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The Spiritual Rostrum,

Some Experiences in Earth and Spirit-Life of the Speaking Control of J. J. Morse.

Given at the Request of Numerous Friends, at Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, Cal., Sunday Evening, May 20th, 1888.

(Reported for the Banner of Light by G. H. Hawes, ;

The request has been preferred to us that we would place before you some of the experiences we have encountered alike while clothed with career of human kind, toward which you are all traveling. Much as we dislike to indulge in matters that strictly pertain to our own personal experience, yet at the same time we cannot refrain from meeting the request that has been placed before us, as by so doing we are assured we shall give decided pleasure to many of the earnest and noble souls that have favored us with their attention in this building for so many months past. This, then, is our excuse and our applogy for dealing with matters that are strictly personal. If, when we have done with the little that we can possibly tell you in the time at our disposal, you shall say that you are pleased, and perchance a little before you, our recompense will be complete,

Vast, indeed, as you know the land is, containing something like one-twelfth of the inhabit ants of the earth, having millions of square over so wide an area containing so many different characteristics, and still feeling the effects of many errors handed down from barbaric times, it is easy enough for those untrained in the ways of thought peculiar to so great a country, and not knowing all its peculiarities, to come to the rash conclusion that all of its people are paganish, heathenish, barbarous and ignorant. Time will do our nation justice, and wiser

sense and deeper counsels prevailing in those who claim to be so very exalted will, we think, put a different complexion upon the history of the land as you understand it, even now.

Pardon us one word more. So much of the history of the land which you have received has filtered through partisan and opposing rewith the idiosyncrasies and personalities of the scarcely be considered an accurate presentation of the people, their customs and religion. We took at last an official place in the Second Rank of what you know as the civil mandarins of the country; mandarin being only a term to describe the conditions of rank. We

were married, and severed that much, in consequence of our marriage, our connection with the home. Our parents passed to the abode to their memories, and rendered in after years

Life differed but very little with us from the life | rolled away. that others lived in similar positions; we fulfilled our duty, and those of you who know

difference : principals were held to a strict acfrom pure official action. Our place was, perchance, a little more onerous than that which officials occupy among yourselves.

Age advanced, and we found our labors inthat had shared our life had passed away from in the world beyond.

the realms of mortal life, leaving a vacancy,

of the pulse quieted and still, lying there with blood you have not felt for many hours before, too indifferent to disturb the sweet repose, and the realm of the spiritual life itself. that burst over our consciousness as we returned to life and found presently that we had exchanged the lower life of earth for the upper life of the spirit, as you understand it to day. Presently the sound of voices in low murmur broke upon our ear, and soon we were able to gaze around us, and by our side we saw the father and the mother, the honorable pirents whose excellent memories we had preserved and revered, whose gentleness and love had been to us as the summer sunshine out of winter's cold, as the warm rain of the early springligious channels, that it is largely tinctured time to the bleak and parched earth. Their welcome to the new comer and words of affecpeople who have given it to you, and it can | tionate regard were such that would in their sweet purity have revived the very dead them-

selves. And then looking into the throng that greeted us, one sweet face that was to us, perhaps, fairor and better than all, met us with the old the wife that we had loved welcomed us with the warm affection that beats in every woman's launched. heart, let the color of her skin be white or rad of the blessed. We erected shrines and tablets or black or yellow. Her fair face and loving determined that England would be the best One little incident, perhaps of interest to all those solemn rites and observances which that time to this a loving inspiration that has commence our labors upon, for reasons that are number of you in this large audience, who are are due from the children to the parents, grown brighter and sweeter as the times have

to order their careers beyond. While it is not needful that you altogether use your time for the worship of your departed ancestors, and should not lay too much stress upon what the

preasing and accumulating, but realized that | future life may be, yet if you have any compreat last the day would soon decline, the sun hension of the universal power of being at would no more shine upon the river's bank for | least you can trust that that which does so well us. The white flower from the blossoming tree | for you here on earth, will also be in you: favor

We found ourselves sucrounded by our own permit us to say, that none other ever filled, people, by the old familiar circumstances, the [tent excellencies, added to by the advantages; bearing far more active part in the labors of Time flowing on, the end came nearer and old familiar faces, even the dwelting places of other nations, which shall make it once these controls and lactures, as you call them, nearer still. We had no fear of the future; like unto those of earth, but vasily brighter (a, ain a truly great and powerful people on the than you are at all aware of. He has been a edified, by what it will be our privilege to place what Buddhist has? The present was occupied and superior to those we had known. Our face of the globe. Hence, then, we took our most faithful worker, a most honest spirit, a in the due fulfillment of the duties devolving travels, however, never to kus beyond the Provideourse in the direction stated. To do this, most loving and true-minded friend,

vine-you who have passed through these things pardon the digression, that the coming of Mod- the billows of uncertainty and misfortune; it can realize something of the languor and ease | ern Spiritualism some forty years ago on the | seemed that the life was going to be wrecked than half one hundred years.

ing; it inspired us and appealed to us, and we been otherwise. humbly urged our competency to be associated

wholly lost consciousness, but have presently | when something like a hundred years ago we | of the genial surroundings vanished like an ilrevived with the fever gone and the mad racing learned that a definite purpose was being lusion of the senses, leaving only their roseate evolved in certain sections of the spirit life for hue upon them, and the harsh pange of povermiles, and some hundreds of millions of people a delicious case upon you, a coolness in the opening up again absolute communication with ty and all that poverty meant came upon him. enlightened nations, as they were called, and He obtained an education that would not rank with the ordinary common school in your enjoying it as something all beauteous and di-) You must understand, friends, and you must country; was buffeted from place to place on material plane, was preceded by a compara- entirely and the young man would have no tively speaking, long and anxious period of ob- place or use in the world at all. But all these servation and inquiry upon the part of enlight- | were but preliminary and preparatory for purened spirits in the spirit-world, who carefully poses that we on the spirit-side were directing considered each step, examined every possibil- to their proper issue, and in due time the ice ity, and, as wisely as they could, ultimately was melted, the waters welled up, and the meconcerted upon the methods whereby the dium, as the world says, dawns upon the stage. wondrous upheaval you are acquainted with Then, finding care and comfort from the spiritshould be projected into mortal life and work | side and loving friends upon the mortal side, the strange results that you have seen it ac- and one, also, who through the weary years of complish within the narrow compass of less labor has stood a constant comfort, the loving, faithful wife eased the path and rendered the This was to us a most important undertak- | years of toil smoother than they could have

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By this agency and these means we entered in some capacity with the great and glorious into the great work that we realized the neceswork that we foresaw would be ultimately ac- i sity of doing well high one hundred years ago. complished. Our wish was granted, and we | You who have heard us, and almost all the civlabored as a faithful subordinate with the hosts | ilized countries of the world where our teachon the other side, and asked that we might find ings and our words have gone, must be the familiar smile, with the old sweet regard, and the road whereby we could become an active ' judges of the value of the work that we have worker in the great enterprise soon to be | e-sayed to do. The very most, in all humility, we would say concerning it is that we have

In looking over the nations of civilization we condeavored to do the best we could. hands greeted us again, and have been from and most favorable varitage ground for us to you, may be here stated. There are a great not pertinent to the present subject nor neces- acquainted with the spirit who controls our olled away. Thus, friends, was our passage through the labor from that point of view. You will real "The Strolling Player." This is a friend of world upon the mortal side, the method of our i member we have already stated to you that we jou(s); yea, more than that, one we are proud something of what official life is may well con-) departure from it, and the circumstances of our | did not see it practicable to commence with to call our brother. In sorrow and in angula h flesh, and since our entrance into the second ceive the kind of life that was ours, with this first entrance into the spirit life. What had we our own nation, but as the English nation with i we encountered him many years ago, just after to fear? Nothing. The same wise providence others-the Portuguese and the French-have his entrance into the spiritual state. Life had countability for all the observances of life apart that can order the lives of men may be trusted been for the past generations quietly infiltrating been hard and troublous with him; tate had their customs and thought into the nation so seened to turn against him at every step un th long closed to them, we saw that, indirectly, the ending of his life. Seeing that there was we should be helping to bring on the storm that within him that was truly great as the;e which will yet break down every barrier of (is within you all), we did the little that we national seclusion, moral and spiritual barriers (could to relieve the gloom under which he tar more dangerous and difficult to be scaled i labored, and to bring to life again those exceland removed than the celebrated wall, of which [lencies of character which those who know him you have heard so much, and which when re- | upon our side esteem him so highly for. And moved would infiltrate the nation's life with a be, for some seventeen years, has been the new power, and bring to life again all the lass faithful spirit laborer working with us, and

and all the facts that we can offer will be justly due to you.

Our experiences in the mortal life date a long way back-as mortal time would have it, nearly three hundred years ago. When we first appeared upon the stage of mortality, in the imperial city of Pekin, those who were our parents little thought that in after-ages their child would stand in a position to give instructions to those whom it was the fashion of its people in former times to consider as a barbarous people, beyond the planes of culture and of kindness. Yet, so curiously does fate work, that that seemingly impossible and improbable result has been arrived at, for reasons and by causes that we will briefly advert to later on.

Trained in our early youth in those moral precepts that one of the grandest of men has handed down to humanity-one of the purest and most earnest of mankind, whose wise and philosophic savings have been remembered and _pot frequently excelled in after-time-we gradually grew in all those excellencies which were considered and esteemed fitting for one of the station in which your narrator was born.

The Five Classics gave us so much of history, so much of strange and solemn mystery, and also led us carefully to the study of those poetic effusions that are considered so essential to the due and proper cultivation of refined intelligence, and also to a due observance of the ceremonies proper to every condition of life, as laid down in the Book of Ceremonies. You will pardon us for saying so, but, absorbing the wisdom of the sages, whom we reverence still, we gradually unfolded mentally and morally, and learned to render that due respect and obedience which were then inculcated as proper to be rendered to the various orders of society that existed in our land.

The Emperor, Kea-tsing, was the ruling power at the time we speak of, and our parents-to whom in blessed honor we always strove to render that filial obedience so truly due to the authors of our physical existence, and which even now we see no reason to withhold-earnestly desired that we might attain to some social eminence in the labors of our empire. So in due course of time we passed through the local colleges, and, meeting our examinations therein successfully, we were enabled to proceed to the Imperial City, and by-and-bye, in due process of time, passed all the examinations in the highest institutions of learning, and were fitted for a place in official life.

Doubtless, as you know, our people of the oft-called Flowery Kingdom, known to you as China, esteem education and moral culture frame and nursed it to eternal rest. and intellectual refinement as among the highest of the graces that pertain to life. It is a common supposition, we know, to esteem us deep unconsciousness prevailed; and then a as pagans, ignorant and barbaric; a great mis- strange sensation of awakening life began to take, to say nothing of injustice. The followers of the Buddha can scarcely be considered as | the we began to have a strange and yet familiar inferior in intellectual culture and ability, and sensation. We felt that we were removed, but the records of our own land, when truly read how or where it seemed that we were just too and understood, will, we think, certainly com- indifferent to discover. You who have been | concrete States suffer from. So, as a consepare favorably with those of any other coun- exceeding sick unto death's golden door, and in quence of this, we began to counsel with

upon us; the past was, comparatively, without incowhere we were born; but all we bidb; ther

township within a two days' journey from the justice that only partisanship can possibly excuse. We cannot claim to any great honor be- clearly brought out, seemed to shine the vond our position of the Second Class that we have referred to; no great memory clings about In which we read their precious tracings. us for the tasks we performed here on earth: and little thought we then of the complications as it is for most tolerably well-ordered lives and relationships that would little by little at- | when they first enter into the second state tach themselves to the land we yet love.

> So the end at last came. One sweet, calm. the hills, the poor tired body that had been racked with fever's fires grew wondrous quiet;

the leaping pulses, like excited, racing steeds.

which, dimly perceived in the far distance, opened invitingly to the astonished gaze. And then when the glory of the sun was extinguished in the deepening of the evening, the highway vanished and the sea was gone;

deepening to a black intensity, gradually descended.

Then, when the darkness had grown its deepest, and all outward sounds and sighs were | tried from that time to this to present. hushed and lost, it seemed that the glory that up before an inner face, and then flaming forth a moment in the glorious divinity of spiritual beauty, beyond all power of words to describe, it vanished. With its going there went all the material sensation and outward consciousness

and life; a sleep, the deep untroubled quietness of the sleep of death, lay hold of the weary

How long in minutes or seconds, it would be impossible to say, but not so very long, this

regret, and so we faced the coming of the end to been familiar with stood these revealed to with the calmness of perfect trust. And yet us again, beautified, and -shall we call it -spir Christian apologists tell you that our people itualized. And the old classics were there in are so indifferent to death because they have wondrous collections ; there were the spiri-ual no sense of what lies beyond it. This is an in- counterparts of all and more than we had pre-

viously known, and their deeper meaning, more brighter and the fairer in the new atmosphere

Life was quiet and happy, simple and restful, But presently for all such lives there begins an

unrest. The soul of man calls for action, and beauteous eve, as the sun sank to rest behind man must be up and doing sooner or later; eternal pleasure will not satisfy the soul. Whither, then, should we direct our efforts, became the first inquiry. We counselled with at last became still; a strange quiet, unlike our family and friends, with teachers whom we aught that had ever before been felt, stole in had known while on earth, and for a time were upon us, and a delicious restful ease spoke of content to pursue studies in accord with the freedom from every ache and pain. There | opinions distinctly and pecullarly belonging to were friends around us, who, knowing that the | our own country. But after a while we began end was coming, felt grieved to lose our visi- to realize that, great as was our own land and ble presence, though fully trustful that it was numerous its people, there were other lands only the outer garment that would cease to be and other people who were part and parcel of amongst them. Then the quietness deepened the one great family, and the discovery dawned still to a well-nigh solemn hush; as the sun upon us that the rivalry and differences of sank lower and the rays of his departing glory States and nations would ultimately melt flashed in through the open casement, it away, and in their place there would be one seemed that that shaft of light grew to a great family of life wherein each nation should gleaming highway, reaching from the home be but as a single child. For us the thought is wherein we lived up beyond the hills, above always that the State is but the amplification the glorious orb itself, beyond it into an azure of the family, and that the authority should be blue that seemed as a shimmering coast-line, more paternal than despotic. Then from the exalted plane of life we should extend that argument and say that the world's population should be but one great family also. And so the truth of the unity of interests, and the unity of purposes, that will yet dawn upon you the coast-line disappeared, and the darkness, and animate the family of the world, burst upon our mind and made the starting point of that mental expansion and spiritual advancement which we have earnestly and zealously

Some while after our entrance into the spirithad vanished came back again, but this time | life, having gained these larger views of perwithin the body, not outside thereof. This sonal duty, and feeling that each thought was light increased in golden beauty pulsing with a | not our own but for the advantage of our felquick brightness, flashing and darting like scin- lows, we considered in what and how we could tillating glories, until it seemed to flash right best serve the world from our own previous national standpoint?

> On investigation we found that though our people were familiar with certain kinds of intercourse between the spirits of the departed and the inhabitants of earth, there was not that opportunity, by reason of what you would call the dead weight of ancient tradition resting upon them, to lift them out beyond what

they were familiar with in this connection. Our attention was then turned to the consideration of other countries, and we noticed where and how it might become possible for dawn upon the consciousness, and little by lit- certain changes to be effected, not only in other countries but in our own country, espe-

> clally by the instigation of outside agencies. and the removal of the evils that all old and

effectually it was necessary that we should be come familiar with the habits and characterisitual achievements and desires of the Auglominds resident in the spiritual world.

We have to pass this in review before you statements, for it would be impossible to enterinto details in the story we have to tel, and consideration.

we pray you, if it seems incomplete, not to lay it to our unwillingness to tell you more, but to our inability to bring all we would be glad to say to you into the time at our disposal

Spiritualism, we searched the great metropolis of England through that we might find some plastic in our hands attuned for our purpose, had before us. What was that work? You ence to virtue, for intellectual, moral and spiritual culture, for the development of every noble aspiration, for obedience to the universal principles of life, and most of all for the removal of the fossilized superstitions which speak against official and ecclesiastical corruption, licentiousness, and vice and wrong, all too inadequately we know, but yet with all the power we could pour through the instrument we have used. We feel that we need scarcely tell you what the purpose was we had given us from time to time. in view when we were seeking for an instrument over fifty years ago. The search was long and careful, and at last successful.

Before this man who stands before you was born, this man who for years has been the faithful servant of those who love the truth-in which proud position we are glad to stand-he who has been faithful in the day of small things, where the hail fell in cold showers about him and the cold winds of persecution beat pitilessly upon his face; when in poverty he struggled as his feet first turned up the hill that he has since with painful steps ascended before this modern thought was so favorably received as it is to-day; he whom we rejoice to say has for nearly twenty years been our was born we foresaw the road which he would mother long before his birth into this life, we of his after years, so that when the time came for the ice to be broken the psychic waters should well up in a flood of usefulness, and there should be realized the fruits of the long preparation.

At first, in comparative luxury, surrounded with all that could make life agreeable, he appeared on the stage; but do you not know that all the best workers of the world are prepared by suffering and purified in tears for the labor | species of idolatry upon your part, as some peotry of the same intellectual calibre and ability. I the height of some delivious fever have at last i spirits of other nations wiser than ourselves, I that they have to undergo? So the early days | ple tell us that our reverence for the Imperial

There are others with us, for we cannot o course claim the honor of being the sole cause ries, thought and disposition, mental and spir | of all that we have placed before you from time to time; in a word, there are some twelve Saxon speaking races. This led to an investi- of us who are associated with this medium, gation wherein we were assisted by many bright | and by the varying characters we severally possess, and the different subjects of information which we have made our study, we are rapidly, and can at best deal only in general able to meet the great varieties of questions and issues that are placed before us for our

Here, these friends, you have in rough, in very brief outline, plated before you our career. and our relationship to this great movement in which we bear so small a part. Now what is So, when the movement was nearly ripe for the lesson of it all? It is this: That what we giving to the world this movement of Modern have been able to do is possible for you ; yea ! more than that, for the advantages of spiritual culture to-day are so great, as compared with agent or servant who should ultimately be the advantages of the same culture a few years ago, that you can well nigh become even as and through which, as best we could, we gods yourselves. We do not pretend, nor should be enabled to accomplish the work we would we like you to understand, that all the matter we have so easily related to you to-night have heard us here, these ten months, plead for has been accomplished without struggle or the unity of human life; you have heard us without effort. Growth in the spiritual world plead for the universality of right, for obedi- is as much a matter of work and effort as it is among yourselves. There is no royal road to knowledge; whatsoever you wish to know you must labor to understand. Understanding is the basis of knowledge, and understanding is the result of patient inquiry, and inquiry means menweigh the people down; you have heard us | tal effort. We have had our failures, and there are cross marks upon the record where we have stumbled in our efforts to reach something that then was just beyond us. But in spite of all we have steadily gone gratefully, acknowledging the help that wise and patient friends have

> What is our home? you will ask us; wherein is it adorned, and by whom is it blest?

That home is just as real and actual as a home would be among yourselves. The old peculiarities of architecture we were so familiar with that have come down from the earliest times. wherein what has been described as the tentline gives you a striking curve, is still retained. but this has been softened and spiritualized. and, as we think, improved, but still the peculiarity is perceptible, the nationality is well disclosed. "What, have you been in the spiritworld so long and have not outgrown your national predilections?" Why should we? Is not each great division of the world a common familv ? and are there not common ties and infaithful. honestand obedients ervant-before he | stincts that bind the members of these race divisions into somewhat of harmony and unity? have to tread. Casting our influence upon the Why should we turn from the household that has been the centre of so much felicity merely formed and shaped the psychical possibilities because you have been transported to another province, to a higher country? May there not be within the spiritual side of life something deeper and tenderer still that you, as members of the American race, shall feel when you enter into the spiritual world? There is a spiritual side to this race that you shall love deeper and

tenderer still when you have entered it. Nay! the very flag that you have worshiped, and which we might just as reasonably say was a 2

Standard is a species of idelatry upon our part -this very flag, wo say, with its red, white and blue, with the halo of stars glistening upon its field, will, when seen in the spirit-life, under spiritual conditions, have a wealth of meaning, a world of beauty that you have never droamed of before. You shall find it disassociated from all of carnage and of blood and of hatred, freed altogether and purged entirely from the painful memories of turmoli, political strife and war. In the higher and better life you will find it only associated with the loftier aspirations of a noble and generous people like yourselves.

So you see when the spiritual side is read, when men dive beneath the surface, the gods are sometimes wiser than you think them, and may lead you into more pleasant pathways than you can conceive of; and leading you through outward symbols into interior realities, may often give you something which at the time may seem altogether puerile or material, but which, after experience has come to you, causes you to understand that the outward sign was only the external significance of the inner and enduring reality.

The partner that we have referred to, the twin soul we might also call her, engaged in an occupation that reflects, if you will allow us to say so, some considerable credit upon those who indulge in it. How many of the children of this world pass into the spirit state untrained, misshapen in mind and body, lacking came to power? They burned, imprisoned, drove those sweet affections which might have sustained their lives, deprived of all the loving think new thoughts and preach new ideas. Who care that ought to have been theirs, these little waifs upon the seas of spiritual life are not without care and guardianship in the realms beyond; hundreds of wise and genial souls litself speak in favor of slavery. take them in hand, and in schools and safe retreats, and in pleasant places and useful colleges to open our museums and libraries on Sunday, and build them up, and make them strong in form, in mind, in virtue and in soul. With this task | tres of course create utter horror and detestation in this good friend of ours finds pleasant occupation still, and as the task is not likely soon to end, because so many need its fulfillment, and are constantly urged forward into the worlds beyond, in such endeavor will she and hundreds of those like her find plenty to engage look up to their pastors and accept a good deal of heart and mind for many generations to come.

longer with the recital so peculiarly personal, with but little morit save as the simple state- craze met with bitter opposition from two sourcesment of a few brief experiences, we will now bring our remarks to a close. Our object has not been to give you opinions or fine-spun arguments or oratory concerning the great be- ment and made it a powerful weapon against intenyond, but only just to tell you what one of perance, by giving it countenance and support, ralled those who are in the rank and file of this great work of yours has passed through, and what such a one has endeavored to accomplish. You have a plece of ground that would raise a very We give you thanks most sincere and hearty. for your patient hearing of what we have placed before you. Sometimes, perhaps, we have tried your patience and disturbed your the spot and carefully dig up the weeds and tend the friendship by remarks and propositions that | vegetables? The ministers treat the anusement may have sounded over bold and somewhat un- field in the former style, and then point to the stubgenerous; but we have so hearty and sincere a ble and with-grass with an '1 told you so,' never love for truth, and all that truth implies, that stopping to ask themselves if they are not partly to you will excuse us for our z-al if at times we blame for their neglect. Men, women and children seem to have overstepped the bounds of patience in your hearts and minds.

We have been asked to tell you what was ourname. The name that we are known by, bectures, where the lower classes may find annusefriends, is that of Tien Sien Tie, as before stated, a mandarin of the second class, who good moral plays, and parks laid out in every city in strove as best he could to do his duty to those the universe and made attractive by music and all dependent on him--to his father and his family possible parmless divices. And under the head of while here on earth ; who by patient effort and harmless devices I class base ball, lawn tennis, croearnest desire to master the necessities of the labor about to be undertaken endeavored to and amused on Sunday with such pastimes, or, for prepare himself to speak to those older peoples lack of them, drift into drinking saloons, gambling of the great principles of truth and purity and hells and places of immorality? There are persons justice, of those high interests of wisdom and who spend six days out of the seven in toll, and have of progress which, by realization in your hearts neither time nor strength for instruction or amuseand lives, shall set noble examples to the peoples of the world to-day.

With this, then, we ha

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Bunner Correspondence.

Minnesota MINNEAPOLIS,-M. L.'Amory writes: "The other day when the question was brought up of sending a special Bunday excursion train from Minneapolis to the cyclone-devastated towns of St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids, the proceeds to be devoted to succoring these wounded and made homeless by the storm, a minister arose and protested against thus breaking the Sabbath. And allow me to say that he only acted consistently with the course pursued by nine-tenths of the ministry, when he thus denounced a benevolent act because it would break through a rule established by the misinterpretation of a divine command. From the earliest times the priesthood have been not the teachers and reformers and developers of the human race, but clogs on the wheels of progress, the crystallizers of truth, the 'so far shalt thou go and no further' element in civilization, the stone wall against which the waves of unfolding civilization had to beat flercely to make a breach. There are grand exceptions to the rule of bigotry in the ministry, I admit, but they are in the minority, and if priests and ministers had had absolute power in the control of human affairs, the first reformer would have been dis-

graced and his reform annihilated, while the race would have stood still in its development, and we should not have been where we stand to day. Read history and see who it was that instituted persecutions against the Protestant Reformers : it was the priest-power of the established Catholic Church. And what did the Protestant ministers do when they out and cursed in their turn all those who dared to were among the bitterest opponents of the Abolitionists? The ministers, who should have been the ones to cry down slavery, but who instead upheld the curse from their pulpits, and made the Word of God

The ministry were shocked when it was proposed Sunday papers they are still fighting. Sunday theatheir bosoms, and even week-day performances are in their eyes marked with the prints of the cloven hoof. It may be said that much of this opposition comes from the laity, not the ministers, but it would not be found in the people if it was not planted there and cherished by the ministry. The parishioners what their spiritual advisers tell them. These cry In brief, then, friends, to weary you no down drinking saloons, yet they try to destroy all autidotes to those dispensaries of poison. The skating-rink the ministry and the liquor interest; from the former because of its so-called 'evil tendencies,' and from the latter because it injured the liquor business. And so the Church that might have elevated the amuseagainst it, denounced it, shunned it, and only succeeded in increasing its ovil tendencies thereby. If comfortable crop of vegetables, and weeds persist in springing up, to the detriment of the vegetables, would you go a mile away and curse the ground, the vegetables and the weeds, or would you remain on must have accusement, and no human being has a right to denounce a recreation unless it is really immoral and debasing. Every church, hall and school

house should be opened Sunday for free concerts and ment and instruction; theatres should be open for quet, cricket. Do I shock you by advocating such Sunday games? Which is worse-to be interested ment save on Sunday. And Sunday what is there to interest or amuse? There are the church services;]

but the great mass of the very poor never go inside a

evolution according to their development, and writing their scriptures with uperring precision. Every tree that spreads its branches over the earth, every leaf that unfolds itself in the sunshine, every flower that exhales its fragrance upon the air, and every spire of grass pointing upward, has its scribe, who writes in a language which the students of nature can read and understand. The animal kingdom abounds with scribes who write pages and chapters of interesting history which the discerning comprehend and profit by. Each human being is a soribe, writing scriptures to be road through endless time by advanced intelligonces.

Not only has man an eternal Scripture to write, but unnumbered billions of atoms bound together by the law of affinity composing our world have their Scriptures to write; and what a Scripture for economy and power! Our world is composed of the aggregated entitles of life, and as she daily revolves upon her axis, writes a paragraph on her page, and she writes three hundred and sixty-five of them in her yearly revolution around her parent sun. How many pages have been written? and how many more will she write to complete the infinite volume ? Her scribes inform us that the earth is eight thousand miles in diameter, and nearly twenty-five thousand miles in circumference; hat she is about ninety-three millions of miles from the sun, and moves around that body at the rate of sixty-eight thousand miles per hour, carrying within her fold her child, the moon.

It appears from the writing of her scribes that her sun has a large family of brothers and sisters and grandchildren, called the sun's system. The sun is nearly fourteen hundred thousand times the size of the earth, and she moves with her whole planetary family around her parent sun once in eighteen million of our years; what a historical, scientific-scripture her scribes must write while she is performing one of her yearly revolutions around her central luminary From astronomical calculation it is represented that there have been discovered over one hundred millions of suns, with their planetary families ; and all of these grand bodies of suns and their untold numbers of worlds, perform one of their yearly revolutions around -to us-some everlasting centre. The size of some of the suns which have been calculated are beyond our limited conception. The sun Lyra in the southern constellation is said to be thirty-three million two hundred and seventy five thousand miles in diameter. Let us compare some of the Scriptures written by nature's scribes with those written by the scribes of the Old and New Testament, said to have been inspired by their God, so profitable for instruction in wisdom. One of the Christian scribes, Thomas Dick, represents the throne of their God's kingdom to be located at the center of universal worlds. Around it, he says, ten thousand systems of worlds revolve, and untold billions of intelligences minister before him ; he says that it would take a cannon ball, flying with the velocity as when first discharged from the cannob's mouth, over five millions of years to reach one of the nearest suns. What, then, must be the distance to their God's throne at the center of universal worlds? Dick, with other scribes, informs us that this infinite God left his central throne, and came down to talk with the scribe Moses on Mount Sinai for forty days and nights to twaddle about the government of the Jews.

The New Testament scribes inform us that this same Jewish God intends at no distant day to abdicate his central kingdom with its celestial beauties. and come down with an entire New Jerusalem to this obscure part of the universe, in order to set up business in partnership with his saints on earth, after a general resurrection day-in raising them from their graves, renewing their old bodies and presenting them with harps and crowns and arranging them in robes of white for future exhibition. According to the description given of the distance from the central kingdom to our world, had he started his New Jerusalem on the morning that the stars sang together and the eldersons of their God shouled for joy at the production of a new born world, and had moved with the velocity of light, he would not have performed a thonsandth part of his journey yet. What kind of visions did those scribes of Jesus have, who saw him ascend up to their heaven and seat himself on the right-hand of their God? In my opinion the seribes of nature have written their scriptures more truthfully than the scribes of the Old or New Testament, even though inspired by their God. The scribes of nature write with unerring inspiration, that which bears the test of reason and close analysis."

Massachusetts.

and taken up its abode in heaven, it has no cognizance of the doings of its earthly loved ones; the reason assigned being that the spirit, if it witnessed the trials and sorrows of those left behind, could not be happy. Such reasoning is specious and superficial. To admit the soundness of this argument we should be forced to grant the unnatural premise that the elements of affection, of zealous interest, of love-those immortal quantiles which form the very fibre of the real man or woman-were utterly annihilated giving place to unfeeling, stony indifference. If, when we reach the better-land, we carry with us, as of course we must, our divinely inherent loves and memories, we were debarred from seeing or influencing the dear bereaved, the agony of suspense, of abxiety, would be far greater even than that of actual knowledge in case the knowledge was of a sorrowful nature. Besides, the shining ones above may realize better than we of earth that the dark shadows through which we are passing are needed for our attaining a higher spiritual level; and so their tears of sympathy glisten under the bright hues of the rain bow of hope as they reflect that happiness, merely, is by no means the sole aim of life ; that 'suffering is the grand unfolding element of the soul, needed by all ; and cheered and encouraged our angel guardians doubtless are at the thought that there is an Eternal Power for good which will make it all right in the end which will eventually mold the hard discipline of earthly toilers into results of surpassing sweetness and joy. The day will surely come, oh, mortals and immortals, when 'God will wipe away all tears from your eyes.'" NEWTON .- A correspondent residing in this place speaks highly, from personal experience, of the medial powers (trance and business) of Mrs. M. E. Walker, of 1469 Washington street, Boston, whom she has ever found to be reliable in statement to her patrons, and sincere in her devotion to the angel-world.

into the camp and bitten the medium, arose to drive the animal out. Mrs. Conant, under control, then stated that my mother, over forty years and, upon putting her hand into a bag of nuts was bitten upon her finger on which was the ring. Mrs. Conant's finger was then turned to show the condition in which my mother's finger from that cause became permanently fixed. All of which was true. This test had never before been given me ; I had not thought about it for years. There was no possible way that Mrs. Conant could have known about these facts, as we were strangers."

Rhode Island.

NEWPORT .- John C. Peckham, though far advanced in years, continues to take an active interest in making known the truths of Spiritualism, offering his services to speak in its behalf whenever an op portunity presents itself.

WHAT ONE WOMAN HAS DONE. The Red Cross of Europe and

America. The Story of Miss Clara Barton and the Red

Cross Association.

[From the New York Sun,] [Concluded.]

What is the Red Cross? And whence comes the potency of this symbol, whereby armies are hold at bay and thousands of dollars are

<text> LOWEIL.-Ed. S. Varney writes: "It is maintained by some that after the spirit has left the mortal body and taken up the above to have a software t

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SUPERFLUOUS DEVICES.

BUPERFLOOUS DEVICES, Who but a man bereft of sense would think To prop the sky, and thus prevent its fail? Or stop Miagara at its very brink By the ercoilon of a mud-built wall? Or stretch a shain scross the bolstorous sea, To force it into slumberous repose? Or regulate the law of gravity, Lest chaos came, all order to forcelose? And who but one demented will contend That Truth, unnided by external force, Buccessfully her cause cannot defead, But must to carnal weapons have recourse? That in religion reason is no guide? That Liberty to License is allied? WM. LLOYD GARNISON

Why not locate at Niagara a tower a few thousand feet high, and with turbine wheels at its base generate a current of, say, 100 volts and 100,000 amperes, and with that drive one gigantic are lamp on the tower. and by the irradiation light the whole State of New York and part of Canada?

257 We are indebted to Colby & Rich, of Boston, for a copy of "A Review of the Report of the Seybert Commission, appointed by the University of Pennsylvania to investigate Modern Spiritualism." The pamphlet is issued under the authority of the American Spiritual-ist Alliance - Saraloga (N Y) Equile -----ist Alliance - Saraloga (N. Y.) Eagle

SPIRITUALIST LECTURERS.

we tell you now, save that in your favor and loving regard we repose in confidence, feeling ant weather, but scarcely agreeable on cold, bleak, you will take this simple recital of our experiences, imperfect, as already stated, in that spirit of sincerity that prompts it, and when the end shall come for you, and the deep darkness shall descend upon you, and your feet shall day of order, piety and seemlines, only serve to destand upon the strand beyond it, may it be our privilege, as surely it would be our pleasure, to grasp your hands and bid you welcome to the golden country beyond.

But let us ask you one thing ore you leave : remember that black or white, red or yellow, no matter where the man may be from or where he lives, or what his faith may be, he is the child of the one great paternal principle, one embodiment of the great divinity of being, a member of the universal human family made up of its infinite diversities in character. We plead for justice always; the faith of the yellow-skinned is as dear to him as is the faith of your own hearts and minds to you ; and by-andbye, when you read, apart from partisan zeal, the history of the great country from which we have drawn our mortal birth, you may, perchance, do it greater justice, render it more honor, and feel that, after all, the past and present, in their one great desire to attain to justice and to live righteously and to reach the kingdom beyond in safety, have both been animated and are animated by one common state of sympathies and impulses.

September Magazines.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY presents the opening chapters of a serial novel by Arthur Sherburne Hardy. "Passe Rose," which takes its name from that of the heroine, a French girl of remarkable beauty. Miss Murfree ("Charles Egbert Craddock") furnishes a generous installment of her story "The Despot of Broomsedge Cove," and Frances E. Wadleigh supplies a short_story, "Mistab Fahmah." " A Week in Wales" is a series of fresh travel sketches by Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr. Mrs. Lillie B. Chace Wyman adds a new paper to her Studies of Factory Life, this time giving several touching instances of hardship among the women. "The First Year of the Continental Congress" (by John Fiske) describes with brevity and distinctness the Lexington and Concord fight, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the character of Washington. H. C. Merwin furnishes an interesting paper on Daniel Drawbaugh, a claimant of the original invention of the telephone. Abram S. Isaacs contributes "Stories from the Rabbis," and William Cranston Lawton adds a second and concluding paper on " The Prometheus of Æschylus." The number also con tains other articles not here mentioned, together with careful reviews, the Contributors' Club, and several nages of brief descriptions of new books. Houghton Mifflin & Co., publishers, Boston.

CASSELL'S FAMILY MAGAZINE .- The opening chap ters of a new serial story, "Comrades Once," by Thomas Keyworth, are given, and new portions of the one in progress, "For the Good of the Family." In an interesting and instructive manner George Howell. M. P., replies to the inquiry, "What is a Royal Commission?" following which an amusing experience is described of "How I Tried to Write a Story." A family doctor gives his views on "Ventilation and Health." There is "A Gossip on Folk Music," and much else to interest and instruct in everyday practical affairs, the contents throughout being illustrated bended by a more advanced spiritual intellect, will be

church. There is driving; it costs money to drive. Walking ; that is all very well if one is able, in pleasstormy days. Our Sundays are stripped of everything lovely or pleasurable for the poor, and made unattractive, stupid, bare ; and the means we take to make them holy, the laws we pass to render the Sabbath a feat their own ends. 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath,' and yet we bow down be fore this seventh day as if it was some despot to whom we must render abject obedience, in whose presence it is a crime to be light, foyous, natural. The

seventh day was appointed as a day of rest for man; but torpor is not rest, any more than activity is neces sarily labor. Change of employment, of scene thoughts and sounds, is the truest recreation, and the best friend of the poor man is he who beats down old prejudices regarding a day that can be made more holy in its influence by music, lectures, theatrical performances and out-of door and in-door games, than it has over been made by Puritanical denial and mis taken plety. We can make Sunday a great lever for elevating the masses mentally, physically and moral ly; but we are not utilizing it; we are holding back because some one tells us that it would be very wrong to utilize the Sabbath at all. And so the craving for amusement that would be satisfied by innocent pleasures, if they were at hand, not finding them, sates itself with guilty ones. A starving man will eat good In preference to tainted meat, but if he cannot get the good he will take the bad. Can we blame him for becoming tainted like the meat he has eaten, when we placed none other by him?"

BRAINERD .- Morris S. Liden writes that while on an excursion to an improvised Spiritualist camp-gathering, a lady handed him her gloves, to avoid the care of them herself. He put them in his pocket, and forgot for several days they were in his possession. Being in her company at a subsequent time he thought of the gloves, and going for them, made them into a package, and handing it to her proposed to test her psychometric powers. This she did; some of her reading was applicable to herself, and was the cause of much merriment and satisfaction to those who became knowing to the facts.

Michigan.

ADRIAN .- M. L. Sherman writes : "Scriptures are the writing of scribes; there are as many Scriptures as there are scribes to write them. I do not believe they are all inspired by one being, if that being is a (lod. There are no two minds exactly alike, and no two Scriptures could be inspired alike to suit the varying minds who would read them. Each being can make his or her mark, or write his or her own Scripture according to the dictating of the inherent spirit within. Were it possible for two beings to have been constituted exactly alike, then nature would have reneated herself, which in my opinion is an impossibil ity, for progression would forbid it. There are no two things in the infinite realms of nature which can remain still long enough to be repeated, for every mo ment is replete with varying changes.

The lowest as well as the highest forms of life are writing their scriptures upon the universal tablets of nature, and their instructions will be read and comprehended by unnumbered billions yet unborn. Brooks, rivers, seas, and old ocean, are teeming with infusoria which are writing their scriptures of truth for the in struction of those who are seeking for wisdom. The animalcula through the various stratifications of the rock-ribbed crust of the earth, have been writing their historical scriptures for untold ages, which will be read and understood by the geologist of the future. The elements of the air, fire and water, when comprewith numerous engravings. New York: Cassell & Co.] seen to be composed of living entities performing their

Florida.

PALATKA .- J. A. Hall, M. D., writes : "I desire to again call the attention of all Spiritualists wishing to spend the winter months in Florida to the advantages of Palatka. As to health it has no superior in the State, or the world. And as I stated last spring in reference to a winter camp-meeting, we have every facility (except the necessary amount of money) to establish one of the finest winter resorts in the world. The country just west of our city is high dry pine land, and can be purchased at from forty to fifty dollars per acre, and in a few years will be worth five hundred per acre. By forming a syndicate we can very soon have a beautiful camp, and owners of property could camp there all winter, and live as cheap as in any northern city. The First Spiritual Society of Palatka is full of hope, and though few in numbers we are full of zeal. If we can get enough interested in the camp-meeting we can very soon be in a prosperous condition. Palatka has every facility we could ask for water works, gas works; in due time, we will have street cars, and can have the track extended to the camp ground, and the water at a small cost. All who are or may be interested in this enterprise will please correspond with me, Lock Box 350, and I will give them prompt answers. I think this the most available place for a good camp this side of the Pacific slope. Mediums of all phases, and especially for independent slate writing, I think can do well here."

New York.

NEW YORK CITY .- Mrs. I. Cotton writes : "At Lake Pleasant, Aug. 16th, Mrs. Jennie K. D. Conant held a scance at which I was present, and handed her a ring to psychometrize. The moment of taking it she threw it upon the floor saying, 'I am bitten,' and rat.' One gentleman on supposing a squirrel had run | ton, have it on sale.

"If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again ?" The world-wide reputation of Prof. Alfred A. Wallace as one in the foremost ranks of scientists imparts an added strength and value to the clear elucidation and masterly advocacy of the truths of Spiritualism given by him in his lecture having for its theme "If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?" published in a pamphlet of twenty-four pages by Colby & Rich, and supplied at the very low rate of 5 cents a single copy, thirteen for 50 cents, or thirty for \$1,00. Let it do its work ; buy it and circulate it.

10 Prof. Phelps, of Andover, having endeavored to inaugurate a new crusade on the old-time "Satanic" plane, thinking people will do well to read that pertinent work by Allen Putnam, Esq. entitled, "WirduchaFr OF NEW ENGLAND EXPLAINED BY MODERN SPIRITUAL ran from where she stood, saying 'I am bitten by a ISM"; Colby & Rich, 9 Bosworth street, Bos-

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THE NEW EVANOEL.

BY BELLE BUBIL

[Dedicated to the Spiritualist Camp Meetings, and read at Onset Bay, Mass., Aug. 24th.] I have no word of andness for you, dear friends, to

hears My song is one of gladness, I send to all " good oheer '

Soaring like the cagle, singing like the lark, Thought on pinion regai leaves behind the dark

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Sunshine round me dances, breezes come and go, Weaving sweet romances, singing soft and low. Every stream and fountain seems to give me joy, Every rock and mountain, every girl and boy. All the air seems thrilling with a roundelay.

Dews from heaven distilling bless each sacred day. We have cause for gladness, none for doubt or fear; Hearts once tuned to sadness now can sing good cheer.

For angels at our portals benignly stand and wait To crown with joys immortal each day we celebrate; Loved and loving mothers, sisters fond and true, Tender-hearted brothers come with blessings new.

Ancients, bards and sages, children once of time, Down the steps of ages send their thoughts sublime; All the heavenly arches ring with their acclaim, Telling how truth marches with her lambent flame.

Gladly would I meet you mingling with the throng; My heart can only greet you through the melody of song.

My soul at home reposes, where duty blds me stay, But if my thoughts were roses they would drop on you to-day.

They would come to you in meekness, with blessings from above,

Diffusing through their sweetness the charity of love; And if my thoughts were volces you would hear them chanting low

The bymn that all rejoices : Truth's footsteps may be slow,

But she marches onward ever with justice in the van; She will pause or falter never till freedom walks with man.

But my thoughts are singing fountains only seen by angel eyes,

I can send you o'er the mountains only faintest melodles.

Oh t friends, dear friends, before you Love's priestess stands to day,

And fervently entreats you to heed what she may say; Not the pure and righteous only did our elder brother call.

But the poor, the weak, the lowly, his love embraced them all.

Let us follow his example more closely year by year. And strive through our ensample to make an Eden

here; For gifts of highest merit are not the world's to give, We may all be rich in spirit, no matter where we live.

And if our soul inherits the faith that looks above, We may keep with sainted spirits the sacraments of

love: This song of hope and gladness I send, dear friends,

to you ; May it free your hearts from sadness, and teach you

to be true:

True to the light that angels are shedding on our way. True to the New Evangel who walks with us to-day; I send you warmest greatings, fresh from my heart and hand.

And pray for happy meetings in the radiant Summer-

Betvidere Seminary, N. J.

Saratoga Springs Items.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

ite resort where the fashionable and the healthseeking yearly congregate.

Here we meet all classes of society and peo-ple, coming from all portions of the world. All are equally--the rich and their reverse--par-taking of the health giving waters. There are four superb bands of music employed to enter-

when Jesus touched these latter "day pigeons" they also took flight; thus establishing (in the story at least) his power to impart life to inanistory at least) his power to impart life to inani-mate substance. Some of the ministers present declared this to be but a story of the past, having no connec-tion with Jesus at all, not one of them having read the Apochryphal New Testament (claim-ing to consist of books originally held to belong to the sacred writings, but latterly denied as *inspired* productions) which has been published, and which is for sale by Colby & Rich. This work gives the early life of Jesus, including the remarks about the "mud birds" to which Jesus imparted life, and referred to by this Saratoga speaker. Saratoga speaker.

Saratoga speaker. A few hours later 1 met the Hindu Brahmin alluded to above, and was introduced to him by Mr. Huling. I asked him many questions as to his religious views, and why he was preaching his doctrines in this country, and to a Spiritualist Society. He said he was not proselyting in this country, and if there was any one to blame, he must place it upon those who asked him to give his views. I gave him the BANNER or LIGHT to read; he said he often perused it, and other spiritual papers, and was pleased to ob-tain them for the purpose; he seemed to be well versed in what Spiritualists teach and believe. I called his attention to some printed reports concerning physical manifestations of spirit power that are occurring with mediums, and asked him what he thought of them from his own standpoint. He gave me to understand that the manifestations that are witnessed with Spiritualist mediums were quite common in India, and considered them accountable for without the aid of excarnated spirits-that is, that they originate with the spirit of the indi-viduals who produce them, and not from excarviduals who produce them, and not from excar-nated spirits; also that all we can see and all that is done by them—or some of them at least— in India is accomplished with on the aid of or belief in spirits. He said that his people be-lieved that the whole universe is in God, and God is in the universe. What we term the spirit-world they looked upon as "elementary divine elements." From what I could gather from his remarks, he considered that what ue look upon as originating with our spirit friends is nothing more nor less than the work of "eleis nothing more nor less than the work of "elementaries

He spoke of their present ruler as having similar powers to those that have been attribu-ted to Jesus, as above related—the fact that he possessed these magical powers being the cause of his selection.

From further conversation with this illus-From further conversation with this illus-trious "heathen," I am fully satisfied, as far as my judgment goes, that there are several sects or societies in Boston and elsewhere which have embraced the Hindu religion to all in-tents and purpage and are attempting to rate tents and purposes, and are attempting to set forth its teachings to the public as being new truths under the name "Christian Science," etc., and they sell the knowledge of these "di-vine rites" to individuals at various prices,

vine rites" to individuals at various prices, claiming originality in them. Those who desire may join such "scientific" enterprises, but for myself 1 prefer to hold to the rational thought that all spirits hold their per-sonality and individuality in the spirit world— which idea, if 1 understand the matter rightly, the llindu religion ignores in toto. If the Spir-itual Philosophy is a great discovery, as it is claimed, and also a fact in the nature of things, it is the duty of all Spiritualists to uphold it. Efforts looking toward a revival of the olden myths of India and Cathay, and teaching them in classes all over the country in connection in classes all over the country in connection with certain personal theories regarding the cause and cure of disease, at the expense of the

cause and cure of disease, at the expense of the true spiritual revelation, or as a higher growth of Spiritualism, are to my mind founded in by-past error, and unworthy of those who have re-ceived the living light of to-day. I cannot see that the so-called "Christian Science" or "motaphysics," as inculcated by a hundred and one different schools under dif-ferent names, is any other or different doctring To the Editor of the Banner of Light: The mineral springs of Saratoga are known the world over, and the present season has been one of success in all departments in this favor-ite resort where the fashionable and the healthnotions, seek to proclaim them at this late hour in the world's advance- at whatever injury to Modern Spiritualism.

Sunday, Aug. 26th, a conference meeting was held by the local Spiritualists, which was quite interesting as to services. A lady from New York City spoke of the needs of the hour, hold-ing that more attention should be paid to the - 11 four superb bands of music employed to enter-tain the visitors, and as one of the citizens re-marked : "There is no place where you can get philosophy of the subject. Several others so much for nothing as in this;" but I notice spoke. Mr. Peter Thompson acted as chairman, that the popular hotels know how to charge and made a few remarks in explanation of his well for entertainment, though it can also be views of what constituted Spiritualism proper obtained here at prices as low as at the camp- - stating that he was satisfied that spirit-meetings. There is also a charge for visitors of materialization is a fact. He then Introduced -stating that he was satisfied that spirit-materialization is a fact. He then introduced meetings. Increasing of visitors of inaterialization is a fact. He then introduced five cents for an entrance fee to obtain what water each wishes to drink at one time. Spiritualism is secondary during the heated season, as the citizens seem to have all they can the color and several others in relation to the views utes, and was then questioned by the writer, also by Gen. Bullard, Mr. Thompson, Mr Cook and several others in relation to the views of his people and their works, etc. His bear-ers listened to him attentively, but failed to see any improvement in his teachings over those inculcated by Modern Spiritualism. Gen. Bullard related some fine tests he had received, which he believed to have proceeded from the agency of excannated spirit-identities. In the evening that capable journalist, Fred F. Cook, who has, in connection with good service on secular papers in Chicago and New York (in which latter city he is now located), to speak his own sentiments on the occasion. also performed much valuable work with His lecture was announced at this town as giv-ing his opinions of Christ and his doings as \mathbf{a} on Spiritualism in its different aspects, giving Mr. Sattay spoke on the first Sunday, and his his experience with the subject. Spiritualism, Mr. Sattay spoke on the first Sunday, and his he said, found him without belief in the Bible remarks created quite an interest—so much so or a future life—in fact an Atheist and a Mate-that he was given a reception by a wealthy rialist in the full sense of the word. He com-lady in a private house, during the following menced his investigation with the various phenomena, and from the manifestations seen came the philosophy and science of the subject. lle believed in form materialization as being a fact, but that simulation was to be mot with at times in its investigation. His remarks were received with satisfaction by all present. Dr. E. V. Wright followed with some oppor-tune marked with some opporin the interior of Asia. They went into India and overran that country. I saw among the friends in Saratoga Mr. Huling, Mr. Horn, Mr. Thompson, Dr. Mills and wife, Mr. Pease, Gen. Bullard, Mr. John-son, Mr. Lyman and wife, Mr. Burrows and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Noble, who are all quite active in their various pursuits. Mr. Bates (of the Bates House) has sold out, and with his formity come to Florida for a paramanant home Mrs. Jennie Reed Warren. Mr. Edwin Powell has been at the Burrows House for some weeks, but is now, I learn, at Mt. Gregory, liv-ing a retired life. Mrs. Cook and sister from the State of Illinois, and her daughter Mrs. Gove, from Nevada, Cal., came from Onset to this place, and have returned to their homes Mrs. Gove is an accomplished singer and player. Capt. Caswell, wife and two daughters, are pleasantly domiciled at the Lyman House; they came from Lake Pleasant here, and will

Hpiritualist for nearly thirty years. She passed on four years ago last April, after eight months of terrible suffering, not only with a hope but with a full knowledge of the glorious future on which she was entering. We have scores of communications from her, but this one, given in this public place in fulfillment of a promise made before she passed on to the other shore, is one of the grandest and best, and is duly appreciated by her busband, daughter, grandchildren and many friends. Yours sincerely, Paterson, N. J., Aug. 20th, 1888. JOSEPH NOBLE.

BANNER OF LIGHT.

JUDGE CALVIN MORBILL.

In the BANNER OF LIGHT of Aug. 11th, 1 find communication purporting to have come from JUDGE CALVIN MORBILL, who, when in earth-life, was a resident of St. Johnsbury, Vt. In that communication he speaks of Benjamin, Nancy and Lucy. I was told that Benjamin had passed over, but could not think it possible by the way the Judge spoke. After a little correspondence I ascertained his postoffice address to be Orfordville, N. H. I wrote him there, inquiring what his relationship to the Judge was, and who were Nancy and Lucy. He replied, "Judge Calvin Morrill was my brother, Nancy was my daughter, Lucy was my son Joslah's wife, who died two years since. My daughter Nancy died four years ago at Lawrence, Mass." Who can doubt spiritreturn with such evidence? Joyfully yours, Barnet, Vt., Aug., 1888, E. B. CLEMENT.

SAMURL COLBURN.

In the BANNER OF LIGHT of Aug. 18th is a message from SAMUEL COLBURN, which I recognize as coming from my brother-in law, who passed out from his home in this place a little more than four years ago. It is one of many evidences he has given of continued individual existence, but there is a single statement in the message not in harmony with the facts. In it he says, "Mary has looked the paper over many times, thinking perhaps she might see a few words from me.' "Mary" is blind, and since the demise of her husband has never been able to read. She however assures me that she has wished and hoped that he might come to her in this way. The message is characteristic, and In other respects correct.

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attend to in caring for the visitors. The two Sundays previous to my arrival a Brahmin from India was asked to give his views—or the re-ligious views of the Hindus. Mr. S. Yoonida Row Sattay came to this country some four years ago. He has not been Christianized, and soon after he arrived here he was invited to steak of India and its religions, at a Methodist speak of think and its religions, at a methodist camp meeting at a summer resort in New Jer-sey. He did so, and was arrested for blaspheny, as he proclaimed himself a Heathen, and saw fit to speak his own sentiments on the occasion.

He is an intelligent man, and presents his views in a frank but not an offensive manner. The llindus claim to be of the race originating in the interior of Asia. They went into India

The Lymans have moved into their new house, which they value at ten thousand dollars. Dr. Mills, while at Lake Pleasant, and also after he arrived home, had his house robbed of some five hundred dollars' worth of property-con-sisting of clothing, a gold watch and chain, etc. Some of the articles were taken while himself and family were sitting on the front plazza of his house; certainly a bold operation on the part of the burglars. The Salvation Army is here with its big tent

The Ministers' Meeting, once a week, is one of the annual events of the season; also the Union Morning Prayer Meeting; these meet-ings are open for any one to speak who can get ings are open for any one to speak who can get the floor first, and they last one hour. I at-tended one of them to see whether progress marked the hour with the Evangelical Church ministers. I had talked with one of the prom-inent ministers on the subject of the sectarian religion as compared with Spiritualism, and alluded to the gift of healing that was promi-nent in the past, also with the Spiritualists of to-day. He made some statements last season that I had printed, and he remembered me as a Spiritualist, and seemed to be decidedly op-posed to the views that the Spiritualists ad-vance. I asked him several questions about posed to the views that the Spiritualists ad-vance. I asked him several questions about the inconsistency of the popular church views as compared with the teachings in the Bible which Christians claim to believe. To my as-tonishment, on going to the prayer-meeting the next morning, the Chairman read the identical passage concerning Jesus and his healing the claim a process which by the way is to day basing concerning jests and his hearing the sick—a process which, by the way, is to day held to be illegal in New York. It was amusing to hear the views advanced by different speak-ers concerning the power of Jesus to heal the sick and do other marvelous works. One actu-ally alluded to Jesus as baying a soothing, magnelic hand. I never heard magnetism credited or applied to him before by sectarian church

one speaker described Jesus when young at playing with other boys, and to show the dis-ference between his power and the rest he, Jesus, gave life to certain images of birds which he wrought out of the mud, so that they flew away, while the others were unable to do the like for those themselves had made; but

remain some days. A. S. HAYWARD, Maynetic Physician. Aug. 26th.

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The message of MRS. HANNAH PLINCE, of Portland, Me., given through Mrs. Smith, is recognized as correct in every particular. I was present at the time it was given. It was so characteristic of my friend, Mrs. Prince, I could recognize the tone of her volce. Very truly yours, DR. H. F. MERBILL.

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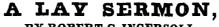
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moral tendency, entitled

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many the "supernatural" is but the natural to support them, in obedience to the right tion. And Spiritualism is spreading knowledge since without the spiritual cause there can be no material and visible effect.

In the sense described all things are the rewit of what is commonly termed "supernat- ployer does not own everything in his workural" force, (though nothing is really above, beyond or cutside the limit of natural law) perform a contract with them for the purchase ward and visible creation, and the inner one of

us ever in its own divine spirit. Do what we rightness of character. will, we cannot escape from its enfolding power.

potent to thwart its steady and constant pur- both parties, that they may thus cease to be poses. If we persist in thinking that it is indi- parties any longer. The lines heretofore drawn vidual force only, self derived and sufficient between them as two separate classes need to unto itself, we are invariably taught the lesson be taken away. The barriers want to be reof dependence by its temporary withdrawal and | moved. One side cannot be too powerfully apour consequent impoverishment and weakness, pealed to on the ground of its self-respect, and When we have once come into something like the other on that of its sympathy. It might not a comprehension of it as the fountain of all besuch an easy matter for all grades of workmen forms of power, we begin to realize the true | to comprehend the scheme on which their empursue that existence to its largest and richest | their gifts of native intelligence, the numerous

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rebellious, relations with the source of all ore hood. ated existence. We should continually draw Once let labor fully understand that capital

denying it the freest admission,

carry on its operations without it. It is in full, heart as well as one in purpose. recognition of this fact that we not only accept

An Original Story of deep interest and high are not necessarily perfected because they have gone out from the visible-natural, but they are

force, operating everywhere after methods rules of living, in comfort, and, if possible, in a way that will put it out of the power of adapted to the production of the ends almed much more. As much as that, at least, is his such superstition ever to oppress human souls st. Materialism thus is made Spiritualism, plain duty as a man and brother; the times | again. we live in do not favor the theory that the taking of wages implies the sacrifice and loss of everything else by their recipient. An emmon's life simply because he undertakes to

which in its essence is love, which is God. This of their labor. No less, either, is it true that is the great mystery of creation, both the out- the employed are not to stop short at the line where actual service is paid for according to consciousness. It is love that created us, that the agreement, but ought to put conscience sustains us, that inspires us according to the into their work even when insufficiently remeasure of our willingness, that ministers to muncrated, if but for the vindication of up-

What is especially wanted now is the steady Contradict it as much as we may, we are im- cultivation of a broader sympathy between significance of existence, and therefore how to ployers work, for the reason that, whatever and thoroughly cleansed them. One of these results. We call fate unfeeling, if not cruel; complications and ever-present obstructions to thick Bristol card-board, and above this the but there can be no cruelty where love is the success can be understood only after passing other slate. The slates were then secured by only power that guides and controls. It is in ! through the educating school of actual experilove alone that we live and move and have our | ence. But as all men in a state of civilization are being. God is father and mother, and "God is supposed to carry human hearts within them, it is perfectly possible for employers to cherish

If as individuals we were to fully assimilate | a fellow feeling for those who help in carrying this belief, so that it would absorb and swal- out those schemes to success, even though they low up every other belief, tongue cannot tell have already distributed the promised wages and pen cannot describe the radical revolution | for such cooperation. The law of kindness, which would be wrought in human character, which is but the law of love, is stronger than or the vast change that would occur in the the fulfillment of any contract, though it were coming records of human history. We should liberal to the last degree. The one thing to dium, called. She was invited to take a seat each of us then be in harmonious, instead of establish is the broad fact of human brother-

new strength into our being at all points, in- is on its side, all the while in earnest to disstead of wasting it as we now do in endless and cover a way to closer and truer relations, never profit'ess discords. We should not distract our abating a jot of its sincere sympathy with these lives with needless contention, for with love as who are not only in their productive projects the central force all motives to contention are; but of them, and as careful of the wage-earnat an end. We should cast out envy, banish er's welfare as it is of its own, and an entire hatred and malice, rid ourselves of uncharita- change of feeling would be wrought on labor's eloquently addressed us, remarking that all bleness, become strangers to fear, and dwell in side, which would supply the firmest ground of that was being accomplished at the time was a state of uninterrupted happiness. What we imutual cooperation for all the future. At all now denominate the ills of life will no longer | events, both parties-if so they must continue have an existence, when we shall have come to be called-must now lose no time and relax to accept all things, accidents and disappoint-) no proper effort to come to a better mutual unments as well as apparent good fortune, as derstanding. A state of perpetual hostility enbeing conceived, designed, and directed by tails an incalculable loss to society at large, tesupreme love. A man would then abstain f_{rom} cause of the increased waste to the industry by indulging hate to his fellow-man, because of which it is nourished and strengthened for the ever present consciousness that in doing so 'further conquests along the line of a still high- card?" Three raps gave an affirmative rehe was wasting the vital force of his being by or civilization. The best, in truth the only thing to do, is to bring the two factors in this slates? "Yes, was rapped. This is ideal, and because it is ideal it is vast and intricate social problem of our age NER-Vol 63, No 26 In No. 1 of the new vol- wholly practical. The spiritual ever comestinto a common forum, where they can meet ume (64th) we shall present our readers with a first. Down through agents of various reception face to face, not to dispute and argue so much tive powers it flows in a steady stream, and as to compare and contrast, to know each even the n-aterial world around us could not other more thoroughly, and to become one in -----. ~ - -----

Then and Now.

God as revealed to the modern conception alike | and shades as admirably placed and blended as none the less spirits, seeking their individual by progressive thought, experimental science, they would have been had an artist in earthadvancement by a truer instinct than that and the revelations of Spiritualism-in the light form spent a number of days in outlining and which guided them on earth, eager to impart of an all-containing Infinite Love which in- perfecting the picture. tidings of the world of love whose conditions stinctively involves justice, acting in harmony Original Poetry, by Miss M. T. Shelhamer; they now better understand, and therefore de- with the law of cause and effect. It is profitinteresting correspondence; editorials upon sirous of performing the first service of love, able now and then to turn back a few leaves of namely, doing for and giving to others. In this the history of man's spiritual development, and [through the united powers present, as a token of his various subjects; reports of spirit-messages namely, doing for and giving to others. In this the instance equilation development, and presence and interest in this new development which the dogmatic creeds behas been instrumental in forwarding, and which given at our Free Public Séances, preceded by we were equally ready to perform similar ser-and forms of professed belief in respect to his he has been instrumental in forwarding, and which answers to questions by the President of the vice ourselyes while dwelling on this mundare relations to the universe and the Dairy have swers to questions by the President of the vice ourselves, while dwelling on this mundane relations to the universe and the Deity have sphere, it would speedily become a different undergone. In the matter of Puritan Orthowould from that which it is now. Let each one doxy here in New England, for instance, it has In this connection it gives us great pleasure begin and try it, if but for a single day. If he been well said that the very titles of some of editor of The Commonwealth, Topeka, Kansas, to be able to inform our patrons that THE were to report afterward that he could not see the sermons preached a century ago are enough that he had benefited others, he assuredly to make one shudder. Some of those of the left, which was so satisfactory to him that he would have to acknowledge that he was a bet. | justly renowned Jonathan Edwards read in this way: "The Eternity of Hell's Torments," "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," Torments of the Damned." Under this latter "When they [the saints in glory] shall see how scale, and with great unanimity and enthusiasm. Interable others of their fellow creatures are, who washing them thoroughly. Around the slates he put The reflection could not but arise in the minds were naturally in the same circumstances with themof all those who witnessed the public parade of selves, when they shall see the smoke of their tor- placed the slate on my shoulder for perhaps one minthe ranks of labor that in such a spectacle they ment and the raging of the flames of their burning, '88-9, under the chairmanship of MR. LEWIS B. beheld the embodiment of the great force by and hear their dolorous shrieks and con- it and he the other. It was held five-or perhaps three sider that they in the meantime are in the most bliss ful state and shall surely be in it to all eternity, how will they replice!" In the course of a brimstone-breathing sermon, inspired by a legion of the devils of dyspepsia, he asserts that "the bigger part of those that heretofore have lived under the same means of grace and are now dead, are undoubtedly gone to hell," and thereupon he proceeds with the following lurid reflections : "So that thus it is that natural men are held in the hand of God over the plt of hell; they have deserved the flery pit, and are already sentenced to it; and God is dreadfully provoked, his anger is as great toward parade of the ranks of labor becomes, therefore, them as to those that are actually suffering the executions of the fierceness of his wrath in hell, and they that anger : neither is God in the least bound by any The just and reasonable conclusion to which promise to hold them up one moment; the devil is walting for them, hell is gaping for them, the flames gather and flash about them and would fain lay hold on them and swallow them up. . . . The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you and is dreadfully provoked. ... It is everlasting wrath. It would them. In humanity it is still love in the dif- rich men work." That is precisely what is be dreadful to suffer the flerceness and wrath of Alferent measures of its unceasing reception; in needed, and such knowledge will be certain to mighty God one moment; but you must suffer it to all the material world it is called force, which it prove of the greatest mutual advantage. For eternity; there will be no end to this exquisite, horriis in its simplest form, becoming known by it certainly is of the utmost importance, not to blemisery; when you look forward you shall see a long forever, a boundless duration before you, which will swallow your thoughts and amaze your soul, and you will absolutely despair of ever having any deliverance, any end, any mitigation, any rest at all; you will know certainly that you must wear out long ages, millions of millions of ages, in wrestling and conflicting with this Aimighty merciless vengeance; and then, when you wise, without any exhibition of an intrusive or spent by you in this manner, you will know that all is but a point to what remains.' No wonder ministers and laymen are now trying to make it appear that no such views have ever been proclaimed by Old Orthodoxybut such is the fact, notwithstanding. If such shocking conceptions of a possible future state and that the real and permanent welfare and for the largest portion of the human race were indeed well grounded a century ago, they assuredly are as true now as they were then. But Old Theology itself has practically outgrown them, and carefully suppresses open mention of them. At least it does not terrorize with them as it once freely did, driving young and old into its fold by main force, and that force wholly fear. The obvious reason is because of the increase of actual knowledge

they are made. Bo that what is called by to assure them sufficient return for their labor whole thing as worse than childlah superati-

Remarkable Sittings with Dr. Henry Rogers at Onset Bay, Mass.

Of the many demonstrations of the presence of spirits of the higher life, and the power they can exercise over material things we have been privileged to witness, those that came under our observation last week are among the most remarkable. They occurred during a brief visit to Onset, where we were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Rogers to call upon them at their cottage. We cordially accepted the invitation, and at two o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 28th, accompanied by Mr. George A. Bacon of Washington, proceeded to Dr. Rogers's residence. There, in addition to our host and hostess, we met Col. and Mrs. Kase of Philadelphia, and found a newly constructed instrument then just received from the West, designed to be operated as a telegraphic instrument by spirit friends in communicating with us independent of our own minds.

Before attempting to experiment with the new instrument, Dr. R. took a pair of slates, he placed on the table, upon it he put a piece of stout rubber bands, no pencil or other article being enclosed. Dr. Rogers then handed them to Mr. Bacon, with a request that he hold them firmly.

Presently the occult instrument began to be operated upon by some unseen power; but as no one present could read the telegraphic alphabet, no intelligence was conveyed to us.

While expressing our regrets at this state of affairs, Mrs. S. Dick, a well-known Boston mewith us at the table, having done which she almost immediately became entranced, and interpreted the meaning of the sounds, which in substance was that Franklin and Morse were present and greatly interested in the development of the new telegraphic mode of commu-

nication between the desizens of the spiritworld and our own. Dr. Rogers also passed under the influence of one of his guides, who done to give the people of earth a most positive, demonstrative proof of the contiguity of the two worlds, and of the great truth that immortality for all mankind is a fact.

Nearly half an hour had elapsed since Mr. Bacon took the slates, and he was yet holding them: Mrs. Rogers said, "Wonder if anything has been given on either of the slates or on the sponse, and it was asked, "Shall we open the

The cards were then taken from the slates. and, removing the top slate, we found the under side of it completely filled with writing, moderately large, clear and distinct. Lifting the eard board, judge of our surprise in finding upon its under surface a wonderfully fine, artistic portrait of an elderly gentleman. This portrait was in oil colors, moist, as they naturally would be immediately after being put upon Elsewhere in this issue we have spoken of the card. The colors were strong; the lights

The message on the slate was as follows :

"This picture is that of Morse, the celebrated inventor of telegraphy, and is given for our medium, SEPTEMBER 8, 1888.

An Ancient "Trust."

The late ismented Ospialu Kidd, as is well known, says the Providence Telegram, made the bulk of his property by one of those little "private affairs" now known by the name of "trusts." He joined with some other gentlemen of leisure and wealth, (including the then King of England, sub rosa) purchased a vessel, paying for it in the most honest and legal way, and then set sail to make money out of any one he could get in his power. The essence of a "trust" is investing your money in such a way that you can squeeze all the money out of another so that he cannot help himself. This is all Captain Kidd did when he sailed the ocean, and if a few people got killed while the captain was managing his responsible trust to the best advantage, it was because they persisted in interfering with Kidd's strictly " private affairs."

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond

Devoted a week recently to her native home in Cuba. N. Y., enjoying a visit with relatives and friends. She spoke there Sunday, Aug. 19th, in the Universalist church, to a good audience. On the 26th ult, she had a delightful meeting in Corry, Pa. R. F. Livermore and his amlable wife opened their house to a select audience of friends, and the guides of Mrs. R. dellyered an address which was appreciated by all. Friday, Aug. 31st. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond were to leave for Cincinnati, where she is engaged for September. She then returns to Chicago for the season.

A telegram to The Inter Ocean, Chicago, Ill., from Blakeman, Neb., under date of August 24th, states that on the day previous Abraha McAdams and Ira Boyce, on their way to that plac, w the apparition of a woman with one hand outstretched toward McAdams, as if beckoning him. Then it changed, and in the place of the woman stood a horse, with saddle-bags, and by its side a man dressed in clerical garb, whom McAdams at once recognized as the exact counterpart of his uncle, a Virginia circuit rider. The apparition turned for a moment toward the two men; then, regarding McAdams gravely for a moment, beckoned once, and mounting the horse galloped slowly off.

Arriving at Blakeman Mr. McAdams called for his mail, and was handed a letter with a deep black border, postmarked Three Rivers, Va. A portion of it read: "Your Uncle John was called home suddenly yesterday. He was taken ill in prayer meeting the night previous, and only lived a short time. He was conscious to the last. He asked that his library be given to you, and his dying request was that you should become a minister of the gospel and take up the work where he left off."

-----The Senate Committee on Education and Labor, to whom was referred a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit "the manufacture, importation, exportation, transportation and sale of alcoholic liquors," have, through Senator Blair, reported in favor of its adoption. The report states that at least ten millions of the people of the United States are in favor of abolishing the liquor traffic by national legislation, this estimate being based on petitions addressed to Congress, the prohibitory vote in various sections, and personal inquiry and observation. In addition to these there are, probably, as many more who have made no expression of their sentiments, but would reporce to see so fruitful a source of unhappiness and crime done away with. The press generally favor placing the proposed amendment before the people for their adoption or rejection, and to such a course no honest person can reasonably object.

27 A. S. Hayward, magnetic physician, has returned to Boston from his two months' visit to Onset Bay, Lake Pleasant and Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and will, until he resumes his office treatment, visit the sick in this city and vicinity, as per advertisement in another column.

127 This is the way the St. Joseph, Mo., Herald would settle the "Oklahoma" business: 'If the Oklahoma bill passes both houses of Congress, opening that territory to white settlement, the Government should not sell an acre of it to anybody, but hold it free for the use of those who wish to go there and cultivate it; and never relinquish the ownership of the land. Such a mode of procedure on the part of the Government would entirely cut off the land-sharks, who are now waiting to spring upon the land and gobble up the whole terri-

Circle, Father Pierpont, etc., etc.

BANNER will appear next week IN AN EN-TIRELY NEW DRESS-the different fonts of type ter man himself for having lived that day. having been cast expressly for us at the wellknown DICKINSON FOUNDERY in this city.

**** **** ··· Re-opening of the Banner Seances !

The Public Free Meetings regularly held under the auspices of this paper ever since its inception will be recommenced for the season of WILSON, at the BANNER OF LIGHT BUILDING, which modern society is upheld and its strongon TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 11th at three est muniment is sustained. Processions of labor o'clock, Miss M. T. SHELHAMER being the medium, as usual, for the answering of questions. On the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 14th, the more thoroughly the great labor class, which is giving of messages from individual spirits, the preponderating majority in society, identithrough the mediumship of MRS. B. F. SMITH, will be in order.

The presence of the public is respectfully desired.

"God is Love."

er height or depth of meaning than is conveyed upon labor and its sure results that all hopes of have done nothing in the least to appease or abate in the three words above.

The finite will forever be unable to comprehend the infinite. The love of God is also Mr. Edward Atkinson arrives, in his recent his wisdom. The two are one, and they rule article in The Forum entitled "Progress from and uphold the universe. This love flows out- Poverty," is that what is to day most needed is ward and downward into all the innumerable forms of life, and thereby creates and sustains men live, and the workmen shall know how the various names, the most general one of which is motion.

inspiring, moving power of creation, called by know whether the wages paid the latter are one name in one place, or recipiency, and by another name in another. In the material world in which we are born it is called Nature, there can be no happiness. They ought like- have so done, when so many ages have actually been whose forces are observed to work after certain established methods. These methods are called natural laws; and the materialist is he who cannot or will not look beyond them to search for the originating and sustaining cause | ing in the work of their prosperity; that they of which they are inevitably significant. Instead of searching for the causative and operative power itself, he is content to discover and describe the method. In brief, he devotes himself to natural things, not recognizing the fact that they are thus natural by virtue of first having been spiritual. And that spiritual is wholly Love, the light of the universe. It proceeds from God, its boundless source, and in the misunderstanding which, first of all, the various forms of power descends through the | former entertain in respect to the latter. Nor ranks of angelic hosts in the heavens down | can ft in reason be expected that such misuninto the dwellers on earth and the inhabitants derstanding will be diminished or removed unof all the worlds. Its manifestations are as til the employer, as a rule, takes enough inter- among the people. They refuse to be frightnumerous as the individuals through whom est in his workmen to care how they live and ened in that way any more. They ridicule the

A Better Mutual Understanding.

Labor Day, made a legal holiday in Massachu- title Edwards discourses as follows : setts, was observed last Monday on a very broad are in themselves a living illustration of the persistent energy through which alone civilization may either exist or advance. And the fies itself and all its interests with the general make-up of the society of which it is an integral and essential part, the sooner may it expect advancement, by its increasing intelligence and virtue, to the high place of respect and authority which is its inalienable desert. A public No recorded saying can claim to possess great- a public proclamation of the vital fact that it is the world's continued amelioration depend. "that the rich men shall know how the workone side merely but to both sides, that employers, whether individuals or corporations, should Thus is Love, which is God, the originating, | feel interest enough in those they employ to | equal to their support in comfort and with proper regard to self-respect, without which

a patronizing spirit, to show that they feel a truly human interest in the continued wellbeing of those who are for the time cooperatcare even more for them than for any mere money profit there is to be not out of them; happiness of both are closely bound up together. It is still an unwelcome fact to repeat and dwell upon, that the larger part of the disagreements and even hostilities which prevail between employers and employed spring from

During the latter part of this highly interesting séance there was present Mr. F. P. Baker, who had a sitting with Mr. Rogers after we requested us to print the following letter: To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

After you left this afternoon I sat down at the pine "Why Saints in Glory will Rejoice to See the Lable which you and your friends sat around, and put my hands on it, as did Dr. Rogers and his wife. We held our hands on the table perhaps five minutes, when the doctor took a piece of card board, about six by ten inches in size, and put it between two slates, after an India rubber band to hold them together. He then ute, then on the top of my hea4-I holding one side of -minutes, when both of us took it off my head, and

laid it on a little box containing several kinds of oll The box was perhaps an inch high. Both of colors. us held the slates some ten minutes-certainly not to exceed that-the doctor, his wife and myself being most of the time engaged in conversation on different matters; the doctor a part of the time scomingly entranced, and part of the time joining in the conversation. At the end of the ten minutes, or about that time, I took the rubber from off the slates, when I found on the card-board a well-executed picture in oil of my wife (as I believe, and have no reason to doubt), who has been in spirit-life something over thirty-eight years. The paint on the card was fresh.

Yours truly, F. P. BAKER, Editor Commonwealth, Topeka, Kan. Onset, Mass , Aug. 28th, 1888.

* A spirit-guide of Dr. Rogers.

Testimonial to A. B. French.

Information reaches us that A. B. Frenchwhose eloquent discourses on our platform have rendered his name a household word among Spiritualists from Maine to Californiawill on Thursday, Sept. 13th, attain to his fiftieth year in the mortal, and that the members of the Free Church at Clyde, O., (his place of residence), and other friends, propose to make the day memorable to him by an anniversary service. There will be music, addresses, etc., on this auspicious occasion.

We would suggest that those who have known him in the lecture field in the past write him a word of pleasant remembrance to be read on that date, as we feel that Bro. French richly deserves any tribute of praise which they may eel to tender him.

The general opinion of the people of Onset is that Dr. H. B. Storer is wanted to preside as Chairman at the rostrum on conference and lecture occasions next year. We are glad to know that the disposition is manifested among the management to employ his valuable services in this direction.

The marriage of Mr. Laurence Oliphant and Rosamond Dale Owen, daughter of the late Robert Dale Owen, occurred in England, Aug. 16th. A visit to Paris will be followed by their departure to the home of Mr. Oliphant in Syria.

J. E. P." of Scranton, Pa., has forwarded \$5.00 to Mrs. McKenzie of Cincinnati, in aid of her worthy "Walf Fund."

tory as soon as the bill passes. This is the only way in which the territory will ever be of any real benefit to actual settlers."

BE We learn from Dr. J. M. Peebles that the Rev. Dr. Dykes, one of the most eminent of the London preachers, has for three years been chairman of the committee on the revision of the "Westminster Confession of Faith." The report which this committee adopted and sent to the English churches for review and consideration contains some very radical departures from the teachings of the Westminster theologians of two and a half centuries ago. And why not? Creeds and confessions are theological text-books; they are not infallible; they are the work of men's hands, and consequently subject to revision.

ET The Pipe of Peace, published semimonthly at the Indian School, Genoa, Neb., recalls to mind that famous declaration of President Cleveland : "I would rather have my administration marked by a sound and honorable Indian policy than by anything else." Now is the time of test, when the Sioux are under the pressure of mistaken friends and open foes. May the early promise of the Great Father at Washington be fulfilled in this later hour !

Mr. George A. Bacon, of the Agricultural Department, Washington City, who has been with us the past two weeks on his yearly vacation, returned to that city on Thursday of last week, well satisfied with his visit to the Hub, and the Onset and Lake Pleasant Camp-Meetings. This gentleman has been a welcome correspondent of THE BANNER for many years, and it is to be hoped he will remain many years in his earthly form to still aid as in the past with his voice and pen in promulgating the beautiful truths of the New Dispensation.

We are requested to state that Mrs. Ada Hoyt Foye, of San Francisco, is on her way East, bound for Europe, eventually, though now speaking in Chicago. We had sittings with this excellent medium in Boston many years ago, hence can endorse her mediumship. A letter from London recently informed us that reliable mediums were in great demand there at the present time, and we cordially recommend this lady to the kind attention of our friends in the old country.

2 During our recent trip to Onset Bay we were much gratified at making the acquaintance of F. P. Baker, editor of The Commonwealth, Topeka, Kan., who contributes to this number of THE BANNER an interesting description of a very satisfactory sitting enjoyed by himself at the rooms of Dr. Henry Rogers.

197 The remarks of the Controlling Intelligence, as spoken through Miss M. T. Shelhamer at our Public Free Oircle-reported on the sixth page the present week-deserve the careful attention of all students of the mental and physical phases of manifestation of spirit-intelligence and power.

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ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

Last Sat-It-day oysters opened in a healthy condition.

It is pretty well understood of inte that fron warships, in case of a naval battle, would go to the bottom mighty quick when run into, without the enemy Gring a gun.

The world 's not all wisdom, nor poems, nor flowers, But each day has the same good twenty four hours, The same light, the same night. For your Jacobs, no

The same new, say shows the set of the years; tears; They see the Bachels at the end of the years; There's waving of wheat, and the tall, strong corn, And his heart blood is water, that sitteth forforn. - John Vance Cheney, in the Contury.

West Superior, Wis., was the scene, Sept. 2d, of the latest hotel holocaust-ten lives, at least, being lost in the burning of the American House in that place.

The London Standard having hoisted the standard of war, and warned Uucle Samuel that the guns of England's tron-clads are behind Canada, in this business of retailation in matters piscatorial, the Pall Mall Gazette, The Star, and the St. Jumes Gazette of that city, have given it a sound drubbing for its insult to the United States; these influential papers ridicule the very idea of a military or naval conflict between the two countries. The sensational Standard had better haul down its flag, as it is evidently not a signal of the true English opinion.

Minneapolis, Minn., is to have a twenty-eight story building. The marvelous edifice will be eighty feet square, and will have a courtyard in the center. Its appearance on the plans is much like an aggravated church tower.

It is difficult to speak to the stomach, because it has no ears.—*Plutarch*, A. D. 120.

London dispatches for Sept. 24 report that an earthquake has done serious damage in New Zealand. Five shocks were felt during balf an hour. The spire of the cathedral in the town of Christ Church was destroyed, and many other buildings were damaged.

Ten large business houses were burned on Hoskins Place, Baltimore, Md., Sept. 24; seven firemen were killed by falling ruins, and a property loss in flicted of \$1,500 000.

Being slightly out of sorts He went to summer resorts Where rich men cut a dash. He 's out of sor's no longer, Walking home has made him stronger, But he is out of cash. - Chicago Daily News.

The drift of Europe is steadily toward a general war, though the danger of famine from scant crops the coming winter may stay the hand of slaughter till another summer. France is quite ready to fight Italy for its operations in Abyssinia; Germany glowers on all sides, looking for some suspicious movement ; Austria and Russia feel within them the presentiment of coming strife; England is doing what she can for purposes of defense. Religion seems to be taking a prominent position in this matter, as an element of strife rather than peace. Berlin dispatches aver that 'under the new leader, young Kaiser William, a touch of stern religious fanaticism may be trained into the army, for the new set headed by the kalser is excessively and very actively religious." This, the correspondent thinks, means war,

Our thanks are returned to Hon. Joseph Wheeler-Representative from Alabama-for public documents.

No great genius was ever without some mixture of madness, nor can anything grand or superior be spoken except by the agitated son!.—Aristo'le, H. C. 84.

Men who are honest and self-reliant get along much better in the world than those who are governed by policy. Remember this.

In an Instantaneous photograph of a carriage in rapld motion the spokes at the upper part of the wheel are blurred, while below they are not, which goes to show that the top of the wheel travels faster than the sottom.

Smith (an editor): "They say half the reading done novelist): "Frightful ! I did not suppose the newspapers were perused so extensively."

LIBERTY means intelli Sidvery means ignorance, sence. Intelligence educates Ignorance begets supersti-

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element at meal times. With every course, from the soup to the coffee, his voice goes up in varied protests. If worries the waiters and fatigues his friends. In his own peculiar way he is happy. Bo long as he can find plenty of things to grumble at he will enjoy his

vacation. But it is sad that he cannot see himself as others see him. Many people continue to mis-pell the word "Hin. du" with two o's instead of using the letter u, which authorities aver should be used.

Penn's freaty with the Indians was kept most saoredly by the savage race, who though waging relentless war with the colonies were never known to shed a drop of Quaker blood. The history of this treaty was kept by the Indians, by means of strings of wampum, and they would often count over the shells on a clean piece of bark and rehearse its provisions.

"G. H.," Vermont, sends the following, and says it is right to the point: The faith-cure doctor took the hand of his patient, and, looking into his eyes, said : "I can cure you." Patient.... Are you sure?" "Very nad of his patient, and, hoking into his eyes, said : "I can oure you." Patient-"Are you sure?" "Very sure. All you 've got to do is to believe. Just believe you're cured. That's all." "All right; I'll try it. Good day." "Hold on a minute, my man. Did n't you forget something?" "What?" "The fee. I charge a dollar a visit." "On t yes. Well, believe. All you've got to do is to believe I 've paid you, and it'il be all right." - The Boston Investigator.

A "silver wedding" is all very nice when you have plenty of silver to back it up. Not otherwise.

INSTINCTIVE FITNESS.

Rather than more personal acquirements. The coarsest reed that trembles in the marsh, If Heaven select it for his instrument. Will shed Celestial music on the breeze. As clearly as the pipe whose virgin gold Befits the lips of Phoebus."

Rev. Mr. Fulton thinks Washington, D. C., " sits in the lap of Rome." Is n't that putting it rather strong?

"Ridicule," says a German critic, "Is like a blow with the fist ; wit, like the prick of a needle ; irony, like the sting of a thorn; and humor, the plaster which heals all these wounds."

A number of speeches the prevent week are expected in the United States Senate in regard to the President's fisherles retallation message.

A" BLIND" SEQUENCE .- Nonquitt has a "Dumpling Club" drawn from its summer contingent, and the following is said to have been among the results of one of its recent sessions:

We have the west wind blind ? Because the west wind blan zephyr; And zephyr is worsted And worsted is yarn? And a yarn is a tale; And a tall is an attachment;

And an attachment is love; And love is blind. "

A bad, designing map, who is fully aware himself that he is a hypocrite, and who endeavors to cover his iniquitous life by traducing the characters of honest people, thus deceiving those who have but slight acquaintance with the parties so traduced, is a villain of the rankest sort, all his specious pleadings to the contrary notwithstanding.

A wash which will remove the sunburn acquired by out-door sports is made by adding to twelve ounces of elder flower water six drams of common soda and six drams powdered borax. Applied to the skin will make it clear and soft.—The Sedgwick (Kan.) Pantagraph.

Many nihilists have recently been arrested in Rus-

sla.

A beautiful invocation, followed by words fitly spoken. In the spirit of iove, has touched the hearts of many who came full of prejudice; while ridicule and abose only pain the car of the believer and send the skeptic away full of anger, perhaps never to return. Of course there is much provocation to harsh language in the manner and attitude of many who do not accept the teachings of Spiritualism; but those who hold a higher truth should teach that truth to a batter way. in a better way.

Coals are going up in price as well as in smoke. Perish " policy and cunning,

Perish all that fears the light. Whether losing, whether winning, Trust in God and do the right.

Catholic papers defend the miracles at the shrine of Ste. Anne de B-aupre by saying that ' one ounce of man of the Committee on Publication, for copies of by the public is of fiction. How dreadful !" Jones (a fact is worth a ton of argument and sneers." We the above. The papers are twelve in number; in would respectfully proffer the same reply to those ; addition to the opening address of the President, Mrs. people of whatever creedal belief - or no belief at all Julia Ward Howe, all meritorious--that upon "Egyp- to the friends of the paper throughout the world

Cleveland (0.) Notes.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: The summer vacation being about over, signs are already apparent injupiritualistic ranks of reason-bling for abother scason's active work in the promu-

Already apparent in the printualistic ranks of reissem-bling for abother-scason's active work in the promul-gation of the spiritual philosophy in this city. The admirable course of lectures given here last winter, and the interest manifested by the general public therein, encouraged the Lycetim managers to a simi-iar course this fail and winter, opening the senson with Mrs. Helen Bitart-Biohings, the talented and versatile medium and elocutionist, of Boston, in October, and continuing the entire month. The full list of speak-ers engaged will be published after the next business meeting; the season promises to be a memorable one in the history of Spiritualism in this city of churches. The Children's Progressive Lyceum.-Conductor Richard Carleton will issue a call through the Secre-tary, E. W. Gaylord, for a meeting next Sunday morn-ing (Sept. 9th) at G. A. R. Hail to lay out the work for the coming season, and the children's behalf are urgently requested to attend, and give their advice and hei, it possible, to the workers who have stood so faithfully by the Children's Progressive Lyceum. *Another Lyceum*.-Rumor has it that another Chil-dren's Lyceum is to be organized in Cleveland this season. We hope it may prove true, for with our population of over two bundred and sixty thousand there is certainly room for one if not two more. The great distance that separates Spiritualists in this city makes it both difficult and expensive to assemble at one point, no matter how central it may be. If Cleveland Spiritualists generally fully realized the great importance of the spiritual culture and unfold-ment of ther children's britualists in this city makes it both difficult and expensive to assemble at one point, no matter how central it may be. If Cleveland Spiritualists generally fully realized the giving lectures could be sustalned here, there is no doubt ho we much abe work wore wore of the spiritual culture and unfold-ment of ther children, they would see to it before the season is over that other Side, "wou

camp-meeting was well patronized, as usual, by Ohio-ans this season, and those who could not spare the time to take in the entire six weeks, availed them time to take in the entire six weeks, availed them-selves of the ten-days' excursion which left Cieva-land Friday, Aug. 17th, all reporting an enjoyable time. The interchange of thought with people from all parts of the country and the sociability to be found there, added to which are the grandest of lectures from the very best speakers on the spiritual rostrium and some of the hest physical mediums, make it an enjoyable and profitable way of spending one's vacation. one's vacation

The Good Samaritan Relief Society (a Ladies' Sew-The Good Samaritan Relief Society (a Ladies' Sew-ing society auxiliary to the Lyceum) will resume its meetings Sept. 7th, and continue them the first and third Friday of each month. The new constitutions are now ready and can be had on application to the President, Mrs. T. V. Cooke, 237 Garden street, or to the Secretary, Mrs. M. Smith, 1121 Woodiand Avenue. *A Minister ' Steps Down and Out.''*—The popular minister, Rev. Geo. Thomas Dowling, of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, read his letter of resignation to his hock recently, and leaves the Baptist church latter five more Sundays. In answer to a reporter he said, '' I have no idea as to what church I will enter.'' Thus is felt, and made manifest, the liberalizing in-fluence of Spiritualism. fluence of Souritualism

Incore of Spiritualism, Miss Clair Tuttle, the youthful, beautiful and tal-ented daughter of Hudson and Emma Futtle, who has Inherited in an Intensified degree the elocutionary tal-ent of her mother, is to make her *d/bat* in Cleveland this coming season, in a novel and *recherche* enter-lamment, specially adapted to her highly emotional and spiring effect.

tainment specially adapted to her highly emotional and spiritual gifts. In Memorian -H. F. Brayton, one of the most re-spected ploneer ellizens of Cleveland, passed to spirit life at the advanced age of seventy-six years. Though for years known as a Spiritualist, his obse-quies were conducted by the Rev. James A. Bolles of the Episcopal Church. Transition of Richard Coleman. - After a Ingering filness of many months, this zealous Spiritualist, aged seventy-six, passed to the higher file, Aug. 30th, from his home in Newburgb. Mr. R. Coleman is the father of Cleveland's promising trance speaker, Wm. W. Coleman. Our departed brother leaves a wife and several children who will keenly feel their ioss, as will the workers in our ranks who have been assowill the workers in our ranks who have been asso clated with him for many years in helping the cause in the city. Fraternally yours, Titos, LEES,

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. Papers Read at the Fifteenth Women's Congress in New York, Oct. 1887, 880, paper, pp. 149. Also RePORT OF THE ASSOCIATION, Submitted at Said Congress, pp. 104. Fall River, Mass.: J. H. Franklin & Co. Co.

We are indebted to Mrs. Lita Barney Sayles, Chair--who, knowing nothing whatever of Modern Spiritue 1 tian Women," by Mrs. Charlotte B. Wilbour of Paris, to assist them in their important work. allsm, are yet very free with their snears - arguments - a record of personal observation and intercouse, being The others trea of special interest. bility of Women to Society, Home Studies for Women, Responsibilities of States to their Dependent Children. Scientific Charity, A. Women's Congress, Intellectual Sympathy, Women in Labor Reform, Thought, Hope and Consolation from Browning, Women as Educators, Development and Growth of Art in the West, and The Freedom of Fate.

Spiritualistic Meetings in Boston. College finit, 24 Ranes Mireet .- Sundays, at 104 A. M., 3/4 and 7/6 P. M. Eben Cobb, Uonductor.

Mishawum Hall, City Nguare, Charlestown,-Mediums' meeting every sunday at 2% and 7% r. M. Dr. Blark Huith, Chairman, Magie Hail. 010 Washington Atreet. -Sundays at 25 and 74 P. M. ; also Wednesdays at 8 P. M. Dr. E. il. Mathews, Conductor.

Ludies' Aid Parlors, 1031 Washington Street,-Sundays at 2% and 7% P. H. F. W. Mathews, Conductor.

College Hall, 34 Esses Street .- The meetings at this hall, on Bunday, Bept. 2d, were quite interest. at this hall, on Bunday, Sept. 2d, were quite interest-ing. Mr. Eben Cobb being absent, Mrs. Cobb carried on the services, Frank T. Ripley presiding and mak-ing a short address, which was well received by the addience. Miss Peabody gave some marked tests in psychometric readings which were acknowledged to be correct by those receiving them. Mr. Ripley also gave tests which were acknowledged to be cor-rect. Mrs. T. J. Lewis gave several tests of spirit-identity and intelligence. Mr. Beckwith made some remarks for a spirit mother. Mr. Redeil also spoke in bis usual manner, alluding, in the course of his re-marks, to the fact that Jacob Edson bad an ill turn after his address at College Hall the Sunday previous, but, he was happy to say, was now on the way to im proved conditions of health. Mr. McKenzle gave a few readings, psychometrically or otherwise, which were essentially correct. Com.

Eagle Hall, 616 Washington Street.-These meetings under the new management are still increasing in attendance. Last Sunday afternoon Mr. Coombs Ing in attendance. Last Sunday afternoon Mr. Coombs was the first speaker; he also gave more than a dozen spirit-descriptions and names in full, all of which were fully recognized. Mrs. Lewis also gave good satisfaction in her spirit-descriptions; David Brown was the next speaker-closing with spirit delineations, Mr. McKenzle also gave tests. Dr. Roscoe closed the exercises with psychometric readings. In the evening Mrs. Abbie Burnham. Mr. Coombs, Mr. McKenzle, and the chairman participated - the latter closing the exercises with psychometric read.

latter closing the exercises with psychometric read-Ings which were fully reconsized. Next Sunday evening Mrs. Burnham will occupy

the platform. F. W. MATHEWS

Ladies' Aid Parlors, 1031 Washington Street. -The platform was occupied both afternoon and evening by Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. Townsend, Mr. Mc-Kenzie, and others. The tests that were given through the mediumship of Mrs. Fownsend in the evening were truly wonderful. These meetings are still in-creasing in interest. F. W. M

[TRUTH FROM THE STANDARD.] - Whether these phenomena, assuming them to be real, are splritual revelations, or manifestations of some uoknown natural force, every one must judge for himself on his own experience. But whether or not they are only tricks, is a problem that may be solved to the satisfaction of candid minds. It cannot be solved, however, so long as a claim of power to produce the manifestations is regarded as conclusive evidence of fraud, and bellef in their genuineness as proof of lidiocy-N. Y. Standard.

George T. Albro states that seances for full form manifestations will be held as usual at 55 Rutland street, Boston, commencing Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9th.

For Seasickness, use Horsford's Acid SPIRITEALASTS who desire to support Mediums, Camp-Phosphate. Dr. W. W. BLACKMAN, Brook-lyn, N. Y., says: "I am very much pleased with it in seasickness. Several cases have been brought to my attention where it afforded prompt and entire relief."

Spiritualist Camp-Meetings for 1888. QUKRN CITY PARK, VT. Meeting commences Aug. 21st and continues to Sept. 16th, inclusive,

NIANTIC, CL.-Meeting closes Sept. 9th.

 $ETS(x_i,MR_i)$ (amp-Meeting, commenced at Bu-well's Grove, Aug. 31st, and closes Sept. 9th, NIW ERV, 004, "Change-Meeting commences Sept. 7th, and continues two weeks."

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R. J. Williams, in The National View.

" Labor day," Sept. 3d, was well observed at various points. Twelve thousand men participated in the parade in Boston, which was the most successful de monstration of its kind ever made in this city, and was highly creditable alike to those who marched and those who directed.

George Hains, colored, of Dinwiddle County, Virginia, is fifty-two years old, the father of twenty two children, and has never in his life been sick a day or caken a dose of medicine.

> "ORFENIAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS" Replaced. What though the spley breezes Are very nice and dry Are very nice and dry, And every prospect pleases A missionary eye? In vain with lavish kindness The Gospel tracts are strewn, The beathen in his blindness Does better left alone.

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Sylvanus Cobb. jr.'s most popular story, the one that clinched his reputation and largely helped to make the success of the New York Lodger, "The Gun-Maker of Moscow," will be published in Cassell & Company's Sunshine Library within a few days. Although there is hardly a man or boy in this country who has not heard of this story, it has never appeared in book form.

The following quotation is applicable to anonymous newspaper scribblers:

"Quod non cants, quod non vides, Animosa firmat fides, Praeter rerem ordinem."

Literally and liberally rendered it means this: " Upon men of small understanding nothing makes so deep an impression as what they do not understand."

GRAVE DUTIES-The undertaker's.

"Howard" in the Sunday Globs talks sensibly when he says that a few days of coolish weather, two or three heavy rainfalls, and that choicest of all absurdities, the opening of schools in the early days of September, induce thousands, yea, scores of thousands, of New Yorkers, Bostonians, Philadelphians, to turn their backs on Nature's glories that they may return to the coming heats, the stenches, the discomforts, the annoyances of city life.

Yellow fever is still active in Jacksonville-thirty. two deaths being reported ; thirty-seven new cases Sept. 4th.

There may be nothing new under the sun, but there There may be nothing new under the sun, but there are some very strange beings. One of these is quar-tered at the Windsor. He is called Prof. Bert Reese, and claims to be a sightseer. As easily as another man would tell the time of day by looking at the clock, be can tell you the name of anybody or any-thing written on a piece of paper that has never left the writer's possession. "You have exactly three bun-dred and sixteen cents in your puree," he said to a *Globe* reporter, and on being asked to tell what the reporter had for breakfast, he replied: "You did not have anything. You failed to get up to breakfast." He forecasts the tuture, but whether he sees correctly the future alone can tell. But he is certainly a won-der. —The St. Paul Globe. the future alone can tell. der.-The St. Paul Globe.

A terrible storm Aug. 31st, in which a water spout and tidal-wave were commingled, caused great loss of life and property at Hot Springs, Ark. The dispatches state : "The city is gutted. Ruin and wreck meet the vision everywhere."

This is the season when the great American grumbler gets in his heavy work. He is not a rara avis. Not a hotel in the country but knows his presence. He can be found on the plazza gloomily garrulous, or in the diping-room is his parade-ground. He is in his mence at 2:30 on the afternoon of Sunday next. i by & Rich. Price 60 cents.

The first assisted Italian immigrant to this country was a person named Christopher Columbus.

Movements of Mediums & Lecturers.

(Notices under this heading must reach this office by Monday's mail to insure insertion the same week, [

Mr. J. W. Fletcher has returned to bis office, No. Beacon street, Boston. He begins his autumn lectures in Providence, R. 1., in October.

Mrs. T. J. Lewis of Brooklyn, N. Y., the platform test medium, is still at No. 16 Bennett street, Boston, for the present. The Eastern friends are informed that she is ready to fill engagements on the platthat she is ready to hill engagements on the plat-form in such districts. Address her direct at her present residence.— Dr. Horatio L. Tryon, another prominent medium, is also at the same residence. Miss A. Josephine Webster, trance speaker, can be addressed for engagements through the month of

October and November at her home, 148 Park street. Chelsen Mass

Dr. H. P. Fairfield is engaged to speak for the First Spiritual Society of Fitchburg, Mass., Sundays, Sept. 23d and 30th. He will also answer calls to lecture wherever his services may be required. Address him, Rockland, Me., Box 317.

Mrs. H. S. Lake, who is speaking for the First Asso-ciation of Spiritualists at Parkiand, Pa., to large and enthusiastic audiences, may be addressed, during Sep-tember, at 2139 Uber Place, Philadelphia, Pa.

W. J. Colville's engagement ended at Cassadaga W. J. Colville's engagement ended at Cassadaga Friday, Aug. 31st, when he delivered a fine inspira-tional discourse on "The Future Government of America and of the World," to a large audience. During his stay there he has made many warm friends, and has been presented with five shares of stock in the Association. He expresses himself de-lighted with the camp in all respects, and is par-ticularly ardent in bis recognition of the hospitality and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore, so well known as earnest Spirinalists and old-time workers.

known as earnest Spiritualists and old-time workers. Dr. H. F. Merrill, the platform test medium, is now permanently located at 87 Sewall street, Augusta, Me. He will fill all engagements the coming fall and winter. We are informed that almost every mail is bringing him letters for new engagements. Dr. M. will be pleased to correspond with lecturers and test mediums especially relative to work in Maine. He can give them letters from all over the State where workers for the cause of Spiritualism are in demand, and where the remuneration is good. "J. E. P.'s" letter will appear next week. Dr. J. L. Wyman and wife have returned from their

Dr. J. L. Wyman and wife have returned from thei vacation, and can be found at 41 Mt. Pleasan street, East Somerville, Mass.

BLIGET, East SOMETVILE, MASS. Geo. D. Dager, of Utica, N. Y., writes Sept. 2d that he listened with great pleasure, while at Lake Pleas-ant Camp, to Dr. Dean Olarke's discourse on "The Present Needs of our Cause," and thinks so able and eloquent a speaker should be fully employed by the Spiritualistic public. Dr. C. can be addressed in care of this office.

Aug. 31st, Mrs. Jennie K. D. Conant and husband re-turned to Boston from a successful visit to Lake Pleas-ant Camp-Meeting. They embarked the same day on the Bangor boat to attend the Etna (Me.) Camp-Meeting. She would like to make engagements with socie ties to lecture and improvise poems (subjects from the audience), with psychom-trie readings and spiritua tests. She can be addressed at this office for the pres

J. Frank Baxter having concluded his successful en-gagement at Lake Pleasant, left last week for Etna, Me., Camp Meeting, where he was announced for Sept. 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th. It is expected he will lee-ture Sept. 12th in the Universalist Dhurch at Sidney, Me. He is engaged for Madison Lake, Me., Camp-Meeting on Sept. 14th, 15th and 16th. He will open Lynn's season on Sundays Sept. 23d and 30th. All the Sundays of October he will lecture in Bridgeport, Ct.; of November, in Norwich, Ct.; of December, in Buf-falo, N. Y.; of January, 1889, two in Portland, Me., and two in Willimantic, Ct.; of February, '80, in Albany, N. Y.; of March and April, '80 (including 41st Anniver-sary), in Worcester; of May, '89, two in Boston, and so on, every Bunday till October, 1883. Week evenings open. Address 161 Walts ent.

A card on the fifth page announces that Hattie C. Stafford (who is, we are informed, a new medium for form manifestations) will hold séances at 55 Rutland street, Boston, G. the reading room growling over his newspaper. But | T. Albro, manager. Her sittings are to com-

The report includes returns from all the States, a list of officers, committees and members, and a summary of information relating to what has been accomplished up to the date of its presentation.

THE WAY PUBLISHING COMPANY,-At an ad fourned annual meeting of the stockholders of The Way Publishing Company, (publishers of The Better Way, at Cincinnati, O.,) held at Covington, Ky., on Sept. 1st instant, the following named Directors were elected : J. K. P. Bigger, Thos. J. Smith, J. N. Ramsey, S. E. Hyndman, C. C. Stowell, A. F. Melchers, L. Barney. At a meeting of these Directors, subsequently held, J. K. P. Bigger was elected President, and L. Barney Secretary and Treasurer.

CF Augustus Day writes us from Detroit, Mich., that Dr. Bartlett and Mr. Joseph Barber have rented his premises, No. 12 Park Place, with a view to conducting the practice of magnetic healing. Dr. Ira Davenport is at present in Detroit, where he expects to remain for awhile; he is in good spirits, and reports the Haslet Park Camp-Meeting, which he has attended, to be a great success. Mr. Day's Sale and Circulating Library will soon be established at 73 State street, in a room adjoining Fraternity Hall.

THE NEW YORK COLLEGE OF MAGNETICS .- We THE NEW YORK COLLEGE OF MAGNETICS.--We learn that the course of lectures at the New York Col-lege of Magnetics has been received with great inter-est by a number of physicians, hawyers and intell-gent students who have listened to them, especially as they explain so many mysteries of life that have heretofore not been understood. The works of Dr. Babbit, the Dean of this institution, are now being translated into French by Madame Lemaitre of France, who declares that they should be translated into all languages and their principles taught to into all languages and their principles taught to every individual.

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Dr. Donald Kennedy, of Boston, Mass., U.S. A., called on his way to Liverpool. He has had a serious illness, but is very serene and happy though weak. He looks well still, being a man of fine physique and generous disposition. He says he left Inverness in 1831, and on visiting it in 1874 he found only two persons who knew him, or whom he had known. He has taken the BANNER OF LIGHT from the second number, and had the volumes bound. He is as warmly interested in Spiritualism as ever. It is his intention to spend the remainder of his days in America. For the last twelve years he has been most of the time in Europe. He has been most kindly toward mediums and spirit-ual workers, and has been rewarded with manifestations of an extraordinary character, and the love and good-will of many of his fellow-men, in which sentiment we join most heartily. -The Medium and Daybreak, Aug. 24th

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At this office will be resumed Sept. 11th.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED, THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF

Miss M. T. Shelhamer.

Report of Public Séance held June 19th, 1888-Continued from last issue.

Questions and Answers. QUES.—Is it not as reasonable to demand that an investigator should substantiate himself as a fair and candid visitor at a séance, and in a properly receptive condition of mind, as that a medium should prove herself capable of having

genuine manifestations, and none other ? Ass.-It is certainly as fair and honorable for a medium or her spirit guides to demand evidence of fair dealing on the part of the in-vestigator or sitter, as it is for the latter to demand evidence of the reliability of the medium with whom he sits; but we deplore the state of things that demands such evidence from either side; we like to look at humanity as being in its best and fairest condition and as being in its best and fairest condition and spirit when it desires to enter into communi-cation with the unseen world. We like to think that an investigator comes to a medium in all honesty of purpose, seeking only the truth, and perhaps loving communications and counsel from his departed friends, and we cer-tainly do rejoice in believing that all true me-diums sit only for the spiritual world because they desire to bless humanity with a knowledge of immortal life. If all would look at this mat-ter from such a standpoint, we would waive aside any thought of demanding test conditions from either side; we should receive the investi-gator in a spirit of candid honesty, believing him to be as honorable as ourselves; we would desire to accord to him whatever evidence of immortal life the spirit-world might be able to bring to us and to offer through our instru-

mentality. We believe the time is coming when Spiritualism and mediumship will be placed upon this footing; there will be less of cold dis-trust, of suspicion, or of material thought, in the attitude of both sides; those who visit a medium will go in humbleness of spirit, wish-ing to learn, to grow wise and better by that which they may receive; and these who sit as instruments for the spiritual world will also be softened in thought and in aspiration, very will not so much consider what the world has to say of their gifts, how popular or unpopular they may prove to be, by what they may give forth, how much money they shall make by their operations or by their work for the spirit-world, or how they can best use their powers and that which is around them for their own self-aggrandizement. We speak plainly, because this is a question that requires plainness of speech, and we see the need of improvement on both sides—those who seek communication with the spirit-world, and those who serve as the instruments. its instruments.

Not but that we have many honest, earnest Investigators, who desire to learn truly of the higher life, that they may grow in spirit and that they may become more useful to their kind. Not but what we have mediums who are honest in purpose, who desire to serve humanity by serving the spiritual world, whose best thought is given to how they shall do this in proving the immortality of the race, in opening conscious communication between the two worlds. We are glad to say that we have many such investigators, such minds coming forward to a reception of truth from every quarter of the land, and that we have many instruments, in public and private life, who are as honorable and sincere in their work as we desire to find them. And we also have a large class of suspicious, distrustful men and women who visit mediums, seeking only those whom they think they may prove imposrward at autunity to tors, coming fu tear down, if possible, those things that should prove sacied to the world; men and women, who, perhaps, would be disappointed—at least such is their attitude—should it be proven to them incontrovertibly that Spiritualism is true, that the dead can return into communi-cation with mortals. We have also, in Spirit-ualism, certain individuals claiming medium-ship, and possessing it to a certain extent, who try to multiply their powers by devices of their wn, who endeavor to impose upon the public for selfish purposes, who are unscrupulous in their dealings with the world of spirits and the world of mortals, caring only to put themselves forward in a popular light, and to draw to their scance-rooms those who will accept whatever foolish representation is given in the name of Spiritualism, and who will pay round-ly for it in material wealth. These things we are obliged to consider, and therefore we speak plainly; but the day is not far distant, even though it may be measured by a few years, when those who are false to their highest natures, who are untrue to the materially, at the expense of the higher part of their beings, must and will be swept aside from the work of Spiritualism. And the day is dawning when those minds who are coldly critical and distrustful, unable to see a good point in spirits or mortals that cannot be measured by their own minds, those who are ready to find all that is untrue and unlovely, and all the same time quick to cover up from the public gaze all that is beautiful and serene in diumistic life, will also be ignored by spirits and mediums alike, and given no opportunity of investigating the light of Spiritualism until they are ready to drop the scales from their eyes, and to accept it in its true meaning. Q.-[By a correspondent.] Is it not possible to surround a good medium with conditions so bitterly antagonistic to truth that that me-dium shall seemingly appear dishonest? A.-Most certainly it is possible, although it oes not often occur, because a good mediumand we mean by this not only one who is morwho is a good medium in the sense of being a well developed instrument for the spirit-world -will have attracted to him or to her a band of spirit intelligences, exalted in their nature, wise in character, and undoubtedly able, under general conditions, to protect their medium. Having this band of spirits at their command, a good medium will be able to pass through many scenes of darkness and of distress, and yet be upheld from sinking into these slought of sorrow or pain, by the influence and the attendance of these spirit guides. And yet, there is a possibility that even such a medium might be overwhelmed by the psychological influence and power of designing spirits and mortals, and be so surrounded by darkness and by wrong doing, as for the time to be over-come by these conditions, and be made to serve as an instrument for their expression. Possihaving been brought into a state of such darkness and evil on earth, surrounded by a number of persons who are strong and positive in their natures, with determined wills, evil in inclination, who had also attracted to their assistance undeveloped spirits of a like char-acter, the medium might be so affected by these psychological conditions as to have, for the moment, the magnetism between himself and his own personal spirit guides severed or counteracted, so that he could not receive any vital assistance from them.

brought into such a condition, caught up by some psychological law and awept into an ac-mosphere that is detrimental to his moral nature, and at the same time that is so differ-ent from that of his personal spirit guides, so that they cannot mingle with it, in such a case, whatever that medium might be induced to do at the time he could not possibly be respon-sible for. However wrong his movements might seem to be to those who gaze upon them, he could not be held accountable, since he has been caught up into this potent atmosphere been caught up into this potent atmosphere and is infiltrated with it, working out through his organism its own elements, performing that which stronger minds than his own, more evil and earthly by nature, are compelling him to

In the wisdom and providence of God and of In the wisdom and providence of God and of supreme goodness, under the ministration of exalted spirits, who are many in the great uni-verse, it is not often that a pure aspirational soul thus descends to tricks of vice or wrong doing. The great, general rule and law of life seems to be, that "like attracts like" under every condition and circumstance of existence, and the medium who is good and honest, who desires to live for truth and right-doing, brings to himself elements of a like nature, influences that are grand and uplifting, which will that are grand and uplifting, which will support him in every hour of trial and of danger. Were it not so, no human spirit on earth or in the other life, however pure and good he might be, would be safe from the indown into terrible danger, into a slough of despondency and iniquity, but we believe that those who desire it may be sure of the divine protection.

Q.--[By A. C. S., Great Bend, Kansas] What is the view held by the spirit world of the bool of Revelations as a forecast of the future life? A.-Spirits differ upon this question. There are spirits whom we have met who certainly be-lieve the book of Revelations to be a transcript,

or forecast, so to speak, of that which is to come, but those spirits who accept the idea in such an entirety have not advanced very far in spiritual life, nor have they taken a vital hold of that existence which is broad, throughout the uniexistence which is broad, throughout the uni-verse, and which applies entirely to the spirit-ual part of man. Personally we believe that the "Revelations" were given inspirationally to mediumistic minds on earth by special intel-ligences, who sought to afford mankind certain knowledge and thoughts concerning the immor-tality of the race. That these inspirations were tailty of the face. That these inspirations were imperfectly given, must be proven to every thoughtful mind; that they were not directly the infallible word either of a God, a Supreme Being, or of any divine spirit, must be accord-ed; that they are mingled with and filled with thoughts and ideas drawn from the material existence, is certainly plain; and yet if we study these so-called revelations carefully we shall find that they contain much that is spiritual, much to afford thought to our minds, and to much to afford thought to our minds, and to suggest new ideas of the Infinite capacity of humanity as a whole. These revelations, then, are to us inspired words, coming through mor-tal organisms imperfectly developed for the re-ception of spiritual truths, yet as fairly unfold. ception of spiritual truths, yet as fairly unfold-ed as could be found at the time they were given, and they were brought not by infinite intelligence, but by individual spirits, each with his own thought, and even each one with his own vagary of opinion, all wishing to give to man on earth something that might be record-ed concerning the life to come. In one sense they are revelations, as they have been revealed from the world beyond; but it does not follow that we are to accept them as divinely revealed either by returning spirits or by those mortals on earth who think they hold the solution of every mystery and can solve every problem in the universe; we are to study that which is

given, accept that which accords with our best judgment, try to learn and advance in life year after year, so as to broaden our minds, quicken our capacity for learning, and in this way we shall be able to select the vital truths that may be contained in the so called "Revelations" of the Bible, or in any other book of nature or of man, to retain that which affords us instruction or benefit morally, physically or spiritually, and to reject that which is coarse and crude,

called up higher, came near to me, saying; which we know "Dear child, soon you will join the happy still on earth, band above," and in a few days my summons came. I found loved ones waiting to take me by the hand, and dear companions who had gone on years before. We love to come and let our friends know that we are happy in the spirit-life, and that we are ever progressing onward. We meet many an old friend over here, as well as kindred and neighbors; we form acquaintances, too, just as we would on earth, and we are only too glad to stop and converse together. I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me to speak.

times more into our family, as nearly all are now with me. One brother and two sisters still remain on the carthly side. Brother David is here, and John Wesley, sis-ter Esther, and father and mother. We are happy in our beautiful spirit home. Dear sis-ters, I know you often think of us. Oh i think that we are with you, and not far away. In a little time the vell will be lifted from your eyes, and you will find your brother Jimmie as you knew me here, only taller and older. Oh I how glad it has made us as one and another has joined us. Dear , sister Clara, 1 know your heart bled when you found brother Samuel had passed over; but think of his happiness in meeting his dear companion and two beautiful children, making his family circle once more complete. He tells me to say that as soon as he can get

dear companion and two beautiful children, making his family circle once more complete. He tells me to say that as soon as he can get strength (for he has but lately come to us) he will send a message also. We do not think it will be long before, with our help, he will be able to make himself known. He would like you, Clara, to send the message to Bro. Hart-son when it is published. I have stood beside you from time to time, when you were reading the paper, looking eagerly to see if some dear one had sent a word from the summer-land. Dear sister, go on ; you are learning every day. Before a great while another will join our happy circle. I know you have many trials, and many things to discourage yon, but lift your heart to us, and you will feel that we come to help and bless you. Even the red man comes to help you; old Tecumseh stands by you often, dear sister, and he will give you strength. Ella is here also. here also.

Betsey Clark.

My home was in Springfield, Mass., and I am Betsey Clarke. John is with me, and Mary. We have often been in the halls where meet-ings have been held and mediums were presings have been held and mediums were pres-ent, but they never would do more than say we were there. I am glad to find the door wide open so I can come in and tell my story. I would like the people of Springfield to know we are not dead. I think a good work is being done there. I see the church people are getting much interested in hearing those who give names in the meetings. I have been able, through one instrument, to make myself known, but did n't talk as much as I would have liked to.

angel-forms surrounded me and friends I used to know, and gladly did I clasp their hands and converse with them as naturally as when in the mortal.

Katie, to Henry.

Katie, to Henry. Please, Mr. Chairman, to record my message as from Katie to Henry. Thirty or more years have passed since Katie Lawlor was counted among the dead. I have often thought if I could send Henry a message It would help him through the trials and struggles of life. I am satisfied, Henry, that you would have come into communication with me privately if you could have done so, but I well understand how you are hampered here by earthly affairs. I have enjoyed the private meetings we have had. I did the best I could to materialize, al-though so many years have passed since I wore

had. I did the best I could to materialize, al-though so many years have passed since I wore the mortal garb. We had only just started out in life to-gether, Henry, when I was summoned to the higher life. I feel that my going out made a change in your life, but I have been a guardian spirit watching over you, and also your family, the children and Hattle. I have tried, and sought the help of other dear friends to bring the children and flattle. I have tried, and sought the help of other dear friends, to bring good influences into your home. Your father sends greetings to day. He has not long dwelt in spirit-life, but when we met he recognized me, although I passed away so long ago. I am looking forward to the time, dear ones, when we shall all be together, for there is no mar-riage nor giving in marriage in heavier.

the angels be with you.

Anna Coan Badger.

I would like to send a few words to Alphonso. My home, when I passed out of the mor-so. My home, when I passed out of the mor-tal, was in North Andover. I am Anna Coan Badger. I think the letter will reach Alphon-so. I have been here three times before, thinking, after one had spoken. I should be able to make my voice heard, but I failed to do so. io 80.

Fonnie, as you go to one circle and another l Fonnie, as you go to one circle and another i would like you to use your own reason. I know you have felt many times that Anna was there, and in the hall I have been able to give my name. Take care of the little bud I left: it was hard to feel I must leave it. I know you will often go and see it, and that mother will do all she can for it. I have often stood beside it, and have asked the Father and the dear spirits to take care of it and to watch over you all.

over you all. I have heard Fred say, with a smile, "Oh ! no, this have heard Fred say, with a smile, "Oh ! no, I don't think Anna comes back." Then I have not gone away, dear Fonnie, if I do not return. I feel that what was done at last was all right, even in regard to the church; it did mend harm, but I find that it is our life in the morta

that determines our happiness in the hereafter. I am frequently with your own dear angel mother, and your grandfather and Orrin, who cannot communicate yet; it is a little too soon after passing from earth. He asks me to say he is happy in the spirit-home. Yes, dear husband, in heaven we shall be re-

have liked to. I suffered in the mortal form, and when the angels came, beckoning me away, how welcome the summons was, and how delightful to be united with those on the spirit-side. Bright angel-forms surrounded me and friends I used to know you will try to learn all you can of spiritual things while you are here. Let not discouragements or frauds keep you from said, use your own reason, and it will lead you right. Your grandfather said he would, if possible, send a communication, that his children might feel happier, and their burdens be lifted up. I am with him much; we often sit and converse, or walk together and pluck the beautiful flowers that are so real and tangible in spirit-life.

Fonnie, you know I was not afraid to go. Keep your promise in regard to the ring. I know you will; and when you come into communication with me I will try to do all I can to give you information of the spirit-side.

Jacob Chickering.

My name, Mr. Chairman, 1 have often tried to give, but before I was ready somebody else got the floor. I am Jacob Chickering, and once dwelt in Andover. As my brother William has said, we find we fail in the attempt to give a few words here, the same as we fail in our un-dertakings in the mortal.

dertakings in the mortal. Sarah is with me, and we are happy together. The little one is no longer little, but has grown in the spirit-life. I was conversing with Dr. Howeth lately, and he told me that he had given a communication. I would like them all to know that we do not return to communicate with you hereave we are not happy but it is with you because we are not happy, but it is our social feelings that bring us back. We do love to come and say a few words to our friends. Sometimes when we ask for a few minutes we take double, not realizing how your mortal time flies. I thank the red men for the strength they

and to reject that which is coarse and crude, not assimilative with our own expansive minds out assimilative with our own expansive minds of a spectra of public scance held June 1st, 1885. My name is David Bagley, and my home was inform it. Before the spirit took its flight, my own dear father, who many years before was called up higher, came near to may years before was called up higher, came near to may years before was called up higher, came near to may senish bours of and your home. The spirit book its flight, my own dear father, who many years before was called up higher, came near to may years before was called up higher. Came near to may senish bour own with those who are to come. It is a blessed priv-to the we wards of encouragement, which we know with associated of and power was the words of encouragement, which we know with associated of and power was the words of encouragement, which we know with associated or and power was the words of encouragement, which we know with associated or and power words of encouragement, which we know with associated or and power words of encouragement, which we know with associated or and the Adeot said : "To terch year these wards with each or the weak with associated words of encouragement, which we know with associated words of encou

mansion over youder. Then come and let us journey together, hand in hand, spirits and nortals: give us the opportunity to aid you, that you may live better lives in consequence.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1888.

Nancy Dunbar.

I passed out very suddenly. My home was in Somerville, and my name is Nancy Dunhar. I feel anxious to make myself known. Oh i how hard it was for father and mother to say

how mark it was for interest into mother to say that their daughter was dead. Grandma is with me, and two dear associates --school girls--who used to be my companions years ago, Maria and Sarah. I think they will understand to whom I refer.

understand to whom I refer. Although passing away as I did, I have no wish to return to earth and remain here. We are helping every day to build homes in spirit-life for these who are yet left in the mortal. I find as I have progressed from one sphere to another that there is much more for me to learn. One and another is crossing the portal called death. In the bright summer-land the children are danoing in glee, their hands filled with flowers, and how eager are they to give a word to papa or mamma. None are denied; all are welcome to come. In a little time you all who are before me will lift the veil and see the glory of the immortal home. Then cast away all doubts, and be assured your loved ones are waiting to clasp your hands across the river. are waiting to clasp your hands across the river.

SPIRIT MESSAGES

TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK. Junes, - Benjanin Chadsey: Lottle Cone; Abble Newell; Lottle Weod; Cella Thomas; Abble Cilley; Henry C. Sul-livan; Oliver Le Forrest Goss; Jennette L. Cross; John Bidwell; Sarah Lakey; Mary Andrews; Sarah E. Lyons; Margaret Splane. June 15. - Betsey Hatch; Carrie E. Marshall; William S. Wey mouth; Calvin Gilman; Annie Barker; Edward Sar-gent; Minnie Dawson; Emily Cilley; Jerusha Kesey; Lew-js D. Whitney; Alfred Twiss; Carrie Matthews; Salite Griffith; John Wilson; John Hitchcock; Georgie Adams, THE MESSAGES ON JAND

THE MESSAGES ON HAND,

Not mentioned above, will appear in due course.

The Reviewer.

I. AN ADVENTURE AMONG THE ROSICRUCI-ANS. By a Student of Occultism. 16mo, cloth,

pp. 181. I. SECRET SYMBOLS OF THE ROSICRUCIANS; Cosmology, or Cabala. Universal Science. Alchemy, containing The Mysteries of the Universe regarding God, Nature, Man. The Macrocosm and Microcosm, Eternity and Time Explained According to The Religion of Time Explained According to The Religion of Christ by Means of the Secret Symbols of the Resicrucians of the Sixteenth and Seven-teenth Centuries, Copied and Translated from an Old German Manuseript, and Pro-vided with a Dictionary of Occult Terms. By Franz Hartmann, M. D. Folio cloth, pp. 104. Boston: Occult Publishing Company, 120 Tremont street.

The above volumes are so nearly related that we place them together. The first describes a suppositional visit to a Rosicrucian Monastery, the author being conducted thither by a stranger who approaches him in a dream, described as "one of those halfidiotic human beings whom they call cretins, and who are found in the mountainous countries of Switzerland and Savoy."

The writer, surprised and startled, asked him what he wanted. "A broad grin," we are told, "passed over the face of the dwarf, for such he certainly was, as he answered, 'Master says I should guide you to his house."" He was astonished at this, but "remembering that the dwarf was an idiot, and that no intelligent answer was to be expected from him." he asked, just as though this was not the case, " Who is your master?" and was told "Imperator." After more parleying he concluded to follow the idlot, and did so, and reached a Theosophical Monastery in "a valley surrounded by mountains of evidently inaccessible height." All this being a dream, the author avails himself of the broad license it gives him to embody in his narrative whatever views, opinions, suppositions, idealisms and suggestions he may choose to place before his readers, as the substance of his conversation with the Adept whom he meets as he nears the building to which the cretin leads him, and before whom the latter prostrates himself, and then vanishes. There is much of sound truth, and much worthy of

Mind you, friends, we say that is possible, but it does not often occur, and the conditions on earth must be very extreme before such a

state of things can arise. Granting, however, that a medium who is by nature pure and honest, and who is a well-developed instrument for good spirits, is home; the angel of change will come but a few

Benjamin Fitzgerald.

My name is Benjamin Fitzgerald, of Canaan, Jaine. I feel that I shall gain something by Maine. I feel that I shall gain something by coming here, and also reach some of my friends. Mother is with me, and William, but not present to-day.

I desire very much that my dear ones should learn something of the subject of spiritreturn. It matters not what others may go and seek the truth for yourselves and form your own judgment. I feel the need of what it was my privilege to have gained here, and I am trying to learn all I can.

Occasionally, as I drift into the meetings, in one town and another, I feel disappointed because the mediums do not speak our names. But we must wait. I feel confident that in time we will be able to make ourselves known. I am satisfied with the home they gave me, but I find that by progression I can build it more beautiful still. I don't want my friends, when they come over here, to look back with regret and say: "Here and there was a chanregret and say: "Here and there was a chan-nel open, but I did not choose to use it." I am thankful that there is communion between the two worlds.

Milton Emerson.

I am Milton Emerson, of White Cloud, Kan. My father, mother, sisters and brother are not far from Boston, in one of the surrounding towns, and I know, through some good friends, they will hear that I have been able to make I have many dear ones on earth ; some still

remain at White Cloud. Abble is here to-day. Charles is not; a mission has called him in another direction.

other direction. Oh! mother, do learn that your children have only gone a little before you, but are not dead. You have been called to part with three; but in heaven they will be given back again—your number will be complete. When I first looked around me, I hardly knew that I had made the change—for I will be hone; and had made the change-for I will be honest and say that I knew very little of spirit-return, having given my thoughts and attention much more to worldly affairs than to things spiritual; yet I felt many times that those who had passed away could not be far from me-although where, I knew not. I wish my friends would seek for knowledge concerning this side of life, because I see it will be so much to their advantage when they cross over.

My father's is Susan. I know they will get the message.

James Gore.

My home was in Athens, Me. James Gore. shall be remembered by my friends when they see the message, for many times have they thought, "Where is the little Jimmie who went away so young?" Many have crossed the threshold of the spirit-life since the little one was snatched out of the

which we know will comfort and cheer those

Nancy A. W. Priest.

In the company before me I see some who I

feel will recognize what I may say. How strange it is to me now, as I look back, to see how little I understood of the power of the spirit. I felt invisible presences around me as I was engaged in montal work, but I did not realize that communion such as this was possible. I thought only of the angels, as I had been taught in earlier days that angels, as i had been taught in earlier days that angels hovered around us. I now find that angels are good pure spirits, and if they hover around us they must be very near. I am glad the little change was made in the

I find the home above more beautiful than I can express in words. In Springfield they will understand who has spoken. I have been here before, many times. Go on, mortals, learning all you can, for every word spoken may benefit to some one, although it reaches not all. My own dearly loved ones do not understand as much of spirit return as it was their privilege to learn. I am satisfied, and still find hat progression is the word. Nancy A. W. Priest.

Charles Damon.

You may place me in Chicopee, Mass., as Charles Damon. My friends have thought that if I was able to make myself known through a medium I might give a message. Every spirit cannot get control of all mediums. Do not think that you understaud more of spirit law than we do. We are governed, held and led by laws of which you can have no just comprehension. If you stop to consider you will know that we must be as desirous to talk

My dear grandmother and mother taught me, when I was young, to feel that heaven was a when I was young, to feel that heaven was a beautiful home—but it seemed afar off to me. Now I find it was very near. Some will remember me. Let me ask my friends to give some thought to the things of the snirit, to learn what they can concerning the other life, using their reason upon what-ever may claim their attention in this line. I would not come back to stay if I could have all old Chicopee contains. I have a bright and

beautiful home.

Rebecca Damon,

I have been asked to send a message to my I have been asked to send a message to my brother, to cheer him a little. My home was in Springfield, Vt., and my name is Rebecca Da-mon. No connection of the last speaker, how-ever. I am happy to make myself known to-day, feeling that my words will reach my brothers, especially Herbert. I cannot reach Alonzo so easily. Herbert, mother is with me, and father and Buth We are so glad you have made a little

Ruth. We are so glad you have made a little change, for we feel that eventually it will be better. Mary Hepzibeth, your angel wife, asks me to say that it is the best change you could have made. She is satisfied with it, and often have made. She is satisfied with it, and often comes to you, trying to cheer you, and make you feel that you have something to stay here for a little longer. We are happy in our spirit home. Grandfather and grandmother Gould send greetings to you. All are anxious to send a word, and all wish to be remembered. And Worcester also, it is well you made the change, or are about making it. I know you have looked the paper over many times, and wondered why none of us ever sent a message, when nearly all had crossed the boundary be

when nearly all had crossed the boundary be-tween the two worlds called death. I know, Herbert, you feel many times that form.

Davis Butler.

My home was in Derry, N. H., but I passed away in Haverhill, Mass. I think I shall be remembered in Derry. My name is Davis Butler. Some will recognize me in Haverhill, bear wife, I know you feel lonely; you are

sad at times, and your pathway looks dark and hard. You have often wondered if I suffered in passing over. No: I realized no pain, but I thought of you and the children. I knew you would not hold me here to suffer.

I would say to Frank and John and Celia, and to each one of my children, do all you can for mother; she has been a good and faithful mother to you. Oh how glad I was when I found it was true that we could return to earth and speak a few words. I know you will re-member me to Mr. Davison's people. I know they will be glad to feel that I live. I am sat-isfied with the home I have, and still am pleased to know that I can go onward to higher Dear wife, do not be discouraged; things will

work for your benefit. Eventually the path-way will not look so dark. Be careful of the little one, the tender bud, the stem will snan take it away. We know not that, but we ask you to be careful. I am trying in every way to make myself known in the home, and I feel dear ones, you sometimes have thought that when I have stood so close I could put my hand on you; yet how little you realized it I find it is true, now, we can all return to earth if we wish to, and as the channel i earth if we wish to, and as the channel is opened for us we all have the privilege to use it. I have tried once before, but could not mani-fest at first, yet did before you left me, so you feit that Davis was there. Do not trouble about the move. I would not make many changes just yet. I will not speak of family matters—it was not my way when on earth to make my affairs known publicly but when make my affairs known publicly, but when there's an opportunity, dear wife, seek it, and I will talk more to you of the farm.

Hannah Maloy.

My home was in North Vernon, Ind. This is the fourth time I have tried to speak in your meeting but have failed ; yet remember we do not lose our courage because we fail the first or the fourth time. My dear ones have often wondered why John or Hannah, or some of the when they have read in the paper that such and such a one had spoken in your meetings, not understanding how many difficulties there are in the way. Now I want them to listen for we give you to understand it is not by mortal hand.

I have been able to know of some changes that have been going on since I left the mortal form, but not all, because we are not always present.

Attimes, when I have come into the sur roundings, Josie, I have found you a little de-spondent. I want you to take courage, and re-member that not only one, but seven of us, are able to come to you. Not all at a time, dear children, but at different periods. I am thank

ful to the guides and to the mortals for this channel, through which we may speak to those we love. Miles may intervene, but they cannot separate spirit from spirit, although one in-habits the immortal and the other the mortal

granted, and the Adept said : " To teach you the societ how to make gold is identical with teaching ALD OF the secrets of the constitution of nature, and of its counterpart, the microcosm of man. This cannot be done in a few hours, nor within a few days, and it would be against the rules of our order to retain you here longer than after sunset. But to enable you to study the science of Alchemy, I will lend you a book which you may read and study ; and if you keep your intuitional faculties open and your mind unclouded, i will be invisibly near you and assist you to understand the meaning of the secret symbols contained therein."

He was then handed a book which the Adept said was on account of its size inconvenient for him to carry, and he would send it, so that upon his arrival at the village hotel he would find it there, remarking that if he attained to an understanding of its contents he would know how to produce gold out of baser metals; how to come into possession of the philosopher's stone, and a panacea that renders its possessor immortal. "You will," he said, " not merely know how to direct the processes of life, so as to make pearls and diamonds and precious stones grow, but how to make man out of an animal, and a god out of a man."

After describing subsequent events and relating conversations the dream ended. Says the author of what followed: "I flew more than 1 walked.... little heeding the astonished looks of the villagers, who may have believed me insane as I hurried through the streets. I entered the inp. rushed up stairs to my room, and, as I entered, I saw upon the table the precious book 'The Secret Symbols of the Rosteruclans of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries." On the fly-leaf were written a few lines in pencil."

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"I have bad news for Swao. His father was drowned nearly three months ago, during the great freshets.

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not cry now. I know it this long time. The sun shine through the cloud now. my spell lesson. My spell lesson be very bad all the time the cloud coming."

The thoughtless scholars, some of whom had made game of Swao ever since he had been in the school, crowded about him now and wept

the school, crowded about him now and wept at his pathetic exclamations. "They kind to me. Their tears run drop, drop, drop," he said, in touching appreciation of their sympathy. "They help my heart so it not break. I not cry one little tear, my eyes so hot. They cry." The teacher found by examining the letter that Successful dream was identical with the

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The Spiritualist Camp-Moetings. Lake Pleasant.

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The great camp-meeting of the New England Spiritualists' Association at this place, which closed its fifteenth annual session on Sunday

closed its fifteenth annual session on Sunday last, was a grand success.
The addresses as a whole have been of a high order, and were well received; the conference meetings were interesting, and will be long remembered; the concerts by the Worcester Cadet Band have been first class in every respect.
The following has been the programme for the week ending Sept. 2d:
Monday and Tuesday, conferences with various speakers. Wednesday, address by Mrs. A M. Spence, of New York. Thursday morning, conference, with the principal address by Mrs. Spence, of Providence Afternoon, address by Mrs. Spence, of Providence Afternoon, address by Mrs. Spence, subject, "The Law of Spirit Control." A large audience was present, and the lecture well received. Friday morning, conference. Afternoon, address by Lyman C. Howe, Friedonia, N. Y., subject, "The Work of Spiritualism." Saturday, conference.
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closing exercises were of interest. The band gave three concerts-morning, afternoon and evening. The morning address Mis. Spence, subject, "Profane and Inspiration." Afternoon address was Sacred Inspiration." Afternoon address was given by Lyman C. Howe, of Fredonia, N. Y. A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Joseph Beals, President, and the Management, for

The session was then declared closed.

The exolus for home was somewhat large, and quiet pervades Lake Pleasant.

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The train service has been very efficient. The management of t'e Fitchburg railway, in so far as the camp was concerned, deserves much credit, which goes to show that Mr. John Adams, the Superintendent, is the right man in the right place.

In the right place. The camp-meeting next year will commence the last Sunday in July, and continue through the month of August.

The Children's Lyceum has had a very suc-

Kimbal, of Lawrence, were among the best of the session, and made a very marked impres-

fair an account of the proceedings at the camp and circles.

Sundays, to accommodate those coming to the grounds.. Showerson Saturday broke up the conference meet-ing. Some returned to their cottages, while the rest huddled together on the platform, and had what they called a partor circle, with speaking and singing and a general harmonious meeting. It is proposed to con-thue these conference meetings another week, and perhaps longer. Sunday, Sept. 2d, the morning dawned cloudy and threatening, but at eight o'clock the sun came out in all its brilliancy. Lindall's Band discoursed sweet music at the stand in Bay View grove, and at 10:30 a lecture was given by Mr. E. B. Fairchild, under the auspices of the Ladles' Industrial Union, his subject being "After Orthodoxy what have we Left?" The afternoon's discourse was delivered by Mrs. Sarah A. Brynes. Her subject was: "The Work Ac-complished during the Summer at Onset." Both lectures were very instructive and entertain-ing, and histened to with rapt attention by an intelil-gent and appreciative audience.

Ing, and listened to with rapt attention by an intelli-gent and appreciative audience. The Children's Progressive Lyceum held its usual session at 3 P. M.-Mr. Besse acting as Conductor. Recitations were given by Eloise Wendemuth, Georgie Gardner, Emily Drake, Maud Woodward, Edith Scud-der, Cora Campbell, Lille Wendemuth, Lulu Morse. Gustrie F. Howe Headquarters Office, Onset, Sept. 2d, 1888.

Temple Heights Camp-Meeting, Northport, Me. To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

The sixth annual camp-meeting of "The Maine State Spiritual Temple" was held on the grounds at Temple Heights, Northport, Me., commencing Aug. 12th and closing Aug. 19th. Sunday, Aug. 12th, at 10

the month of August. The Children's Lyceum has had a very suc-cessful season. Association Hall has been utilized nearly every evening. A reception complimentary to Mrs. M. W. Cushman was held on Tuesday evening, with spaaking by Mrs. Waterhouse, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Mrs. Whittier, Mrs. J. J. Clark, Mrs. M. E. Whitney, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Bates. Char-lie Buffum entertained the assemblage with-singing. A sum of money was collected for the speaker, and Mrs. Cushman, who is an invalid and in needy circumstances, whom THE BANNER firm has assisted everal times. Prof. Cadwell gave several exhibitions of mesmerism in Association Hall. He is an out-spoken Spiritualist, an honest man, and is fully posted un occult matters. Dr. F. H. Roscoe and wife, of Providence, are at Mrs. Line-du's cottage on the Bluff. Dr. Roscoe is one of our best test mediums The platform descriptions of Mis. E. Clark Kimbal, of Lawrence, were among the best of the correst mean warked impress.

were present this year may have summed up the mys-tery of death and entered into the realms of the im-mortal. May we all be ready for the change that will study agone to us

Kimball, of Lawrence, were among the best of the sestion, and made a very marked impression anong her anditors. As an instrument of communcation from spirit-realin, Mrs. Kimball has a high and holy mission.
The sewing-machine which was disposed of by ticket at the fair of the Ladies' Lake Pleasant Improvement Society, fell to Miss Carrie L. Brown, of the hotel.
Mrs. Warren Summer Barlow has been in camp for the past two weeks, stopping with Mrs. J. J. Clark.
Harvey Lyman of Saratoga, an old-time camper, came on Saturday.
Mis. Maud Lord Drake has done excellent services free. She is a general favorite. The management desire to express their thanks for the elast to express their thanks for fair an account of the proceedings at the camp for meyed so thank THE BANNER for so fair an account of the proceedings at the camp.

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 Priday a lecture was delivered at the Auditorium by Mr. Driscoe. The steamer Jaland Home brough an excursion party from New Bedford.
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efforts in our behalf. NOTES. Dr. W. A. Hale of Charlestown, Mass., was upon the grounds during the entire meeting; he held several circles and gave private sittings. Oscar Edgerly of Newluryport, Mass., was located at "Nickawa Point," where he gave private sittings; he also held several circles and delivered two lec-tures from our platform. Dr. F. E. Baxter of Gardiner paid us a short visit. Rev. Mr. White of Dexter visited the meetings sev-eral times, and took part in our social meetings. Rev. Joseph H. Beaks and wife of Washington, Me., visited our camp several times. Four new cottages have been built this year; the park has been graded and laid down to grass; a large granite drinking trough for watering horses has been placed by the roadside; seats with backs to them have been placed in the auditorium. Other improvements have been made, and more will be hefore another year. Mrs. Able Morse, of Searsmont, has a nice cottage at "Nickawa Point," a glit from her many friends. The Sea Breeze, published at Beifast, printed a full roster of the cottavers and tenters in its issue of Aug. 18th, also a report of the meetings. It was estimated that there were fifteen hundred people at our closing exercises. *Yours for the truth*, H. C. BERRY. *Portland*, Me., August, 1888. *Forona Park*, Me.

Verona Park, Me.

The last week of the Camp-Meeting at this place opened auspiciously, as the weather proved very pleasant. Mrs. A. M. Glading, together with Geo. A. Fuller. gave eloquent lectures from the platform daily; in addition to which conference meetings and scances were held at the different cottages.

Mr. Oscar Edgerly, of Newburyport, gave a very in-teresting discourse during the week, taking for bis subject, "The Potency of Christian Truths." This gentleman is one of our youngest speakers, but proves

gentleman is one of our youngest speakers, but proves to be very eloquent. The question for debale at one of the conference gatherings was: "Can there be any faith without knowledge?" Mrs. Glading and Mr. Fuller assumed the affirmative, while Mrs. Donnell of Somerville (who is a talented speaker) favored the negative. On Wednesday, Aug. 234, the yearly meeting for choice of officers was held at Silver Star Coftage, at which much harmony prevailed, and as the people nominated were elected by a unanimous vote, it gave assurance of a most successful continuation of the assurance of a most successful continuation of the gatherings to be held at this Park in the future. The gatherings to be held at this Park in the future. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. C. F. Ware; Vice-President, J. B. Hatch, Sen., of Boston; Secretary, Carrie S. Ward well, of Bucksport; Treasurer, Rufus H. Emery, of Bucksport: Auditor, E. S. Wardwell; Directors: Mrs. K. C. Pishon, (of Augusta, Thomas Fowler, (of Medway,) Mrs. A. E. Barnes, (of Boston,) Henry Hawes, O. E. White, (of Lincoln.) Peter Abbott, (of Verona.) Mrs. Gross, (of Camden.) A. U. Blacking-ton, (of Boston.) ton, (of Boston.)

At a subsequent meeting Mr. J. B. Hatch, after giv-At a subsequent meeting Mr. J. B. Hatch, after giv-ing the matter due deriberation, and thanking the As-sociation for the honor conferred, tendered his declina-tion of the office of Vice-President, and Mrs. Barnes, President of the Ladies' Ald Society of Boston, was chosen-Mrs. Donnell, of Somerville, Mass., being elected director in her place. At the meeting of the directors a letter was received from Mr. Blackington, of Boston; in addition to many kind words a sum of money was found enclosed, which was received, and thanks returned to the donor.

During the week many pleasing features have presented themselves and at no time in my experience have I witnessed the cordial feeling, that has existed

have I witnessed the cordial feeling, that has existed among the campers at this grove. Aug. 24th being the birthday of your humble ser-vant, as you are aware, it is always my custom to celebrate that date when at bome. In the morning my little cottage was trimmed with flazs and ever-greens by the ladies of our party, and a box contain-ing gifts from friends at home was received, and many a warm shake of the hand extended. Dr. Ware, after calling the assembly to order at our home, introduced Mrs. Glading, who, in behalf of the campers, presented me a gold ring as a token of friend-

campers, presented me a gold ring as a token of friendurn all I could say was that I fully appreship; in return all i could say was that I fully appre-clated their kindness. Speaking followed, in which Messrs. Fuller, Edgerly, Wardwell and others joined. On Saturday, 25th, Mrs. Glading gave an entertain-ment for the benefit of the Association. As the facil-illes are very bad for holding meetines in stormy weather, it was determined to raise money for the fur pore of having a suitable place by the opening of next season; consequent upon the money received from a séance given by Mr. Edgerly, and another by Mrs. Glading, and a large contribution collected upon the last Sunday, steps were at once taken in this the last Sunday, steps were at once taken in this direction, and those who attend next year will find a direction, and those who attend pext year will find a covered pavillon at Verona. Sunday, the 26th Inst., being the last day, the at-tendance was large. In the morning Mr. Fuller an-swered Rev. Mr. Taimage's sermon against Spiritual-ism. Mr. Francis opened the afternoon service by the reading of a poem. Mrs. Glading followed, taking as her subject, "What Lies Before Us?" closing with psychometric readings. Dr. Ware, in closing, complimented all for the as-sistance rendered, and most especially the aid re-celved through the columns of the BANNER of LIGHT. Previous to the audience leaving their seats they Previous to the audience leaving their seats the were treated to a surprise by Mr. Fuller stepping to the front, and in complimentary terms presenting to Mrs. Glading articles of sliver from friends in camp. For the first time this lady was at a loss for words, but her actions proved that in her heart was a warm place for Verona Park. Thus closed a very successful Spiritualist camp-meeting.

terialnments and receptions. Mrs. Lille has spoken irequently, and her inlented husband has been con-splcitous in the exercise of his mutatial ability. Wal-tor Howell has given three very fine lectures, and has been always on hand to assist Mrs. Tillinghast, the able conductor of the Uhildren's Lyceum, and pro-mote the success of a great variety of benefits and ollier pleasant relinions. Mr. Rudolf King, the ao-complished planist, has rendered much valuable assistance, performing some splendid solos and ac-computing angues. Mrs. Olara Watson of James-town has given two stirring practical discourses. Mrs. F. O. Hyzer has delighted all whose tendencies are toward the transcendental. Mrs. Anna Orvis of Oh-ago, both as speaker and songstress, has been a source of great delight to all campers and visitors i she has also given effectual treatments to the suffer-ing under spiritual utidance. Edgar W. Emerson, the famous test inedium, has been surprisingly a curate in his sphere of ministration. Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore are as earnestly active and hospitable as over, and are in many respects the soul of the meet ings. The botel has been well managed; courtesy to all

ever, and are in many respects the soul of the meet ings. The hotel has been well managed; courtesy to all guests and good living have added fresh laurels to its high repute in former years. The weather has been auspicious; occasional showers have kept the air cool and laid the dust; the brezzes have been balmy, the sun bright, and the moonlight evenings on the lake exceedingly delightful. Sundays have been gala days in every respect. On Sunday, Aug. 26th, the audi-ences were again immense. Mr. W. J. Colville and Mrs. Lillie were the speakers. The auditorium, both morning and alternoon, was so crowded that almost as many people had to stand as found sittings. Both speakers were in their happiest veln, and their clear, resonant voices were distinctly heard far beyond the limits of the cauvas. Excellent music was fur-nished by the superb orchestra and a number of effialshed by the superb orchestra and a number of effi-

nished by the superb orchestra and a number of effi-clent vocalists. The floral decorations have been uniformly exqui-site and profuse. Love feasts on Sunday evening have been occasions when almost all the speakers and vocalists have viele with each other to say kindly words to everybody and assist in raising funds to yet enlarge the work of the Association by inducing friends to take stock, which is pronounced by compe-tent judges an excellent investment. Friends of Mrs. Lillie, W. J. Colville and Walter Howell have pre-sented each of those popular speakers with several shares, that they may feel fully identified with Cassa-daga and have votes in its management. The pro-gramme for the concluding days is an excellent one. The eloquent and ever welcome A. B. French is ex-pected to conclude the meetings. pected to conclude the meetings.

Queen City Park, (South Burlington,) Vt. The interest at Queen City Park Spiritualist Camp-Meeting increases. Its platform is an attracting magnet of no mean power, and the wealth of spiritual magnet of no mean power, and the wealth of spiritual thought that continues to flow from it is enriching the people from far and near. On Tuesday, Aug. 28th, up to which time the last report was made, Rev. Frank E. Healey. In the absence of Bishop A. Beals, occu-pied the platform and gave one of his radical dis-courses. It was well received. Mrs. Emma Paul, one of our exact and finished speakers, addressed an ap-preclative audience on Wednesday. On Thursday, in the grove, the day being delightful, Mrs. Morse Baker of Granville, N. Y., addressed a coody number of interested listeners. Mrs. Baker, who is somewhat advanced in years, is beckoning us on and pointing the way to the higher and more perfect life. Thursday evening the camp was especially interested

advanced in years, is beckoning us on and pointing the way to the higher and more perfect life. Thursday evening the camp was especially interested in the children's entertainment. To simply say it was good, does not fully describet it; it was particularly creditable to all concerned, and gratifying to a large audience to see such promise in those who soon will be carrying our burdens and acting their parts in the la-bors of life. The camp is more fully represented than ever before by the young, and this is a hopoth sign. Friday, at 2 r M., Mrs. Paul again occupied the plat-form. Her address was replete with pertinent sug-gestive thought. Some of her sentences, exact in lan-guage, cut their way to the marrow of cherished dog-mas. Our male speakers will have to brighten up to keep pace with their sisters in soul-stirring speech. We have to announce the following arrivals of me-diums since our last report : Dr. D. Chake, of New York ; Horatio E idy, Mrs. Mary Huntoon, A. E. Tis tale, It. II. Kneeshaw of Montreal, and J. Clegg Wright. Others are xneeted. Mr. Henry J. Newton and wife, of New York, have arrived to day (Aug. 3ist). Mr. Sabin Scott and wife have also arrived. Mrs. Judge Houghton, of Ben-nington, and many others from all parts of the State are enjoying the benefits of this meeting, and the rare scenery and beautiful surroundings of the place. On Saturday, Sept. 1st, there were many new arri-vals from Montreal, and other points. Though the

scenery and beautiful surroundings of the place. On Saturday, Sept. 1st, there were many new arri-vals from Montreat, and other points. Though the day was not entirely favorable, a good audieuce con-vened in the atternoon to listen to Mr. R. H. Kuce-shaw, of Montreal, who is a speaker of much promise, Sunday was one of the perfect days of the year. "The Reindeer" made two trips to the Park, and a large concourse of people was on the grounds through the day.

e day. In the forencen Mr. Kneeshaw addressed an appre In the forenoon Mr. Kneeshaw addressed an appre-elative audience, gaining many friends. He fur-nishes in himself the proof of the truth of spirit con-trol. A hard-working man, given to severe labor six days in the week, on the seventh, without study or the left preparation, he is enabled to speak to the satisfaction of a society in Montreal, in whose ser-vice he is as their regular speaker. Would that such could have the encouragement and support that would best prepare them for public service. At 2.P. M., in the grove, J. Clegg Wright addressed a large and deeply interested audience. His radical-ism pained some, but in the main his effort was ac-cepted as embodying great and enduring truths. He

Is a graceful orator and has a magic hold on his hear-ers. Mr. Henry J. Newton made some interesting remarks at the opening of the afternoon's service, as also at the conference meeting in the evening.

are given to the people, which causes them to be well patronized, as the admission fee is but ten cents. After the meeting the young folks got up a farewell dance, and all enjoyed the marives hugely. Hunday morthing was bright and clear, with a fine prospect of a lovely day for the closing exercises of our camp-meeting. At 0 of clock the fyorum mot at the Hall, which was filled by those who wanted to see the exercises, and a very large number took part with the childron. J. Olegg Wright gave his last lecture to his class at 8 o'clock. All were well satisfied. Prof. Loveland gave the morning lecture at the Grand Stand, and it was so well liked that it was voted by the audience to have it published in some of the Chicago papers.

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the Chicago papers. There was a mediums' meeting at the Hall at 1 o'clock; J. Clegg Wright was the speaker for the afternoon. A large audience listened to his eloquent

afternoon. A intge automote instance is and the words. In the evening all the speakers, some eight or ten of them, were put on for ten minutes' speeches, and the meeting was one of the most interesting sessions we have held. At its close the whole audience arose and with the choir sang "Home, Sweet Home." There never was held a more harmonious camp-meeting anywhere. There was an entirely free plat-form, and all discussions upon all subjects were with out the least bitterness of freiling, but earnest and with a wide difference of opinion. A. B. S. Aug. 27th.

Niantic, Ct.

The Ladies' Ald Society held its last meeting for the season at the cottage of Mrs. Duchett on Broadway, and heard the report of its secretary with much and heard the report of its secretary with much satisfaction. Having spent some of their funds for lamps in the Pavillon, they have how on hand be-tween five and six hundred dollars for future invest-ment for the good of our cause. The officers of the society are: President, Mrs. M. Scripture, Williman-tic; Vic--presidents, Mrs. N. Duchett, Norwich, Ct., and Mrs. A. J. Dorman, Willimantic; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Hatch. South Windham, Mrs. F. A. Smith, of Boston, Mass. Mr. Goodrich Dayton, Mass. Mr. Goodrich Dayton, Hartford, Ct., has been stop-ping with Mrs. White of New London, who is much better. May she live to greet us another year in the form.

form. Mrs. Mary Carpenter, of Stafford, is with Mrs. Law-rence, as also is Mr. Jacob Glover, who is a good

Mrs. Lucy Qubec and Mrs. Fannie Briggs of Hope-ville, Ct., are at Mis. Mary Webster's tent. Dr. John Hiown of Jewett Cliy, a clarvoyant, mag-netic healer of remarkable power, has effected some

Dr. John Brown of Jewell City, a clairwoyaht, mak-netic bealer of remarkable power, has effected some wonderful cures, and is now having patients in Provi-dence, R. I. Ho is thinking of visiting Hartford the coming winter, and his guides want him to devote his whole time to the work of bealing the sick. May he meet with the success his merits entitle him to. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Congdon are both good medi-ums. Mr. Congdon is a clairwoyant, healing and de-veloping medium, and is now in New Haven, at 143 High street, Healso has independent state-writing. Mrs. Wethereli made us a brief cail on her trip from Providence to New Haven. Sunday, Sept. 2d, was a lovely day, and friends from New London came, among them Miss Marietta Huri-burt. Miss Emma Daniels, Mrs. Schofleld and son, G. W. Richards, Mr. Miller, Mr. Atwood, Miss Tooker, and Dr. J. Williams, of Woodus, whose wife is still lingering on the border land, bringing to the earth-friends many visions of the beautiful homs which is receiving its finishing touches for the reception of its soon coming guest. soon coming guest. In the afternoon Mr. E. R. Whiting, our genial Presi-

In the events, the read a poem and an essay of his own on "Annihilation vs. Immortality." In the evening, a clicle at Mrs. FassetUs, on Broad-way, proved to be a very interesting occasion. Yours for truth, MRS. N. H. Fogg.

Parkland, Pa.

Sunday, Aug. 26th, was a glorlous day for Parkland as to weather, attendance, harmony, and general interest. Never were large out-of-door audiences held terest. Never were large out-of-door and endes held more completely spellbound than were those who were privileged to listen to the inspired atterances of Mrs. H. S. Lake both morning and afternoon, the first being a beautiful discourse upon the theme "The Iofinite Mother," given by what particular control I out not learn; the last, said to be by Lafa-yette, on the "Future of Oar Republe," being elo-quent, impassioned, grand. Parkland is to be congratulated upon having se-cured the services of this faithful and efficient worker in the fields of spiritual truth, to sow the latest seeds

In the fields of spiritual truth, to sow the latest seeds for the earliest fruitage of the coming seasons. And then it is a beautiful place, affording every attraction then it is a beautiful place, all ording every altraction that a two years' oid camp can offer, and being per-manent—having come among us to stay—will long be a green spot to which tired eyes, care-lacen brains and hungy hearts may turn to be rested, fed and comforted. L. R. C. omførted. Philadelphia, Pa.

Spiritualist Meetings in New York and Brooklyn.

Columbia Hall, 878 6th Avenue, between 49th and 50th Streets. - Fue People's Spiritual Meeting (removed from Spencer Hall). Services every Sunday at 24 and 75 r. M. Mediums and speakers always present, Frank W. Jones, Conductor.

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from week to

Landlord Barnard of the Lake Pleasant Hotel has been unremitting in his attention to

the guests of the house. The members of the Worcester Cadet Band have covered themselves with glory. Their playing has been received with universal satisfaction by all.

Departing trains have carried many a pleasant recollection of Lake Pleasant. Come again. J. M. Y.

LAKE PLEASANT JOTTINGS.

A visitor to this Camp is soon convinced that Lake Pleasant has grown more in the last year than in five years before. Truly, this old Camp has become a city set upon a hill. Improvements everywhere; clean streets, cot tages all kept in first-class repair, surrounded by flow-er gardens, and tasteful external decorations. Your glitted correspondent has had a busy season. His Wildwood Messenger is one of the best edited of Bummer resort journals; friends of this Camp should see to it that it be made a fuancial success. Dr. Arthur Hodges is as popular as ever, and al-

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though he is not in the best of health, gives universal satisfaction; everybody stops to admire his villa. Mrs. A. E. Cunningham, Dr. Eldridge, Mrs. Sue B. Fales, Jennie Rhind, Mrs. Dillingham, Dr. Charles Buffum, Mrs. Haitle Mason, Mrs. Jackson, and other Boston mediums, are well patronized. The circles of Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing are well at-tourded

Prof. Cadwell has large developing circles.

Mrs. Olive Doolittle's new cottage has a cozy and home-like appearance. The masquerade was a great success; a large com-

pany in attendance. Miss H. B. Lochian has held several invitation cir-

Cles, which were much enjoyed by those attending. She has now returned to her pleasant Greenwich

home. The hosts of friends of Mrs. J. F. Baxter are re-jolced to see her able to visit the Lake. May she still continue to improve in health. Hon. Augustus Carey continues to improve his

grounds

Mr. F. D. Edwards, Mrs. Russell and several other Spiritualistic Phenomena members are sojourners

Chas. Concland, well known to many campers, has

"Bonship passed to spirit-life. "Sunshine's" wigwam on Montague street has many vis

visitors. Sue Fales and "Old Honesty" are dispensing

wisdom and truth. Pleasant evening conversations on the plazza of Mrs. Alice Waterbouse's cottage are well attended,

by Boston delegates especially. The lectures of Mr. Charles Dawbarn were thor-oughly enjoyed by all thinking people. J. Frank Baxter's tests convinced the skeptic, and

J. Frank Baxter's tests convinced the skeptic, and bis lectures were sound and logical. Mrs. Olive Reynolds, at Eagle Cottage, entertains a large number of guests as usual. Mrs. Chapman, a correspondent of THE BANNER, has a fine new cottage at the Highlands. F. B. Woodbury, it is expected, will at no distant day build in that locality. Land has been secured for a new hotel at the High-lands, it is rumored.

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Dr. Beals and the board of management are to be congratulated for the harmonious, interesting ses-sion just closed. F. B. W.

Onset Items.

[MISS GUSTIE F. How E is our authorized agent at Onset Bay. She will receive subscriptions for the BANNER OF LIGHT. She also has a full line of our publications for sale at Association Headquarters; and will conduct the corre-spondence for THE BANNER from this Camp-Ground.]

Monday afternoon, Aug. 27th, a soul communion meeting was held in the Pavilion, which was well atsended, and after the half hour of silent thought interesting experiences were related.

Luther Colby, of the BANNER OF LIGHT, paid us a visit on Monday, accompanied by G. A. Bacon. Bro. Colby is looking hale and hearty, and with good care and attention to the laws of health, we predict for him

and attention of the issue of nearth, we predict for him many years of usefulness. Tuesday atternoon the conference meeting in the grove was well attended. Dr. Hervey read an inter-esting essay by R. G. Ingersoll on "The Treatment of Catendra's"

Criminals." We have just received a glowing account of the suc-cessful result in locating mines in the southwest by

Tuesday, Aug. 14:h. a social meeting was held at the stand at 9 a M. Remarks by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Edgerly, Dr. Hale, Dr. Storer and Dr. Fuller. At 10:30 A.M. Dr. H. B. Storer delivered an able lecture, subject. "The Bible of Nature is the Book of God." At 2 P. M. Mrs. A. P. Brown lectured upon "Spiritual-ism 18, as a Power, a Developing Principle," followed by Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, subject. "The Two Bibles: That of Christianity and that of Humanity." The services closed with a scance by Dr. Hale. In the evening Dr. Hale beld a very successful scance at the stand" at the Tuesday, Aug. 14th, a social meeting was held at the Hale held a very successful scance at the stan", at the close of which Mr. H. C. Berry gave a few pleasing experiments, illustrating the power of a positive mind over a negative one, or, as it is commonly called, Mes-

meriam merism. Wednesday morning, Aug. 15 b. the sun rose clear and beautiful; all nature was rejoicing; and the health-laden breezes that swept in from the sea invigorated every one and compensated them for the brief season of rainy and uncomfortable weather. As a health-giving resort, Temple Heights is unsurpassed on the coast of Maine.

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The most all of them being acknowledged as correct by the parties. At 6 p M. Mr. H. C. Berry gave a very pleasing mesmeric entertainment at the stand. Thursday, Aug. 16th, social meeting at 9.A. M., opened by Mrs. Yeaw, followed by Mrs. Dr. Crosby, Mr. Edger-ity, Mrs. Brown and others. At 10:30 A.M., invocation

by Mrs. Yeaw, followed by Mrs. Dr. Crosby, Mr. Edger-iy, Mrs. Brown and others. At 10:30 A. M., invocation by Mrs. H. C. Berry, of Portland, Me., followed by a lecture by Mrs. Wentworth of Knox, Me. At 2 p. M., Dr. Geo. A. Fuller delivered a scathing review of Dr. Talmage's sermon against Spiritualism. A large au-dience listened attentively for nearly an hour to his striking comparison of Dr. Talmage's views of religion with those heid by Spiritualists. Friday, Aug. 17th, social meeting at 9 A.M., opened by Mr. Arno, followed by Dr. Newins, Dr. Storer and others. At 2 P. M., lecture by Dr. H. B. Storer; sub-ject, "What and Where is the Spirit-World?" It was raioing hard, but the speaker heid the close attention of his audience throughout his discourse, which, con-sidering the disadvantage under which it was given, was considered to be one of the best delivered during our meeting.

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ture. Subject, "Questions Relative to God's Bible." Bunday morning, Aug. 19th. Closing day. The friends began to gather in the early morning, and when called to order at 9.A. M., the auditorium was filled to overflowing. A very harmonious and spirited social meeting was held, participated in by a large number of the friends. At 10:30 Dr. George A. Fuller gave a fine lecture upon "Spiritualism as a Religion and a Science." At 2 P. M. Mrs. Yeaw lectured. Sub-ject, "The Scope of Spiritualism." followed by Dr. H. B. Storer upon "The Conduct of Life," who prefaced his lecture by reading that excellent poem of Theo-dore Parker's, "Aunt Kindly." The speakers of the day, and the lectures cellvered by them, were highly appreciated by the large audience, that gave them the closest attention. ture. Subject, ' 'Questions Relative to God's Bible." ing, Aug. 19th. Closing day. The

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closest attention. At the close of Dr. Storer's remarks, the President of the society, Mr. Rich, thanked the friends for their attention and courtesy to the officers of the society during the meetings. The chairman of the meetings, Mr. Berry, also thanked the friends, the choir and the speakers for the help they had all extended to him in the performance of his duties, and invited all to attend the coming year. The audience rose and joined in singing that grand old hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee;" a benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Yeaw, and the meeting was pronounced closed for the present year. Thus terminated the most har-monious and successful series of meetings held upon our grounds. We cordially thank all friends who have contributed to the success of our meetings, and most heartily extend to them an invitation to be with us next year, and bring all their friends with them; and to strangers we would asy, come and make us a visit, and you will never regret it.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Saturday evening, Aug. 18th, there was a musical and literary entertainment at the auditorium. The entire programme was well rendered by the various

Thus closed a role and maine, please allow me to re-meeting. In taking my leave of Maine, please allow me to re-turn thanks for the many favors vouchsafed not only toward myself, but in behalf of Messrs. Colby & Rich, Bro. Daniorth of *The Lycenum Educator*, Bro. Ward-mell of the *Restern Star.* and others. well of the *Eastern Star*, and others. P. S.—Nozt year, it is surmised, a Children's Pro-gressive Lyceum and a Ladies' Aid Society will be in-

augurated at this place.

Cassadaga Lake, N. Y.

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The beauding at Gassadaga was extended one week, making Sunday, Sept. 2d, the closing day. During the past week lectures have been given by Walter Howell, W. J. Colville, Mrs. R. B. Lillle, Prof. W. F. Peek and Mrs, Anna Orvis. Walter Howell has applied to the Western Unitarian Orderence for felowship, and will accept a Unitarian pulpit. He says he has not renounced his Spiritual Philosophy, nor will he cease to utter his highest convictions; but a desire to settle in one place for permanent work leads him to seek the liberal pulpit as the field for his future labors. During the past week there has been organized at Cassadaga the germ of what ought to be and may become a great movement in the field of liberal thought. It is an association to be known as the Universal Co-öperative Temperance Union, having for its object the eradication of vice in all forms. All persons in sympathy with the object of the Union are eligible to membership, and it is proposed to establish subordinate unions in various localities with the object of ultimately perfecting an International Union. There is to be no stated initiation fee, but each person is to make a voluntary offering according to his or her means and disposition at the time of joining. The first annual meeting will be held on the C. L. F. A. camp-grounds, on the third Monday of August, 1889. The officers are : Solon Lauer, President ; Mrs. Anna Orvis, Vice President ; C. Bird Gouid, Secretary ; Hon. G. F. Lewis. Treasurer. Honorary Vice President; Mrs. Dr. Hyde. Hon. G. F. Lewis. Treasurer. Honorary Vice Presi-dents, W. J. Colville, Dr. M. M. Tousey, H. D. Barrett, Mrs. Dr. Hyde. This Association is a move in the direction of mate-

This Association is a move in the direction of mate-rializing some of the ideals which are so constantly enunciated from the Spiritualist platform, and should receive the hearty cooperation of all persons interest-ed in the regeneration of humanity. In a future num-ber of this paper further information will be given concerning methods of work for the local societies. with hints on organization, etc. It is the intention to divide the work into several departments of reform, and to make the platform so broad that all who are in-terested in the elevation of our social conditions can labor through this organization. The Secretary may be addressed at 306 Sterling Avenue, Cleveland, O. GHACHIO. GRAPHO.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

The camp meeting at Cassadaga this season has been unusually successful. During the past fortnight, in addition to numerous lectures and conferences a series of most interesting and instructive entertain

ments have been given, and besides these, classes for instruction in physical as well as spiritual culture have been largely attended. W. J. Couville has lec-tured five times in the public auditorium, sixteen times in Library Hall, and taken part in several en-

A. E. S., Sec'y. To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

This camping ground is situated on the borders of Lake Champlain, and is a lovely spot. As we stand upon its high banks at the setting of the sun the sight is grand indeed, beyond my power to describe. The mountains of the Adirondacks, some fifteen or twenty miles away, are plainly to be seen. Cloud shadows of rich and glowing color spread royally out upon the rippling waters of the Lake, making it look like a scene from childhood's "fairy land," or that other land of deathiess summer toward which the spirit looks with experiency in burst alke of excilation or ooks with expectency in hours allke of exaltation of

of weariness This seems to be a fit place to hold sweet commun In with loging souls long since passed away from this sphere into the eternal homes where harmony and ever abide

Here are gathered many noble instruments used by the unseen ones to bring to friends still in the mortal words of good cheer and comfort. This Association, with cur hard-working brother, Dr. E. A. Smith, at its head, is very active in endeav-

ors to make this place one which the Spiritualists of this country will love to visit. The meetings are fully attended; the best of feeling

The meetings are fully attended; the best of feeling prevails; much good seed is being sown, and an abun-dant harvest may be confidently anticipated. My stay here is necessarily short. I have already visited five different Spiritualist camp meetings, and find in them all an earnest desire on the part of the many to learn more of this beautiful philosophy-so full of good things. My wish is that still higher truths as they are being revealed to our understandings may bring should nece on earth and recoder mill to mark bring about peace on earth, and good will to man That such may be the case is the prayer of DR. A. H. RICHARDSON.

Mount Pleasant Park.

Monday, Aug. 20th, was devoted to a business meeting of the Association, and, there being no public service, everybody had a day of rest and social converse.

Vice, everybody had a day of rest and social converse. Turesday: Conference in the morning and Mr. and Mrs. Kates in the afternoon. Wednesday : Conference that was interesting. All are very much interested in these opportunities to give free expression to their thoughts. In the after-noon J. Clegg Wright spoke and was listened to close-ly. His private lectures are well attended. Thursday, Aug. 23d, Fact Meeting, at which some very inferenting statements were made of convergence.

very interesting statements were made of occurences upon the grounds this year. At night another camp-dance took place, in which the gentlemen tried to match the "leap year" party held the week before. Though they did not excel the ladles' party they came near equalling it. It was largely attended and a complete success.

success. The public dance, held the night before, was the largest held at the hall. Good order prevailed, and it was a financial success. Thursday: Conference. Prof. Lockwood gave the afternoon lecture. Remarks were made by J. Clegg Weterbt

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The campers' dance was on Wednesday night, and on Thursday night we had a musical and literary en-tertainment. It was largely attended, several hun-dred people being in attendance. All pronounced it a first-class entertainment. Many were surprised to learn there was so much talent upon the grounds. Friday, a most delightful day, brought new arrivals to camp. There was abusiness meeting of the Associa-tion in the forencon. At its close everything was settled on firm business principles and very little debt left. Everybody feit jubilant over what had been done in settling up the affairs of the Association. And full assurance is now feit that this is a permanent instituassurance is now felt that this is a permanent institu

tion. The management will make every effort to get the best talent, to give the people advanced thought so as to attract the best minds and the best thinkers of our

to nitrate the obstanting and the best think the of out country. Baturday, Aug. 25th, J. Clegg Wright's private lec-ture in the morning at eight, and Prof. Severance's closing class of the course at nine o'clock. The gen-eral opinion was that it had been very instructive and useful, and a strong invitation to come another year and conduct classes in the same manner. At half-past ten o'clock a womens' meeting was held at the grand stand, in which a large number took part in discussing the social condition of women. The men wore slient listeners, but deeply interested. The speakers wore Mrs. Bates, Dr. Severance, Mrs. Bish-op, Mattle Huil, and many others.

op, Mattle Hull, and many others. At the afternoon session Mr. Kates gave a dis. course and Mrs. Kates tests. In the evening a me. diums' meeting was held at the hall with the usual good success. At these meetings remarkable tests

Avenue.—The First Society of Spirifualists holds meet-ings every Sunday at II A. M. and 7 c. P. M. Admission free. A General Conference with be held Monday evening of each week at 250 West 36th street, at the residence of Mrs. M. C. Morrell

Johnston Bullding, Flatbush Avenue, corner of Nevins Street, - Brooklyn Phortestive Saleting Conference et.—Brooklyn Frogressive Spir turday evening, at 5 o'clock.

NEWARK, N. J.-Meetings will be held every Sun-lay evening at No. 139 Congress street, commencing at 7 'clock. Mrs. H. C. Dorn, Secretary.

Adolphi Hall.-The meetings of the First Society of Spiritualists of New York will open Sunday, Sept. 9th, Mrs. Nellie J. T. Brigham officiating as speaker.

Pine Cliff Grove, N. H.

There is to be a two or three days' meeting of Spiritualists, commencing next Sunday, Sept. 9th, at Pine Cliff Grove, Lake Warren, East Al-stead, N. H. There will be lectures, platform tests, etc., and the sessions promise great interest.

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