assist in the proposed investigation, which request I always declined for reasons given, until a few days before his decease, when I was called upon by a special messenger from Mr. Seybert, asking me to come to his home and meet Dr. William Pepper, the Provost of the University. Shortly after my arrival at his house, Mr. Seybert earnestly renewed his request, which I finally consented to comply with, with the full, distinct understanding that I should be permitted to prescribe the methods to be pursued in the investigation, designate the mediums to be consulted, and reject the attendance of any persons or persons whose presence I deemed might conflict with the harmony and good order of the spirit circles."

This proposition was agreed to, Mr. Hazard alleges, and he cites the following letter from the Provost in confirmation thereof:

"NEWPORT, R. I. July 27th, 1883.
My Dear Sir: I have yours of the 27th. The Commission has had no meeting, and of course no plan has been adopted for proceeding in the investigation. As you are aware, I have already informed you that I shall expect your advice in reference to the subject, and in accordance with our conversation at Mr. Seybert's, I shall be pleased to receive any assistance in the work of the Commission that you may be able to render.
Yours truly, WILLIAM PEPPER.
To Thomas R. Hazard, Esq."

Mr. Hazard also says, in this paper, after enumerating the above-mentioned five Commissioners:

"To these have since been added the present chairman [called in the Report the 'Acting Chairman'], Horace Howard Furness [one of the trustees of the University]; and, according to the statement made in the *North American* of the 14th inst. [May, 1885] Mr. Coleman Sellers, whom I have never had the pleasure of meeting or seeing to my knowledge. The first meeting of the Commission that I attended was at Dr. William Pepper's house, on the 8th of February, 1884, on which occasion all the original members were present. Since then at all the official meetings with mediums that I have attended, or am aware of being held previous to my leaving the city, early last May [1884], Messrs. Koenig, Fullerton, Leidy, and Furness were alone present."

THE REPORT MISLEADING.

In the Report, these facts are not mentioned, indeed they seem to be carefully suppressed. It says, after merely mentioning the gift of Mr. Seybert and the condition annexed to it (in part only), "A Commission was accordingly appointed, composed as follows: Dr. Wm. Pepper, Dr. Joseph Leidy, Dr. Geo. A. Koenig, Prof. R. E. Thompson, Prof. Geo. S. Fullerton, and Dr. Horace Howard Furness; to whom were afterward added Mr. Coleman Sellers, Dr. James W. White, Dr. Calvin B. Knerr, and Dr. S. Weir Mitchell."

Now the fact is, that the Commission originally appointed in 1883, as Mr. Seybert was duly notified, consisted of only the Provost and the four professors first mentioned in the above list, and could not properly have contained the other five, as they were not members of the Faculty, the language of Mr. Seybert's expressed condition being that "the incumbent of said chair, either individually or in conjunction with a commission of the Faculty," should make the investigation, which he evidently desired to be made by the learned representatives of the University, not by this, that, or the other physician, dentist, civil engineer, or other person, who might be called in to satisfy the notions of schemes of particular individuals. Mr. Seybert was a man of education and culture,

and as the Report says, "an enthusiastic believer in Modern Spiritualism"; and he evidently was convinced that a thorough and fair examination of its claims by members of the Faculty, whom he thought he knew to be honorable and enlightened men, could not but result in showing the truth of Spiritualism, as every other such examination had previously resulted; and thus the truth would receive the endorsement of one of the great American universities. Indeed, if this investigation had reached the result anticipated by the testator, his design would nevertheless have been frustrated; for the very first point made against it by the opponents of Spiritualism would have been that the investigation was not made, according to the condition of the gift, by a committee of the Faculty.

Moreover, the "incumbent of the Adams Seybert Chair," either himself or with the assistance of such a committee, was to make the required investigation—a fact which has been sedulously kept out of the Report; neither is there the slightest allusion to any such incumbent, or to the appointment of any, or the establishment of any chair such as the bequest and its conditions call for. This is what constituted the chief point of Mr. Hazard's protest in the *North American*, which we here cite in proof:

"I hereby most emphatically object and protest, in the name of justice and my deceased friend, Henry Seybert, against his money or bonds being retained by the Trustees of the Pennsylvania University, or paid over and delivered to the Board by the executors of Mr. Seybert's will until after the aforementioned sum of \$50,000 has been fairly earned by said Trustees, through a full and faithful performance of all the regulations and conditions specified in the contract legally entered into by my deceased friend Henry Seybert, on the one part, and the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania on the other part; the terms of which contract clearly imply that the aforesaid Board of Trustees are strictly bound by the terms of the gift to see that the incumbent of the Adams Seybert Chair is, in every respect, including the allowance of a sufficient time, to make a thorough and impartial investigation of the phenomena and philosophy of Modern Spiritualism, and that said incumbent of the Chair shall make the investigation singly or in conjunction with a commission of the University Faculty, whose qualifications in all respects are as fitting for the purpose as his own."

This protest was unheeded; on the contrary, other persons not members of the Faculty were added to the Commission. This being the case, it would clearly appear that the whole investigation, with the so-called report, is, legally, a nullity, as the condition of the bequest has been grossly violated.

A DELUSIVE REPRESENTATION.

In the Report, the names of the ten persons who signed it are mentioned as if they had all been originally appointed, and had served from the beginning, which as has been shown is not the case. Mr. Hazard says a meeting was held on February 8th, 1884; but Mr. Fullerton's minutes, as printed in the Appendix to the Report, mention no meeting earlier than March 18th, 1884, at which he says the "Commission" were present, clearly implying that the whole ten signers were present, while, in fact, only five were present, including Mr. Furness, who was not a member of the original commission, and as it would appear, had no legal right to serve at all. How, then, or why Messrs. Sellers, White, Knerr, and Mitchell were added to the Commission does not appear anywhere in the Report. The minutes, however, show that Mr. Sellers did not attend any meeting previous to Nov. 6th, 1884; and Messrs. White, Knerr and Mitchell attended no meeting till Feb. 19th, 1885, nearly a year after the commencement of the investigation. Nevertheless, these four persons append their signatures to the Report as if they had participated in the whole inquiry; while in the Report which they signed we find the statement, "We decided that, as we shall be held responsible for our conclusions, we must form those conclusions solely on our own observations." [Italics ours.] In the Report, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Briggs, Mrs. Kane, and Dr. Slade are all condemned, and placed before the public as mere tricksters and vulgar charlatans and cheats; and these four honorable gentlemen sign it without having attended a single meeting of the Commission when these mediums were examined. Comment is unnecessary.

REV. MR. FULLERTON'S MINUTES.

By a simple analysis of the reverend secretary's record of the proceedings, it is designed to correct the misleading representations of the Report, by means of which the public have been made to believe that there were ten investigators; while, in fact, there were less than half of that number. It is quite fortunate that we possess these minutes of the proceedings in order to correct the general statements of the Report proper.

THE WORK OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

These minutes show that whatever work was done was, in the main, performed by only three of the Commissioners—Messrs. Fullerton, Furness, and Sellers (the latter after the first six meetings); the others having attended but a small number of the eighteen meetings, or sittings, at which the mediums were examined. In this regard the facts are as follows: Dr. Pepper attended six of the eighteen meetings; Dr. Leidy, ten; Prof. Koenig, nine; Mr. Fullerton, twelve; Prof. Thompson, eight; Mr. Furness, sixteen; Mr. Sellers, eleven; Dr. White, five; Dr. Knerr, four; Dr. Mitchell, three. Mr. Furness was the only one that attended all the six sittings with Slade; Messrs. Pepper, Leidy and Fullerton attended one each; Koenig, White, Knerr, and Mitchell, none; a single one. This will serve to show to what extent they "formed their conclusions solely on their own observations." "We distinctly saw" the processes adopted by the medium (Slade), is the statement of the Report, leaving the reader to believe that there were ten pairs of sharp eyes fixed upon him, while the Appendix shows there was only one pair that could see all he did, and four that saw nothing; while the Commissioner who could see all that was visible was too deaf to hear what was audible. Yet this Commission has been lauded to the skies for its superlative competency for the task which it assumed.

THE VERDICT OF THE COMMISSION.

There are, however, other circumstances that invalidate its claims to consideration as based on the number, standing, and accomplishments of its members. All that they, as a Commission, claim to have done is to have held eighteen sittings with seven mediums, extending over more than two years—from March 13th, 1884, to March 30th, 1886. This constitutes the whole boasted investigation, by means of which, the secular and religious newspapers have told their readers, all the claims of Modern Spiritualism, accepted during the last forty years by some of the most acute and accomplished minds in the world, have been totally and definitively disproved, and all mediumship has been demonstrated to be nothing but delusion or trickery. The reviewer of *The New York Tribune*, apparently not having noticed these facts, remarks:

"The Report is of such a character that it would appear hardly worth while to carry the investigation any further. The conclusions reached almost involve the judgment that Modern Spiritualism, in so far as it rests upon what are called 'physical manifestations,' is a gross delusion, fostered by the most palpable, coarse, clumsy, and impudent fraud that was ever systematically practiced."

This indeed is the impression given by the Report to those who curiously examine it, and readers in general do no more. The reviewers of the Press seem not to have looked beyond the few pages that constitute what is printed as the Report.

The Commissioners, it is true, have been careful not to assert positively and directly as much as this (though they permit their reverend secretary to assert it); but, in guarded and qualified language, they say that as far as they have gone, this is the result. "We have not," says the Report, "been cheered by the discovery of a single novel fact." Not even, we may ask, by the fact, as alleged, that spirit-mediums are only tricksters? If not, they must have had the conviction before they commenced the inquiry, and they were, therefore, unfit, by previous bias of mind, from serving on the Commission. This, it is quite evident, was actually the case.

Outside of the Report, and going beyond his coadjutors, which was certainly a gross impropriety, to say the least, Secretary Fullerton takes occasion to interject into the preamble to his printed minutes of the proceedings, the opinion that "Spiritualism presents [to him] the melancholy spectacle of gross fraud, perpetrated upon an uncritical portion of the public." That is to say, Hare, Crookes, Wallace, Varley, De Morgan, Gregory, Robertson, Mages, Edmonds, Brittan, Sargent, Trollope, Whately, Elliottson, Thackeray, Lord Lyndhurst, Prof. Challis, Aksakoff, Wagner, Butler, of Zollner and his associates, Du Prel, and Hellenbach, with Houdin, Jacobs, Bellachini, Hermann, and Keller—the great masters of prestidigitation—all these, including some of the brightest lights in science, medicine, law, literature, theology, and prestidigitative art, are pronounced "uncritical" by the Rev. Geo. S. Fullerton, Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy in the University of Pennsylvania!

Certainly it would be of very little importance that any one of these eminent persons had been attending a few sittings with mediums, and had arrived at the opinion that the phenomena called spiritual had no real existence, being wholly resolvable into "legerdemain," as this report states, because vastly more thorough examinations, by entirely competent experts, and under incomparably superior conditions, have invariably resulted in showing the contrary. This Report, however, though in the main a mere statement of individual opinions, based on individual examinations, is issued under the fallacious appearance that it represents the united researches and conscientious convictions arising therefrom of ten persons, while the fact, as we have partly shown, is far otherwise. A statement of the

WORK OF EACH COMMISSIONER.

will clearly demonstrate this. It appears from the Record that Dr. Pepper attended six scattered meetings—two in 1884, and four in 1885. That was the whole of his investigation. Dr. Leidy attended ten of the meetings, and individually three promiscuous sittings with public mediums. It is a curious fact that Dr. L. should speak of attending with his fellow commissioners sittings with four materializing mediums, when the minutes show that the Commission did not examine into materialization at all. He also speaks of attending with the Commission "two sittings with as many rapping mediums," while Mrs. Kane was the only medium at both sittings. This serves to show with what indistinctness some of the signers of this Report remembered the incidents of the so-called examinations that occurred between March, 1884, and March, 1886, when they, in May, 1887 (more than a year after the last sitting), solemnly appended their signatures to the document, and thus attested their personal knowledge of its truthfulness and accuracy. Dr. Koenig attended seven sittings with other Commissioners, and individually one sitting, at

Col. Kane's house, in Philadelphia, with Mrs. Thayer and Mr. Copeland, at the end of his account of which, he exclaims "Quelle betise!" That was the whole of his investigation.

Rev. Geo. S. Fullerton attended thirteen out of the eighteen sittings, and individually one sitting with Mrs. Wells, one with Mrs. Beate, and one with Mrs. Thayer. Besides this, he undertook a mission to Germany in order, as it seems, to prove that Prof. Zollner was not in a sane condition of mind when he conducted the investigation with Slade described in "Transcendental Physics." To this reference will be made further on.

Mr. Furness attended sixteen out of the Commission's eighteen sittings, being absent from one of Mrs. Patterson's sittings and one of Mr. Briggs's. Besides this, in a jocular and bantering spirit, he experimented individually with Dr. Mansfield and three other mediums for answering "sealed letters"; and, in the same temper of mind, attended some promiscuous materializing sittings. Under the instruction of the medium Cafray, he tried, he says, to become a medium himself for independent writing, using magnetized paper supplied by Cafray to facilitate the process. As a part of the report of the Commission, with a singular want of logic and propriety, he publishes three articles giving an amusing burlesque of the subject rather than a serious account of his experiences.

Dr. Knerr attended only four of the investigating sittings, but individually had a private sitting with Mrs. Patterson. Mr. Sellers, Dr. White, and Dr. Mitchell made no individual examinations. Nothing was done by the Commission in its collective capacity between March 30th, 1886, and May, 1887, the date of the Report. It does not appear that the articles giving an account of these individual experiences were at all of the nature of reports to the Commission, or that the latter formally authorized them, or adopted them as a part of its proceedings; and therefore the publication of them as in part the basis of the Report was wholly illogical, improper, and betrays a spirit of antagonism to the cause under investigation, and a determination to crush it, if possible, at all hazards.

The above summary of the work performed by the several members of this much-lauded Commission shows how futile and inadequate its so-called investigation has been, as compared with that of other scientific explorers, whose work they choose to ignore. For example, Prof. Zollner had at least twenty-five carefully arranged sittings with Dr. Slade, employing a great variety of ingenious scientific devices to test the reality of the phenomena presented, and to exclude all possibility of delusion on his own part as well as deception on the part of the medium; while the Rev. George S. Fullerton, Dr. Pepper, and Dr. Leidy after a single sitting, are ready to accept, without any personal verification, all the statements of the two or three commissioners who were present at the sittings, and to brand the medium as an impostor. From what is here adduced it will be quite obvious that the honorable Commissioners did not make the investigation which they allege in the Report that they made; and that this much wanted document, signed by these ten distinguished gentlemen, is, therefore, a misrepresentation.

In the next place, it will be obvious to every careful and dispassionate reader that the REPORT IS NOT SUSTAINED BY THE MINUTES, in the sweeping verdict of condemnation which it pronounces upon the mediums examined, and in fact upon all mediumship. There were, as the minutes show, manifestations at the sittings which could not be fairly attributed to fraud or legerdemain. It is obvious that, in spite of all their protestations to the contrary, these commissioners were determined to ignore, or explain away, by any construction however forced and irrational, every phenomenon that seemed to antagonize the preconceptions of their prejudiced minds. A fair and critical analysis of their own minutes, fortunately appended to the Report, shows that their published conclusion is grossly unjust to the mediums whom they consulted, and whom they now hold up to undeserved reprobation as cunning and conscienceless tricksters. We wish to say here that it is not our design at this time to defend these mediums, except as far as this Review may indirectly do so. We express no opinion as to their character or claims, as this is not the place for such expression.

In this analysis, we will begin with Mrs. Patterson, the first medium examined, with whom there were four sittings: the first of which was attended by four members of the Commission, Messrs. Leidy, Koenig, Fullerton, and Furness; the second, by the same; the third, by Leidy and Furness; and the fourth, by Koenig and Fullerton; so that Pepper, Thompson, Sellers, White, Knerr, and Mitchell had no knowledge at all of what occurred at these sittings, except from information. In regard to these occurrences, however, we fortunately have the additional testimony of Mr. Hazard.

The minutes of the first meeting say there were "no results," and Mr. Hazard states that they "sat two hours without getting a scratch on the slates." The same was the case at the second sitting; but at the third there was a manifestation, which the commissioners en-

"The minutes say: 'On Thursday, March 12th, 1884, the Commission met at 508 B, 16th Street, for the examination of Mrs. S. E. Patterson,' and thus imply that the ten signers were present. Incidentally Mr. Furness, Dr. Leidy, and Mr. Hazard are referred to; but the latter, in his published statement says: 'At four of the sitting members (Leidy, Koenig, Fullerton, and Furness) were present.' In regard to this sitting Mr. Hazard says: 'As the gentlemen of the Commission were leaving the house, I returned with the medium to the slates, when it was almost immediately written on the slate—'There was nothing that could be remedied.' We could not overcome the influence that were about.'"

From Mrs. J. Davis, \$1.00; A. G. F., \$1.00; Banne
ree Circle, \$1.50, and sundries as indicated.

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

HYAR'S DE COON FOR YER MONEY.

IN VERBA SATUR.

What a darkies good for but for to wait
On all de white folks sent to dem by fate?
Hyar's de nig for y, honey I
Chopped up yer wood piles, toin' up yer trunks,
Waitin' on yer truck, makin' up yer bunks,
Hyar's de coon for yer money.

A suburban friend will please accept our thanks
for a fine basket of seedling grapes.

The New Hampshire law-makers, like those in
Massachusetts, refused to give municipal suffrage to
women, but they also have just taken good care to
protect milkmen. Reason why: The owners of milk-
cans have votes; women have none.—*The Woman's
Journal.*

Advice from a man with one idea should only be
taken as far as that idea extends.

Mrs. C.—Doctor, you were at the last illness of my
eldest boy, Doctor Yes. Mrs. C.—You also tended
professionally my first husband, who died. Doctor.
Yes. Mrs. C.—Well, my second husband is sick, and
I would like you to see him.—*Life.*

Two million five hundred thousand dollars' worth is
the estimated amount of property destroyed by the
recent floods along the Nile.

To-day the United States in agricultural wealth and
income stands ahead of all other civilized countries.
Its income resulting from uncultivated land, and
its grain crops, cattle, forestry, etc., over \$3,000,
000,000 a year.—*Congressman Randall.*

It would be all right if Harvard students would do
all their "bazing" at Cambridge; but they don't.
Scollay Square, Boston, Saturday nights, into Sun-
day mornings, has more than its share.

That which caused Hamilton's theory of government
to be rejected was, "Give the rich and well-born
a distinct permanent share in the government"; but
Jefferson's "Guard well the liberties of the people"
was adopted.—*Es.*

Boston has an Electric Club. Would it be a
grand thing for the police to use?

Prize fighting of the present day is so weak that
brutal policemen do not regard it as a disturbance of
the peace.—*N. O. Freeman.*

A certificate of grave doubt has been received by us
from Albany, in re the medium Messrs. Bridge and
Powell. We hear so much in their favor—as reliable
mediums—that we feel to give them the benefit of the
doubt; hence we decline the Albany missive.

"Beastie, I heard your sister is sick; what ails her?"
"I don't know, ma'am. Maybe it's the diploma."
"The what, child?" "The diploma. I heard mother
say she took it at school."—*Texas Siftings.*

The famous Savoy necklace of pearls, which Queen
Margherita of Italy loves to wear, consists of row
upon row of magnificent pearls which go round the
neck and hang down over the corsage. The value of
the necklace is considerably over half a million of
dollars.

Though love repels, and reason chafes,
There comes a voice without reply;
'Tis man's perdition to be safe,
When for the Truth he ought to die.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

A professor has given up his chair in Edinburgh
University to devote himself to work in behalf of the
understrata of society. Says he: "Let Greek die;
let Hebrew die, and learning go to the dogs. But let
human beings live, and let brotherhood, charity and
fraternal feelings prevail."

There is inherent in our minds an insatiable desire
to know the truth and to communicate it.—*Cicero.*

A liberal, generous act is one of these bits of "brand
clay" upon the waters" that come back after many
days, bringing blessings in their train, says the
Boston Herald. Such an act was the permission given
Tiffany & Co., by the trustees of the Metropolitan Art
Museum a few years ago, to copy the Etruscan gold
armlets, found at Cerveteri. These beautiful and curi-
ous antique relics of the jeweler's art were stolen the
other day, but they have already been replaced by du-
plicated so exact in their reproduction as to puzzle ex-
perts, which Tiffany & Co. hastened to present to the
museum in recognition of the favor they had enjoyed.
Is not liberality as well as honesty the best policy?

A burglar who is awaiting trial in Connecticut has
dropped some useful hints. He says that many safes
in stores and offices are so placed that they are at the
mercy of the burglar and his tools. Safes should be
raised upon blocks and placed in a corner with the
door shutting toward the wall. This makes it necessary
to move the safe to get at the door with wedges and
jimmies, and being raised on blocks, this is a dangerous
as well as difficult job.—*Boston Journal.*

The "inner eye" of the mind sees more clearly than
the physical eye.
Boylston street is doomed. It looks now as if it had
been struck by lightning, or had an attack of earth-
quake, and did not know which way to turn, because
the next day might be its last.—*Herald.*
The Psychical Researchers have an office in that
street. But we hope this fact has nothing to do with
dooming the street aforesaid.

Amid all the storms and tempests of life, the rush
and roar of its battles, its struggles and defeats, the
spiritually attuned ear can hear divine harmonies,
and the soft, sweet voice of Love saying, "Peace; be
still."—*The Carrier Dove.*

THE DAIRY.—About four billion gallons of milk are
annually converted into butter, and seven hundred
million gallons into cheese, in America. The dairy
products of this country amounted to twenty million
dollars more than the wheat crop last year.

While utterly powerless for good, vaccination is a
certain cause of disease and death in many cases, and
it is the probable cause of about ten thousand deaths
annually, by five inoculable diseases of the most terri-
ble and disgusting character.—*Alfred Russel Wal-
lace, LL.D.*

A HARD TIME FOR ST. PETER.
St. Peter.—"Who knocks?" *Heaven*—"One whom
the missionary has snatched from the burning." St.
Peter—"What missionary?" *Heaven*—"One from
Andover, Massachusetts." St. Peter—"Please take
seat for awhile upon the brush-heap to the left of the
gate. I can't tell until the Andover controversy is
settled whether you are saved or damned."—*Es.*
St. Peter (holding his ears).—"My my! what a horri-
ble din! Who are you?" *New Spirit* (with a base
drum).—"I'm Willie Winkum, the devil's teaser of the
Salvation Army." "Is that what that drum is for?"
"Yes, sir." Well, just give down that hole and tease
him until you get tired.—*The Omaha World.*

A man has no more right to say an untruth than
to act one; no more right to say a rude thing to
another than to knock him down.—*Johnson.*

To the Chicago mind the world consists of Chicago
and a strip of outlying territory.—*Philadelphia In-
quirer.*

A Successful Firm.

A. SHUMAN & CO.'S RECENT ADDITION TO THEIR
BUILDING.

For some weeks past many thousands have noticed
the workmen engaged in making alterations in the
large sandstone building, at the corner of Washington
and Summer streets, Boston, but probably few sus-
pected that A. Shuman & Co. were making another
addition to their extensive warehouses. Such was the
case, however, and now the improvements are prac-
tically completed.

The second story of the corner building has been
fitted up for the firm, and is devoted exclusively to
gentlemen's fine ready-made clothing of every descrip-
tion.

The new salesroom is fitted with substantial coun-
ters, so as to give ample space for examining the
goods, while the abundance of light in the room is
cause for surprise and delight, numerous mirrors giv-
ing added lustre to the place. A large additional show-
window has been added on the Washington
street front, which is to be devoted, entirely to the ex-
hibition of fabrics, which can be cut and made to
order in the gentlemen's custom department. This
great firm now occupies six stories on Washington
street, and four on Summer and Summer
streets. The recent addition to the corner building is
entirely new, and it is a great pleasure to see a
successful, thriving firm as Messrs. A. Shuman & Co.
in our midst.

Movements of Mediums and Lecturers.

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

Dr. Dean Clarke has returned to Boston, and would
like engagements for Sunday lectures for the fall and
winter. A correspondent writes: "I consider him
one of the most careful (in expression) and philoso-
phical exponents of the laws and philosophy of Spiritu-
alism now before the public. His guides are well-
informed, and deal with principles that are based on
facts well established, hence speculative theories are
not indulged in during his elucidation of the subject.
Such speakers should have all the engagements that
they are able to fill, and be financially sustained. He
is to speak, I understand, during the month of No-
vember in Philadelphia, Pa."

Mrs. C. G. Van Duzee will be located at Nor-
wellville, N. Y., about three weeks, and will receive
calls to lecture from any part of the country. Ad-
dress 13 Church street, as above.

Helen Stuart-Richings will spend December and
January in the Gulf States. Societies in Louisiana,
Mississippi, Alabama or Florida, desiring her ser-
vices, should write at once. Address during October,
Care of F. Meskimen, Alder street, E. E. Pitts-
burgh, Pa.

Mrs. H. Morse Baker, of Granville, will be at the
Spiritualists of Saratoga, N. Y., last Sunday—Dr.
Mills giving tests at the close of her evening discourses.

Mrs. J. W. Fletcher will be in Providence, R. I.,
through October, holding on next Sunday evening a
floral service. He has also been engaged for the last
three Sundays in March.

Mrs. A. Forrester is at present located at No. 8
North Mead street corner and is ready to re-
ceive engagements for platform work.

Mrs. S. Dick will answer calls to lecture and give
platform tests. Address, care BANNER OF LIGHT,
Boston, Mass.

Mrs. E. C. Phillips, Pa., lectures and
gives tests and psychometric readings at the hall on
Halsey street, corner of Market street, Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Clara A. Field spoke for the Spiritualists at the
Court of Appeals Room, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sun-
day, Sept. 25th and Oct. 2nd. She is for the Spiritualists
of Washington, D. C., in Grand Army Hall, Sunday
morning and evening, Oct. 9th. She will speak again
in the same place, Sunday, Oct. 16th. She would like
to hear from societies in South, for December, or
later in the season, if needed. Address her in care of
BANNER OF LIGHT—103 F street, N. E. Washing-
ton, D. C., during October.

Geo. A. Fuller of Dover, Mass., lectured in Stafford,
Conn., Sept. 25th to Oct. 1st. He is now in
9th, morning and afternoon, and in the evening at Sil-
ver Lake; Oct. 16th he speaks in West Duxbury,
Mass., morning and afternoon, and in the evening
at Odd Fellows' Hall, Kingston, Mass., and Oct. 23d
and 30th at Clinton, Mass. Mr. Fuller is engaged every
Sunday until the middle of March, 1888, and has all the
camp meetings engagements he can possibly accept for
next season. He has been engaged for the Lookout
Mountain Camp-Meeting for the month of July, and
will also attend those at Rindge, Sunapee, Temple
Heights and Verona Park.

Lake Pleasant.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. Smith and wife, Mr. and
Mrs. Cary, Mr. and Mrs. Budington, Mrs. Olive Rey-
nolds, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Mr. Pasco and sister, Mr.
and Mrs. Rowville, Mrs. Wiggins and many others
are still enjoying at the resort, which is now decked
with its autumn robes of glory.

Nearly all the lots have been purchased on the old
grounds and many on the Highlands. Work is pro-
gressing on the Highlands, and all over the
grounds, and carpenters report more work than they
can do before camp opens next season.

Mrs. Maud Drake has built a large addition to her
cottage.

Mrs. Stone of Everett contemplates improvement.
Mrs. Lincoln has the foundation placed for a new
cottage on the Highlands. Mrs. Wiggins is progressing on
the cellar for the mansion of Mr. Cary at the Highland.
Mrs. Flint, Mr. Barnes and many others are to build or
make improvements.

Chessington seems to be the favorite pastime just
at present.

Providence, R. I.—Mr. J. W. Fletcher's lectures
upon our platform last Sunday were really wonderful,
even for him. Large audiences greeted him both
morning and evening; many of whom recognized the
unmistakable presence of William Dwyer, as he once
again told us "Why God does not kill the devil." The
delightful music which was rendered by the choir,
under the direction of Mr. Fenner, added much to the
harmony and success of the meeting.

Next Sunday Mr. Fletcher takes for his morning
subject: "The doctrines of Swedenborg or Spiritualism."
In the evening we shall have the Floral Memorial
to the spirits.

MARY E. A. WHITNEY, Sec.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The Penny Press of this city for
the 3d inst. speaks as appended regarding Mrs. Helen
Stuart-Richings's work there:

"The seats were all filled in the hall of the Pitts-
burgh Society of Spiritualists last night, on the occa-
sion of the opening series of lectures by Helen Stuart-
Richings, of Boston, who serves the Society as its
month. Mrs. Richings is remarkably talented as a
lecturer, while her psychometric readings are simply
marvelous."

Attleboro, Mass.—Abbie F. Thompson, Secretary
of the Spiritualist Society, writes that Miss S. Lizzie
Ewer, inspirational speaker, of Portsmouth, N. H.,
has just finished a four weeks' engagement with the
friends in Attleboro. She proved an efficient worker,
and during her stay many friends, who will be
glad to hear from her again.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate in Weak-
ness of the Stomach. Dr. P. D. McCLURE,
Rantoul, Ill., says: "I have successfully used
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the digestive apparatus."

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nature of this new thought, sent post-paid on
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cesses in the treatment of obstinate kidney dis-
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To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The Boston Lyceum will hold a Grand Anni-
versary Fair at Faneuil Hall, Dec. 7th,
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ago my wife being in a very feeble condition, I wrote
three letters to certain persons who treat by magnetic re-
medies, and one of those letters was to yourself. I intimated
to neither you nor them at that time the condition of the
case, but I have since learned that you received an answer
in a few days from each, and in yours I found that the di-
agnosis of the case was perfect in every particular. For
various reasons I did not then apply to you for remedy, but
had previously tried many skillful physicians, also my own
ability gained by thirty years of practice, but without suc-
cess. In May, 1885, my wife being in such a hopeless
condition, I concluded to try your magnetic remedies.
At that time her articulation of speech was very indistinct,
and her left arm and side almost powerless. After com-
mencing your remedies, I noticed in a few weeks a change
for the better, and after that time there came a gradual
improvement, until last summer she was able to drive in
her carriage eight miles and twenty miles at a time, and
at the present writing is still improving. It is a wonder
that such a thing should have happened. I would look
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