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Original Essays.

PSYCHIC PHENOMENA.

BY G. W. KATES.

The study of psychic phenomena has become quite prevalent. The monthly magazines and romances are replete with records of facts. All classes of people seem to be anxiously seeking the solution of causes producing effects. The writers admitted to the magazines are mostly anti, or prejudiced against Spiritualists. Some advocate the theory of spirits; but say it has no relation to Spiritualism. Others are Spiritualists clothed by church titles and influence.

The Spiritualist *per se* is not a competent witness. His prejudices are not popular; he is supposed to be a fanatic or fool. Surely, we have as Spiritualists a right to be heard co-equally with any who are seeking to discover the truth or falsity of our claims—and decidedly more than they who seek only to prove the exorcised spirit source a fallacy.

To examine without credulity or prejudice is praiseworthy. The persons unfitted for competency are they who on the one side believe all that seems to be, and the one who is determined to accept no evidence, and has formulated a knowledge of the possible and impossible.

In matters of physical phenomena, the scientific investigator is credited and applauded, but the explorer in psychic forces is too frequently doubted and condemned.

The Spiritualist is supposed to be a very credulous person—easily duped or deplorably dishonest. But such has been the case with all who have stepped aside from beaten paths of science, philosophy and religion. And yet there have always been some to protect and encourage. From Jesus to Columbus, in the old world, there were many in Church and State ready to persecute, and use force against any and all attempts to prosecute a new discovery. From Columbus to the Fox girls in the new world, the spirit of intolerance and persecution was in the air. Indeed, the vibrations are yet felt.

It is a welcome event to those who, since 1848, have been investigating psychic phenomena to see men and women of scholastic attainments giving heed to the revelations of psychic force. But they too often try to confine it within a given sphere of operation. The psychological research societies have endeavored to prove it is all caused by thought-projection or transference, mental aberration, unconscious cerebration—mind acting upon mind. They have not received sufficient positive evidence to classify the facts as being produced by exorcised minds—hence the necessity for testimony from those who have had such evidence. And yet the non-coincidental evidence seems to greatly outweigh the coincidental. No longer does disease of body or mind—nor even the spiritual dissolution at physical death—produce the cause and create the occasion. Purely independent phenomena are recorded outside of spiritualistic circles. Surely Mr. Savage is warranted in saying it is becoming a "fad." This scholar sees the necessity for mankind to know of the occult in nature, and will deplore the debasing of sublime knowledge to the mere sensuous interest.

The revelations of the past that ushered in a spiritual philosophy—the record of wonderful incidents in the lives of Jesus and his apostles—all had their foundation in the psychic relation of earth's children with the eternal principles of life, and with those exorcised from earth who have arisen in spirit to the sublimities of the spheres beyond the pale of this crude existence. Will these modern revelations produce a new understanding of the divine mission of Jesus, and a higher conception of the infinite? There are many who think so. Then the churchman, as is the scientist, should be deeply interested. No system is sufficiently grounded upon the bed-rock of truth to be free enough to slur and deprecate present-day innovations.

It is never late to reform from error. If geology proves the Mosala cosmogony to be false, then the latter as a dogma should not be accepted by men of reason.

If revelations to-day can be obtained to prove spirit-life to be a fact, then a belief that centuries ago there were such proofs pales into insignificance, and should have less force to support searchings after immortal principles.

If there is a psychometric sense that can prove the writing of life-acts upon the soul, or in the spiritual emanations of our bodies, then

the dogma of a "Book of Life" in which God writes our record, becomes a positive fact, clearer understood.

This science of Psychometry is one of the wonders of human development, and it should receive more investigation by the psychical researcher. It is a fertile field. Not only does it reveal psychic forces in the conscious animate, but in the seemingly unconscious inanimate. Thus there may be evidence of soul-existence in all matter. If mind can act upon mind, and inanimate matter also act upon mind, with no exorcised mind acting as the power of profusion, then what are we to think of human capacity? What of the innate psychic forces that show we possess other senses than the five crude physical ones?

The psychometric sense is no doubt related to our physical endowments, and not always the product of an exorcised spirit-mind operating upon the human as a medium. It is frequently difficult, then, to separate the action of spirit from our own unconscious action—but there are many positive incidents too complete to doubt. I could relate a thousand incidents that have occurred with my wife as a medium, but my relation thereto might be deemed biased testimony. Trance, clairvoyance, clairaudience, psychometry, and also materialization, resulted without the seeking by any process of culture. They came undesired to herself and parents, when she was deeply prejudiced. There is a second self manifested—and mostly a wiser person than she.

A girl, but very little educated, delivering a learned lecture in the state of coma or trance (she declares herself to be perfectly unconscious) upon abstruse subjects far beyond her capacity to comprehend, surely is a wonderful psychic phenomenon. Is it unconscious cerebration? Surely the claim is full of inconsistencies, and less liable to proof than the statement by the present intelligence, "I am the spirit of a once mortal man." Proofs are what we want. Facts and not opinions will prove.

There are the natural proofs of spirit-existence after the physical death, and there are intelligent manifestations of mind in the independent occult forces. Thousands of living beings can offer excellent evidence that they have had communication with "loved ones gone before."

Living witnesses can tell of experience in their own dual selfhood (the spiritual self), being projected to distant places, corroborated by evidence made there to others, and by their own sensations, while the physical body is lying in slumber similar to what is called death, and these spiritual selfhoods returning to revive and inhabit the physical. Is there not evidence in this that the spirit-man is incarnate in the physical? If so, is it not just as plausible and natural that death liberates it—gives it a more beautiful habitation, even as the butterfly evolves from the chrysalis of the crawling worm? We await proofs to the contrary.

SPIRITUALISM AND NATIONALISM.

BY E. J. ROWTELL.

Although Spiritualism allows the most perfect liberty of judgment upon all subjects, and reckons among its adherents persons with every possible shade of opinion, it is nevertheless true that among those who honestly and intelligently follow the light which they receive from spirit communication, there is a unity of ideas which is not to be found outside their ranks. Hence we find them in every public question not only on the side of progress in the abstract, but to a great extent of one mind as to the direction in which progress should be made.

The churches naturally cling to the principles of the past to which they owe their origin. Progress means to them the progression of the people out of their power. Every onward step taken by humanity leaves them further in the rear, and compels them to discard some favorite teaching which has fettered their steps. By this means they endeavor to acquire sufficient speed to keep a few backward stragglers of the human race in sight. Yet a little while and we see them painfully trailing behind us. Yet again a little while and we shall not see them, but may read of them in histories of times passed away.

The Materialists, although doing much good in destroying old errors, are without the model for construction which we possess. It is their department to pull down that we may build. In that they are united. In plans for the further elevation of mankind they are disagreed. These do not come within their sphere. We have learned something of the spirit-world. We know that it is one step higher than that on which we now dwell, and that that which makes this world more like it is according to the eternal law of progress. From this cause it is probable that the larger number of intelligent and cultured Spiritualists are also Nationalists.

It might be worth while to bestow a few moments' thought upon the effects which Nationalism would have upon the growth and development of Spiritualism. First, it would give all interested in it better opportunities for studying their inner selves. Unlike knowledge of church dogmas, which may be acquired from catechisms and articles of faith, spiritual truth must be learned by each man investigating for himself. This requires time, and under our present system, money. Mediums and speakers must be paid, for, like other people, they have to eat, drink, and live in houses. A man whose physical energies are exhausted by hard toil has but little inclination or ability to devote himself to study. He who can scarcely earn food and clothing for himself and family,

cannot be expected to contribute to the support of spiritual teachers, however much he may desire to benefit by their work. Labor equally divided among all will require but a few hours from each. The labor of the spiritual teacher will be one of love only, and truth from higher spheres as freely imparted as received.

There are many places where there are numbers of Spiritualists, but they are too poor to decently remunerate a speaker, or procure the services of a test medium—who can bring the evidences of immortality before inquirers. Under Nationalism these spiritually hungry ones will be fed. More important still, individuals who are now tempted by hope of gain to supply by trickery that which may be wanting in real manifestations, will no longer have this motive for their dishonest practices.

Nationalism will help Spiritualism by aiding to harmonize the conditions between this sphere and the next, by providing societies in places now unable to procure them with the necessary channels for communion with the spirit-world; and by freeing mediums from the struggle for their own existence, thus enabling them to keep their minds uninfluenced by earthly considerations, and in proper condition for receiving and transmitting messages from angelic minds.

A Reception to Mrs. M. E. Wallace of New York, by the Spiritualists of Washington, D. C.

To the Editors of the Banner of Light:

At the close of this lady's visit to this city, where she has been the guest of Col. and Mrs. H. J. Horn—the latter the gifted authoress of "Strange Visitors"—a goodly number of the friends of Mrs. Wallace, to whom she had endeared herself by her own inherent amiable qualities, no less than by her rare gifts of mediumship, met in the spacious parlors of Drs. T. A. and M. Cora Bland, on the evening of the 4th inst., to extend to her their best wishes and parting blessings on the eve of her departure for a somewhat prolonged trip to England.

After an hour's social converse, followed by a piano solo by Mrs. Parsloe, Dr. Bland called the company to order, when Mr. M. I. Edson, President of the Society, was made Chairman, and the writer Secretary. A committee of three, consisting of Dr. E. B. Fairchild, Mrs. M. Cora Bland, and Judge M. I. Clancey, were appointed to prepare resolutions voicing the sentiments of those present toward the guest of the evening. While the committee were attending to their duties, the company was favored with a song by Mrs. Crandall, accompanied by Master Lee Crandall, Jr., on the violin and Mias—on the piano.

Col. Horn, late of Saratoga, N. Y., being called upon, disclaimed being a public speaker, but would not refrain from expressing somewhat of his feelings of grateful recognition of the great merit and worth of the work which the honored guest of the evening was doing day by day through the blessings of her spiritual gifts. He proceeded to speak in a very complimentary manner of the lady, and of the value of mediumship to the world.

The Committee's report took the form of an address to Mrs. M. E. Wallace by the Spiritualists of Washington, as follows:

Dear Friend and Sister: Your numerous friends in Washington, who are represented in small part only in this happy gathering, brought together by our thoughtful hosts, mindful of your great devotion to every good cause, especially the cause of Spiritualism, take this occasion to renew their expressions of pleasant greeting to you, and of their desire to tender words of comfort and consolation to your loved ones.

Your presence among us is, as it always has been, a great blessing, quickening and inspiring us to greater exertions in the Cause which is dear to us.

We recognize in you, dear friend, a gifted child of the spirit-world, who is given comfort to those who mourn, to encourage those who falter, and to confirm those who waver.

Your mission seems to be well defined—and it is to voice with grace, tenderness, and wisdom the sweet lessons of life which are spiritual and which do not cease when death releases the earthly bonds.

You bring to us with peculiar pertinence and charm tidings of our loved ones who have ascended out of mortal limitations into the larger freedom through the thoroughfare of death.

This blessed work is, and has been for years, your daily task, with a fullness of purpose and consecration which endear you to all who know you.

We have learned that you soon expect to visit England, prompted thereto chiefly by the great desire to bear messages of comfort and peace to certain friends who dwell in our mother country. We congratulate our friends across the water in advance upon the good cheer that you will give to all who may have the happiness to meet you, and who may receive the lessons which your exalted guides never fail to impart to those who are ready to embrace them.

To such as you, dear sister, the world owes more than it will readily acknowledge, for by your consecration and spiritual gifts you bring from the realms of spirit sweetest tidings of those who have left us for a season, and whose absence we mourn. Therefore it is that we who know and love you, commend you to all who love the truth, and to all who in sincerity of heart are seeking for truth.

Our prayers and our blessing will accompany you wherever you go; and we shall anticipate your return to your own country and loved ones with the hope of again welcoming you among us, clothed with the power of the spirit, and of being permitted to sit down with you, as on this delightful occasion, in heavenly places.

It was unanimously voted that this instrument be adopted; to which Mrs. Wallace responded in an inspirational address of great feeling and appreciation.

Letters of regret were read from some who could not be present, and a telegram was received from New York conveying the congratulations of the sender and his contribution to the evening by reference to chapter sixteen of his work, "Angels' Visits," which was read by Mrs. Dr. Bland.

Original Story.

ON THE OTHER SIDE.

BY EMILY E. HILDRETH.

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X—CONTINUED.

Then I ascended the stairs, but when I came again to the apartments which I had left they did not seem the same. Either the furnishings had been changed while I was going down those long stairs—though this I thought impossible—or else I had come into different rooms. At any rate I did not like them. They looked gloomy, but after long and vain search for those I had left, I entered a plainly-furnished room, and threw myself on a very common-looking sofa. I endeavored to collect my thoughts, to fathom the mystery of this place where I now found myself so unaccountably confined. I racked my brain, but with no result except that of being compelled to admit that I was baffled. This sensation was to me a most exquisitely painful one, for to my ambitious nature to run upon a drawn sword was easier, and preferable to the degradation of admitting myself vanquished.

As I lay there inwardly raging I fell into a doze, and seemed to myself to be dreaming. I had died. I saw my body laid and decked in state for burial; but not being of a timid nature I woke, laughing at all this nonsense, as it really seemed to me.

Dead! I drew my sword, struck my hand with it, and was quite convinced that I was alive, in spite of my dreaming; and had any person been near me, I am sure that I should have taken pains to convince him of the fact also. But no one came. I was still alone. I tried to collect my scattered thoughts, and looking around, I saw on a small table by my side food and water. I stamped with rage. Who had dared to bring me food as if I were some common prisoner?

I strode about the room muttering, and wishing for some one on whom to vent my wrath. I looked at the food which had been brought. It was coarse and plain, just such as I had been in the habit of allotting to my prisoners. I would not touch it, although I felt hungry and thirsty. No! I would die before I would touch that!

I went to the door and found it fastened. Oh! the horror of my sensations! I, to be foiled in this ignominious fashion! To be foiled and baffled without the power of discovering who it was that had so set against me! To see no chance of escape!... It was intolerable! I had a mind to take my own life on the spot. Anything, even the most desperate effort for escape! So I raged for awhile. Then vanity whispered within: 'Nonsense; you will beat them yet, only have patience.'

And I listened, and answered, 'Yes, I will have patience.'

I seated myself, and my thoughts were busy with plans for revenge. They who should be found guilty of this great wrong to me should suffer some suitable punishment. I gloated over the torture that I would inflict upon them. I had only to wait till I could get them into my power.

While such thoughts were holding possession of me the place became dark, but I cared not; what had I to fear? I had never known the sensation of fear. And yet, although the darkness deepened, I seemed to see pictured before me in flaming colors the images of hell—such a hell as I had heard of. . . . I seemed to be on the edge of a precipice, and looking down, down an awful depth into an abyss below, I saw moving about there the shapes of human beings who were suffering tortures of pain. What was that to me? I had often looked unmoved upon suffering, but now I tried to turn away and could not. From every direction to which I turned I saw before me scenes of woe—or was I looking within, upon the depths of wickedness and cruelty in my own soul? I could not tell. I became conscious in some secret way that this misery and suffering was the result of just such selfish ambition and cruelty to others as I had been fostering in my own life. I cannot describe the horror that took possession of me. I felt myself falling, drawn down into some horrible vortex of anguish, and I cried aloud for help.

No answer came except a sound of fiendish laughter and jests, such as I had myself often indulged in at the expense of others. Oh, the horror of that moment! I could not endure it. I must escape. Was there any way? What was it that I had heard long ago about doing the will of God? What was God and where was he?

Such thoughts went flashing through me like a spiritual lightning as I felt myself slipping, sliding downward. . . . I clung to a rock, which delayed my fall, and realising at last my utter helplessness, I prayed to God most humbly, most reverently, for help and relief. I prayed as I had never prayed before; resolving that I would at once begin to make my life different from its former course; that I would henceforth seek to help instead of harm others; that I would try to repair the wrong that I had done.

As I came to this resolve my prayer seemed to be answered, for I heard a voice above me, and, looking up, beheld a man whom I recognized as a faithful comrade of old. He was far above me, on a cliff, but, calling to me in en-

couraging tones, he pointed out a narrow pathway, very steep but accessible, and assured me that by this way I could find escape from my perilous condition.

Tears of gratitude filled my eyes as I tried to thank him; but he pointed upward, saying: 'From God comes all goodness; to Him give all the praise.'

With much difficulty, and slowly, I crept away from that place of fear, and when I had escaped from the presence of those terrible scenes and sounds which had so appalled me, I felt humble in my soul. I knelt and thanked God earnestly and sincerely for my deliverance.

It now seemed lighter, and the air fanned my cheek with a cool breeze, but my friendly comrade was gone. My feet were in the narrow pathway now, although I had so persistently shunned it before; and in my secret soul I became more and more assured that it was, for me, a better way than any that I had before chosen for myself.

I am still traveling on that 'narrow way.' . . . It is not limited by time or space; but I am assured that it is leading me to better things, for my old earthly ambition seems to me a foolishness from which I pray to be released, and I find more happiness now in extending a helping hand to others who are in need, than I formerly enjoyed in the conquest of nations. And yet I am continually haunted with the secret consciousness that I myself have made it impossible to attain the same development toward perfection here which a life of integrity of purpose and honest uprightness while in the outward body might have made attainable. This consciousness is my punishment, and I accept it."

XI.

Another person now appeared upon the stage, and showed at once by his manner that he had been accustomed to addressing large audiences.

"Some account of my experiences in this new life may be of interest," he said. "My life in the outside world was spent in preaching, and pointing out to my fellow-men the path of righteousness; but however successful I may have been in directing others, I have since learned that I failed in some important points myself. I thought it possible to pluck the motes out of my brothers' eyes, while quite unconscious of the beam in my own.

I preached constantly to others that death was not to be feared; yet when it came to me I was most unwilling to meet it. I had a dear wife and lovely children, whom I was unwilling to leave. My life in the world had been a comparatively easy one, and in addition to this I was revered and esteemed as a minister of the Christian church.

All this was very agreeable to me, and held me to my life there in the world. I had tried to do my work faithfully, but was conscious of one great fault—I wished more than any other thing to be popular; fame was of more consequence, in my opinion, than simple usefulness; flattery was sweet to my inmost soul, though I of course endeavored to conceal this, feeling it to be unworthy. Yet in secret I nursed it, and with my prosperity it grew. I am not able to conceal it now, for the speech and the heart are one here. I became popular. My name was known far and near; and that made life in the world still more desirable to me; so when death came I was unwilling to go; I was yet unwilling to meet the mystery of the future; but from this there was no escape.

When I awoke in this new life I found it very different from that which I had imagined and taught. I then began to understand the errors of my earthly existence.

When I first opened my eyes to consciousness in this world, I found myself lying on a seat in a little green-arched arbor. The fragrance of flowers was about me, and I rose to look around, and discover where I was. The place was not familiar; I did not remember to have seen it before; yet, I had no thought of being elsewhere than in some place on earth. I thought for a long time, and then recalling my illness, I concluded that my friends had sent me away to be cared for; yet if that was the case I wondered at finding myself alone. I walked out into a beautiful garden, and wandered around. Everything there was arranged with the most exquisite care and taste. I looked about, and tried in vain to conjecture where I was, or how I came to be there. I saw no house near, but found a gate, and going out I found myself in a smooth carriage road where I soon met people riding, but all passed me without notice, and did not appear to see me. I scrutinized each one carefully, hoping to see some one that I knew. All were strangers to me; yet I thought secretly: 'They have all without doubt heard of my fame. . . . I have only to make myself known to receive overwhelming attention!'

I began to be tired of walking, for it seemed to me that I had gone many miles, and I determined to address the next person who should pass; and at least find out where I was. But now I walked a long time and saw no one. At last I sat down upon the roadside to rest

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Banner Correspondence.

Maine.

BUCKSPORT.—Dr. C. F. Ware writes: "At one of our 'home circles' we have recently had what we consider rather an unusual experience, that may interest some of THE BANNER'S readers. At the close of our camp-meeting a number of earnest workers met at the cottage of the President and organized a 'Payable Force Society.' They agreed to sit in a 'home circle' each Sunday evening, at the same time, and to devote the first fifteen or twenty minutes to a concentration of the psychic force, having for its object the financial prosperity and spiritual development of Verona Park Association."

It was arranged that the Secretary, Mrs. Cushing, residing in Massachusetts, should be considered a member of our family-circle, and that a chair should be placed for her every Sunday evening—she knowing nothing of the position of said chair or the arrangement of the circle.

One evening, about three months after our organization, two other members of the Society, Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Bucksport, sat with us. A chair had been placed for Mrs. Cushing, as was our custom. After we were seated I was conscious of the presence of a lady who seemed to be seated in a chair in the vacant chair. She had a tablet of paper or small book in her hand. She seemed much hurried—said she could stop but a moment, and went directly away. Though I did not see her plainly enough to be sure of her identity, I was strongly impressed that it was Mrs. Cushing—as was my wife also.

I wrote to Mrs. C. at once, asking her if there was anything unusual in her experience that evening. Before receiving her answer, at another circle held at Mr. Smith's, two members of my spirit band were present, and in reply to Mrs. Ware's inquiries, said that the presence we were conscious of was Mrs. Cushing, and the strong bond of sympathy between us was the reason of the manifestation.

A few days later I received a reply to my letter, substantially as follows: "It is my custom to go to my room Sunday evening before the appointed time, and, sitting quietly by myself, get into a frame of mind that shall harmonize with the object of our meeting. Then, with closed eyes, my mind travels almost instantly to our beautiful campground, and seeks out the other members of our Society. First I visit 'Forest Home,' where I find our President and Mrs. Ware; then, one by one, I see and greet the others. Whether this is an effect of memory-pictures on the brain, or whether it is because our minds are all centered at Verona, I cannot say; I only know I see you all there."

The Sunday evening you mention I was detained, and did not reach my room till five or ten minutes after the appointed time. Seated myself in my accustomed place, I seemed almost instantly to be seated in a chair at your left, but not in the cottage at the Park. I seemed to have a small blank book in my hand, and it seemed that you had a similar one in yours. I was conscious of Mrs. Ware sitting at your right, but felt that I must not stop, or I should not be at the Park in season to see the others. I do not know in which room you have your sittings, but have the impression that this was in the room leading from the dining room, though I was more conscious of you and Mrs. Ware personally than of the surroundings."

This experience corroborated ours in every particular save one, as I had nothing in my hand and all other particulars were identical. I thought the experience was worth relating, and might suggest some contributory explanation of the psychic law governing such manifestations."

Colorado.

DENVER.—Fred Bell, late of Columbus, O., writes under date of March 15th: "It may be interesting to your readers, especially those in search of Truth, if I give them the result of my investigations in Spiritualism. At the age of twenty-three I was converted to the Methodist faith; this was twenty-three years ago. This interesting event took place in England; in a few weeks I began exhorting, and was very successful from the first. In less than six months I was a local preacher. Two years afterward I came to this country; a year later was ordained by Bishop Merrill of the Methodist church. For two years I was the singing missionary of the slums of New York, and more than four years pastor in Brooklyn, N. Y., preaching in the singing school of that line in the Academy of Music to five thousand people twice each Sunday. In 1877 I went to England on an evangelistic tour of six months, but my success was such that I remained nine years; eight years of that time was pastor of the largest church (The People's) in Nottingham. But as early as 1876 I had renounced the Methodist faith, especially the doctrines of infant depravity and the eternal suffering of the wicked in hell fire. I have for years denounced human creeds, and yet I am still following the example of Christ, and am preaching the only gospel taught in the New Testament—a Gospel of Humanity—which says to every man: Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you. Then you will be filled with all kindness, pity, mercy, love, generosity, all sense of justice and honor toward our fellow-men."

During all these years of so-called heterodoxy I was investigating Spiritualism, and became acquainted with many of the leading lights. I was in search of the truth, and was determined to seek until I found it. Four weeks ago I attended a public séance, and found John Wallace, the Australian medium, giving tests, the most remarkable of any I had ever seen or heard of. I was not aware that he knew of my presence, when he announced that the spirit of Henry Ward Beecher desired to communicate with me, which he did, and spoke of matters that none but he could have known, and cheered and encouraged me in my search for the truth. I asked Mr. Wallace's permission to say a few words, which he granted, and I briefly stated my position. I called upon Mr. Wallace the next day; he gave me a sitting which resulted in the removal of every doubt on the subject of Spirit-Life.

I am sitting daily under the spirit influence of this wonderful and phenomenal medium. The last three Sundays I have preceded his public séances in lecture and song on the following subjects: 'Vacant Chairs and Empty Cradles,' 'Hell a Scarecrow' and 'The Ministry of Angels.' Next Sunday I speak on the greatest problem of the nineteenth century, namely, 'If a Man Live Again.' There is much more I would like to say, but fear I have already wearied you; yet cannot close without saying my future shall be spent in lifting high in the breeze of heaven the unsullied banner of true Spiritualism, and, if needs be, I will die under its folds."

Ohio.

AVON.—Mary A. Buzzell writes: "I did not realize the worth of the BANNER OF LIGHT until I commenced reading it regularly. It has been a source of great comfort to me in my lonely hours, and periods of pain and sickness, and not a Spiritualist in the place to speak to, or, if there are any, they have not the moral courage to show their colors. There are here three churches, and much bigotry. I hope THE BANNER may be long and ably sustained to send forth joyful tidings to sorrowing hearts. I look forward through all the week to its coming on Saturday, and I assure you it is a welcome visitor."

The Methodist minister's wife comes to see me; she is a dear good old soul, and I think if she dare to say so, she has much of a Spiritualist as I am, but she and her husband are old people, and not able to strike out into new fields of labor."

Texas.

DALLAS.—Leta V. McConnell, Secretary, writes: "The spiritual wave sweeping over this continent has endeavored our fair city. It has freshened and invigorated the mental

strength of the few who have dared to cut loose from all creeds, and led them to organize. On March 8th, 1902, those who prefer to think for themselves, stand on their own feet, and are guided by reason, met in our spacious City Hall, and completed the organization of 'The First Spiritual Society of Dallas, Texas.' Our constitution is a broad-based document. Our doors are open. Our knowledge of the truth of spirit-revelation in our strength, and our only creed is 'Eternal Progression.' The organization was perfected through the kind efforts and ability of Dr. W. H. Bach of St. Paul, Minn. Fifty-one charter members are enrolled. Capt. J. C. Watkins, President; Mr. A. B. Bristol, Vice-President; Mrs. Lida Hodges, Treasurer, and your correspondent, Secretary."

Massachusetts.

WORCESTER.—Georgia D. Fuller writes: "The old folks' costume party given at Grange Hall, April 8th, was a very successful affair. Mr. Charles W. Sullivan furnished the numerous costumes, and was himself a striking figure in a suit worn seventy years ago. Societies would do well to engage Mr. Sullivan as an artist or costumer when character entertainments are desired."

LOWELL.—A correspondent, "Lowellian," writes: "Two articles in THE BANNER for March 20th have stirred up several thoughts in my mind. In the spirit-message by Mrs. Hattie Wells—so sweet, tender and consoling in tone—that lady speaks of the disappointment of many spirits who, yearning to communicate to mourning earthly friends or relatives, find that by some law of spirit-limitation they are unable to do so. Skeptics have often said to me, 'If Spiritualism is true, why don't the spirits do this, or why don't they do that?' forgetting, or in their ignorance not knowing, that in the operations of spiritual phenomena there are governing laws as intricate as the mechanism of a watch, as delicate as the texture of a spider's web."

When I reflect that spiritual things are spiritually discerned—and then consider the dense materiality of people in general, coupled with the fact that many pass to the other shore in a very crude condition, spiritually—instead of wondering at the limitations of spirit in the matter of control, the surprise is that our arisen ones should be able to accomplish as much as they do."

My other thought is suggested by your excellent editorial on 'Supernormal vs. Supernatural.' As nothing ever has or ever can—in this world or any other—transpire outside of natural law, the substitution by Rev. M. J. Savage of the term 'supernormal' is a wise and apt one."

FALL RIVER.—Henry Gifford writes: "Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have been doing a good work lecturing and giving sittings in Brooklyn, N. Y., this winter. One of our earliest mediums, who has done a pioneer work in the fields of Christian Spiritualism, Mr. N. J. Ravelin, is, I learn, on his way East. He will be a welcome addition to our ranks. Prof. J. A. Mead, the California Astrologer, has kindly come to our assistance by giving a series of lectures on 'What Astrology Does Astrology Teach?' He endeavors to show that Spiritualism and Christianity are proved by Astrology. The professor is now on his return West. Parties wishing his services as lecturer can address him at Batavia, Kane Co., Ill., in care of editor Batavia News. THE BANNER OF LIGHT is a welcome visitor to our Society. We hold our meetings in Gifford's Hall, 479 Pleasant street."

LYNN.—Mrs. E. Merrill, Secretary, writes us as follows: "In behalf of our Committee on Anniversary I tender you an earnest vote of thanks for your friendly courtesy in giving notice of our celebration. That you and THE BANNER OF LIGHT may ever prosper is our fervent wish."

New York.

BROOKLYN.—"W. W. S." writes: "Mrs. Stoddard-Gray and her son, DeWitt C. Hough, gave the first exhibition of their month's engagement in Conservatory Hall Sunday evening, April 3d, to a highly interested audience. The physical demonstrations of spirit power they present are of a superior character, and sufficient to carry conviction to all skeptical minds."

The playing of musical instruments, the transference of wearing apparel, and many other wonderful feats during the confinement of the medium in wire cage and knotted rope, were astounding to those not familiar with such demonstrations. As a method of missionary work this class of phenomena cannot fail of beneficial results. Much will be missed by the Spiritualists and other people of Brooklyn if the opportunity offered them this month to witness these demonstrations is not availed of."

Minnesota.

ST. PAUL.—We are in receipt of the subjoined, with a request that we give it publication as an expression of the appreciation in which Mr. Ripley is held by the Spiritualists of the above named city:

ST. PAUL SPIRITUAL ALLIANCE.
To whom it may concern:
Whereas, Mr. Frank T. Ripley of Boston has occupied our platform for the past six months as speaker and test medium with signal ability; therefore be it resolved, That the Alliance unanimously endorses his services as a reliable test medium, and as a speaker, and most heartily recommends him to the spiritual public."

M. T. C. FLOWER, Pres.,
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JOHN SAUER, Treas.

Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE.—W. Ruby writes: "At our regular monthly meeting March 27th we collected \$4.20 for the benefit of Mrs. Margaret Fox Kane, and sent that amount to Mr. Frederick F. Cook, 79 Fourth Avenue, New York. Our circle consists of Mr. George C. Weber, Mrs. Weber, Miss Annie Weber (our medium), Mr. Charles Stanfield, Mrs. Stanfield, and W. Ruby. We meet at Mr. Weber's, 3710 Rudd Avenue, every Monday and Tuesday evening, from two to four o'clock. To these monthly meetings we invite a few friends not Spiritualists."

Mr. Baxter in Connecticut.
To the Editors of the Banner of Light:
At the time Mr. Baxter was in Willimantic recently excitement ran high over certain exhibitions and denunciations by Starr, the trickster and self-satisfied exposé of Spiritualism, who had the week previous been performing and talking. To hear the church people and street rabble talk one might have concluded Spiritualism squelched, and not interest enough retained to "give Baxter a baker's dozen of hearers, beyond the 'faithful few' who would follow up any medium, fraudulent or not." But alas! how disappointed Starr's glories must have been to know that Mr. Baxter's audiences were, as ever, very large, and his work most successful. How surprised they must have been to read in the Willimantic Herald:

"Every seat was filled at Excelsior Hall last night to hear Mr. J. Frank Baxter and his wife, who were here on a tour of lecturing. He gave a strong address, in which he took occasion to give some sharp bits at Prof. Starr, and other self-styled 'exposers,' saying that people should hear both sides of the question, as well as those of other questions, before deciding, and in that, as in other things, we should prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good. He gave a successful test séance, giving some strong tests, communicating with a number of spirits, and giving details for identity. (Here a full account of the séance was introduced by the crowd called out, people are bent on hearing both sides.)"

Mr. Baxter gave four lectures in Willimantic, and elicited much favorable comment from many who listened to and witnessed both the exposé and the address. The Willimantic Daily Chronicle printed editorially the following:

"Spiritualists, and others, filled the large Excelsior Hall to its utmost capacity Sunday evenings to listen to Mr. J. Frank Baxter. The same eloquence and power of verbiage which he characterized his discourse in the past were displayed on these occasions. In the séance at the close of the lectures, Mr. Baxter as a medium brought many of the departed from earth life into communication with friends, several of which must be considered as good tests."

This paper also reported in detail the séance. Let it be said, too, these were both unsolicited and unexpected articles, editorially given.

Two Sundays Mr. Baxter lectured at Hartford, speaking to large assemblages in Unity Hall. His last Sunday, Anniversary Sunday, March 27th, he gave a

powerful lecture in the afternoon upon "The Scope and Value of the Spiritualist Platform," plainly setting forth the value and extent of the work. In the evening he addressed the church-going people, and they were out in force, not members necessarily, but attendants. His theme was "Spiritualism and the Church Face to Face." It is said to have been very appreciatively received, and in high praise of the music, but seem mystified by his mediumship. He certainly gave great satisfaction, even to the most fastidious, and as well to the most exacting critic. In Willimantic the greatest interest centered upon his mediumship. It was truly a first-class evening. It seemed to Spiritualists as good as a public séance could be; but a strong agnostic and doubting element wondered why, and why that, and demanded more to meet their needs. It is possible the second evening they got it for after a very interesting and logical lecture. He gave a séance of one hour and twenty minutes of the most positive, replete, complete and conclusive sort. There is no more fruitful report to be made than to say that after test followed forcefully and convincingly, and even the exacting materialists had many "hard nuts to crack." "Could not Mr. Baxter remain another night?" No, for he must be in Boston for the Anniversary work there promised for March 30th, 31st and April 1st, and he left at 3 o'clock A. M. the next day. "Won't you secure him again?" Yes, at the first opportunity time."

So Mr. Baxter has been at work in Connecticut. Other places might be reported, particularly East Hartford, where for several nights Mr. Baxter has lectured and held séances the Hartford and East Hartford papers noting their success.

While in Willimantic and East Hartford, Mr. Baxter, with his confère in song and mirth, Mr. Chas. W. Sullivan, gave a successful benefit entertainment to the respective societies.

New Publications.

WHITE SLAVES; or, The Oppression of the Worthy Poor. By Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D. D. 12mo, cloth, pp. 327. Boston: Lee & Shepard.

In pursuance of his duties as pastor of one of our city churches, the author met with cases of destitution and unhealthy surroundings among his own parishioners that determined him to extend his investigations beyond the prescribed limits of his own church, and among those who, through inadequate wages paid them or inability to exchange their honest labor for the ordinary means of subsistence, are compelled to submit to conditions far inferior to those in servile bondage. The results of his investigation are here given, and are such as will startle the people of New England, who have fancied that while such evils exist in other large cities, Boston, a city of culture, comfort and benevolence, is comparatively free of them. More than fifty engravings from photographs of scenes and localities taken by Mr. Banks are given in illustration of the text.

GESTURES AND ATTITUDES. An Exposition of the Deaf and Philosophy of Expression, Practical and Theoretical. By Edward B. Warman, A. M., author of "The Voice, How to Train It, How to Care for It," etc. One Hundred and Fifty-Four Illustrations by Marion Morgan Reynolds. Royal 8vo, cloth, pp. 422. Boston: Lee & Shepard.

This volume is a plain, practical and comprehensive representative of the teachings of François Delarue, who, born at Solesmes, France, in 1811, was a master of expression who never had a superior, and but few if any equals. Among his pupils were Rachel, Lacordaire, Jenny Lind, Péro Hyacinthe and Péro Lacordaire. He was offered an annual salary of \$20,000 to establish a conservatory in the United States.

The author of the book before us having previously devoted a volume to a consideration of the voice and its control, treats in this of the body, and its management as an instrument for the expression of thought and sentiment. That this treatment is purely delineation is sufficient to recommend it to all who would acquire correct habits of gesticulation and attitudinizing.

THAIS. By Anatole France. Translated by A. D. Hall. 12mo, paper, pp. 205. Chicago: Nile C. Smith Pub. Co.

A somewhat peculiar work. It claims to "deal with the momentous questions of religion and philosophy." It was not written without study, and exhibits skill in handling. Though not without a plain intention to denounce immorality, and justify purity and righteousness, its method of carrying out that intention is an open question.

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Boston Spiritual Temple, Berkeley Hall.—It is a well-known fact that there are a large number of people who attend church once a year—Easter Sunday—to hear the music, see the decorations, the styles, and, lastly, to hear the preaching; but even these were not attraction enough to prevent Berkeley Hall from being nearly filled to hear the Hon. Sidney Dewar's Easter Lecture, the first delivered from a spiritual platform. No abstract can do justice to the lecture, but at its close, the speaker, Mr. Dewar, was so warmly and enthusiastically received, that it is not surprising that the lecture should have been so successful. It was found that the lecture was a very acceptable and satisfactory one, and that the audience, before a large and deeply interested audience. After the reading of a poem, Mrs. Twing said she would fulfill the promise made by her "control" to give publicly a remedy for the cure of cancer, though it had been said that it was impossible to do so. After which Ikkabod gave many recognized messages from spirit-friends.

On Tuesday evening, April 20th, Mrs. Twing will hold a séance, at 7:30 sharp, at 375 Columbus Avenue. This will be her last appearance in Boston this season.

Next Sunday closes Mr. Dean's engagement with this Society. As he leaves next month for his new Western home and field of labor, it is doubtful when he will again be heard upon any Eastern platform.

Every good and true Spiritualist will admit that Berkeley Hall, thereby showing Bro. Dean's appreciation of his work.

At 2:30 Joseph D. Stiles will hold a séance.

The *Helping Hand* Meeting of April 13th was well attended and interesting. Pleading remarks were offered by the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Lillie and Mrs. Waterhouse, also Mr. Knight, Mrs. Collier, and Dr. Smith of Queen City Park. The music was furnished by Miss Bailey, Mrs. Penney, J. T. Lillie, and W. H. Boyce.

One of the most pleasing incidents of the evening was the appearance of Miss Webster in a new rôle. Quite early in the season one of the lady members of this Society attended a Fair, and while there found an orphan. In the goodness of her heart she took charge of the little waif, and brought her to the Helping Hand; but as this is not strictly speaking, a charitable society, and its season is soon to close, the ladies felt that a home must be obtained for the little waif, and Miss Webster pleaded last Wednesday evening so strongly in its behalf that the kind and generous man, ever ready to assist the poor and needy, took the poor child off the hands of the Society. It was christened "Charity." Mr. B. and Mrs. W. volunteering to act as god-father and god-mother. We trust it will be a blessing to the child.

April 27th there will be a sale of the articles left over from the "March sale." On the evening of May 11th Miss Lucette Webster will give another of her charming musical and literary entertainments. It will undoubtedly be a right royal treat to Miss Webster and her pupils know just how to entertain.

First Spiritual Temple.—Last Sunday Prof. Carlyle Peterless gave his second reading from the book entitled, "The Discovered Country."

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were given by Mrs. M. A. Chandler, Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. C. W. Colburn, Mrs. M. W. Leslie, Miss A. F. (Indy), Mrs. A. Forrester, Mrs. M. A. Brown, Mrs. E. Stratton, Dr. Smith of Burlington, Vt., Mrs. L. Howe, Mrs. N. Thomas, Mr. J. Chappel and Mr. W. Franks. M. A. C.

Harmony Hall.—The meetings last Sunday were of unusual interest. The beautiful influence that comes to us always on the anniversary of "Easter" was generally perceptible. The lovely music furnished throughout the day greatly assisted in producing harmony. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Scott in the afternoon delighted the audience, especially the song by Mrs. Scott, entitled "The Old Picture on the Wall." The tests were strong and were well received because of the harmonious atmosphere. David Brown spoke practical words appropriate to the Easter occasion, following with a number of remarkable tests. Before this, however, Miss Jennie Rhind spoke at length on the significance of celebrating Easter a time when all should seek to incorporate into their lives the Christ-principle—the spirit of Truth, the spirit of Justice. Mrs. Jennie Wilson gave excellent tests, as did Mrs. Howe. Mrs. Pearson closed with the benediction.

The evening exercises commenced with song service, followed by an improvisation on the piano. Dr. Morris read extracts from writings of Victor Hugo and a song by Father Ryan, followed with a very impressive invocation. Conductors David and Jennie gave remarkable tests. Mr. Tuttle in a few words earnestly followed, then gave tests and readings, all of which were acknowledged correct in every detail. Mrs. Louie Gay rendered two songs in a pleasing way, after which Mrs. Jennie Wilson gave readings and tests quite beyond the ordinary. Closed with congregational singing.

Next Sunday evening we are to have Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Scott with us again. Mrs. M. A. Wilkinson is enjoying her vacation and improving in health, and will soon return to her post of duty to make all hearts glad.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum held its regular session on Sunday last. The exercises were of a high order, and full of interest from first to last—consisting of orchestral selections, an invocation, reading by Guardian and pupils, singing by the school, the morning lesson explained by Mrs. Longley, the Grand Banner March and the closing Target March.

Appropriate remarks were made by Conductor Francis and Assistant Conductor David, followed by a selection. Mrs. A. A. Brown gave a select reading, and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing addressed the children in a most pleasing and instructive manner. Willie Sheldon and Eddie Hanson gave spirited recitations; Emma Mills and Mary Crozier each rendered a piano solo; and choice vocal selections were offered by Misses Grace Small and Hattie Fuller. There was a large attendance, and all seemed imbued with the spirit of harmony.

The Spiritual Lyceum of Boston is a credit to its members and the spiritual Cause.

All regret the continued illness of our Assistant Guardian, Mrs. Butler, and are united in the hope of soon having her with us again.

Lyceum meets Sunday mornings at 514 Tremont Street.

K. of P. Hall.—The services on Easter Sunday were very impressive. At 10:30 apt remarks and excellent tests by Mrs. C. A. Smith and Dr. C. E. Willis.

2:30, meeting opened with remarks by the Chairman, followed by Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Woodbury, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. C. A. Smith and others, all giving satisfactory proof of the return of spirit. Miss M. Green, in a very appropriate manner, presented the Chairman with a beautiful bouquet of flowers—the feelingly thanking the donors for the same.

7:30, meeting opened with singing by the audience; Dr. Coombs, Mrs. O. P. Robinson, Mr. Buttermann, Mrs. A. A. Smith, Mrs. Bailey, Dr. Willis, tests and readings. The singing by the little ones from South Boston was fine. Mr. and Mrs. M. Ainsley, soloists, then favored the audience with very fine vocal selections; do not forget to hear them next Friday evening.

J. E. BARTLETT, Chairman.

Ladies' Aid Parlor.—The developing circle, 17th Inst., was well attended. Mrs. Lovering furnished music.

The afternoon meeting opened with singing by the audience; remarks followed by the Chairman; Mrs. Brown gave many recognized tests; Mrs. Chase gave a select reading; Mrs. Ball made some interesting remarks on temperance, and gave a number of psychometric readings, which were all pronounced satisfactory.

At the evening session Mrs. Pierce of Lynn, Mr. Hall, Mrs. A. Wilkins, Dr. Thomas and Mrs. C. H. Hall participated in remarks and tests; Mrs. Helen Blanchford gave a reading, and the meeting closed with a duet by two misses from South Boston.

J. E. HALL, Conductor.

Essex Hall.—April 13th, after opening song, tests were given by J. E. Bartlett, followed by Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Jennie Wilson, Mrs. C. A. Smith, Dr. Geo. B. Emerson and Mrs. Newman.

Sunday, 11 A. M., an harmonious gathering met at the developing and healing circle.

2:30 P. M., opening song by Nellie Carleton; remarks by Dr. Blackden; readings and tests by Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Burt, Dr. Geo. B. Emerson, Dr. Toothaker and Dr. Bowman.

7:30, opening remarks by Mr. Quint; "Starlight," controlling Mrs. Bailey, gave readings; F. W. Mathews a reading, "The Visible and Invisible." Some fine tests also given by Dr. Mathews.

F. W. MATHEWS, Con.

The Ladies' Industrial Union held an interesting meeting Thursday evening, April 14th, Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock presiding. Dr. Smith of Brandon, Vt., spoke in favor of Queen City Park Camp-Meeting. The exercises of the evening closed early, that all present might enjoy a costume party and social dance.

Thursday, May 12th, the Industrial Union will hold a Neektie Party in Arlington Hall; and May 28th a sale of fancy articles, commencing at 4 o'clock.

Meetings will continue every Thursday evening through the month of May, closing with a Strawberry Festival and dance the last Thursday of that month.

HEATH.

First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society.—Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing gave her annual reception complimentary to and in aid of this Society on Friday evening, April 16th. The hall was filled with a large and cultured audience, and the evening was entertained by the gifted lady with poems and a long satisfactory séance with the almost world-renowned "Ikkabod."

Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Millikan and Mrs. Kendall contributed much for the occasion.

Rathbone Hall.—Last Sunday morning the Chairman gave psychometric readings. At 2:30 Mrs. Mary F. Lovering sang; tests and delineations by Mr. Wm. Franks of Philadelphia, Dr. H. F. Tripp, Mrs. Jennie Warren, Mrs. Dickinson; song by Mrs. Edwards. At 7:30, congregational singing; remarks by the Chairman, and Mr. Kenyon from Atlantic; psychometric readings by Mrs. Lovering and Mrs. Martin.

Dr. N. P. SMITH, Conductor.

Remove boils, pimples and skin eruptions by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Three pastors of Protestant churches in Somerville, Mass., have resigned. Church troubles are said to have been the cause.

Read E. J. Bowtell's essay on first page.

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NEWSY NOTES AND PITHY POINTS.

He who is wise
In his own eyes,
Lacks wisdom, I am sure.
The truly wise
Needs no disguise,
His wisdom will endure.

News from England, April 18th, states that the cold weather there shows no abatement. In some parts of the country the snow is a foot deep; travel is impeded, and the poor are suffering. In France, too, the weather is bitterly cold, with hail storms.

The thousands of people who sail on the many lakes of the interior, and on the waters of the seaboard, will be interested in a profusely illustrated article which will appear in the May Century on "Coast and Inland Yachting," by Frederic W. Pangborn.

Easter Ills last Sunday in Boston cost \$100,000, while many poor people were suffering for lack of wholesome food and proper clothing.

Another impostor, who called herself a "clairvoyant medium," but instead was a crafty swindler and lottery stealer, has come to grief, as she has been arrested by those she imposed upon. For which all true Spiritualists are thankful.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.—The Woman Suffrage cause has progressed very materially of late years in New York State. In Great Britain just now it is in a high state of expectation, with Lord Salisbury as well as Mr. Gladstone warmly in favor of women having the full parliamentary suffrage. Municipal suffrage for woman has long been her privilege in England.

STARS ABOVE.
In deep wells at noon, they say,
Golden stars reflected lie,
Seeing faces far away,
Loving earth though in the sky:
Spirits of the pure and good,
Ye I love beyond all praise,
Through your light of angelhood,
In my heart so bless the days!

WILLIAM BRUNTON.

What some people would regard as extravaganzas, others would deem justifiable as heirloom pieces for the children so soon to take our places. Much of the fine china and glass that is sold has that destiny.

The Mississippi has of late proved superior to its banks; the Tombigbee River has overflowed; and the resultant loss of life, on the part of humanity, has reached into the hundreds, with great destruction of live stock, houses, plantation appliances, etc. The total property damage from these Southern floods is set at above \$2,000,000.

FOR NERVOUS DEBILITY USE HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE. Dr. H. T. TURNER, Kasson, Minn., says: "I have found it very beneficial in nervous debility, from any cause, and for indigestion."

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This amount can be very easily saved by every reader of this paper contemplating the purchase of an organ or piano, while one hundred dollars is very often saved by writing to "Cornish & Co., the old established reliable Piano and Organ Manufacturers, of Washington, N. J., for their new handsome Catalogues, showing many handsome illustrations of their instruments, prices for cash or upon easy installments.

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

Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing made a pleasant call at this office on April 16th. She has been laboring late in this city and vicinity—Sunday, 17th, being the last of three which she has devoted to the Boston Spiritual Temple, at Berkeley Hall. She speaks in Brockton, Mass., April 24th. She now has engagements till June, 1892.

Mrs. C. W. Kates will lecture in Newark, N. J., Sunday, April 24th. Mr. and Mrs. Kates will jointly lecture in Trenton, N. J., Sunday, May 1st. For succeeding dates address them 2234 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Ada Foye, inspirational lecturer and platform test medium, is engaged this month in Troy, N. Y., during May in Cincinnati, O., June in Toledo, O., July in Kansas City, Mo. Societies desiring her services for week evenings during next season will please write, and secure dates as soon as possible. Her permanent address is P. O. Box 517, Chicago, Ill.

Bishop A. Heath has an engagement at Oklahoma City, Okla., during May. Can be addressed there for the month of June.

Joseph D. Stiles will hold his last public séance for the present at Berkeley Hall, Boston, Sunday afternoon, April 24th, at 2:30 P. M.

Oscar A. Edgerly having returned from a very successful four months' lecturing tour in the West, is about to start on a similar tour. Sunday, April 24th, Lynn, Mass.; Sunday, May 1st, Lowell, Mass.; May 29th, Duxbury; the entire month of June with the First Spiritualist Society, Bradford, Me.; the first two Sundays of July are also engaged, as is the entire month of August; September and October are engaged with the "Progressive Spiritualist Society" of St. Paul, Minn. Would like to make terms with Eastern societies for the 8th, 15th and 22nd of May; also with camp-meetings for the last two weeks of July. Would respectfully solicit correspondence with secretaries of Western societies in regard to dates later than October, '92. Home address, 43 Market Street, Newburyport, Mass.

Mr. J. R. and Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless are now in San Diego, Cal., where they will remain some months before returning to their home in New York City.

Mrs. Nellie Carleton is lecturing in Horton's Hall every Sunday morning and evening, also holding a meeting on Tuesday evening for answering questions and giving psychometric readings.

E. J. Bowtell will give his lecture entitled "From Rome to Spiritualism," in the First Spiritual Temple (Back Bay), Boston, on the evening of Wednesday, 27th. Mr. Bowtell will accept calls to lecture—illustrating his remarks with psychometric readings and platform tests—wherever his services are desired. Address 223 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. M. A. Gladding—an enthusiastic worker, a gifted speaker and a grand medium—is employed at Hawthill, Mass., during April. She has engagements to the end of March, 1893. May and September, 1892, however, are still open.

S. H. Nelke is, we are informed, creating an excellent reputation at the Boston meetings as a platform test medium of the greatest promise.

Dean Clarke, speaker, and Mrs. L. N. Sloper of San Francisco, platform test medium, have of late awakened much interest in the Orthodox city of Napa, Cal. (writes a correspondent), so that Spiritualism is a general theme of inquiry. The Anniversary exercises were successful—and conducive to good work in the same direction.

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To Correspondents.
No attention is paid to anonymous communications. Name and address of writer in all cases indispensable as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to preserve or return cancelled articles.

Mrs. H. E. NORTH VERNON.—We know nothing of the man you mention. He is not included in the list of known mediums and Spiritualists. From his flaming hand-bill we should class him among the pseudo-claimants to medial power who range the country.

E. S. SOUTH SEABOARD, N. H.—The party concerning whom you inquire is still in the mortal, and resides in Boston.

Laconics.
NO. XIII.
BY TYPHO.

Brightest and best are the sons of the morning,
Who arise from their beds on the edge of the dawning.

"Brag" is a good dog, but "Holdfast" is better,
Sure enough!

Some people think they "know it all"; but they will by-and-by discover that there is much to learn which they have never even dreamed of.

Sensationalism belongs exclusively to physical life. It has no foundation in the spirit realm.

Novel Bookmaking.—A correspondent writes us that Mrs. Josie Kenyon of New Bedford, Mass., having developed the power by which independent slate-writing occurs in her presence and surroundings, her guides are now writing a book by this process. It is to be called *The New Light*. "The slates," he says, "are kept in a commodious drawer, and are found almost daily filled with writings produced in this manner."

[Spiritualist papers please copy.]

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Message Department.

ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.
Of each week Spiritual Meetings will be held at the Hall of the Banner of Light Establishment, 300 E. 10th St., commencing at 8 o'clock P. M. J. A. Shal-hamer, Chairman.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.—The giving of spirit messages, will occur on the same day, and the results be consecutively published in this Department of THE BANNER.

At these Spiritual Meetings of Mrs. M. T. Longley occupy the platform for the purpose of answering questions propounded by inquirers, having practical bearing upon human life in its departments of thought or labor. Questions forwarded to this office by mail, or handed to the Chairman, will be presented to the presiding spirit for consideration.

Mrs. LONGLEY, under the influence of her guides, also gives exhortations and addresses to send messages to their relatives and friends in the earth-life an opportunity to do so.

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 of good or evil; that those who pass from the mundane sphere in an undeveloped condition, eventually progress to a higher state of being. 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 informing us of the fact for publication.

Natural flowers are gratefully appreciated by our angel visitors, 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 offerings.

Letters of inquiry in regard to this Department must be addressed to

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Held in the Banner of Light Circle-Room, April 1st, 1892.

REPORT OF SPIRIT MESSAGES

GIVEN THROUGH THE TRANCE MEMBERSHIP OF

Mrs. M. T. Longley.

Spirit Invocation by Red Wing, one of the Medium's Guides.

Great Spirit, Manitou, Soul of Love, Divine Truth, enter into our hearts this hour; give spiritual strength, give sustaining power to each life that may be given; show on new lines of growth full of promise, of love, and of truth. To you, Great, Grand, Eternal Presence, to thee we come, asking for the sunshine of love to illuminate our hearts. Not to the pale, cold, full of wrath and small and selfish things, but to the Great Spirit of all life, all truth, all intelligence, broad as the universe, filling all space with grandeur, permeating all life with majestic forces, to thee, Divine Intelligence, we turn as the flower turns to the sunlight when the springtime opens with fragrance and beauty. To thee, Great Spirit, we turn to the bending skies that smile in radiance upon it, and call forth from her breast the beautiful tokens of new life and growth and unfoldment. To thee, Great Spirit, we turn to all Nations, Friend of All People, we give our thought today. We send to thee our best aspirations, and ask from thee and thy children, that you may give us new strength, give us new strength of spirit that we may overcome the selfishness, the weakness, the littleness of the things that belong to the external. Give to us, O Great Spirit, give to us, O Spirit of goodness in the hunting grounds beyond, that blessing which we can receive, which with spiritual power, and help to be lifted from such and to spiritualize other lives. This is the red man's prayer.

INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES.

John Pierpont.

Friends: We shall give you no Anniversary address, for you have been filled with the spirit of the occasion as brought from the angel-world and as dispensed by ministering minds of mediumistic mold during the last three days in this city. The very atmosphere of Boston is charged with the spiritualized, electrifying, magnetic forces brought from the spiritual kingdom at this time, for it is a day of rejoicing, the angelic jubilee, when souls translated and with souls incarnate on earth to commemorate the advent of that glorious revelation to man, the immortality of human life as demonstrated through mediumship.

This is an important occasion, and felt to be such by the spiritual intelligences who approach you from the eternal world. Can you not believe that the date upon which their first came in this nineteenth century an indisputable evidence of an unending existence for man, the 31st of March, 1848, is remembered and commemorated in spirit-life even as fully as it is by Spiritualists on earth? Certainly bands of intelligences gather and mingle their thoughts and reminiscences concerning this latter-day revelation, and certainly do these intelligences unite with yourselves in your observances of the day and the date, bringing to you influences from the higher life with which to stimulate your thought to new unfoldment, to illuminate your minds with fresh suggestions of the meaning and the purpose of life, and to strengthen your spirits for the coming time with its burdens and its experiences.

To-day there come thronging to our Circle-Room hundreds of exalted spirits who are alive with the fire of intelligence, who are filled with active energy and thought, who have been identified in past years with the movement of Spiritualism on earth, and who are identified with its work at the present time in their homes in the spirit-life. They are your co-workers still; they hold an interest in your welfare and in your labors. Certainly they have a right to claim one day in the year at our hands upon our platform for the privilege of expressing their thought, their sympathy, and their desire to be useful and helpful to you, and so we permit them to voice their sentiments this day, affording them all the aid that we can, and asking for them your sympathy that they may be assisted in doing their best. John Pierpont.

Henry C. Wright.

Chairman: I give you greeting, and I give my good friends present greeting. I see familiar faces, I feel familiar spirits close beside me that are in mortal form, and I can mingle my atmosphere with theirs, knowing that it catches a perfume and strength from them, and trusting that they may receive something as good from me.

I come to-day, Chairman, for I have been accustomed during the last few years to control this medium upon your platform upon the circle-day in the date of our Anniversary. I claim that as my private and long as she remains in this position, but I do not feel that I am selfish in this claim; for while I gain good for my soul by coming here, I always leave an influence that I believe reaches some heart, and bears its own blessing with it.

Oh! I am delighted at the present aspect of things. I know my good friend Colby feels that the world is full of friction, that there are many darts and stings shooting out toward the faithful workers of the Spiritual Cause. There may, perhaps, be more thorns than fragrant roses; but, nevertheless, I feel that the world is full of good things, and that humanity is full of good things. Sometimes they have a strange way of expressing themselves, but, after all, these good things assert themselves, and make their presence felt. We are lifted higher every year of our lives through the very experience that comes to us. I believe in giving a kiss for a blow; I believe in giving the right hand of fellowship in the face of scorn and contumely. The right hand may not be received; perhaps it will be spurned or struck aside by those to whom it is offered. What of that? The hurt comes not to me who have offered it; the hand rebounds upon the spirit that rejects the hand of love and fellowship that is offered in good will.

So to me the world seems full of growth. We see many strange developments in the course of unfoldment throughout Nature's departments. We gaze upon an orchard tree and see starting out upon one of its branches a little green bulb or globe. It grows and becomes firm to the touch, but remains green and hard. We pluck it before its time, impatient to enjoy what it has to offer our acceptance, and bite into it. It makes us pucker up our lips, and we cast it forth as something distasteful and unwholesome. It is bitter and sour, and has no prophetic taste of the fruit of the tree of which we desire to partake. That is our fault. We had no business to pluck it before it was right to yield to our touch. If we had left it upon the tree until Nature had ripened it through her own processes, we should have found it mellow, sweet to our taste, and wholesome.

Thus very often in our own experience we reach out to other lives to take from them something which they possess that we think

will do us good. It may be an opinion, an influence, or a magnetic force, but the ripening process has not progressed sufficiently, and that which we have taken to ourselves we find bitter indeed. After a while we shall know better, we shall know enough to wait until Nature herself and God in the universe bring us the experience, the force, or the thought that has ripened and is full of sweetness to our souls.

Chairman, give my love to my friends. Tell them I am alive, I love them; I have no idea of dying; I never shall die, because there is too much activity in my soul for that. I haven't got time to die, but I am living year by year, finding more of grace in God's purposes, more of love in the universe, more of soul satisfaction in life, and pressing on to other works. I will not tarry longer, for there are many who wish to speak.

Henry C. Wright.

Paulina Wright Davis.

I am proud to come here in the company of such a good friend as he who has just spoken to you, and in association with other dear souls who are present on the spirit-plane upon the mortal side to whom I bring greeting, and I bring my love and spiritual thought to my friends everywhere. They are pressing on in good works. Not always known to the world are these good works, and not always widespread, but they are exercising an effect upon personal lives, bringing out the richness within and causing it to flow forth toward others in beneficent ways.

Spiritualism is the truth to me. I rejoice at the return of every Anniversary season, for it brings hearts together in kindly association. The workers on the spirit side of life who have occupied prominent or humble places in the movement of Spiritualism on earth are united there. They do not have any bickerings, little jealousies and exhibitions of feeling as if one were more exalted than another. There one does not turn his face away from a more humble worker, or goze indifferently upon those who have tried to do their best, even though unknown to fame. They recognize the fact that the ant in the upbuilding of the universe may be as important and useful as the highest creature known in animal life, and perhaps more so, for the largest and seemingly most important animal never built a coral reef, but the tiny ant-life may accomplish that stupendous work. So those who have occupied positions of fame in this outward life as far as Spiritualism counts any sort of fame, to the outspoken worker—comes to realize in the spirit-world that the humble advocate of the cause of truth who in private life has given his speech and expended his forces and his strength in the dissemination of this truth, and who has, through the channel of mediumistic labor, sent forth a helpful influence to spirits and mortals, may have been as useful in building up the great bulwarks of Spiritualism as have the foremost advocates of its philosophical phenomena. The one has had no jealousies, we have no littleness of that sort in our life.

The workers in the spirit-world are full of rejoicing to day that you are coming together in the spirit of amity, good cheer, and brotherly and sisterly love, and exchanging sentiments and magnetic forces with each other. You are finding that your fellow-creatures are better than you believed they were, that your brothers and sisters in the field are sweeter and more humane than you have given them credit for being, because at that time they are putting forth the fragrance of their spiritual natures. You are taking in these spiritual emanations from their lives because you are letting out your own, and he who gives can but receive and appreciate that which he gives.

I come, Mr. Chairman, to speak a thought, for I was a spiritualistic worker. I have dear friends in different places. I turn in thought and love to Providence to-day, because I do feel that something has gone out from my life there which has remained, and which belongs to me. It is as if there had been cast out a line from the side of a great ship, and although that line was elastic, and allowed the ship to sail on to different ports, yet that attenuated thread held the vessel to its own first haven of rest and strength, to which the ship returned time and again to get a new freightage, and then to sail forth with it to other shores. So my line of magnetic strength seems to be cast there in Providence, and near by, and though I sail to different ports, yet the line is elastic and permits me to go, yet I follow it back again for new freightage of love from the souls of my friends, with which to refresh my soul.

Brother Foster and good friends who are here, I am thankful to see your faces in Boston at this time. Bear with you from the city that seems to be the centre of spiritual thought in the world some magnetic life and strength that shall be a new power to our old place and give it fresh thought and influence from above. Paulina Wright Davis.

Henry F. Gardner.

Mr. President: The Anniversary of Spiritualism could not be complete in Boston without your presence. I am sure, egotistical as I am, that I may say, "I might have been here, but I have made my influence felt within the last two or three days in this city. I know I have, and there are those in the mortal that know I have, not through this medium, but through others, for nothing gives me greater happiness than to feel that I can make myself felt in Boston."

I'm a Spiritualist. That goes without the saying. I could not in anything else, and I feel that I have a standing position in the Banner of Light Circle-Room. I was sometimes at loggerheads with my friend Colby. I am now sometimes, but we're good friends after all. I don't agree with everything that he believes, and he doesn't agree with me on every point, and we don't hesitate to say so; but I like this Circle-Room and this establishment, and always feel at home here.

I'm not going to make a speech, though if I let myself run on you'll wish I hadn't come; but I've just come in here to greet you, my friends of Boston and to tell them I think there's a stronger power gone out from the present year of Anniversary observances than you've ever known before in this city. I think so; I can see it. I've been to a good many places this week, and I feel a strong power for Spiritualism in the air. I'm glad of it. I want Spiritualism to get all the power it can. I can't have too much for me. I would be perfectly satisfied if I received such an impetus from the spirit-world as to bring what would seem to the old dry bones of theology and superstition a cyclone to sweep down all their shaking institutions, from Harvard College down, though I know that Harvard College is pretty liberal in these days, very different from what it was in my day—the days of early Spiritualism. It's lost much of its bigotry and superstition, and it is turning out young men that refuse to be fossilized like their ancestors, but it hasn't begun to be as liberal as it ought to be, and I would like to see the strongholds of old theological assertions and dogmatic opinion shaken to their foundations by the power of Spiritualism. That would just suit me, and I believe the work is going on, and every one of us who are faithful Spiritualists are helping it along.

I like the Veteran Union, and I speak of it because there are members of that society here. I tell you it is a power, not only in Boston but in the whole world. I know it will. Now those who doubt this need not believe what I say. I never cared whether they did or not when I was here. I spoke my mind just the same, and I speak my opinion now when I say that the Veteran Union will be a success, and that it will, before another Anniversary comes, have gained very much in membership and influence. I'm a member of that society, and I'm going to work for it from the spirit-side. Just Edmund is a member of that society; so is Dr. Brittan, and so is I. I might call over, but I won't stop to do it. So it's all on this side, and the work must be shared between spirits and mortals as it has been to-day. Henry F. Gardner.

Jennie Dixon.

It has been so long since I have manifested my presence in any public way, and so many years have passed since I stood upon the spirit-platform in my bodily form and voiced the

inspirations brought to me by the beautiful angels whom I love, in order that some thought or light might be borne to ignorant and doubting or murmuring hearts on earth, that perhaps my friends will think I have passed on from out the atmosphere of this life to the spiritual realm that are far beyond. Not so. I am a resident of that spiritual life which belongs to this earth, and I have a home there that is sweet and delightful. I have the presence of blooming souls that do not fade, the association of good souls that never grows cold. I have the sunlight of love that is never dimmed by any outward word of misunderstanding, and I have the strength of spirit to accomplish that work which is laid upon me by celestials in a higher world than mine, who can use my magnetic forces in reaching the outer understanding of spirits who occupy the same plane that I do.

So I am happy; but I could not be happy away from my friends, those who are here pressing on, following over the rugged pathways of an experience that is trying and severe, and reaching out for comfort and instruction to minds that are sufficiently raised above the cares and annoyances of earth-life to understand their motives and aspirations. To these friends I come to-day with my friendly love and greeting, which is not confined to one day or month in the year, but which lives through all the months, and is ever, ever fresh, and I tell my friends and workers that I come to-day with that radiant presence who, in years gone by, was known to them as Electra. She sends her greeting, too, to friends on earth.

Tell the dear ones of my family-circle that I know the years have been pressing upon them, that I know weariness has many times come to their lives, and that the burdens have seemed heavy. Tell all that I try to bring them influences that will give them strength to bear the trials and to rise above the pain. Tell my friends and workers that I do not forget any one, that I bring them all my love and my sympathy, and I try to give them peace.

I would like so much, Mr. Chairman, to mention every friend, every relative, all I have known, but I cannot do that to-day, for my time is short. One dear soul who occupies a prominent position in the field of Spiritualism, my near and true friend, will know that I refer to her life and its works, that I have been very close to her in private and public labor. Sometimes for long winters she have been more private than prominent since I have passed away, but I have known of the influence that has gone forth to them, and I have known that she has performed many good works which the world does not understand. I know that an abiding strength is given her by the sweet, pure souls who have her in their keeping, and who guide her work to its own results.

From Brooklyn, N. Y. I was best known as Jennie Dixon, but my full name was Amy J. Dixon.

Andrew T. Foss.

[To the Chairman:] Perhaps, sir, I am not as widely known as those who have preceded me, and perhaps many who have known me in the past seldom think of me now. Eighteen years is a long while to remain out of the sight of our friends, and to those who were close to my life and close to me in my work, eighteen years bring whitened heads and bended forms if they do not take those friends to another life.

Many whom I left upon this side, Mr. Chairman, being laid under their heavy burdens, have passed to the spirit-world to take up a new life and to find new refreshment for their souls, and I have met them. More than one old veteran has joined the great army of the other life and renewed his fealty, reported at his post of duty and expressed himself as ready for service in the great Cause. They send back their greetings, these old friends, to our friends on the mortal side, and I join mine with theirs. Many times since I passed from the body have I stood by the side of my staunch, firm old friend Pillsbury, and as he was expressing, by voice or pen, some burning thought for human betterment, I have felt that I was helping him, and I have felt a flame of fire from his soul and become uplifted and strengthened in my own line of life.

I was identified in many ways with reformatory measures for the amelioration of human misery and suffering. I disliked to see human beings incarcerated in the prison of selfishness, held in the bondage of servitude, or in the slavery of passion, and shackled by the cruel chains of persecution and oppression of any sort. It gave me pain to know that my fellow beings were kept down by the lash, and so I tried to do what I could toward bringing freedom to those in bondage of any kind that I could reach. Now I have the sympathy and the company of such souls as William Lloyd Garrison, Charles Sumner, Henry Wilson and others of that class, in whose companionship my spirit rejoices. Do you think they are idle? You do not begin to dream of their work and their influence; you are not ready to see the results of them yet.

Do you know that sometimes you gaze upon a flower at nightfall, and the petals are all folded over so closely that you can see no sign of the inner life; but there has been a work going on through natural law for some time, and when you rise in the morning and gaze upon what was a sealed bud, you behold a transformation. While you have been asleep the petals have opened, and the inner heart is disclosed in its beauty and fragrance as it has never been able to express itself before, just as the sunlight of the spirit influence has been acting upon it to give it strength.

Now I will not speak any longer. I lived in Manchester, N. H. I had a good many friends, not only there and in other parts of the old Granite State, but in New England generally, and perhaps some will be glad to know that the old veteran who belonged to the great army in more senses than one, who was a soldier at the post of duty, or who tried to be, has come back to your Circle-Room to give a thought. I am, Mr. Chairman, T. Foss.

Elizur Wright wishes me to give his love and greeting with my own to his friends.

George W. Morrill.

I cannot resist the temptation to say a few words. I shall be brief, but I doubt if I shall ever have such an opportunity, or so much power given me to speak through your medium, as I have to-day.

I come to bring my love to my friends, and they are here in your Circle-Room, as well as outside of it. I come to give greeting to all my good friends who have been near to me in spirit-affinity in the years of my earth-life.

I am a Spiritualist from the crown of my head to the point of my toes; I am a Spiritualist through every fiber of my being; I was here, and I am no different now in that respect from what I have been. I wish to tell my friends that I am rejoicing to-day in this great jubilee that the spirits are holding with their mortal associates in communion from the great good that has come to humanity from the spirit-world. This is a carnival in which we have time and opportunity to express our exuberance of feeling, of joy and thankfulness for all the blessed things of life. We ought every one of us to be glad that we are living in this day, that we belong to these times, that we did not belong to the dark ages, but were privileged to come into potency of thought and action in this nineteenth century. We are all making a mark upon the times. Some make a good deep impression; others may only make a feeble one. But we will be strong enough to last, and will exercise an influence in some degree.

My family of the spirit-world are with me in my good feeling and love for my friends and dear ones on this side of life. I will not call any names to-day, Mr. Chairman. I do not come for that; I only come in love and good-will to all.

George W. Morrill of Amesbury, Mass.

Dr. A. S. Hayward.

Now, my friend and friends who are here, do

you think that a circle of spirits in the Banner of Light office manifesting in celebration of the Anniversary of Spiritualism could be complete without a word from me? You see, I seem to be a good deal as Gardner was when he spoke; he thought you could not get along without him, and I hope you can't get along without me, for I can't get along without you all—without my friends on this side—and I've just rushed in here for a minute to say "How do you do?" I'm well; I hope you are, and I hope you'll all live forever, as I intend to do. You will, if you're alive and awake, but if you go to sleep and let your faculties die out for want of use, I do not know but that the powers that be or have control will think as long as you're willing to be useless and don't want to stir about, you might as well be allowed to die out entirely. I don't intend to be caught in any such snare. I mean to keep straight up with the movements of the times, and I tell my friends here in Boston and everywhere else that I haven't been idle nor asleep since they heard from me on this side.

I run up to Saratoga occasionally, and there not long since I met my friend Vosburgh. He's gone to the spirit-life, you understand. I'm sorry for it, not because I don't want to see him over there, but because he was needed here. [To the Chairman:] I don't know what it is, Doctor, hardly as yet—I haven't studied it scientifically, but I'm going to sometime when I have the time—that takes such men as Vosburgh and myself out of the body in a whiff, so to speak, just when they seem to think their powers are in the best condition for doing extensive work; but I suppose that is because they use up the magnetic forces a little more than they have any idea of.

I was going to say that I saw Vosburgh, and he gave me an idea of the condition of things in Saratoga. I asked him what brought him from Troy. Well, he said he was following a line of magnetic attraction toward some sensitive that he thinks can be unfolded for magnetic work, who lives in or near Saratoga. I don't know as Vosburgh would be able to explain this for himself, so I thought I'd speak for him. He'd like to have me, I know. In fact, he told me the first opportunity I got of communicating in public to speak a good word for him to his friends in Troy and other places, to say that he is strong in the work and strong in the knowledge of spirit-life, that he has power of soul and spirit to put into this work, and he believes that his influence will be felt and understood forcibly in years to come. I think so, too.

Peleg Wadsworth of Boston, one of our healers and workers, stands down in the audience, and he says, "Hayward, don't forget to say a word for me," and I won't. Just consider it said that he is full of good things, and is giving them out to humanity.

I'm going to speak any longer. Give my love to my friends. I'll Mrs. Hayward I have answered her silent desires in more ways than one. She knows that I am with her in the work, and that she, in her magnetic labors for others, has brought me more closely if possible to her side, for I can use my own powers through that avenue, and also through the agency of Mr. Hatch. I mean my brother-in-law, Converse Hatch.

I have a great deal I'd like to say, but I'd only be exhausting the magnetic forces of your medium, and if I use them up she'll never be willing I should come again. Give my good-will to the boys down stairs.

[In answer to Mr. Colby's query if he had been up to the State House, the spirit continued:] Yes, all winter. That is one of my posts of duty, friend Colby, and I'll stick by it until I see every bigoted legislator worked out of office into the street where he belongs, for he could get ideas in the street from the passing traffic.

Good-by, friends. I needn't announce myself, but you may call me A. S. Hayward, or Aaron S. Hayward.

Now do, before I leave, do let me say to my good soul-friend, Col. Crockett, that I am with him very often, and get food for my spirit in his delightful home.

Oneeka.

[To the Chairman:] How? [How do you do?] Oneeka come to close the Council, to give strength to the little equaw. Pale-faces use magnetic forces of your medium; Indian spirit give magnetic forces.

Oneeka speaks to the pale-faces in love. Give greeting on this big day, when the sunshine of the Great Spirit smiles on your hearts. Oneeka say to the good braves and squaws that do the spirit's work: Be full of cheer. Storms come, clouds darken, but do not last. Sunlight lives forever, and cannot die. Clouds gather from earth-life, go up in the mists to hide the sun. The sun lives in heavens and burns away the clouds. They belong to the material; sun belongs to the everlasting spirit. (Oneeka send word to the little squaw and to his medium squaw.) Get love and blessing from hunting-grounds where spirit-bands live in peace, coming with healing words of cheer to bless the home-life. Oneeka see new power, new strength, little squaw, new health for the home, for you all, when the flowers bloom. When the forest leaves fall and drift on the

to Miss Spalding, the reporter.

around you feel the power of the spirit with new life, new good cheer.

INDIVIDUAL SPIRIT MESSAGES

TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.

Jan. 29 (Continued).—Corra Allen; Capt. Samuel White; Controlling Spirit, for Theodore Howell, Alice Wentworth, Leslie French.

Feb. 1.—Henry B. Lucas; Earle Alexander, who also spoke for John, Franklin Lewis, Mary P. Warren, John Moxson; Joe Hunt; Maria Scott; Robert Anderson.

Messages here noticed as having been given will appear in due course according to routine date.

April 1.—Julia Arkwright; Joe Ashby; Peter O. Brooks; Capt. W. McDowen; Clinton Malley; Rebecca Armstrong; Mrs. Davenport.

April 12. A. E. Newton; Nicholas Brown; Cora S. Abbott; Charles H. Twichell; Helen Baker; George Anderson; Charlotte Smith.

Written for the Banner of Light.

NOT DEAD.

BY MYRA WENTWORTH BEMERSON.

Outside the winds of November rave.
And the snow falls thick on a little grave;
I sit alone in the freighthouse glow,
And my tears fall fast as the wintry snow.

My baby girl—how to-night I miss
The little face that I used to kiss,
And the loving arms that were wont to twine
Around my neck like a tender vine.

But now—alas! can I bless the hand
That has made me a life the desert land,
With never a blossom to cheer the way.
But list! do I hear a sweet voice say:

"I am with you still, though you do not see,
And I oftentimes sit upon your knee;
For the 'Golden Gate' it is open still,
Through which angels come and go at will.

Ay, we come so oft, though you may not hear,
And my home is still with my mamma, dear;
So grieve no more, life holds no ill,
There are no dead—they are living still."

Outside the winds of November rave,
And the snow falls thick on a little grave;
But I weep no more: I feel, I know
That she lies not there 'neath the drifted snow.

False Economy

Is practiced by many people, who buy inferior articles of food because cheaper than standard goods. Surely infants are entitled to the best food obtainable. It is a fact that the "Gail Borden" Eagle Brand Condensed Milk is the best infant food. Your grocer and druggist keep it.

Passed to Spirit-Life.

From Arlington street, North Cambridge, Mass., April 15th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. S. Brown, Fluke Russell, aged 81 years.

Mr. Russell was a native of Temple, Me., but had resided in Cambridge since 1846. He was a mechanical draughtsman by profession, and had honorably filled important positions of trust and responsibility.

Upright in character, courteous and urbane in bearing, he was a true friend to all, and his life had been largely devoted to the education of his children. He was a devoted father, and his children, all of whom were married, were all well and happy. He was a true friend to all, and his life had been largely devoted to the education of his children.

He was an ardent Spiritualist, and it failed him not when he knew release was near. At his request the writer and Rev. Mr. Bicknell (Universalist) officiated at his funeral, which was largely attended. The serene beauty of the aged face, the rose flowers, the exquisite music of a male quartet, the sweetly solemn truths of immortality, the gentle day—all conspired to touch mourning hearts with gleams of heavenly peace.

The body was interred in the beautiful Cambridge Cemetery, near Mount Auburn. May his spirit find comfort in his loved ones, and may their last days be like his. JULIETTE YEAW.

From Montville, Me., April 18th, 1892, Charles P. Randall, aged about 60 years.

Our brother was an ardent Spiritualist for upward of thirty years. He was true and faithful, and an earnest worker in the Cause; was a kind friend and neighbor, a devoted husband and a much respected citizen. His loss will be sorely felt. The BANNER OF LIGHT was a welcome guest at his bedside for the last ten years. The spirit-world has been enriched by another noble soul. We know the mortal body is laid away from our sight forever, we feel his spirit has joined the companion, father, mother and three sisters who have watched and waited for his return. We welcome him to the higher home he has built with his own good deeds and the noble life he has lived.

He leaves an invalid wife and two sons, who have our deepest sympathy. The funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Morse of Saratoga, Me.; many friends gathered to pay their last tribute to one who was loved and who knew him. Mrs. D. M. MOODY.

Lowell, Mass., N. H., March 12th, 1892, Eliza Towne, at the age of 84 years.

He was a good townsman, a kind neighbor, a faithful husband and father, and an earnest Spiritualist. For many years the BANNER OF LIGHT has been his guiding star, and he was cheered by the beautiful truths it advocated. When the summons came, he was found ready to accept the call to come up higher. His transition was very sudden at the last, although very quiet. He leaves an aged companion and two daughters to mourn the loss of his material presence, although they feel that husband and father can come to them and bless them with his influence.

The funeral services were held by Mrs. Sarah A. Wiley of Rockingham, Vt.—it being his request that there should be no spiritual services at his funeral, and the wish being faithfully carried out by his family. M. M. HOLT.

Obituary Notices not exceeding twenty lines published gratuitously. When they exceed that number, twenty cents for each additional line will be charged. Two lines on average make a line. No space for poetry under the above heading.

The articles most in use are—"a," "an" and "the."

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AYER'S Sarsaparilla</

THE UTOPIAN FARMER.

Come here, my dear, I want to say a word or two to you. 'Tis not what I think 't is the proper thing for me 'n' you to do. You've got a mighty good advice sense we was wed that day. Way back in sixty-one, 'n' now I'd like to have ye say 't ye don't think I've got a right to do as others does. 'N' sell the crops before they grows, jest like them Easterners.

Why, Meg, a man out in New York he's sold a lot o' corn. 'Tis several thousand bushels more than what the country's borne. 'N' got his money too, I'm told, 'n' did 'n' have a peck o' grain of any kind in hand to cook his little speck. He cleared a hundred thousand cash! 'N' Meg, that's more 'n' we have cleared at farm 'n' all our days, or ever will, by gee!

'N' I can't say I see the use o' workin' day by day 'N' only sellin' what we raise for mighty little pay. When times has 'n' any grain can sell up there in Iowa.

A million pecks of wheat 'n' corn, 'n' git their money down. The modern plan 's a dandy, Meg, 'n' et we makes it so.

'I'll get you that planer, 'n' the trottin'-horse for Joe. We'll raise the mortgage off the roof, 'n' paint the old barn red.

'N' send the gals to Paris, France, and buy a rose-wed bed.

We'll get new carpets for the floors, 'n' keep a hired man.

'I only I can go to town 'n' learn to work the plan. 'N' mebbe, Meg, I'd make enough to run for Governor.

Or get sent down to Washin'ton a full-fledged Senator. I tell yer, gal, this is an age that beats creation. Say, What would yer father 've said, 'd ye think, if he wuz here to-day.

'Ter see folks sellin' wheat and corn, and hull ears full o' 'em.

'N' 'leven-twelfths of all they sold nowhere but in their eyes?

How he would yell to think of us a-makin' of a pot o' gold at sellin' fellers things we have 'n' really got? What 's that ye say? 'T is 'n' straight to sell what ye do 'n' own?

'N' if I goes into the spec. I goes it all alone?

'The music on the planny ye think would drive ye mad if it was bought from sellin' things ye never rightly had?

Wall, have yer way; I'll let it go; I did 'n' mean no harm.

But what yer straight in cities can't be crooked on a farm.

—John K. Bangs, in Harper's Magazine.

April Magazines.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—The contents the present month are of a breezy and interesting character; to our mind this is one of the very best numbers ever issued in the history of this always popular magazine. William Henry Bishop contributes No. 1 of "An American in Europe," the homelike descriptions of life under a foreign sky, etc., contained in which will make No. 2 looked forward to; Edward Kirk Rawson writes appreciatively of "Admiral Farragut," and the paper merits close reading by the present generation of Americans; F. Marlon Crawford's "Don Orsino" reaches Chapter IX; "The Limit of Battle Ships" (by John M. Elliott); and "American Sea Songs" (by Alfred M. Williams), will interest respectively the statistically and the romantically inclined among those who delight to peruse matter concerning "life on the ocean wave"; articles fitted to the lovers of the historic and classic in literature are to be found in addition, and the poetry, regular departments, etc., round out a fine display. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, publishers.

WIDE AWAKE.—An Easter number, bright and entertaining in stories, poems and illustrations. "The Flowers' Easter Message" (poem) by Emily Paulsson. "Story of an Easter Hat," by Miss Brewster. Mrs. Lewis describes "The Easter Tree" and its festivities in Germany, and Miss Harris, "How Easter Came to the Little Nuremberg Maids." The Romance of a Calico Gown is a war story by Zetella Cooke, a Southern lady. Lieut. Col. Thorndike contributes a thrilling story, "Out of Paris in a Balloon," in which the faithfulness and sagacity of a dog are fully illustrated. Two chapters of that remarkably interesting story, "The Lance of Kananah," are given, and in "Men and Things" is much to instruct and amuse Boston: D. Lothrop Co.

THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.—Mrs. Wm. E. Gladstone contributes the first of three papers, entitled "Hints from a Mother's Life." "Grace Greenwood" and Ella Wheeler Wilcox supply interesting reading, and several short complete stories are prominent attractions. Articles of practical value include "Artistic Embroidery on Linen," "Side Talks with Girls," and "The Use and Abuse of the Needle." "The Brownies" amuse in their quaint way, and Mr. Rexford treats upon the culture of flowers. Philadelphia: Curtis Pub. Co.

THE QUIVER for April begins with a short story, "Such a Suitable Match." Among others in the contents of an excellent number may be noted: "A Corner in Life," a truly pathetic story; Lady Laura Hampton's parable, "The Discontented Briar"; "A Workhouse Episode," and "Out of the Shadows." Cassell Publishing Co., 104-106 4th Avenue, New York.

GOOD ROADS.—This new monthly appears in advocacy of a much-needed reform: Better roads as a humanitarian and pecuniary benefit to the people and their faithful allies, the horses and cattle, in the development of this country. It should have a strong support. New York: League Roads Improvement Bureau.

NOTES AND QUERIES.—The April number contains "A Chapter of Quotations on the Devil," filling eight pages, gathered by Mrs. Allan Ransom of Chicago, a list of the "Grand Masters of the Knights of Malta," "Why Dec. 25th is Called Christmas," etc. Manchester, N. H.: S. C. & L. M. Gould. Boston: For sale by Colby & Rich.

OUR LITTLE ONES is as attractive as ever in its contents, that include "Stokelback's Housekeeper," "What Happened," "Whistling Binnie," "Mischievous Monkey" and "Learning to Swim." Boston: Russell Pub. Co.

HERALD OF HEALTH.—"Cycling and Physique," "Suggestions Concerning La Grippe," "Health Habits of Farmers," etc. New York: Dr. M. L. Holbrook, 40 East 21st street.

UNITY PULPIT has reached the twenty-second number of the thirteenth volume, giving Rev. M. J. Savage's sermon on Compromise. Boston: Geo. H. Ellis, 141 Franklin street.

HISTORIA is an illustrated monthly of Historical Stories for Young People. Chicago, Ill.

NEW MUSIC.—We have received from White Smith Music Publishing Company, 62 and 64 Stanhope street, Boston, Mass., the following: "Instrumental"—"Meadow Brook: Reverie," "I'll Esperanza Waltz," "Loren Bridge," "Christmas Roses Waltzes," O. A. White; "Capella Thérèse Waltzes," "Miss Helvete Waltzes," B. M. Davison. Vocal—"Bright Stars Above Me," "Romance of the Soprano," the same also for contralto or bass; "My Mother's Song," (quartette) soprano or tenor, also for contralto or bass; "The Picture that We'll Never Turn from View," Arthur Malone. The "Piano" for April—same publishers—has a full-page plate of "Meadow Brook" (author of "Little Annie Rooney") gives interesting letter-press, and furnishes a good program of vocal and instrumental compositions.

[Bleeders Par Excellence.]—An exchange reaching in a sermon, lately delivered in that city, that in order to preserve the religious observance of Sunday the Government must legislate to that effect, and then enforce its laws, and saying: "When the law is made, then I appeal to you as a church; I appeal to you as Christians, stand by the ship of State, and if any one dares to desecrate the day—over the rail with the wretches!"

To have carried out the nautical figure of speech to an execution should have said, "Let him walk the plank!" It has been evident for some time that there are pirates on board this ship of State, who intend to mutiny, capture the ship, and do their best to send all who oppose them to Davy Jones's locker. They must be wary of pirates, and to appear so open to their (God-in-the-Constitution) co-conspirators.—The American Sentinel, N. Y.

URIC ACID.

What It Is and How It Forms.

A Clear Description of This Most Subtle Enemy of Modern American Life—What a Prominent Professor Says.

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"There is probably nothing which has ever been known in the history of the world that has caused more real misery to men and women than that simple and yet dangerous element called uric acid. This dangerous substance gets into the blood of men and women, and even children, even before they suspect it, and the havoc that it works is simply appalling. It causes rheumatism, neuralgia, gout and pneumonia. It is the cause of most colds, and the actual source of nearly every case of grip."

"You can see this dangerous acid gets into the blood very easily. The principal duty of the kidneys and bladder is to expel uric acid from the system. They fail to work very frequently, and, instead of being driven from the system, this poisonous uric acid goes into the blood. When once in the blood it ferments, it poisons, it causes unnumbered diseases, and too often occasions death."

"It must be plain, even to a novice, that the only way in which to keep this acid out of the blood is to keep the kidneys and bladder in a strong, a healthy and a vigorous condition. This is the whole problem in a nutshell, and the man or woman who does this is invariably free from uric acid and the infinite troubles which it causes. I have never known of but one thing that will in every case drive uric acid from the system, and that is Warner's Safe Cure. It has been found by the medical profession to be possessed of properties unknown to any discovery of ancient or modern times. I have known of women who have been weak, sorrow, run down, of men who have been debilitated and wholly unnerve, who are to-day pictures of health and strength, and they know as well as I do that the result is due to but one thing—the great cure of which I have spoken."

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FINELY executed lithographs bearing the above title I have been received by us. The size is 2 1/2x3 1/2. The principal figure is a female, evidently designed to represent a beautiful spirit, crowned with a wreath of flowers, and bearing a long band of emblem in her left hand, while in her right is a scroll inscribed with the words "Message of Love." Over her head are three stars. The drapery on each side appears to be the curtains of a cabinet, between which she stands in an exceedingly graceful position, suggestive of the line, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." From above a ray of light radiates over the entire form. The significance of Mrs. Brigham, Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Lillie and Mrs. Britton, and others, how all of these, are given, and excellent ones they are. The artist is Mr. Shobe, who, we are informed, has executed many beautiful drawings illustrative of the Spiritual Philosophy.

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their loads of good things were arranged the entire length of the hall and the spirit of the festival was everywhere. The exercises were opened with singing, and an introductory speech by President Dr. H. B. Storor. The exercises were then followed by the anniversary address of Mrs. Carrie E. B. Wing, which was a short and forcible address on "The Anniversary." She was followed by others. Then the meeting was adjourned till evening.
The exercises were opened with singing by the home mediums. They did great credit to themselves, and to the Society—showing much spiritual growth in the past year. Several new mediums who have been developed within the year also took part in the exercises. At the close of the exercises the hall was cleared, and old and young enjoyed dancing till 12 M.
MARY I. DIMOCK.

First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society, Boston.

The morning of April 1st dawned bright and beautiful. The members of the Society were early at work, for the enthusiastic meetings of the Spiritual Temple at Odd Fellows Hall and of the Lyceum at Tremont Temple assured them that WELLS HALL was not any too commodious to receive their friends.
Through the kindness of Mrs. A. F. Butterfield, Mr. Heywood of Weymouth, Mrs. Alice Waterhouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Osgood of Amherst, the platform was decorated with an exquisite display of cut flowers.
The President, Mrs. E. B. Storor, in well-chosen words at a few minutes past ten o'clock—greeted the large audience, then introduced an ordained minister of the spiritual religion, Mrs. Carrie E. B. Wing. The inspiration of the occasion was given through her and her words reached every heart.
Mrs. Mary A. Chandler then voiced for the angels many truthful descriptions, and a fine inspirational address.
One of the veterans, Mrs. M. H. Fletcher of Lowell, was greeted with hearty applause, and her speech was full of fraternal good-will to all.
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read an original article entitled, "Her First Voice from Spirit-land," the introduction speaking of it as "one little picture selected from the many paintings hanging upon the walls of memory."
The Article of Association was read by the Secretary, the Chaplain, Dr. J. E. Fleming, then gave a short discourse upon "How to Become a Spiritualist."
Mrs. Hugh T. Wilson then sang "God, Our Rock of Ages," words of her own composition, to that most beautiful air, "Hallelujahs," "Last Hope," Prof. Ault and Messrs. Kline rendering the accompaniment.
"Never have we heard anything so beautiful and impressive. Tears coursed down many cheeks, and again the knowledge came to us that the angels were near."
The President, Capt. Cooley, then gave a short talk upon the hopes and prospects of the Association, and remarked that he hoped it had been fully demonstrated to those present that a lady could and did make a better speaker than a man. He extended a cordial invitation to all present to meet with them again, and requesting all to rise, the spiritual song, "Oh! Mortals, Shout Auld for Joy," to the air of "Auld Lang Syne," made the welkin ring, and the solemn hush of the cloister was broken by the low well-chosen words of benediction which fell upon the bowed heads.
The Fort Worth Gazette gave a lengthy report of the proceedings, including the address of Mrs. Wing, for which act of liberality it is to be highly commended.

Haverhill, Mass.

On the evening of Thursday, March 31st, the Haverhill and Bradford Union celebrated the Forty-Fourth Anniversary by appropriate exercises in Brittan Hall, which had been beautifully decorated by a committee headed by Mrs. Cate and Mrs. Dr. Hayward. Evergreen wreaths, clusters and flags ornamented the walls and galleries. Colored plants screened the stage, while upon the piano stood handsome bunches of cut flowers. Upon the left wall hung the charter of the Union draped in white. At 8:30 o'clock a bountiful home-made supper was served by the ladies, of which three hundred and thirty-two partook.
At eight o'clock the following program was artistically rendered, President Grieves acting as master of ceremonies:
Selection.....Home Orchestra
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Violin Solo.....Jessie Little
Song.....Mrs. Hayes
Recitation.....Marion Hunt
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Reading.....Marion Hunt
Song.....Marion Hunt
After the entertainment presents were distributed from a large fir tree by Secretary Smith. Ticket-holders drew a number each, number called for and present on the tree. At the close of the distribution Hall's orchestra took possession of the stage, and the remainder of the evening was passed in dancing.

Washington, D. C.

The Spiritualists of this city celebrated the Forty-Fourth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, March 31st, at the Builders' Exchange Hall, which was filled to its utmost capacity, notwithstanding the inclement weather.
The hall was most beautifully decorated with choice plants and flowers.
Mr. M. C. Edson, the President of the Association, presided, and opened the exercises with a few and appropriate remarks.
A fine program of instrumental and vocal music and recitations was followed by an oration and poem from Mrs. Julia E. Hagdon-Jackson, our star speaker, which was highly appreciated. Mrs. Gaule kindly assisted, and began her tests with very appropriate remarks; her tests were very fine and satisfactory.
The music, both instrumental and vocal, was excellent. The audience was very attentive.
On Sunday evening, April 10th, Mrs. Walcott, by request, gave a very interesting Memorial Service in memory of the departure to spirit-land of Mrs. Plente, a medium, whose funeral service Mrs. W. lately conducted. There was a full house, and all were deeply interested. Mrs. Walcott is a fine medium, and herself and Miss Gaule are doing a good work in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md.

The Psychic Spiritualist Society celebrated the Forty-Fourth Anniversary on Sunday evening, April 3d, in its hall, Howard street.
The hall was packed, and the occasion proved a grand success. The program was most artistically decorated with mottoes, palms, lilies, and other flowers.
The regular speaker, Mrs. R. Walcott, gave an eloquent and forcible lecture, suitable for the occasion, which was highly appreciated. Miss Gaule kindly assisted, and began her tests with very appropriate remarks; her tests were very fine and satisfactory.
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Springfield, Mo.

The Progressive Spiritualist Society celebrated the Anniversary at its hall on Commercial street on Sunday, April 3d.
At 10:30 A. M. Prof. J. Madison Allen delivered a discourse on the higher education, in which he set forth the principles and philosophy of Spiritualism for a short address, and then gave some excellent tests and psychometric readings. Remarks were made by Mr. E. M. Lay and Mrs. Mitchell; after which Mrs. W. D. S. Hayward gave a few tests that were recognized.
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Hartford, Ct.

The Forty-Fourth Anniversary was celebrated by the First Spiritualist Society of this city at its rooms, No. 81 Asylum street, on Sunday evening, April 3d.
The exercises opened with singing, followed by an invocation; an address by Mrs. E. W. Sweet, solo by Mrs. W. D. S. Hayward, and then gave some excellent tests and psychometric readings. Remarks were made by Mr. E. M. Lay and Mrs. Mitchell; after which Mrs. W. D. S. Hayward gave a few tests that were recognized.
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San Diego, Cal.

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where an audience of nearly four hundred assembled. The stage was set with a drawing-room scene, and profusely and tastefully decorated with roses and calla lilies.
The exercises were opened with a piano solo by Miss June Custer; an invocation followed by Mrs. Edith E. B. Nickless; song, Miss Mabel A. Nickless; recitation, "Jerry," Miss June Custer; hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," congregation; lecture, "Ancient and Modern Spiritualism, and What It Has Done for Man," Mrs. Edith E. B. Nickless; song, Miss Mabel A. Nickless; recitation, "Secret of Death," Mrs. Hattie Johnson; tests of spirits present, Mrs. Edith E. B. Nickless.
Everything passed off pleasantly, and all seemed well pleased with the exercises. J. H. Nickless.

Portland, Me.

The First Spiritualist Society held Anniversary exercises Sunday, March 27th, afternoon and evening. Two of the largest audiences of the season greeted the speaker, Miss Lizzie Ever of Portsmouth, N. H. The anniversary address of the day was followed by tests of spirits, the day with inspiration and messages from Life Beyond.
Taking for her theme of the evening, "Our Great To-Day, and Its Spiritual Expressions of Power," the speaker held the attention of the audience by a vivid portrayal of truth.
The floral offerings were many—the platform being beautifully filled with bouquets and potted plants; a handsome basket of flowers graced the speaker's side.
In the outer world the day was all that could be desired—clear skies and mild air of the early springtime prevailing; and mortal life was touched by the great beauty and power of the immortal. A. C.

Buffalo, N. Y.

During a pleasant call we received recently from Mrs. A. M. Gladding, that lady spoke in high terms of commendation regarding the Anniversary remembrance and its successful outcome in Buffalo.
The commemorative there was two-fold in character—being carried out on the intellectual and spiritual plane March 27th, by the Society conducting the exercises, and the social portion of the celebration (with supper) being furnished on March 31st by the Women's Union of Buffalo.
The hall where the services occurred was finely decorated with flowers, plants, etc., and was crowded to its fullest capacity by earnest and thoughtful people. All who attended the celebration voted it a grand affair.
The Union presented to Mrs. Gladding a fine bouquet of flowers, as a mark of the respectful appreciation in which she was held by its members.

Troy, N. Y.

Thursday evening, March 31st, the First Progressive Society of Spiritualists of Troy celebrated the Anniversary at its room in Keenan Hall. The ladies prepared an excellent turkey supper. A literary and musical entertainment was given after supper.
A vocal duet by Miss Marie King and Miss Nellie Lovejoy was given with pleasing effect; Miss Carrie Adams executed some difficult movements with Indian clubs that were well received; Miss Minnie Custer sang a duet with Campbell, and the celebration with recitations; Miss Lovejoy, Miss King and Harry S. Romaine sang a trio that was well received.
The Anniversary was continued on Sunday evening, when Mrs. Ada Foye gave some of her remarkable tests, and a very large and appreciative audience. Mrs. Tilly Reynolds delivered a fine address at the opening of the meeting. H. C. Romaine.

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MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

The First Society of Spiritualists has moved from Adelphi Hall, and holds its meetings in a new and spacious hall in the Broadway Building, between 46th and 47th streets, on Seventh Avenue; entrance on 47th street. Services Sunday, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Henry J. Newton, President.
Brooklyn Conservatory, 44 West 14th Street.—The new Society of Ethical Spiritualists holds meetings every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Speaker, Mrs. Helen T. Briggs.
Adelphi Hall, 57 West 25th Street, N. E. corner 6th Avenue.—The Progressive Spiritualist holds services every Sunday at 8 and 9 P. M. Mediums, Spiritualists and investigators made welcome. G. W. Van Horn, Conductor.
Adelphi Hall, West 53d Street, East of Broadway.—Meetings will be held regularly on Sundays, J. W. Fletcher being the regular speaker.
The Psychic Society.—Every Wednesday evening, at Spencer Hall, 114 West 14th street. Good speakers and mediums always present. Public cordially welcomed. J. F. Snipes, President, 26 Broadway.

Psychical Society.—Wednesday evening, April 13th, this society (114 West 11th street) engaged in a consideration of the statement, "Whatever Is, Is Right." The first speaker was Mr. Benjamin Hastings on the affirmative. He was followed by Gen. Lee, Mrs. Beacher and Mr. Fletcher, all of whom argued the case, naturally from the standpoint of a first cause, natural conditions, unavoidable circumstances, as tology, etc. The President, Mr. Snipes, on the negative side, spoke, in part, as follows:
It is true that whatever is, is right. Under natural and universal law, whatever was, is right. If the latter be true, nobody should find fault with the theology of the dark ages.
If whatever was, is right, all the ignorance and bloodshed and oppression of primitive man and primitive Christianity were right, and whatever is fundamentally right at any time is right at all times; but whatever is not right now, never was right, and never will be. Whatever is that is different from what was, and is right now, was previously wrong; and this applies as well to combinations as to individuals, to cruel cruelties as well as to private persecution in the name of religion or orthodox science.
Our fraternal side of this question declare that what appears to be evil is not evil, because it is the result of spirit, and spirit is eternal and eternally right; that vice as well as virtue is induced as an object-lesson; that high and low are propered; that evil is not of the soul; that good and bad are distinctions of time, not of eternity; that inferior and superior are terms belonging to earth, not to heaven.
The worst forms of vice are rampant. If right, why interfere with them? If a dear friend turns traitor to you, if a parent neglects her child, if a man or woman prefer drunkenness to sobriety, is it all right? In a word, is there any meaning in the terms duty, honesty, propriety, honor?
Personal responsibility is a universal law; vicarious substitution a fallacious dogma, an unjust crime against the innocent. Spiritual influence is a perpetual fact, but the quality of it is determined by the nature of the spirit. Earth abounds with deceiving spirits, in and out of the flesh. If we have a disposition to entertain them, they will call on us and sit down in the best parlor of the mind. If we court the better spirits, they will find satisfaction in our company. Let us be thankful that in time, or in time continued, there is and will be, for all mankind, not only a proper distinction, according to effort, merit and ex-

perience, but an aspiration and opportunity for development into the better and the best conditions of mental, moral and spiritual existence.
Mr. Fletcher closed with a very satisfactory address. REPORTER.
Adelphi Hall.—Mr. J. W. Fletcher instructed a large audience upon the means of salvation, holding that ignorance was the one enemy to be saved from; and that every man who added a single truth to the world, was, to that degree, its savior. To-day, throughout all Christendom, the glad Easter hymns are ringing, the altars are decked with flowers, and imposing ceremonies recognize that one man, great and good, has wrought a way of continued life. Modern Spiritualism reveals the law of universal life, and shows the pathway over which your loved have passed, and also assures each one of their return.
Then followed a descriptive séance, which caused many who were there from curiosity to wonder more and more.
In the evening Mr. Fletcher answered questions propounded by the audience, and gave some remarkable tests. The platform was beautifully decorated with flowers sent by friends, and the music was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ward. A. E. WILLIS, Sec'y.

MEETINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Haverhill and Bradford.—Last Sunday, the Easter hour for the world, was an occasion of unusual interest to the Union Spiritualist Fraternity in this locality, and preparations were made for its joyful observance. Brittan Hall was handsomely ornamented with potted plants, supplied by many friends; and, in addition, by clusters of Easter lilies which had been sent from the Westchester and Connecticut Societies. Gladding it was expected would be led by her inspiration to speak, in general terms, of the Easter event, the world's great occasion for rejoicing over the great fact of the resurrection of man and of the soul, but a severe cold, which had suddenly swept over the surface of their interests by the death of Mrs. Susan Trow, a well-known member of the Union, at 2 o'clock on that bright Easter morning, changed the order of the afternoon exercises, and an inspirational memorial service was given by Mrs. Gladding, in which a beautiful tribute was offered to the memory of the just liberated and ascended spirit—fresh and appropriate in its reference to the great event of the season, of Jesus of Nazareth from the new sepulchre in Jerusalem. The occasion was one of deep and profound interest.
Mrs. Trow was present on the Sunday previous, and then in good health. She was well known among Spiritualists, having been a member of the Union at Orono, and was an enthusiastic believer in the gospel of Spiritualism. Her age was 64 years 8 months 13 days.
In the evening the time was given to answering many questions, and the audience and each voice was followed by psychic illustrations. E. F. H.

New Bedford.—Mr. F. A. Wiggins of Salem was the speaker for the First Spiritualist Society at the afternoon meeting. The lecture was of the nature of an Easter address, the subject being: "He is not here; he is arisen." The evening subject was: "Consider the lilies, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin, yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Both discourses proved of a very interesting nature, and were attentively listened to by large audiences. Recognized tests were given at the close of each lecture. Mr. Wiggins is to be with us again next Sunday. Sec'y.

Greenwich.—We gather in the Independent Liberal Church every Sunday to hear the words of truth, love and wisdom addressed to us by our good friend Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, who is our regular speaker. She always gives us a grand lecture. The seed she has sown will spring up and bear good fruit.
The year past has been a successful one; the meetings have been well attended, and the Lyceum very interesting. May the angel-world bless the builder of this spiritual home for all he has bestowed upon this people, and for his help and encouragement in carrying on the good work here. M. J. K.

Newburyport.—Sunday, April 10th, Mrs. Carrie F. Loring lectured very acceptably. The tests given afternoon and evening were perfect, and the audience expressed its satisfaction by applause.—Oscar A. Edgerly will probably be with us next Sunday, April 24th.
The Independent Club celebrated its fourth anniversary Monday evening, April 18th. Music. Address by C. Fannie Allyn. Supper and a dance.
Sunday, May 8th, Prof. Carlisle Peterslee will give readings and music. This will be our closing Sunday service, and will be held in Veteran Hall. F. H. F.

Lawrence.—April 17th, Mrs. Emma Miner of Clinton was our speaker at Pythian Hall. She gave some of the most comprehensive truths regarding the philosophy of Spiritualism, also some very beautiful poems. This being her first lecture here, she has many friends.—Next Sunday Mrs. A. E. Cunningham will be our speaker. F. S. E.

Worcester.—April 17th a conference meeting was held in the afternoon, and Dr. Geo. A. Fuller spoke in the evening.—Mrs. Banks will speak for us the 24th.
Friday evening, April 22d, supper and dance at Grange Hall. GEORGIA D. FULLER, Con. Sec'y. 5 Houghton street.

Lowell.—Miss Williams of Fall River, Mass., lectured and gave tests April 17th to good audiences, and very satisfactorily.—Sunday, April 24th, Mrs. Kimball of Lawrence will occupy our rostrum. E. PICKUP, Hon. Sec'y.

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Newrich.—Mrs. Carrie F. Loring of East Braintree, Mass., opened an engagement with the Spiritual Union, Sunday afternoon, April 17th. After an invocation and singing by the quartet, she delivered a short address under the influence of an unseen intelligence upon "The Gates Ajar."

In opening the speaker said: "This day, when all the churches are celebrating the Easter festival, cannot we look back to our own Spiritual Union, when East and West the great event which placed ajar the gates between the two worlds was celebrated with greater enthusiasm than ever before. And as we look back upon the work accomplished in the forty years, always with a sense of pride and encouragement to go on—standing firm by our convictions and helping others to see the light."
After the address a large number of spirit-names and delineations were given, which were remarkably correct in detail.
The evening session was equally interesting, fine audiences assembled giving the closest attention to the remarks and delineations of the speaker.
Mrs. Loring will occupy our platform again next Sunday. MISS J. A. CHAPMAN, Sec'y.

Hartford.—The First Spiritualist Association held its regular meeting on Sunday evening, April 17th. The exercises opened with singing; an invocation by Mrs. G. Pierce. Mrs. Osborne delivered a fine discourse on Spiritualism. Mrs. Bunton sang, after which the chairman, Walter D. S. Hayward, read a paper on "The Spiritualist's Duty." Mrs. M. D. S. Hayward and Mrs. Dowd addressed the audience. Mrs. Dowd giving several tests.

Good News from Rhode Island.

To the Editors of the Banner of Light:
The would-be Allopathic czars of our goodly State have been silent this winter. I expected they would renew the attempt to engraft upon our statutes a restrictive, monopolistic medical law; but they kept quiet.
I carefully scrutinized the daily doings of our General Assembly, that I might take the necessary measures to prevent such a measure. I advised with several of the members, and found them ready to meet the question should it be presented. But for some reason the M. D.'s did not appear. At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Medical Society last winter, always the same measure was introduced, and scheme a year ago was reappointed. None of the members muttered, neither did they peep. So we are safe for another year, and were saved the fight which this time would have been a sharp one.
There is one very happy event incident to our legislative session. I refer to the defeat of Senator L. F. C. Garvin, M. D., of the town of Cumberland. He has been a member of the General Assembly for several years, always the champion of the proposed restrictive legislation. Last winter he was a member of the "Committee on Special Legislation" to whom the medical bill was referred; and, although a member of the medical society, he sat on the committee and zealously endeavored to secure a favorable report. Thanks to the intelligent electors of Cumberland, he is now "off duty!" WILLIAM FOSTER, JR.

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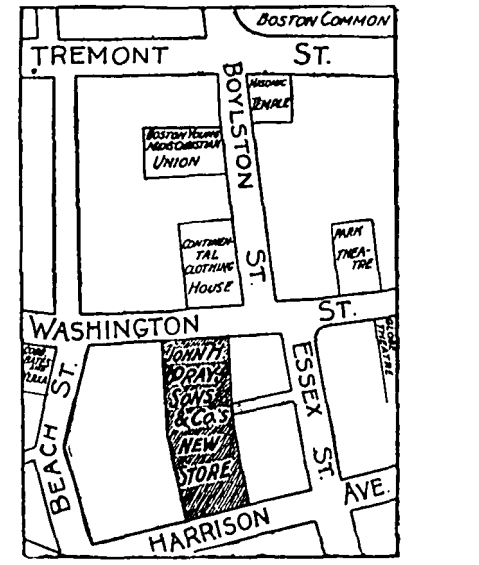
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RHODE ISLAND.

Providence.—Sunday, April 17th, the Progressive School met at 1 P. M. in Columbia Hall, 248 Broad street. In the afternoon a conference was held under the auspices of the Spiritualist Association; Mrs. C. M. Whipple, Vice-President. Mrs. J. N. Sherman, Mr. William Foster, Jr., Mr. T. J. Fales and Mrs. Della Smith took part—the exercises closing with tests by Mrs. Sarah E. Humes.
In the evening, Dr. F. H. Roscoe acceptably addressed a large audience—also gave remarkably correct readings and tests at the close of his discourse.—Sunday, April 24th, J. Frank Baxter will be with us. SARAH D. C. AMES, Sec'y. 33 Daboll street.

MAINE.

Portland.—The First Spiritualist Society had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Briggs of Fitchburg, Mass., last Sunday; in the afternoon on "The Regeneration"; evening, on "Knowledge and Facts of Spiritualism." He is an eloquent orator, and we bespeak a long career of usefulness for him.—Marguerite St. Omer will be with us next Sunday. N. F. P.

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Annual Convention in Connecticut.

The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association will hold its sixth Annual Convention in Unity Hall, Hartford, Saturday and Sunday, May 7th and 8th.
It is hoped that the Spiritualists of the State will give us the presence and support at this occasion, as we contemplate making it very interesting. We shall prove that Spiritualism is a demonstrative religion. The public are cordially invited.
Speakers: Mrs. Collis M. Nickerson of New Bedford, Mass.; Mrs. Clara Banks of Haverhill, Mass.; Mr. F. A. Wiggins of Salem, Mass.
Program.—Saturday, May 7th, 11 A. M., business meeting for the choice of officers and the reports of committees, etc., 2 P. M. and 7:30 P. M., regular services, comprising excellent music, eloquent remarks and readings, and other points of interest.
Sunday, May 8th, 11 A. M., conference, 2 P. M. and 7:30 P. M., general services as above.
If desired, and time permit, psychometric readings will be given, and sealed letters may be placed upon the desk for examination. GEO. W. BURNHAM, Pres. Mrs. J. W. BROWN, Sec'y.

Grove Meeting.

The annual Grove Meeting of the Otsego County Religious Society of Spiritualists will be held at New Era, Otsego, beginning Friday, June 10th, and running over three Sundays. The Board of Managers will arrange for speakers and mediums, and for the general welfare of the attendees. The Society has a comfortable hall in the grove of fir which so gracefully ornament the grounds; also a hotel, which will be conducted for the accommodation of visitors. We have good test mediums, both public and private. A good water-cure establishment would be gladly welcomed by us. W. E. JOYCE, Sec'y. Wm. C. Glickman, Ore. No. 91 Alder street, Portland, Ore.

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