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THINGS WORTH RECORDING.

(This interesting series is contributed to the BANNER OF LIGHT exclusively, by one of the carliest and abiest writ-ers on Spiritualism and its history; and constitutes, as it proceeds, a biographical tribute—drawn from the memory and notes of the author—to men and women publicly known in the opening days of the Cause, the surpassing value of which to present (as well as future) Spiritualists cannot well be overestimated.—Ed. B. of L.]

MRS. SEMANTHA METTLER.

A wonderful Psychometrist and Magnetic Healer in the early days; "No mistakes in her [clairvoyant] diagnoses have ever come to notice"; awakened to the New Light of the times by S. B. Brittan; three seemingly ineffectual years spent in want and suffering while her development was in progress; Medical Societies now doing their best to shut out such gifts from our own time!

Perhaps no phases of mediumship have ministered more to the well-being of humanity than those of clairvoyance and healing. To place the body in harmony with the laws of nature is the first step to true reform, since, with ill-organized physical conditions, man's spiritual nature has less scope and power.

As a result of the interest manifested in the mental phenomena of Spiritualism, there were developed a class of mediums whose powers

hasten their unfoldment, she sought to be thrown into the trance by the influence of another mind. But for three years no definite result was reached. Those three years of hope deferred would have discouraged a less courageous person, for they were passed in want and suffering; but as if a positive will upheld her when she faltered, she persevered, and at last the condition of magnetic sleep was attained, and at once clear-sight followed. At first she examined for disease, and then prescribed. But the full extent of her powers was not realized until the gift of healing was exercised. She laid her hands on the sick and they were healed.

Her first wonderful cure was that of a young lady near Springfield. She had been confined to her bed most of the time for three years, and could neither walk, see nor speak. In three applications of the wonderful power she was restored, and could literally arise and walk, and see and speak. She visited many places in Massachusetts and Connecticut, where crowds of sufferers awaited her coming, and the cures performed might have been called miraculous if the world had not reached a period when natural law was made to account for wonders. The power of reading character by placing a sorap of handwriting on the forehead was comparatively a rare gift. Psychometry is now considered a science, so greatly has the knowledge of it extended and so accurate have been the tests of its very general possession in modified form. "Observer" has heard those say who had tested Mrs. Mettler's powers in this direction, that she seemed to perceive the very inmost of one's character, to portray the most delicate shades of sentiment, and to draw a picture of the spiritual part of man as wonderful as an artist could depict of form and feature.

Frances H. Green, in a number of The Shekinah, gave this summing up of her nature:

"In her character the strongest traits and the finest, the most powerful attributes and the most gentle, tender and delicate are so harthe most gentle, tender and delicate are so har-moniously blended, that nothing projects, noth-ing is unseemly or harsh, but all is in the most beautiful and perfect proportion. She has will, conscience, reason, firmness in a very high degree; but these are shaded away so softly into more feminine qualities, that we should never know she had them were they not called for—brought into actual service; for nothing with her is set up for mere show. Some of the more delicate traits are delicate discriminatranscended those of skilled physicians, inas-much as the diagnosis was more searching than physicians could give who depended on symp-toms to reveal hidden conditions. Among the most famous and widely known of these was Mrs. Semantha Mettler, of Hartford, Ct. "Observer" had heard much of her and of her wonderful gifts: of her causing the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the suffering to be relieved. Thus it was a pleasure to meet her and to be able to judge somewhat of her pow-ers by recognizing her condition. With her is set up for mere show. Some of the more delicate traits are delicate discrimina-tion, fine taste, an acute appreciation of what-ever comes before her, an overmastering benev-olence; and, shining in and through all, as the light in gens, is a most rare and exquisite modesty, which enhances and etherealizes the effect of the whole. All her powers are intui-tive. She has no learning, no scholarship, no power that may be considered in the slightest degree artificial. She loves goodness and loves light wherever she finds them; and the slight-est feeling of envy never yet had a place in her generous and noble nature." "Observer," in contemplating the almost hid-

ing development, and that magnetism would | THE GOD-MAN OF THE CHRISTIAN SYSTEM.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

A perusal of the synopsis of Dr. Willis's discourse on Easter Sunday, at the First Spiritual Temple, as published in your last week's issue, leads me to offer a few remarks on the above topic.

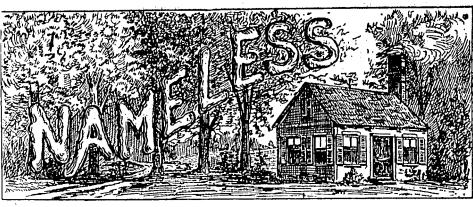
Dr. W. forcibly comments on the absurdity of adducing the "resurrection of the God-Man as affording any evidence of the continuity of life of ordinary human beings," and properly remarks:

"The resurrection of an exceptional being, governed by forces of endowed with powers or attributes that he does not share in common with the whole human race, is no proof what-ever of the immortality of the race." ever of the immortality of the race

The gospel history is a record of spiritualistic phenomena from beginning to end. The annunciation" to the Virgin, the spirit revelations to Joseph, the appearance and proclamation of the angels of Bethlehem, the visit of the Eastern magi, the "wonderful works" of Jesus, his temptation by the "evil one," his demonstration of the reality of demoniacal possession, with his power to "cast out unclean spirits," his "wonderful"works," his remarkable interview with the spirits of Moses and Elias, his repeated apparition to his disciples and others after his crucifixion, and, finally, his ascension (anastasis)-not resurrection, which is a wrong translation; for, as Dr. Willis most truly says, "nothing ever goes down into the grave, or ever can go down into the grave, save the mortal and perishable"--all these are purely spiritualistic, and in entire harmony with the revelations through the spirit intercourse of these times.

Christ's reappearance after his decease was intended, as the record declares, to afford an incontestable proof of man's continuous lifeto show that death does not end all. So Jesus spoke of it. He, evidently, endeavored to ward off that baneful doctrinal perversion, the "deity of Christ," saying to his disciples, "As I live you shall live also"; not permitting himself to be called good, much less God; and, in his address to them as he ascended to the spiritual realm, "I go to my Father and to your Father -to my God and to your God." Was not this a positive, unequivocal disclaimer of his deity, or "divinity" in that sense?

Is it not amazing that so clear and emphatic a history as that contained in the Christian Scriptures should have been so perverted by dogmatic ecclesiastics, and that the perversion should have been so firmly and permanently fixed in the minds of rational men and women, and should be so tenaciously clung to in this enlightened and reasoning age? The peculiar circumstances of the Dark Ages--the flood of barbarism and its dark concomitants, mixed ith the influences exerted by dying paganism, can alone give us a clue to the explanation of this singular fact. Christ might, naturally, among the converted pagans, have been worshipped as $a \mod$; for polytheism scarcely admitted the conception of the Supreme Beingthe God of the Universe. Pliny the Younger, in his famous letter to the Emperor Trajan, represents the early Christians as paying a kind of divine honors to Christ (carmen Christo quasi Deo dicere-that is, saying or singing a hymn to Christ as to a God); which statement, of course, accords with the polytheistic ideas of the Romans. But it seems never to have dawned upon the minds of the early Christians that Christ was the Father himself; though, as Jesus seems to have taught, he manifested God in the relation of the latter to humanitythat of love, tenderness and merciful forgiveness. Therefore, he might consistently have said to Philip, as reported in the Gospel of John, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Certainly, the Infinite One can be seen only n such a manifestation, whether it be in the inner light of the soul, in the purity of any human life, or in the sublime and beautiful arrangements and provisions of external nature, and its beneficent and wise laws. This is in harmony with the statement, "The pure in heart shall see God." That is, to see-to have a true conception of-God, one must live up to his best ideal, in perfect harmony with his highest conception of the divine nature. This highest conception of the divine nature. This is the true spiritual illumination, of which we see so little, whether among Christians or Spir-itualists. Ecclesiastical perversions directly contravene it, and have ever persecuted it to the death, endeavoring to crush it out with fire and blood. Calvin, the Protestant, is an actual impersonation of this spirit of antagonism to pure spirituality, causing, as he did, the burn-ing of Servetus for his denial of the absurd and anti-scriptural doctrine of the "deity of Christ." Christ." No wo wonder, then, that it took so long a time No wonder, then, that it took so long a time to establish that doctrine, even after the result of the Nicean vote by which Arius was con-demned. Many of the other "orthodox" doc-trines, like this one, are not, by any fair cita-tions and interpretations, to be found in the Christian records, which the churches, nover-theless, hold to contain only infailible truth. Those records, in the main, as far as they go, agree with our Spiritualism; and I think many Spiritualists are extremely short-sighted in their wholesale condemnation and rejection of their wholesale condemnation and rejection o them. They thus lose the means of defeatin their ecclesiastical enemies on their own ground, and with their own weapons. No that these Sorlptures have any such authorit. that these Scriptures have any such authority as is imputed to them; for perhaps the worst perversion that the human mind can be guilty of is to worship a book, instead of following the inner light of conscience and intuition—a light that 'ever' grows brighter and brighter, becoming a better and better guide, the more it is lieeded. Bibliolatry has been the curse of pure Christianity, and the fruitful mother of calamity to the civilized world; for enlight-ened conscience, spiritual truth, and ethical principle have all, at times, been set aside in conformity with scriptural texts, often dis-torted from their true meaning. *New York, April 14th*, 1890.



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CHAPTER XIII. The Light of a Pure Life.

Titerary

"The loving Father will not forsake His erring child, nor will He cast one spirit from His tender care. No place exists, no point of space is known, where the Divine Intelligence does not dwell. His power animates the atom and shines in the dewdrop. The very grain of dust is moved upon by His active energy. His all potent force permeates and vitalizes every form and manifestation of life. Therefore, no soul can stray outside His kingdom, none be lost from His infinite protection. It may be many long years before an erring creature will realize this power that holds him, or understand the love that never sleeps. The crude, unripened spirit, tempted and urged by inward, inherited impulses, and torn and tossed and impelled onward into wrong-doing by external surroundings and associations, may have to learn its lessons, gain its experience and unfold its better nature through the flery discipline that pain and suffering bring; but at some time, in the Great Beyond, he will be restored to peace and to awakened serenity of mind and heart."

These were the words spoken by "Helper in response to an inquiry from the clergyman Brown concerning her ideal of the final destiny of those who are degraded and outlawed on earth.

They are like the unripened fruit on the ree," she had said. "In its first stages it is very bitter and hard and sour, but through the ripening process it becomes sweetened and mellowed and useful to man. So these sintorn spirits are very crude and sour and bitter to your taste, but they can be developed and made as sweet and useful as are the more beautiful children of men. The more attention and affectionate care the fruit-grower gives his trees, the more cultivated and beautiful his productions will prove; and the more love and sympathy and kindly instruction you give your ignorant, unformed people, the more gracious and honorable will they become; for in their own rude way they will desire to repay you for your care; they wish to please you, and will make effort to become what you would like them to be. It will take infinite patience and much tender care and compassion on your part. You will need all the quality of endurance and of pitiful attention you can give these erring ones, but the work will be a blessed one. If society in its present construction cannot do this, then God's angels must take the labor in hand when the unfortunate ones pass from earth. "Over There' will be found true love and devotion and care by those who have suffered for lack of these helps to spiritual growth while in this mundane sphere."

felt like a humble student by the side of this young woman, who seemed to enter into the very heart of the subjects she discussed.

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·"The light of a pure life!" she replied in earnest tones: "The inward monitor whose gentle voice persuades us to follow right and duty for the sake of Truth. 'The light of a pure life is a beacon star to salvation,' the ritual of your Temperance order declares; and so it is, for such a light will not only brighten your own way through the wilderness of doubt and perplexity and of trial which this present life may open to you, but it will prove a beacon star to others who watch your progress, and who themselves are floundering in the mire of sin and despair. The light of a pure life will be to such an example, and perhaps a stimulus to rise out of their hapless estate and to strive for that which he who shines by that light has attained. It is the guide to salvation from wrong-doing, from the desire to sin. But all cannot generate that light, as the spirit must be purified ere it can be thus illuminated. 'Walk in the light' is a holy command, and he who obeys it will be to himself a guide, as also a light and a leader to those who cannot find the way alone."

The preacher looked upon that gentle face and fragile form. Truly it seemed as if she had found the perfect light of which she spoke. Her features were radiant, as from an inner illumination; her eyes shone, and her entire form seemed brightened by the power that thrilled her voice and air. The place had grown dusky in the twilight of that Sabbath day, but its humble and rude appointments were softly touched by some mysterious light that did not

ers by recognizing her condition.

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It was at one of the pleasant receptions the Boston ladies gave that an opportunity was given me of meeting her. The first impression was of strength of character. Her face and power to concentrate force. Her eyes had and yet her face represented no abnormal condition. There was a feeling in her presence as if the external did not impress the brain; as if her mind were only held to what the senses recognized by a delicate thread, and that at any moment she might snap that thread.

She was in bearing a true, earnest, modest woman. Her power of searching into the hidden causes of disease was indeed marvelous. She was visited by crowds of sufferers, and no mistakes in her diagnoses have ever come to notice. A person who is simply clairvoyant cannot always prescribe correctly, because clairvoyance can only see into causes, and trace effects. It is only when mediumship is developed so that some mind with superior judgment traces from causes through the realm of physics, and finds by analysis the right remedy, and controls the sensitive mind, that certainty of prescription is obtained. Therefore, if one is not healed through the prescription of a clairvoyant, it does not prove that the sight is not clear as to the cause of disease or suffering; but it simply shows that sight must be followed by qualities more rare, perhaps-a power of insight into nature's great laboratory of healing substances, and an ability to lay hold of hidden forces that shall be the true remedy.

As "Observer" studied Mrs. Mettler's face from sympathetic interest there were noticeable the traces of that discipline, which, more than all else, proves a directing spiritual power, a positive care, a power that orders material events so that spiritual conditions shall follow.

One of the earliest habits recorded of her is her seeking soltitude. When a more child she would conceal herself, and in dreamy seclusion find a pleasure that no companionship could usual insight into nature, nor seemed to find in solitude, any spiritual awakening. After her marriage and various changes of residence, the result of financial trouble, she went to reside in Bridgeport, Conn., where she listened for the first time to a liberal sermon, from the lips of S. B. Brittan, who was then settled as a minister over a Universalist church. Her soul was awakened into new life, and she at once recognized the Divine love inherent in every human soul. She severed her relationship with the Orthodox church, of which she was a member, and united herself with Mr. Brittan's church.

Soon after she found that in herself lay powers heretofore unrecognized. Having been told. by a clairvoyant, whom she had been induced to consult, that she had remarkable gifts await- | ing it, says The Herald.

'Observer," in contemplating the almost hidden results of this life, so sweet and strong, is led to wonder where the record lies of all that was done for human life. The Springfield Republican, at that time a most honorable paper was expressive of power-power to subdue self has some account of her healing. The Shekinah and The Spiritual Telegraph gave facts of a look as of seeing beyond the mere present, her wonderful gifts, but the years have rolled by, and medical societies are doing their best to deny to mankind the Ecnefit of such gifts in our own time. Are the workers for human progress on the other side weary, that we find the world cold and thoughtless, skeptical and proud, and forgetful of its modern saints? Science has at last been able to coin a new word and to pronounce it heroically. Hypnotism is probably more euphonious to its ears than magnetism, and hypnotism is not yet carried beyond the external sign of trance. The French

savants do not yet apply to clairvoyants for careful and correct diagnoses, but we do know that many learned physicians consult clairvoyants and mediums for a better knowledge of difficult cases. "Observer" concludes, then, that the spirit of Nicodemus is yet abroad.

But it is not quite fair to judge scientists harshly, when we know that their vision is limited to external things. They weigh and measure; they separate and divide; they come to life itself, and call that a cell; but when they have satisfied their ambition on the external plane they will bring their keen powers of research into higher fields, and will discover the possibility of the very facts that have been recorded so abundantly for nearly half a century. Can we wait?

Mrs. Mettler's daughter, Catherine, was among the first mediums who were controlled to perform with accuracy and taste on the piano. One day, when seeking to pick out the notes of a simple song, her hands were seized by an unseen power, and she commenced a wonderful improvisation which showed thorough knowledge of the science of music. She performed without study, not only original pieces, but well-known compositions by celebrated musicians. These pieces would be given instantaneously by the request of give. But as far as known she evinced no un- others. She played equally well in the dark and light.

In closing this imperfect sketch of so rare an individuality, because of so slight personal experience and such limited data, "Observer' feels as if the cover of a casket had been removed, or the treasures of the corner-stone of a temple had been opened. The Temple not builded by hands remains. It forms one of the beautiful structures that make up the New Jerusalem. If it is dim to our sight because we have no external sign of it, yet we know it is there, and that its turrets must be landmarks of the world's progress toward a nobler expression of a Divine Power.

OBSERVER.

There's enough gutta percha in Africa to supply all the world for all time, unless Mr. Stanley is stretch-

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"But' do you not believe in future punishment? Have you discarded the idea of paying a penalty for wrong-doing?

"Sir, I believe in penance and in penalty. Every soul will do penance for its past misdeeds through its sincere and keen regret for the wrong it has done. It will pay its penalty, likewise, in a manly, honest spirit, fixing the blame and laying the price of atonement upon no other, but bearing these for itself. The penalty will be paid through suffering, through contrition and through self-purgation; the atonement will be made in the effort to persistently and unchangingly do good unto others, to repair the wrong and to make life better. The spirit will suffer pullishment for its past when its sensibilities are awakened, its conscience aroused, and it sees its own deformities in the clear light of Eternal Truth. But we must remember that the mortal life is but as a day compared with the endless future: it would be cruel, unjust and unwise for any parent to inflict such corporeal punishment on his offspring, for even continued days of mischlevous and willful conduct, as to make that child a sufferer for life. Such a man would merit the scorn and indignation of his community; his act of 'punishment' would be considered one of fiendish barbarity, and he would be dealt with according to his deeds. How much less, then, would an Infinite, All-Wise and tender Father be likely to inflict antold fortures upon his erring children for the errors of an earthly life that is as a day compared with eternity! No, my friend, as the wise and judicious parent here brings his child to see and be sorry for his fault, so Omnipotent Power brings man at last to realize his wrong-doing, and to repent of it to a better end." ot nijbarr derf

eternal salvation ?" inquired the minister, who away in this violnity. He was compelled,

enter by window or door, but which seemed to be a part of the woman and of her unseen power.

It was in the narrow limits of a prison cell that this conversation was held between the beautiful being whose life partook so little of the things of this world and her reverend visitor; for, startling as it may appear to those who have followed the whole career of the unselfish woman, yet it was true that she had been arrested upon the charge of complicity with some man or men unknown, in the recent burglaries that had been perpetrated in Blair and its vicinity.

On the day following the events detailed in our last chapter, Catherine Jones had made a visit to Blair, and had learned of the reward which had just been offered for the discovery of the elderly stranger who had been seen to arrive in town the night preceding the robbery of the bank-a detailed description of the man being given in the printed copies of that offer. Here was an opportunity, she thought, to win a sum of money, together with a reputation for "smartness," as well as to gratify her spite against Tom Preston and her dislike of the beautiful unknown: And so Miss Jonesspeedily made her way to the office of the proper authorities, to whom she told her story, with such effect that a warrant was issued and an officer dispatched to "search the premises of and to take into custody one young woman living in the solitary hut of the Peesley woods of Bridgton village, name unknown, but generally called 'Helper' by those who knew her best.'

"I can swear that the man who went from her door last night was the same that the bank is hunting for-leastwise, his description 'xactly agrees with the one posted up. I saw him as plain as plain could be in the moonlight; and my cousin's boy, who was with me, saw him too," said the informant, as she turned to leave the office, well pleased with the fulfillment of her errand.

"We shall want you and your escort as witnesses, if there is any truth in this report, and the case comes up for trial," said the magistrate as he bowed her out.

"Oh! we'll be on hand, never fear; it's my duty to tell all I know, and I only wish it were a good deal more," and she turned away with a look of triumph on her face.

The officer had no difficulty in finding the house and the woman he sought, but in the presence of that rare and beautiful creature he did not find his task a pleasant one. "Someow he felt humbled and demeaned before her," although his was not a nature usually affected by those with whom he had to deal. The man made his errand known as best he could, and met with no opposition from the lady in the discharge of his duty. A careful search, how-ever, failed to find in the house or shed any valuables or concealed property, and the man What do you consider the surest guide to felt assured that there was nothing hidden

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though, to take the occupant of the but in his secret. But the question came square charge, and to convey her to the town, accord and full upon him: "Did you hear any word ing to the specifications of the paper he had brought with him.

She wont without protest, and when in her calm and womanly dignity she stood before the magistrate, she replied to his questions without the faintest shadow of fear or trembling in attitude or voice.

The magnate could not fail to be impressed by the personal beauty, tranquility and magnetism of that gentle creature who stood before him in her clinging robes, graceful, undaunted and serene. She was unlike any one he had ever seen; certainly not at all like a criminal, either in the oringing, fawning manner which some of that class assumed when detected in their sins, or in a bold, defiant attitude which characterized others who had been summoned before him. But her answers were damaging to her cause. Yes, she had entertained an old friend, who had left her the evening before, as charged, and had taken the north-bound train from Ayer. Yes, his description tallied with that of the stranger who was wanted at Blair, and for whom a reward was offered. Yes, she did not doubt that her friend and the latter were identical. No, she could not give an account of her past life prior to her arrival in Bridgton. There was no name to which she had any claim; there was no one to whom she could appeal to vindicate her from the suspicion of complicity in a crime or series of crimes; and she stood absolutely alone, but she must plead "not guilty" to every charge.

All this in answer to the questions of the magistrate, who was puzzled and annoyed, but yet not indignant, at the perplexing admissions, and still unsatisfactory replies of the accused. She would not deny that which appeared against her. The truth fell from her lips as naturally as the dewdrops fall from the morning cloud, but she would not give one word of information concerning the life, whereabouts, or even the name of her old friend, nor aught that could point to the life which had previously been hers.

The magistrate felt obliged to remand the prisoner to the "lock-up" and to keep her in custody until committed for trial, for it seemed to him that there were suspicious circumstances enough in the case to warrant him in doing so.

She had been in this narrow and cell-like room for three days, alone, and yet not alone, full of hope and cheer even in the midst of suspicion and distrust and privation; for she felt the nearness of heavenly companions, and her confiding spirit was uplifted above the cold and narrow limitations of her earthly lot, toward the pure, free atmosphere in which angels dwell. Here Mr. Brown found her on the Sabbath day, coming to offer his young friend consolation and cheer, and to ascertain, if possible, what could be done in her behalf; but the gentleman soon learned that he was the one to be uplifted and blossed in spirit by this visit, and not the woman, who was far above all earthly misery and woe.

CHAPTER XIV. Let Justice Be Done!

Thomas Preston was summoned to appear as a witness against "Helper" in the case of the Commonwealth vs. that young woman. Poor Tom! he would rather have gone through the fiercest fire than to have to do this, and it was no fault of his own that he was thus compelled to appear in court, for not once had he opened his lips to any one concerning what he had seen at the hut on his homeward drive from Ayer.

But Catherine Jones, whose lynx-like eyes had seen Tom as he drove away from the woods on that eventful night, and who surmised that the young man would make mention of nothing that would appear damaging to "Helphe was driving through the woods that night

spoken by either the man or woman who stood in the doorway?" and he was obliged to answor: "Yes."

"Repeat all that you heard," was the next command.

Again that brilliant, inspiring yet compelling gaze from the accused. He could not help it, and in spite of himself he said :

"I heard the lady say: 'Be sure and return by way of Ayer, my dear friend; it is opposite from Blair. You had better not be seen in that city just now. Something tells me danger lurks there for you. You have only to walk a mile or two to the country station at Ayer, and the train leaves at midnight for the North.'"

There was a sensation in the crowded courtroom at these words, for, with the exception of the railroad station master's statement that the stranger whom he described had arrived at Blair just previous to the perpetration of the robberies in which he seemed to be concerned. nothing had-so, far been given to implicate either the prisoner or her mysterious visitor with the deed. But these words which Tom Preston had heard really seemed to have some bearing upon the case, else why would the woman have been anxious for her friend to leave the vicinity by way of Ayer, instead of by the city that he had always gone through? and why should she have warned him against danger for him at Blair if he were an innocent and harmless man?

Tom sat down, conscious of the fact that he had damaged the cause of one whom he would have given worlds to protect. He was sure of her innocence, and he did his best to impress this conviction upon the court by speaking fervidly of her humanitarian and self-sacrificing life; but it was with a miserable sense of failure, and of disgust with himself and with the court and the world generally, that he left the stand.

This closed the testimony against the accused, and the witnesses for the other side were called. There were none who could bear witness concerning her former life, her pedigree, or her antecedents in any way. All were obliged to begin with that time when she first came among them, unheralded and unsought, a helper, a friend, and a blessed comforter in the time of need. Among the most eloquent of those who pleaded in her behalf were the minister of Bridgton, Mr. Brown, the physician, Dr. Parsons, Maria Preston and Sarah Hines, the poor woman who had been visited and rescued from the clutches of that malignant fever by "Helper" when none other would attend her. These told their story of her love and faithfulness with earnest tongues, and amid the most intense silence in the room; and when at the close of his remarks Dr. Parsons unrolled a long strip of paper, testifying to the good character, moral beauty and unexampled helpfulness of the prisoner at the bar, signed by the majority of the inhabitants of Bridgton and Ayer, and by many of the residents of the city of Blair, there was a murmur of applause, that presently deepened into a cheer, while many an eye was moist with unshed tears.

All this time the accused sat calm and silent one would have supposed it was some other cause than her own to which she listened, so tranquil did she appear; yet, when that sym-

had pleaded "not guilty," and now she might show why she should not be adjudged guilty by the Court. She had but little to say, for while admitting that she had been visited a number of times in her home by an old friend from a er's" cause, had informed the magistrate that distance, and that he had been with her on the evening which the witnesses for the complainjust in advance of herself and her escort, and | ant had mentioned, and while she had spoken that he too must have seen the man the author- the words testified to by one of the witnesses ities were looking for, leaving the hut of the aforesaid, to her old friend, yet she could only say that that friend had simply visited her upon their own personal affairs, that he was in no way complicated with the series of burglaries that had occurred in the various towns, and that there was nothing in the relations between her visitor and herself but what a parent might bear to a child, and vice versa.

LOVE'S BROOKLET.

The following lines were written by a Spirit-Wife to her Karth-Ilusband, through the Mediumship of Mrs. E. B. Stratton.

My love is a brooklet, all limpld and pure, And the years are the meadows it flows through. Your love is a lake that will over endure, The lake where my love-current flows to.

Deep in 'mong the hills by emotion uptost, There gushes my heart spring's affection. Your image, so dear to my mind, never lost, In the brook hath a constant reflection.

My thoughts are the pebbles it polishes bright, Soon soothing their angles and edges; Your thoughts are the beautiful blossoms of light, That grow by the banks and the sedges.

This brooklet it sings but one simple, sweet song, The same that it learned at its fount-head, I love you," "I love you," it sings all along, In soft repetitions uncounted.

If you list with your spirit anon you may hear The silvery voice of the brooklet; Your weal and your woe are its hope and its fear,

As it eddles from shallow to nooklet. So quick are its depths and its surface to know

Your smallest of joy or of trouble, That each passing word that your spirit doth show, Makes ripple or cascade or bubble.

Sing on then, oh! brooklet, your tenderest song, The one that you learned at the fount-head, I love you," " I love you," now murmur along, In soft repetitions uncounted.

the very first rap. But because it did not get the old bottles, and because when it did the wine did not stay in them; because there was no devil, and because Jesus was not there emno dovit, and because Jesus was not there em-bracing his company of lambs, you see that a reformation has taken place in yourselves; you see that you are no longer decalved by these visions of sinners. There are no sinners on the face of this earth, no evil people on it, no bad spirits; it is all undeveloped human nature. (Appluse). And while you are thus invited to come out and seek to understand what you are, you have introduced no religion, no doctrine, no creed, but you have the phi-losophy of life laid before you, and the only book you are invited to read is the Book of Nature; and when you have read under this new light the philosophy of life, you cannot place religion on it. You feel ashamed of it. You say: "Somehow or other this thing doesn't strike me as the thing. Somehow or other every minister that has come into it and does n't strike me as the thing. Somehow or other every minister that has come into it and sought—honestly, no doubt—to introduce some new religion has failed." Now the latest idea is to unite the Unitarians and Universalists and Spiritualists together. Now when you are united what are you going to do? Raise money? [Laughter.] How are you going to raise it? You will never do it in the world. I am familiar with the pheaomena. I have been a constant associate with the spirit-world, I bave been in communication with them daily and hourly, and my experience is that you are losing time when you attempt these formulas and creeds.

and creeds. Now you say if the Universalists and Unita-tarians will unite, and the Spiritualists will come in, that you will have a clean thing of it. There is also another idea of calling it the Church of the Spirit. Now I would like to know what kind of a church you would like to but rout privite in Nu experience in the what kind of a church you would have to put your spirits in. My experience is this: that when you go to a medium you can often get remarkable manifestations. I know up at Lake Pleasant where persons went to one cirget remarkable manifestations. I know up at Lake Pleasant where persons went to one cir-ole I was watching the results. They came to the hall afterward, and I asked, "Well, what did you see?" "Splendid! splendid!" There was a lady there from Michigan with her daugh-ter. The daughter was extremely prejudiced, the mother more inclined to believe because she was nearer the ragged edge. Now this was a materializing circle, and there came the spirit of a young man who called for his mother. She went up and talked to him, and afterward said, "Why, do n't I know it was him?" The daugh-ter would not go up, so finally he stepped out and spoke to his sister. She rushed up with a shriek, and broke the circle up with her ex-citement and fainting. She said, "That was my brother who died four years ago with some throat disease. Well, now," said she, "do n't I know it was him? But I am not going to admit it, because it isfall of the devil." Do n't you see how long it takes the mind to liberate itself? Spiritualism's only forty-two years old, and has gathered and attracted the attention of millions of people in the United States, not to mention other parts of the world. All over the

millions of people in the United States, not to mention other parts of the world. All over the civilized world the word of Spiritualism has gone, and glad hearts are made everywhere. I could stand here before you talking for a month, and repeat to you literal facts that I know from my own experience and others, which would my own experience and others, which would cover over any history of the past. In the eighteen hundred years that have passed noth-ing has come to the human family but that doleful sound from the grave. Does Spiritual-ism give any such sound? Not at all. If you estimate eleven millions twenty years ago in the United States, twenty millions in the sixty odd millions now will be none too many; and 1 guarantee you will find these neople reliations. oud millions now will be none too many; and 1 guarantee you will find these people rejoicing, and not only rejoicing in their own experience, but their hearts are bubbling over with glad-ness and anxiety to carry this to the whole human family.

To promote Spiritualism let the other world have an opportunity to do their work as they understand it. You wilk first that the first business of Spiritualism to-day. I am ashamed when I hear people wishing for a new church and a new religion. The philosophy of love is that every one of you may know as a fact that you have talked with spirits, you have got a truth, and to the extent you feel that truth to that extent you can override all prejudice. All it wants of you is to be true to the truth you have got, and be bold. Don't be a fanatic, running around and asking people if they are Spiritualists, but whenever you find an oppor-tunity declare your experience. You little know how many hearts around you are aching for this knowledge. You are to be bearers of the truth, and the angel-world will take you in the right direction. Therefore, Spiritualists, remember that you are to do your duty, and show yourselyze foithful to the truth you have To promote Spiritualism let the other world remember that you are to do your duty, and show yourselves faithful to the truth you have got, and forty-two years from now will so develop the human race that you will find your people have peace on earth and good-will to men. You all have a work. Do n't say if you had money like that gentleman in Boston you would build a church. You want nothing of the kind. Because you will do just as the Children of Israel did when they longed for the Children of Israel did when they longed for the flesh pots of Egypt. Just as our folks are want-ing to get a church for the spirit. You can only do it by liberating yourself. Now this Nicodemus righteousness, this weak-mindedness, is all natural to your condition, but little do you know how you show your-selves. But where are the founders of these United States, where are those minds who separated Church and State so that every man could think as he pleased, and who established here in this country life, liberty and the pur-suit of happiness for all the citizens of the United States? [Applause.] ADDRESS BY JUDGE NELSON CROSS.

Should it appear to you of slow progress, you have but to consider its brief period of two-score years, and call to mind that in this coun-ity alone its atherents are counted by millions; its weekly organs number half its years, and its mediums are as numerous as the stars. The little Fox sisters, who were unwittingly forced into its carliest ministration, I am glad to say are living to day. The broken strings of their spiritual harps have been rescued from rude hands, tuned anew and once again touch-ed to harmony. One word, and only a word, of mediumship, the sacredest of all offices vouchsafed to mor-tals. [Applause.] Pity it is for Spiritualism, and greater pity for mediums, that they do not all and always appreciate their divine mis-sion.

sion. There is hanging upon the walls of my room an engraving, after a painting by Benjamin West, which faithfully portrays the Bible ac-count of a conference between spirit and mor-

count of a conference between spirit and mor-tal in the old patriarchal days. The actors are three men, a medium and a materialized spirit, and the complete presentment might well be taken for a modern materializing sénnce. Let me repeat the story as briefly and sim-ply as possible, leaving you to draw the par-allel. Saul was ruler in Israel. He had im-bibed a strong prejudice against mediums, and by a sweeping edict had exiled them from his dominions, under penalty of death. After years of prosperity his affairs became involved, and he sorely felt the need of wholesome coun-sel. It had been his wont to consult Samuel sel. It had been his wont to consult Samuel, a man of God and a seer; but now Samuel was dead. In vain he sought direction of the prophets and in dreams; no glimmering of light came to him through these sources. Then prophets and in dreams; no glimmering of light came to him through these sources. Then he bethought him of the mediums he had so cruelly persecuted, and upon inquiry he learned of a certain woman of this class who lived at Endor. Disguising himself in strange raiment he took with him two of his depend-ents, and, proceeding by night, presented him-self before the medium: but she, being appre-hensive of trouble, declined to subject herself to the requisite conditions, reminding her un-known visitors of Saul's persecutions, and how he had cut off those that disobeyed him, and made bold to charge them with laying a snare against her life. But Saul stoutly denied this, and swore by the living God that no evil should come to her, whereupon the woman was induced to give them the coveted sitting. Then Saul asked her to bring up Samuel, who came as if out of the ground, and the woman knew that she had been deceived, and she charged it upon Saul, calling him by name. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel who appear-ed, and they talked together face to face, and Saul upurchanged his heart of the ground the sourd to be the sourd to appear-ed, and they talked together face to face, and Saul upurchanged his heart of the ground the sourd to sourd.

ed, and they talked together face to face, and Saul unburdened his heart of the affairs that lay heaviest upon it. In what essentials, let me ask, does this Bible account differ from the materializing séances which many of you have witnessed in our day? Surely it would seem to be a truism that "there is nothing new un-der the sup " der the sun.

For more than a thousand years ignorance was sacred to religion. Five hundred years be-fore the Christian era Pythagoras, the most eminent philosopher of his period, announced the spherical form of the earth, and its revolu-tion round the sun. Had he lived fifteen hun-dred years later, and openly voiced the same sentiment, the Catholic Fathers would have tortured him into its retraction, or burned him at the stake.

In old Egypt's famous capitol there had been gathered, under the fostering care of the Ptole-mys, the accumulated learning of the civilized world. There history told its marvelous tales; world. There history told its marvelous tales; science displayed its accomplishments; art ex-plained its methods, and poesy and song held familiar court. There, too, the pyramids, those architectural giants that rise from the level sands to hold companionship with the clouds, and look forever down on the Nile's eternal flow, explained their sacred mysteries.

There were of these literary treasures seven hundred thousand volumes, nicely catalogued, nundred thousand volumes, nicely catalogued, and arranged in their vast receptacles, when the priest of an enforced religion, no less arro-gant now than then, touched them with flame, and they were no more. That day the light of knowledge went out, and left the world in dark-ness. Was it not here, too, under the same rule and instigated by the same policy, that Hypatia, the famous Greek maiden and lec-turer was dragged from her corriges and buy

Hypatia, the famous Greek maiden and lec-turer, was dragged from her carriage and bru-tally assassinated, for no other reason than that she taught a system of philosophy distaste-ful to the Romish hierarchy? In the face of occurrences like these a thou-sand times repeated, is it to be wondered at that Spiritualism, whose life-essence is knowl-edge, should be madly assailed? Worst of all are the assaults of its pretended friends; those who, in its sacred name, denounce as untrue many of those sublime evidences of spirit pres-ence and power which are continually being ence and power which are continually being

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ADDRESS BY MRS. AMANDA SPENCE.

We take a retrospective view of the fortywo years that have elapsed since the advent of Modern Spiritualism. To view the course we can only glance here and there, being compelled to take an electric pass over the period. But what has been accomplished? What has But what has been accomplished? What has been done during these forty-two years? Has there been a church erected? Has there been a creed formulated? Has there been anything done according to the idea of some earnest, hon-est Spiritualists? No; I hear some regretfully answer. Do you know the number classed to-day as Spiritualists? Before Judge Edmonds en-tered into spirit life he made a sort of estimate of how many Spiritualists there were in the f how many Spiritualists there were in the inited States. I think he estimated some eleven millions, and that has been nearly or quite twen-ty years ago. Has Spiritualism been quiet dur-ing that period? If eleven millions were interested at that time, what must there be now of the sixty odd millions of inhabitants of the United States? Not a majority, perhaps, but a larger number thau you imagine.

But now, say some—and we admit that all Spiritualists are equally sincere—we should cultivate the spirit of kindness; and we will after a while. But you must remember you are all young. Forty-two years is not a long time to give to a human being, taking one view of it. What are forty years to eighteen hundred years? and those eighteen hundred years have been spent in building creeds and holding the human heart in bondage, in maktranquil did she appear; yet, when that sym-pathetic and encouraging cheer.burst from the breasts of the crowd, a light seemed to leap from her eyes, and to flash over her marble. like countenance with a brilliancy all its own. Soon she was called to the stand to speak what she had to say in her own defense. She what she had to say in her own defense. She must ask his minister, he must conform to his church. But where are you to-day, after forty years of free thinking? Forty-two years of do-ing your own thinking? Why, you must not expect that you will rule yourself well. Some may be able to, but not all these millions of whom you boast. You are not all free, and it requires some pretty severe testing to know to what extent you are free. You do not know yourself until you are tried. to what extent you are free. know yourself until you are tried. know yourself until you are tried. You have heard the reference to the weak condition of your first two mediums. The first little raps came through the medial agency of poor girls who were running against the preju-dice of a world, helpless, homeless, friendless, but with a living host of guardian angels. "Oh!" says some one, "where are your experi-ences now?" Ah! how little such minds com prehend; how little they realize the discipline of the human mind. Remember while some are climbing we have been tearing down. You say it is time we began to build up. Oh! what? Are you not trying all the time to fill the old bottles with new wine? But it will ferment, explode and run all over, and you cannot find two Spiritualists agreeing on the subject. [Ap-plause.] So you see the new wine cannot be put into old bottles; or, in other words, you cannot make a religion of Spiritualism. Un-derstand that. Take it home and think of it. Do n't go to sleep till daylight if you cannot solve the problem before that for yourself. Spiritualism put in the form of a religion! Away with your religions! Have they not been written in the blood of the human heart? Have they not led every mourner to the grave, every weak, honest, faithful. devoted mather been written in the blood of the human heart? Have they not led every mourner to the grave, every weak, honest, faithful, devoted mother, and invited her to look into that dark hole, to see the coffin, to listen to the clods of earth falling upon its lid, and then, turning to the mothers, turning to the human family atrug-gling in ignorance and poverty (for those who are wealthy are usually the poorest), from every church, from every minister the cry comes: "Hark! from the tomb a dolefulsound. You are sinners deprayed from Adam down: you will not sinuers deprayed from Adam down; you will not cease looking for that loved one again except ing you are so fortunate as to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; for death is a road upon which no traveler has been allowed to return; therefore we have no communication; noth-ing but the falling clod, and from the tomb a

strange woman who occupied it.

So Tom was summoned, and he ground his teeth when he learned who had informed against him: "The cat!" muttered he, "she's never happy unless in some mischief; she purrs while she scratches, and is as treacherous as most of the feline race. If there's any truth in the doctrine of our descent from the animal creation, then she must have been a tigerish creature before she became a Jones."

The case came up in due time. "Helper" in her narrow cell quietly awaited the day of trial. Dr. Parsons and the minister had insisted on securing in her behalf the best legal counsel to be obtained, but neither that astute gentleman, nor her two friends, could obtain from the girl any knowledge of her past life, or any clue to the man who had been seen to leave her dwelling; so all they could do was to rely upon the evidence of her high and noble character which her good works while in Bridgton evinced, to clear her from the imputation of dishonor.

She was charged with aiding, abetting, and concealing the criminals, who had broken into and robbed several buildings in Blair and vicinity, including the moneyed bank of the former place. There were none to appear against her but the railroad station agent of in this and in every hour.' Blair, who gave a detailed description of the old man who had at regular intervals arrived at that city, generally coming and going by a night train; Catherine Jones and her relative, Tom Green, who could only tell of having seen such a man as that described by the first witness; and Thomas Preston. The latter responded to his name when called to the stand, but with a slow and by no means elastic step. He made no admissions when requested to tell all he knew of the case, and it was not until the questions were squarely put to him by the district attorney, who was conducting the case in behalf of the town, and then not till the prisoner had given him such a look of command that the witness felt compelled to narrate what he had seen and heard. "Helper" knew, when she heard his name called, that Thomas Preston's evidence would be against her, and yet she never dreamed of having it withheld. Intuitively she understood his reluctance to speak, and when he hesitated before replying to the pointed questions put to him, the accused woman fixed her flarge blue

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In reply to a question why she had warned the man not to go to Blair-that she feared danger for him if he should-she quietly said :

"I cannot explain so that you will understand me. There are times when I feel pressed upon by an invisible but potent power. It comes sometimes in warning if danger is abroad. At times it fills me with a sense of security and strength, and it brings to me peace and support in a time of trial. On that evening this impresslon came to me; I had to urge my friend to return to his home by a new route, and to avoid coming to Blair. No one had told me a reward had just been offered and posted for his discovery, and that parties were on the watch for his appearance, but I have since learned it was

the case. Gentlemen, my friend is innocent of all crime. He is an honorable man; I am guiltless of wrong in this charge; but deal with me as your own sense of right and honor demand. Let justice be done, and may the Truth triumph

All the while she stood before them it seemed All the while she stood before them it seemed to the people that a being from the other world had been summoned to reply to a charge against it. Her pale, clear-out features, her large blue eyes, her sunny hair, even the very folds of her gown seemed to be alive with light, to shine, vibrate and glow with a subtle mys-terious splendor that did not belong to earth. The judge and juw were aved or at least doleful sound." The judge and jury were awed, or at least struck by her appearance, and the people who watched held their breath while she spoke. Even Catherine Jones for the moment felt afraid of that beautiful presence, and she almost cowered down at one time when the eyes of the speaker chanced to turn toward her

her. After the different counsel had voiced the sentiments of the opposite sides, and the case had been summed up and given into their hands, the jury retired; after a season of anxious waiting on the part of all in the courtroom, they returned and announced through their foreman that they were unable to agree upon a verdict. Most of them had been in favor of the acquittal of the accused, but two or three members had stubbornly inbut two or three members had stubbornly in-slsted that the mystery of the old man had not been explained, and it was best to be cautious: nyhow, they would not agree to a verdict of not guilty." Anyhow

him, the accused woman fixed her flarge blue eyes upon him with an intensity of purpose that drew his own averted gaze to her face. What he read in those clear, bright eyes, what mystic power illuminated her features and shone upon him, he could not divine, but it was as if an angel had spoken to his soul, com-manding him to tell the truth, and he dared not disobey. He had hoped that as Miss Jones had heard nothing that had passed between the prisoner and her mysterious, visitor on the night in question, he would not be pressed to divulge

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therefore we have no communication; noth-ing but the falling clod, and from the tomb a doleful sound." Now, then, come with me. Do you see the panorama that was presented forty-two years ago? Do you see there the curiain drawing a little, and do you hear that little sound as a gentle rap or vibration? You are glad to see and know this, and when you go and the-cur-tain is drawn aside a little you do not see all you expected to see. You expect now, as you hear the little raps coming from the other world, to find Mephistopheles with his cloven hoof and his horns; then you look, and you ex-pect to see Jesus with the diadem upon his head, and his arms full of little sheep or lambs; you look and you expect to see the great white throne. But behold, none of them are there. You look again, and you expect to hear ten thousand thousand people playing upon their golden harps-some tuning them, some string-ing them up and playing for your amusement. But no; no harps are heard, no players seen, no white throne. "But back of Mephistopheles I expect there is a crowd, and perhaps I may find some of my friends there. I can almost see the blue flames streaming up, but I do not hear the shrieks of the tortured." No; that is the psychological study the Church has been putting before your vision. But all that is gone, and there you stand gazing at your mother, your father, your compan-ion here, some loved one of your affection, and you are carried away. You say: "I know this is true." "They do n't stand there playing or singing, but they say: "Come here, now, James." "Why, that medium did n't know me." "James, do you recognize me?" Be-fore he is aware, the recognition is so real he graps in the air to embrace that loved one. And we could go on and multiply these oxam-ples to you. But let us say to you that instead of destroy-ing Scienturalium here here here here done. ples to you.

But let us say to you that instead of destroy-ing, Spiritualism has been constructing from intelligences. 101.00

ADDRESS BY JUDGE NELSON CROSS.

We have been called together to-day to exwe have been called together to day to ex-change our mutual congratulations, and ex-press in some fitting way our thankfulness that, after so many years of asking, waiting, hoping, there has come an answer from the world of spirits, which opens wide the heavens and declares there is no death; that man is in-deed a spirit in his first crude state of con-scious heaven which once heaven prove sport scious being, which, once begun, never goes __Not alone to the mysterious rappings at

Not alone to the mysterious rappings at the close of that clear and Hydesville do we attribute the beginning of realize what a text it furn realize what a text it furn corresponding phenomena had long before been observed in other lands and households; The ways of men are indece but they came and went as inexplicable mysteries.

Many times, indeed, have our angel visitors Many times, indeed, have our angel visitors signified their presence, only to be turned away with the oruel anathema of unbelief. It re-mained for the little Fox sisters to open a hos-pitable door to their knocking, and welcome them, with a boldness inspired by innocence, to the family circle. They, too, devised a means of converse as simple as the ways of childhood, which to this day serves as the al-mbabet of sufrit communion. phabet of spirit communion. All great reforms which have turned the cur-

bindhood spirit communion. All great reforms which have turned the current of opinion into new channels have had a siender beginning. Not unfrequently a single mind, far-seeing, fearless, richly endowed, has announced an important discovery, only to perish in a maddening storm of persecution. Others have been hunted like beasts and driven into exile, while yet the darkened centuries waited for the dawn. The names of the glorious martyrs to truth staid out along the highway of progress, like mountain summits that mark the boundaries of Empire. Spiritualism is a purely moral reformation. It is the latest born, and is destined to be the longest lived. It is both a religion and a philosophy, for it embraces all truth. Its Bible is the open book of nature; its creed, the truths which nature reveals. All minor creeds, manmade and manemended, are presumptuous, speculative and dogmatic. Its ministers are angels of light, who come with "glad tidings of great joy." At first they could only manifest their presence by sounds, as they indeed were, before they laid aside their mortal frame, in accordance with the in-eytable laws of progression. The intermediates for the accomplishment of these latter day wonders are men and women, so organized as to admit of being used independent of their own volition, powers and capabilities.

There stands in Rome to-day the most nota-ble statue in the world; for it represents at once the ignorant folly of the past and the en-lightened liberality of the present. Let us relightened liberality of the present. Let us re-joice that on the very spot where, less than three hundred years ago, persecution raged with fire and fagot, surrounded by mocking priests and slavish minions of religious intoler-ance, the murdered Bruno is master. [Ap-plause.] All honor to Italy—the redeemed! Let us stretch a friendly hand across the mighty waters, for she has set her seal upon a declaration of human rights, that shines like a glory in the heavens. If it be asked at this late day, "Of what good

glory in the heavens. If it be asked at this late day, "Of what good is Spiritualjsm?" let the answer come from the many bereaved homes where its sacred altar has been set up, around which the family are wont to assemble in the peaceful hours and hold sweet commune with its translated ones, whose chairs seem no longer vacant, and whose love is felt to be imperishable. Have we not enough to be thankful for if this, indeed, were all? But no. Every day brings some new de-light from that eternal source whose every gift is a blessing. [Applause.] ADDRESS BY MRS, NELLIE J. T. BRIGHAM.

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I will add but a few words. You who heard the close of that clear and beautiful song will realize what a text it furnishes to those who see in the word its soul. "The ways of men see in the word its soul. "The ways of men are narrow, but the gates of heaven are wide." The ways of men are indeed narrow—narrowed by ignorance and superstition, by those un-grown conditions that hold and bind us for a

by ignorance and superstition, by those ungrown conditions that hold and bind us for a grown conditions that hold and bind us for a grown conditions that hold and bind us for a sime-but beyond all doubting and all misappre-y hension the wide gates of heaven are before you, and through them your angel friends come back to you.
You have heard to-day the sweetest of harmony; you have listened to the words of one before whose clear vision the angel faces shine; you have heard thoughts that your hearts have before whose clear vision the angel faces shine; you have heard thoughts that your hearts have not echoed; you have been led in sympathy, or you have waited until the light might come to you by slow and gradual process. But have you heard what Spiritualism really is? What is its message to the nineteenth century? The proof of immortal life, the proof of an unending and uplifting perfection; the beautiful leason that between the two worlds this communion exists like an open way, and through the wide gates of heaven these friends come back to give their proofs of life and love. But that is not all. Spiritualism has not chosen the wide opting gates of an original theology for itself, or an original philosophy or science.
One said long ago: "Follow me," and it is said of him he went, about doing good. Another, whose name was cast out from human love and sympathy and cheer, but who is growing into his own place to-day, said: "The world is my country, to do good my religion."' [Applause.]

Ing into ins own piece today, suid: "Ine world is my country, to do good my religion." [Applause.] Now, friends, shall we say that Spiritualism is no religion? Never. To do good is our re-ligion. [Applause.] It is that which springs in motive and in endeavor; it is that which springs through the love of humanity upward through those wide-open gates of heaven; it is that which teaches us charity—not for a few, but for all—a wise and thoughtful and intelli-gent charity; the spirit of helpfulness, the spirit of investigation and sympathy. What Spiritualism does for us we leave it for you to consider. Remember that this tree has para-sites, but the mistletoe is never the oak; re-member that this garden has weeds, but the roses are never weeds; remember that among the disciples waked Judas, but they were not all like Judas; remember that with the truths

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there are mistakes and errors; that the words of men are narrow; but all the thought and all the speech of the world can never trans form the nature of truth into falselood. Furo and clear and divinely holy, the truth shall rise at last and prove to you that through those wide-open gates comes light to take away the the pathway to-day, and transform its loveli-ness into eternal beauty. We stand to day before your earnest faces, We stand to day and read your faithful hearts.

We stand to day before your earnest faces, We stand to day and read your faithful liearts, Aud loi the clouds have melted from their places, The cloud from human life at last departs.

We stand beside these radiant, blooming flowers, Roses and lilles by the kind hearts given, And have their fragrant breath repeat these words of

ours. Which shall give unto you this thought of heaven.

We know to day upon your city's streets Shreds and pieces of paims are taken; We know the words the old time faith repeats

When human hearts by doubts and cares are shaken. We stand not mid the fragrance of the palms-Dead paim leaves, blessed by priests with softened

volces; We stand abid the living, growing paims, To day the victory! Our cry in growth rejoices.

This is our Palm Sunday, and our hearts Awaken In the light of love's elysium. And lot within this golden light the gloom departs, And joy and peace are given to our vision.

Take home the messages of love to-day, Like seeds now dropped within the wakened spirit. And let them grow from doubt and wrong alway, And blossom in the hopes your hearts inherit.

Look upward from your gloom, light is above; God blevs you all, each in his separate place; And may the rose of everlasting love Bloom in each heart, aud in each life flud space.

Boston, Mass.

REMARKS OF MISS JENNIE LEYS, Made before the First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid

Society, on Monday, March 31st : In this place that is consecrated to woman's work of charity and love, it is a pleasure to unite with you in celebrating the Advent of Modern Spiritualism; for it was woman-(two child-women)-who first caught the meaning of child-women)—who first caught the meaning of the spirit-knock that sounded on the door of life forty-two years ago. And of special signifi-cance is the number of the Anniversary that we are celebrating; the number of years now completed is forty-two, and forty-two is the multiple of two mystic and prophetic numer-als air and seven.

als, six and seven. In the wonderful Apocalypse shown to the seer on Patmos, John saw the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God; and the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of pre-cious stones: the sixth was sardius, the seventh clous scones: the sixth was arrhus, the seventh chrysolite. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God did lighten it; and the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day, for there shall be no night there. The sixth foundation of the New Jerusalem was conduct ond the order to reading in the

The sixth foundation of the New Jerusalem was sardius; and the ancient sardius is the modern red carnelian, a stone that was highly-prized, and used extensively by the ancients. Its color is red, and red is the emblematic color of love. The seventh foundation was chryso-lite; and the ancient chrysolite is the true Ori-ental taga. Its color is vellow and vallow is ental topaz. Its color is yellow, and yellow is the symbolic color of wisdom or light. Thus on foundations of love and light to day

Thus on foundations of love and light to day Spiritualism is building in human hearts a holy city of truth, a glorious New Jerusalem; and the gates of it shall never be closed again, while light has power in the heavens, and love has place in human life. Eloquent voices have pictured to you the sublime progress of Spiritualism, what it has accomplished and what it is doing. We need not add to the portrayal, since strength in the human self of us will suffice only for the sow-ing of a seed-truth of love in your hearts, that

ing of a seed-truth of love in your hearts, that we trust will bring forth a heavenly beneficent harvest in your lives. Spiritualism is of supreme significance to

woman, and through woman to man. Woman is the visible form and expression of love; and love is life, the inherent essence of existence Absence of love in man or woman is deteriora-tion. We speak of love as love should always tion. We speak of love as love should always be interpreted and manifested—pure as the sunlight and as unselfish. The love may be personal or impersonal, but it must exist; and the less of self there is in the love, the more of life, of life-imparting life will there be for the individual. Without this pure, unself-ish love, human nature retrogrades; with it, though it he but a propert wat ever increasing in though it be but a spark, yet ever increasing in light, the spirit makes the great ascent of end

light, the spirit makes the great ascent of end-less existence, constantly progressing in har-mony and usefulness. Woman being the representative of the love-principle, intuitive in nature, sensitive in or-ganization, humane in disposition, it was by divinest law that the latest revelation of spiranization, humane in disposition, it was by divinest law that the latest revelation of spir-itual truth secured its first practical disclosure through the feminine nature. On that day when two little child-women first held con-scious and intelligible communion with a spirit—a spirit who gave his signal, not by mere chance, as some suppose, but by the con-certed plan of heaven's prepared and commis-sioned revelators—on that day there was laid the first precious stone in the radiant highway that leads to woman's apotheosis. And this means an unfoldment of the love principle in human hearts for the good of both worlds such as this planet has never yet experienced. It was woman who interpreted to this age the first signal; it will be woman who will inter-pret the final significance. When the life-rousing knocks sounded from the viewless space, oh! how little did the world dream of the full purport of the wonderful pur-pose of the awakening signals. It was an in-flux of love and light that has been gradually changing the whole air and aspect of human existence. We see the deeps and the darks, and those are terrible yet; but human souls changing the whole air and aspect of human existence. We see the deeps and the darks, and those are terrible yet; but human souls are standing on higher levels; they are taking clearer, broader views of the meaning of life, of duty, of destiny; and these are but the be-cinning. ginnings. There is far more of love in the world now the quick spreading of sympathies from people to people, and active measures for the mitiga-tion of all human miseries. Spirit led, human-ity is surely advancing from darkness to light; from dreaming of good to doing the behests of tion of all human miseries. Spirit led, humanity is surely advancing from darkness to light; from dreaming of good to doing the behests of goodness. The very time of the life-awakening raps was significant. The spirit-signal was given not only in the springtime of the year, when in the northern hemisphere and in this new Holy Land the earth is rising from winter's storms and darkness toward summer's sweetness and splendor, but it came in the springtime of life of those who first listened to the sounds from the spirit-world. And humanity, so far, has been in a spiritual infancy and childhood, one grand archetype alone having reached the full stature of spiritual mahood. And he reached that altitude solely by the transmuting power of love; notself-love, but unselfish love-divine love. At his death the viewless veil was rent, and he himself came forth in a new, ethereal-material form, the type of immortal life. Dark ness closed again around the truth till the full-ness of time for the resumption of demonstra-tions that olosed with Christ's ascension. That long-expected era has come at last. The veil is once more parted. Spiritualism has come to complete the revelation; to fulfill, to renew. And now is needed, first of all, the unfoldment of love in the heart and life of every Spiritual-ist, as never before in the world. What the struggle has been in the spirit-world no human language can portray. That struggle is ended. But here on earth it is not ended. And now is vitally needed such an atmosphere of love as shall be all-usutaling, all-powerful against overy assault, every impediment. In your hands, oh 1 Spiritualists, is placed the most solemn trust of existence. On love alone can stand firm-founded the New Jerusalem of immortal life. Give forth love for the building of the new age, for the porpetuity and the perfecting of the great Cause that is entrusted to you. Antipathies, antagonisms in the ranks, these are mighty deterring obstacles in the tway of fuller revelations, of truer, grander demonstra-tions.

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Saratoga Springs, N. Y. To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

The Forty-Second Anniversary of the recognition of spiritual communion was duly observed by the First Society of Spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, at public meetings in the Court of Appeals room, Town Hall, on Saturday evening, April 5th, and Buuday morning and evening. April 6th. The room had been beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, and the word "Welcome." In large letters, faced theaudience. President W. B. Mills made a few remarks on the bocasion, in introducing II. H. Kneeshaw, the first speaker, who rehearsed some of the advances made by the world since the signification of the tiny raps was discovered forty-two years ago. New pluses of thought have been opened, and old Scriptures and revelations have been explained, and old furths have been made plain. Pettered by uo ancient bigotries the lights have been fished into new fields, and the old religions are being improved and liberalized. All are getling the benefit of the best thoughts revealed to us through inspired speakers. The achievements of the past forty two years fainily foreshadow what may come to us in the future. A. S. Pease. of Saratoga, was the next speaker, and spoke of the change in public opinion regarding Spir-itualiam during the past few years, whereby it had come to be recognized and respected, as a religion. While some of the old religionists talked of the resur rection of the body, fow really believed in it. After rection a two words of thanks. Oscar A. Edgerly was then introduced, and contin ued the subject of the advances made on all lines of thought, through the new revelations which have been vouchsafed to us, and the light of reason which has been given to us. An Kneeshaw spoke of the mil-lions who are rejoicting this day over a risen Christ, and how few really appreciate the fact in its shill sig-nificance. We are living in days when the events of the past have culminated in enlightenment and pro-gress, exhibiting the spirit of Christ, as manifested in the breasts of millions. We quarrel not with those who may differ from us in opinions, any more than we find fr of spiritual communion was duly observed by the First Society of Spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, at

breasts of meril in marches on with unabated spece and power. Mr. Edgerly closed with a test science. Oscar A. Edgerly took for his subject in the evening. "Spiritualism a Rational Religion." Christ- when ho gave as the basic principle the words that "God is Love." and repudiated the old Jewish law of "an eye for an eye," cating with publicans and sinners—laid the foundation of a rational religion. The idea of a jealous and revengeful God has no place in a modern Christian creed. Tests were given after the lecture by Mr. Edgerly and Dr. W. B. Mills. All the meetings were very largely attended by ap preciative hearers. Much praise was given the choir stor the music with which they interspersed the sev-eral services. E. J. HULINO.

Denver, Col.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

The Forty-Second Anniversary of the Advent of auspices of the College of Spiritual Philosophy, of this

auspices of the College of Spiritual Philosophy, of this city, on Sunday, March 30th. The exercises began with the atternoon meeting at two o'clock. The Pres-ident delivered an interesting and able review of the history and progress of the Cause, which received just recognition in the applause that greeted his closing words. Many short, but effective, recitals of experience were given by those who had received the light, and gloried in it. These proceedings were prolonged and interesting. In the evening Mrs. Ada Foye delivered the Anni-versary Address to a crowded house, and in a pect-liarly happy and impressive manner. She gave a mi-nute history of the first notable appearance of the phe-nomena in this country, tracing their development in detail until they culminated in that intelligent reality which has become a veritable light shinng upon the pathway of man, blessing and guiding his footsteps in the power Mrs. Foye so admirably possesses as an ex-pounder of the faith that is armed with demonstrative proof of emphatic excellence and unquestionable origin. The close was embellished with at least thirty or

 pounder of the faith that is armed with demonstrative proof of emphatic excellence and unquestionable origin.
 The close was embellished with at least thirty or forty phenomenal tests, which pleased and delighted the large audience; they were given without ballots, and noted for accuracy, for clearness, for striking traits of genuineness, and grand displays of the glifts so usefully, brilliantly and beneficently employed by this lady, whose labors here are crowned with marked advancement of the Cause. [Spiritualism, under her guidance, is building in Denver a foundation for usefulness and promise throughout the future. Converts are being made by the score; the Society is out of debt, the embers are inspired with new hope and courage, and now confidently assume that the day of doubt and trial has been succeeded by one whose dawn foreshadows all that fondest expectation could desire.]
 Flowers hung in graceful festoons on the walls and about the platform, during the exercises, arranged beautifully by the dainty hands of those whose egrace, winsome manners and bright intelligence won for her spiendid achievement which marks this Anniversary. It be fudgither of Mrs. Ada Foye, whose grace, winsome manners and bright intelligence won for her spiendid achievement which marks this Anniversary. It be brightest and best known to the annals of the Denversary. The brands of the Spiendid her benefits of the spiendid achievement which marks this Anniversary. The brands of the sure as and graditor of Mrs. Ada Foye, whose grace, with some manners and bright intelligence were been whose discustory of the spiendid achievement which marks this Anniversary. The brands of the beam of the Denversary of the strands of the Denversary. The brightest and best known to the annals of the Denversary. ver College. On Monday night literary exercises were conducted, with many gens of excellence and merit observable. Then the nerry dance went on till midnight, amid the flash of beauty, the strains of music, and the life and galety which gladdened the swift fleeting hours that ended one of the happiest epochs in the history of the participants.

April Magazines.

THE NEW IDEAL.—In an able and comprehensive article upon "The Dogma of Infallibility," Geo. W. Buckley claims that it has impeded our moral as well as our intellectual progress, and that both national and individual crimes have skylked under its shadow. After admirably presenting his subject and showing its ovil tendencies, Mr. Buckley closes by saying: "In wholly freeing ourselves from this dogma of in-fallibility, we shall be blest by a greatly enhanced power of discrimination as to what is wisdom, inspira tion, rightcousness; blest, also, with a livelier appre clation of the diversified genius of the world, blest with a deeper sentiment of universal brotherhood. Man shall exercise his sovereign right to select that which is most nourishing to the soul, and construct his bible, as a beautiful mosaic, from the finest gems of truth, minted in the inspired souls of all the nations of earth. This will be the blble from which our children, and our children's children, shall draw the water of life." Boston: 196 Summer street.

VICK'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY. - The opening days of Spring lead the lovers of "the alphabet of an gels," as flowers have been aptly termed, to give this monthly a hearty welcome. The frontispiece is a flowering branch of a superb begonia, the "Gigantea Ro-sea." One of the illustrated articles treats of Japan Anemones. Instructions are given to "A Beginner in Fruit Growing," and something of importance is said regarding "House Plants in Summer." Scarcely anything desirable to be known in horticulture and floriculture fails to be made known in Fick's Monthly. Rochester, N. Y.: James Vick.

THE QUIVER .-- A sketch of "Mistress Anne Bradstreet. Poetess." recalls the fact that she wrote the first poem written "on these savage shores." A fac simile is given of a letter she wrote to her son in 1664, and a view of the Bradstreet House at North Andover, Mass. Continuations of two serial stories, the conclusion of a charming two-part story, "Billy's Window Garden," a pretty floral allegory, "The Snapdragon and her Friends." and a score or more of other articles complete the number. New York: Cassell Publishing Co.

THE BIZARRE, NOTES AND QUERIES .- The leading article is a paper read before the Mass. Societas Rosicruciana by S. C. Gould, entitled "The Path of Rectitude; or, Ye Samlany." Among the curious con-tents of this number are "The remarks of those present when the sentence of Jesus was procured," and "Legends of Adam." Manchester, N. H: S. C. & L M. Gould. Boston: For sale by Colby & Rich.

OUR LITTLE ONES .- " How Scamp Saw it Rain Cats" is described and shown in Illustrations. "Aunt Betty," in her "Letter to Nieces and Nephews," writes about a children's gymnasium, and other attractions are given in letter-press and engravings to Instruct and amuse. Boston: 36 Bromfield street.

MODERN SCIENCE ESSAVIST. - The number for April 1st is by Robert G. Eccles, M. D., the subject The Evolution of Medical Science." The subjects of the issues of March 1st and 15th were "The Evolution of the State," by John A. Taylor, " The Evolution of Law," by Rufus Sheldon. Boston: James H. West, 196 Summer street.

THE INDEPENDENT PULPIT.-Editorially, "Objec tions to Liberalism" are considered and "Moral Obli-gation" defined. Mr. Edmonds concludes his paper The Forty Second Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism was duly celebrated, under the dealt with by the editor and correspondents. Waco, Texas: J. D. Shaw.

> THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL contains a poi trait and short sketch of Andrew Carnegie. Paul Bluett (Max O'Rell) is the subject of this month's "Notable People," a portrait accompanying a per

> sonal sketch. New York : Fowler & Wells Co. HERALD OF HEALTH .- Dr. Holbrook gives the

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To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The Forty-Second Anniversary passed off here very pleasantly, and, I believe, profitably from every standpoint.

pleasantly, and, I believe, profitably from every stand-point. The two Portland societies and the one from East Portland all joined hearts and hands, and the result was a very enjoyable time. The attendance was large, and all seemed well pleased. Even some of our materialistic friends, who visit us and put in a "hut shot" whenever opportunity offers, were on this oc-casion "on their good behavior." We had some very good talent, and, what is not un-usual, most of it was volunteered by men and women who have worked in the harness for these forty years: Among the "old-timers" who were present and spoke March 30th were many who had put their best years and efforts into defending and spreading the glorious truth that is ours. Among them were: Mrs. Abigall Scott Dunniway (the famous champlon of woman and her rights), Mr. Hendee (who has been in the front rank, both financially and with every other-means go-ing to make the Cause better and its circle wider), and Col. C. A. Reed (whose inspired uttrances havo sounded in many parts of this State when Spiritual-ism was not so popular as now). We also had a Prof. Morey, from Minheapolis, who spoke to us very acceptably. Many friends from the country were in attendance, among others Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fuller, from up the Valleg as far as McMinnville. There are three societies here now, all doing well.

There are three societies here now, all doing well. MAURITZ S. LIDEN.

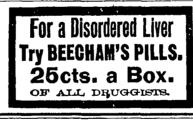
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To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Our Anniversary meeting of two days was an entire success in every way, and left a most favorable impression in our city. The speaking was good, and

pression in our city. The speaking was good, and singing most excellent. Mattie E. Hull and Dr. Juliet H. Beverance were the engaged speakers. Baturday in the forenoon a small gathering at the hall engaged in social conference. Saturday afternoon at half past two o'clock the meeting was called to order by Prof. Severance, who acted as Chairman during the Convention. After making some remarks on the importance of celebrat-ing in some fitting manner the advent of Modern Spir-itualism, he was followed by Dr. H. S. Brown, Prof. I. M. Watson, Mr. Butts, Mattle Hull, Dr. Severance-making very interesting speeches. Music was interspersed with the speaking, which was very in-sping.

spiring. Baturday evening an excellent musical and literary spiring. Baturday evening an excellent musical and literary entertainment, followed by a dance, took place—in which latter exercise all participated, old and young. Dr. Brown, eighty years of age, joined in the dance as lightly and gracefully as any one present. The enter-tainment was interesting and a financial success, and helped to pay off the expenses of the meeting. Sunday morning, at half past ten o'clock, after a song by the choir, speeches were made by Dr. Brown, Prof. Watson, Prof. Butts and the Chairman. Bunday alternoon Mattic E. Hull gave the Anniver-sary Adress i twas one of her best efforts, and every one present seemed delighted with her discourse. Sunday evening, at half past sevon, meeting was [Continued on eighth page.]



Passed to Spirit-Life,

From Bridgeport, Coun., March 21st, 1890, Mrs. Martha Tonks, aged 70 years

She fought the battles of life bravely and well for years omforted and sustained by the blessed assurances of Spin

conforted and sustained by the blessed assurances of Spir-itualism. She longed to go and meet a beloved companion, at whose helpices suffering bedeide in the mortal she stood a patient, faithfui, loving watcher for eight long years, until rolease came three years ago and set his tired, waiting spirit free. The oblidren, two daughters and a son, whose privilege it was to ministor to her needs in her declining years, will sadly miss a mother's visible presence, but they have the assurance that she "still lives," and may they ofton feel her piritual presence in their house. The funeral was attend-ed by the writer from the home of her daughter, Sunday, March 23d, a largo number of friends and ropresentative Spiritualisis of Bridgeport being present. *Haydenville, April 10h*, 1890. Mus. B. W. BANKS,

On April 6th, Dr. James Jennings, of Camden, N. J., aged

l years.

The decensed was formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., then settled n Vineland for many years, corner of Chestnut and Valley

in Vinoland for many years, corner of Chestnuit and Valley Avenuea. The funeral was conducted by Mr. Benner, President of the First Spiritualist Society of Philadelphia. Dr. Jonnings became a convert to Spiritualism from old Theology by slittings with the Fox girls in New York over forty years ago. After this he matried Mrs. Mary J. Wil-liams, a medium of rare gifta, and younger than himself, and nover wore two souls more sacredly devoted to each other than they were. For many years they had been holding public circles in Camden-the Doctor being also a medium. Vineland, N. J. RILEY M. ADAMS.

The transition of Solomon Hagforth occurred at the home

The transition of Solomon Hagforth occurred at the home of his daughter-in law, in Holley, on the evening of Thurs-day, 3d inst. He had attained the age of eighty-four years. In the fulfillment of a promise made to him five years ago, and often repeated sluce, the writer gave an exposition, at his funeral, of the Spiritual Philosophy from a lible stand-point. It was his greatest wish that his steptical friends should understand what he beleved and what he tried faith-fully to live-knowing that turth lived is better than truth writton. MRS. CORNELLA GARDNER. 118 Jones street, Rochester, N. Y.

From Madison, Ashtabula Co., O., April 9th, 1890, Mr. Frank-lin F. Follows, aged 62 years and 2 months.

Bro. Fellows was an ardent Spiritualist. Services, by his own request, were conducted by Mrs. Carrie O. VantDuzeo, of Geneva. O., the guides choosing for a subject, and clearly answoring in the negative, the query: "Does death end all?"

From Abilene, Kan., April 2d, Martin A. King, aged 75

Hoformerly resided in Erie ('o., Pa., and De Kalb Co., Ind., and was a stanch Spiritualist for forty years. JOHN D. HABKELL.

The New Castle (Pa.) Courant of April 9th gives a longthy account of the obsequice of the late Alexander L. Crawford on Sunday afternoon, April 6th. The funeral was one of the largest over held in the County, or indeed in Western Penn-sylvania, and was attended by many prominent people. Mr. Crawford was far social, progressive man, and great-hy beloved and respected by a host of relatives, business ince and friends. He was a noble husband, affectionate father and kind neighbor. The Courant speaks editorially of Ges. 8. Bowen, general as being in attendance at the funeral. It is alleged that Mr. Crawford was a Spiritualist, as is his daughter.

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The latest and forty-second anniversary of Modern Spiritualism has come and gone, with

restraints of fear. The inevitable result must be a confident belief in immortal life upon which the broadest and deepest religion the world has ever known and experienced will be founded. In the confident expectation of such a result, how petty, how idle are the concelted assaults of those who assume that they have long ago explored the vast kingdom of divine truth, and are capable of writing out the constitution and statutes of its perpetual government. Sllence would far better become those who not only liave not yet attained to knowledge, but insist that knowledge itself is at best but folly. Yet there will surely come a day when all these babbling tongues will become still.

If we take a larger view of the case, and content ourselves with seeing the infiltrating, permeating and inspiring work which Spiritualism is everywhere doing, it would quench the last desire of even the most devoted believer in Spiritualism to witness its ultimation in any of the more or less rigid forms of organization. For a long time to come, certainly, the former must be its great practical mission and service. It will be found in the pulpits, imparting a more humane spirit to the hard old discourses. It will break out in accents of divine love where was so recently felt the demoniac reign of fear. It restrains and suppresses the accustomed utterances of ecclesiastical authority in respect to death and the beyond. It invades the theological seminaries and recasts the statement of their beliefs and dogmas. It drives away the presence of the mythologic devil, mistakenly engrafted on Christian theology, from the funeral ceremonies. Its influence is to be felt (whether acknowledged or not) at all times and in all places. There is no one who is summoned to endure earthly parting with friend, relative or beloved one, who does not eagerly fly to Spiritualism as a sure refuge, and embrace with open arms its satisfying consolations. To have begun such a comprehensive service and successfully continued it for over forty years, is surely what no known belief on earth has ever done before, and all without contention and vio ence, but in the steadily increasing influence and growth of love.

Woman's National Liberal Union.

This new body met in convention for organization on the 24th and 25th days of February in Washington, D. C., and elected a full board of officers, with Matilda Joslyn Gage, of Fayetteville, N. Y., President. A provisional committee was likewise created, consisting of one person in each State and Territory, to be appointed by the Executive Council, and known as State Managers. The work is to be planned by the Executive Council.

The proclaimed objects of the Union are-to assert woman's natural rights to self-government; to preserve the secular nature of our Government and the principles of civil and religious liberty now incorporated in the Federal Constitution; and to show that the real foundation of the Church is the doctrine of woman's inferiority by reason of her original sin.

Representatives from twenty-seven States signed the call for the Convention, which states that existing woman suffrage societies have ceased to be progressive, the new-comers fearing to take an advance step, and all being | healing medium. We knew him well, as he was plainly inclined, from business motives or a fellow townsmen of ours. The last time we social policy, to cater to established authority saw him previous to his demise was when he and custom. The signers, therefore, deem a officiated at the funeral service of the mothe broader platform necessary in order to reach of Mrs. Shelhamer-Longley, in South Boston. the many-sided thought of the country, to Cognizant of his impecunious circumstances we show up in a clearer and stronger light the cause of delay in the recognition of woman's demands, and to promote a more fearless spirit in denouncing the cause of that delay. The call states further that a crisis in the nation's life is at hand. The encroachments of what styles itself "the Christian party in politics," aiming at a union of Church and State. were never as great as now, so that the recent convention of women from so many scattered States of the Union was held not alone to aid woman's enfranchisement, which is of no value without religious liberty, but to help in the preservation of the very life of the republic. And to this end it is held to be imperative that woman should unite upon a platform of opposition to the teaching and aims set forth by the National Reform Association, the American Sabbath Union, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, etc.,; also those manifested in the various bills before Congress for "Sabbath rest." etc. The resolutions adopted declare, among other things, that it is essential to the life of the republic that the purely civil character of the government be maintained, and that Church and State be forever kept separate; that the legal foundation of our government is not any creed whatever, nor any church authority or permission. nor yet any divine revelation, but simply the consent of the governed; that the State did not grow out of the Church, but should outgrow the need of any church, and be henceforth and forever independent of the church, They further announce that the efforts now making by the so-called Christian party to bring religion into politics in order to put a religious amendment in the Constitution, must be resisted to the last, for the plain reason that if such efforts prove successful the church would become the arbiter of the legislative functions of the government.

Benjamin Franklin.

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OF LIGHT.

It was just one hundred years ago, on the 17th of the present month, that Benjamin Franklin passed to the higher life of the spiritworld. The quaint but impressive inscription on his tombstone in Philadelphia, compiled by his own industrious hand, is still read with singular interest by those who visit his grave, and There was no heated discussion throughout, is familiar to all. His biography has been writ- the meeting being one rather of a comparison ten many times, and by the most capable and appreciative of men, at home and abroad. No of a subordinate and secondary nature. The such genuine character can often be claimed | English representatives supplied some timely by any country in the world as its native product. He was, to begin with, an American citizen from core to circumference. A similar combination of sterling qualities of head and heart would be difficult if not impossible to find among the most distinguished men of any country known. Viewed through the perspective of time, which lends the right proportion to all objects and characters, he is seen to be such a rare specimen of manhood as only singular public exigencies demand.

Franklin was what is called a self-made man in the truest and best sense of that familiar term. The corner-stone of his character was a prudence that came but little short of inspired wisdom. Thrift and industry accompanied him like guardian angels from his earliest manhood to the end of his prolonged and honored days. Thus he was at all times in a condition to be of service to his fellowmen by preserving his own emancipation from those chances and changes in life which so often forbid the careless and uncalculating the coveted employment of their plain opportunities. And knowing this so well as he did, he never failed to teach and preach the important lesson in all possible ways to such as would listen and heed his careful utterances. He is frequently criticised for his apparent cannyness in this regard, but in the practical experience of external life he knew very well that too often the most precious services are wasted or utterly lost in consequence of a want of simple, persistent prudence in things material and perishable.

In his life he was mechanic, scientific discoverer, inventor, philosopher, diplomatist, statesman, philanthropist, moralist and writer, and in every one of these characters he shone conspicuous and unrivalled. His temperament was happily adapted to them all. Though an American by birth, he belonged to all the world by appropriation. It would be impossible to recite the eventful passages and periods of his life short of making a full volume. Held up to the mind as a whole, for variety, for remarkable service, for quality, quantity, and every characteristic which adorns and distinguishes humanity, it was romantic in the highest and largest sense. It is given to exceptionally few men to become interested in so many departments of human thought and action, and history may be challenged to bring forward a single one in whom were ever found so various and completely successful a combination. The abiding strength and charm of all lay in his perfect simplicity, undisturbed by the least shadow of pretence or pride.

We could not now name an American who is so thoroughly well known to his admiring and grateful countrymen, Washington and Jefferson themselves not excepted, as Benjamin Franklin. And his just fame grows brighter with years. At the end of another century, when time and its circumstances shall have clarified the medium through which all truly great and simple characters must be seen and appreciated, it will have grown to dimensions and gathered to itself a lustre of which our best conception is faint and imperfect.

for On our sixth page the reader will find a message from Spirit John H. Currier, who was for years active in our Cause as a trance and sent his widow fifty dollars to assist in defraying the funeral expenses, the receipt of which she thankfully acknowledged. Some time afterward, when on a visit to New York City, we were invited by a friend to attend a materializing séance at the residence of Mrs. E. A. Wells, the medium. She was an entire stranger to us. We gave a full account of the seance in these columns at the time. We know beyond doubt that the manifestations in our presence, at that sitting, were bona-fide. Now Dr. Currier himself returns to earth corroborating our printed statement of his identity. He says in his message (referred to above) that he did materialize his spirit-form at Mrs. Wells's in New York, and he knows, he says, that he gave proof enough for us to know it was him. Which statement is true, as given through the medium in Boston. There was no mistaking his identity by us in New York. He said at Mrs. Wells's that he felt it to be his duty to return, when opportunity offered, to thank us for the assistance rendered his widow, naming the amount, which he did most cordially.

What the Labor Conference at Berlin Accomplished.

The final adjournment of the Berlin Industrial Conference, at which the different European nations were represented, left behind it a much more favorable feeling on all sides than there was at one time any reason to anticipate. of views and a pacific arrangement of matters and needed instruction to the representatives from the Continental States in respect to legislation in their own country, especially that which relates to forbidding excessive hours of labor for minors, women and children, and the absolute security for one day in every week as a day of rest, without any diminution of the week's pay for work. It is confidently anticipated that the same restriction and provision will be demanded and secured by the laborers of all other European countries, and thus equalize the terms of international rivalry for the common benefit.

But the most marked benefit gained by the recent labor conference consists in the agreement to establish a court of international appeal, to which in the future all questions of large importance to industrial interests may be referred for the most intelligent discussion and decision. This is a very great point gained. It insures harmony where discord alone has hitherto prevailed. It forms a method of pacification, with a direct view to a more perfect coöperation, between the employed and their employers. It rests the whole labor question in all its ramifications on a firm basis to which both sides in any future dispute can approach. The yielding of the Emperor from the position originally taken by him proved to be the practical solution of what threatened an explosive result. It showed true wisdom on his part, and was appreciated as it deserved. For in the first place he has furnished a ready relief for the pent-up hostility of a number of fiery radical leaders, and in the next place he has set up a tribunal, the existence of which points, approximately at least, toward a peaceful adjustment of national and industrial differences in coming time.

A Worthy Worker Remembered.

We are informed that a reception (in which a goodly pecuniary offering to her was an important portion of the exercises) was given to Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond at Martine's West Side Hall (Ada street, near Madison), Chicago, Ill., on Monday evening, April 21st-the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of her birth.

The friends (in Chicago) of this worthy lady whose name as that of an eloquent trance speaker has been known to the world from her early girlhood-projected the meeting, which was highly successful. She is certainly deserving of the tribute to the highest degree, and her many admirers in America and England will join with us in thanking them for remembering her.

We hope to be put in possession of the de tails of the services for publication at an early day.

F Jennie Leys, the accomplished spiritualistic speaker, will occupy the Berkeley Hall platform next Sunday morning. Secure your seats at an early hour.

BT The seventeenth anniversary of the entrance to Spirit-Life of our late partner, Mr. WILLIAM WHITE, occurs on the 28th inst. Before joining us in the business he was the State printer for several years. He was Chairman of our Public Free Circles up to the time of his demise, but never had anything to do

APRIL 26, 1890.

First Spiritual Temple. On Sunday afternoon last, at the First Spiritual Templo, corner of Excter and Newbury streets, this city, Dr. F. L. H. Willis gave his third lecture on "The Law of Spiritual Progress" to a most appreciative audience. The locture was replete with spiritual truths, and was a romarkable presentation of the laws that govern the progressive spirit of man here and hereafter.

It is impossible to give in a few brief sentences an adequate idea of these lectures. They must be listened to as they fall so impressively from the lips of the eloquent Dr. Willis, who from the first sentence to the closing one is evidently under a strong influence from that sphere of thought from whence his inspirations emanate.

The speaker affirmed that science in demonstrating that matter is subject to progressive change, also demonstrates that spirit, which includes every law of matter, and also higher laws that matter cannot hold, also tends continually forward by the very law of its life.

Once prove that matter is harmonious in all its manifestations, and you of necessity prove that spirit is also controlled by harmonic law, and is true to the order of the universe. Nothing spiritual can by any possibility occur outside of infinite order, and so all spiritual life is in the infinite, and dependent on no chance or variableness.

The very life of infinite spirit expresses itself in every thought or emotion of the human soul, because the power of life, or life itself, is God-the only God.

The spirit of man being therefore a part of the infinite must of necessity be born connected with the natural world, and thus is also included in the infinite of Nature, and consequently has within its being the laws and principles of the whole universe.

Death severs the union of the spirit to its natural body, but it does not prevent the spirit from taking the higher life of matter which was included in the human form, comprising its electric, magnetic and spiritual life. These assume a form which, by the law of spirit, corresponds precisely to the natural body, and this spiritual body is subject then to the laws of electric, magnetic and spiritual life.

Death, then, is not even a release from law. It is only the dissolution of the bonds of the spirit to the grosser form of matter, that it may be subject only to the higher. Progress is a condition of life itself, and wherever life is, there is the growth or change called progress.

But progress means the harmonions, equal development of every power, faculty and attribute of the being, and the earth-life often denies to the soul its opportunities for this.

The speaker then drew a vivid picture of the means afforded in spirit-life for the attainment of the soul's possibilities, and closed with saying: There is no place so good as this earth for the acquirement of rudimental knowledge, or to begin a life of virtue and holiness, because it is the natural birth-place of mind, and every acquirement made on earth is of immense advantage to the spirit on entering spirit-life.

Oh, remember! Every pure thought rises from your spirit as earth's power of redemption. Every deed of unselfish, loving kindness makes some invisible spirit friend glad in the ministry of salvation. Every advance in knowledge paves the way to the immortal wisdom that must yet be the aspiration of every human soul.

Up, then, and be doing, for heaven is waiting only for a higher condition of truth, purity and knowledge in the earth-life to shine forth in radiant glory, and be the perpetual light of each day and hour.

Dr. Willis will give the closing lecture of his course next Sunday afternoon, which the people of Boston should not miss listening to, as he is known to be one of the best inspirational lecturers in the spiritualistic field.

Spiritual Halo.

The Glens Falls Daily Times prints a lengthy account of what it calls "a strange phenomenon," being an appearance of light "like a halo of fire" that has been seen around the head and to transfigure the countenance of the Rev. Thomas S. McMaster, who has been recently stricken with paralysis. This appearance is described by Mrs. McMaster "as like a luminous cloud," and has not made its first approach during the present illness of her husband, as the halo appeared with him before "after periods of unusual spiritual exaltation, or prayer, or following meetings where he has exhorted with unusual fervency."

We have no doubt of this. The appearance mentioned is like that spiritual emanation or aura clairvoyants describe as surrounding highly-cultivated and pure-minded people. It is the halo that history rewith the editorial department of this paper, as | cords as surrounding the heads of martyrs and saints, has been stated by a San Francisco Spiritualist | and is composed of those brilliant and ethereal partielements that pure souls generate.

such appropriate observances all over the country and the world as were to have been expected in the passage of an event of such profound interest to the human race. The columns of THE BANNER have supplied, and still continue to supply, in published reports of the commemorative exercises held in various quarters, the clearest testimony to the increasing popular appreciation of this greatest of the many wonderful discoveries and developments of the century fast drawing to its close.

When a new revelation to humanity has succeeded in keeping its hold in human belief, unawed by the combined fulminations of ecclesiastical authority, and unshaken by the open and covert assaults of bigotry, superstition, prejudice and ridicule for a term now approaching half a century, and in an age of fearless and tireless criticism, it may safely be assumed that it has effected a lodgment in human belief which can never be disturbed except by the coming of still another revelation that the world shall recognize as its unquestioned superior 1 1944 1 1 5 4 6 M

Of the appreciable fruits of this grand event in the progressive history of mankind, little is to be remarked save in a speculative way. That it has not yet culminated in any unyielding and restraining formula, such as ecolesiasticism invariably looks about to invent or discover, limiting truth to glimpses only when it seeks to descend into the human mind in unbroken waves of light and illumination, must he taken for the most satisfying proof of its allembracing and divine reality. The less comprehensive recipients of this great truth, seemingly afraid of its becoming lost as a lasting power in a vagueness which is really the best attestation of its simplicity, have instinctively and chiefly with the best intention sought to cast it in a mold of formal statement, and put it to service in the harness of preconceptions which, it came more specially to discard forever: But it steadily refuses confinement un der any of the old conditions of creed, and persistently asserts itself to be its own highest authority !. "It' unanswerably proclaims, everywhere throughout the world of humanity that truth is authority rather than that authority is the truth, thus completely reversing the fatal habit to which the mind of man has been accustomed by the steady imposition of assumed power. at 5 white a new rail takes at the a class

This, therefore, is the supreme lesson which the recent Anniversary of Spiritualism teachand the law of love is dissolving the slavish | ble an event, it will be well.

, The State should take care of its civil affairs. give protection to all forms of religious belief, and secure freedom from molestation to every sect alike.

The convention also resolved against the centralization of power in Church and State; against imposing religious instruction of any kind upon the pupils of our common schools; in favor of woman's exercising, equally with man, the right of individual conscience and judgment; that the lessons of self-sacrifice and obedience taught woman by the Christian church have been fatal both to her own vital interests and the interests of the race; and that the first and most necessary step toward her emancipation is to free her from the bondage of the ministry of whatsoever name

This is a live movement in the ranks of woman, from which there cannot fail to be seen a positive result. It is a mistake to allow either church or party to capture the movement for the emancipation of woman, and if es: that liberty is fast superseding bondage, this new advance shall prevent so undesira-

10 Spirit John Pierpont, in last week's BANNER, in discussing the question of mate rialized spirit forms, said: "At the close of this century we believe materialization will be fully established as an accepted fact in the history of the spiritual phenomena, and will prove a blessing to the world." There is no doubt of this in our mind, as we have carefully investigated the subject under the strictest test conditions. Most of the doubt in the minds of investigators arises from the crude conditions-visitors not understanding the delicate laws that should be observed in séances for materialization: By this we mean the lack of harmony and absence of spirituality. Mere curiosity-seekers should never be admitted to such séances. It is no place for them.

107 In renewing his subscription a Texas patron says: "THE BANNER is my staff and comforter; from its pages I learn of a demonstrated immortality, and how to do my duty well on earth in order that I may prepare myself for a pleasant home in the beautiful Be yond."

BT Sarah Bartlett writes us that the message of Spirit SAMUEL HOLBBOOK, of Provincetown, published in THE BANNER for March 1st, is recognized by a gentleman in Plymouth who knew Mr. Holbrook while he resided in Welfleet, Mass.

Bo A correspondent informs us that Mrs. M. J. Wentworth, of Knox, Me., is a fine speaker, who is well known throughout that State.

17 It is said that Prof. William Crookes, of England, has reäffirmed his spiritual experiences of 1874.

journal. It is needless to say that Bro. White is still as active as ever in his ascended sphere of life for the promotion of the Spiritual Cause so near his heart while here; and he assures us of Divine protection in our arduous labors for its advancement.

Mr. J. Milton Young has taken up his abode at Lake Pleasant for the summer. Correspondents will please address him at that place. He will, as in the past, act as agent of and correspondent for the BANNER OF LIGHT. His bookstore will be open soon with a full assortment of the publications of Colby & Rich. Mr. Young has already issued The Wildwood at the Banner of Light Bookstore, 9 Bosworth street, Messenger, a Lake Pleasant local sheet, filled with information that all visitors to this rural retreat should possess, which he has published the past three seasons. The next number will make its appearance Aug. 2d. 1890.

17 The Massachusetts Legislature has decided against municipal suffrage for women. It has made a mistake. In our view woman is the equal of man, and entitled to the same rights: We firmly believe that the time is not far distant when woman will walk at the right hand of man his equal in all respects. There is no valid reason whatever why she should not. -

We are just in receipt of a handsome volume of four hundred and eleven pages, consisting of communications received through the mediumship of Francisco Urgel, and published by Refugio I. Gonzales, of Mexico. This work is issued under the patronage of the Spiritual Society "La Luz," of which Jaime Puig is President and E. Alvarez the Secretary.

SHYLOCKISM.-When these "grabbers" have gathered their millions together from the hunger and cold and nakedness and ruin and despair of hundreds of thousands of other men, they, forsooth, "GIVE' WORK" to the poor! Under such circumstances is it any wonder that "strikes" are so frequent?

A CHILDREN'S LYCEUM BENEFIT SERVICE was held in America Hall, Boston, last Sunday morning, an account of which will be found in the report of the Echo Spiritualist meetings on page five.

F Our thanks are hereby returned to Charles P. Sartell, of Lancaster, Mass., for a bouquet of May-flowers, sent' by him to adorn our Free Circle-Room table.

107 Read the Appeal of the Grand Army Committee (National) in another column.

We are informed that Mrs. S. A. Billings, daughter of Col. Wm. D. Crockett, has become quite proficient as an artist. A crayon likeness (worked up from a photograph) of Mrs. Charpiot, Matron of the Woman's Intemperance Home, by this lady, has been on exhibition at Parker Bro.'s, Tremont street, (opposite Park-Street Church) and viewed by many good judges of fine work, who have declared that it shows a remarkable degree of skill.

Going to England.

We are credibly informed that W. J. Colville will visit old friends in New York City and Brooklyn on his way to England. Mrs. Emily Ruggles, 492 State street, Brooklyn, is arranging for him to lecture publicly. He will also take a class in Spiritual Science. All friends of Mr. Colville are requested to write to her immediately if they wish to attend. The terms will be only \$1.00 for six lessons. Mr. Colville, it is stated, will make a brief engagement in Boston, if addressed at once in care of Mrs. Ruggles, as above.

The Problem of Life, of which Mr. Colville is editor, has been received for April, and copies are now on sale Boston.

We understand that the Onset Bay Association has voted to commence running the dummy engine and train regularly to and from the station on May 12th

The Grand Army Encampment.

An Appeal for Funds from the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee of the National Encamp ment, G. A. R., for 1890, has issued from its headquarters, 2A Beacon street, the following appeal:

To the Citizens of Boston: In response to a most cordial invitation from the veterans of Massachusetts, warmly seconded by our State and city officials, the Grand Army of the Republic have honored this city as the gathering place of the coming National Encamp-ment.

officials, the Grand Army of the Republic have honored this city as the gathering place of the coming National Encamp-ment. Occurring upon the twenty-fifth anniversary of the year made memorable at Appomattox by the close of the war, this great gathering of the veterans of our country, led by many of their great captains, who achieved the highest dis-tinction, and the lasting gratitude of their countrymen, promises to be a most eventful occasion in the history of ur city. To a State and otty whose reputation became historic through all the dark and trying scenes of the war, by the quick, responsive loyalty of her people, and by the generous at once to our others as an opportunity for grateful recog-nition of the services of the Grand Army. To carry out this celebration with a dignity commensurate with its mational importance, and in keeping with the repu-tation of our city for hespitality and public spirit, will ne-cessitate a large expense. The committee, therefore, ap-peal to all of our citizens to contribute, in as generous a manner as possible, toward securing a guarantee fund of at least gloodo to meet any deficit not covered by the State and city appropriations. All such subscriptions or gits will be gratefully appreci-te to the chairman Finance Committee, a tabove address. In behalf of the Finance Committee, a tabove address. In behalf of the Finance Committee, a tabove address. In behalf of the Finance Committee, a tabove address. In behalf of the Finance Committee, State Committee, How. E. A. CONVERSE, Treasurer. Blass B. BARTON, Secretary. Boiton, April 9th, 1880.

Mrs. Jonnie W. Holmes,

The well-known physical medium, is in destitute and needy circumstances. All sums sent to our care will be duly acknowledged in these columns and forwarded at once to Mrs. Holmes. Received and forwarded to date the following sums:

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NEWSY NOTES AND PITHY POINTS.

THE UNELECTED INFANT.

THE UNELECTED INFANT. An Uncleated Infant sighted out its little breath, And wandered through the darkness along the shores of death Until the gates of heaven, agleam with pearl, it spied, And ran to them, and olung there, and would not be denied, Though still from earth rose mutterings: "You can-not enter in.

not enter in; Depart into Gehenna, you child of wrath and sin." At last the gates were opened; a man with features

mild Stooped down and raised the weeping and Unelected Child.

Immortal light thrilled softly down the avenues of

bliss As on the infant's forchead the spirit placed a kiss. "Who are you, thus to hallow my unelected brow?" "Dear child, my name was Calvin—but I see things better now."_____Boston Globe.

Illegitimate newspaper detective work is getting to be a very dangerous element in this country. The offenders nine times in ten being irresponsible, they carry on their nefarious business with impunity. The law of libel fails to reach such rascals, and the safety of the community demands a special United States law to meet such cases.

Scarce forty years ago Daniel Webster said in the American Benate it would be of no use to organize Oregon as a Territory, as the delegate from that far-off region could not reach Washington for a year after his term had expired! There now will pass from Oregon to the capital two Senators and a Representa-tive in a week's time.—The Bizarre.

Every lover of truth is branded with the reproach of eccentricity by the upholders of a system whose cen-tre has always been an untruth, and generally a very transparent untruth.—*Professor Oswald*.

Explorer Stanley's book of travel in the Dark Continent is to be printed in fifteen different languages. Five million copies are to be issued by his publishers

> A LIE First somebody told it, Then the room would n't hold it, So the busy tongues rolled it Till they got it outside; Then the crowd came across it. And never once lost it, But tossed it and tossed it, t tossed it and lossed it, Till it grew long and wide. —Old Rhyme.

Read on another page what Prof. Kiddle says about Dr. Willis.

New York City is to light its streets with gas instead of electricity. This is a bad move of the Mayor. New York has been run by gas much too long.

They are still cutting ice at Winnepiscogee Lake New Hampshire.

The one hundredth anniversary of the demise of EJNJAMIN FRANKLIN, the printer patriot, was observed in Boston by the Y. M. C. Union. The whole course of Franklin's life goes to show that he was assisted by spirit power; in fact, that he was highly mediumistic. He has told us so many times. He it was who first induced us to establish the BANNER OF LIGHT, and he has been our firm friend and counsellor ever since.

The silver question is causing much comment in different sections of the country just now.

TYPOGRAPHICAL TRANSMIGRATION.

There's a lady as fair as the lily that nods A salute to the sun, as through heaven he plods. But astonishment has her held tight in its spell; She's filed with surprise o'er each fact that you tell. With "Goodness!" 'Oh My!" and the like, she's s free free, That some day like this she will certainly be:

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Nice spring weather up to date hereabouts. "Beautiful spring!

AThe great horse-show is attracting much attention this city just now. Everybody should see these willing servants of man.

In his "exposé" of Spiritualism Monday, April 14th. In his "expose" of Spiritualism Monday, April 14th, Rev. W. H. Clagett employed as an argument against it the fact that "mediums would not be admitted into good society on terms of social equality." Such points of attack are not well chosen. Would the chosen dis-ciples of Christ have been admitted into "good socie-ty" on terms of social equality in their day? Let us have all things put strictly on their merits!--Boston Clobs.

Human happiness will not be increased in Boston by the Police Commissioners granting 784 licenses to sell intoxicating liquors.

The speaking of one's mind in the right place is a good thing, especially when the truth is kept in view; but otherwise it is highly pernicious to the community at large.

The Forty-Second Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

CELEDBATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO AND OAK LAND (Reported for the Banner of Light by Albert Morton.)

No efforts were made for a union of the different societies and meetings for the celebrations in San Francisco and Oakland, but all celebrated the advent of what is considered by thoughtful people the greatest movement for the spiritual growth of humanity of the nine-teenth century, in their own halls, overlooking the importance of the axiom that in union there is strength. Such want of unity must prevail until believers realize the grandeur of the movement, and having become convinced of the truth of the facts demonstrated by the phe-nomena make a practical use of their knowledge by striving for higher unfoldments in spir-ituality through personal endeavors.

THE CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM

Held an entertainment at the hall on Saturday evening, when an attractive and meritorious programme was presented to the large audience assembled; all present seemed to enjoy the ex-ercises. Sunday morning the Lyceum was crowded, and the answers to the question for the session: "What is the Lyceum for?" ex-pressed many spiritual truths, as they did words of wisdom. In addition to the regular exer-cises Lilian Holmes sang "Poor, Dear Papa"; the little twins, Louise and Genevieve Reed, sang a duet, and recitations were given by Mat-tle Brown and Bertha Grant. Under the effi-cient and experienced management of Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, Mr. C. H. Wadsworth, and others, the attendance upon the Lyceum has been largely increased, and the exercises made instructive as well as entertaining. Held an entertainment at the hall on Saturday instructive as well as entertaining. PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALISTS.

PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALISTS. Washington Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and floral emblems for the cele-bration, which was presided over by Mrs. Lena C. Cook, Vice-President. The meeting was opened by congregational singing, and Mes-dames Rutter and Cook gave a fine rendering of a duet, entitled "Meet Me There," which suggested the theme of an eloquent address by Mrs. Cornell, under control. Mrs. Maxwell was controlled to give several tests, which were recognized. Mrs. Kate Kohn was con-trolled by the spirit of the unselfish and faith-ful medium and worker. Mrs. Eliza Fuller trolled by the spirit of the unselfish and faith-ful medium and worker, Mrs. Eliza Fuller McKinley, who expressed her great pleasure in being able to greet her earthly friends there assembled. Mrs. Amanda Wiggin, one of our oldest workers, gave her testimony as to the grand work accomplished, and yet to be done, for the highest interests of humanity through the promulgation of Spiritualism. Mrs. Soper made some remarks in the same line of thought, and concluded with giving several tests. Prof. Seymour gave a psychometrical reading to a gentleman present, which was pronounced sat-isfactory, and the afternoon session was closed

gentleman present, which was pronounced sat-isfactory, and the afternoon session was closed with remarks by Mrs. Aitken. In the evening, after opening with music, Prof. Charles Dawbarn gave the audience a "talk" upon the practical uses of Spiritualism. Mr. Dohr gave a selection for the violin, accom-panied by his young sons, ten and six years of age, upon the plano and harpsichord, which accompaniments were considered remarka-ble evidence of spirit power, as the boys are mediumistic and have had no instruction in music. Mr. Marshall Wheeler gave an ad-dress contrasting Christianity and Spiritualmusic. Mr. Marshall Wheeler gave an ad-dress contrasting Christianity and Spiritual-ism. 'T is pity all Spiritualists do not live up to the higher teachings of Christianity, as ex-emplified in the life and teachings of the Me-dium upon which its claims are based, and cease their warfare upon the theologians who thrive on opposition. Mrs. Wheeler gave a number of tests, which

Mrs. Wheeler gave a number of tests, which were recognized; E. G. Anderson and Mrs. Briggs gave short addresses, and the exercises closed with sweet music by the Dohr

family. The Circle of Harmony opened with appropriate music by Mesdames Cook and Rutter, followed by an invocation and reading of an original poem by Mrs. F. A. Logan; Dr. J. V. Mansfield gave some interesting personal ex-Mansfield gave some interesting personal ex-periences, relating to the saving of a man's life (who was condemned to death) through efforts of the Doctor's spirit-guides; Mr. Thompson followed with an interesting speech, and W. C. Hodge was highly applauded for the telling points made in his address. Dr. Rob-bins and Prof. Seymour made brief speeches; Dr. Temple gave several fine tests, and the meeting closed with the doxology. At the Spirit Echo Meeting Mrs. Miller deliv-ered an address from I. Cor., xii., in relation to Spiritualism, and Mr. and Mrs. Barney favored the attendants with sweet music.

Meetings in Boston.

Free Apiritum Meetings are held in the DANNER OF Liour HALL, No. 9 Hosworth street, regularly (whee a week -on TUREDAY and FRIDAY AFTHINGORS. J. A. Bhelha-mer, Ghairman.

mer, Chairman, Heston Spiritual Temple, Berkeley Hall, No. 4 Herkeley Nirect, corner of Tremont. — Bunday services at 104 A. M. and T. M. R. Holmes, President; Géorgo S. McGrille, Trensurer. Endles' Indenstriat Union meets every Wednesday at Twilight fail, 369 Washington street. Circle at 8, Support 6, and moeting at 8 P. M. Mrs. Ids P. A. Whitlock, President.

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First Spiritual Temple, corner Newbury and Exeter Streets. - Spiritual Fraternity Society Sundays, 24 P.M. - Dr. F. L. H. Willis, speaker; 11 A. M., Fraternity School for Children; Wednesday ovening meeting at 7½.
M. D. Wollington, Secretary.
America Hall, 724 Washington Street. - Echo Spiritualists Meetings Sunday at 10% A. M., 2% and 7% P. M.; also Thursdays at S P. M. Dr. W. A. Hale, Chairman.

Twilight Hall, 769 Washington Street.-Bundays, at 10% A. M., 2% and 7% P. M. Eben Cobb, Conductor. Engle Hall, 610 Washington Street.-Sundays at 10% A. M., 3% and 7% P. M.; also Wednesdays at 3 P. M. F. W. Mathews, Conductor.

W. mannews, Conductor. First Spiritunilist Ladies' Aid Society, 1031 Washington Street. -Budness meetings Fridays, 4P. M. Suppor 6 r. M.; Public meeting 7% f. M.; Tost Oircle and "Spirits' Atternoon" last Friday in each month. Mrs. A. E Barnes, President; Mrs. F. B. Woodbury, Secretary, 23 Brom ley Yark, Boston Highlands.

Odd Fellows Hullding, Tremont Street, Room S. —Facts Social Scance every Monday evening. Meetings for the discussion of Psychic Phenomena Friday evenings. L. L. Whitlock, Chairman.

Cambridgeport.-Meetingsare held every Sunday even-ing at Odd Fellows Hall, 343 Main street, by the Cambridge Spiritualist Society. H. D. Simons, Secretary.

Berkeley Hall Spiritual Society .- Last Sunday morning, after singing by Mrs. French, Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock, under the influence of her spirit-guides, led in an invocation, following with a dis-course upon "The Progress of Religion." Referring to the various religious sects it was said they all claimed to be of the spirit, or spiritual, while those who are Spiritualists advance one step further, in that they possess not only a faith in the spiritual, but a knowl-edge of it and of their ability to enter into close sym pathy and communion with it. She alluded to the re-ligion of many as being merely hereditary; to ques-tion the truthfulness of beliefs thus transmitted they dare not for fear of being thought sacrilegious. Not only has religion progressed, but so also have the arts and sciences and all things that, benefit man-kind. In this connection reference was made to Bonjamin Franklin's discovery of a means of utilizing the power of electricity, and to the immense progress that had been made and is likely to be made in its employment. P. A. Whitlock, under the influence of her spirit-

that had been made and is likely to be made in its employment. Capt. Holmes said their speaker next Sunday would be Jennie Leys, who had given but few lectures for the past fifteen years; the first delivered by her since her return to the public platform was at the late Anniversary observances in Berkeley Hall, which was reported for and printed in the BANNER of LIGHT in its issue of April 16th. A reading of it will convince any one that her guides are alive to the issues the times, and that the Spiritualists can with pleasure and profit welcome her back to the field as a lecturer who can accomplish much good.

America Hall, 724 Washington Street.-

The morning service of the Echo Spiritualist Society last Sunday was for the benefit of the Children's Lylast Sunday was for the benefit of the Children's Ly-ceum. A large audience was in attendance. The ex-ercises, conducted by Dr. Hale as chairman, opened with the singing of "Beekoning Hands." Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, after a few introductory remarks, de-fined the meaning of the phrase in the Bible, "Sin-ning against the Holy Ghost," and why it is unpar-donable. Her address was a foreible one, and design-ed to show that all are of the "Holy Ghost," and that sinning against the Holy Ghost is the act of depriv-ing an individual of the unfoldment of his spiritual nature. The subject was handled in a manner that was highly appreciated. The subjects "Divine Love," "Truth" and "The Better Land" were woven into a poem.

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"Truth" and "The Better Land" were woven into a poem.
The following programme was performed by children under the direction of Mrs. Maggie Folsom Butter: The Misses Davis, duet; Flossie Butler, recitation; "Baby Lou," song, and in response to an encore she sang by request "A Litle Too Small," reading, by Elsle Wendemon; plano solo, Angle Jones; recitation, by Miss Emma Russell. The performances were excellent, and reflected great credit upon the Lyccum; so much so that every Spiritualist who has helped to further its interest might justly feel proud. For want of time, tests intended to have been given by Mrs. Butler were omitted. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Allyn a vote of thanks was also extended to Dr. X. Allyn a vote of thanks was also extended to Dr. X. Allyn a spirited (the printing being by Mrs. Allyn at the Anniversary of the Echo Spiritualist. And for what used by Mrs. Allyn a note of the sold for the benefit of the children—the sales amounting to \$8.5. The service; hencelity, was printed (the printing being contributed by a non-Spiritualist) and sold for the benefit of the children—the sales amounting to \$8.5. The services from Mrs. Wilkins, Miss Nettle M. Holt, Mrs. M. S. Orthe chairman, under control, followed by a ddresses from Mrs. Milkins, Miss Nette M. Holt, Mrs. M. S. Dress, Jreeelity, was printed (the printing being contributed by a non-Spiritualist) and sold for the benefit of the children—the sales amounting to \$8.5. The services from Mrs. Wilkins, Miss Nette M. Holt, Mrs. M. S. Dreve, Mrs. J. E. Wilson and Mrs. Dr. Smith, all of which were fustructive and well received. Recognized tests were given by Mrs. Wilkins, Miss Holt, Mrs. M. E. Pierce, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, and Mrs. Wilkins, Sins Holt, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Smith, the chairman and others.

The attendants with sweet music. Metropolitan Temple.—Monday evening John Slater held an Anniversary service at Metropol-itan Temple, which was elegantly and profuse-ly decorated with floral ornaments. Several Slater held an Anniversary service at Metropol-itan Temple, which was elegantly and profuse-ly decorated with floral ornaments. Several where the several throughout the day were interspersed with excellent throughout the throughout the throughout the day were interspersed with excellent throughout the day were interspersed with excellent throughout the t music; Miss C. Campbell, planist, F. F. Harding, cor

speeches. Mrs. Kate R. Stiles and Mrs. Bhackley gave excellent tests. Miss Lucette Webster gave sev-eral fine recitations. Next Friday, April 25th, business meeting at 2:30; also spirits' afternoon, exercises to open at 3 o'clock. Mits. A. L. Woodhuury, See'y. 23 liromley Park, Boston Highlands.

The Ladies' Industrial Society held its regu lar meeting in Twilight Hall, 789 Washington street, on Wednesday, April 16th. Business meeting 2:30; circle at 4; supper at 6. The entertainment in the evening commenced with singing by the audience. Mrs. Burnham and Dr Morris, of Bridgeport, Conn., spoke. Closing remarks were made by our President, Mrs. Whitlock. 1

Letter from Ohicago. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Chicago, the smoky city, is just waking into Spring, having had as disagreeable an introduction as can well be imagined, with rain, snow, sleet and piercing winds. With the waking she finds a big white elephant on her hands in the shape of a prospective World's Fair in 1892-3. At present she only looks upon it as a good-sized white calf, but as time goes on

world's Fair in 1892-3. At present she only looks upon it as a good-sized white calf, but as time goes on the huge proportions will grow upon her with tusks, trunk, and all the other paraphernalia. But she wauted it, or thought she did, fought for it, and won. She comes by it honorably, and now we shall see what she will do with it. The Chicagoans are an enterprising people, and do not shrink from colossal undertakings of any kind, and in this instance they may prove themselves equal to the enterprise they have assumed. There were good and valid reasons why the Columbus Exposition should be situated a thousand miles inland. The centre of population has advanced toward the Missis-sippl valley; the seat of empire and commerce has been moving further and further west, and it was timely and proper that a public recognition of the fact should be made. The literal border of the United States no longer represents the whole country, and the assumptions of New York needed a little restraint. The Parisians are fond of saying "Paris is France," and the New Yorkers would have been pleased to have the world think that New York is the United States. But what might possibly be true of Paris can by no manner of means be true of New York. There are many cities in the United States to dispute the honors with her, and at the close of the present cen-tury Chleago may have outstripped her in population, if not in wealth. Some of the best mediums in the country are in

honors with her, and at the close of the present cen-tury Chicago may have outstripped her in population, if not in wealth. Some of the best mediums in the country are in Chicago, many of whom are endorsed privately, if not publicly, by *The Journal*, but it does not do to be guided by all that paper affirms regarding some me-dlums. It never has anything but condemnatory re-marks, for example, of the Bangs sisters, when the fact is that as independent slate-writing mediums they have not their equals on the globe. I am know-ing to instances where persons have previously written questions which have been accurately and satisfacto-rily answered in presence of the medium—the ques-tions not having left the possession of the writer for an instant during the sitting. It is no uncommon thing for an investigator to the up thoroughly cleaned slates and suspend them to a gas jet over the table at which he is sitting with the medium, and to get them filled with writing, the medium in no manner coming in contact with them. Slates tled up in like manner, and placed at a distance away upon a mantel plece, have shown like remarkable results. Not long ago a Jewish rabbi, of Washington, D. C., but whose name I am not allowed to divulge, addressed questions to a deceased rabbi, and received correct answers in the Hebrew tongue.

Jewish rabbi, of Washington, D. C., but whose name I am not allowed to divulge, addressed questions to a deceased rabbl, and received correct answers in the Hebrew tongue. The sisters have lately been in Cleveland, where they have had marked success. A Jewish gentleman received through them a message, or messages, in the Hebrew language, and acknowledged the same in the prosence of a public assemblage. If any one should desire corroboration of the fact he may address Samu-el Fischer, care of 230 Vladuc, Cleveland, O., and he will doubtless be accommodated. The day prior to leaving for Chicago one of the sis-ters had an experience with a so-called reporter of the *Leader and Herald*, who came out with a three-col-umn article announcing an *exposé* of the "spirit writ-ing." He wrote four questions folded in pellets, and as a matter of fact Lizzie Bangs was able to get one, and only one, of them answered. That one was ad-dressed to his Aunt Amelia, which he acknowledges to have been "a gepuine question." The other three were factitious, according to his own confession, and yet he has manufactured answers to them which he never received, and spread them before the public in order to place the mediumship, the "reporter's" ex-planation of how the thing is done is farcical and ridiculous, and will have weight only with those who are willfully blind and bigoted. Materialization through the sisters is also a fact accepted by reliable persons, who have tested them under all possible conditions. One of the good and reliable mediums of the city was formerly a resident of Malden, Mass. She has been twice married and twice a widow, and her grown-up sons answer to the first of her married names. They have medumistic qualities that are re-markable, if they would yield to them, but they neither sympathize with their mother in her heaven-born gits, nor appreciate their own. In fact, they scout the whole matter. One of them reluctantly ad-mits that he has seen spirits on several occasions. Twice he has seen the former pr

Movements of Platform Locturers.

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

Donday's mail to insure insertion the same week.] Dr. F. H. Roscoe, of Providence, R. L., lectured in Newburyport, Mass., on Bundays, April 15th and 20th; ite speaks in Hiaverhill, Mass., on Bunday, May 11th, and has the Bundays of April 27th and May 4th open for engagement. He can be addressed No, 430 Broad street, Providence. F. A. Wiggin, lecturer and platform test medium, is engaged to speak in Bridgeport, Conn., the last two Sundays of April; May 4th, in Conservatory Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 11th, in Haverhill; 16th, New Bed-ford; 25th, Haverhill. Would like engagements for June. Open for camp engagements. Mrs. Rinma Miner speaks in Westborough, Mass., April 27th.

June. Open for camp engagements. Mrs. Einma Miner speaks in Westborough, Mass., Mrs. Einma Miner speaks in Westborough, Mass., Mr. J. J. Morse was announced to address the public at Keighley, Eng., Sunday, April 10th, his subject in the atternoon being, "Inspiration, Past and Present;" in the evening upon subjects presented from the audi-ence. On the evening following he was to deliver a lecture on "The Parnell Commission." Mr. J. Frank Baxter will lecture in Lowell again, for the last time there the present scasen, on Sunday, April 27th. He fills engagements for Cleveland, O., on all the Sundays of May, and, returning, begins his June work in New Bedford, Mass., on Sunday, the 1st. Mrs. E. Cutler will speak in Buffalo, N. Y., May 4th and 1ith. On the 11th Mr. Willard J. Hull will deliv-er a lecture, Mrs. Cutler following with tests and readings; her address after May 13th is 1749 North Fourth street, Philadelphia, Pa. After a very successful trip to Santa Barbara and Sumdays April 13th and 20th, and in many places with-In ready access during the weeks. His farewell ser-vices in San Francisco and Oakland Sundays April 13th. Ho leaves for New York May 1st. Henry H. Warner, inspirational tranee lecturer and platform medium, may be engaged for season of 1890-01 by addressing him 441 Shawmut Avenue, Bos-ton, Mass. Mr. J. W. Fletcher will lecture in Slade Hall, Provi-dence, R. I., the first Sunday in May. He lectures th Saratoga during August. Address 142 Weets Sitteenth

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The damage to the steamer Puritan will lay her up a week for repairs.

A number of people have been injured by a bridge disaster at Springfield, O., the result of a modern invention. Lots of accidents of this sort have occurred of late years. Builders of bridges had better pattern after the Essex chain bridge over the Merrimac river, between Newburyport and Salisbury, Mass., which has been in successful operation nearly a hundred years.

The labor meetings in London will take place on the first of May. A great demonstration is expected.

The INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND PEACE Association has drafted an address to Emperor William of Germany, asking him to take the initiative in disarming, or to convene a conference of the powers for that purpose.

The United States Treasury vaults in Washington are to be made burglar-proof.

An English and American syndicate offers to furnish Mexico \$250,000.000.

We learn from the Springfield Homestead that the celebrated "Mrs. Partington" is dead. She said on the eve of passing away that she had conglomerated in this life long enough. Requiescat in pace.

THE MEDICAL TRUST.

BY GEORGE A. BACON.

Bills have been introduced calling upon Congress to nt to certain doctors in this District the privilege etting up a corner on their particular method of Jinistering drugs. It is an effort to extend the "Bootors' Plot" over the territory of the United States

To this a vigorous petition protesting against the passage of any such vicious legislation is in circula-tion, and such is its character that it ought forever to squelch any and all attempts to create a medical monopoly here or elsewhere. By way of offset Senator Dolph has introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the Medical Society of the District of Columbia. The proposed amendments wipe out of existence the Board of Examiners, and the right conferred by the act of July 7th, 1838, to charge a fee of ten dollars for the certificate to practice. Another assendment proposed strikes out section five of the his, which now provides that no person shall practice medicine in the District unless he has either a license from the Medical Bociety or a diploma. The amendments; if adopted, would allow any one to practice. These old line doctors have the effrontery to claim the sole prerogative of dosing those who are unfortunate enough to be sick, according to their own castiron standard. They intend, if possible, to allow none but themselves to fish in the waters of medical experience. They demand sole jurisdiction over the care of mortal bodies. Dying people must die in accordance with their prescribed form or not at all. Under the sanction of law they want the power to enforce 1Ail humanity to pass away subject to their control and to bear the mark of their fatal brand.

The effort and aim of those who seek this medical monopoly is characterized by gross selfishness, moral obliguity, perversion of justice-a criminal interference with and violation of every principle of personal rights; a wicked assault upon the spirit of liberty. It is sought for only by privileged practitioners of a mon-grel system, the highest claim for which is that it is founded upon conjecture and empiricism. Washington, D. C., April 19th, 1890.

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selections of music were given by Mr. Slater and associates, Prof. A. O. Eckman presiding at the grand organ, and the interest of the large audience present was excited by the grand test seance with which Mr. Slater closed the service in big up to a proper in his unique manner.

OAKLAND.

The exercises in California Hall—which was decorated with flags and a great profusion of floral pieces, the rostrum presenting the appearfloral pieces, the rostrum presenting the appear-ance of a beautiful flower-garden-were under the auspices of the earnest and indefatigable workers, Dr. J. R. and Mrs. Edith Nickless. The services were opened with a piano duet by Miss and Mr. Hill, followed by a song, "The Gates Ajar," by Miss Mabel A. Nickless. A va-riety of musical selections followed; Mrs. Hig-eing meles on the duties of mediums closing The type of musical selections followed; Mrs. Hig-riety of musical selections followed; Mrs. Hig-gins spoke on the duties of mediums, closing with a number of communications from spirits to their friends present. Mrs. Nickless spoke under control on the responsibilities of Spirit-ualists, and closed with giving a number of communications, descriptions and tests. The service was closed by the congregation uniting in singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and a benediction by Mrs. Nickless. Although but a short time before the public as a lecturer, Mrs. Nickless is a very instructive and interesting speaker, and her platform tests are very con-vincing. Her presence is ladylike and dignified, commanding the respect of her hearers, and we trust there is a bright and useful future be-fore her in the field of spiritual labor in which she and her devoted companion are so unselfish-ly laboring.

ly laboring. At Shattuck Hall services were held by Mrs. Logan in the evening, in which Mr. Hyde, Dr. Mansfield, Prof. Ewons, Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Domes, and several other speakers and mediums made addresses, gave tests and recited

poems. The meetings at Fraternity Hall were con-Lae meetings at praternity Hall were con-ducted by Dr. Macsorley, who gave a lecture on the Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in the afternoon, and opened the evening ser-vices with singing and an address, which was followed by platform tests by the well-known and very successful medium, Mrs. Ladd-Fine-can gan.

Summerland.—Several of the leading Spiritu-alists of this vicinity took advantage of the ex-cursion rates to attend the anniversary meet-ings at Summerland, which delightful Spiritu-alists' resort is progressing rapidly in settle-ment and improvements. The library build-ing, in which the exercises were held, is a beau-tiful edifice, and, from its commanding posi-tion can be seen the lovely islands in the Santa Barbara channel, the entire village, with its handsome cottages, which will soon be sur-rounded by flowers, vines and shade trees, the Carpinteria Valley, and the grand mountains which encircle the site. The speakers there present pronounced the location to be one of the most desirable in the country on account of the fertility of the soil, the beautiful sur-roundings and its balmy atmosphere-unsur-passed in the world. Summerland.-Several of the leading Spiritu-

Buffalo, N. W .- Mrs. Adeline M. Glading has been with us for the full month of April, and has done extremely well for our Society. She draws full houses, and her tests are all above the average. If our church was an Orthodox one they would call our meetings "revivals," and so they really are.

J. W. DENNIS, President.

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music; Miss C. Campoon, pranos, A. A. M. netist. Thursday afternoon (17th) remarks were made by the chairman, Dr. P. C. Drisko, Mrs. Pierce, Miss Holt, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wilkins and others; tests given by Miss Holt, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pierce and the chairman. Service every Thursday at 3 o'clock, Sundays at 10:30, 2:30 and 7:30. Tests in the evening. M. M. HOLT, See'y.

Engle Hall, 616 Washington Street .-- Last Sunday the morning conference was opened with a song, "The Brook," by Mrs. M. F. Lovering. Re-

song, "The Brook," by Mrs. M. F. Lovering, Remarks by Mr. Blackden, Mr. Haynes, Dr. Thomas, Mrs. M. W. Lesile, Mr. Riddeli, Mrs. T. J. Lewis, Mr. Merrill, Mrs. Chapman, and the Chairman. Afternoon.-Quartette by Mr. G. F. Allen, Mr. L. W. Baxter, Mrs. A. B. Frye and Mrs. Lovering. Invocation by David Brown, who followed with a short address and test; Mrs. T. J. Lewis, of Chelsea, Dr. Toothaker. Mrs. Buck followed. Mrs. Anna Temple, the fire-test medium, gave an exhibition of that bhenomeuon. phenomeuon.

phenomenon. Evening.—Song by the planist. Tests and delinea-tions by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hattle Young, Dr. Tooth-aker, Dr. Coombs. Mrs. Anna Kimball entertained the andience, placing her hands in fire, with no injury therefore.

the audience, placing ner manus in arc, which therefrom. Wednesday afternoon, April 16th.—Plano solo by Mr. J. E. Wilson. Dr. Drisko, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Keiley participated in the exercises. Meetings are hold in this hall every Wednesday at 3 P. M.; Sunday at 10:30 A. M., 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. F. W. M.

Birthday Anniversary. - A large number of the friends and members of Eagle Hall Society assembled in their usual place of meeting, 616 Washington street

friends and members of Eagle Hall Society assembled in their usual place of meeting, 616 Washington street, Saturday evening, April 19th, to celebrate the birthday of the Chairman, Mr. F. W. Mathews, and extend to him the hand of fellowship in sustaining the meetings during the past two years, and through them the cause of Spiritualism in this part of the city. The hall was tastefully decorated; and a beautiful banner, conspicnous near the platform, was inscribed as fol-lows: "Welcome to our Chairman, April 19th, 1890." Mrs. Lottie Milliken presided, and Miss Jennie Rhind opened the exercises with remarks and an improvisa-tion, and they were continued as follows: Song, "Queen of the Night," by Mrs. Mary F. Lovering; recitations by Miss Mattle Milliken and Master Wright, which elicited applause; song by Miss Jewel, plano accompanist, Mrs. Lovering. Mr. A. D. Haynes, of Charlestown, In behalf of the friends, made a short speech, and presented Mr. Mathews with a purse of money, as a token of the high esteem in which he was held, and the friendship felf for him. Mr. Mathews in response made appropriate remarks, giving expres-sion to his deep feeling of gratitude in receiving this gift of love from the Bociety, after which the baskets, which had been kindly contributed, were disposed of at auction. After all had partaken of refreshments, at a late hour the pleasant entertainment closed, all wishing Mr. Mathews a God-speed In his future labors, and invoking for him heaven's cholcest blessings.

Twilight Hall, 789 Washington Street.

On Sunday last, at each session, our hall was filled. Able discourses were given by Dr. H. B. Storer, Eben Cobb, Father Locke and Frank T. Ripley. Arthur Hodges received a warn greeting and gave communi-cations of the highest order. Mr. Garret and Dr. T. R. Nichols favored us with most excellent thoughts. Mrs. Lizzie Brockway delivered a fine recitation, which called forth. heartfelt applause. Excellent readings and tests were given by Mrs. A. B. Cunningham, Miss A. Peabody, Mrs. A. Forrester, Mrs. M. A. Leslie, Mrs. Hattle Young, Peter McKenzie and Egrilo Brewster. Able discourses were given by Dr. H. B. Storer, Eben

First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society Par-First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society Par-lors, 1031 Washington Street.-Friday, April 18th, the attendance was good. All regret the con-tinued illness of Mrs. J. F. Baxter and Mr. Stone. A worthy medium was assisted with a present of five dollars. Propositions for membership are being re-ceived at each meeting. At the evening session the music by Miss Amanda Balley, Charles W. Sullyan and Miss Wakefield was a pleasing feature of the on-tertainment. Miss Lulu Morsé, the talented young artist, was enthusiastically received. Mrs. Allce Wa terhouse, Dr. Richardson and Mr. Haskins made good

which by reincarnationists would be eagerly selzed upon in support of their doctrine. She says that one day he came running in to her, exclaiming: "Oh, mamma, I have seen my other self; I was not always what I am now; I lived once before, and my name was — "(giving a foreign name, which Mrs. C. does not now remember). This was many years ago, and the boy had never heard the reincarnation theory mentioned, nor has Mrs. C. ever been in sympathy with it.

with ft. Liberal thought is everywhere making progress, and the Cause of Spiritualism is gaining adherents from among people of position and influence far and wide. As the years roll on it will more and more per-meate our social life and institutions, and then it will shape its own organization in a way that will be per-manent, efficient and effective. BOSTONIA.

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J. M. D., BEAVER, PA .- The message you speak of has not been dropped—only the announcement that it is to be print-ed has been omitted, as is our regular custom, after printing the notice once. The message itself will be published in due course in our columns; but it will be a number of weeks ere it can appear.

I. N. B. (See'y), LINCOLN, NEB.-Yours of 16th inst. re-ceived; the obituaries will appear next week.

Annual Convention.

Annual Convention. The Connecticut Spiritualist Anniversary Association will hold its fourth Annual Convention at Grand Army Hall on Saturday and Sunday, April 20th and 77th, in Norwich. It is desired that the friends throughout the State will show their interest in this meeting by their presence and by sond-ing delegates to ropresent them and the Cause. Norwich, the "Rose of New England," is "beautiful for situation," and the last days of April, with balmy air, will bring pleasurable recollections of the incoming beautifes of spring. The selection of the piace and the time of holding the Convention should assure us a large and successful gath-ering.

The Convention should assure us a large and successful gauarithe Convention should assure us a large and successful gauarithe Convention on this occasion: Mrs. R. Shepard Lillie and Mrs. H. S. Lake. PROGRAMME: Saturday, April 26th, 1850.–11 A. M., Bushness meeting, Scoretary's report, choice of officers, etc.;
 r. M., Discussion on Society work and public schools;
 7.30 P. M., Short Addresses by Mrs. Lillie and Mrs. Lake; Vo cal Music, Mr. Lillie; Improvisation, Mrs. Lillie, Stunday, 27(A.–11:30 A. M., Lyceum Sossion; 1:30 P. M., Overture by Orchestra; Lecture, Mrs. Lake; Song, Mrs. Lillie; Poem, Mrs. Lake; Bong, Mrs. Lillie; Address, Mrs. Lillie; Poem, Mrs. Lake; Bong, Mrs. Lake; Music by Orchestra, Psychometric Readings, Mrs. Lake; Music by Orchestra, Psychometric Readings, Mrs. Lake; Music by Orchestra, S. O. ROBINBON, Sec y.

Meetings in Philadelphia.

The First Association holds meetings every Sunday at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. In the hall 810 Spring Garden street. Ohldren's Lyceum at 2 P. M. Joseph Wood, Presi-lent; B. P. Benner, Vice President, 420 Library street; Harry Huber, Jr., Secretary.

The Second Association meets every Sunday after-noon at 2% in the Church, Thompson street, below Front. T. J. Ambrosia, President, 123 North Third street.

Keystone Spiritual Conference every Sunday at 2% P. M., northeast corner 8th and Callowhill streets. Mr. Row bottein, Chairman.

The Fourth Association holds meetings every Sun-day at 7% P. M. in the hall northeast corner id street and Girard Avenue. Mrs. Minnie Brown, President.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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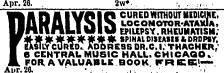
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MRS. M. T. SHELHAMER-LONGLEY will occupy the plat-form on *Tweeday afternoons* for the purpose of allowing her spirit guides to answor questions that may be propounded by inquirers on the mundane plane, having practical bearing upon human life in its departments of thought or labor. Genetions can be forwarded to this office by mail, or handed to the Chairman, who will present them to the presiding spirit for consideration.

spirit for consideration. MRS. B. F. SMITH, the excellent test medium, will on *Friday afternoons* under the influence of her guides give de-carnated individuals an opportunity to send words of love to their earthly friends—which messages are reported at con-siderable expense and published each week in THE BANNER.

siderable expense and published each week in THE BANNER. It should be distinctly understood that the Messages published in this Department indicate that spirits carry with them to the life beyond the characteristics of their earthly lives—whether for good or evil; that those who pass from the mundane sphere in an undeveloped condition, event-mally progress to a higher state of existence. We ask the reader to receive no doctrine put forth by spirits in these columns that does not comport with his or her reason. All express as much of truth as they perceive—no more. It is our earnest desire that those who recognize the messages of their spirit-friends will verify them by inform-ing us of the fact for publication. Matural flowers for our table are gratefully apprecia-ted by our angel visitants, therefore we solicit donations of such from the friends in earth-life who may feel that it is a pleasure to place upon the altar of Spirituality their floral origina.

offerings. The Letters of inquiry in regard to this Department must be addressed to COLDY & RICH, proprietors of the BANNER OF LIGHT, and not, in any case, to the mediums.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF

Mrs. M. T. Shelhamer-Longley.

Report of Public Séance held Feb. 11th, 1890. Spirit Invocation.

Report of Public Scance held Feb. 11th, 1890. **Spirit Invocation.** Ohl Bright Spirit of Eternal Truth, we invoke thy presence, we desire thine instruction. Search every heart with thy clear light of investigation and knowl-edge, banish every shadow of doubt and ignorance and error, so that these human children may arise in their might and new strength to a higher conception of the and thy laws, to a grander comprehension of life, its duties and its destiny. Ohl thou Sacred Pres-ence of Infinite Love, may we feel thy deep affection of tenderness, until we shall be brought into deeper sympathy with one another, so we shall realize our nearness to thee, and our relationships, close and fraternal and beautiful, with each one. Our Father God, our Mother in Spirit, who is all godness, all beauty, all justice and wisdom, we are thy children, and we wish to realize that we are a part of thee. We would take into cur lives the ministra-tions which thou hast to bestow, we would receive from thy angel hosts who come from worlds beyond, bearing tidings of great joy, such immortal lessons, such eternal gleams of knowledge, as they have to be-stow upon the children of earth. May we rejoice with them in the enfranchisement of the spirit, imay we john in the paises which they give forth for the blessing of life; ay, and for the blessing of death, which is a boon to mankind, bringing through the change advance-ment, self-knowledge and soul-power. We ask thy blessing, and the benediction of all good and beautiful souls, to rest upon each human heart now and at all times. Amen.

Fannie Burbank Felton.

Fannie Burbank Felton. Music and the beautiful words of inspiring song lift my soul upward, and seem to bear it away upon wings of light as I stand here upon your platform, Mr. Chairman, kindly and cor-dially invited by your Spirit President to speak a few words to friends who are yet struggling along through mortal mists and cares. To them it seems if a veil hung between this world and the next; but I am so thankful that it is not now a heavy pall resting between human hearts on this side and those who have stepped to the other, but that it is only a fleecy, thin veil, through which you may sometimes discern the smiling features of your friends who are watch-ing you from the other shore. It is a pleasure and a privilege for me to speak here at this time, because I hold in my heart such fond remembrances of the dear friends who in times past gave me an encouraging word

such fond remembrances of the dear friends who in times past gave me an encouraging word and the warm grasp of the hand, and some-times a "God bless you; your work is a noble one, and I know you will be protected by the angels from beyond." Such benedictions were of priceless value to me in my work for the spirit-world, and I have borne them through the years that have passed since I left the body as jewels of light, as things of beauty to enrich my life. I would say to my friends: I have not for-

fluence, and for the life which they have given to those beyond. We know they are frail some-times, we know that many are weak; but, after all, with the frailty and the weakness, we can find something to love, to appreciate and to bless.

find something to love, to appreciate and to bless. I am to-day the mouthplece for a large band of spirits who delight to come here, Mr. Chair-man, and if not express themselves by speech, at least send out their influence, not only to those friends who gather here to listen to what is said, but to the world, wherever your paper shall reach. I am their mouthplece, to express their benediction and friendship, their sympa-thy and tender feeling, to all who desire to re-celve something of ministration from the spirit-world. world.

It does us good to comphere, Mr. Chairman ; your music your songs, your words of cheer, of hopefulness and instruction, are of so much gather here, not only to those who speak for themselves, but to many others, who come as if to a school, to receive magnetic strength and support that will assist them in their labors of the spirit. While I give my love to friends everywhere.

especially in Massachusetts, I wish to speak particularly to day to those at Northampton and its vicinity. They know that I sometimes bring my influence and try to make my pres-ence understood, but it is pleasant for me to ence understood, but it is pleasant for me to give a word from your platform—a word of cheer and love and sympathy. Oh! I wish them to know that I am not alone in this, but that many dear ones who have crossed the shining river unite in weaving their chains of golden love to bind the hearts of their dear ones who are here by those magnetic chains that are drawing precise souls upward to a that are drawing precious souls upward to a realization of spiritual life and soul commu-nion, and a thought of the duties and the la-bors and the destinies that await them over there. I thank you, sir, for your permission. Fannie Burbank Felton.

Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT.-We will now con-sider your questions, Mr. Chairman.

sider your questions, Mr. Chairman. QUES. -[By Inquirer.] "Is it better for the progress of mankind that all the faculties of the individual should be harmoniously developed, or that some faculties should be allowed to become atrophied for the special development of others?" This question was recently under discussion by the New York Sorosis, but as no very satisfac-tory solution was arrived at, your correspondent is curious to know what the Spiritual Intelli-gence at The Banner office has to say upon the subject. subject.

Ans.—This is a question that might call for the wisdom of a more than Solomon. Is it bet-ter for the various faculties of the human being to be properly and harmoniously unfolded, or for attention to be given to the unfoldment of special faculties, at the expense of others? Sorosis is composed of a number of bright, in-Sorosis is composed of a number of bright, in-tellectual women, who are qualified, undoubt-edly, to express their opinion on this as well as other subjects; but we do not wonder that, in that brilliant assembly, the question was left in an unsettled state. To our mind-but, sir, we can only give our own opinion-it seems as if it were better to pay attention to every faculty, if that is possible, of the individual being, rather than have certain faculties de-veloped to an almost, if not quite, abnormal extent, and to allow others, for the lack of un-foldment and of use, to become atrophied. We know that certain minds, that are largely unfolded in special directions, are very often

unfolded in special directions, are very often incompetent to pass judgment upon subjects and questions that occur in departments of hu-man thought and labor, outside of those lines of study with which they are familiar. It seems as if a part of their faculties were not in work-ing order; that they had studied and thought and experimented and investigated certain lines, we may say, of scientific research to such a degree as to confine all their powers in one direction, and not to branch out in other lines. It is well to find specialists upon every subject. It is well to find specialists upon every subject, if that is possible, and a specialist who is thor-oughly and completely informed upon the branch of study which engages his attention will undoubtedly present to the world informa-tion and knowledge upon that special subject, whether it be medical science, or legal juris-prudence, or some science of the physical uni-verse, which shall be of great benefit to the race; and so you may say, as undoubtedly the members of Sorosis did, although we know nothing of their line of argument, that it would be better for those men of keen ability to de-velop their knowledge and their mental power, through careful study and research, in one di-rection, through the unfoldment of certain mental faculties, even though other powers and qualities of their natures were disregarded; better, because the world would gain informa-tion and knowledge for the provers and would tion and knowledge from the results of their studies. All this we grant. And yet it seems to us that while a sufficient amount of time and study may be given to the branch or pursuit of knowledge which the man follows to enable knowledge which the man follows to enable him to gain a very good comprehension of his theme, yet he might find time and power to study and try to understand other qualities and powers of his being, that they also may be cultivated and unfolded into beautiful expres-sion. This is only our own opinion. Here are two men who stand side by side; Here are two men who stand side by side; they are both earnest, sincere and honest minds; they desire to do good to humanity. One gives the whole bent of his mind to the study of a particular subject, ignoring the world and humanity, with its needs and woes and necessities, because he feels that he will do human life a service if he gains the knowl-edge that he seeks, because what he will im-part to the world will perhaps lighten its woes in a certain direction. part to the world will perhaps lighten its woes in a certain direction. The other man is a humanitarian at heart. He perhaps has a desire to study some spe-cial branch of learning, and the opportunities may be lacking, or circumstances may be such that he cannot bend his whole mind to the sub-tiat. that he cannot bend his whole mind to the sub-ject; and so, at such times as he cannot give to the pursuance of this thought, he engages his attention in other ways, unfolding various qualities of his nature by so doing. He comes in contact with various minds and learns some-thing of human life from the experience. That man has not become a learned savant in any special direction. Though he may call himself a physician or a scientist, yet he does not occu-py the highest round of the ladder of that spe-cial research, but he has branched out into of al research, but he has branched out into other lines; and he is a friend of humanity to that extent that his sympathies go forth and mingle with those of others; he sends out an influence that is elevating and strengthening, and that returns to himself with added power. Now the two men are both honest and earn-Now the two men are both honest and earn-est, and humanity-loving, yet one can only reach humanity through one avenue, through some special science that he has studied, with which he thinks he is conversant, while the other may reach humanity through a hundred lines bearing some special good to it. It seems to us that if only one, two or more faculties are attended to and cultivated, it will be surely at the expense of others: a sort of ah be surely at the expense of others; a sort of ab-normal condition is greated and exercised; and normal condition is greated and exercised; and it must be that a man will in some degree be one-sided, although you may not especially no-tice it in the external life, just as if the physi-cal body is not exercised in every part of its system: there will be portions that may be ab-normally developed, while others have not re-ceived the care, the attention, the unfoldment and the stimulation which they require But

mean by this expression would only apply to their own apcoint study, and not at all to any-religion outside of that, in human experience.
Variation is that mode or method of change which takes place in human life, in the atmosphere, in everything that we know anything about. Without variation there would be no color to life, no stimulation to existence, no vital, potent power to give us activity. Were there no variation in the physical universe, there would be, adult, dead monotone, which is advent with it from year to year. Indeed, we doubt if you could sustain life for any length of time, human life, were there no lines and no rules of variation in the physical universe. But what do we see? Diversity everywhere, variation on every hand, change taking place from year to year, from season to season, yea, from day to day; and so we have that which is active, potential, full of power, for rather full of spirit itself.
There are lines of variation in organic life and in individual life, in the animal and in the human. We find them in vegetable growth also. We behold a plant, which the florist has guarded with tender care, and experimented with, giving forth certain evidences of its unfolment; we watch its career, and by-and-bye we observe that an offshoot which has sprung from the life of the parent plant has produced a new variety; we have, perhaps, a hybrid rose, or some other beautiful flower, and we are told that a line of variation has come into operation here, and that is the result.

that a line of variation has come into operation here, and that is the result. So in animal life, there is a crossing and re-crossing of certain species, we will say, and eventually you will find new forms of animal existence springing forth where the line of va-riation has come into the work. Also in hu-man life the lines may be followed closely by the student who desires to understand these things.

SPIRIT MESSAGES, THROUGH THE TRANCE MEDIUMSHIP OF Mrs. B. F. Smith.

Report of Public Séance held Jan. 24th, 1890. Dr. John Morgan.

Good afternoon, friends-for such I claim you Good afternoon, friends-for such I claim you to be: I come to you to-day with the most friendly feeling, and with a greeting which would take you all in. I feel, as I enter this room, that I would, if possible, speak to the whole world-I am so happy to-day to announce to you that I found immortality a truth. I go back in thought to the time when I was called to minister to the side also whon I stood by

to minister to the sick, also when I was canned to minister to the sick, also when I stood by the dear little ones as the spirit took flight, and when the feeling would overshadow me: Where, where have they gone? What is death, and where are we all journeying? How strange it is that the recollection comes over me to-day of those periods when I stood gazing upon the face of the inanimate form after the spirit had lace of the manimate form after the spirit had left it. Death, dear friends, where is it? It is not with us. Is it with you? We cannot an-swer the question, for we find no death, but *life*, as we leave the old habiliment of clay and become clothed with immortality; it seems like emerging from one life into another. Oh! how grand the thought with you—but the knowledge with us-that we can identify ach other in the with us-that we can identify each other in the spirit-world!

There is one in particular, a dear friend, that I hope these words may reach, that she may know I stand by her. She has been chosen a medium between the two worlds, which liter-ally are one. I feel it is my duty to try and do my work here upon earth which I left undone, as I was a physician when in the mortal form: that my work is not yet accomplished. I know that I can be instrumental in doing a great deal through the one that I am with so much. And, dear friends, she is not unconscious of it either. I am grateful to the dear angels that it has been so appointed that through mediums we may still work on and on; also there is no end to our work, I find, in spirit-life. Then, as the spirit of thankfulness per-vades our souls, we reach out toward all—not merely to our kindred, but to each one. I am very thankful for these few moments allotted to me to speak here from your platform to-day. Please to announce my name, that by which we have in mortal life. Due Jaho There is one in particular, a dear friend, that

which I was known in mortal life. Dr. John Morgan, of Somerville, Mass. I was well known, also, in your good city. The one I speak of par-ticularly is in Chelsea.

George W. White.

I am very thankful that all are permitted to speak, and also to personate themselves. I would not care to be any one else. I am only plain George, as I come here to day. I have not a very extended message to give, but have

for you, my dear children. Would that you might learn more and more of spirit-commun-lon. I well and readily understand the feelings that overshadowed you when they said: "Sho is gone-dead." These words were harsh; but I might say thoughtlessly spoken. That night I know you had proof of my being with you. As the little sounds came you heard them, and you knew they must be from mother, to let you knew they must be from mother, to let you knew they from mother, to let you knew they first was active. Now, my children, my blessing I leave with you, and I would ask that the dear angels may walk with you. I make you a promise to-day: never will I forsake you, but I will come to you often; in the still hours of the night will I come, and try, with all the power that is given me, to make some manifestation, that you may know it is mother beside you. Now may the angels attend you, and may your. Ilves, dear children, be worthy of their companionship, is mother's prayer. Louisa Green.

mother's prayer. Louisa Green.

John H. Moriarty.

mother's prayer. Louisa Green. John H. Moriarty. [To the Chairman:] How do you do? Well, I am here. I just want to wake them up a lit-tle in old Chicago. I want them to know it is a truth I have spoken, and not to the walls, either: and I think it will (that is, when I get done) be for a good purpose. Now you don't know, sir—it is impossible for one of you, sit-ting here, clothed with the old mortal form, to know—how much pleasure it gives us just to step upon this platform and speak. They tell us we can have about five minutes apiece. I don't mean to take six; if I do, the next chap don't get but four. You understand that, do n't you? I aint going to hurry much, be-cause I'll muddle you up a little. I went out of the world in a hurry. What I mean by that is, I threw off the old surtout and put on a good—well, I guess it was an all-wool coat, and I felt first-rate in it; it fitted me nicely. But I found, also, after leaving the form, that that was n't all—being olothed with this beautiful garment, given me without money and with-out price—but there was something for me to do. It's a life of activity. You need n't sup-pose, one of you, that you are going to lay the body away, and then have n't got anything more to do, only to sing psalms all the days of your life, and walk those golden streets, with gates all studded with pearls. T feel pretty happy to-day. I want them to know I have been round them a great deal. I want just to state that a day or two ago—or it may be weeks, perhaps so, I can't tell—I was down on Lake street, and I found a great com-motion there. They have n't hardly got over the trouble they had some time ago. I was there, and knew all about it. I went out of the body up at Altoona, not in Chicago, but I think some of them there may know about me. At that time there was a good deal said in re-grain to the trouble they had when they were

At that time there was a good deal said in re-gard to the trouble they had when they were gard to the trouble they had when they were going to put the ribbon round the necks of some there. You remember that, do n't you? At that time I was in Chicago, and I thought I had better get out. I went to Altoona, up in the mountains, and after that I thought per-haps it would be better if I just set to work in the mines. You know where Pittsburgh is, do n't you? [Yes.] Well, so do I. I just looked about for a job, but I did n't hold it long be-fore trouble came up, and the first thing I knew I was no more of this life. And if you'll believe it, sir, I've got one of the best homes I 've ever had since I can remember. Do n't misunderstand me, and think I was so good and righteous here that I got this home all and righteous here that I got this home all built. But I've got a good home, and I'm sat-isfied with it. More than that, I want some of them to know that John H. Moriarty has got into a better place than Chicago or Pittsburgh or Altoona, or anywhere else. Good afternoon.

Samuel Horton.

Samuel Horton. I have felt for a long time, Mr. Chairman, that it would be gratifying to my own dear children to receive a word from me. At the time mother gave a communication I know how gratifying it was to them; and I felt, as I stood by, perhaps that would suffice, but I have heard them make the inquiry, many times: "Why do n't father come, and sister and brother?" This questioning has come up many times in their own spirits. I will answer the question: Dear children, I have felt perhaps what mother said to you would be enough, but what mother said to you would be enough, but as I stood here, and listened to the others, through the kindness of the Spirit President I was invited to speak, if I had a desire to, and most assuredly at all times would I send out

loving words to you, dear daughters. I know in Fowler, Trumbull Co., Ohio, I am remembered. I would say to them each one:

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two services of the Spiritualist Association, his guides discussing in the afternoon, 'Easter,' in remarks eminently fitting and appropriate. The séance which followed furnished convinc-ing tests. In the evening Mr. Emerson's guides answered questions from the audience, in a lucid and convincing manner, the thoughts advanced being strong. This service was sup-plemented with the usual test-séance, and the result was all that could be desired. A goodly number were in attendance at the afternoon session, and in the evening nearly every seat was occupied. Mr. Emerson is a great favor-ite here, and could his stay have been pro-longed another. Sabbath, Continental Hall would not hold those who would have desired to hear him. to hear him.

to hear him. During our stay here we made many pleasant acquaintances, among whom were the family of Dr. Prentiss, a popular clairvoyant physi-cian. He is now in the South making a frater-nal visit with Dr. George A. Fuller. His many friends here wish him a pleasant and benefi-cial experience, and look forward with pleas-ant anticipation to the day they may extend to him a cordial welcome home. The Spiritualist Association here I find well organized, ably conducted, and everything bar-

organized, ably conducted, and everything har-monious. The Association's business meeting recently held exhibited a good record, the financial status being the best it has been for months. months.

LOWELL. - A correspondent, "Penn.," writes: "Saturday evening, April 12th, the Old Folks' Party of last month was repeated. Old Folks' Party of last month was repeated. There were many beautiful and novel costumes worn, that of 'Farmer Hayseed from Way-back' causing much laughter. Following is the programme: Piano solo, Miss Winnie Day; chorus, Jerusalem, Old Folks; harmonica solo, piano accompaniment, Walter Shaw; trio, 'Spinning Wheel,' Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Davis, Mr. Chase; chorus, 'Sound the Cymbal,' Old Folks; Overture, piano, Miss Maud Para-dis; song, John Mason; harmonica solo, Wal-ter Shaw; song, Edward Cheney; song, John Mason; 'Matrimonial Sweets,' duet, Miss Win-nie Jordan and Edward Cheney; song, Mrs. Slocum; banjo solo, Mr. Wyman.

me sorvan and Edward Cheney; song, Mrs. Slocum; banjo solo, Mr. Wyman. On Sunday, the 13th, Edgar W. Emerson was with us, speaking to audiences that filled the hall afternoon and evening. His tests were many, and gave great satisfaction."

BOSTON .- A. S. Hayward writes: "During a call being made by a medium upon the fatily of a gentleman connected with the State Department, an influence came that caused her to throw herself upon a lounge and to ask if any present remembered one who passed from this life as the result of an accident. All failed this life as the result of an accident. All failed to recall any scene such as was personated, and so remarked; but the spirit would not relin-quish its hold, and after a time spoke of the factories or mills that were in the vicinity, and later sat up and asked them to look at her and see how her face was burned. Instantly it was remembered that many years previous a rela-tive of the family was burned at a fire in Great Falls, N. H. The woman was burned in her face just as shown through the medium, who had never known of the case. It could not have had never known of the case. It could not have been mind reading, as the family could not re-call the case until the spirit spoke of her face being burned, and asked her relatives if they did not recognize her by that. It is needless to say that the family was de-lighted to have such a convincing test, also to have the lady return to them."

APRIL 26, 1800.

TO THE READERS OF THE DANNER OF LIGHT

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gotten you. Some have grown old and weary with the cares and perplexities of earth-life; others have passed on to the world beyond, most of whom I have met and have been pleased It is indeed a blessing to those who were iden-

tified with the movement of Spiritualism in its earlier years, who stood in the front of the van earlier years, who stood in the front of the van and performed the work of the angels as best they could, to return from the spirit-side of life and coöperate with the workers who have step-ped up to fill their places. It does us good to feel that we are asked for and welcomed from the spirit-side. I for one rejoice when any old friend inquires for me, and desires to know why U have not avvected monthly a spirit state the spirit state. I have not expressed myself more frequently, and what I am doing on the spiritual side. It assures me that memory is alive and active in

assures me that memory is any can active in the breast of my friend, and gives me a warm feeling of reciprocation. I wish my friends to know that I am not idle nor silent. My influence goes forth as it did in the past; and I believe that I can truly say I am used as an instrumentality of conveying instruction from souls more advanced to those who are in need of enlightenment and helpful cheer; therefore I feel that I am filling my place in the spirit-world, as I tried to fill it

Can you not think, friends, that it seems good to the spirit not only to return and meet with those whom it has left on this side of life, and give them a word of affection and encourargement and cheer, but also to meet with those whom it knew in days past upon the earth, who are now in spirit-life, and who, like itself, are doing the will of our Father by min-istering to his needy children? Can you not realize something of the pleasant reunions that occasionally take place on the spirit-side, when those old workers meet together, to compare notes, relate experiences, to mark the progress of time, and gain strength and sympathy from each other for the work which they have in hand

I have seen assemblies of that kind in spiritlife where friends have met together. Some of them were not really known to each other of them were not really known to each other personally on earth, but by reputation, by a similarity of work, by a union of principle, of sentiment and of conviction, they were one in spirit, and have come together in the other life. I haveseen them join with Achsa Sprague, Rosa Amedey, Dr. Brittan, Selden J. Finney, and so many of the old pioneer workers, who passed through such strange and varied expe-riences on earth, but who are now assembled upon the further shore. And I have seen the eye light up, the smile illuminate the counte-nance, as they have repeated over something of the past, and felt that they were spiritually akin. I have been with them, proud to be one of such company; and we have each and all,

cit light up, the smile illuminate the counte-nance, as they have repeated over something of the past, and felt that they were spiritually akin. Thave been with them, proud to be one of such company; and we have, each and all, felt refreshed by the meeting, stimulated with new electrical strength, and permeated with these set of muscles into work and they may de-origo f earth-life, and infuse into their ave-tight magnetic power to go forth to the weary workders of earth-life, and infuse into their ave-tight magnetic power to go forth to the weary workders of earth-life, and infuse into their ave-tight magnetic power to go forth to the weary the expense of others. Exercise, as your ath-the expense of others and the stime weary muscle and portion of the system, and you have a well-developed or the system.
Q-[From the audience.] What do we under-tor to be of service in some good way. And we love the mediums; we love the workers they are, however humble the circumatances the sufficient ways by different minds, because the sources to the mediums, as many spirits love them, for their work, for their inA for words now 'to my dear daughters. There are theme, for their work, for their inA for words now 'to my dear daughters therefore what the students, philosophers or the teachers of the spirit-comminion, to reach and the s

benefit to me, and I hoped it might be of benefit to some yet dwelling in the form. There are some things connected with the families I would like to touch upon, but in public I forbear, as I know these things should not be spoken of in public. The friends will readily understand to public. The friends will readily understand to what I refer, and sometime, perhaps, I may speak more to the point.

I have no regrets on account of leaving the old body. Very naturally we speak of the outward form as an old form, no matter if it is dq not feel that I was an old person, still I am do not feel that I was an old person, still I am just as anxious to come here and speak to you as I would have been if I had walked longer in the flesh. I was both grateful and surprised when I entered the spirit-world to find it so real, so like your life here, only more perfect than yours can be. I feel very much as I would when taking a walk upon the streets in your city, which I have liad the pleasure of doing a great many times, as I meet and pass and re-pass one and another with a friendly word, and sometimes stop to converse, as you do here, or sometimes stop to converse, as you do here, or at other times pass along quietly, if there is no attraction to hold me, in pursuance of my work -for ours is a life of labor, as has been told you thousands of times. Yet you know little about it; as we try to explain it to you, we find, as we read your spirits, you are still in the dark in regard to the happiness we have in this life. There are different degrees of happiness with us; our lives build our own heavens, and you, dear friends, are all builders, while re-maining in the form. Think not that I endured suffering in leaving

Think not that I endured suffering in leaving the earthly body. I realized everything, but no suffering. I am grateful that we identify each other in spirit-life, and that we do hold our own senses in passing out. I cannot speak for other spirits; I speak for myself, and those that I have come into conversation with. I was known as George W. White in this city.

Louisa Green.

Louisa Green. I would be very grateful, Mr. Chairman, if I could speak a few words for my dear children. I did know something of spirit-communion be-fore leaving the form, but sometimes they would smile, and I know they thought I was deluded when I would steal away by myself, holding sweet communion with the loved ones that had preceded me. I did enjoy so much going into the halls and hearing what might be given out through one medium and another, although as some were not in sympathy with me I could not converse on it as much as I me I could not converse on it as much as I Before the spirit took its flight I saw a most

try to commune with us, silently, mentally, for I have no hesitation, as I come here to-day, in saying to you that what I did learn of Spiritu-alism was a great comfort to me. Yowr mother, Dorinda, stands beside me, and sends loving words to you, dear children, to-day, and I would ask you, again and again, to sit by yourselves, in a quiet, passive way, and you will find you will gain a great deal in spirit communion, if it is only monthly to the provide the provide the set is only mentally. It is a grand thought for you here in the mortal to feel that, after laying aside the earthly form, you will find your loved ones waiting to welcome you into that peace-ful home where parting will never come. I was known in this life as Samuel Horton.

John H. Currier.

John H. Currier. It is quite a number of years, although it seems to me but yesterday, since they bade me welcome into the spirit-land. I have spoken from this platform before, and it was very grat-ifying to me. Think not that I bring these words for any one in particular. I would speak to the whole world. There are some who come close, with whom I was intimately connected while dwelling in the earth-life, and I know I am not forgotten. One old friend, that I used often to come in contact with while dwelling in the form, has

One old friend, that I used often to come in contact with while dwelling in the form, has scanned your "Message Department" to see if I have not kept my promise. Dear friend Gleason, that promise is good until it is fulfill-ed. There is always some reason why we do not speak here at such and such times, but never is a spirit denied the privilege of speak-ing when the conditions are right. I am thank-ful that I learned so much concerning spirit communion before casting off the mantle of clay. I realized all that was passing. I go not back to the earth-life, for there are some peri-ods that are not pleasaut to recall.

back to the earth-life, for there are some peri-ods that are not pleasant to recall. Many times have I entered the room where materialized forms have been able to present themselves, and I would say here, before the angel host, I did materialize my form at Mrs. Wells's, in New York. Yes, dear friend Colby, I acknowledge it again and again; and at that period I know I gave proof enough for you to know it was Dr. John H. Currier.

INDIVIDUAL SPIRIT MESSAGES TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.

Jan. 24 [Continued].-Mary Morrill; Thomas Green; Sarah arman; Nancy Jenkins; Jennie Cross.

THE MESSAGES GIVEN (THROUGH MES. B. P. SMITH)

As per dates will appear in due course. April 11.—Francis Collier; Dudley Culver... Sørah Baker; Mary Coz; Jennie H. Foster; Hannah Brown; Sarah Baker; Keeney; Joel Stannard; Belle Wide Awake; Rhoda Durant.

Notes on Hudson Tuttle's Psychic Science.

As a compendium of Spiritual Science it deserves to be in the library of every Spiritualist and investigator.— Dean Clarke, in Banner of Light. Mr. Tuttle's hand has lost none of its ounning since, more than fifteen years ago, I reviewed his Arcana.— Stainton Moses, in Light (London),

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¹ Gentlemen, what is your verdict?" asked his honor, in a border court room. "Wal," responded the foreman of the jury, "leven on us wants to hang the prisoner, but the twelfth man sticks to it he aint guilty, spite of all we can say; so bein' as the twelfth man is a no account feller, anyway, in order to make the verdict unanimous, we've concluded to hang 'em both."—Ex.

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Connecticut.

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services for the fourth. The annual election of officers took place on

The annual election of officers took place on Friday the 4th inst., with the following result, viz.: President, James E. Hayden; Vice-Pres-ident, Mrs. Marietta Conant; Secretary, Mrs. D. Kingsley; First Trustee, H. N. Bill, Second do., Mrs. J. R. Root, Third do., H. M. Traoy. A change in the Constitution and By-Laws was voted, whereby the new board of officers will continue in office till July, 1891. This change enables the officers to engage speakers / up to the summer months, when no meetings are holden. The Society has no speakers en-gaged save for the present month, which is supplied by Mrs. H. S. Lake, who comes to us for the first time. It is a great pleasure to supplied by Mrs. H. S. Lake, who comes to us for the first time. It is a great pleasure to meet so fine a lady and speaker as Mrs. Lake. We know of no person who lives more in the spiritual than she, as is evinced by the manner in which her guides pour forth knowledge and spiritual truths. Our Lyceum meets every Sunday at twelve, with an average of about forty attendants. For the past month a five-cent literary enter-tainment has been provided fortnightly, which promises well for the Society and for the se who volunteer to take part in the exercise, which consist of songs, readings and retra-tions.

Speakers desiring engagements will write to Secretary."

NEW HAVEN. - Charles Harper writes: 'THE BANNER is always a welcome visitor in this puritanical city. Notwithstanding the 'old ideas' to which many of our people cling, the new truths, or rather the truths that have been obscured, in consequence of false teach-ings, are springing up like the beautiful flow-ers, and gladdening the hearts of those willing to accept them. Spiritualism is not fashion-able in this place, consequently the throngs do not take to it kindly; but many have received the glad tidings of great joy which have/yed them to become believers. Spiritualism is to them a living truth of priceless value. Mrs. J. J. Clark, the well-known and highly-gifted medium, continues to reside in this city. She has done noble work in the past, and all her friends in New Haven and other cities re-spect and honor her for her devotion to the Cause to which she has devoted her life. May she be spared longer to continue her services to humanity by demonstrating the continuity of life beyond the bounds of time and space." this puritanical city. Notwithstanding the

New York.

NEW YORK CITY .- J. F. Clark writes as

follows. (His favor was mislaid, or it would have appeared sooner): "On Friday evening, have appeared sconer; "On Friday evening, March 21st, Mrs. M. E. Wallace gave a recep-tion at her residence, 210 West 42d street; to Dr. Fred L. H. Willis, who was in the city for a day on his way en route to fill his engagement at the Temple in Boston. On that occasion Dr. Willis had the pleasure of the most cultured and rem

of meeting one of the most cultured and rep-resentative gatherings of Spiritualists and lib-eral thinkers (who had assembled at the invi-tation of Mrs. Wallace) that it has ever been



The reading of the card was responded to by hearty applause, and on motion the audience unanimously:

Resolved, That we endorse and approve the state ments of the foregoing card as being entirely correct

nents of the foregoing card as being entirely correct. Our correspondent adds: "As evidence that this card by the lecturers was not a mere com-pliment, I will state that after the close of the meetings Prof. Loveland bought a tract of land adjoining the town site, and immediately went to Riverside to complete the sale of his fruit ranche at that place, intending, soon as his business there is completed, to make his per-manent residence at Summerland. As Prof. L. has been a resident of Southern California for eighteen years, this action on his part is a strong evidence in favor of the attractions of soil, climate and scenery afforded at lovely, balmy Summerland."

Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania. PITTSBURGH.—J. H. Lohmeyer, Secre-tary, writes: "At the annual election of the First Church of Spiritualists the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: J. H. McElroy, President; C. L. Stevens, First Vice-President; J. A. Gordon, Second Vice-President; W. L. Hughes, Treasurer; J. H. Lohmeyer, Secretary; William Fleming, Dr. N. Schenkel, Trustees—C. L. Stoner and S. A. Garber holding over for one year. Our church is able to begin the new year without pecuniary debt; and bright prospects are promised for the future by the spirit-world. The church is indebted to the Ladies' Aid Society for this good financial showing, as the ladies turned over a considerable sum of money, obtained through holding a fair in con nection with our Anniversary exercises. The church extended a vote of thanks to the ladies for the same, and we express our wish that the Lodies' Aid mour person in the future." for the same, and we express our wish that the Ladies' Aid may prosper in the future."

An Honorable Calling.

An Honorable Calling. In all ages the profession of medicine has been held in honor. Each of the other learned professions is more or less dependent upon this one. The lawyor must be versed in Medical Jurisprudence, and the cler-gyman must know "to minister to a mind diseased." And just now the writers of fiction seem to be encroach-ing upon the doctors" preserves." With slight alter-ations or additions, for example, a few illustrations, many a modern novel might be made to do service as a medical work. However, doctors' lives are not all sunshine. They must expect many disappointments. The search for the elusive builtet, though, apparently, equally fascinating, is often not more successful than that for the North Piel. Science has enabled them to determine just where it is, but, alas, they cannot reach it. Then they are oblight to depend upon the charity of editors and publishers for advortising, their "Ethics" not allowing them to pay for it. And worst of all, the chronic cases, baffling and setting at naught their skill. This is sad for the doctors; but let us not waste our sympathy upon them, let us rather point out a way of escape to the patients given over by them. This is found in the Compound Oxygen Treatment of Diss. STARKEY & PALEN. Being Inhaldol, it is absorbed into the blood, and distributed over the whole body, imparting new strength and vigor, and assisting nature. Over one thousand physicians are using if in their practice. You will find testimonials from these, as well as from great numbers of patients, besides, a full account of Compound Oxygen, in our Treatise of 200 pages, a carefully written work, the result of years of stady, and experience. Sent free, Address Diss. Stran-kery & PALEN, 1520 Arch street, Philadeliphia, Pa., or '20 Sutter street, Ban Fraucisco, Cal. A COURSE of lessons in the above by letter, also Planeta-ry Reading with Horosoope, and various questions an-swered. For terms and information, send for circular. GEORGE WINTER, Joint, Allegheny Co., Pa. Mar. 22. THOUSANDS testify that my Melted Peb-ble Spectaties restore lost vision. Sond stamp for full directions how to be fitted by my new mothod of clair-voyant sight. Address B. F. POOLS, Clinton, Iowa. Apr. 26. 2w⁶



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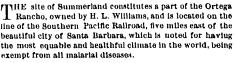
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APRIL 26, 1890.

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Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light

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While nature was just recovering from a "cold snap," and once more the wild-flowers were trying to usher in a genuine Southern spring, the exiles on old Lookout were enjoying, probably, one of the most interesting anniversaries held in the whole country. The Southern Association of Spirthunlists had decided to hold a convention here March 23th, 20th and 20th. But the Anniversary celebration really commenced March 21st, on the arrival unexpectedly, of Dr. S. H. Prentiss, of Worcester, Mass. one of the most justify noted ciarvoyant and trance mediums in the country. On that evening our first service was held, in the form of a circle, in which the guides of both Dr. Prontiss and Dr. Fuller took part.
 The next day Mrs. Ruffin arrived from Clincinati, O, and Mrs. Dunklee from Boston. Thus recruited we were ready for more active work. Mrs. Dunklee is a remarkably fine trance medium, and "Sunlight," her Indian control, soon became a universal favorite. On the 23d our work of decoration commenced in earnest. The large parior—under the skillful management of Dr. Prentiss, assisted by the ladles—soon became a thing of beauty. Mrs. Ruffin arrived from the room, also about fifty potted plants, nearly all of which were in full bloom Mrs. Huffin always leaves along her path kindly deeds, to remind others that she has passed that way.
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Tabot, who in the years gone by worked nobly here, and elsewhere, in the interests of our common cause. "Sence," next took control, and gave some very fine tests. Then followed the address, which was able and eloquent throughou. The evening was again devoted to a circle; and all pouring of that inspiration which cometh from good and noble spirits. Among those present with us during our meeting from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bobinson, of Charleston, Miss, who deserve more than a passing notice. Mr. Robinson is now building an elegant residence on the mountain, and will make his perma-net home bere. He has large plantations in Missis-sippl, which demaud more or less attention from him, but that can be given from this point as well as any other. He has for many years contributed largely of his means for the support of Spiritualism in the South, and his presence here will undoubtedly assist materi-ally in the work carried on at this point. Mrs. Fuller presided at the organ during the meet-ing in most pleasing and satisfactory manner. Among those not enumerated above who were pres-ent at our Anniversary should be mentioned Mr. and Mrs. John F. Haskins, formerly of London, Eng., but for the past nine months residents of Lookout Mount ain, and during that time guests of the Natural Bridge Hotel. They are both earnest and cultured Spirit-ualists, members of that class of soclety that always prove an honor to anything the ybecome associated with. Mr. Haskins is one of Chattanooga's promi-nent business men, being interested in the South Tredegar Iron Works. Dr. Prentiss while with us gave many medical sit-tings, and all of them were pronounced highly satis-factory. He made many friends here, and all cer-tand thas Geo. P. Colby and Dr. Geo. A. Fuller act as committee to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association, and present the same at the an-nual meeting in July, for the consideration of its members. If was thought by those present that pos-sibly some changes might be suggested that wou

Meetings in New York.

The American Spiritualist Alliance mentant lioyal Arcanum Hall, 54 Union Huaro, between 17th and 18th stroats, on 4th Avenue, on their and third Thursday of each month at 5 F.M. Parities seeing articles in the secular press freating of Spiritualism which in their opinion should be replied to, my requisited to send a marked copy of the paper to either of the officers of The Alliance, Front, Henry Kiddlo, President, 7 East 130th street; Mrs. M. E. Wallace, Record-ing Becretary, 219 West 22d street; John Franklin Clark, Corresponding Becertary, 50 Codar street. Adelphi Hall, corner of ASA Street and 7th Ave-nue.—The First Noclety of Spiritualists holds meetings, President. The Feenle's Spiritual Meeting every Sunday even

The **Feople's Spiritual Méeting** every Sunday even-ing at 8 o'clock at Mrs. Morrell's parlors, 310 West 43th street, just west of 8th Avonue. Mary O. Morrell, Conductor.— Soul Communion Meetings every Friday at 3 o'clock at Mrs. Morrell's parlors, 310 West 48th street.

The Psychical Society meets every Wednesday even-ing, at 8 o'clock, at 510 Sixth Avenue, near 30th street. J. F. Snipes, President, 26 Broadway.

The Ladies' Society of Morcy meets at Columbia Hall, 878 6th Avenue, every Thursday evening. Mrs. Kate A. Tingley, President.

The First Society of Spiritualists .-- Last Sunday morning Miss Jennie B. Hagan answered several questions presented from the audience in a very logquestions presented from the audience in a very log-ical and able manner. In regard to the manner of spirit control she said no exact explanation can be given, for no two mediums were controlled in exactly the same way. Each spirit employs a method best adapted to his own use, intermingiling and interblend-ing with the spirit of the medium. Many have Indian controls, because they lived in a more natural state while here. Miss Hagan improvised several poems in a highly creditable manner, and was very generally ap-plauded; one subject, "The Pope and the New Era," especially so.

while here. Miss Hagan improvised several poems in a highly creditable manner, and was very generally ap-plauded; one subject, "The Pope and the New Era," especially so. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. C. P. Sykes, in the place of Mrs. M. E. Williams, who was present, but unable to fill her accustomed place owing to asevere hearseness. Mrs. Dr. Drake made the opening address, in which she commented on the incon-sistencies of the ministers of the gospel, who preach the doctrine of damnation, and other ideas, in which they have but little practical belief. Does not Spiritual-ism rescue the fallen one from evil ways by controating him with facts that prove to him the watchful care of a spirit who is interested in him? We, as Spiritual-ists, should walk in the straight and narrow path, and set a good example, that the believers in Orthodox creeds may see by our daily walk and conversation that we are the children of God. Prof. Wilson Mac-Donald said that slate-writing is a fact, because he has seen characteristic, sensible writing, undoubtedly from a spiritual source, from an invisible intelligence, under such strict test conditions there can be no cavil about it, no quibble, no imagination—It is a plain fact. This being so, what conclusion are we driven to? To the determination that there is an invisible intelli-gence, human in its character, and that there is an or-ganized human in the ligence doing this thing. If that invisible intelligence an execute this almost improb-able feat of writing on slates ted securely together, is it not reasonable to think that it can effect full-form materializations? Mrs. Amanda Spence spoke on Spiritualism and the good it has accomplished, hampered as it has been by almost insurmountable difficulties. The fact of a sec-ond life being established, the next thing to be done, she said, is to know how to live. In the evening there was a large audience to listen to Miss Hagan. A goody number of questions from the audience were answered with such ability that t

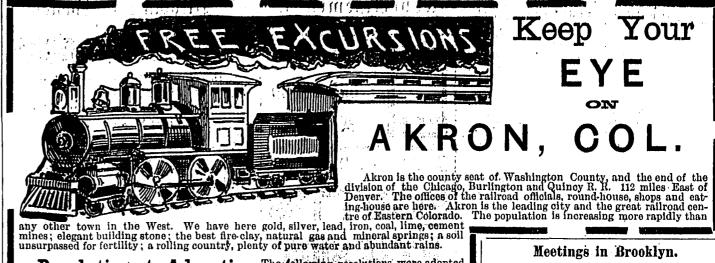
No. True Spiritualism and true spiritual Chrisitans are in perfect harmony; but when we come to view the various churches, there are certain points antago-nistic between them and Spiritualism. Spiritualism and Christianity stand side by side in the great prin-ciple of a living truth. Her inspirational poetry was up to its usual standard of excellence. Next Sunday will close Miss Hagan's present engagement with the society. Mr. J. Clegg Wright will speak each Sunday S. in May. New York, April 20th, 1890.

The American Spiritualist Alliance held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, April 17th, at 54 Union Square.

54 Union Square. One new resident member was elected, and after the regular business had been disposed of the discussion for the evening was upon the phenomena presented through physical mediumship. Mrs. Blake, of Brooklyn, a test medium, gave many evidences of spirits present, and volced the messages they desired to give. At the next session, Thursday, May 1st, The Alliance will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and all members are requested to be present at that time. JOHN FRANKLIN CLARK, Cor. Sec'y.

Medical Bills in Massachusetts. To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: The House Journal of April 15th reports: "By Mr. Dewey, of Boston, from the Committee on the Ju-diclary: inexpedient to legislate, or orders relative to creating a board for the registration of medical de-grees, and a petition in aid of the same." It may be well that the people should know that Mr. Dewey is the Chairman of the Judiciary House Committee for 1809; also that he is the Representa-tive who presented the Qua order for medical legisla-tion in the year 1889, which met with defeat in the Senate. The following day Mr. Sanger of Boston had tabled this adverse report on establishing a board for the registration of medical degrees, and gave notice that he would offer a substitute bill. It will be remembered that Mr. Sanger is a mem-per of the Judiciary Committee. At the last hearing



Pres't Board of Trade, Akron, Col.

Resolutions to Advertise. The following resolutions were adopted Trade: Whereas, the property owners of Akron having placed a large number of lots in the hands of the Secretary of The Board of Trade, one-third of which are to be given free of charge, to persons in all parts of the United States. Resolved, that the Secretary be authorized to expend sufficient money in newspaper advertising, circulars and such printed matter as may be required to bring before the people of the United States the advantages Akron offers for investment, business and residences, and that the property placed in his hands for free distribution shall be distributed as he may deem proper. By JOHN R. CALDER, Secretary. Pres't Board of Trade, Akron, Col.

By JOHN R. CALDER, Secretary.

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What we want is to get people here. Come and see Akron for yourself.

We insist that every one going West shall stop at Akron. Our Board of Trade will make you welcome. We have big-hearted people here, generous and noble. The Board of Trade is amply supplied with money to entertain strangers.

THE BOARD OF TRADE, of Akron, are determined our town shall grow, and property increase in value rapidly, and they feel the only way to accomplish this, will be to give strangers an interest in the prosperity of our city, and further bring all who will come, to Akron, that they may see for themselves the great future prosperity in store for them, and in addition, interest them as well in the city and country. Get these strangers to invest in the business and trade manufactories; locate them on improved farms, or on Government land, as they may wish. To this end we are arranging



from all parts of the country, in the next five months, commencing with April 22d, then May 20th, Sept. 9th and 23d, Oct. 14th, thirty days limit from day of sale, with privilege of stop off west of Mousa river, to Akron and Denver; and in order that the incoming visit-ors shall have a decided monetary interest in the town, the Board has placed at the dispo-sal of the Secretary a number of valuable building lots, with instructions to send a deed for one of these lots to each reader of this advertisement who may send his or her name to the Secretary, with 25 cents to pay notary fee and postage. These lots are a free gift, and entirely unencumbered, each deed containing an abstract of title from the Government; the taxes paid for 1890. Many of these lots are worth now \$100 each. On December 11th 1889 an excursion was

Many of these lots are worth now \$100 each. On December 11th, 1889, an excursion was run from Denver to Akron, when lots in the same ward sold at auction at from \$15 to \$250.

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The Denver, Col., Daily Neues, in their issue of Feb. 10th, say: "Real Estate in Akron has advanced 25 per cent. in the last 60 days, and advices from the East indicate a wonder-

ful immigration to this section of the State. It would not be surprising that within two years all the Government land within the Akron Land District will be taken up by actual

settlers. Akron will put in a \$25,000 water system this spring, and the business men of Akron have purchased two carloads of wheat, oats, barley and flax, which is being donated to the settlers for planting. The Burlington Railroad shipped the grain in free. This matter was taken hold of for the purpose of encouraging the farmers to plant a large acreage of diversified orops."

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The Progressive Spiritualists hold their weekly Conference at Everett Hall, corner Bridge and Willoughby streets, Brooklyn, every Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. Good speakers and mediums always present. Seats free. All cordially invited. Sanuel Bogart, President.

Conservatory Hall, corner Bedford Avenue and Fulton Street.-Regular meetings every Sunday, at 11 A.M. and S F.M. W. J. Rand, Secretary.

The Woman's Spiritual Conference meets every Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Starr, 231 St. James Place. S. A. McCutcheon, President.

Spiritual Union, Fraterility Booms, corner Bedford Avenue and South Second street, meets Sunday evening at 750 o'clock. Good speakers and mediums always present, Porter E. Field (39 Powers street), Secretary.

Conservatory Hall .- Mr. J. W. Fletcher spoke on Sunday Asubject, "Psychometry, the Book of Remembrance," followed by a large number of readings after each lecture.

The same subject will be continued next Sunday morning. In the evening a fine stereopticon lecture with special music will be given. SEC.

Cassadaga Programme for 1890.

Friday, July 25th, Miss Jennie B. Hagan; Saturday, 26th, Hon. Sidney Dean; Sunday, 27th, Miss Jennie B. Hagan and Hon. Sidney Dean; Monday, 28th, Con-

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Friday, Aug. 1st, Willard J. Hull; Saturday, 2d, Hon. Sidney Dean; Sunday, 3d, Lyman C. Howe and Walter
Howell; Monday, 4th, Conference; Tuesday, 5th, Mrs. F. O. Hyzer; Wednesday, 6th, J. Frank Baxter; Thursday, 7th, Mrs. R. S. Lillie; Friday, 8th, J. Frank Baxter; Sunday, 10th, Mrs. F. O. Hyzer and W. J. Colville; Sunday, 10th, Mrs. R. S. Lillie and J. Frank Baxter; Monday, 10th, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, and J. Frank Baxter; Sunday, 10th, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, and J. Frank Baxter; Monday, 11th, Conference; Tuesday, 12th, W. J. Colville; Wednesday, 13th, Miss Jennie B. Hagan; Thursday, 16th, Willard J. Hull and Miss Jennie Leys; Sunday, 10th, Willard J. Hull and Miss Jennie Leys; Sunday, 20th, W. J. Colville; Wednesday, 20th, Rev. Henry Frank; Thursday, 21st, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond; Friday, 22d, W. J. Colville; Sunday, 20th, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond; Monday, 28th, Mrs. R. S. Lillie; Friday, 20th, W. J. Colville; Sunday, 20th, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond; Wednesday, 20th, Hev. Henry Frank; Thursday, 21st, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond; Monday, 28th, Mrs. R. S. Lillie; Friday, 20th, W. S. Conference; Tuesday, 20th, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond; Wednesday, 27th, Hou. A. B. Richmond; Wednesday, 20th, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Watson; Sunday, 31st, Mrs. R. S. Lillie; Friday, 29th, Walter Howeli; Saturday, 30th, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Watson; Sunday, 31st, Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Mrs. E. L. Watson; Sunday, 31st, Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Mrs. E. L. Watson; Sunday, 31st, Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Mrs. E. Theore, Tuesday, 20th, Western Orchestra of Meadville will fur-

of meeting. The North Western Orchestra of Meadville will fur-

nish music at the Camp during the entire meeting. A. E. GABTON, Sec'y ('. L. F. Ass'n. Meadville, Pa., April 21st.

Salem, Mass.-On Sunday last. Mr. J. Frank Baxter again appeared in Salem. Every seat was taken in the afternoon, and in the evening, hall, ante-

Baxter again appeared in Salem. Every seat was taken in the afternoon, and in the evening, hall, ante-rooms and aisles were packed with enger listeners. The Spiritualists were out in force, and people never expected were there in numbers. The afternoon gathering was harmonious. After singing by a fine quartette, and poem and song by Mr. Baxter, the lat-ter announced the subject, and had proceeded some ten minutes when he was influenced, laid aside his manuscript, and gave one of the most wonderful tests ever publicly given from our platform. Resuming his lecture one minute later, he was seized again, and spent some twenty minutes with marvel-ous spirit delineations and tests to the delight of his audience. Excusing himself, and explaining, he once more attempted to give, at least, the substance of his lecture, but finally casting his notes aside said: "It's no use! I give it up!" and spent the full time till after four o'clock with spirit descriptions, communi-cations and tests. To the audience it was a grand ex-hibition of spirit power, and carried great and last-ing weight. For fully three quarters of an hour after all exercises closed Mr. Baxter was held by the crowds around him, some asking questions, and all, even nu-merous strangers, grasping his hand, and thanking him. The Spiritualist Society was elated, for nothing could have served Spiritualism." It was well ap-pretated by those earnest in promuigating our Cause. It was a mistake in delaying the evening hour for beginning so late, as many from Peabody. Beveriy, Danvers, Middleton, etc., dependent on "the last car," which on Sunday evenings leaves earlier than usual, were obliged to go before or during the scane. Mr. Baxter's descriptions were seriously interfered with owing to this cause, and it was a wonder how, with the confused conditions, he did the work as he did. For one hour, from 9 till 10, he exercised his medium-ship, and many marked and wonderful spirit descrip-tions were given. Several converts were secured, if the statements of

Philadelphia, Pa.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light

The Forty-Second Anniversary was celebrated at

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the hall of the First Association, 810 Spring Garden street, first by a conference, under direction of Simon Oler, commencing at 9:30, lasting till 10:30 A. M. Con-gratulatory remarks were made by Sisters Dr. Pratt. Alloway, Albright, and Brothers Watford, Thompson, Keffer, Rowbotham, Bates, and others; remarks by Bro. Benner; grand selections of music by our chor; recitation by Willard J. Hull, of New York. Then after another yocal selection, rendered by the choir, a lecture on "The Needs and Lessons of the Hour" was given by Willard J. Hull, who as a speaker occupies a place in the front ranks, being cloquent, logical, instructive and entertaining. He beld the close attention of the large audience until noon. Lunch-eon was then served by the ladies of the Association. At 1 o'clock we had a successful conference. At 2. exercises were held by the Lyceum, consisting of music, rocitations, dialogues, singing, etc., in which Masters Booth, Garlick, Bunz, fray, Benner, Berk-heimer, Fritz, Goad, L'Hommedieu, Russell and Morris participated. Conductor R. M. Cofiman, with his able assistants, were recipients of congratulatory remarks from hundreds. It was a scene long to be remembered. Singing the sand beautiful flowers gladdened, the place of assembly with melodious notes and fragrant periume. In the evening the exercises were continued, and many persons were unable to gain access to the hall. The services concluded with a lecture on "The Evo-lution of Truth," by Willard J. Hull, which was one of the best ever given in this hall. Monday, March 31st, the grand banquet and ball were given by the Women's Progressive Union, wherein over four hundred participated—the proceeds to be devoted toward building a Temple, and for the benefit of the First Association. The hall was most beautifuilly draped and ar-tistically decorated by Bros. Smith, Lowle, Langham, and, ofters.

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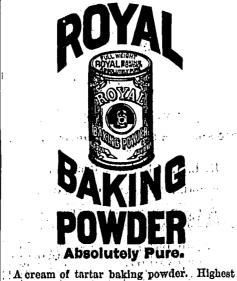
To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The Fort Dodge Society of Progressive Spiritualists met in its hall March 20th to commemorate the 42d Anniversary. , As, we have no regular speaker, and could not procure one for that day, we concluded to have a banquet conference and general good time. The ladies spread the tables to overflowing with the fuxu-ries and substantials of life, beautifully decorated with choice flowers, and over sixty are ready to testify to its excellence and beauty. After the' banquet we had some choice music and formed a circle. Our home mediums entertained us in an instructive and amusing manner, and we went to our homes, feeling, better in body and mind, fully re-solved to do our utmost for the benefit of humanity and our noble Cause. If any mediums or lecturers pass through this part of the country, we shall be pleased to have them stop over for a time.] met. in its hall March 29th to commemorate the 42d

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registration of incideal degrees, and gave notice that he would offer a substitute bill. It will be remembered that Mr. Sanger is a mem-ber of the Judiciary Committee. At the last hearing Mr. Sanger asked Dr. R. C. Flower, pointblank, "If he [8.] understood him [F.] to say at the previous hearing that he thought there was need of, a medical bill or statute?" Dr. Flower repiled that he did—one similar to that presented last year. Now the way that the evidence stands, it would seem that no one but Dr. Flower wants or sees the need of a new bill—as the two orders presented (one from Dr. Roeth, the other from the workingmen or ganizations, under the supervision of George S. Wil-son, M. D., have been considered inexpedient to be granted by the Judiciary Committee. The question now is, will Dr. Flower be gratified with a bill, after his own bill—i.e., that presented by Miss L. J. Robinson, the name of the National Consti-tutional Liberty League—has been considered inex-pedient to enact. Will the remonstrants be forced to go to the trouble and expense of placing before the mem-bers of the Legislature the testimony which, pre-sented at the hearings, convinced the Committee that it was inexpedient to legislate on the subject? The people of Massachusetts—at least the Spirit-ualists—have been led all along to believe that the Na-tional Constitutional Liberty League was one formed to remonstrate against all new medical legislation of the "medical trust" order. Such has at least been the impression diligently created by its representa-tives at the various camp-meetings. How, then, do we find the representatives of this very same League going up to the State House and asking, themselves, for a new medical bill (the one defeated last year)? thus abandoning the key to the whole position, viz.: that the present statutes now existing in Massachu-setts are sufficient, if enforced, to protect the people from the ignorance or inexperience of practitioners of medicine in this Commonwealth. The five Spiritualist meetings in

Haverhill and Bradford, Mass. - Britan Hall.-Last Sunday witnessed the last appearance here of Edgar W. Emerson in the present lecture course of the Union Fraternity, and consequently great audiences were in attendance to listen to his most interesting lectures and platform tests-the neighboring localities, even so far away as Newbury-port, having representatives in the audiences. Many tests were given, both in the afternoon and evening, and in almost every instance they were immediately and fully recognized.---Next Sunday the platform is to be occupied by Miss Nettle M. Holt, of Charles-town. E. P. H.



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Newburyport, Mass .--- Sunday, the 20th inst.; Dr. F. H. Rosche of Providence, R. I., was with us again, and lectured with his usual ability and eloquence to

and lectured with his usual ability and eloquence to an appreciative audience. His psychometric read-ings were unusually good. He gave some very fine tests while passing among the people. Dr. Roscoe is always sure of a large audience in Newburyport; he will be with us again next season. Our sist of March entertainment was by request re-peated on Tuesday evening, April 22d, at Fraternity Hall. Our season is about through; it has been a very successful one. We expect to resume in Octo-ber, with Hon, Sidney Dean as the opening speaker. F. H. F.

Haverbill, Mass., Red Men's Hall.-Henry H Warner was with 'us on Sunday, and answered ques tions propounded by the audience in a clear and able tions propounded by the automotor in a training and manner, after which proofs of spirit presence were given, most of which were recognized. Mr. Warner came to us highly recommended, bolh as a medium and gentleman. Haspeaks for us again next Sunday. WIN.

Quincy, Mass.-Mrs. N. J. Willis, of Cambridge, speaks at Faxon Hall, 2:30 and 7:30.-Miss Nettle M. Holt, of Charlestown, speaks for us on Sunday, May 4th, afternoon and evening. HENRY CHUBBUCK.

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'In Memoriam.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

April 7th, Rebecca'J, Carlisle passed to spirit-life aged 28 years.

aged 23 years. Miss Carlisle was a medium of rare power. In the exercise of her gifts she found a blessing that she gave freely to humanity. In accordance with her faith and practice, the last rites were under the spirit direction of her guides-Miss' Emma J. Nickerson conducting the service, first at Allegheny, the 8th inst., then at New Castle, the 9th inst., where our arisen sister was well known and beloved. She went with lilles in her hands-her favorite emblems. Three golden lilles in her folded hands

Three golden lilles in her folded hands, Three angels fair to lead to stranger lands. A brow serone, and calmly smilling face, A sudden glovy filling all the place; And this is death.

Three golden deeds abloom above the breast; A flower-strewn pathway for the silent guest, A radiant spirit, clothed with gentle grace; A star affoat to light our dwelling-place; And this is life!

EMMA J. NICHHRSON. 137 2d Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 12th, 1890.

Providence, B. I., Slade Hall, corner Providence, B. I., Sinde Hull, corner Washington and Eddy Streets.—The Spirity alist Ladies' Aid Society met in its room, as usual Thursday afternoon, April 17th, for charitable work; supper from 6 to 7.P. M. Evening meeting at 8 P. M., opened with a song; a poem followed by Mr. J. Car-roll; short addresses by the controls of Miss Fiorrie Saimon and Mrs. M. A. Waterman; remarks by others; tests by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Sarah Humes. B. D. C. AMES, Sec'y.

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[Miss Amanda Balley informs us that Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes speaks for the Salem Society the last Sunday In April and the third Sunday in May. Mrs. Ida P. A. Whillock is engaged for the second Sunday in May. Joseph D. Stiles will be there on the first and fourth Sundays in May. Sundays in May.]

New London, Ct.-Mrs. J. F. Dillingham-Storrs spoke for the First Spiritualist Society of New London Sunday evening, April 13th, in Allyn Hall. Mrs. Storrs was greeted by a good-sized audience, and the many friends she acquired during her former visits did not forget to pay homage to one who had been instru-mental in bestowing upon them the grand truths of the Spiritual Philosophy. To Mr. and Mrs. Storrs much crédit is due for the interest they have taken in this Society.

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Lowell, Mnas.--Mrs. Juliette Yeaw officiated here on Sunday, April 20th. In the afternoon her subject was: "The Power and Purpose of Spiritualism"; in the evening: "The Practical Value of Spiritualism," both grand lectures, full of thought.----Next Sunday we are to have J. Frank Baxter for the last time this season. PENN. season. PENN.

Bockland, Mc.—Dr. H. P. Fairfield lectured in Rockland last Sunday, and recently four Sabbaths in Medway, Mc. He is now prepared to make engago-ments with societies, and for camp and grove meet-ings. The letter of our correspondent will be given pert week

Fitchburg, Minss. - April 27th Mr. Edgar W. Em-erson will speak and give tests in this place. [The remainder of Mrs. Loring's letter will appear next week] week.]



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