



who once seemed as mercurial, hypochondriac and other phases of eccentricity, now in the quietude of old age, to make people believe they have discovered some new thing. Mr. Lee reviewed the report of the Spiritualists' Convention and the replies made there to the various resolutions, and then, in a very simple and unassuming manner, he concluded that Spiritualism had gained rather than lost in that controversy. The question is often asked, why, if Spiritualism is true, does it not draw more people of influence and wealth. Possibly it may be because Spiritualism is too revolutionary in its aims and purposes to win the approval of those who are the pillars of the material world. A brief mention of the cardinal features of Modern Spiritualism may not be out of place, and may partially answer the question so often asked as to what good Spiritualism is, supposing it to be true.

Spiritualism means the proof positive of continued life beyond the grave, and, under certain conditions, possible communication with departed friends. It means a religion based on science. It means a practical application of the principles taught by Christ instead of the theory of the church. It means forgiveness of sins only through growth out of and away from them. It means that character, not creed, is the essential to present and future honor. It means a purely secular government and taxation of all church property. It means equality of the sexes. It means the nobility of labor. It means death to all monopoly, honesty in trade and commerce. Those who cannot see any good in Spiritualism would not accept the proofs if they had them.

Before concluding I wish to say a word in remembrance of those who have with us in the past and whose familiar faces are not seen with us to day. Some are at home in other cities and some are in spirit, but their memory is ever with us. We are inspired with our beautiful philosophy, and have the hope of a reunion at some time with all our co-workers and friends, either here or in the world beyond.

Mr. Carleton then extended an invitation to mediums from other cities to make brief addresses. Aunty Camp of Cuyahoga Falls, Mrs. Myra Paine of Painesville, and Mrs. C. C. Bacon of Elyria were specially mentioned, and responded by going forward and taking seats upon the platform. Mrs. Camp recounted the important events and the tenor of thought in 1848, and said, among other things, that the press of the day was hand-cuffed, and that newspapers then were influenced to print what Spiritualists said. A number of other ladies also spoke. Miss Tillie H. Lees drew attention to a beautiful floral design, the gift of Mrs. Helen O. Richmond of Euclid Avenue, which decorated the speakers' stand.

Mr. Carleton introduced Mr. J. Clegg Wright, of London, Eng.

"Among other things Spiritualism is a great study. It is the work of Spiritualism to demonstrate mental action outside of brain organization. We are trying in 1888 to demonstrate that spirits exist, for this is the only hypothesis on which the phenomena which we have demonstrated may be based. Once we did not know that spirit-rapping was influenced somewhat by the mental condition of the rapper, we knew it now. In this world there is matter as well as spirit. The body influences the mind, as does the mind the body. Slowly, however, we are raising our mental concepts to a higher spiritual plane. There is a power in mind to make certain forces in nature obey thought. There is no wonder men disbelieve the truths of Spiritualism because they are so much more real by means of the senses. There are no miracles; there never were any. Everything is natural. Clairvoyance, which is French for clear-seeing, is a word we use to disguise our ignorance. There is probably no name for a spirit present who can explain clairvoyance, which is the seeing of phenomena outside the reach of the senses. Still we have the science of clairvoyance, which is the seeing of the unseen. The visions of delirium tremens are hallucinations; clairvoyance is something vastly different. It is merely a finer perception of things about us than the perception of things by means of the senses. There are thousands of things about us outside the realm of the senses.

Medicine is a great study. The last forty years have not, however, made it a science. In London forty years ago an attempt was made to heal by mesmerism, and many wonderful things were done. More remarkable things would have been done but for the conservatism of physicians. There are certain doctors even now who term a magnetic doctor a quack. If it be true that the magnetic force can be directed, every man possesses limitless power over every other man in the world if he but knew it. Invention is mental force. All progress is the arising of the spiritual mind—the arising of the lower to the higher.

Spiritualism is anti-Christian. In the sense of opposition to the Christian religion, which is the responsibility of sin to the Saviour. It is not opposed to Christ. Christ was a medium. Do not be in a hurry to promote the slow and steady growth of Spiritualism. We have too many half-convinced already. There are kid-glove Spiritualists who do not want to touch their own belief. It will hurt their profession, they say. Of course it will. Heresies are the enemies of the work. (Mr. Wright concluded his remarks by saying: "You can get the highest good from the spiritual life by living in harmony with physical laws.")

(Concluded next week.)

#### New Orleans, La.

We are in receipt of *The Daily Picayune* for April 24, which, under the heading, "Forty Years of Spiritualism," presents the following report of the celebration held in the Crescent City on the 1st inst.:

"Last Saturday was the Fortieth Anniversary of the appearance of spiritual manifestations at Hydesville, in New York, and the Anniversary was celebrated yesterday in a fitting manner by the New Orleans Spiritualists Association. The exercises were held in Minerva Hall, on Ohio street, at 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon, and 7:30 in the evening. The attendance was quite large, and the services were very instructive and entertaining.

An excellent choir, consisting of three female and two male voices, accompanied by an organ, opened the ceremonies, both in the forenoon and evening.

After the singing in the forenoon, an able address was delivered by Dr. W. Allen, who is one of the oldest members of the Association in the city.

Mr. George Benson then delivered a lecture on the subject of Spiritualism, under alleged control of the spirits. He then, while under the same inspiration, discussed various subjects with the audience.

After the lecture two ministers, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. D. V. Clarke, were ordained. Mr. Benson presented each of the two new ministers with the letter of the Association, and then, with fervent address pronounced them duly ordained ministers of Spiritualism. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Clarke are mediums. The services closed with prayer.

The attendance was equally large at the evening services. The program was headed with beautiful flowers, the offerings of the ladies.

At 7:30 o'clock Capt. John Abbott, who officiated as master of ceremonies, opened the service, and the choir sang a hymn. Dr. Allen offered up a fervent prayer for the future welfare and happiness of all present, and also of gratitude for permitting those assembled to meet once more.

The Secretary then read his annual report, in which he gave a brief history of Spiritualism in this city. The roster showed sixty-six names in his books, of whom thirteen had crossed the Shining River, and had entered into the new life.

Mr. George P. Benson then lectured under control of inspiration, after which several persons in the audience ascended the rostrum, and made brief speeches.

After the service the audience was invited into the room in the rear of the hall, where a delicious cold lunch, with fruit, cake and lemonade accompanied by music, was served. The Association give a public soiree every Monday, and services are held every Sunday during the year at the residence of Mr. Benson. The Anniversary of Spiritualism was celebrated in all the principal cities in the United States yesterday.

#### St. Louis, Mo.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

An interested assembly convened at the palatial residence of Mr. Charles Mantz, 2131 Walnut street, this city, on Sunday, April 1st. After a congenial time and a social exchange of ideas, the meeting was called to order. An invocation by the President, Mr. Mantz, was followed by a song by the choir; then the President introduced Mrs. S. C. Scoville, the well-known trance speaker and psychometrist reader. Mrs. Scoville read a beautiful poem called "The Day We Celebrate," then followed sections on the piano by Prof. W. H. Russell. Dr. Lowe, the control of Mrs. Scoville, then made the following remarks:

"The Day we celebrate I see, a grand and glorious day! Ancient and Modern Spiritualism are the same, but we use the term Modern, because forty years ago the raps were first intelligently heard at the home of the Fox Sisters.

When these children were hearing those raps, little did they think that they were listening to the signals of a new and better system of thought, that was destined to revolutionize the entire character of the age.

At first, Spiritualism had to grope in the dark, but as time wore on, and the hours and days passed, it grew stronger and at last it burst upon the world through the cloud, and now we can hardly endure its brilliant rays. All who have seen those rays are happier for having been extricated from the darkness of unbelief. It is a statistical fact that during the forty years for which we celebrate the anniversary of Spiritualism, it has gained more proselytes than did Christianity in the first three hundred years of its existence.

There were many grand thoughts brought out by this control, one important point being that the angels would command and make known in a scientific manner that those whom the past looked upon as dead are not so, but are alive and conscious; the tiny rap is a signal for men to lead better lives—that is what it comes to teach, not simply to grieve morbidly. In the forty years just past, Spiritualism has accomplished much good; and now as we start upon another year, let us redouble our energies for the achievement of yet grander things in its all-conquering name.

A few psychometric readings by Mrs. Scoville's controls, and a few remarks by the President, the meeting closed with the singing of "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

MILTON LYLE.

#### Buffalo, N. Y.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Under the auspices of the First Society of Spiritualists, and through well-directed effort on the part of those having the matter in charge, the arrangements and programme for the observance of the Fortieth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in this city were successfully carried out. Through the cooperation in the way of variety as regards speakers was attempted, it is safe to say that a genuine spirit of good fellowship has been manifested, which augurs well for the future. This has been the first attempt for several years past, in this city the Anniversary of what is called Modern Spiritualism; and it is our highest hope that the observance thus auspiciously inaugurated may be continued hereafter with equal success from year to year.

On Friday evening, March 30th, a delightful programme, consisting of music and recitations, was presented before an appreciative audience which filled the hall. Those participating seemed to catch the spirit of enthusiasm which prevailed, and lent their best energies to the occasion. Recitations were given by Prof. Britton, Miss Zelle Davenport, W. H. Davenport, J. P. Riley and Harry Bradley; piano solos by Miss Keating, Miss Freeman, Mr. Leander Fisher; songs by Mrs. Boltz and Mrs. Crane; instrumental duet by Miss Wells and Mr. Taylor.

On Sunday, April 1st, two grand commemorative services were held, the speaker, Mr. Walter Howell—whose name is synonymous with all that is noble and heroic in the field of public speakers—taking for his subject of the morning discourse: "The Resurrection of Christ." It was a clear and concise exposition of that much mooted question as viewed from the standpoint of Spiritual philosophy, and was well received by the audience. The evening programme, "Spiritualism, Ancient and Modern," was handled in a masterly manner, and proved by far the best lecture this gifted speaker has delivered in Buffalo—the audience which gathered to hear him, and to witness the exercises, ever faced a speaker. Many strangers were present, and if they did not, at that hour, learn something of the principles of Spiritualism, they never will.

This report would be incomplete without due mention of the choir, which was a great feature of the occasion, and made it indeed a fitting place for angels and men alike to be. The rostrum was almost hidden from view by beautiful banks of flowers, plants and evergreens; many tasteful and appropriate notices were displayed—the work forming a beautiful embodiment of the thought and taste of the ladies whose labors made it what it was.

WILLARD J. HULL, Sec'y.

#### Rochester, N. Y.

A correspondent informs us that the birthday of Modern Spiritualism was duly celebrated in its birth-place on Sunday, April 1st, by meetings held under the auspices of the Society, whereat several addresses on the history of the movement were delivered. The event was also borne in mind by the various circles convening in the city on that date.

#### Hartford, Ct.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The Anniversary exercises in Hartford, March 30th and 31st, could not fail to be a success with such talent as J. Frank Baxter and Charles Dawbarn as speakers.

Both reviewed Spiritualism, each in his individual way imparting wholesome truths.

Mr. Baxter's address, following the evening lecture, was fine, some very pointed tests being given.

Saturday morning the following Resolutions, presented by President G. W. Burnham, were discussed with much interest, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Bible, as a text-book, should be removed from the public schools, and all religious teaching in such schools should be entirely abandoned from including the ordinary prayer.

Resolved, That the parochial school is an innovation on the true public school system of the State, with an underlying tendency to sectarianism and religious intolerance, and antagonistic to the genius of our institutions.

Resolved, That we adhere to the important fact of mediumship, a gift possessed by Jesus and his Apostles and that it is the only way by which we can evolve from our present state to a God-given faculty which dwells in the occult forces of man's being, reaching out through the veil that realm where bright spirits await the coming of mortals.

The afternoon lecture by Mr. Dawbarn, subject, "Universal Law," was highly complimentary, and, lastly, the celebration, altogether, proved a decidedly successful one. The first Anniversary will be celebrated in Williamsburg, N. Y., on the 1st of May.

#### Newburyport, Mass.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The First Spiritualist Association celebrated the Fortieth Anniversary at Fraternity Hall on Sunday, April 1st.

The afternoon services were opened with singing by the choir, followed by a stirring lecture by Dr. Dean Clarke.

The evening exercises commenced with selections by the choir, which were finely rendered; after which Dr. Dean Clarke, under inspiration, gave a very able and instructive address, which was listened to with close attention by an appreciative audience.

The closing Anniversary exercises were given on Monday, April 2d, at the same hall, and consisted of a dance and supper. The hall was very tastefully decorated with red, white and blue bunting, interspersed with American flags. Around the hall and about the stage were grouped our League flags, which presented a most pleasing sight to the older workers in our society.

Dancing commenced at 8:30; supper was announced at 10:30, to which ample justice was done. After an intermission of thirty minutes dancing was resumed and continued till one o'clock, to the evident pleasure of all who participated. The floor was under the management of our President, E. F. Fride, assisted by O. J. Jenkins, A. Knight and Frank J. Bennett.

Thus closed the Anniversary exercises. The eight of our League flags at the Anniversary has revived the subject of reorganizing our League.

#### Springfield, Mass.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

March 31st, 1888, will long be remembered by the large audiences which gathered at Grand Army Hall in this city on that day. The exercises opened at 2 P. M., by music, after which Rev. H. H. Brown, of the Peterham Unitarian

church, gave us one of the finest lectures I have ever heard.

A beautiful collection was then served in the dining hall adjoining, and then came the "Fast Meeting."

Mrs. Clara Banks, of Hydesville, spoke at 7:30 P. M., giving us an exceedingly interesting lecture. Her spirit was so inspiring, and it is to be regretted that this noble woman cannot often be heard upon the spiritual rostrum, but the care of aged parents renders it necessary for her to be at home every night. The closing one of the best Anniversary observations we have ever had. I should not forget to mention the music, both vocal and instrumental, which was a leading feature throughout, and was duly appreciated.

(Dr. Dean Clarke has given us some fine lectures in the last month.) M. W. LYMAN.

#### Lowell, Mass.

"The Morning Times," of April 2d, so writes a correspondent, made good reference to the Anniversary meetings in that city—in the course of which occurred the following:

Last Saturday was the Fortieth Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism. The event was observed by the Spiritualist Society of this city in Post 185 G. A. Hall, in Wyman's Exchange, Sunday morning, April 1st. The exercises opened with the singing of "The Sweet By-and-By," by Miss Anna Ware, who was followed by Edward S. Varney in an essay, having for its theme "Easter Thoughts." Mr. Varney dwelt upon the necessity of the phenomena proving the immortality of the soul, and as stepping-stones to the noble system of ethics evolved by Spiritualism.

J. S. Whitney referred to his experiences of the last quarter of a century. Twenty-five years ago he knew nothing of this doctrine, but years ago his little boy made him an investigator, and through the facts presented by Spiritualism he became convinced of life beyond the grave. He referred to the presence and beautiful influence of angel loved ones, at the death of his wife, and the fact that he spoke briefly in a physiological and psychological vein. A. B. Plimpton opposed the unjust dogmas and theories of the evangelical churches, alluded to the breadth and universality of the spiritualistic religion, and eulogized its wonderful spread and adaptability to the needs of humanity.

In the afternoon and evening A. E. Tisdale, the blind medium, lectured, delivering in the evening one of the grandest spiritualistic discourses ever given in Lowell.

#### Milwaukee, Wis.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Our meeting in honor of the Fortieth Anniversary was called to order by Prof. Lockwood, (from Ripon, Wis.), on Saturday evening, March 31st; in a short speech he explained the objects of the convocation, and spoke of the marked progress which Spiritualism had made since its first appearance in the world. He said that for the evening would be vocal and instrumental music, and recitations—to close with a séance.

The entertainment was "first-class" in all respects, and when the floor was cleared for dancing, Prof. Lockwood gave the lecture of the forenoon—subject, "Savagery of our Present Civilization"—in which he severely criticised our present state and condition of national and society life, and urged the necessity of a higher civilization.

The discourse proved to be very instructive and logical, and all present seemed interested in listening to catch every word. In the afternoon a general conference was held, remarks being in order in regard to the past, present and future of Spiritualism. Those who were present were Dr. H. S. Brown, Prof. A. B. Severance, Mrs. D. Wolf, Prof. Butts, and others. This proved to be a very interesting session.

In the evening we had a packed hall at an early hour. After the singing, Mrs. De Wolf (from Chicago) was introduced as the speaker for the evening; subject, "The Harvest and the Gleaning." Prof. Lockwood followed with a short speech, claiming that Spiritualism could be proved to rest on a scientific basis.

The audience was then dismissed—all feeling that it was "good for them to be there," and thus closed one of the best and most interesting meetings the Spiritualists have ever held in our city. Prof. Lockwood presided with his usual dignity. The singing was furnished by Lockwood, Green, Mrs. Leist, and was very fine indeed. Miss Collins and her little brother sang a charming duet at close of the meeting Sunday night. The evening exercises were in charge of Mr. H. S. Brown, and the Anniversary meeting there, and so was out of the city. A. B. S.

#### Baltimore, Md.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The Spiritualists here assembled on the evening of April 1st, and listened to a discourse delivered through the mediumship of the estimable Mrs. Walcott, on the Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism; her guides deviating on this occasion from the usual manner of the dissection of subjects read to her by the venerable President, Mr. Levi Weaver, who collects them from the audience.

After the lecture Miss Maggie Gauls gave names and descriptions of spirits to quite a number of people in the audience, and, with the exception of one or two, all were recognized. Our Anniversary memorial was a pleasant occasion to all present.

#### Newark, N. J.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The Fortieth Anniversary was celebrated in the parlors of H. C. Dorn, 139 Congress street, with a full attendance and an awakened interest in the cause. Beautiful lilies and other flowers were brought in profusion, and for the first time we sang from the "Melodies of Life," selecting for the purpose: "The Angels are Coming," although we sorely know which piece in that book is the best.

May the good work go on until the angels welcome us to our homes in the better land. JENNIE A. SMITH, Sec'y, 139 Congress street.

#### April Magazines.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY opens its table of contents with another installment of the piquant and touching story: "Yone Santo, a Child of Japan," which E. H. House is now writing for its pages; the same number contains the second part of Henry James's entertaining "Aspern Papers"; another charming article is that on "English Faith in Art"; "The First Crisis of the American Revolution," is the title of a most readable and valuable article by the little student of history, Frank Fiske; Frank Gaylord Cook has an account of "The Marriage Celebration in the United States," and chapters of "The Despot of Broomfield Grove," by Charles Egbert Craddock, are furnished; among other prose articles may be enumerated an elaborate review of the new book of poems by James Russell Lowell, a review of the new "Life of Darwin," the usual book notices of the month, and short essays in the "Contributor's Club." James Russell Lowell's poem on "Turner's Old Téméraire," under a figure symbolizing the Church, is all aflame with a spirit of the hope for better things in that direction for which "the stars of God long even as we." Houghton, Mifflin & Co., publishers, Boston, Mass.

THE QUIVER—"The United Kingdom Alliance," an organization for procuring the legislative suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, instituted in 1883, is briefly sketched, accompanied by portraits of several of its leading supporters. "The Friends' Colony in the Far North," is an interesting sketch of Quakerism in Norway. New chapters are given of two serials, also a few short stories, and of other articles that will interest all who are "Who was Seneca?"

with portraits "The Old Lady's Leading Strings," and "Milton's House at Chalfont St. Giles," illustrated. New York: Cassell & Co.

THE ETHNOLOGICAL JOURNAL—A brief biography is given of William of Germany, with portrait. In "Notable People of the Day," Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and Ed. Weston are the subjects, with a portrait of each. No. 2 of "Observations of a Woman in Public Life," "Criminal Anthropology," "How They Lived Five Hundred Years Ago," etc., constitute the remaining contents. New York: Fowler & Wells Co.

HERALD OF HEALTH—In addition to well filled miscellaneous departments, the subjects of general interest are, "Alcohol on a Physiological Point of View," "Fecular Nervous Tricks and Habits," and "The Higher Education of Women." New York: P. O. Box 2241.

VIOL'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY.—A charming cluster of landscapes of three colors is the attractive frontispiece; a number of short and instructive articles upon floriculture follow, many of them especially adapted to the season, and which are of great value to every one who desires to have a good garden the coming summer. Rochester, N. Y.: James Viol.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER—"A Victory for the Patent Law," "The Problem of Electrical Distribution," and "The Practical Side of Incandescent Light," are the leading editorials. A large number of articles on subjects of practical interest to electricians, correspondence and electrical news and notes follow. New York: The Elec. Pub. Co.

## Banner Correspondence.

#### Pennsylvania.

MEADVILLE.—Mrs. L. L. Haverly writes: "Seeing in the BANNER OF LIGHT an advertisement of Mrs. Eliza A. Martin, of Boston, that she would answer sealed letters at a very moderate price, and anxious to know more of spirit phenomena, I wrote a letter, secured it from being opened by means of a sewing-machine, and sent it to her, she being a perfect stranger to me and to her. The result was very satisfactory. I received a reply that in its character would startle the most skeptical into an inquiring state of mind, that, if followed, would convince them of the truth of spirit communion. This is an easy and sure means of proving the truth—one that can be employed at a small cost and with good results."

PITTSBURGH.—Helen Stuart-Richings writes: "Coming from the Fortieth Anniversary meeting in Cincinnati, your correspondent stopped over for a few days' visit in Pittsburgh, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Meskinen, whose hospitable roof also shelters just now that noble worker, so well known and beloved throughout the Spiritualist ranks, Mrs. A. M. Gladding. The Pittsburgh Society is to be congratulated on having secured the services of Mrs. Gladding for the five Sundays of April, and seems to appreciate its good fortune, as crowded houses and attentive audiences testify. It is also to be congratulated on its almost phenomenal success. As the outcome of any project depends much on the start it receives, so the prosperity of the Pittsburgh Society of Spiritualists is largely due to the indefatigable efforts of 'mine host.' He it was who first published a call to all in Pittsburgh interested in the spread of the truths embodied in Spiritualism, to come forward for the purpose of local organization; and who, when responses came slowly, himself penned scores of personal letters, addressed to Spiritualists, and such others as were known to entertain liberal ideas.

The result was the organization of a Society, the engagement of speakers, and, within a few weeks, the renting of a hall for the exclusive use of the Society; a hall which now, at the close of the first year, is too small to accommodate the eager crowds that throng it morning and evening.

During the year Mr. Meskinen has served as Secretary, and it is to be regretted that a change in business, which calls Mr. M. from the city, will soon deprive the Society of his valuable services. A Lyceum has also been organized, its opening session being held on the first Sunday of February. The Society has one hundred and thirty-eight members, and the Lyceum from twenty-five to thirty. The platform has been occupied every Sunday during the year, and the report shows a creditable balance in the Treasury. So much for earnest effort and co-operation! What has been done, may be done. Spiritualists everywhere should take courage, and in the success of the Pittsburgh Society find a promise of possibilities which that courage may transform into realizations."

#### Massachusetts.

BOSTON.—A correspondent writes us as follows: "A retired merchant, who is also a veteran Spiritualist, in his daily walks and associations comes in contact with many minds who claim to fully believe the Bible, and quite heated discussions upon the truth or fallacy of that book have resulted therefrom. He was conversing with one of them on one occasion upon the Bible, and the minister said, 'Where can you find better precepts than in that book?' The Spiritualist replied, 'I give you a new commandment, which, if obeyed, will insure a passport to celestial regions: "Do nothing and say nothing that will not be pleasant to remember." The minister seemed to be delighted with the sentiment, and placed it in his memorandum book for future reference. At another meeting he said he had often quoted it as coming from a prominent Spiritualist."

LYNN.—Mrs. E. B. Merrill, Secretary, writes: "At the session of the Northern Progressive Lyceum Sunday, April 8th, we had quite a good attendance. After the opening exercises answers were given by a number to the question, 'What do you understand by the word conscience?' Recitations were given by Jessie Hutchins, Willie Keeny, Winnie Atherton, Celia Gooding, Lilla Hurd, Stanley Balcom and Ethel Herriock. Readings by Mabel Cheever, Mrs. Atherton, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Emerson and Mrs. Carlton. Remarks were made by Mrs. Julia Dickinson. Most of the spectators' seats were filled by an attentive audience."

SALEM.—A correspondent writes that about fifty assembled on Fast Day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, on Church street, the ladies having decorated the room with plants and flowers in anticipation of giving and welcome to their friends, both the seen and the unseen. "The exercises of the evening consisted of an invocation by Mrs. Saunders, singing by all, poem by Mrs. Sanger of Peabody, remarks by Miss Simpson of Salem and Mrs. Kimball of Peabody, singing by Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Sanger, and a poem by Mrs. Sanger. Mrs. Tullock presided at the organ, and of her merits I cannot say too much. Of the mediums, Miss Simpson of Salem gave readings and described spirit friends; Mrs. Kimball of Peabody gave readings and tests of spirit presence, all of which were correct. Mr. Brown of Peabody gave correct delineations and names. The exercises closed with singing by all, and a benediction by Mrs. Saunders. The occasion was a very enjoyable and profitable one."

#### New Hampshire.

PORTSMOUTH.—Dr. William Critchley writes: "We have had other evidences of spirit presence and power through the instrumentality of Mrs. E. Clark Kimball, who gave us two fine lectures and tests that were well understood, all of them being recognized. She has gained many friends outside of the spiritual ranks, and we are very anxious for her to come again and often. Her meetings are always a success, financially and otherwise. She needs no other recommendation. Sunday, April 1st, Miss S. Lizzie Ewer addressed the friends here. All were well pleased with her addresses and tests, and hope she may be kept employed."

#### Connecticut.

NEW HAVEN.—E. P. G. writes: "Ministers of the gospel are not very consistent in their denial of the divine right of liberty, when they avail themselves of it to deprive others of what they profess to consider the inalienable right of every individual. Hitherto the deprivation women have been subject to, as regards their rights as co-equals with men, has had its greatest support from these very ministers who prate so much of the liberty of the gospel, they

as the same time, by their acts, showing to them that the liberty they extol is, in reality, to women, only slavery. What sensible, truth-loving man can for a moment believe that the words so often quoted as a scriptural injunction against the natural, inborn rights of women: 'As Christ is the head of the Church so is man the head of women,' have not been interpreted in the gospel, and changed the liberty of which it speaks into the slavery which more than one-half of mankind has for centuries endured under the pretense that it is in accordance with the will of God."

#### California.

SAN DIEGO.—Mary A. White, Librarian and Corresponding Secretary, writes: "A little band of spiritualistic workers have had the courage to start a scientific, liberal and spiritual library in the city of San Diego. Through our Society, 'The Pacific Co-operative Spiritual Union,' is, as an organized body, only three weeks old, and our library movement of the same age, we are meeting with success beyond our most sanguine expectations. The good angels, who inaugurated the work, are helping us, but we need help from progressive souls in the enlightened East to give the movement a solidity that shall enable it to endure for all coming time.

We are planning for the future; and if any of our readers of the BANNER OF LIGHT have books which they feel may help the cause of truth and humanity in this peculiar endeavor, and are willing to donate the same to us, we will be most thankful for them."

#### Iowa.

CEDAR FALLS.—"J. C. N. A." writes: "This is a very pleasant town on the Cedar River, one hundred miles west of Dubuque, on the Mississippi River; it has a population of three thousand five hundred, and contains twelve organized churches, with the other paraphernalia known as the machinery of the church. Less than one-fourth of the population, however, are church members. There are a few Spiritualists here, and many liberals.

We need a genuine writing or good test medium. I think such would be well supported."

#### Rhode Island.

NEWPORT.—John C. Peckham writes: "All mankind appear to be seeking for happiness, but very few know in what happiness consists, which to my apprehension is in doing the best we can under the circumstances in which we are placed, and being reconciled to conditions in which we are for the time being, and which we cannot by any possibility avoid. To make the best of this world prepares us for the best in the world to which we are going."

## Original Essay.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF TRIANGULAR ANALYSIS IN EDUCATION.

BY "FRANKLIN."

In the BANNER OF LIGHT of June 4th, 1887, it was shown that man's intellect analyzes man, and is thereby subjectively an element of separation; that by the intellect we separate the body, which occupies space (the intellect does not occupy space), from a third element of man's being, which element is neither intellectual nor material. For the body is perceptible to the senses, and has, under ordinary conditions, distinct recognition as material substance. The intellect (often termed mind) has cognizance of truth and knowledge, and does not, as far as we perceive, have any claim to being material. But these two elements of man's being are supplemented by what may be termed the remaining element of spirit.

Men are aware of bodily pain, of intellectual thought, and when not realizing sensation or thought are at times conscious of emotions of joy, hope, love, etc. That element of man's being which is emotional, and determines of what spirit man is, whether a hopeful spirit or a brave spirit, etc., we call the spirit of man. Without attempting exhaustive proofs of this analysis, merely repeating that the simplest separation requires three elements subjectively, namely, a separator and two elements separated, let us see some important consequences of this idea. In the civilized world to day, philosophy, education and religion are potent, and much depends on them.

Because man has not been able to show any possible way by which consciousness can be imagined to evolve from matter, he is forced to consider intellect as something different from body; and hence culture of the body and of the intellect are distinct in



The divorce between Church and State ought to be absolute. It ought to be so absolute that no church property anywhere, in any State or in the nation should be exempt from equal taxation; for, if you exempt the property of any church organization, to that extent you impose a church-tax upon the whole community.—President Garfield.

## The Case of Rev. C. P. Mills.

On Sunday evening last, Rev. C. P. Mills, pastor of the North Church in Newburyport, preached a sermon against Spiritualism, which was widely reported in the local press. By way of response Charles W. Higgins, who is well known by reputation to the readers of THE BANNER as a firm Spiritualist and medium, issued an open letter to the reverend gentleman the next morning, sharply arraigning his utterances, and challenging him to a public debate. The letter follows:

## AN OPEN LETTER TO REV. C. P. MILLS.

NEWBURYPORT, MASS., April 16th, 1888.  
Rev. C. P. Mills, Pastor of the North Church:  
My Dear Sir:—I was present at the meeting on Sunday evening when you took for a subject: "Female Spiritualism; or, Do the Dead Communicate with the Living?" and took lengthy notes of the Bible reading and address, and I herewith openly and publicly declare that your comments upon the Scriptures were misleading and uncalled for; that your statement in relation to the usual methods of communicating with the spirits of the departed was without foundation in fact; that your wholesale denunciation of mediums was cruel and untrue; that your statements in relation to the fundamental principles and teachings of Spiritualism were unreliable, and not borne out by the facts; that your arraignment of the BANNER or LIGHT was wholly unwarranted; that your statement that spiritualistic phenomena never yet stood a single test of scientific investigation is not only untrue, but is ridiculous in the extreme; that your statement that all spiritualistic phenomena can be easily duplicated by the average sleight-of-hand performer is extremely ludicrous, and will be regarded by thousands of the most intelligent people of this city and vicinity; in fact, my dear sir, I affirm and declare your discourse to have been misleading and unjust throughout, and I feel that I am abundantly justified in publishing it. I will give you an opportunity to meet me in public debate. If I am in the wrong, you owe it a duty as a "man of God" to try and convince me of my error; and if you are in the wrong, you owe it a duty to yourself and to the people of this community to face the matter like a man, and admit your error. From the theological misstatements, doubt and darkness which you are enveloped into the more glorious, invigorating, truth-loving and liberalizing atmosphere of Modern Spiritualism. Yours truly, CHAS. W. HIGGINS.

## 1808-1888.

## A MEMORABLE ANNIVERSARY.

An unusually interesting family gathering was held on Wednesday evening, April 11th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. King, in Boston, to celebrate the eightieth anniversary of Mrs. Hannah Bacon, the venerable mother of one of our old contributors, Mr. George A. Bacon, of Washington, D. C.  
"Mother Bacon" is the only living member of the family of Capt. Eleazar and Lurana (Gross) Higgins, of Wrentham, Mass., and the sole surviving child of the eldest of the daughters of Capt. Thomas and Abigail (Young) Gross, popularly known as "the Royal Family of the Cape," which consisted of four sons and ten daughters.  
All five of Mother Bacon's children were present, with innumerable grandchildren and great-grandchildren, relatives and connections, to the overflowing of the parlors.  
Appropriate songs were sung, affectionate gifts were bestowed, an original poem was recited, interesting letters were read, and pertinent remarks were offered by a number of the older ones. Relatives were present from half a dozen States.  
Among other interesting articles exhibited was the engagement ring of Mrs. Bacon's grandmother, who, in her fifteenth year, was married in 1708.  
A generous collation closed an evening of great pleasure and interest to all concerned—the dear old lady in whose honor the gathering was assembled appearing at her best, and apparently good for another decade.

## "Visions."

In a pamphlet of twenty-six pages bearing the above title, W. Stanton-Moss has reprinted from the columns of LIGHT a series of teachings imparted to him in a manner which he considers to be seldom employed by spirit intelligences for the transmission of information, remarking that they represent vividly what at the time seemed to him to be a "very real series of experiences," which experiences illustrate the difficulty that may be and is felt by beings not yet spheres in communicating knowledge to us. The visions were received by him on three consecutive days of September, 1877. The accounts of them here given were written immediately following his return to normal consciousness, and are exceedingly entertaining and instructive.

Mrs. J. F. Rogers is now at her cottage at Onset for the season. Her residence has been put in good order, and she is prepared to make arrangements with any wishing rooms at this fine resort.

THE Two Worlds gives a list of one hundred and four places in England, chiefly London and vicinity, where Spiritualist services are held each Sunday.

The advertisement of the Chicago Magnetic Shield Co., in our columns, makes strong claims, and is worthy of careful investigation.

Spirit Prof. S. B. Brittan has some kindly and earnest words on our sixth page, to which the reader's attention is called.

## Los Angeles and San Diego, Cal.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:  
On Easter Sunday, April 1st, the Fortieth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was celebrated in Odd Fellows Hall, Los Angeles, Cal. The floral offerings were so magnificent that photographs of the handsome hall in its festive array were taken the day following, and are now on sale by Mr. Alfred Street, 323 S. Spring street. The proceeds are to be devoted to the more efficient carrying out of spiritual work in Los Angeles by means of a permanent institution devoted entirely to the work.

The audiences on April 1st were limited only by the capacity of the hall; extra seats filled every possible inch of room not absolutely required for passage-way, and a crowd filled the ante-rooms and lobby. The service was exceptionally fine. Signora Paulina Vincenti was the soprano soloist, and Mrs. Stratton the organist. A full choir assisted at both services.

W. J. Colville delivered inspirational invocations, orations and poems which held the large audiences literally spellbound throughout the protracted exercises.

It is admitted on all hands that Spiritualism has taken of late so deep a hold upon the minds of many of the best people in Los Angeles, that it only needs the able management of that whole-souled philanthropist, Mrs. E. W. Bushyhead. Very large audiences were present and intense interest was manifested; excellent music and lovely flowers lent to the service a happy and some interior, and furnished appropriate accompaniments to the eloquent oratory and fine poetry of the inspired speaker.

On the following days, April 9th and 10th, classes were opened in Southwest Institute, a building devoted entirely to the purposes of liberal education. In that pleasant edifice W. J. Colville is imparting much instruction in spiritual topics to earnest and inquiring minds. He speaks in the Opera House at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M., every Sunday till May 6th inclusive. Los Angeles, Cal.

## Mr. Baxter in Providence.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Sunday last, the 15th inst., the Spiritualists of Providence were ministered to by J. Frank Baxter, by no means a stranger here, although over a year had passed since he was last in the city. The "regular reliable" was in the morning and many strangers, but in the evening the house contained between three and four hundred people. The usual choir gave way to afford an opportunity for Mr. Baxter to be heard in song, and he rendered some of his heartfelt and appropriate selections to the gratification of all. The evening lecture on "The Persistence, Permanence and Purpose of Spiritualism," was a rousing and worthy effort, and thoroughly enthused the large audience present.

The lecture of the morning was none the less worthy, and must have left lessons among Spiritualists themselves. The theme was: "What Spiritualism Demands as Imperative from Spiritualists."

Mr. Baxter's address following the evening lecture was an interesting one. Several marked manifestations were given, and recognition of identity freely expressed. During these séances Mr. Baxter is a study himself, and any student or honest inquirer can but be led in study, while any "psychic researcher" would be able to invest his mind in a wider field. Mr. Baxter's worth and work are immeasurably great, and it is no wonder his time is so fully occupied, even a year or more ago.

Mr. Baxter will continue in Blackstone Hall, Providence, the remaining Sundays of the month.

## "ROGER WILLIAMS."

Greenwich, Mass.—The unfavorable weather and state of the roads has somewhat lessened the number of our out-of-town hearers during the past season, yet we have had good audiences and undiminished interest.

Last Sunday Mr. H. W. Smith presented to the Lyceum, as a gift from Photius Fiske, Esq., of Boston, a large and elegant stereoscopic with accompanying views, souvenirs of foreign travel. The gift will open to us a wide field of valuable instruction. Each Sunday some scene will be presented to the Lyceum, after which a description of the place will be given by Mr. Smith or some one given by the subject. "The Temple of Vesta," an account of which was read by Mr. Smith, who also gave some personal reminiscences.

Next Sunday the subject will be "The Coliseum." We hope thus to induce reading and research in relation to places of historic interest.

Our children are as ready in recitation as they have been in the past, and do themselves and parents much credit in their selections.

A happier, more harmonious and appreciative society than that of the Independent Liberal Union of Greenwich is seldom found; and though bigoted frowns and Orthodox says, "Let us drive this man from our midst who thus endangers our souls," we still live and thrive.

## Lynn, Mass.—On April 15th the attendance at the session of the Children's Progressive Lyceum, at Cadet Hall, was good, and we had an interesting meeting.

Receptions were given by Mrs. E. W. Smith and Stanley Balcom, Misses Clara Goodwin, Jessie Hutchins and Ethel Herick; readings by Misses Mabel Cheever, Sarah Collier and Nina Bradbury, Mrs. Emerson, Mr. Emerson, and the following: a member of our orchestra, rendered a fine concert solo.—In the evening a special horse-car was chartered, and the Lyceum members and guests rode to Temperance House near Swampscott, and gave a fine programme of readings and music.

## Norwich, Conn.—Mr. Edgar W. Emerson has occupied our platform two Sundays, April 13th and 14th.

Very acceptably, giving many convincing proofs of the communion of spirits with mortals; fine audiences greeted him on both Sundays.

Thursday evening, April 12th, he held a public séance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hinckley, the crowd being composed of persons eager for sessions from their loved ones. We have also been specially favored with an evening address by Mrs. Colby-Luther, who has many true friends here. The remaining Sundays of April Mrs. Helen Stuart Robbins will be our speaker.

## Fitchburg, Mass.—On the evening of April 8th

Mrs. Jennie K. D. Conant gave an interesting psychometric reading, all of which were satisfactory save one. On Friday, the 13th, she gave a benefit to our Society, for which we wish to express our thanks, and wish her prosperity in her good work.—Sunday, April 15th, Dr. J. L. Faxon, of Fitchburg, gave us many truths; after his remarks he gave a reading of individuals, which was a new feature to many. His whole soul seems to be in the work.—April 22nd Prof. W. F. Peck will lecture for our Society.

## Lowell, Mass.—Our Society had the pleasure of again listening to the well-known speaker, Mrs. N. J. Willis, on the 15th inst. Her inspiration was able and eloquent, and the subjects that were given from the audience for the lecture were interesting.

The desire seems to be increasing here for a knowledge of spirit power.—Next Sunday we have with us Mrs. C. Kimball, who has in the past created quite an interest by giving wonderful tests, and giving fine form.

Chicago, Ill.—The C. S. S. Lyceum was called to order by the Conductor at the usual hour with sixty-seven members on Sunday, April 8th. After the usual exercises, recitations were given by the following: Alfred Worger, Grace Garner, Lucinda Walker, Edith Worger; songs by Muriel Smith and Florence Page, Joseph Smith, Willie Pinkham and Eldora Parsons. The Lyceum Journal was edited by M. B. Smith. The session closed with the Banner March and a song.—The entertainment given by the Lyceum on the 31st of March was a success in every way. A. PARSONS, Sec'y.

Haverhill and Bradford.—The Spiritualists were addressed at Brittan Hall last Sunday by Mrs. S. R. Stevens of Boston, in a very entertaining and profitable manner. At each service an opportunity was given for members of the audience to ask questions to be answered by the controlling spirit, which was a very interesting part of the services. Mrs. Stevens will speak here again before the close of the present lecture course.—Next Sunday the platform will be occupied by Edgar W. Emerson of Manchester, N. H., which will be the last time he will speak in this city during the present lecture course.

## Newburyport, Mass.—Mrs. Hattie C. Mason gave, April 15th, an interesting lecture, followed by tests and poems, which were well received.—Next Sunday, which will mark the closing of the present lecture season, Mrs. A. B. Colby-Luther will lecture afternoon and evening, and a large audience is expected to be present to hear her.

Glens Falls, N. Y.—The First Society of Spiritualists holds regular meetings every Sunday afternoon in Sons of Temperance Hall, at 2:30, and is doing a good work for the cause. Mrs. M. G. Rosa, Pres.

## Appeal in Behalf of Robert Cooper,

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## Movements of Mediums &amp; Lecturers.

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

Helen Stuart-Robbins lectures and gives tests in North, Conn., the 22d and 23d of April, and in Pittsburg, Pa., the Sundays of May and the first two Sundays of June. Mrs. Robbins is not yet engaged for the months of March, April, May, June, 1889, and societies desiring her services should address, "General Delivery, Boston, Mass."

Hon. Warren Chase is lecturing in Evansville, Ind., during April, and may be addressed there later at Goshen, Ill., where he will rest till the camp-meetings call him out in the West—he will not visit New England this year.

J. Frank Baxter is lecturing at present on Sundays in Providence, R. I. Week events are pending for Stoneham, Lynn, Milford and Pigeon Cove. He will give an entertainment in Lynn, Wednesday evening, April 25th.

G. W. Bates and wife are lecturing and giving tests at the Conservatory Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y., during April; will be at Paterson, N. J., first two Sundays of May, and then go South, previous to attending the Outlook Camp-meeting, July 1st.

Miss Jennie B. Hagan finished her engagement at Cincinnati, O., April 6th. She has lectured there during the Sundays of March; on three week-evenings at Mason, O.; on week-evenings at New York, N. Y., and is now in Warsaw, Ill., for a short vacation. She will visit briefly Iowa, and other Western States. Will lecture in New York City, N. Y., April 22d and 23d, and in adjoining cities and towns on week-evenings in Trenton, N. J., May 5th and 13th; Lynn, Mass., May 20th and 27th; at Worcester, Mass., the Sundays of June at Hanson, Mass., July 1st, either camp-meeting engagements will be announced soon.

J. W. Fletcher lectured to crowded audiences in New London, Conn., on Sunday and Monday, April 22d; in Brooklyn, April 23d and 24th; in Providence, R. I., April 25th and 26th; in New York City, N. Y., April 27th and 28th. The 29th he will lecture in the Boston Spiritualist Temple at 2:30 P. M. Subject: "Materialization."

Mrs. A. E. Cunningham will occupy the platform of the Quincy Spiritualists April 22d and 23d; she would be pleased to make further engagements as a platform test medium.

Wm. T. Conant writes us that the Spiritualist platform at Knights of Labor Hall, in Rockland, Me., was acceptably occupied last Sunday afternoon by Mrs. A. E. Cunningham, and on Monday evening by Oscar A. Edgerly, George Muggie presiding. His subjects, chosen by the audience, were "The Medium," "The Spirit," and "The Spirit World." Mr. Edgerly can be addressed for engagements at his home, Newburyport, Mass.

A. E. Tiedale lectures in the First Spiritual Temple April 24d; in Brooklyn, April 25th and 26th; in Providence during the month of May. His camp engagements are Nanticoke, July 22d; Ocean Grove, 23d and 24th; Lake Pleasant, August 3d and 4th; Onset Bay, August 11th and 12th; Queen City, La., first week in September. He desires engagements for August 19th and 26th. He may be addressed at 10 Orange street, Boston, for the latter of April; or at his home address, Merrick, Mass.

Cincinnati, O.  
On Sunday, 1st inst., the series of Anniversary gatherings heretofore announced in the columns of the BANNER OF LIGHT—as to be held from 1st to 15th inclusive, ten sessions in all—was commenced, and the meetings were attended from the opening to the close by good weather, large audiences and much intellectual and spiritual enjoyment.

The Sunday services at G. A. R. Hall were introduced with music by the orchestra; congregational singing, an invocation by Mrs. Helen Stuart-Robbins, and an impressive poem by Mrs. Brigham, and an address by Miss Jennie B. Hagan, on the "Trials and Triumphs of Spiritualism." On Sunday evening Mrs. Nellie J. B. Brigham of New York gave the address: "The meetings after Monday were held in Greenwood Hall."

Dr. J. A. Bliss's society also remembered the occasion at its hall; reference to the services held there will be made hereafter.

SARATOGA, N. Y.—The Eagle of April 14th reports that "Mrs. Emma L. Paul, of Vermont, lectured for the Spiritualists last Sunday morning and evening. In the morning she delivered an able, eloquent and scholarly discourse on the 'Inspiration of the Bible,' and the Progress of Science." Her arguments were strong, logical and incisive, and abundantly supported by historical evidence." On Sunday, 15th inst., a conference was to occupy the morning, and A. S. Pease was to speak in the evening.

[BARELY COVERED]—At the club: Jones—Look at Brown over there in the corner. Smith—Yes; buried in thought. Jones—Mighty shallow grave, ain't it?—Washington, D. C.

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# Banner of Light.

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**Banner of Light Circle Room, No. 6, Newbury street.**—Spirits are held every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. For further particulars, see notice on sixth page. L. B. Wilson, Chairman.

**Eastern Spiritual Temple, Berkeley Hall.**—Lectures by able speakers Sunday at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Richard Holmes, President; O. P. Rockwood, Secretary; Mrs. Mary F. Lovring, Corresponding Secretary; Albert F. King, Treasurer.

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**Specialized Phenomena Association, Ladies' Aid Society, 101 Washington street.**—Sunday meetings at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Social meetings Thursday at 8 P. M. J. H. Allen, President; Francis B. Woodbury, Treasurer; Francis B. Woodbury, Corresponding Secretary; W. C. Vaughn, Secretary.

**College Hall, 101 Washington street.**—Sundays at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Eben Cobb, Conductor.

**Eagle Hall, 616 Washington street, corner of Essex.**—Sundays at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. also Wednesday at 8 P. M. Able speaking, and medium. Excellent music. Prescott Robinson, Chairman.

**101 Washington street.**—The First Spiritual Temple Society, Friday, 10 o'clock. Mrs. O. T. Rockwood, Secretary. Private advice for members only, first Friday in each month; doors closed at 8 P. M. Public meetings every Friday evening.

**The Independent Club, 101 Washington street.**—Sundays, afternoon and evening. W. A. Hale, Chairman.

**Chelsea.**—The Ladies' Social Aid Society meets in Mrs. Burton's parlors, 108 Chestnut street, every Friday afternoon and evening at 8 P. M. R. H. Fratt, President; Mrs. A. Dodge, Secretary.

**Cambridgeport.**—Meetings held each Tuesday evening at 7 P. M. at the residence of Mrs. F. Trask, President.

**Lynn.**—Children's Lyceum meets every Sunday at Cadet Hall, Market street, 10 o'clock. Conductor, Mr. O. S. Adams; Secretary, Mrs. D. B. Merrill.

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