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# The Spiritual Rostrum.

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A Lecture Delivered before the New England Spiritualist Camp-Meeting Association as Lake Pleasant, Mass., July 22d, 1888,

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Bibles have been the blessing and curse of mankind. They are the work of men - have never been dictated nor inspired by anything higher than man or by the spirit of man as he has developed after leaving this sphere of much revered by millions of persons now livas by millions of those who have passed from the realms of time to the eternity which is beyond. I do so with no desire to cause pain to any heart or provoke contention which is needless, and if possible should be avoided.

I am not unaware of the good that has been done by the book which is known as the Christian Bible, nor blind to the influence which it exerts over the lives and actions of millions of persons who look upon it as the only word of God given to man, which defines his duty to his Creator, to mankind, and points the way and only way to salvation in the life the world as coming from the divinest of sources. above and around us-wherein, I ask, does our That I am correct in my conclusions, is the We have come now to a period when bibles of a which is to come. I can well recall the time- That much of his teachings were true, those reason teach us, as a spiritual being, is he more forcibly shown from the fact that Joseph, different character are being written. They and the period is not remote-when I revered this book as containing the only revelation of spiritual realms of to-day will not deny; that ask, would such a being look for wisdom and power of the Egyptians of that day, soon be-, living. Every discovery in natural science is same position in this regard that I have occu- is certain. pied, and I respect the sincerity with which others defend this book from the assaults that are being made upon it. The influence of early training and education is hard to be overcome, and we need not wonder that men are loth to break away from the associations, trainings and educations of early life, to form new relations with those who stand in antagonism to lifelong friends and companions, upon matters so important as those affecting our temporal and spiritual welfare. It may seem strange for me to assert that any man of strong intellectual powers, of strong religious nature, a man who is magnetic, a natural organizer and leader, could today, in almost any portion of the civilized globe, enunciate that as coming from God, which originated with himself, gather around himself disciples and believers, and become the head of a new religious sect, the stability, permanency and influence of which would depend largely upon the amount of practical common we to reverence them as containing the posi-ficed upon the slightest pretext, when man and reverence of the Israelites. So we find country we are asked to salute with a kiss to sense which should be interwoven with his tive mandates of God to his children? Is it or was emerging from a barbarism which was him prepared, after the lapse of nearly four make the oath we are taking more binding theology : This has been done and is being done is it not true, that Jehovah has spoken directly the natural concomitant of a development from hundred years, to lead the Children of Israel upon our consciences. to-day; and I am thankful that this age is being characterized by that wealth of scientific knowledge, profound philosophical research, freedom of thought, speech and action, which enables us to discern that which has at least the semblance of truth from that which is absurdly false, which enables us to gather here and understand how proselyting has been conductthere integral truth from the mass of chaff with which the world is afflicted. Previous to the year 1827, in the central part them to become confederated into sects and of the State of New York, a person with lit- denominations? and that what parents have erary attainment whiled away his leisure hours believed they have taught their children, and by composing a strange romance in which one that infants' minds have grown, formed and have at once transformed them into beings | y no better instrument for such a work than | if possible, I would increase it; but I would of the tribes of Israel was made to figure in matured to harmonize with the teachings they the North American Indian as being its de- have received? Thus it is that we find so have required the lapse of vast periods of time and the law itself, as we read and understand hold such powerful sway as the word of God; scendant. Into this work were woven portions many people ready to assert their religious be- for them to accumulate a fund of knowl- it to-day, is about such a production as we as the work of man give it just that force and of the ancient Jewish law, and the ingenuity | lief and convictions, and to flatly declare that | edge, if the process of obtaining it is the same | of the writer was such as to enable him to put | anything which does not harmonize therewith in to his remarkable narrative that which is untrue. might lead unsuspecting minds to give credence to the idea that he was seeking to inculcate for the simple purposes of a story. These human mind, from time to time, free thinking ing, we may naturally expect that each suc- ed to the Jews has it been so little credited as this testimony, which was old ere man began writings had never been published; fortunately men have been born to directly challenge the a copy was preserved, but Joseph Smith, ignorant of that fact, chanced many years after- of their authenticity. The hardest and most ward to get possession of what he supposed to powerful opponents that religious teachers of be the original, and in 1827 he commenced to the past and of to day have to contend with preach and proclaim to the world that an an- are those men who deal in every-day, practical cient work, written upon tablets of gold, in common sense, and apply the ordinary tests of ancient characters, had been revealed to him; reason to the religious doctrines being prothat, by angel guidance, he had been led to mulgated through the various churches and rethe place where this remarkable record had ligious organizations. For one I am willing to equally difficult for those upon the other side for thousands of years been concealed; that it was his mission to establish a new church, that | there is a personal Being who can comprehend of the Latter Day Saints; and from this begin- | this vast universe; who can and will con- | passed from this world ten thousand years ago ning came the book and religion of the Mor- trol its stupendous forces, its majestic and to could give any greater information of the formons-a religion which now numbers among us incomprehensible systems; and who, at the mation of the world, of the creation of that its adherents men and women of unquestioned same time, with all the love and affection that which it contains, than we ourselves can obattainments, and you well know that I am a mother has for her own child, is holding each only uttering that which is the history of the and all of his children in constant rememtimes when I say to you that the religion of brance; who, notwithstanding the misforthe Mormons has hundreds of thousands of fol- tunes, bereavements and sufferings they are civilized nation; they were well versed in which is mixed with truth; and it certainly is

creasing. The book of Mormon was substan-1 and clouds which are breaking upon them, is | calculations have been found to be wonderfully | contains a great deal that is of great value, and

fucius, of Buddha, of Chrishna and of their of conjecture can be denied to no one. followers.

tially the work of the writer of the romance of by such means annealing them to a more perwhich I have spoken. Mormonism had its birth | fect comprehension of their relations to him, and its outgrowth and owes its power and in- and to a more perfect enjoyment of that eterfluence to day to the circumstance I have re- nal life which we believe to be ours. That lated, and to the religion of the Jews; and there is something beyond us, a power that is polygamy is sustained by the practice of the greater than man can comprehend — that he patriarchs of the olden time who were God's will never beable to grasp-the Infinite Forces servants, and by alleged authority from God to which have set in motion the innumerable been deliberately planned by great spiritual served with the mummied remains of the men the Mormon prophets who were the recipients) worlds above and around us, which cause the of rersonal visits from flim and who held fre- | sun, as it were, to mount into the heavens by quent intercourse with Him, through His an- day and to sink beneath the ocean at night, gels who came upon special missions when He that cause the snow to come in winter, the was supposed to have been otherwise engaged! flowers to bud and blossom in spring, that give A few hundred years after the foundation of to us plentifully of the fruits of the earth in the Christian religion, Mohammed claimed to their season, we do know. That there are inhave had a vision, and to have witnessed in an telligences above us which are further adincredibly short space of time, things which vanced than we are, who comprehend more of were hidden from the rest of mankind, and he these wonderful things than we do, I believe became and proclaimed himself a prophet; he | that most men feel; but whether there is One wrote, and what he wrote is studied as part of who comprehends the whole in the sense that the education of great nations in the Eastern | we comprehend the little within the grasp of Countries, and his followers are as numerous our mentality, who controls these wonderful upon the face of the earth as are the followers forces and commands them at his will, we do of Jesus Christ to-day. What is true of Mo not know, and no man by any possibility can hammedanism is true of the teachings of Con- know; he can simply conjecture, and the rightWe are speaking to-day of Bibles; I am speak-

At about the close of the seventeenth cen- ling of them as the work of men, as I believe purpose they forbade his descendents from visions, represented themselves as being God, tury Emanuel Swedenborg was born, and in them to be the work of men, aided by the inthe early part of the eighteenth century he telligences who, like ourselves, have been born which they were surrounded, but Moses was that they believed that had they made thempromulgated to the world that which has now of the world in which we live, or of the worlds developed and educated as an instrument pebecome the foundation of the religious sect, which are circling around us. Mysterious, cultarly adapted to be a Lawgiver to his peo-, but angels or advanced spirits of the men of which bears his name. Swedenborgians-they things become exceedingly simple when the who are firm believers in the truths of his key of knowledge has unlocked the closet. teaching, in the divine nature of his inspira- When communication between the mortal and tions, and credit him with having held commu-<sup>1</sup> the spiritual realm has become so well estabnion directly with God-may be numbered by lished that the system is distinctly understood hundreds of thousands. His teachings are: and its operations perfectly comprehended. largely supplementary to those of Christ, and much that is mysterious will be solved stumhe goes on to express more fully than had bling-blocks will disappear, and burdens be action. In saying this of a book that is so theretofore been given to the world, something lifted from the shoulders and hearts of innu- establish upon earth a religious empire which of the nature of the spiritual realms into which i merable beings who are suffering from a bonding, intelligent, religious and sincere, as well sooner or later we are to be consciously usher- age from which they cannot be too soon set free. | end. They knew and comprehended the supeed. This remarkable man possessed a wonder- | It now seems to be most thoroughly estab- | rior wisdom and intelligence of the Egyptian ful spiritual nature. He was gifted with what lished that man is a descendant from an an- people, and knew that the Jews must receive als at the command of the Most High; menis known as clairvoyance and clairaudience, cestry no more conspicuous than the first schooling from nations further advanced than and he gave to the world proof of these powers germ which sprang into being at the close of the themselves to enable them to accomplish the eries, extortions and licentiousness were not which, to people of those days, were regarded as Azoic period or Age. Assuming, then, as I be- purposes had in view. To that end Joseph was commended for those things; and what is more supernatural, and a gift from God himself. He fore have said, that man is the descendant of made the object of special affection from his conspicuous than the teachings and gospel of who is able to supplement his teachings with this remarkable ancestry to which I have re- father; the jealousy of his brethren was cre- Jesus Christas they stand in contrast with the evidence of powers such as Swedenborg pos- ferred; assuming, then, that Nature has her ated; the conspiracy for his destruction was law of Moses and the lives and characters of sessed, will command the faith and confidence spiritual side; assuming that man has his formed, and then he was sold and carried into the men who were commissioned with its en-

correct; they were far superior to the Jews, has wrought noble results in the hearts and which we propose to accomplish? and having or destroy it. laid our plans for the future, we proceed to The law commanding sacrifices and burnt of-

equired! In youth we lay out the plans of | and we certainly cannot assume that a Being our lives, and set about to work for the accom- of perfection was lacking in wisdom in the plishment of these purposes. So can we undays of Moses, and is wiser to-day. That the derstand how it was planned that Abraham law of Moses was not a wise law is evidenced should become the founder of a great people; from the fact that it has been rejected by him we can also comprehend that the angel world, who came in fullfilment of a prophecy, and knowing his peculiar adaptability as an instru- established upon earth the great truth that the ment in their hands to accomplish their own | Kingdom of Heaven is within, and very sensipurposes and ends, should desire that his bly taught that God is not pleased with burnt should be an exclusive and peculiar race, a offerings and the sacrifices of blood, but rather race adapted to the education and develop- | with contrite hearts, followed by pure lives, ment of the peculiar religious ideas of those

ple. How easy it is for us now, from the posination, with an evident purpose that it should control eventually all the nations of the world; that it should conquer nation after nation, and they designed should be a kingdom without of certain classes of minds, and the age in spiritual nature, and his soul is his spiritual | Egypt, while his brethren pierced the heart of forcement?

which Swedenborg lived was well adapted to undying counterpart-when that soul is re- | Jacob with a living sorrow, causing him to the inculcation of the doctrines which he gave to leased and passes into the spiritual realms lament Joseph as destroyed by wild beasts. have spoken, and their teachings to mankind.

and the vision which Abraham saw, the com- lives of men. The writing upon tablets of stone munications which he received, seem strangely and large mastic plates and columns, was learnto have been fulfilled; but have we considered ed by the Jews from people older than they, the means which were employed to consum- and the literature of Assyria and of Egypt was mate so great a result? Was there anything contained upon these tablets as well as upon more in this whole prophecy than could have the leaves of the papyrus which are found preforces, to be consummated through the lapse who, like ourselves, regarded death as an inclof ages? Are we not to day foretelling that dent in human life, but which did not terminate

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bring around the desired result, even though | ferings surely cannot be commended by wise years of patient toil, study and care may be people of to-day as the work of a wise God; worthy and noble actions. That those who who were his immediate inspirers. For this were inspiring Moses, presenting him with commingling with the heathen nations by may well be accounted for upon the hypothesis selves known in their true character as being former ages, Moses would not have revered tion we have obtained, to picture the convoca- them, would not have obeyed their commands, tion of spiritual beings who, of barmonious and hence he was purposely kept in ignorance minds, having a unity of purpose, were pre- of their real character; but how different were paring the way for the formation of the Jewish the inspirations and teachings of Jesus! A few thousand years in spiritual realms had been productive of a vast improvement in those who came back to enlighten mankind, to guide them in the ways of truth and happiness. No longer do we hear the proclamations of war, of havoe and destruction, of the extermination of tribes and the putting to death of individuwhose lives were characterized with butch-

This much then for the bibles of which I who are familiar with the teachings from the wiser and better than as a mortal? Where, 1 when once amid the civilization, the pomp and are made up of the very times in which we are

the Word of God to man; it would illy become { they have been instrumental in preparing the [ knowledge except to the very sources of ] came conspicuous above the necromancers, the unsealing of a page in the Bible of God as me to fail to respect those who occupy the way for the coming of a larger number of seers | knowledge afforded by his charged condition ? | astrologers and magicians by whom he was he has written it in Nature itself. When Hugh

well for every one to learn and understand—| tal life, of joy and happiness beyond. ed, and how effectual it has been in swaying and controlling the thoughts of people, causing

Here and there, as if to thwart and overcome truth of these teachings, and to demand proef concede that it would be pleasant to know that

to be a new Bible to mankind, has been written ual realm; if the islands and continents which [terpreter of dreams, and possessing these powthrough the instrumentality of a man in our make up the dry land of our easth, rise in ers which the great Patriarch Abraham had very midst, and those who have read it, who grandeur in spiritual counterparts; if in eur given to Isaac, Jacob and their descendents. have carefully studied it and who are familiar, refined and spiritual natures we shall be capa- The long sojourning of the Israelites in Egypt with its character, conceive it to be a very re- ble of comprehending a thousand beauties, a familiarized them with the customs and habits markable production. In it you will find ex- thousand wonderful things which were invisible of the most remarkable nation of those times; pressions used which indicate that an individu- to us here, surely here are avenues of knowl- ' and the adoption of Moses into the King's house alized God, or Jehovah, is speaking or has edge, here are fields for study and exploration; secured for him an opportunity for education spoken; and the writings which were given to and how natural it is that those possessing which was afforded to no other Israelite; and the Jews by Moses as having come from Jeho- undying affection for those who are left be- being a Jew himself, of the chosen stock, he man, and this testimony is placed in bold convah himself, claim no greater authenticity than | hind-the denizens of earth-should desire to too was an interpreter of dreams. He surpassthose in this book, which is known as Oahspe. | come back, if possible, to rend the vail which ed all other magicians in the production of phe-That this book contains much that is instruct- | separates the two realms, and bring to the ; nomena, which were as much sought after by at the time Adam is said to have been formed ive-many valuable lessons which it would be hearts of loved ones the good tidings of immor- the people of those ancient times as they are by from its dust. That the sun was not specially

proper paths for the attainment of higher spir- urally be the result of this change to us, edu- people of his own race; he was influential at to give it light by night, none but the most igitual perfection, will be apparent to those who cated and enlightened as we are; but let us the court of the Pharaoh, and his remarkable norant at this time will contend; yet there the impartially peruse some of its pages. But hav- go back in the history of mankind to those powers commanded the respect and considerate record stands, stal forming a part of the Bible ing said this much of this and other books, are ages and periods when human life was sacri- tion of the learned men of Egypt and the fear of Christian nations, and which in our own fearless and impartial observers of the work- passed into the spiritual world, if in those ages ings of the human mind, of the power that one men or any one of them possessed any of those individual is capable of exercising over another, powers which we denominate clairvoyance or clairaudience (as we understand they certainly did), what would naturally be the charactor of the communications such epiritual beings would give back to mortals left behind? It cannot naturally be supposed that the mere advent into another state of existence would upon the lower plains of life. And certainly those who are familiar with spirit communications have already learned that it is difficult to transmit to us the conditions by which our friends upon the other side are surrounded, so that we can comprehend them. And this ought to lead us to understand that it may be to advise us upon the ordinary affairs of our own lives. How can it be supposed that those who tain by making proper researches here.

It is conceded that before Moses commenced

to any mortal, commissioning him with the abrute ancestry, from which man has certainly through their long journeyings in the Wilderpromulgation of divine truths to the exclusion descended: When these mendied (23 we have | ness, which may well be said to have been a have been given to mankind to lessen the reof others? Can we not, standing as we now do, been led to term the phenomenon of death) and | wilderness of sin, and it required from Moses | spect which every one should feel for the truth constant vigilance and care to keep this people, that may be contained within them, but because whom God is said to have characterized as a I desire to lead the minds of people to look ject to his will. Encamped under the frowning [ free from prejudice, free from the trammels of summits of that range of mountains known as | early education, that the mind may seize upon, above, the Lord is said to have traced with his and which is for the benefit of all who shall own fingers, upon the tablets prepared by learn the truth. I would not lessen the rever-Moses, his law to the Children of Israel. Sure- ence which all should feel for the word of God; of transcendent wisdom; and it certainly must | Moses could have been found in those times; | not have that which is the work of man longer would look for from that age and for the guidthere as here. Then, again, it does not neces- ance of such a people. That God himself, as a | Can it be possible that Nature is false? That sarily follow that the knowledge obtainable personal Infinite Spirit, wrote the law of the the testimony which is written all over the there can be perfectly comprehended by those Jews, is a belief which each age is tending to material world is untrue, and that the works the pernicious effect of this tendency in the upon a lower plain of life. If we are develop- destroy, and at no time since it was promulgatcessive stage of our existence will unfold to us | it is by thinking people of to-day. It is a mixmuch that we were not adapted to receive | ture of that which is good with that which is | destiny? It is contended by many religious barbaric in the extreme. For a man to say: man speaks the truth, and we are safe in saying that anything which is promulgated as coming from such an Infinite source, which savors of the imperfections of poor humanity, bears in itself the unmistakable evidence that it is false. so long accredited it to a Divine source, can minds had been trained to believe that it was almost an unpardonable sin to question its authenticity, and the further fact, that for at general belief that no possible means could be found to prove that the Bible was not true. his writings the Egyptians were a great and There is no falsehood so dangerous as one lowers ; and that the number is constantly in- | passing through, notwithstanding the storms | many matters of science, their astronomical | true that this book which is so much revered | miles in diameter and 93,000,000 of miles

If the broad and swelling Atlantic, if all the seas surrounded, by having visions which were Miller made his discovery and bore to the Within the past few years a book, claiming of the world have their counterpart in the spirit-strangely verified, by being a remarkable in-world the testimony of the Rocks, when he pointed to the footprints on the boundaries of time, he was pointing to tablets which bore a Testimony which as much transcended that which was given by Moses to the Children of Israel as the light of the sun transcends the borrowed light of the planetary worlds. Here we find transmitted through a series of ages which man has not yet been able to calculate. the origin of the species and the descent of tradiction with the record of the special creations of the species which inhabited the earth the advanced students and philosophers of our created to give light to this little world by day. that it is sufficient to guide people into the This we can understand as what would nate own day. Thus Moses became wiser than the nor the moon and innumerable hosts of stars

I have not thus spoken of the bibles which stiff-necked people," under control and sub- upon all things which are given free from bias, 'Sinai," amid the thunders from the clouds grasp and convert to its use that which is true. respect to which it is entitled and no more. of men called the Word of God are to control to consider from whence he came and what his minds-by public teachers-that God is above "Thus saith the Lord," is no proof that that Nature, and only has relation to it when, for His own purpose, He desires to interfere and control the forces which otherwise would be continuous, unchanging. Yet we have been instructed that at the command of Joshua the Lord caused the sun to stand still upon Gibeon, How reasoning and thinking people could have and the moon in the Valley of Ajalon until the Israelites had avenged themselves upon only be accounted for from the fact that their | their enemies; and the record says "Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. least eighteen hundred years it has been the And there was no day like that before it or after it that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel." Here is presented the spootacle of the great central orb of this universe, which is 800,000

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which was revolving upon its own axis at the | fellows than to unscal the mysteries attending rate of a thousand miles an hour; and of the his relation to the spiritual world, as he is unmoon, which is 245,000 miles distant, and locking the secrets of the physical world and making her tremendous circuit around our | reading its history as it is written in Nature itearth, traveling at the rate of 1,470,000 miles self? If it can be with reasonable certainty esin twenty-eight days-all standing still for the | tablished by satisfactory evidence that man space of a day, that Joshua might extermi- | has a soul; that that soul survives the destrucnate a few more human beings, and this at the tion of a physical body; that he enters into a command of a Being who, while he was fight- spiritual realm which he finds to have been the ing for Israel, might as well have caused the earth to open and the offending heathen to be of man upon the earth; and that a system of swallowed up, and thereby have saved a good deal of unnecessary exercise on the part of | fully established; we have certainly taken a Joshna and the Jewish army.

While we are considering these remarkable records, we should not forget the picture presented of Joshua marching around the great ance to all who now live and who shall come and walled city of Jericho, and the priests after us. blowing the rams' horns, and the people shouting, and the walls falling flat to the earth. Of | confined in its blessing to us alone, is asserted course, we cannot prove that these things did | a thousand times in the communications renot occur, but that they are stories similar to ceived in thousands of households in our own the mythologies of the Greeks and Romans, | land and all over the world. The work of the and have about the same foundation in fact salvation of the human soul may well comas the story of the part which the go is took in | mence here; and as we lift up and exalt ourthe wars of the Athenians, as related by selves, so are we taught, do we deliver others Homer in his wonderful lliad, is apparent to in the spiritual world, who are concentrated unprejudiced minds which consider all these around us, to finish an incomplete work of life, things as they are corrolated to each other.

the ruins-the sites of ancient cities-contain. from here into the spiritual realm. They are ing the literature of the people of those early teaching us as we were never taught before of times, is most instructive, and affords a ready the Christ-spirit and how it may be attained. key to unlock the mysteries surrounding much and the blessings it brings to those into whose that is contained in writings yet extant of peo- hearts and lives it finds its way. It is not given ple of ancient times. The works of Dr. Le at the whim of a capricious Deity, and no Pongeon and his estimable wife amid the ruined amount of faith or credence in any story is cities covering an immense area at Yucatan, required to enable us to enter the Kingdom of have brought to an unappreciative public the Heaven. We are taught, as Jesus taught, that history and character of a people which we the Kingdom of Heaven is within, and this supmay well believe were as old, if not older, than plement which is given to humanity through the Egyptians; he claims, with much evidence the lips of ten thousand angel messengers, is to sustain his position, that the Egyptians making clear to Christendom and the civilized owed much of their civilization to a powerful world, that which was so poorly comprehended nation of which those residing in Yucatan before, and to which man by his foolish interformed a part, and his discovery of great libra- pretation has added so much. New chapters ries containing the literature of that people- to the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth have much of which is in the identical characters of been added, and the world is commencing to the writings of the Egyptians, and which gives appreciate their beauty and value. From the an account of that great convulsion in Nature, sum of all this, man will learn the value of life by which the archipelagees, lying between the upon the earth; he will seek to lengthen his American and European continents, were sub. days and increase his usefulness! The upmerged and their inhabitants utterly destroyed, ward and onward growth and development leaving but a remnant south of the Gulf of which he is making, through each and every Mexico-is really one of the greatest value to avenue of knowledge which is now being archaeologists, and actually authenticates the opened to him, is uprooting and eradicating the story of the lost Atlantis, and the traditions of numerous tares which have been sown in the the Assyrians and of the Jews of that period of broad fields of truth, and the accumulated bithe great destruction, when the fountains of bles of the past will each contribute that which the deep were broken up and the waters pre- is of value, whilst that which is erroneous will vailed upon the earth. That these convulsions be utterly expunged. of Nature should be attributed to the anger of God, may readily be understood, when we consider the superstitious character of the people of those days, and their lack of scientific knowl- nal fruits, should be the object and purpose of edge, which is now lifting humanity from the our lives; and to that end we humbly crave ills that flow from ignorance and setting them ; free from the bonds of superstition.

We do surely know how prone we are in the lapse of years to exalt the virtues of men of in our misfortunes, lifting us up when we have great and noble deeds, and illuminate their characters far beyond their actual merit. It | depressed ! is well that we are coming to a condition in ! which we can better understand the character and motives of the great men who have made their records in the history of nations and religions, and weigh them as they justly deserve in the balances of impartial judgment, not forgetting that they, like ourselves, were human beings, the victims of human frailties, and that God in his relations to man-the spiritual world little daughter by the change called death; then folin its relations to humanity-are not likely to lowed her husband to the life in the beyond; then her have changed by the lapse of time, except in little boy followed his father and sister, leaving her the advances which naturally have been made alone to meet the battles of life. Soon afterward she in the upward and onward growth of the hu-The Bible, then, which is being written today is not the work of any one man, but of hu- dren she commenced to write, impressionally or "inspimanity at large. It is not a Bible dictated from the lips of an austere God to any favored prophet, priest or seer. It is contained in the civilization in which we live. Man is learning the possibilities of life from precept and example as well as from the experience which each day brings. Man, in his intellectual growth, is breaking the narrow limits by which his ancestors were environed, and is aspiring to and obtaining positions from which he can look out. with a broader vision and keener perception. upon the limitless universe, which is and ever must be before him. The efforts, which are being crowned with a greater or less degree of success to rend the veil which separates the material from the spiritual world, and to authenticate the fact that communion is established is the crowning and glorious work of the declining century of this age. What grand and noble work is this! How far it transcends all efforts which have hitherto been made by partionlar sects and denominations to point yearning humanity the way to heaven, of which they themselves were ignorant. If it he true that salvation is conditional upon a belief in and the acceptance of the atonement made through the death of a murdered God, of which so many in the midst of Christendom have the gravest doubt, how important it is that these doubts should be removed, and that we should all prostrate ourselves before the throne of him who requires this at our hands, and stop our mouths from giving utterance to thoughts in our protesting hearts against the justice of this plan of attaining eternal life.

away from the scene of battle; of the world, which man can perform to himself and to his chain which is clear in the results, as witnessed abode of all spiritual beings since the advent communication can, by patient research, be step in advancing the cause of truth, in be-

stowing knowledge where before ignorance was most profound, which is of the utmost import-

That the work which we are doing is not which seems to be an absolute requirement to The tracings upon the tablets recovered from those who would make advances/after passing

That human hearts may be cheered, death lose its terrors, and the labors of life be crowned with blessings which shall bear eterthe blessings of the Infinite One whom we can

not comprehend, as well as of those whom we know to be ever with us, sympathizing with us fallen, and cheering our souls when they are

## Missionary Work in Spiritualism. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

MRS. MARY F. LOVERING is an old resident of East Our Premium List. Boston, and a member at the present time of the (Con gregationalist) Maverick Street Church,

Some seventeen years ago she was living in Charles. town. Mass., with her beloved husband and two children. Affliction came to her in the removal of her with her mother, who is a Congregationalist church-

months and years after being written by her band of workers-thus rendering her compositions prophetic in their tendency. Her spirit guides lead her in mysterious ways in her experiences in Spiritualism, quite similar to those of Mr. Murray in Universalism, and John Wesley in Methodistism. She is informed months in advance what she is going to do, and at this time she is on the Pacific coast at the approval and suggestion of her spirit guides. Many families have opened their homes to her, and have greatly enjoyed her spiritual experiences. She seems to be more led than controlled, and but few would have sufficient confidence in their spirit guides to go out on such missions as she does, with nothing more than the written directions of her spirit helpers. She has accomplished a good work for the cause of

Spiritualism in the "Island Ward" (East Boston). Many of her communications have been printed in the local secular paper, and she has the full confidence of her church at the present time. She has in the past been influenced to go from house to house and read to the most influential citizens of East Boston the communications she writes without any exertion or thought on her part.

Her self-devoting labors for the cause entitle her to high appreciation on the part of its friends everywhere. PROGRESS. Boston, Mass.

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# Original Essay.

"THE GREAT ORYPTOGRAM.". BY GEORGE A. BACON.

This work, issued about two months ago, is creating a lively discussion both in this country and in England and which is sure to continue indefinitely; it not only gives substantially the collateral argument going to prove that Sir Francis Bacon wrote the immortal plays of Shakespeare, but it also gives the partial result of a word-cipher running through the Plays, disclosing a secret history incorporated therein. The Shakespeare-Bacon controversy is some thirty years old. On both sides it has been waged with signal ability-the unpopular side probably showing the greatest research and brilliancy.

Strange as it may appear to those not conthe great majority, several hundred books have been called forth, for and against the theory, while some of the ripest thinkers, scholars, writers, poets, as well as some of the most hard-headed and practical men of this country dle ages, a sentence like this: "For there can and Europe, have, after investigation, openly acknowledged their conversion to the Baconian claim. Nothing therefore can be gained by seeking to belittle or misrepresent the minori-

Literary men, for the last 300 years, have never been able to satisfactorily account for the seemingly impossible chasm existing between the man Shakespeare and his glorious productions - knowing that that was not an age of miracles.

the Plays do actually contain, in mathematical order, an inside or double history of particular doings of that day, statements showing that Shakespeare, while connected with the Globe and the Blackfriar Theatres, was secretly supplied with plays by Bacon, it settles this mooted question once and forever, though there will always be numberless thousands who will not accept even a demonstration !

Those who looked through Galileo's telescope and saw the circling worlds in space, unsame. Such in all ages, though their name be legion, count for nought.

"The court of the competent," says Dr. Butruth and who with earnest zeal either devote themselves to its search or hold themselves ready to give it a fair welcome, and who with sound judgment make a fair and full investigation. All such in matters of demonstration come to a substantial agreement."

The author of "The Great Cryptogram" is the first to have discovered, not as "between the lines," but literally in the very marrow of the lines themselves, a second story no less marvelous than interesting, supplemental to the drama, and which sheds a world of light upon matters heretofore enveloped in darkness. Mr. Donnelly can either substantiate his claim or he cannot. He has either found a cipher or he has not. If not he is the monumental fraud of his age. If he can make his claim good, his book-The Great Cryptogramis the most important contribution of the century to the literature of the world. It is like unto the discovery of a new world all peopled with living beings. He has put forth his volume in evidence of the verity of his claim. What does it show? He recites the various steps that led up to his discovery, how in common with thousands throughout the world he had for years, questioned the authorship of the Plays of Shakespeare; how by chance, as it "Cryptography "or cipher-writing, and therein with history. (Christopher Marlowe a welloreign countries, it is a capital avenue through which | read these words: "the most famous and complex cipher perhaps ever written was by Lord Bacon"; how with what discernment he read in the De Augmentis and in The Advancement of Learning, what Lord Bacon had written on the subject of ciphers; what Spedding, his biographer, says of Bacon in this connection, that the Earl of Essex had correspondents, in his intercourse with whom, Anthony, Lord Bacon's brother, was a sort of under-secretary of state, receiving all letters, which were mostly in cipher, and transmitting them generally through the hands of Francis, to the Earl, deciphered, &c; how a cipher is hinted at in Bacon's first draft of his will: "I leave my memory to the next ages and foreign nations. and to my own countrymen after some time be passed," and as though this might prove too suggestive he afterwards changed the expression "to men's charitable speeches and to foreign nations and to the next ages." After much more to the same purpose, he pertinently reasons, what more natural then that Bacon, the cipher-maker, living in the tumultuous times when ciphers were required for security sake, being the author of the Plays, should place in the Plays a cipher-story to be read when those troublous times had passed

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plays, the First Part of Henry IV., and the Second Part of Henry IV. The essentials of the rule are found on the last page of the former play and the first page of the latter play ".

Certain root-numbers out of which the narrative grows, are the keys that unlock that part of the cipher story in the two plays, 1st and 2nd part Henry IV. They are all modifications of one number.... Here was a puzzle the solution of which depended upon putting together the two ends of two plays. Neither alone would give the rule or solve the problem. Bacon published Part I. of Henry IV. in 1598, and Part II. in 1600. Why? Because he was not sure that the artificial character. of the text might not arouse suspicion in that age of ciphers, and he desired to test it.

The author in explaining the machinery of Bacon's great cipher says, as we proceed with the explanation of its workings, the wonder of the reader will more and more increase, that any human brain could be capable of compassversant with the subject, and they constitute ing the construction of such a mighty and subtle work.

He illustrates the principle of the cipher thus: Suppose the reader was to find in an article. referring to the cipher-writings of the midbe no doubt whatever that if it be examined closely, there is reason to believe that a cunningly adjusted and concealed cipher story, and one not of alphabetical signs, but of words, may be found hidden not only in books, but letters of those ages, of which the very intricate key is lost. It may be revealed by some laborious student in the future but for the present age all the great stories told therein, in cryptogram, are hopelessly buried." The reader might suppose this sentence to be just what If it can be proven beyond peradventure that | it appears to be on its surface. But if we read only every fifth word, we will find that they form together this sentence: No; it is a cinher of words, not letters, which is revealed in the Great Cryptogram.

Now the Cipher in the Plays is on the same principle, only more complicated-the internal words hold an arithmetical relation to the external sentence, and you have but to count the words to eliminate the story.

The root-number in the cipher is the product of multiplying a certain number with another. hesitatingly declared against the fact all the this number in turn having various modifications. As a sample of how two root-numbers with their modifiers, evolve the secret narrative, he applies them to one column of the play chanan, "consists of those who honestly love of Henry IV, (see page 74 of the Folio) which gives twenty-nine consecutive instances without a break, and asks, can any one believe that order can thus come out of a chaos of words by a coherent rule if there is no Cipher here? Twenty-six of these words (the page is divided into two columns) originate in the first column and are found in the second column of the same. One might as well suppose that the complicated movements of the heavenly bodies resulted from chance, as to believe that these words, together with all the other words previously given, could have occurred in the second column of page 74 by accident, and at the same time match precisely with the same rootnumbers which have produced coherent sentences on all the pages of those two plays. In other words, to deny the existence of the Cipher, the incredulous reader will have to assert that one hundred and five words out of two hundred and forty-eight in that one column, did, by accident, cohere arithmetically with each other, and with certain root-numbers, to make the connected story which is given ! It will require a vaster credulity to believe this than to believe in the Cipher.

On page 690, the Cipher history relates how 'These plays are put abroad at first upon the stage in the names of Morelow, a woe-begone, were, he found an English book belonging to sullen fellow," and the story proceeds to give his children, which contained a chapter on an account of his life, which exactly tallies

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The New York Sun gives this report, written by a missionary in Japan, on the effect of the Orthodox gospel on the natives:

" They grieve over the fate of their departed children, parents and relatives, and often show their grief by tears. They ask us if there is any hope, any way to free them by prayer from that eternal misery, and I am obliged to answer there is absolutely none Their grief at this affects and torments them wonderfully; they almost pine away with sorrow. They often ask if God cannot take their father out of hell and why their punishment must never have an end. 1 can hardly restrain my tears at seeing men so dear to my heart suffer such intense pain. Such thoughts, I imagine, have arisen in the hearts of all missional ries in all churches."

If this, being true Orthodoxy, is untrue as a matter of fact, what fearful responsibility rests, and ought to rest, upon the souls of the men who promulgate such a horrible doctrine. To go among a simple-hearted and simple-minded people, possessing human affection and love as strongly implanted as in ourselves, and to teach them that their offspring, their parents and friends who chanced to be born in that part of God's world to which he had not vouchsafed to impart this requisite to salvation, must forever and forever be in unending torments, caps the climax of the horrible.

Standing therefore to-day upon this plane of life, and considering how few we are compared to that immense majority who have gone before us, is there a higher and nobler duty

member

Soon after the departure of her busband and chilrationally," in the form of poetry; then she wrote a letter which purported to come from her spirit-husband; this being in the year 1871. She followed on in this way, and wrote communications to the number of more than forty, from spirits who had been members of the church to which she belonged, but who had passed the border line within twenty years. She was also influenced to write "memoriams," numbering one hundred. on cardboard; in some instances these were framed and hung in the parlors of the afflicted fami lies. She has written five thousand verses, including those in the "memoriams."

In 1875 a band of spirit workers, as they styled themselves, came to her and told her that she was called to do a public service; at this time she was a constant attendant of her Congregationalist Church. She worked in this manner until the year 1879. On March 17th. 1879, a lengthy account appeared in the BANNER OF LIGHT entitled "Orthodox Scances," her name at the time being designated by the writer "Mrs. A." Jan. 3d, 1880, her name in full appeared in the same paper. She held social meetings in the winter months at her mother's home during three years, many of the church members attending; sometimes the parlors contained sixty or more individuals, who had come to hear of the "new doctrine."

August, 1890, she visited Lake Pleasant Camp-meetng; this was her first appearance among the Spiritualists. She then continued on to Saratoga Springs. and held social meetings once or twice per week for nearly one year. She has composed, under influence, upward of one hundred pieces of music, some of which have been published, during the time she has been in the field. She at one time gave music lessons as a calling. Her music was written between the years 1877 and 1880.

She returned to her mother's home again from Saratoga and held her social meetings during two winters. In 1883 she visited Saratoga Springs again, and remained some six months; from thence she went to New York City and vicinity, and from ten platforms gave her experiences as a medium, and read messages btained from her band of spirit workers.

She visited many prominent towns in Massachusetts, continuing the peculiar work which belonged to perself alone. While in New York she delivered or read two lectures before the Society presided over by Mrs. Nellie J. T. Brigham. One of them was printed In the BANNER OF LIGHT June 16th, 1883-the other in July, 1883, in the Olive Branch.

In July, 1883, she commenced her work for the new Temple Society under the supervision of Mr. Ayer, laboring with her pen, also conducting the playing and singing for two years; this was at the parlors o Mr. Ayer, before the Temple was erected.

April 9th, 1884, she read, at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Back Bay Spiritual Temple, an address that was given to her by her spirit band of workers, which was printed in several secular and spiritualistic papers at the time. She finished her labor with that society May, 1885.

She commenced her work with the Boston Spiritual Temple Society March, 1886, and the following October was appointed Secretary of the Ladies' Indus trial Society-the same being connected with the above mentioned organization - and remained two years as such. She was also appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Boston Spiritual Temple Society, and dinished her work with these two latter named societies at the conclusion of the meetings for the year 1888.

Mrs. Lovering keeps a record of all her work. and the writer had the pleasure of perusing it recently, gathering therefrom the account here presented. In her writings there is to be found a link in the

#### In Memoriam.

Benjamin King passed to spirit-life from his late residence in Somerville, Mass., on Friday, July 20th aged 58 years.

The deceased was the father of Mrs. John W. Day who is well known to the attendants at the Banner of Light Free Circles as organist and vocalist at these meetings. He was born in New Hampshire-where his early years were passed - but made Massachusette his residence most of the time until his transitio

He was for eleven years engineer at the New Eng-land Glass Works in East Cambridge. He was known throughout the community where he resided as a low-ing busband and father, a faithful employé and a parthu citizan.

Throughout the community where her resided as a lov-ing busband and father, a faithful employé and a worthy citizen. About the year 1863 Mr. King, his wife, Lydia B. and his daughter became prominent in public men-tion through their singular experiences at the "haunt-ed house" in Watertown, where they then resided, and where for some five years many singular phenome-na were presented of a directly spiritual character. Thousands of visitors came — some from great dis-tances-to behold what was there to be witnessed, and were always freely welcomed by Mr. King and his estimable wife. Full accounts appeared in the press at the time, also an illustrated article in *Harper's Magazine*, in which the author vouched for the entire bonesty of the family and the verity of the occur-rences, and designated Mr. King as "a man of from nerve" by reason of the fearless efforts which he put forth at all times and in the face of the most violent and stilling midelight alarms, to discover the cause of the disturbances, and the reason, if any, for their production. Madiums who came to the house facily of the disturbances, and the reason, if any, for theil production. Mediums who came to the house finally

of the disturbances, and the reason, if any, for their production. Mediums who came to the house finally described the spirit personages to whom the noises, etc., were due, and stated that their recognition and the beneficial effect to be produced by it upon them (the spirits) were the objects sought for by the invisible operators Mr. King's last sickness (from pneumonia and heart failure) was but about fourteen days' duration. In the latter hours of his illness, his interior sight was, without question, opened, and he became cognizant of the presence of a sister who preceded him to spirit-life, and a Spirit Indian, who told him at midlight to give directions to his wife as to his treatment the fol-iowing day-*i.e.*, to the effect that the medicines were mainly to be omitted, and the attention of all centered in giving him as much nourishment and sleep as was possible under the circumstances. It is remarkable that, though nothing of the kind was mentioned to the doctor who attended him, that gentleman on ar-riving next morning gave *just* these identical orders for the treatment of his patient-showing himself to be (though ignorant of the fact, perhaps) an impres-sional medium of the fact order. Just previous to his demise Mr. King talked earn-eatly of a "door" which was chosed to its the the the docts in the inst order.

Just previous to his denise Mr. King talked earn-estly of a "door" which was closed so tightly that he could not open it, and wondered why "Jane," the sis-ter in spirit-life, spoken of above, and who he saw, without doubt, on its thither side, did not open it. Spiritualism gives to the lonely widow and daughter the assurance that he was welcomed on his change of worlds by the sister who whited by that door till it was opened by the kindly hand of the angel Death. Largely attended funeral services were held at his late residence on Monday. July 231-Rev. Aifred K. Glover officiating. Ponemab Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, and Ganfeld Council, Order of United Fellowship (of which Societies he was a respected member), were represented by delegates; many of his old associates at the Glass Works were present. The foral display was profuse, and bore witness to the kindly sentiments entertained for him by many hearts. The interment was at Cambridge Cemetery. J. W. D. Just previous to his demise Mr. King talked earn-

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#### "So the life that died with shame Would live in death with glorious fame."

away.

He proceeds to explain how certain words in the Plays arrested his attention and aroused his suspicions by bringing in close juxtaposition such words as "Sir Nicholas," "Francis," 'Bacon," "Son," " Gray's Inn," "St. Albans," "Shakes," "Speare," "William, "&c.; how in The Merry Wives of Windsor a whole scene, which has nothing to do with the plot, is introduced seemingly for the purpose of inserting these very names; else why the nonsensical 4th scene, Act 2, in 1st Henry IV., if not to bring in the name of "Francis" twenty times in less than a column? Five times it is in italics ! Well and forcibly does Mr. Donnelly ask, "are not these twenty Francises on page 56 of the Histories, and the Shakes on page 56 of the Comedies, and the peere on page 54 of the Comedies, and the Bacons on page 54 of the Histories, and the Bacon on page 53 of the Comedies, and the Nicholas and Bacon on page 53 of the Histories, and the William eleven times repeated on page 53 of the Comedies, all linked together, and simply so many extended fingers pointing the attention of the sleepyeyed world to the fact that there is something more here than appears on the surface? These are the indices, the exclamation points, that Bacon believed would sooner or later, fall under the attention of some reader of the plays.

He proceeds to explain how the cipher count works, following his formula, which grows out of the paging, the italicized and hyphenated words in the original folio of 1623. "The central point upon which the cipher turns," he says, "is the dividing line between the two

• The Greek Cryptogram: Francis Bacon's cipher in the so-called Shakespeare Plays. By Ignatius Donnelly. R. S. Peale & Co. Chicago, New Yerk and London. 1888,

known play-writer of that day, to whom some of the Plays of Shakespeare have been attributed, was killed during a quarrel, by Francis Archer in June 1593).

The following account of Shakespeare is revealed by the Cipher, as found on page 697:

"He goes one day and with ten of his followers did lift the water gate of the fish pond (belonging to Sir Thomas Lucy) off the hinges and turns all the water out from the pond, froze all the fish and girdled the orchard."

## And on page 719 et seq.:

"Ceell said that Morelow or Shak'st spur never writ word of them ... He is but a veil for some one else ... Many rumors are on the tongues of men that my cousin (Francis Bacon) hath prepared not only the Contention between York and Lancaster and King John and this play, but other plays which are put forth at first under the name of Morelow and now go abroad as prepared by Shak'st spurre".

These words follow mathematically certain regular root-numbers and their modifiers, a fact which would be absolutely impossible if no cipher narrative existed. To prove the identity of this text with the key numbers, he instances fourteen cases where the words Shak'st matches with spurre, from fourteen different counts. If there is no Cipher here, he says, surely these three pages, 74, 75 and 76 of 2nd Henry IV, are the most marvellous ever seen in the world... While it may stagger the credulity of men to believe that any person could or would impose upon himself the task of constructing such an unparalleled piece of work. it is still more incomprehensible that such a

net-work of coincidences could exist by accident. Applying the same root-number as before, the cipher story as to Shakespeare reads:

" He is the son of a poor peasant who yet followed the trade of glove making, in the hole where he was born and bred, one of the peasant towns of the West. And there are even rumours that both Will and his brother did themselves follow that trade for some time before they came here."

The "brother" here referred to was Shakespeare's brother Gilbert, born in 1566, two years after Shakespeare's birth. If S. came to London in 1587, Gilbert was then 21 years old. Very little is known of him. Halliwell-Phillipps thinks that he was in later life a haberdasher in London. The fact that he came to London accords with the intimation in the cipher narrative.

At a point in the Cipher story where Sir Robert Cecil is expressing his opinion to the Bishop of Worcester, that Shakespeare did not write the Plays, we extract the following:

"I ventured to tell him my suspicions that Master Shak'st spur is not himself capable enough and hath not knowledge enough to have writ the much admired plays that we all rate so high, and which are supposed to be his, and which, ever since the death of Morelow, have been put forth in his name. And it is rumored that every one of them was prepared under his name by some gentleman."

On page 786 et seq. the Bishop thus speaks of Shakespeare's wealth:

"His purse is well lined with the gold he derives from the Plays.... they draw great numbers, and yield great abundance of fruit, in the forms of groats

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and pence. It is thought he will buy all the land appertinent to New Place. . . . We know him as a butch-er's rude and vulgar 'prentice, and it was, in our opintons, not likely that he writ them; he is neither witty nor learned enough. The subjects are far beyond his ability. It is even thought here that your cousin of St. Albans writes them,"

On page 813 the Cipher thus describes Shakepeare:

"A glutton, rather over-greedy than choice-With his quick wit and his big belly, weighing two hundred pound. He is extraordinarily fond of the bottle. But I must confess there was some humour in the villain. Indeed I made use of him, with the assistance of my brother (Anthony) as the original model from which we draw the characters of Sir John Fallstaff and Sir Toble. . . . It draws together to the playehouse yards, such great musters of people far beyond my hopes and expectations, that they took in at least 20,000 marks.... It pleases Her Majesty much more than anything else in these Plays. It seems indeed to grow

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in regard every day. It supplies my present needs for some little time. He (Shakespere) was wise enough to save his groats and buy an estate of lordship."

And so the cipher story goes on, making rev elation after revelation, cumulative and overwhelming, and all, be it remembered, cohering inflexibly by rule. One marvels not that the painstaking author should say: "I weary of ask- disorder. Try it tc-day. Delays are very daning the question-can all this be accident?" Let gerous. any one apply these same root numbers, discovered by Gov. Donnelly, or any other, to other plays, for instance, to Bulwer's Richelieu, or Byron's Manfred, or Goldsmith's She Stoops to Conquer, and no sense follows.

In view of what these quoted fragments reveal, and there are many more of yet greater significance, all in harmonious and continuous accord, the author justly declares that the Cipher is there, and that he has found it; and that the narrative is real, no one can doubt who reads this book to the end.

be ignored. The disbelief of the investigator but that all that is, is a part of nature, and merely a yields to the cumulative evidence which con | particular phase of her expression. fronts him at every step, as darkness yields to the morning light. Sneers, nor abuse, nor origin of that life. We say that life inheres in matprejudice can cope with the multiplication ter. If it did not inhere, it could never be injected. table.

What the Cipher is yet to unfold when applied to other portions of the Shakespeare cisely as there are many forms of matter. To addrama, is of course unknown, but without question, "it will be the inner story of the themselves as such, and to those others who obscure most important era in human history, told by their thought under the togs of theology, we say that the keenest observer and most powerful writer that has ever lived."

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> est form- which is thought in man-down through institucts of the highest animals, through the automatism of the lower, through vegetation, through crystallization, through the forces of unsentient matter to the molecule wandering in space; and that through agrees best with the light in which the question is

But as the point of view is higher the statement must be varied to accord with the different light from a changed position of view. As we see wider, deeper, clearer, matter itself and its forms recode more and more from view, and forces come clearer and clearer to the front. The statement then becomes more like this-that matter inheres in force, and that phases of force become what we know and recognize as life. The whole question may be summed up thus: that all matter is allve ; that it always was and always will be, for it can never be separated from force. Or the statement may be reversed-that all force is joined to matter ; that it always was and always will be. When this view is taken the foundation of philosophy is broadly laid, upon which can forever be built the su-

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## Another Pulpit Pop-Gun.

Some of the ministers, quite as often those of the callow kind, essay to make their mark before the congregation they serve by having a drive at Spiritualism.

They direct their attacks advisedly and advertisingly. In the case of a very young pulpit occupant, it strongly suggests the early efforts of the crescent cockerel to crow. We have a recent illustration of this right at hand. It is furnished by Rev. Mr. Dixon, of the Dudleystreet Baptist church in Boston. The subject of his tirade, as reported by the daily press, was "Ghosts," by which of course he meant beings without a being, and hallucinations of the human brain. By assailing and beating these existences of straw, whose habitat is only in brains like his own, he assumes to assail Spiritualism, and to demolish the vast array of facts on which it rests.

Mr. Dixon said he believed in ghosts, but not

and Moral Philosopher; and Dr. Bray, the great philosophical writer. Among Statesmen and Philanthropists, we may montion Gerritt Smith, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, George Thompson, Lord Brougham, Garibaldi and Mazzini, Castelar, Victor Hugo, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Benjamin F. Wade, Henry Wilson, Joshua R. Giddings, N. P. Talmadge; Senators Simmons and Anthony, of Rhode Island; Robert Dale Owen, Salmon P. Chase, J. L. O'Sullivan, Lord Lyndhurst, Mr. Francis Guizot, and a long list bealde.

Among men of Literary and Artistic distinction, we may name such as William and Mary Howitt, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Robert

Chambers, Thackeray, Tennyson, the brothers Trollope, Bulwer, Dumas senior, W. W. Story, form: Epes Sargent, Grace Greenwood, Prof. Henry Kiddle, Bayard Taylor, Oliver Johnson, Joseph Jefferson, Dr. Kane, Don Piatt, Bishop Clarke, and a long list more.

Among Jurists and Counsellors we may mention Judge Edmonds, Judge Lawrence, Judge Ladd, Serjeant Cox, Jencken, Dumphy, Massey, English Barristers, and many more beside. Among Crowned Heads and the Nobility, we

may mention Emperor Alexander of Russia, Emperor Napoleon III., Queen Victoria of England, Prince and Princess Metternich, Sir Charles Napier, and a long line whose repetition would only weary Mr. Dixon's attention, if he has had the candor to follow us thus far. And the above list might easily be expanded so as to include a whole host of names of men and women, of more or less distinction, but of acknowledged superiority of both intellectual and moral character. any one of whom, we undertake to say, would instantly be ranked as the peer of Mr. Dixon in both respects, and to whom he would at once and instinctively pay the personal respect which their qualities deserve.

Now it will not fail to strike everybody as ridiculous and preposterous for a preacher like Mr. Dixon to occupy his pulpit for the purpose of casting slurs on people who accept the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism as well established facts that compel belief, and who are of the character above described. He is only beating his one head against a universe of mind, and it will come away from the unequal encounter a good deal bigger on its outside. Here are people of the very highest grade of mental capacity, who openly accept the phenomena which this very young minister is 'clap-trap mediums." They do not rest themhas told them of the phenomena of Spiritualtestimony on any subject is worth anything, surely their testimony is worthy of acceptance on this. They believe in what they know, and the grounds of that form of belief can never be shaken. It makes what Carlyle said impressively true, that "a fact is a divine revelation, and he who acts contrary to it acts against God." If it is the truth that we love, we must accept it as it is offered to us, and not

pick and choose as Mr. Dixon does his "ghosts." We repeat to him for his private meditation the oft-cited remark of Lord Brougham : "But even in the most cloudless skies of skepticism I see a rain-cloud, if it be no bigger than a man's hand : It is Modern Spiritualism."

And we further commend to his thoughtful Russel Wallace on this subject : "The phenomena of Spiritualism in their entirety do not require further confirmation. They are proved, quite as well as any facts are proved in other sciences, and it is not denial or quibbling that and accurate deductions from those facts. When the opponents of Spiritualism can give a record of their researches approaching in duration and completeness to those of its advocates; and when they can discover and show in detail, either how the phenomena are produced or how the many sane and able men here referred to have been deluded into a coincident belief that they have witnessed them ; and when they can prove the correctness of their theory by producing a like belief in a body of equally sane and able unbelievers-then, and not till then, will it be necessary for Spiritualists to produce fresh confirmation of facts which are, and always have been, sufficiently real and indisputable to satisfy any honest and persevering inquirer."

who passes to that life anticipating to find and enjoy material objects has all his anticipations realized, but the forms and objects are of his own creation. The subjective becomes the objective state of his life; that which friends, kindred spirits, those in sympathy, may enjoy or deplore with him must depend upon their sympathy or rapport with his state; but the mountains that tower in the distance, and the valleys that fill the earth with their verdure, are not heights and depths in spiritual states, are not essentially real; the reality in spiritlife is from within.

The employments in spirit, said the intelligence controlling Mrs. Richmond, are such as are the result of the condition when in mortal

" If it is that of a spirit that is so wedded to the making of watches, for instance, that he cannot be happy without making watches in eternity, he will still be found working with a carefully adjusted lens, the intricate mechanism by which he was accustomed to construct the chronometers of earth. But if, as is the case in thousands of instances, his earthly employment is not his mental pursuit, but is only the employment of the hands to which he was driven by the dull necessity of poverty and want; if, as is the case with millions of human beings whose labor of the hands daily is because the daily bread must be won for the children, wife, family or friend, and for self, and if there were time other pursuits would be sought, mental improvement would be desired, aspirations that extend in a thousand ways would be fulfilled. then the difference between spiritual employment and spiritual pursuit is just the difference between what the drudge and the hireling does on earth and that which the man of genius, or letters, or poesy, in any direction may do without thinking of his daily bread. 'And herein," continued the speaker, " constitutes the whole difference between the conception of the reallty of earth and the reality of spiritual existence; the reality of earth, so called, is its drudgery, that necessity for toil which is organic, that great burden that is heaped upon humanity, the burden of the physical form and the nature of human selfishness; albeit if the selfishness is not outgrown, when the human form is outgrown the burden is borne into the other world."

The more of selfishness we possess on the earth the heavier the burden, and the more irksome the task of ridding ourselves of it in the world of spirit. Men are slaves to it here, and passing on they carry their chains and fetters with them. The immediate necessity of every individual upon realizing that he is a habitant of a new state of existence is that "the overweening selfishness of human life shall be wiped out, vanquished, and each one finds him or herself praying continuously that there may pleased to characterize as the production of | be some way to do this." And each individual thoroughly in earnest to find a way, finds one; selves on any mere faith in what somebody else the very spirit with which man conquers the material world proves that when he is in the ism, but on their actual knowledge. If human | spirit-world he will conquer whatever is necessary to be conquered there.

Summing up the whole subject, and anticipating the objections that may arise in the that she had a son John in the earthly life, minds of some to the views advanced, the guide of Mrs. R. says :

"Say what you will of this kind of spirit-life being beyond human understanding, until you know it, until you'use the faculty from within your spirit that is given you to understand spiritual truths and apply them to your spiritual state here and hereafter, you will have no adequate knowledge of what spiritual life is.

"Vain are all compromises: if human intelligence and spirituality mean anything, they mean that in that larger, broader comprehension man is to understand the uses of spiritual qualities, and that they have adaptation here and now; he must begin his consideration the following words from Alfred spiritual pursuits while he is still here, surrounded by the senses, but still an immortal spirit or soul now as ever.

"Feed your spirits with knowledge that begets un. derstanding, give encouragement to spiritual perceptions with which you know of things that are spiritual. It will not be long before this added comprehension can disprove any of them, but only fresh facts this higher faculty, this better awakening, will fill all human life and pursuits; man will not seem to be oc unied and employed on the earth with things merels but he will pursue as the artist does the divine glory of art for its own sake; as the poet does the singing of songs because the songs are there and must be sung ; or as prophets do, speaking of things divine, he will know the nature of that which is divine because it comes from within."

from that of earth, it was said that the man some wonderful feats. She asked a skeptical doctor present to place his heavy boot upon her naked foot, and throw his whole weight upon it. After some press ing he did this, and Starlight laughed with glee in-stead of screaming with pain, as any mortal girl would have done. She is, in size and appearance, scarce more than a child, yet she caught the doctor in her arms and tossed him up as though he had been a little boy. She then asked another somewhat skeptical gentleman, who said his weight was two hundred and twenty five pounds, to let her toss him up. He submitted to the test, and she tossed him up with appar ent case. He said, "That is the best test I have had personally, for I do n't believe that medium could lift me." The beautiful and soulful spirit-daughter of Mrs. Kate R. Stiles, of Worcester, the well-known medium, appeared on this occasion, and held sweet communion with her mother, and was introduced to the other members of the party. Mrs. S. recognized her perfectly, and was made very happy by her visit. Comment would be superfluous; the facts are all I need to give.

> On our arrival at Hotel Onset, last week, we had the pleasure of an introduction to Mrs. Effie Moss, the materializing medium, of New York, whom several of our Gotham correspondents have endorsed in THE BANNER. We accordingly arranged for a private sitting with this lady in order to test her mediumship ourself. Her cabinet spirit controls were announced as Jack" and "Ben," in the earth-life, sailors; 'Granny Brooks," as she called herself, an English woman, who passed to spirit-life at the ripe age of ninety years.

The persons present were Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Mrs. M. E. Wallace, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Petersen of Boston; Messrs. John H. McElroy and D. H. Stoner of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. T. A. Bland of Washington, D.C., and Dr. George Dutton of Boston. It was some length of time ere the cabinet controls could gather power sufficient to manifest as they desired, and we feared at one time the séance would be a failure. But we were agreeably disappointed, when an Indian maiden appeared, manifesting great physical strength. She lifted several gentlemen bodily from the floor. Subsequently other spirits took on the mortal garb for the time being, and were welcomed by their earthly friends. But the most convincing exhibition of spirit-power was the appearance of "Jack" in full light. We examined his features carefully, when called up, and he looked the sailor to perfection. We were then requested to examine "Lillie," who next appeared, in a strong light, and saw as plainly as if in broad daylight the features of a young girl with blue eyes, light complexion and golden hair.

After other spirits had manifested, "Granny Brooks" signified a desire to show herself to us, when "Jack" observed that she would soon have an opportunity of so doing. She finally made her appearance in a strong light, the wrinkles upon her face indicating that she must have been a very aged woman. She said who is the object of her constant solicitude; that she was still at work, as of old, endeavoring to do all the good she could; that she loved everybody, and hoped everybody loved her. To us the séance was a very satisfactory one, as its conditions precluded the possibility of confederacy-the cabinet being nothing more than a screen in one corner of the room at the hotel.

We subsequently had a sitting with Mrs. M. E. Wallace, whom we consider a most excellent trance medium. She is evidently a lady of refinement and an honor to our Cause. We also listened to remarks by Mrs. Stevens while entranced, which were highly appreciated. The spirit in control gave us to understand that our mission was a holy one, and although we should encounter many obstacles in our work. we would be protected by the angels until the completion of our earthly mission.

A writer in the Boston Herald of Mon-

## AUGUST 4, 1888.

## Unset Bay.

The Spiritualist Camp-Meeting at this delightful grove is in the full tide of successful operation. The regular Sunday meetings are well attended, and the week-day conferences are also very interesting. There is only one drawback, and that is the dilapidated condition of the pier, which the severe storms of last winter rendered useless. But we are pleased to learn that efforts are being made to remedy the trouble by putting the wharf in condition, so that steamers may land their hundreds of passengers who make it a point of visiting Onset from New Bedford and other ports in the summer season.

We were somewhat surprised, on our visit last week, to find so many people at Onset from distant localities-men of means and of the highest respectability-and nearly all of them BAN-NER OF LIGHT subscribers. They are from Chicago and further West; from California, from New York and Pennsylvania. One gentleman from Illinois said he had been a subscriber of THE BANNER eighteen years. Massachusetts is also well represented.

As our own reporters have given in these columns the names of the visitors, it is unnecessary for us to repeat them. The days are spent in the multitude listening to spiritual topics from talented normal and trance speakers at times, and at other times sailing in the bay when the weather permits, and holding socials in the evening. There are many mediums on the grounds, and all seem to be fulfilling their respective missions.

Mrs. Williams is at Wickett's Island, holding materializing séances, one of which we attended, some fifteen ladies and gentlemen being present. It was of the same tenor of those we attended in New York some time ago. Little Bright Eyes (a cabinet spirit) was as bright as ever, while Father Holland, the presiding genlus, delivered a moral essay, as is his custom at these circles, inculcating the purest morality. A very delightful episode on this occasion was when a little lad, six years of age, was called in front of the cabinet to meet little Bright Eyes. There they were-mortal and spiritholding converse with each other. Father Holland took on the inspiration of the moment and remarked how wonderful it was, in the order of Divine Providence, that little children on both sides of life could meet and hold communion with each other. Spirit Prof. S. B. Brittan materialized, and gave us to understand that he was as active as ever, and in fact more so, in promulgating the grand truths inculcated by Modern Spiritualism. Spirit J. M. Roberts. Ella Simpson, the Indian maiden "Springflower." and others also manifested.

At the Island we met Mrs. N. E. C. Hill, an old-time medium, of Philadelphia. Messrs, C. S. Stoner and J. H. McElroy, of Pittsburgh, Pa., were also present at the séance we attended, and were fully convinced of the genuineness of the manifestations.

## "Thou Shalt not Suffer a Witch to Live."

The teachings of some who hold influential positions, that the manifestations of spirits are attributable to an indefinable art called witchcraft," and their quoting of an Old Testament commandment, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live," are beginning to bear their legitimate fruit as they did in 1692-though, fortunately, not to such an extent. An instance of this is reported in the New York Herald and other papers as recently occurring in Wisconsin, where some very forcible physical demonstrations took place in the house of William Roberts, a wealthy farmer. It became fixed in Mr. Roberts's mind that an old German lady living opposite was a witch, and the cause of the disturbance that infested his house. He gave her on two occasions due warning that she must cease casting her "evil eye" over him. The manifestations did not stop, and so the other day he took his gun and started out to kill her. He insisted that her death alone could dispel the evil charm. It became necessary that Mr. Roberts be placed in custody before he murdered the supposed witch, and he was therefore arrested.

in all ghosts. Which means, if anything, that he accepts only such kinds of ghosts as he has a mind to. Not in all ghosts, said he, and "certainly not in Modern Spiritualism with its claptrap mediums." In this slur at Spiritualism hy one who conceitedly claims the right to choose his own ghosts, he evidently had in mind the recent Kellar-Bridge combination, the pecuniary signification and aim of which is quite apparent to intelligent observers. While quoting Kellar as saying that he could duplicate or explain by natural laws all the mediumistic phenomena. Mr. Dixon asserted that "there is nothing inherently impossible in the alleged phenomena of Modern Spiritualism, for we accept the miracles recorded in the scriptures. As to these so-called modern miracles, it is of course only a question of evidence." And so on to the end of his discourse. "The only light upon the darkness of life's mysteries shines from the cross of Christ," is the conclusion he comes to. Which is nothing more than the enunciation of an old meaningless superstition-blank and blind utterly so far as it sheds any light upon life's mysteries.

This magnetic and highly oratorical young pulpit occupant protests that he certainly does not believe in "Modern Spiritualism with its clap-trap mediums." It would clearly be discourteous to intimate that there are a great many people of superior intelligence and sober judgment who do not, either, believe in dogmatic religion and its clap-trap preachers. But one assertion being just as good as the other, the two may fairly be allowed to stand together. Perhaps, however, he may be interested-though more likely not-to know of some of the men of distinction the world over who do believe, or when in earth-life certified to their bellef, "in Modern Spiritualism and its (clap-trap) mediums." Let us invite him to run over a list of their names with us. that he may see how much wiser a person he is himself than all the rest of them together. We need hardly explain to him that they are all men of character, of talents, and of moral and social standing:

Among Scientists are-Alfred Russel Wallace, Naturalist; Professor De Morgan, Mathematician; C. F. Varley, Electrician; William Crookes, Chemist; Professor Wagner, Geologist, University of Russia; Professor Zöllner, Leipsic; Professor Von Esenbeck, President of the supremacy of sensation and material orthe Royal Academy of Sciences, Germany; Alexander Von Humboldt, Naturalist; Professor Mapes, Agricultural Chemist; Professor Hare, Chemist; Professor Gunning, Geologist; Pro- the infant understand the basis of arithmetic, all fessor J. R. Buchanan, Anthropologist; Pro- mathematical problems must be solved in the realm fessor Denton, Geologist; Professor Challis, late | of the mind; no one can ever bring a million of things Plumierian Professor of Astronomy, Cambridge, | to illustrate a million units, and if you can conceive England; Baron Von Reichenbach, Physicist; of a billion as a mental speculation, measure planets Professor Thury, Geneva, Switzerland, and a well enough to calculate their distances and periods great many more of the same class whom we could readily name.

Among Philosophers and Metaphysicians, we may mention Von Fichte, a celebrated German the senses, but they would be utterly valueless if they philosopher; Franz Hoffman, Professor of Phi- | could be proven by the senses, for there is not enough losophy in Wertzburg University, Germany; time in any generation or race of men to prove them Archbishop Whately, Metaphysician ; Dr. Yow- by the senses:"

kevitsch, Professor of Philosophy, University | Explaining by this process that the state of of St. Petersburgh ; Prof. S. B. Brittan, Mental spirit-life differs in every essential particular | light, her beautiful Indian control, who performed

## Spirit-Life; Its Nature and Employments.

In a discourse by a spirit guide of Mrs. C. L. V. Richmond, on a recent Sunday in Chicago, on "The Nature of Spirit-Life; Its Employments and Pursuits," it was stated at the opening, as a basis of what was to be further said, that spiritual manifestations convey a wrong impression to those who desire to form an opinion of the true spiritual state; they are simply designed to appeal to the senses of mortals. But it is useless, said the speaker, for any one to claim there is naught in existence but that which can be apprehended by those senses. To do so would be "to take the standard of the dwarf for the stature of the world. and suppose the limited vision of babyhood is to be the ultimate scope of manhood's vision. or if you are to believe that even the few vibrations of light possible to the human eve or if sounds that reach the ear constitute the standards of measuring life, when chemical and spectroscopic analysis clearly show thousands of vibrations that man cannot see, and beyond these thousands that he cannot even imprison by any mechanical process; if you are to judge of spirit sight by what you see, of spiritual perception by what man understands through the senses, you may as well put on the grim pall of past ages and either accept the

theological heaven and hades, or turn unto materialism as the only solution of the physical and mental universe.' It was claimed, and with reason, that all

science is a perpetual and constant denial of ganisms. As an illustration of this:

"Mathematics is a mental science, and, beyond the counting with the blocks of wood or fingers to make of revolution by figures that you could not count if you lived to be a thousand years old, it proves the supremacy of man's mind over his body, and that he can not only give propositions which cannot be proven by

## Seauces with Mrs. Moss.

Dr. T. A. Bland, of Washington, D. C., reports two séances with Mrs. Moss as follows : On the evenings of July 224 and 23d, my wife and myself were privileged to attend two scances held by Mrs. Effle Moss in her room in the Hotel A curtain across a corner of the room Onset. formed the cabinet, so that the possibility of collusion with confederates was out of the question. The medium, after being entranced, took her seat behind the curtain. A song was sung by the party of fourteen persons, and at the close a form appeared, claiming to be Lucille Western. The light was quite good, and members of the party who had seen Lucille were sure that this person resembled her strikingly. She was much taller than the medium, and much more slender in form. After shaking hands and exchanging greetings with each one present, she retired behind the curtain and then sang her favorite song, "Beautiful Star," as only a musical artist could sing it. Miss W. was followed by other forms, at short intervals, to the number of twelve or thirteen. Five of these purported to belong to the medium's staff, and the others were recognized by members of the party to whom they came. Mr. Mc-Elroy, of Pittsburgh, said that he recognized perfectly wife and daughter, whom he introduced to the andience. A beautiful girl, of apparently fourteen years of age, with fair skin, golden hair and eyes of heaven's own blue, announced herself as Lillie, the spirit-daughter of Mrs. M. E. Wallace. of New York. (I note here that the medium is a decided brunette.) Lillie has recently joined Mrs. Moss's band and become an expert in materialization, and she gave us direction must suffer remorse when their betby far the finest exhibition of the sort I have ever seen. She asked for more light, and in a light strong enough for a person of ordinary sight to read the time on a watch, she made the circuit of the room, greeting each person present and talking freely with them. Retiring for a moment, she reappeared at the opening of the cabinet in full form, and asked that the light be turned on full, which was done and the shade removed. Thus exposed to full and perfect view, she stood for a minute or more, and until every one of us | Then peace will take the place of war, and humortals took in every detail of her graceful form and beautiful face. Her mother stood beside her, and the likeness they bore each other was most striking indeed-allowing for difference of ages, it was almost perfect. As she retired she kissed her finger-tips to the audience in a playful and most charmingly winsome manner.

After Lillie retired, a voice from the cabinet announced Granny Brooks, and a woman, of apparently great age, walked out of the cabinet, and repeated the introduction by saying "I'm old Granny Brooks, an English woman. I was ninety when I died." She asked that the light be turned on full, and in the blaze of bright light she walked about the room, greeting, shaking hands with and talking freely with the various persons present. That she presented the physical appearance and other characteristics of a woman ninety years old all were agreed.

The English salior, Jack, who seems to be the chief of the medium's staff, now came out. Jack is six feet high, and every way a stalwart and jolly Jack Tar. The séance on the next evening was in part a repetition of the first, but there were new and interesting features. Mrs. Sarah R. Stevens, the well-known Bos-

ton medium, had the pleasure of a greeting from Star

day last says: "Perhaps it is none of anybody's business, but people are beginning to ask why the American Society for Psychical Research does not show some of the results of its work. It started in to investigate the matter of thought transference, hypnotism, somnambulism and kindred phenomena alleged to exist, but so far it does not seem to have made much progress, so far as the public is informed. Of

course, it cannot be expected to find what does not exist, and if it has been diligent in its search, and has found no evidence of the existence of any such phenomena, it ought to say so, because that would go far toward freeing the minds of many persons from what, under such circumstances, might reasonably be rated as a delusion. No one supposed that it could explain any phenomena that it chanced to find. The first thing to do is to determine whether they do or do not exist, and it does seem as though they had been at work over the subject long enough to have some views on that subject." The fact is. these Researchers know nothing of the occult laws governing phenomena, and are too self-important, or bigoted, to apply to Spiritualists, who have had much experience in such matters. They refuse to consult medial instruments: This is what they said in their published card years ago. There is the name of but one Spiritualist in the long list of members in their published circular.

10 The relations between the spirit-world and our own are becoming closer and more harmonious than ever before, whether mortals realize this fact or not: That is, between all truly spiritual Spiritualists. Those whose irate instincts lead them in another and a different ter natures realize their past shortcomings. But they, too, in God's own good time, will dispense with the evil and rise to a higher and holier plane where peace holds sway. The time cannot be very far distant, with the knowledge they possess, when mankind will more fully assimilate one with another, and thus be enabled to work in accord to a greater or less extent. manity become blessed indeed.

15 Jacobs, the celebrated French conjurer, in comparison to whom in his profession the public performers hereabout are but as farthing candles to an electric light, wrote as follows in regard to the Davenport Brothers, to the Revue Spirite of Paris, in 1881:

"As a prestidigitator of repute and sincere Spiritist, I attest that the mediumistic facts presented by the two brothers were absolutely true, and belonged to the spiritual order in every acceptation of that word. Messrs. Robin, and Robert Houdin, in trying to imitate those performances, have never given anything but a childish and ridiculous parody of the phenomena, and only ignorant and obstinate people have seriously regarded them."

FT Dr. T. A. Bland, Agent of the National Indian Defense Association, called at our office on Saturday last, en route for Cassadaga Lake, N. Y.

Read the call of the Indiana Association of Spiritualists-on our eighth page.

## Standing for their Rights!

The Sioux tribe is at present making a gallant rally against the tyrannical "land in severalty" business, and its members are being honored by the public prints with the titles of "stubborn red men," "savages," etc., as is usual in such cases. Gall, their chief representative, summed up the whole matter succinctly, when he said recently at the Standing Rock Conference that "Every previous treaty has been misunderstood by the Indians or violated by the whites, and it is time the Indians keep what land they have left, or their children will grow up poor and call their fathers fools."

"California's Camp-Meeting."

An article from the pen of J. J. Morse, descriptive of the recent Oakland meeting, will appear in our columns next week.

A POSER FOR MIND-READING THEORISTS,-A correspondent of the Medium and Daubreak writes that at a meeting in South Shields, Eng., Mr. J. J. Corry gave to a gentleman a minute description of a spirit form, with full name, and characteristics when in earth-life, telling the gentleman that it was the spirit of his uncle. In reply, the gentleman stated that to his knowledge he never had an uncle of that name, but said he would ask his father for particulars. He accordingly did so, and next day corroborated everything that had been told him by the medium.

COURTLANDT PALMER (of New York), well known for his sympathy with liberal thought in politics and religion, passed to spirit-life. July 22d, at Lake Dunmore, Vermont, His remains were cremated, according to his desire. An agnostic, or Comteïan, in his views of the outcome of human life, he has now practically solved the problem of existence, and has, we feel confident, already become cognizant of the verity of the Spiritual Philosophy.

DR. CHARLES E. TAYLOR.-An interesting sketch (translated specially for our columns) of the life-experiences of this bold apostle of medical freedom in the Island of St. Thomas. will appear next week.

W. G. Haskell, Ph. D., of Philadelphia, called in at our office on the 31st ult., from Lake Pleasant Camp, where he was to lecture next day.

195 Mrs. Effie Moss of New York City has removed from 162 Sixth Avenue to 265 West 38th street.

15 The meetings at Onset Bay are to be prolonged. See report on fifth page.

AUGUST 4, 1888.

## "Unanswerable Logic."

Our regular patrons will need no reminder of the claims upon public recognition of the above named book, which is a specimen collation, and an enduring one, from the platform work of the late Thomas Gales Forster, one of the most gifted trance mediums of this or any other age: But at this time, when the Camp-Meetings are in full operation, and THE BANNER is being read extensively by many visitors who have not yet achieved a knowledge of immortal life through spirit communion, it seems only just that we revert to this superb volume, and recommend it to the consideration of all inquirers regarding the Spiritual Philosophy. Truly has the Baltimore (Md.) American characterized it in the past as "the work of a cultured, thoughtful and eloquent man," adding: "To those whose hearts feel the truth of his teachings it must be an unspeakable comfort; to those who do not accept his views it is still a finished piece of literature." Colby & Rich, the publishers, have this work on sale at the Banner of Light Bookstore, 9 Bosworth street; it may also be obtained of their agents at the various Camp Meetings.

## Read, and Ponder.

Three hundred and sixteen deaths of infants under one year old, medically certified to, are recorded on the books of the Registrar General for England, from 1881 to 1886, under the heading, " Cowpox, or other Effects of Vaccination." And this, too, when it is known that medical men avoid, when it is by any means possible, to report vaccination as a cause of death.

## Peace Meeting.

The twenty first annual grove Peace Meeting will be held at Mystic, Conn., Aug. 15th, 16th and 17th. Mrs. Della Stewart Parnell and leading peace advocates of the country will attend. Dr. T. A. Bland, of Washington, editor of The Council Fire, the exponent of Indian questions, will speak on the wrongs of the Indians and their redress.

We regret to learn from the Goldon Gate that Mr. J. J. Morse has suffered from an attack of malarial fever. He, however, sufficiently surmounted its effects to keep his engagement at Washington Hall on Sunday evening, July 15th; and as if, says the Gate, to illustrate the power of the spirit-world to produce excellent results under extremely unfavorable conditions, Mr. Morse's control gave an able and exhaustive discourse, his theme being "What Has Man Pisistratus, as he gazed thoughtfully into the dark, Done for God?" At the close of the lecture evi-dences of the presence of spirit-friends of many of the audience were given by Mr. J. W. Gill.

## The Fall Term of the Belvidere Seminary will

begin Wednesday, Sept. 19th. The New Commercial Department recently opened in connection with the Wendell Phillips Memorial Industrial Bohool of this Institution has proved a success. It has day and even-Ing classes at work even in the usual vacation-time. Stenography, Type-writing, Book-keeping, Penman-ship and all business forms are thoroughly taught. \$150 will pay for a full course in this department, board and washing included. Here is an excellent opportunity for persons of moderate means to obtain a practical education. For circulars address Princi-pals of Beividere Seminary, Belvidere, N. J.

PRACTICAL OCCULTISM .- This work-embodying a series of six lectures through the trance mediumship sitic periodical in the Swedish language, published by of J. J. Morse, with an appendix devoted to the answers to various Kindred questions-will be found on examination to possess a strongly marked interest. Mediumship, the trance, life and development in the soul-world, etc., are exhaustively treated. For sale by Colby & Rich, at the Banner of Light Bookstore, 9 Warment & State swers to various kindred questions-will be found on Bosworth street, Boston.

Brover four hundred persons witnessed one of the most interesting scances ever given | manifesto to the Germau army has puzzled the trans in the Temple at Onset on Sunday evening, July 29th, an account of which came to hand too late for publication in this issue. It will appear in our next.

#### BANNER OF LIGHT.

## The Apiritualist Camp-Meetings. Unset Bay.

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

OUR NATIONAL GAME.

BY H. C. DODOR. In Sis Parts-Part IV.

The pitcher bold doth brace his nerves, And send the ball in awful ourves. THE AWFUL OURVES- 00 00

BOTH HIS HANDS- AL

Report avers that gold has been discovered near

Ishpeming, Mich., on lands already owned by large

mining companies which are working these latter

A man who does not think as you do is apt to be, in your estimation, pig-headed.—New Orleans Pica-yune.

The most extensive and destructive ball and wind

storm ever known in Central Iowa swept diagonally

across Tama and Grundy Counties Sunday night,

July 22d. In Tama County the path of the storm appeared to be from two to four miles wide, and ex-

tended about eighteen miles in length. In its path

the crops are totally destroyed. Many farm buildings

were levelled to the ground and a schoolhouse was

The sun will be partially eclipsed on the 7th of

August. The phenomenon will be visible in the Arc-

tic Ocean, Norway and Sweden, portions of Denmark

cur Jan. 1st, 1889. It will be a total eclipse of the sun,

and will be visible in Washington as a partial eclipse.

Rev. J. A. Dalen, West Hartlepool, Eng.

blown to pieces.

blow.

Richmond.

prospects in connection with their regular work.

The iron-plated catcher stands To stop the ball with both his hands.

(MIAS GUATIE F. HOWE is our suthorized agent at Onset liny. Bhe will receive subscriptions for the HANNER OF LIGHT. She sho has a full line of our publications for said at Association Headquarters and will conduct the corre-spondence for THE HANNER from this Camp-Meeting.)

# "In the dawn of the morning when Nature 's awake, And calls up her chorus to chant in the brake, 'Mid the voice of the echo, unbound in the woods, Midst the warbling of streams and the foaming of floods, Then pour out thy spirit in prayer." Monday morning, the 23d, opened clear and cool,

with a delightful breeze from the southwest, and all

Nature looked refreshed by the copious showers of the day previous. Mother Nature had succeeded in

the day previous. Mother Nature had succeeded in restoring harmony to all her surroundings, and peace hovered on the wings of the morning. But through the obanges, the warring of the elements of the pre-vious day, there was no obance; nothing is left to ohance; every part of Nature stands in a certain rela-tion to the whole, and the law of correspondence holds good in this as in everything else. We must have one in order to appreciate the other. Conference was held in the grove at 2:30 P. M., Mrs. Eva Casseil presiding. Addresses were made by Dr. Bara E. Hervey, Mrs. Stilles, Dr. Dutton, Mrs. Wallace of New York; Mrs. Twing, Mrs. Shirley, under control of I. P. Greenleaf, Mrs. Pennell in tests, Dr. Paxson of Philadelphia, and others. Much interest is mani fested at the conference meetings; they are well at tended and good, and so progression does its work. Mrs. Campbell, of New Bedford, has a class in mes-merism at Scott's Cottage, Union Avenue, every morn-ing at 10 o'clock.

A reporter of one of the Boston dailies has been ex-amined by several different physicians, no two of whom could agree as to the disease from which he was suffering, and all prescribed a different treat-ment, while in point of fact the aforesaid reporter was in the enjoyment of perfect health. The reading public have long been of the opinion that the report-ers on most of the daily papers were suffering from some malady, judging from the wofully distorted sen-sational articles that have emanated from their pens. — West Roxbury News. lug at 10 o'clock. A fair will be held at the Washburn House Thurs-day, Aug. 2d. the proceeds to be used for the im-provement of Longwood Park and its surroundings. Mr. Charles W. Sullivan is continually adding curl-osities of antiquity to his collection of relics. Stran-gers visiting Onset for a day's pleasure can pass an hour very pleasantly as well as profitably at the Relic Room.

Room. Mrs. N. E. C. Hill, of 1102 Girard Avenue, Philadel-phia, is stopping at Wickett's Island; also Mrs. Sena-tor Morrill of Amesbury. Mrs. M. E. Williams is hold-ing very fine select circles at the Island, getting most wonderful manifestations. Mrs. Kate Irving, author of "Clear Light from the Spirit-World," is also stop-ping at Wickett's.

Nash has nice rooms and a cottage to let at 30 Mrs. and Greenland, and the extreme northerly parts of South Boulevard. North America and Asia. The next eclipse will oc-

Mrs. Nash has nlee rooms and a cottage to let at 30 South Boulevard. Tuesday atternoon's lecture was delivered by Mr. A. A. Wheelock, his subject, "The Bible the only Book of Authority." Mr. Edgar W. Emerson followed in tests which were very fine, and all recognized. Mr. Jones, the spirit artist, arrived Tuesday, and has taken rooms at former location on West Central Avenue, where he is prepared to receive his patrons. Bro. Colby is again with us for a few days. His ge-nial and friendly presence is always gladly welcomed at our office. He bas long been in the spiritual ranks, and is indeed a martyr to the cause he loves so weil. Wednesday's conference was well attended, and in-teresting. E. B. Fairchild presiding. Mr. Fairchild will continue to preside at the meetings in Col. Crock-ett's absence. A masquerade skating party was held in the Rink on Wednesday evening. Sailing parties every morning and afternoon. The Fact Meetings of Thursday and Friday were verv interesting. We have some of the best spiritual mediums with us this year from all parts of the United States, and our fact and conference meetings are ex-ceedingly interesting in consequence. Old lady (to boy who is tying a tin kettle to a dog's tail)—" Little boy, don't you know that it is very wicked to treat a poor dumb animal so?" Little boy—" Dumb? Jest wait till I let him go !"—Time.DID N'T HAPPEN AT ONSET !-" Fain would I write

The Washburn House is always full. Union Villa has a select company of guests. (Food meals are fur-nished at Bullock's Restaurant. For a clam-bake go to Belmont Café. Mr. Julius Carroll, wife and grandson, are at their summer home on Pleasant Avenue. They how how

summer home on Pleasant Avenue. They have been called to part with a beautiful daughter during the past winter, but these good people know there is no death and that spirit return is a fact, hence mourn not as the world mourns.

not as the world mourns. Horology and astrology: Prof. Basford is again at Aquarlan Cottage, on Park street, and will repair your watch by the art of one and predict your destiny by the science of the other. The "Three Old Maids," as they call themselves, are stopping at "Owl Cottage"-Capt. Thomas Har-ris, well known as Higb Sheriff of Barnstable County, eighty-four years of age, his wife, eighty-one, and his sixter, eighty-two years of age. Quantities of bluefish of large size were caught in the bay after the rains of Sunday last, and each day many are taken. new Emperor in referring to himself in his recent lators. They have made it "chief" and "ruler of the army," and a lot of other things, but have finally

decided that the nearest English to it is "lord of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Whitney go to Lake Pleasant war." In the Emperor's line of thought, the North

appear in our next.Mar. and Mrs. J. J. Whitney go to Lake Pleasant<br/>August 10th.Born They have been having a nice time at<br/>Lookout Mountain. Read the Report in an-<br/>other column. We want Mrs. Richmond in<br/>Boston.Mar. and Mrs. J. J. Whitney go to Lake Pleasant<br/>August 10th.Movements of Mediums & Lecturers.In the Emperor's nine of mought, metering to the rumors of<br/>disarnament published in French papers, says: "Such<br/>tured upon among reading people in Germany. The<br/>time is so stilly that the inventor must have supposed<br/>bimself writing for the veriest tyros in polities." De-<br/>spite this savage exhibition of German molars and life saving stations along the coast.<br/>We have in our possession a meteoric stone owned<br/>hucles state ball is rolling on, and a meeting of French<br/>deputies and English members of Parliament has<br/>trot, Boston. It weighs about half a pound, is of a<br/>pound the state of a pound, is of a<br/>pound the state state and secular door. He claims the scale state is a pound to so the state state of a pound, is of a<br/>pound to the state state state scale and the state scale and chased by him from Mr. R. K. Jordan, of Roxbury dis-trict, Boston. It weighs about half a pound, is of a porous texture and peculiar odor. He chains this to be the only aerolite in the world that can be proved by two witnesses as coming from the heavens. He says that it is composed of iron and sulphur. As Mr. Jordan with a friend was passing through a strip of woodland in West Roxbury between 11 and 12 p. M. July 9:0, 1883, they were startled by a rushing noise through the trees only a few feet away, where this meteorite was immediately found. P. of essor Basford thinks it came from the moon. Prof. Ball's theory is that meteors came originally from the earth, and were due to great volcanic eruptions in ages past, when the meteors were thrown beyond the earth's attrac-tion and sent revolving about the sun, and when the earth in its orbit comes near one of these meteors it is stone thrown at the rate of six miles a second would go beyond the earth's attractive powers, but in the course of time must enter the earth is orbit and, of course, return again to it. On account of the rate Fiday the Fact Meeting was held in the Pavillon, which was well filed, all the standing room as well as seats being taken. Mrs. J. J. Whitney gave some excellent tests. We have in our office a beautiful independent crayon spirit-picture, from the mediumship of Dr. Henry Rogers of San Francisco, Cal., who, with Mrs. Rogers, is located at his mother's summer home on West Central Avenue, where he has many fine spirit-pantings in colors on exhibition. Saturday forenoon conference was held in the Pa-villon, the Temple being engaged by the People's Theatre. A very harmonious meeting was enjoyed by Saturday forenoon conference was held in the Pa-vilion, the Temple being engaged by the People's Theatre. A very barmonlous meeting was enjoyed by all who attended. The lesson of the morning was, "Love your enemies; bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and desplitfully use you." Bishop Beals opened the meeting of the afternoon with a prayer. He afterward sung "The People's Advent," by Gerald Massey. His subject for the lec-ture was "The Transfusion of Blood, and the Trans-fusion of Intellect are two Important Subjects of our Age." The Pavilion was filled. Those interested in the Whole World Soul Commu-nion met Friday. 27th, at Dr. Sara E. Hervey's, and en-joyed a pleasant and harmonious meeting. Louie Poole has left Onset and gone to Sunapee to conduct the music at the Camp meeting there.

**Hanifestations in the North-West.** A revival of a deeply religious character has been of late proceeding among the Indians at one of the Hudson Bay Company's settlements, in consequence of a remarkable appartition tes-tified to beyond the possibility of doubt or question. The Company's steamer, "Oller," from Forts Wrangle and Simpson, brings word to Victoria of an extraordinary apparition which has startied not only the Indians but the white missionaries at Metlakatlah. The mission there was started some years ago by Mr. William Duncan, under the auspices of the Church Mission Society of England. The vil-lage has a population of eight hundred be-longing to the Tsimshaen nation of the Pacific Indians. Situated north of the fifty-fourth parallel, the spot is not an attractive one, an Arctic climate prevailing the year round. Mr. Duncan is assisted by Rev. Mr. Collinson and Rev. Mr. Hall, the former taking charge of the Indians on the Queen Charlotte and adjacent islands. islands.

Manifestations in the North-West.

The story told by the officers of the Otter is as follows: One Sunday night several Indians en-tered the Mission Church to pray. While en-gaged at their devotions a bright light arose at the altar, and soon spread over the whole chan-cel. Presently five figures, clad in long white gowns, appeared in the chancel and knelt at the gowns, appeared in the chancel and knelt at the altar as if praying. The Indians left the church and gazed awestruck upon the spectacle. Among others Mr. Hall, Mrs. Collinson, and about ten of the whites and domestics of the Mission and neighboring houses saw the won-derful apparitions, which soon afterward faded away. Mr. Hall at once opened a prayer-meet-ing. The whole settlement attended, and much religious fervor was manifested and since con-tinued, prayer-meetings being held at all hours tinued, prayer-meetings being held at all hours of the day and night, and the spirit of revival holds full sway over the village. Messengers have left Metlakatlah for the surrounding tribes, to relate the extraordinary manifestations, and the revival is spreading rapidly up The officers of the Otter add that Mr. Hall

also told his story to the officers of the United States revenue cutter, Oliver Woolcot, which was cruising on the north-west coast of British Columbia. Hall was asked bluntly if he had played a trick on the savages to induce them to flock to the revival services. He answered in-dignantly that he never trifled with the Indidignantly that he never trifled with the Indi-ans in that manner, and said that he was ready and willing to make oath to the facts. Mr. Duncan and Mr. Collinson were absent at the time, but the latter's wife, a refined English lady, was a witness to the sight. Mr. Hall, it may be added, is an earnest and faithful mis-sionary, who went to that country from Eng-land a few years ago. He is a young man of thirty, of iron nerve and great determination, and a superior scholar. Some of the Indians report that the same apparitions have been report that the same apparitions have been seen twice since, and the excitement is rapidly increasing.-Cor. Two Worlds, July 20th.

## Spiritualist Camp-Meetings for 1888.

The season of out-of-door gatherings on the part of the believers in the New Dispensation is drawing nigh; and the reader will find, by reference to the subjoined. a partial list of the localities and time of session where such convocations are to be held.

ONSET BAY, MASS. - The Twelfth Annual Camp-Meeting closes Sept. 1st. - Express trains from Boston, 9 A. M., 4:05 P. M., on Old Colohy R. R.; Sundays 8:15 from Boston.

P. M., on Fild Colohy R. R.; Sundays 8:15 from Boston, LAKE PLEASANT, MASS. – The Fifteenth Annual Con-vocation of the New England Spiritualists' Camp-Meeting Association with be held at Lake Fleakant, Montague, Mass., (on the Howare Tunnel route) closing Sept. 3, Trains '54, '' '' 100, ''' 45 '' and ''43, '' will stop at the Lake when there are passengers to leave, or wherf "signalled to take massen-gers. The above trains, ''54'' and ''100, '' leave Boston at 6:30 A, M, and 3:35 F. M, arriving at Lake Pleasant at ''43'' bave Lake Pleasant at 6:40 A, M, and 2:45 F, M, VICESHURG MUCH - The FIGUA Annual Camp. Meeting VICKSBURG, MICH.—The Fifth Annual Camp-Meeting in Fraser's Grove closes Aug. 13th.

PARKLAND, PA. - Meetings close Sept. 5th, SUNAPKE LARK, N. H. The sessions of the Eleventh Annual Meeting will close Aug. 20th.

QUEEN CITY PARK, VT, - Meeting commences Aug. 21st and continues to Sept. 16th, inclusive,

HASLETT PARK, MICH. - Meeting commences July 26th and continues five Sundays.

ETNA, MR., Camp-Meeting commences at Buswell's fory, Aug. 31st, and closes Sept. 3th.

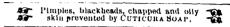
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a poem on the delights of fishing; but ah, me! I cannot flud a word to rhyme with 'angleworm,'" sighed sullen waters. "But why must you put that word at

the end of a line?" queried Eucalyptus. "Because an angleworm is always at the end of a line," hissed Pisis.

tratus between his set teeth ; and for a long time it was so still that one could distinctly hear a peach Oh! merchant, in thise hour of e e e, If on this paper you should c c c, And look for something to ap p p Your yearbing great for greenback v v v, Take our advice, be truly y y y, Go straightway out and advert 1 1. You'il sho the project of some u u u; Neglect can offer no ex q q q. Be wise at ouce, prolong your d a a. A " silence" business soon d k k k. —Buffalo News.

States, and our fact and conference meetings are ex-ceedingly interesting in consequence. Thursday morning an essay was read from the plat-form by Mrs. Helen Walton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on "The Relation of the Sexes." Mrs. Wallace, well known as being identified with the Parker Fraterpity in New York Uity, is stopping at Hotel Onset, also Mrs. Effe Moss. The People's Theatre continues to occupy the Tem-ple another week. A dance social is an added attrac-tion to the entertainments.

Mrs. E. M. Shirley, of Worcester, is located at "Rob-

"Andliga Hemligheter" is the name of a spiritual-

[Notices under this heading must reach this office by Monda y's mail to insure insertion the same week. ]

J. Frank Baxter last Sunday, 29th inst., was in Hanson, Mass. On account of most important work East, he will not fill his calls next week in Middlefield and Chagrin Falls, Obio, but will be in Ohio in time to attend the grove meetings in Mantua Station; and there on Sunday. August 5th, he will lecture in At-water's Grove during the day and in King's Opera House in the evening. From Tuesday, August 7th, to Monday, Aug. 13th, he will fill his appointments at Cawaadaga Camp-Meeting, Chautauqua County, New York.

Mrs. Ada L. Ballou has left California and was regaged in speaking in place of Mr. W. J. Colville.

A San Francisco correspondent writes that John Slater's tests given by him to large and closely attentive audiences each Sunday afternoon and evening are awakening much interest, leading many to in-vestigation, and convincing many that there is more in Spiritualism than they have hitherto surmised. Mr. W. J. Colville is to speak in Portland, Oregon, August 5th. He is to go from there to Chicago.

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Emma J. Nickerson can be addressed during the month of August at Lake Pleasani, Mass., by those desiring to engage her services for the season of '88-9. J. Clegg Wright lectured to good acceptance on Sundays, July 15th and 22d, in Court of Appeals Room, Town Hall, Saratoga, N. Y.

Town Hall, Saratoga, N. Y. Mrs. Jennie K. D. Conant (inspirational trance speaker) and husband are occupying the Park-street tent, near the Spiritual Temple, Onset, Mass.-their present address until Aug. 8th, when they will visit Lake Pleasant Camp. Mrs. C. is now ready to answer calls to lecture and give psychometric readings for fall and winter. Societies desiring her services can address her at Lake Pleasant, Mass., until further notice. notice

Dr. Henry Rogers will be located after Camp-Meet-ing season at the residence of Col. S. P. Kase, 1601 North 15th street, Philadelphia, Pa. F. G. W. Informs us that Mrs. J., Pet Anderson is to

take passage on the steamer Etrurta for England, Aug. 4th.

We are informed that George A. Ordway can be found on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons, for the present, at the house of H. B. Eills, on Frank-lin street, South Quincy, Mass.

Mrs. Adeline M. Glading speaks at Parkland, Pa., on August 9th, 11th, 12th and 14th. She leaves for Verona Park on August 16th, where she lectures on the Bundays of August 19th and 26th, and intervening time during said week.

Spiritualistic Meetings in Boston.

College Hall, 84 Essex Mireet.-Sundays, at 10% A. M., 2% and 7% P. M. Eben Cobb, Conductor.

Mishawum Hall, City Nquare, Charlestown. Medums' moeting every Sunday at 2% and 7% F.M. D Mark Smith, Chairman. Dr.

College Hall, 34 Essex Street .-- The usual meetings were held at this place last Sunday, morning, afternoon and evening.

afternoon and evening. The afternoon session was opened with music by Mrs. Eudora Case, followed by Mrs. A. E. King with interesting remarks, tests and an inspirational poetn. Dr. J. R. Cocke then addressed the audience in an entertaining manner, and introduced a new medium recently developed under his instructions, Mr. Osgood F. Stiles of Lynn, who gave some clear and recognized tests. Psychometrical readings and tests were given by Miss A. Peabody and Mrs. Nellie Thomas. Inter-esting reminiscences of Spiritualism's early days were related by Mrs. Bella Brown, she recounting the man-ner in which the subject was investigated in her child-hood days by her parents, in New Brunswick, they being the only ones interested for miles around, and which culminated in her being developed as a me-dium. Mr. Aaron Toothaker followed with tests, and the services closed with an invocation and convincing messages by Mr. Rose, a young medium who has re-cently come to the olty. These meetings are to be continued through the summer.

To perforate glass an exchange gives the following directions: "Stick a piece of stiff elay or putty on the part where you wish to make the hole. Make a hole in the putty the size you want the hole, reaching to the glass, of course. Into this hole pour a little molten lead, when, unless it is very thick glass, the piece will immediately drop out."

been arranged for Oct. 22d, at Paris, to stimulate public opinion in favor of French, English and American arbitration.

SHOWING THEIR TEETH.-The phrase used by the

Here is a specimen of the Somerville Journal's funny man's "twilight musings"

Now is the twillight hour of peace, Now iffe seems filled with keen delight, Now is the time when troubles cease, And now the daried mosquitoes bite :

Anonymous writers are generally cowards; while irate personality-scribblers with their names attached feast on the offal engendered by their muddled brains.

H. W. Beecher's blographer. like Emerson's tries to conceal the fact that his subject was an advocate of woman suffrage. This only makes the blographer ridiculous and does not help the book.-Boston Transcript.

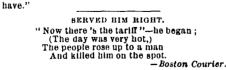
Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone celebrated their golden wedding Wednesday, July 25th. Testimonials in the shape of letters, telegrams and presents poured in upon them by the hundreds. The couple were given a reception at the residence of Earl Spencer in the afternoon, and were presented with portraits of themseives, painted by Messrs. Frank Holl and Hubert Herkomer, and also with three large silver cups, and an address signed by one hundred and fifty members of Parliament. Lord Granville made the speech of presentation.

I will not own a notion so unho'y, As thinking that the rich by easy trips May go to heaven, whereas the poor and lowly Must work their passage, as they do in ships. One place there is—beneath the burial sod. Where all mankind are equalized by death; Another place there is—the Fane of God. Where all are equal who draw living breath. - Hood.

A resident of Newport, Kentucky, is said to have invented a smelting furnace by which he can produce aluminum from common clay at a cost of one dollar a pound. Aluminum now sells for one dollar an ounce.

Yes, it's the little things that hurt. A comm every-day measley little fly will make an orthodox Christian swear forty strokes to the minute, while if the same man had his bead taken off by a July for-nado he would n't say a word about it.—Philadelphia

A FATAL BLOW.-Maiden Aunt (visiting family for the summer)-" Gussle, you should n't cry so when it thunders. The thunder can't hurt you. Don't you see it does n't scare me any?" Six year old (sobblug) -"It won't-scare me, either, auntle, when-when I've heard it-th-thunder as many summers as you



A STRIKING PARAORAPH.-In Massachusetts, in the six years from 1881 to 1886, according to the labor report of Hon. Carroll D. Wright, there were 995 strikes, of which 351 were successful, 457 partially so, and 187 were failures. The loss to the workmen is estimated at \$4,200,489, and to the employers, \$1,970.881. The largest number of strikes occurred in the building trades, 492; boots and shoes coming next with 171.

The Hartford Times has an article headed "Rais-ing a Galf on Eggs." We understand now why so much chicken saiad is made of yeal.—*Record.* 

"Bellite," a new explosive, has been invented by Mr. Lamm, of Stockholm; it seems destined to "lamm dynamite and perhaps melluite out of the field. The stuff resembles sulphur and smells like pitch, and is made up in capsules which look like thick wax candles and are covered with glazed paper. It is composed of about four parts of nitrate of ammonium and one part of a mixture of bealtro and trinitro-beazine with saltnetre.

Louie Poole has left Onset and gone to Sunapee to conduct the music at the camp meeting there. Prof. Cadwell, the mesmerist, is again with us, giv-ing his exhibitions and showing the power of mind over mind, every morning at nine o'clock in the Skating Rink. Sunday, the 29:b, the morning dawned clear and cool. The service in the grove opened with a concert by the celebrated Middleboro' Band. Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes was the speaker of the morning. Her subject was: "The obanges through which we have passed, and the changes going on about us in the world." It was grandly eloquent, and listened to with rapt at-tention. Mrs. Byrnes, as a woman and as a speaker, is a credit to the cause she represents. Over two thousand people listened to the lecture of the morn-ing.

thousand people inscended to the lecture of the morn-ing. A band concert commenced the exercises of the af-ternoon. Hymn, "Beautiful Hills," followed by an in-vocation; afterward the song "Let us Speak of a Man as We Find Him," by Bishop A. Beals: The subject of his lecture was, "The Dependence of the Church on Modern Spiritualism." Mr. Edgar W. Emerson followed the lecture with tests, many and good. Mr. Emerson was gladly welcomed here from his trip across the continent. We read from time to time, with a great deal of satisfaction, the words of com-mendation and praise from those on the Pacific coast who have had the pleasure of listening to his controls for the first time. He leaves here next week for Sun-appe, and afterward for Cassadaga Lake, all his time being engaged until July, 1889. Eliza A. Martin, of Oxford, Mass., answers sealed letters at Dr. Hervey's.

letters at Dr. Hervey's. Linda Gilbert, of Washington, D. C., is a visitor at

Linda Gilbert, of Washington, D. C., is a visitor at the grove. J. Milton Young, of Läke Pleasant, made us another flying visit this week. He came on business connect-ed with Lake Pleasant. The Children's Progressivé Lyceum heid its session in the Temple Bunday, at 3 p. M., D. N. Ford, Direct-or. Recitations by Alioe Cummings, Howard Wende-muth, Lulu Morse, Lukle Word, Frances Gardner, Sarah Roberts, Eloise, Lillie and Ethel Wendemuth, Heury Uampbell, Cora Campbell and Maud Wood-ward. Song, by Mabel Allen. Sunday ovening an entertainment was given in the Temple by Mirs. J. J. Whitney, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing and Dr. Stansbury. The double number of *The Soul*, for June and July, will be issued in a few days, containing a full account of the slate-writing in the Temple Sunday evening, July 29th.

July 2915. It has been voted by the directors to continue the Camp Meeting till the 1st of September, the Middle-boro' Band to be in attendance. The following are the names of those who have reg-

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be broken. I come to you so often, dear wife, so often, watching over you, and I am glad that you knew in your soul that father would find me. You feel it, but you do n't understand as much of spirit return as I would like you to learn. learn.

Aunt Clara, do send the paper to Nellio. 1 know you will, after you read it. I am happy, and so glad that father is with me, but I know you 'll say that you all miss him. Yes, Uncle Hartson will miss him much, I know, and Aunt Ludia.

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Men cannot defile it, though sunk in the mire;

## AUGUST 4, 1888.

## Pamphlets Received.

THE DRIFT OF THE AGE Viewed from the lighter Lov-ris, Shall Amorize's divilization Hand for Inso Uses. Pith of the Celebrated Dix Lenten Lecture, Eduranmat-teally fluotrated. Buno, pp. 30. Springfield, Mass.; The Dwight Print.

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# Message Department.

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## The Free-Circle Meetifiks

At this office have been suspended for the summer. They will be resumed, as usual, about the middle of September next.

## QUESTIONS ANSWERED, THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF

#### Miss M. T. Shelhamer.

Report of Public Séance held June 5th, 1888. Spirit Invocation.

Spirit Invocation. Our Father who art in heaven, in earth and every-where, we approach thee at this hour, and send forth the aspirations of our souls, asking light and under-standing from thee and the angel ones. We behold the divine revelation of life in the springing blade and the blooming flower; we behold the manifesta-tion of thy love in the gleam of sunshine that fails upon cur way. Oh I our Father, God, may we realize deeply that in these things thou art ever expressing thy law, thy tenderness, thy infinite care. We send forth to thee the burden of our souls' desire, even as the flowers send forth their fragrance to the sum-mer'air. Oh I may it be received, that we may gather a blessing from thee and the angel ones. We would, at this time, come into deep communion with the wise ones of diviner life, to receive from them instruction, words and thoughts of wisdom that will apply to our own minds and stimulate them to new effort and grander achievement. May we all come into harmo-ny and, sympathize in spirit, one with the other, and send forth, a growing desire to live and to learn, and endeavor to become more like the angels of heaven. Amen.

## Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT .- You may now present your questions, Mr. Chairman. QUES.-[By C. A. Whitaker.] Do similar dif-

ferences of opinion prevail among individuals in spirit-life as in this life? ANS .- There are differences of opinion upon

the various subjects of life of human importance in the spiritual world similar to those which exist on the earth; and this must of nethose cessity be so, since all minds are not cast in one mould, nor are they bent in the same direction. Human reason and judgment must apply themselves according to the training and the tendencies of the mind which employs them. In the spirit-world each difference of thought or opinion has its own advocates and followers, who are attracted to each other, and who band together in social circles, somewhat similar to your societies upon the earth. We do not desire that all spirits should think alike upon every subject that arises for human consideration, since out of the agitation of thought and the ventilation of opinion one may be able to gain glimpses of higher truth, to see more deeply into a subject than he has before, to examine it from a different standpoint, and thus perhaps may he gain some-thing of immeasurable importance to his soul. thing of immeasurable importance to his soul. Let us remember, however, that although two or more spirits may differ in opinion upon a certain subject, it by no means follows that they will be inharmonious toward each other; they may be perfectly sincere and honest in their differences, but if intelligent and ad-vanced they will be ready to accord each to the other the same right to judge and form opinions as he or she aligns percendic there opinions as he or she claims personally; therefore, by this very difference of thought, new ideas may be evolved, a grander conception of the subject brought forth, and, consequently agreeing to differ in harmony, each one may be blest and uplifted by this very condition of things.

Q.-Is the veil which rests on the grave equally dark when viewed from the other shore? or it possible for our spirit-friends to know how

the physician in spirit outside you, and they have more power than those in the does not seem dense and sombre to the advanced or progress-but such spirits are not a care more for the material things of time and sensation than they do for the spiritualities of existence; therefore they have learned but very little of the true spiritual life, and their entire desire is to remain in contact with earth and with mortals, in order to experience those things which belong to material life alone. But the majority of spirits who are at all intelligent or informed, view death as a blessing rather than as a curse; even though it has borne them, physically speaking, away from their earthly haunts and from material association with former friends, yet it has opened to them grand avenues of opportunity and of progress, through which they may rise to higher fields of knowledge, of effort and achievment than were attainable on earth. Such spirits will be able to return in contact with matter and view the doings of their mortal friends, that is, those friends with whom they are in the deepest sympathy, those whose affections call them back, and for whom their own affection flows forth in tender love. Such spirits as these will walk frequently by the side of their earthly friends, exercising an influence over the loved ones to make their pathway more bright and peaceful, and to help them to bear the burdens of mortality unto the very end. Such spirits will also be able to receive from the higher life instruc-tion and truth, which, under favorable conditions, they may impart to their friends of earth thus assisting the latter to grow in harmony with their own growth and progress. Death, when properly viewed, is not an evil but a blessing to humanity, since it opens to mankind higher conditions of life, which will elevate it, give it strength and vigor for the coming time, deliverance from the encroach-ments of age and time, disease and suffering, uplifting the immortal part, the spirit of man unto such planes as will afford him the grand est and best developments of life. By-and-bye est and best developments of life. By-and-bye man will come to view death not as that which deprives him of all sensation, hope and exist-ence, but as simply a change which brings to him the finest and the sweetest improvements and unfoldments of his being. Q.—Is there any law of compensation by which an untimely death in the earth-life can be made right in heaven?

all suffering, all privation. Life is infinite in its possibilities; God is stermal, over just and wise, and his provisions are made so unerr-ingly that a human soul cannot fall outside of his kingdom of love. Q.--Is there any ovil in the universe except what has come through the violation of nat-ural law? A.--We know of no evil in existence save that which has come to humanity through the violation of iaw, and all law must be according to nature and belong to the universe. True, man has erred through ignorance; because of his uniformed mind and his undeveloped bis uninformed mind and his undeveloped spiritual proclivities he has stepped aside, ago after age, and thus perpetrated wrong and per-petuated the tendency to do wrong in his pos-terity. The law of heredity has stepped in and declared itself surely and without mercy, and so we find human beings, year after year, and age after age, born into this world of mat-ter with inherited tendencies to step down-

ward instead of to rise upward in the moral grade of life; but the tendency of the race, of humanity at large, is onward and upward, and therefore while individuals err, we find hu-manity growing in strength and knowledge and wisdom.

True, there are many and varied signs of wrong or evil throughout the earth: even in this enlightened age the instances of wrong doing multiply on every hand, because mankind continues to violate the laws of its own being and to disregard the laws of this natural universe, yet through bitter suffering and sor-row the race gains experience, becomes disci-plined; and what is true of humanity at large is true of individuals, so that the hope of the future is that man shall so learn of the past, so study the records of his race, so learn of the histories of life, that he will become informed concerning the true, the natural laws of his being, and will seek to apply his knowledge in being, and will seek to apply his knowledge in all wisdom to his ou'ward conduct, his daily thought and habit. Thus do we anticipate the approach of "the golden time," when man will become freed from error-not through the in-tervention of any superior power, but through his own great efforts; through the struggles he himself makes to rise above the mire, and to gain the grand and beautiful light of heaven. himself Evil, so-called, may after all be looked upon as for a purpose, for an unfolding evolutionary

work; and we may clearly trace, through the history of mankind, evidences of where the grandest thought and highest effort have been the outgrowth of those very mistakes, failures and missteps which man has made in times past. Oppression, injustice, persecution, reign in various quarters of the earth, yet they are the heavy clouds which, even though foretelling the storm and bursting around humanity, may also betoken something higher. The convul are produced to cleanse the air, to sweeten and

purify it for the advent of the glorious sunlight of day; and so even these convulsions in human life-disasters and painful miseries-may betoken this one truth, that humanity is to be purged of its dress, and that its impurities shall be swept away before the oncoming light of eternal love and truth.

## -SPIRIT MESSAGES,

## THROUGH THE TRANCE MEDIUMSHIP OF Mrs. B. F. Smith.

## Report of Public Séance held April 27th, 1888-Continued from last issue

## Alpheus B. Hoag.

You may place me in Sandwich, N. H. My name is Alpheus B. Hoag. 1 went out rather suddeply, but it makes very little difference in regard to that. My favorite topic here was music. "The Beautiful, Beautiful Star"; ohl how many times have I drank it in when it was sung. Sometimes when music was given out through mortals, of which I was only too glad through mortais, of which I was only too giad to do my part, it has seemed almost as if we had crossed the portal. Music hath charms, but, ohl how beautiful is the music of heaven. Frank J. and Frances, I do n't forget you during the trials that come into your home; but be patient: in the angel world the red men are do-ing all they can spiritually for you. Frank J., never do I come by your bedside but I find from two to four of the red men there to give

that as soon as possible 1 would endeavor to though you ve got a good many more conven-give a message, but I know you will think I iences, still you think of the old home up the have been a long time getting it here. No; not a long time getting here, but a long time before I was able to speak. Father and mother mourn me as dead. Oh! no, I am not dead. We in kind of a meeting. We see you in the others. the spirit all deup it; we are not dead, we are live people. Hold your little circles in the meetings at your home, Frank, and we promise to come and do all it is possible for us to do. We know the dark sides will turn up occasion ally, but turn the leaf over again and see if there is a brighter side to the leaf. Frank, promised you some time since as soon as I found the channel open that I would pen you a few lines. I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for putting down what I have said, although not more than half what I could say face to face with the dear ones.

and coming so near, Carrie says to met "Uncle Alonzo, say to father I am with him much of the time. He is not in the store alone, for I never go by him but I find some dear one there." I often visit Adelbert, and I am gind to say that he seems to be in very good spirits, although many miles are between you. Adel-bert is away in Southern California. John, as I said before, cheer up. This shadow will soon pass away and you will come to join the happy number. You will find us all again, even your darling daughter Carrie, that loving child who does not forget father, mother and the loving ones that are left on earth. George and the children she watches over by day and by night. She glides into the home, anxious to his the children wall are to be and the solution of the second se

day; where are attractions that draw us into different surroundings, but quite a large num-ber are here to day. Jane, dear wife, I know you will ask if I watch over our own dear ones, the children. Yes; but I love you all. I would advise you to take the journey this season, for it will be a benefit to you.

I have many dear ones in different surround-ings, and some within a stone's throw, in the city of Boston. Allie, remember all is but a shadow in this life; you'd better take a little rest and not surface to the store state of the store state. rest, and not put out your strength so much for the ornamental in the home. I know you will ask, "Does it not look beautiful and please the eye?" Yes, dear, and I am glad you take the eye" Yes, dear, and I am glad you take comfort and pride in it. Dear child, I am happy in my spirit-home, and I would ask each you have been a little disappointed of late, but it won't last long, and you will be able to con-verse with us again through a channel privately: and Hannah also.

## Sarah G. Emery Dyer.

My home was in Provincetown, Mass. My name is Sarah G. Emery Dyer. If I did n't add the last, mother would think it a little strange. Mother understands much of spirit communion, for she has been given a great deal of the power herself. Father often smiles, and looks a little strange when mother tells him that Sadie is there. But, father, you are the one that is looking through the smoked glass, and not mother. Dear mother and father, Will is here with me-my husband. He was glad to join me in spirit life when he passed out suddenly, through the water.

I am happy, dear mother. I would not ask to come to stay. No matter if father can't see just as you do; in spirit-life father will under-stand a great deal more than he thinks he will while dwelling here. Mother, when we see you sit down passively by yourself and try to come in *rapport* with us it makes us feel happy Will often says: "Sadie, I would not have be

lieved, when on the earth, that I could have come into communication with you," although he tells me he always felt I was not a great ways from him. Oh! how many times do we filt in and out; in old Provincetown, Wellfleet and the surrounding towns do we love to go with the dear ones we know so well in the mor-Frank, lave juilted you so much when I have seen so many wrongs that have come in life, and I have asked the angels to help each mem-ber of your family, for we were good friends, Frank, not relatives. I have understood the "God bless you." "Aunt Sarah." trials that have come to you, and your dear mother, too, has had so much to bear; but in heaven there will be one more star in her crown for what she has tried to do for each one

Mother, look well to the angel-world and they will help you; they will carry you safely across the bridge, and then will we all come to-gether again. Grandma wants me to tell you that she often visits the home.

### George Holbrook.

My home was in Charlestown, Mass. My name strength and power to you. I have also found when you cross over. John and I are together the physician in spirit beside you, and I feel a good part of the time, but not all the time. that they have more power than those in the Graudma Holbrook is with us, too, and we are

Lydia.

TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.

THE MESSAGES ON HAND, Not mentioned above, will appear in due course.

BY BELLE BUSH.

art.

'f is the jewel of heaven that mortals shall tire Of striving to tarnish or burn in the fire.

tal. But I see with some of the dear friends who are yet left here there have been hard trials; heavy burdens have come into the home. Unstant direction visited the drug store and purchased two slates, putting two screws into them and fastening them together firmly. They called upon Dr. Stansbury, who

be made right in heaven?

A.—Most certainly; since it would be most deplorable to believe that what is called an untimely death on earth should bring to the spirit who suffers it such a deprivation of life, opportunity and culture as would forever keep m stunted and in ignorance. To believe that the Infinite God would permit such a condition of things as this would be to believe that the Infinite Father of all love and life is not omnipotent, is not all loving, all tender and wise but, so far as we know anything of this subject we feel safe in the affirmation that to every life eventually comes compensation for all the ills the sufferings and privations it has undergone perience and discipline, is cut off, from the en syment and advantage of much that may be aportant to its unfoldment, but even though the physical organism is lost to him, it is pos-sible for him to be swept into such lines of ex-perience, even in contact with material existence, as will afford him the opportunity of gaining knowledge and new discipline con-

cerning the things and experiences of earth. Under the great law of spirit-return, and of vital contact and communication with mortals, such a spirit may gain the information and the assistance he requires for his spiritual unfold ment; and again, even apart from the material things of this earth, a progressive, energetic, vitalized spirit-one who desires to learn, to

## John B. Morrison.

1 took up considerable room, Mr. Chairman, when in the mortal, but I guess I don't want quite so much now. You may place me, as formerly, in Farmington, Maine. My name is John B. Morrison. I have always failed when making the attempt to speak in meeting. was not much used to it. In your meeting making the attempt to speak in meeting. I was not much used to it. In your meeting I saw one of our old townspeeple, Dr. Dyer, and I did want to get hold of his hand and give it a shake, but as I could not quite do that I trust he will take the will for the deed.

trust he will take the will for the deed. I can see now that while dwelling in the form I had a great deal of spiritual power. I did n't like to own it to mortals, but I'll tell you one thing: when anything was lost I could find it. I had help, you know, from the other side, and I can see now where that power came from L did n't know when here came from. I did n't know when here.

Father, mother and Emma are here to day, but say I can do all the talking for them. Emma has only very lately joined the number —as near as I can count it up, perhaps two or -as near as I can count it up, perhaps two or three weeks since. Can't just reckon your time now. Joe D. is here; he must wait and attend to his own business. I would say to Lenora that I am happy. Emma is with me now, and we will try to make you know we are here together to day. I'll try to give di-rections so you'll get the letter all straight. To Adelaide I would say that I have kept my promise pretty well, but I can't say more than half what I would if I could get an in-strument and sit down and talk right to you.

strument and sit down and talk right to you. Your father and mother say that as soon as there is a channel open they, too, will send a line direct to you and Sadie. Yes: we are live direct to you and Sadie. Yes: we are happy in our spirit home, and are glad to be able to make ourselves known. Sometimes we think we can, but fail when we make the at-

tempt. Lenora, I would like you to talk a little with the doctor, and I think he will help to open your eyes a little in regard to spirits coming to earth and talking. He knows how to talk to you; listen to him; it won't do you any harm; he will be honest in what he tells you. Will you please, Mr. Chairman, send this letter to North Chesterville, Maine. I'm in something of a hurry for Lenora to get this; ahe do n't know about my coming back. tempt she do n't know about my coming back.

## Alonzo Glidden.

Will you please, Mr. Chairman, register my name as Alonzo Glidden, from Prospect, Maine. Finding the channel open I have made hold to ask the privilege from the guides, and with the answer coming in the affirmative, I have started out to say a few words to the

dear ones left. Jane, I know the trials that have overtaken you since I passed on. John, don't be so de-spondent; cheer up, this life is only a shadow, ours is the real. Father and mother are with grow and to advance-may find opportunities and conditions for such attainment in contact with the spirit-world and its inhabitants. Therefore, we say there is compensation for

sociability of the spirit that attracts us back to earth, and we are anxious to come into communication with you, more so than you can be with us. We would not have you think we wish to come to earth because we are not happy there: we are; and it is only a veil that comes between us. Mother, do try and learn a little more, and

see if you can't hear some some sounds. We don't come to harm you or frighten you, but we come to talk through sounds, to let you know we are there.

I know it was a hard stroke for you all when we both left you so suddenly and so near to gether. But, father, John says he is glad you have done just as you have in regard to the property. It is all right. Get all the happi-ness you can out of this life. Mortals wont get any too much I assure you while they stay here. We are satisfied with the home we have, and not only that, but the desire to return to earth to stay is taken away when we change the old mortal for the immortal. I would rather have staid here longer while I was in the mortal, because I was but a boy, yet after the change I had no wish to come back and stay

Dear ones. watch and wait our coming, and we will be there to meet you when you cross the portal called death-which ought not to be so named.

## Daniel Sanborn.

My home, Mr. Chairman, was in New York. and my name is Daniel Sanborn. I have often tried to speak in your meetings, but have failed. I felt that if I could give a word perhaps it might reach my brother, David Sanborn, in Somerville, Mass. I am happy, and I would not come back to stay. Linnie is here and mother, too, to-day. I had

considerable to do with railroads, but I find in spirit life that we need no railroads nor any-thing of the kind. I am glad to send a few words to-day, hoping it will meet some of the dear ones. I have some relatives in Chicago, some in Manchester, and some scattered in different surroundings. Mary is here, also; to-day Warren is not here.

## Manson Gore.

I once lived in Canaan, Me. My name is Manson Gore. I wish to say to Aunt Clara that father is with me, and we are very happy together. Mother is here, sister also, and the family is made whole. Father has lately joined the happy number, and was just about to join us at the time I made an attempt to speek in us at the time I made an attempt to speak in your meeting before and falled. I am glad, Mr. Chairman, that to day the

rivilege is granted and the power given that I may speak for myself and father, too. Aunt Clara, I know you feel, day by day, that we live and come to you. Cousin Ella says that your little circles are all right so far, but be careful, as Uncle Charlle says, that they do n't cheat you at last. There is a great deal I would like to say to Aunt Clara, but I'd a little rather say a part of it privately, when there's an opportunity. I felt I could not have this meeting closed without finishing my work which I commenced in your last meeting. I would thank each one that was so kind to

If it was not the spirit father who wrote the name. who did? Will some member of the Psychical Research Society please give the world a consistent. sensible solution of the problem from any standpoint different from that claimed by the spiritualistic phi-A. S. HAYWARD. Onset, July 23d, 1888.

## August Magazines.

THE MAGAZINE OF ART .- " Thoughts on Our Art of To day," is the title of a paper that leads the contents, and will attract readers from the fact that it is by so excellent a judge of art as Sir John Everett Millais, Bart., R. A. Two portraits of Millais are given in connection with it, one from the picture by Holl in the diploma gallery of the Royal Academy, the other at the age of twenty-four. "Current Art' has four illustrations, one a fine portrait of Sir Arthur Sullivan, whose fame is world-wide through his connection with Gilbert, and another a full-page engraving of a production of E. J. Gregory, A. R. A. "A Painter's House Boat" describes a floating studio that for several years was a familiar object on the Cornish coast. Half-a dozen engravings show the peculiarities of the craft. Three engravings illustrate Part II, of "Dickens and His Less Familiar Portraits," and eight " Five Centuries of Domestic Art." New York : Cassell & Co.

ST. NICHOLAS .- Though no reports of the appearance of the Sea Serpent have been made this season, the story of what has been said of his performances in the past is told on the opening pages of this month's St. Nicholas, and several engravings given in illustration. In "Mr. Crowley," an interesting account is given of the ways and doings, displaying several human traits, of the children's hero, a Chimpanzee, in Central Park, New York City, Mr. Crowley's portrait is given and two other engravings. An exciting story of a little Indian boy is told by Col. Ilges; a recital of the oddities of "Little lke Templin" is commenced by Mr. Johnston, and Lucy G. Morse contributes "The Bell-Buoy's Story." Directions for an evening's entertainment are given in "Shadow Pantomimes," and other stories, a number of poems and a profusion of engravings complete the contents. New York: The Century Co. For sale by Damrell & Upham, 283 Washington street.

## Verifications of Spirit-Messages. JOBIAH WILBON.

I wish to say that it gave me great joy to see in the BANNER OF LIGHT of July 21st the name of JOBIAH WILSON among the communications on its sixth page. He was a very dear cousin of mine, but left his body many years ago, as he says. He also left a son Joseph in Haverhill. I was both surprised and pleased to hear from him, because in earth life he was doubting the truth of another state of existence, as thousands are all about us who have had no later news from the other shore than that which is eighteen hundred years old. I hope we shall hear from him again soon. He has many friends in Claremont, N. H., who will hall his message with joy. MRS. H. J. SEVERANCE. South Royalton, Vt., July 22d, 1888.

WHITNEY AND LUCAS.

The message of MAHALA WHITNEY, Chelsea, Vt., is ecognized by relatives and friends in Tunbridge, South Royalton and Chelsea, as in every particular correct; likewise the communication from JAMES LUCAS of Thetford, Vt. Many herein Royalton knew him well. These were in THE BANNER some time in April and March ; as I have not the papers at hand I cannot fix

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#### AUGUST' 4, 1888. BANNER OF LIGHT. 7 A Camp-Meeting Idyl. Adbertisements. Mediums in Boston. Miscellaneous. Rew Nork Adbertisements. THE LEGEND OF THE PINES. DUMONT C. DAKE, M.D., JAMES R. COCKE, NEW MUSIC. Long ago, before man's morning dawned up-on the world, the ocean rolled and beat its mighty breast against the yielding sands. It swept their shifting, golden masses into hills, and hollowed them in dales. It sang in grand, full tones, as it worked: "This is God's will, and this," and moved the sands upward, on-ward. BUMUNT C. DAKE, M.D., 804 FIFTI AVENUE, NEW YOIK OTY, success-sever complicated. Patients afflicted for years, regarded na hopeless, or incurable, testify to permanent restoration. For fuestify year his power to diagnoses and treat Disease has been and still stands unsqualed, so say emittent Sot-entitie, Physicates, Usryumen, and patients from all parts of the country. Voluminous testimony can be seen at hisofice. 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It surged through the valleys with resistless power; sending up a voice to mingle with the wind, that echoed far away in the clouds of mist that arcse in the east. But, at sunrise, the storm fell, the wind passed on, and the ocean voices sang alone. The sands lay still and shifting under the blue waters. They could listen to the song, and answer in their listless way by surging back and forch, shifting to its changes. At last the waters were hushed, and a far distant voice rising from the deep came near and spoke. It was from the very heavt of the ocean the ocean. ward. 474 Shawmut Avenue, Boston. (Corner of Concord street.) Sittings daily from 9 A.M. till 5 P.M. Price, \$1,00. ther evidence about our smoore and a superstandard of the evidence about our smoore and a superstandard of the standard of the Unequalled Advantages. J<sub>17</sub> BEST TRUSS EVER USED. Improved Elastic Truss. Worn night and day. Positively cures ruptures. Sont by mail every-where. 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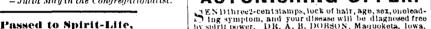
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vanced age. Mrs. Wooley was a remarkable lady, highly sensitive and refined in her entire being. She was of English birth, some twenty-five years ago she was seen at the spiritual meetings quite frequently with her devoted husband, who several years ago preceded her to the better life. She was torn a lady in all her bearing, and grew up a refined, heau-tiful spirit, more suitable for the spiritual time on-tending with the material things of earth existence and surroundings. She was genial in her conversation, and re-mained young and happy in spirit until she passed the change called death. But a short time before her exit she would laugh and talk in her usual way-death had no sting with her\_and ske passed on a happy spirit, notwithstand-ing material reverses in her earth-life for many years. She had a desire that Mrs. M. E. Walkace she uid officiate at her funeral exercises, which was compiled with, Mrs. Walkace speaking fitting works on the occas on. A noble, good wo-man has gone to her reward, and the world is the better for her having lived in it. Mrs. Wooley was a remarkable lady, highly sensitive and

From his home, in East Randolph, Vt., April 20th, 1888, William S. Webster.

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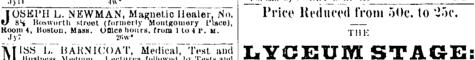
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Louis, Mo., and Nashville, Tenn., I should have said the railroard fare for all of them combined was \$2,500. This makes quilte an expensive trip, but they seem to enjoy it, and are circumstanced in such a manner that they up not count the cost. Mr. J. Milton Young, correspondent and agent for the BANNAR or Light at Lake Pleasant Camp-Meet-ing, also editor and proprietor of the Wildwood Messenger-which is ofreulated at Lake Pleasant-came to Onset last week and remained over night, but left the next forencom for Harwich camp-ground. He had not been at Onset for some eight years, and hardly a soul upon the grounds over saw him before. He was made acquainted with Col. Wm. D. Crockett, President of the Ouset Bay Grove Association, Mrs. Howe, your agent and correspondent at this place, and others; but was so active and busy in looking over the vil-lage that he did not become familiarized with the rest of the officers of the Association. Doubtless he would have had courteles extended him by the officials it they bad known he was with them for the night. Mr. Young is one of the most active men at Lake Pleasant-being Secretary of the Association there. Together with his other duties he is also agent for the Associa-de Press. He has been an experienced newspaper reporter and correspondent for some years, and is a sound Spritualist. Edgaw. Emergon returned from the Pacific Coast

Jonie C. Macauley, Antigonishe, N. S., Mre, A. A. Darling, Providence, R. J.; Wm. H. Whittum, "Bightser," Providence, R. J.; Wm. H. Whittum, "Bightser," Providence, R. J., Irene F. Ruggles, Reading, Mass.; E. B. Fairchild, Mrs. M. H. Fairchild and Miss Gertraide Fairchild, Stoneham, Mass., at Greenleaf Cotrage; Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Anderson, Hartford, Ct., 500 West Central Avenue; Dr. C. Blodgett and wife, Misses Clara and Olive Fuller, Holbrook, Mass.; Mrs. Hattle L. Sheldon, Blanche Sheldon and Neille F. Holt, Boston, at cottage corner 4th street and West Boulevard; Hattle E. Shafford, Boston; J. S. Smith, Mrs. Sanuel West and Miss L. A. Brewster, of Sandwick, Mass., at Bunker House, corner 5th and West Gentral streets, Walter Scott Campbell, M. D., E. W. Emerson, Manchester, N. H., at Prabody Cottage; Nathan Chandler, Kingston, Mass., Miss A. Louise, Albright, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. S. F. Bleknell, Brockton, and Mist, H. N. Keith, at corner 5th street and Longwood Avenue; Enza B. Johnson, New York, City; Mrs. J. B. O. McMillan, Omaha, Neb.; Miss Mebiltan, Omaha, Neb.; Miss, Mebiltan, Mass, Robert, Barstow and wife, Baltmore, Md.; Maria Josseyn, Wollaston, Mass.; Mrs., Mrs. M. C. Morrell, 20 West 36th street, New York, at 30 Central Avenue, at Mrs. Kreys's Cottage; Dr. G. W. Currier, Manchester, N. H.; S. M. Wilson and wife, Manchester, N. H.; C. W. Nash and wife, New York, at 30 Central Avenue, at Mrs. Kreys's Scottage; Dr. G. W. Currier, Manchester, N. H.; S. M. Wilson and wife, Manchester, N. H.; C. W. Nash and wife, New York, at 30 Central Avenue, at Mrs. Kreys's Cottage; Dr. G. W. Currier, Manchester, I. Borw, Boston; John Low, Chelse; Providence, R. I.; H. N. Lee, Boston; John Low, Chelser, Frovidence, R. L; H. N. Lee, Boston; John Scarrol, J. C. Darling, Mrs. G. W. Klip; Providence, Miss, Harry A. Brown, Whitman, Mass.; Mrs. B. W. Hayney, G. C. Pierce and wife, Mrs. S. W. Miler, Angue, S. C. Pierce and wife, Nrs. S. Y. Stattar A. Boeue, Mass, J. Cottage; J. C. Langdon and wife, Rochester, N. Y. reporter and correspondent for some years, and is a sound Spritualist. Edgar W. Emergon returned from the Pacific Coast in good condition, and has given some remarkable spirit-tests. One of them was to the Hon. Bidney Dean of Warreu, R. I. Mr. Dean had the courage to say to the audience that what was given by the spirit was correct; this act on the part of a man who has preached the gospel, as has Mr. D. for forty years, shows the drift of the times. Mr. Joseph D. Stiles frequently gives more than one hundted tests at one meeting, and holds his reputa tion as a grand platform medium for this order of de-velopment.

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Mrs. J. J. Whitney gave some remarkable tests last Friday at the Facts Meeting in the Pavilion. Mrs. Whitney says she is perfectly unconscious, and while In this state full names are given of spirits she has never had any acquaintance with. Mr. Peter C. Thomson of Philadelphia, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Moss of New York City, Mrs. Raymond of Boston, Mrs. Whitter of Onset, and several others, were willing "to stand up and be counted" as being satisfied and delighted at having the full names of their spirit-friends given to them by and through the me

satisfied and delighted at having the full names of their spirit-friends given to them by and through the me-diumship of Mrs. Wiltney. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hill have been staying at Oneet. Mrs. Hill was formerly Mrs. Stafford, the medium. Mr. Tucker, of the firm of Graig & Tucker, made a flying visit to Onset Sunday last. Miss Rose Burnett, of Mendon Centre, N. Y., is spending a few weeks at Onset. Mrs. Lita Barney Sayles, an annual visitor at Onset, is pleasantly domiciled at the Glen Cove House. She has accomplished a good work for the spiritualistic cause with her pen, being a contributor to several spiritual papers. spiritual papers. On Sunday evening, July 29th, the Temple was well

On Sunday evening, July 29th, the Temple was well filled with an intelligent audience, called together to witness spirit manifestations by and through the me-diumship of Mrs. J. J. Whitney and Dr. Stansbury of California, and Mrs. Twing, the writing medium. The occasion proved of great interest to all present. Major Grifflith has opened his séance room this sea-son on Friday evenings, for a series of social gather-ings, having in view loquiry regarding spiritual topics and the exchange of medial and other experiences. These meetings are presided over by Mrs. Stevens, and are well attended. and are well attended

A less incertains and presided over by and reson. He has and are well attended. Mr. A. Wyburn is at Onset for the season. He has had much experience as a manager of scances for spirit manifestations, and is satisfied of the genuine character of the phenomenon of materialization. Mr. and Mrs. (seo. Wood are at the Burnett House; both are mediums and onjoy Onset. Mr. E. B. Fairchild, acting Chairman of the Camp-Meeting, received Friday, July 27th, a call to officiate at the funeral of Mr. Washburn, father of L. Wash-burn of Wareham Mass

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Grimes, are guests of Mrs. Townsend Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, of Providence, R. I., are at the knowl Option

Mr. and Mrs. Clark are at Hotel Onset. Mr. Clark is the present owner of this hotel. COR. Lake Pleasant.

The week closes with the largest attendance ever known at this camp-ground in July. Every train

gage men are having all they can do, and rooms are eagerly sought for. The opening has been a decided

success, and the evidence of an increase of interest in

# Cutter, R. Symonds, Wakefield, at Woodland Cottage; Mr. Fifield and family, Woburn, Mass.; Mrs. S. D. Francis, Boston; Orrin D. Mudge and wife, Lyno; Mary Bugbee, Miss F. M. White, Busker House; Mellie D. Cofran, Keyes Cottage; Miguel Castanola, San Antonio, Texas, at Keyes Cottage. Gustife F. Howf Headquarters Office, Onset, July 30th, 1888.

ONSET BAY WHARF .- Hearing much controversy [MR, J. MILTON YOUNG IS our authorized agent at Lake Pleasant, and will be pleased to receive subscriptions for the BANNER OF LIGHT. Mr. Young also has a full line of sur publications for sale at his bookstore. He will conduct the correspondence for THE BANNER from this Camp-Meeting.] over the wharf question at Onset-pro and con.-1 thought I would try to get at the "basic facts" in the matter and see if any good reasons existed as to why

matter and see if any good reasons existed as to why the Onset Bay Grove Association did not make the repairs necessitated by the action of the ice and high winds during the severe storms of the past winter. I learned from various sources that men stood ready to partially pay for said repairs, provided the Asso-ciation would allow them to do so-these volunteers thinking that they would be benefited by the im-proved condition of the wharf during the present sea-son. brings campers, and there are no departures. Bag-

I also learned that a steamer on an excursion sailed up to Onset recently, and would have landed her pas-sengers had the wharf been suitable or the condition such that her officers could have done so safely

such that her officers could have done so safely. I have seen various reports in the secular papers condemning the officers of said Association for not al-lowing the whart to be repaired; hence for the good of Onset and in justice to all concerned 1 called upon those officers and asked why they did not repair the whart or allow others to do so at their own expense. They seemed perfectly willing to answer my queries, and made a very plain statement, which, in trief, is as follows: We have ascertained that the portion of the whart which remains intact is nussed to '' patch

sea breeze. J. D. Stiles, of Weymouth, delivered the morning address. The alternoon services opened with choir singing, followed by an address by A. B. Tisdale, of Spring-field, who closed with a solo. The conference meeting in the evening closed the Camp.Meeting.

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Camp Meeting.

Many cottagers will remain a week longer at the grove.

## Sunapee Lake Camp-Meeting.

The meeting opened auspiciously on Sunday, July 20th. A fairer day never dawned upon the beautiful lake, and the excursionists coming from Concord, Claremont, Peterboro' and intermediate stations, en-Claremont, Peterboro' and intermediate stations, en-joyed the perfection of sailing upon the two splendid boats, "Edmund Burke" and "Armenia White." These boats, belonging to different companies, com-pete honorably for the business of the camp, and both are well patronized. The season of travel, owing to cool weather, has been back ward, but now the hoteis and cottages are rapidly filling up. The meeting opened with a song by the Fraternity Quartatte, composed of the well known professional artists of Boston, Mrs. N. W. Osborn, J. G. Osborn, W. H. Stedman aud W. N. Griggs, under direction of Mrs. Nettle Wentworth. The singing was admirable, and marked decided progress in musical rendering at Sunapee.

Sunapee. Dr. H. B. Storer. President of the Association, in its

Dr. n. b. storer, President of the Association, in its behalf, welcomed all to a participation in the varied exercises of the meeting, estimating the platform as its nucleus, where with candor and sincerity it was proposed to consider the principles of Nature and her divine revelations in a philosophical spirit, and where the great truth of the continuity of human life beyond the great would receive nucleus demonstration the great truth of the continuity of human life beyond the great evolut receive plactical demonstration through the psychic power of our mediums, of whom were now present Mrs. M. A. Chandler of Boston, Madam Snow of Springfield, and Mrs. Eunlee K. Mor gan of Vermont, all test mediums, and others would soon be here, as announced on the programme. He called attention to the BANNER OF LIGHT, the Al-cyone, and the World's Advance Thought, copies of which were on sale, together with the books and pam-phiets published by Colby & Rich, at the book table near the platform. After an invocation by Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, Dr. Storer delivered an address which held the close at-tention of the andlence, upon "The Identity of the Principles of Life, and Evolution in the Material and Spiritual Worlds." The address was fertile in illus-trations drawn from human experience in both spheres of being, demonstrating the absolute depend-ence of all races and individuals upon the contribu-tions of each, and all upon the conditions of external Nature. An increased audience assembled in the afternoon to greet Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, of Leominster, always a favorite here, and after the fine musical service of the choir, she gave an excellent discourse upon "Destruc-tion, Construction and Instruction, the Material of Negres he grave would receive practical demonstration

choir, she gave an excellent discourse upon "Destruction, Construction and Instruction, the Method of Na-ture and of Spiritualism."

ture and of Spiritualism." Madam Snow of Springfield then exercised her me-diumship, describing several spirits, giving names and former residences, all of whon were recognized. The Quartetie sang "Sweet and Low" without accompa-niment, and the first Sunday's exercises were closed. Louis Poole, violin soloist, and Fred Bennett, cornet-ist, both well known in Boston musical circles, are here to participate in the Saturday night entertain-ments throughout the meeting.

ments throughout the meeting. The singers all praise the beauty and pure air of Sunapee

Sunapee. The steamboats will run special excursions from Lake View and Sunapee Harbor to the camp for the dances on Thursday nights, and the entertainments on Saturday evenings. Thomas Burpee and wife were among the first to oc-cupy their pleasant cottage on the hillside. Morrill, the jovial barber, has attained to the digni-ity of a cottage, and the barber-shop is a lively institu-tion.

tion. Landlord Nelson, of the Forest House, sets an ex-

Hotel Onset.
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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Abbott, of Henry, III., are makness the former of a spastry cook.
Richardson's company of Fancy Glass Blowers give daily free exbibilitons, and their fragile wares find ready sale at their cottage, opposite the hotel.
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Harmony pervades the Camp and perce is within our borders.

ur borders. Director G. H. Whitney and wife, of Franklin, N. H.

The mistake in the excursion tickets from Franklin has been corrected, and they are now for sale at ad-

Madam Snow will receive at the Red, White and

Blue Cottage. The favors received from the Boston & Lowell Rail-

road and the two steamboat companies are appreciat-ed. We will all pull together, gentlemen, and Sunapee shall boom

shall boom. Secretary N. A. Lull and wife of Washington, and Mrs. Addle M. Stevens, have arrived at their cottage, and their efficient services will be welcome and helpful to the meeting. Mr. E. J. Durant, formerly active in Sunapee mat-ters, and with whom we parted in tears, fearing from his severe lilness that we should never see his genial face again, successfully made the trip to Passadena. Cal., and has not only entirely regained his health, but made a fortune as well. Mrs. Durant, if this is the outcome of the mind-cure, give us plenty of it. the outcome of the mind cure, give us plenty of it. All the girls are pleasantly remembered at the

All the girls are pleasantly remembered at the Camp. Aunt Fellows sits in the doorway of her cottage, while the flowers bloom around her. Her floral con-tributions to the platform are always welcomed and appreciated. On these cool evenings the ladies appreciate the fore in the partor

Clasma, Mrs. Glading and Dr. Merrill will give public stances in the pavillon. Saturday morning, July 28th, the ladles will hold a conference which will be per-sided over by Mrs. Bamuel Watson, and at which many topics relative to woman's work and general welfare will be discussed. The closing week reaches us all too soon, and the general expression is as said by the *Ewring Avies*, that the constanting increasing interest and attendance in-dicate that the meeting might be prolonged a month with profix, spiritually and financially. Mrs. Glading leaves for home Monday, the 80th. Her departure will be regretted, as she has made hosts of friends, while on the platform and off. Mr. Geo. A. Fuller, the new Becretary, will estab-lish his home here in January. Mr. Rothermel has held a large number of scances for materialization, to the satisfaction of many and the wonderment of all. Mrs. Clasna, the independent slate-writing medium from Closnati, has been everwhelmed with patrons and accomplished great good. X. Y. Z. July 20th.

Another correspondent, "Field," adds to the above Another correspondent, "Field," adds to the above: Thursday night a concert and literary entertainment. Friday night a grand séance in the Pavilion by Dr. Merrill, Mrs. Glanding, Mrs. Clasma and Dr. Rothermel, proved a great success. Mrs. Clasma obtained writing in closed slates before a committee under strict test conditione. Dr. Rothermel's light séance was enjoyed by all. He is certainly a most excellent medium. The Camp closed on Sunday, July 20th, with three sessions. The meetings have been enjoyed by all, and the Association has made progress toward achieving preater success in the future. A periusal of the following, from the writings of

The base of a built of the set of a built of the properties of all, and the Association has made progress toward achieving greater success in the future.
A perusal of the following, from the writings of Theo Katandri to The Evening Post of Cincinnati, will give some idea of the grandeur of the mountain trip to this camp-ground:

"A mule-car takes you at a lively gait from Chattanooga to the foot of Lookout Mountain. There a three-line incline with two cables takes you up the mountain side till you are as high up as the top of Price Hill, Cincinnati (four hundred feet); then, without stopping, it snakes you up twice as high as Price Hill; then, without stopping, it snakes you up twice as high as Price Hill; then, without stopping, it snakes you up twice as high as Price Hill; then, without stopping, it snakes you up twice as high as Price Hill; then, without stopping, it snakes you up the mountain the with two cables takes you up two bundred feet higher yet. You step off the car fourteen hundred and sixty feet above the level of the Tennessee River, which winds very circuitously through the valley at your feet. Musionary Ridge confronts you across the valley. The cloud scenery, especially on a day of storms, is grand and impresive beyond description. A modern hotel with three or four verandas around all four sides, its most enjoyable feature, occupies the point of the mountain and is making money at three dollars a day transient, or fifteen dollars by the week. A little narrow-gauge train every forty minutes takes you along the brow of the mountain to Sunset Park, and a walk of half-a-mile further through the woods and over the rocks takes you to the Natural Bridge and the Spiritualists' camp-ground."
The same correspondent of *The Post* writes as follows to that paper of a later date in regard to an interview held with Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond concerning the "claims and effects of Spiritualism': "Suppose that we concede to Spiritualism': "Hurde there of the theree of the reado

announcements of faith. That is one good thing Spiritualism is doing. It also assures us that our state and condition in the other world will depend upon our truthfulness or faisi-ity, our self-denial or selfshness, our love or bateful-ness in this life. Hence it offers inducements to lead worthy lives. It also assures us that we are watched in all our thoughts, words and deeds by a company of disembodied spirits, and it urges us to do good deeds by this powerful consideration.

In all our longing, wholes and it urges us to de good deeds of disembodied spirits, and it urges us to do good deeds by this powerful consideration." "What Scripture texts do the Spiritualists claim and most dilate upon?" "Try the spirits, whether they be of God." The incident of the woman of Endor, falsely quoted as "the witch of Endor," who brought up the spirit of Samuel; those passages in Paul's episites in which he speaks of spiritual gifts and describes just such exer-cises as the Spiritualists of to day have, such as the speaks of spiritualists of to day have, such as the speaks of spiritualists of to day have, such as the speaking with unknown tongues, the interpretation of tongues, the gifts of healing, the stift of prophecy, which phrase as used in the New Testament you, of course, know does not mean force-cling, but inspira-tional speaking. The appearance of Jesus to the dis-ciples after the dors were shut was a case of mate-rialization. The angel which wrestled with Jacob, the three angels which appeared to Abraham and even ate with him, are instances of materializatios.""

## Qassadaga Lake, N. Y.

The ninth annual meeting of the Cassadaga Lake Free Association opened Saturday, July 21st.

The attendance is larger than ever before at the same time of the season, and the prospects are that this year will surpass all previous ones in every way.

a brief, comprehensive and lucid discourse, and could bit be instingly effective. Mr. Hatter's scance following this lecture was every why a success, and bore atrong proof at every move of spirit-power. Tests after feets were given and rearghized. It did seem as though the spirits were bent on accomplishing mighty purposes, At any rate many an unexpecting one got such individ-ual proofs of spirit-presence as they never believed possible before. Many converts were made, and what by Miss Jennie B. Hagan's, Dr. H. P. Fairfield's and Mr. J. Frank Baxter's work, the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia has gained from un-looked-for attendants acquisitions to its membership - abd the end is not yet. The meetings continue into September. Mr. J. W. Fletcher is announced next. PHILOS.

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

I have just received my excursion tickets from Boston to Queen City Park, Burlington. I have four different tickets: No. 1, good via Fitchburg and Bellows

Falls, return the same route; No. 2, going via Fitch-Falls, return the same route; No. 2, going via Fitch-burg, Bellows Falls and Rutland, return via White River Junction, Concord and Lowell; No. 3, good via Lowell, Concord, White River Junction, return same route; No. 4, good to go via Lowell. Nashua, White River Junction, return via Rutland, Bellows Falls and Fitchburg. Nos. 3 and 4 good going until Sept. 10th, good to return on until Oct. 18th. Tickets Nos. 1 and 2 good going until Aug. 20th, good to return until Sept. 20th. To any one wishing to go to Queen City Park, I will forward one of these fickets by mail on receipt of

forward one of these tickets by mail on receipt of post office order for \$9,00. After Aug. 13th 1 will sell these tickets for \$8 00. No tickets can be bought at any of the ticket offices in Boston for less than \$12 00. I get these tickets at reduced rates by taking a large number of them. The best train to leave Boston is at

number of them. The best train to reave boston is at 8 A. M. I shall sell a ticket good from Lake Pleasant to Bur-lington and return by the way of Rutland or Windsor; with the last named route I can sell a separate licket for 75 cents extra, which takes in Sunapee Lake. This licket costs \$500, good from now till Sept. 20th. The Onset ticket I shall not sell this year. I shall have two special cars leave Lake Pleasant on the morning of Sept. 3d for Queen City Park, Burllogton. On this trip I shall sell the ticket for \$300, good to return on any day within two weeks, but good going only on that train. Brandon, Vt. President Queen City Park.

## Haslett Park, Mich.

The camp has been greatly improved since last summer; several new houses have been erected; the auditorium is completed, and will be dedicated on Sun-

day. There are many campers already on the ground -more than at the commencement of any other of our meetings. Herrick and Barnes, Dr. Schimmerhorn and wife. Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Mary A. Charter, Mrs. Dr. Jewett. and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley are among the mediums Present. Our opening day was a very rainy one, and the bad

weather necessarily interfered with our services; but as the country round about is very much in need of rain everybody was more than thankful to see it. rain everybody was more than thankful to see it. Numerous circles have been held, and this morning (Friday, July 27th) we have our first public meeting. There is every indication of the present being the largest meeting in the history of this camp. G. H. BROOKS.

## In Memory of Dr. Abbie E. Cutter.

Another earnest worker gone; another great soul obeys the call, "Come up higher," in the demise of Mrs. Cutter, late of Onset, Mass., who was extensively known as a physician, lecturer on the art of healing by electricity, etc. Not only was she eminently successful in her profession, but deeply interested in all questions pertaining to the mental and physical enfranchisement of humanity through the teaching of Spiritualism. She was earnestly outspoken and even fearless in the face of opposition when encountered in her great efforts to bring light and health to minds and bodies diseased. She was also an advanced thinker and an exponent of life in both worlds, as well we nee who has done much toward duranget

and bodies diseased. She was also an advanced thinker and an exponent of life in both worlds, as well as one who has done much toward demonstrat-ing the fact that the departed from earth life return and mingle with us here among the familiar scenes and experiences in which they formerly took part, and they come not only in the viewless forms which are unperceived by mortal eye, but through materiali-zation in temporarily improvised forms, of a texture which is recognized by the buman senses, thus dem-onstrating spirit return. Her efforts in the great work of alding spirit return were fittingly crowned with success; and more espe-cially was this the case toward the close of her use-ful life on earth, on the remarkable and memora-ble occasion of the funeral of her late husband, G. T. Cutter, who departed this life April 1st, 1887. He hav-ing requested before his death that an opportu-nity should be given him to manifest at his fu-neral, the usual conditions and arrangements were made for a kance on that occasion, and Mr. Cutter was enabled to present himself in materialized form, so as to be clearly recognized beside the casket con-taining the worn out body, while speaking words of good cheer to the friends left behind.

so as to be clearly recognized beside the casket con-taining the worn out body, while speaking words of good cheer to the friends left behind. May 28th 1888, the family and a few friends of this noble woman and true reformer, Mrs. Cutter, gath-ered at her island home to perform the last sad rites to the mortal tenement which she had so suddenly exchanged for the immortal. She also, by the ald of materialization, was enabled to take a prominent part in the impressive services at her funeral, a brief account of which will be hereionafter given. Mrs. Dr. Cutter expressed her wish to family and

the wharf which remains intact is unsafe to " patch " in the way proposed, and that the Association uid be responsible for damage to human life in case yould be reap

would be responsible for damage to human life in case an accident should occur. They did not wish to "patch up" such a dilapidated wharf; they had requested and received an estimate from reliable parties, and the report was that the low-est price at which it could be reparted to be made safe would be six hundred dollars. The Association had not the money to spare to invest in a wharf which had not the most realized for it much profit or benefit not in the past realized for it much profit or benefit, but its representatives were willing that the shatter-ed structure should be rebuilt if it could be done in a ed structure should be rebuilt if it could be done in a satisfactory and substantial manner. They had in-tended to rebuild it ere this time with the money that was to come from the disposal of four lots of land which they advertised, but had been prevented from selling by an injunction from State officials at the re quest of interested parties in Onset. I was further informed that the officials were work-ing under legal advisement for the interest of Onset, and the slockholders as well as cottage owners.

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I was given to understand that the resources of On set Bay Grove Association-received from taxes and privileges-were not sufficient to pay the necessary expenses, to say nothing of repairs of the wharf, and until something could be done to the wharf that will make its use safe, and remove all danger to human life, the officers would allow the wrecked landing-place to remain in its present condition. Allusion was made in our conversation to the recent accident on the Fitchburg railroad wharf, where life was de-stroyed, and the statement made that they did not propose to run any such risk of life and property with-out having some responsible guaranty for damage in case any accident occurred. set Bay Grove Association-received from taxes and case any accident occurred.

From what I gathered from them I have not the slightest doubt that they would be willing the old wharf should be repaired provided a bond could be given that would protect the Association from any damage that might occur; but thus far none has been offered, and all that has been done has been the ut-terance of promises to pay certain amounts to put the wharf in shape for what they regard as temporary use; no guaranty being presented to the Association for the safety of the public, or that it shall be held harmless in case of damages arising from actdent. harmless in case of damages arising from accident

Readers can draw their own conclusions as to wheth-er the representatives of the Association would, unr the representatives of the Association would, un-er such conditions, be justified by the stockholders the public in borrowing money to rebuild the wharf t this time. I have the best good of Onset at beart, ithough I have not a dollar of financial interest in it, snce can have no object in misrepresenting the case of the watands. as it now stands. July 25th, 1888. COM.

Mrs. C. E. Gilbert, of Washington, D. U., has been Mrs. C. E. Gilbert, of Washington, D. C., has been staying at the Pratt Cottage, Onset, for the past few weeks. She is a prominent worker for and among the children and various societies engaged in the tem-perance reform—speaking on the subject in various places. She is a lady of much mental calibre, and speaks with ease and to the purpose. The following resolutions were unanimously passed, and tendered to Mrs. Gilbert, at an informal social of the friends heid at the cottage of Mrs. M. S. Wood, on the evening of the light of July: of the 19th of July

of the 19th of July: Resolved, That we welcome Mrs. Gilbert to Onset with our warmest sympathles, and trust she will feel "at home" among us in the true sense of those words. Resolved, That in the great mission of temperance re-form we recognize a work which lies at the foundation of all goed and true society, and which calls fortk the largest and best sympathles of all who have foil and enjoyed fami-ly thes; and we trust that the heart, the brain and the tongue of Mrs. Gilbert will be touched with spiritual fro while pleading the cause of purity and temperance. The Register at Headquarters shows that people from all portfous of the United States are visitors at Onset.

Jennie R. O'Brien, Passadena, Cal., and Sarah M. Sawyer, Omaha, Neb., are among the attendants al this camp. Annie C. Macauley, from Nova Scotla, in also at Onset.

Anderson and wife, of Hartford, Conn., are

N. B. Anderson and wife, of Hartford, Conn., are dwellers at present here. (Lapt. Wm. A. Atkins, of Provincetown, having "ocreened" his fine cottage against the mosquitoes, now takes comfort in reading the news. He says he commences reading the BANNER of LIGHT at the beginning-and goes all the way through it-and

beginning-abd kees at the way through it-and greatly appreciates it. James U. Johnson and Henry White from Spring-field, Mass., are spending some time here, and appear to enjoy the place. In my report concerning the thirty persons from St.

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success, and the evidence of an increase of increase in the philosophy is seen on every hand. There are more mediums here than ever before, and they are having plenty of business. Spiritualism is being re-duced to a science. The morning of Sunday opened fair and with Na-ture at her best. At the auditorium gathered an au-dience of about one thousand. The following exer-cises were rendered: Singing by quartette, under di-rection of Prof. 18. Buillowing market. "Beau

class were rendered: Singing by quarterfe, under di-rection of Prot. J. R. Billingham, of Saratoza, "Beau-tifuiCity." Invocation by Prof. W. G. Haskell, of Phila-delphia, followed by address upon this topic: "The Mission of Spiritualism." This was suoplemented with an address by Dr. T. A. Bland, of Washington, D. C., upon "Organization." The alternoou exercises were preceded by the ren-dering of a programme by the band. Prof. Billing-ham then sung the solo." Just as I am." The ad-dress was by Prof. W. G. Haskell, upon "The Re-ligions of the World" and "The Relation of Spirit-ualism." ualism. ualism." Platform descriptions of much interest were given by Dr. Fred Crockett, of Boston. A. E. Tisdale and Fannie Davis Smith will speak next Sunday.

NOTES. Doctors Andrus and Carradice, of Jacksonville, Florida, are located at the Star Coltage on Montague street. As disciples of Jsculaplus these laddes bave acquired something of renown. They will remain

through the season The predictions about a big camp meeting are be

ing fulfilled. The train service is now all that can be desired. See time-tables of the Fitchburg Railroad for trains to

Cake Pleasant. The following are at the hotel: C. R. Gannon, Bos-on; A. S. Kennear, Cleveland, Ohio; F. A. Moore, Koston; C. S. Simpson, Onset Bay; M. S. Bruce, M. D., Brattleboro, Vt.; B. S. Chase, Boston; E. R. Spear, Chicago; Thomas G. Munster, S. A. Neill and wife, Boston; Dr. Pierce and daughter, Springfield; C. H. Cole, New York; Mrs. Guild, Mrs. Kelley, Boston; Mr. Charles DeWitt, Newton, Kansas; Mrs. A. A. Bickneil, Worcester; Charles G. Cole, Bennington, Vt; F. Schoffeld, Norwich, Ct.; W. G. Haskell, Phila-delphia; G. H. Jacobs, Chochmalt : J. R. Billmapham. Lake Pleasant. elphia; G. H. Jacobs, Chelmall; J. R. Billingham, aratoga; C. A. Smith, E. H. Raynes, Boston; D. nyder, Saratoga; Timothy Payson, Mt. Lebanon, laratoga

Mr. A. E. Tisdale and Mrs. Fannle Davis Smith will be the speakers next Sunday. A balloon, ascension is among the extra attractions

n prospective. In the absence of speaking the band has given con-

certs of a very fine order. Mrs. Sue B. Fales, at her symposium on Montague

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street, is as prophetic as ever. The address of Prof. Haskell was fine and of much interest. Prof. Billingham manages the musical exercises with skill and to good acceptance. A well defined policy is shaping itself relative to the future of these meetings. Evening entertainments in Association Hall will be a special feature of this session. Prof. A. H. Huse is at his old place on Montague street.

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street. 8: flor Aurello Ceruelos, of Cuba, is a fine planist. The following programme on Subday was rendered by the Worcester Cadet Band:

by the Worcester Cadet Band: Morning-March, "Coronation," Meyerbeer; Over-ture, "Raymond," Ambros Thomas; "A Day in Camp," Reeves; Serenade, "Espagnole," Reeves. Noon-Overture, "Merry Wives," Nicolai; Concert Polka, Three Star, by Mr. Pilete, Bagley; "Reminis-cences of Weber," Weber; Pilgilm's Song of Hope, Batiste

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Batiste. Evening — Graud Selection, "From Opera Bal Masque," Verdi; "Neu Wein," Strauss; "Schubert's Serenade" (Euphonium Solo), by Mr. Powell, Sohu-bert; Hunting Scene, descriptive of a hunt in Scot-land — The morn is breaking—Gathering of the Clans— The Chase- Galloping of horese—Barking of hounds— Chorus—"A Hunting We Will (40," Bucalossi; Para-phrase, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Reeves. This organization is in much favor with the people here.

here. The matter of mediumship is being discussed with

more interest than ever before at this camp. People are arriving from all parts of the United States, and the predictions of a lew weeks ago are ulfilled

Watkins, the slate-writer, is having quite an int of business. Mr first grand illumination of the grounds will be

on Saturday evening, Aug. 11th. Several special en-tertainments are being arranged for that date. Lake Pleasant, Mass., July 20th, 1888. J. M. Y.

## Ocean Grove, Mass.

Sunday, July 29th, proved an auspicious occasion at the Harwich Port Camp-Meeting. The heavy rains of the previous days served to make the driving perfectly free from dust, the air was cool, the sky clear, and nothing was wanting to make the day successful. There were thousands of people to enjoy the cool

fire in the parlor

Mr. Stedman's magnificent rendering of "The Lost hord" was a fine feature of Sunday's exercises. All the latest dance music will be performed at the Chord dances.

A pleasant incident occurred on Sunday, being the A pleasant incident occurred on Sunday, being the unexpected visit of a Boston party who are summering at Sutton, seven miles from the camp, among whom was Prof. Longley, of musical fame, Miss M. T. Shel-hamer, the distinguished medium of the Banner Cir-cles, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hatch, Jr., and Mrs. Billings, daughter of Col. Crockett, President of the Onset Bay Circue Association Grove Association. SUNAPEE.

## Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

On the morning of the fourth Sunday (July 22d), Dr. Samuel Watson was the speaker. He gave his audience a discourse upon " The Harmony of Spiritualism with the Bible," which for depth of thought and an with the Bible," which for depth of thought and an earnestness of expression has not been surpassed by any one who has addressed us. He claimed Spirit-ualism to be a practical demonstration of Bible truths in their strictest and purest sense. Every one who heard him appreciated his remarks, and gained a vast deal of instruction. The clairvoyant exercises of Mrs. A. M. Glading that succeeded the lecture were of a superior quality, and held the deep attention of the andience throughout their continuance.

audience throughout their continuance. In the afternoon George A. Fuller was introduced by the presiding officer as "the talented silver tongued orator of the spiritual platform," a compliment that his effort that followed to interest and enlighten the audience upon things spiritual proved him entitled to receive. Previous to the lecture Mrs. McCann of New Orleans saug in a very creditable manner a song which served to harmonize the assembly. Mr. Fuller an-mounced as the theme of his discourse the promise of Jesus: "And I will send you another comforter, and it shall be the light of truth." Following the lecture Mr. H. F. Merrill and Mr. Rothermel gave clairvoyant descriptions, in the course of which Mr. M. addressed a stranger in a distant part of the audience, gave him a stranger in a distant part of the audience, gave him the names of and messages from his wife and children the names of and messages from his wife and children in spirit life, closing by saying to him: "I see you as you are coming to the mountain, and I see you stoop down and pick up a bright red leaf and put it in your pocket; and then a little further on I see you just before you get to the incline station, and there a little child has dropped a small package, and I see you pick it up and put it into your pocket, and I look into that package and I see that it contains five smow-white shells. Am I right, friend?" At this juncture the party addressed arose and took from his coat-pocket articles answering precisely the descriptions. and at articles answering precisely the descriptions, and at the same time telling Dr. Merrill that he did not wish

the same time telling Dr. Morrill that he did not wish to hear any more to convince him of the truth. In the evening the platform was occupied by Mrs. A. M. Glading as the speaker. She fully sustained the good reputation she has established here as an able expounder of the truth as it is his piritualism, and supplemented her lecture upon "Resist the devil and be will flee from you," with excellent tests. Monday morning, July 23d, the mediums held the closing meeting of a series which has from the first proved of great interest and spiritual profit to them, mutually developing their various gifts and recuper-ating their mental and physical energies. Mrs. Glad-ing, Mrs. Claney, Mr. Merrill and Mr. Rothermel participated in the exercises. In the evening Geo. A. Fuller spoke on "The Resurcetion," imparting to his hearers views thereof, as may naturally be in-ferred, altogether different from those of popular re-ligious teachings.

igious teachings. Tuesday, July 24th, a conference was held in the norning. Mrs. Glading occupied an hour in giving an account of how she became a Spiritualist and me dium, after having been for years a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Rothermel described his ex-

This morning, Wednesday, July 25th, a conference will be held; and this even in address by Dr. Galagours, and will be held; and this evening an address will be given by Dr. Watson, questions replied to by Mr. 2 Fuller and Mrs. Glading, closing with tests by various mediums. On the morning of Thursday, 26th, Mrs. A. M. Glading will deliver the last week-day discourse. In the alternoon a meeting for colored people will be held, At night an address by Dr. G. A. Fuller. On Frider and Mrs. Glading, dooling with tests by various in the alternoon a meeting for colored people will be held. At night an address by Dr. G. A. Fuller. On Frider and manual meeting, with Dr. Samuel ju Watson presiding. At night Dr. Rothermel, Mrs. 1

there is great activity all over the Camp, and many noticeable improvements have been made.

The celebrated Northwestern Band, of Meadville, Is engaged for the season and its excell engaged for the season, and its excellent music enliv-ens the meetings and brings a cheerful atmosphere to the Camp

the Gamp. Congregational singing has been introduced, under direction of Prof. W. F. Peck, of Boston, and is prov-ing very beneficial in giving unity of feeling and sen-timent to the meetings. The Children's Lyceum is in charge of Mrs. C. W.

Tillinghast, and the work is going on nicely, to the great benefit of those engaged. Friday morning is to be given to the children

be given to the children. Thus far lectures have been given by Walter How-ell. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, J. C. Street, and Miss Jennie B. Hagan. Various phases of mediumship are represented on the grounds, and the opportuni-ties for investigation of the phenomena were never better than at present. W. A. Mansheid is giving scances for slate-writing, and has all the visitors he can attend to

M.A. Antibierd is giving scanded for state-writing, and has all the visitors he can attend to. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond held a reception at the Skidmore cottage last evening. The parlors were filled with appreciative listeners to the wisdom and poetry of the controlling intelligences. Questions were asked and satisfactorily answered, and a num-ber of poetic character delineations were given by "Outpat." Ontna

It natural scenery has any effect upon the developnent of spiritual powers, the dwellers at Cassadaga bught to attain a high degree of spiritual unfoldment. Nature has done all in her power to give the teach-Nature has done all in her power to give the teach-ings promulgated from the platform their highest potency. The beautiful lake, on which rest the shad-ows of the clouds, seems a symbol of the pure waters of truth. The air is as pure and sweet as a breath from heaven. The cool alsies of the woods, with the sunlight streaming down through the tree tops, seem a very paradise, and the reverent soul can hear the voice of God in the rustling of the leaves. The very air seems vibrant with the presence of spirits, and there is an exaitation in simply breathing the sweet breach of the woods. When the natural charms of such a favored spot are considered, in connection with the excellent programme of lectures and other exercises, it is difficult to imagine how any one who believes in the principles represented here can be lieves in the principles represented here can be persuaded to remain away a single day of the season GRAPHO

## Parkland Camp, Pa.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

Mr. J. Frank Baxter came to Parkland Camp on the vening of Saturday, July 21st, and was welcomed on every hand. The next day, Sunday, dawned rather dubiously, as the weather was lowering, but the fog went down" instead of "up," a "sure sign," the local weatherwise said, of a clear day; and so it proved, for after nine o'clock a lovelier day never

proved, for after nine o'clock a loveller day never was. A brass band on the "Camp Lawn" discoursed beautiful music for an hour, while the people assem-bled from near and far, by carriage and by trains. At 10:30 the camp-bell sounded the service hour, and a large audience assembled in the shady auditorium as another band, an orchestra, from the platform sent through the grove its melodious stralus. At 11 o'clock began congregational singing, followed by a rich poem and solo by Mr. J. Frank Baxter, after which the Chairman formally introduced him as the lecturer. Mr. Baxter announced his theme as "Spir-itualism and Morality vs. Spiritists and their Morals." a most thely subject, and, in view of the recent criti-cisms of the New York and Philadelphia press, incited by the late Diss Debar trial, and the tirade of a local clergyman, the occasion was most opportune. The by the late Diss Debar trial, and the tirade of a local clergyman, the occasion was most opportune. The position was manly, the arguments conclusive, the thoughts trenchant, the manner vigorous, and the in-fluence powerful. We could but think now deplor-able it is that public prejudice is so great, that such thoughts as Mr. Baxter's and other of our lecturers and writers cannot stand slide by side with those of a Taimage and his like, that all who read may see and judge. But, as Mr. Baxter remarked, "There is no body of people who can better afford to wait than the Spiritualists."

Spirituanes." The noon trains brought loads more of visitors, and a vast company listened to the music and lecture of the afternoon. Mr. Baxter's atternoon subject was "Axlomatic Truism vs. Theoretical Dogmatism," and went to show on what Spiritualism was founded-practically knowledge and facts - as beside the ground-work of theology, viz., speculation and faith. It plain-ly showed, also, why the Spiritualists' position was a positive one, and why the teachings of Spiritualism must necessarily be more or less independent. It was

Mrs. Dr. Cutter expressed her wish to family and friends some time previous to her passage to splitt-life as to the manner of her funeral services, which were carried out as nearly as possible according to her desires.

The services at Mrs. Cutter's funeral were con-The services at Mrs. Cutter's funeral were con-ducted in the usual form of a scance for materializa-tion, Mrs. M. K. Williams, of New York, so well known as a medium for the above phase of manifes-tation, being present. Time and space will not permit the giving of all de-tails, therefore I briefly mention only the more promi-nent features. After singing, Spirit Dr. Holland, who conducts Mrs. Williams's scances, being in ma-terialized form socked from the activation on the section.

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hent features. After singing, Spirit Dr. Holland, who conducts Mrs. Williams's scances, being in ma-terialized form, spoke from the cabinet as follows. "My Friends-You now feel that you are standing amild the shadows; but the vell is so thin that the anget mother is with you to minister to her children. She is in your milds to bless you with her presence, and says there is much she would do, and the time will come when she can work from her new sphere without being transmeised by mortality. Oh: my friends, hers was a node sooil, and the capacity for work in the great cause she had espoused was surprising. The many obstacles she encountered in her pathway, and overcome, have developed her powers, and she stands be-fore you to-day a ful and rounded out soul. There are scenes of joy when the risen soul returns for the first time and makes its presence a reality to those who are left on the earth-plane, to assure them of their contin-ued ministrations, although invisible to mortal sight, and that they leave the glad scenes of their new life to be pres-ent with you, and bapilze your sonis with the glory with which they are surrounded. Oh yes, the one you loved is still with you, and her mortare with unever forsake you. Infinoriality is dem-onstrated when the mother rolurns in angel-form aod asks you to think no more of that which is covered in dark-ness, but turn your attention to the light. You are truly blessed when you appreciate the fact that the spirit can stand boside the mortal form from which it has been released—you are indeed baptized in the light of fod's revelation. This dear spirit assures her children that she will remain with them after the form is hone away, and desfres them not to think of or mourn for the earthly tabernacle. She will speak to them soul to soul. The curtain shall be drawn aside while she will come very near and find a home in your hearts. Oh: friends, though we would so gladly welcome her here as she was, we would so gladly welcome her here as she was and dantor by near spirit

for you shall still feel the presence of mother and friend. At the close of these remarks the curtain of the cab-inet parted, and Mrs. Cutter, clothed in spirit form, stood for a moment in plain view, with light sufficient for all in the room to fully recognize her. Moving forward to where her family were sitting, she ex-tended her hands as in the act of a mother's benedic-tion, and exclaimed: "My boys! my boys!" Evi-dently overcome with emotion, she stepped back a little to where rested the casket containing her tene-ment of clay. Laying her hand thereon she ex-claimed, "Think not of the dead, but the living"; af-ter which she returned to the cabinet for renewed strength. It was hoped she would be able to return to us again, but the uniavorable conditions prevented. Besides the family there were a considerable num-ber of friends who had known Mrs. C. Intimately for years, all of whom fully recognized her in spirit-form, as they attest by the signatures appended.

years, all of whom fully recognized her in spirit-form, as they attest by the signatures appended. After further remarks by Dr. Holland, Spirit J. M. Roberts (formerly editor of *Mind and Matter.*) also presented bimself in full form, calling a number of the friends to the cabinet, while he conversed with them in full view. No one who ever saw him in earth-life could have failed to recognize him. B. B. HILL. B. B. The pames of the fire do have the set hed

P. 8.—The names of the friends herewith subscribed were among those who were present at Mrs. Cutter's funeral, and thus testify as to the facts of the phe-nomena which occurred on that occasion : Ohas. Cut-ter, Boston, Mass., H. B. Cutter, Philadelphis, Pa., (Horge Cutter, Boston, Mass., Wr. O. Cutter and wife, Wareham, Mass., Margaret Cutter, Somerville, Mass., Mrs. J. C. Vose, Boston, Mass., Mr. C. D. Grenall and wife, London, Eng., B. H. Bourne, Wareham, Mass., Mr. D. N. Ford, Onset, Mass., Mr. Charles Lack, Mrs. N. E. O. Hill, B. B. Hill, Philadelphia, Pa. P. S .- The names of the friends herewith subscribed

## The Indiana Association

Of Spiritualists meets at 10 A.M. Sept. 13th in Westorfield's Hall, Andorson, Ind. All will be made welcome, and an excellent treat is in store for those who attend. We do hope all Indiana Spiritualists will be there. GRO. W. HUNTER, See'y. DR. BECK, Delphi, Ind. Indianapolis, Ind.