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#### Written for the Banner of Light THE HUMAN MIND. BY MARY WOODWARD WEATHERBEE

News came, a babe was born; 'Earth's child,'' we said, nor wist the spirits stood.

And claimed it heir of their own angelhood. Came on its face a smile:

Nor, even then so blind, had we discerned. For this great masterpiece Creation yearned.

That he, by tribute through All forms of matter and of life, might rise p to the angels by a glad surprise.

Out on the world it looked: Nor know, so far as flight of bird had way, Or sea has depth, it had imperial sway.

Lifted its feeble hand; Saw not 't would be the turning of the key To prove his lordship over | and and sea.

Oh! mighty human mind : So slow to learn, it catcheth flame above-A spark enkindled from the fire of love.

Love that is life and power; A power for good that pulses at His will, That makes the universe his love fulfill.

But little lower crowned Scarce than the angels; what is human mind

But soul realities, God countersigned. Worcester, Mass.

#### TWICE-TOLD TALES. NO. III.

BY HENRY FORBES.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

In a recent number of an admirable English periodical devoted to the peculiar requirements and exigencies of Borderland, that convenient country along the boundaries of which the spiritual Rubicon flows, daring the quasiinvestigator to cross its fateful waters into the land where unpopular Fact rules, and modish theories take their proper secondary place, there appeared an enthusiastic article on the "Progress of Science" in general, and the possibilities of "Thought Transference" in particular.

The author, Prof. Oliver Lodge, F. R. S., defines the latter as follows: "By thought transference I mean a possible communication between mind and mind, by means other than any of the known organs of sense; what I may call sympathetic connection between mind and mind; using the term mind in a vague thirty minutes after ten when I was suddenly and popular sense, without strict definition."

Of this possibility he writes: "I am prepared, however, to confess that the weight of

quate to a fuller expression of all we feel and | being urgent, he resolved at first to resist this know. It is not unfrequently the means, lit strange and unaccountable inclination, but tle as it is practiced and understood, of revealafter a determined effort found himself unequal ing thoughts and impulses to which a vocal ut- to the task." terance has been denied. We have power to

thoughts, and impress those forms on the receptive mind, it may be, as higher natures communicate their spirit to us, and write their laws in the willing heart.

"I shall not attempt a discussion of the specific nature and properties of the agent through which the mind acts, or insist too strenuously on the propriety of the terms by which the same may be distinguished. It is sufficient for my present purpose that mind acts through some ethereal medium in the production of mental and physical effects.

"The writer has been called to witness many curious and startling phenomena, illustrative of the direct power of mind over the electricity or vital aura of animal bodies.

"A somewhat protracted course of experiment, designed to test the susceptibility of the mind to impressions through this medium, has furnished results calculated to excite general astonishment, while they open before us a new field for scientific investigation."

That the soul who gave expression to the above thoughts, adorned with a beauty of language all worthy the subject, the glorious possibilities of which he thus foreshadowed, was not merely giving vent to an overwrought imagination, he demonstrates by narrating the results of a number of experiments in this "new field for scientific investigation." Among them are to be found the following:

"While on a visit at N-I became ac-(1.)quainted with a lady whose extreme recepto divine the thoughts and feelings of those around her. In the course of our interview an experiment was suggested for the purpose of ascertaining whether her extreme susceptibility would admit of her receiving impresthat on the succeeding Tuesday evening, at apartment and write her thoughts for half an me occupied with a subject of such absorbing interest that the hour actually passed before I suspected it had arrived. It was precisely reminded of my engagement, but it was then too late to make the proposed trial.

"Under these circumstances I resolved to testimony is sufficient to satisfy my own mind make an experiment, that, if successful, would nature. Upon the development and practical that such things do undoubtedly occur; that be still more convincing, because wholly unprethe distance between England and India is no meditated. Accordingly, I waited until eleven erected the new civilization which even the barrier to the sympathetic communication of o'clock and thirty minutes, when, presuming vision of mere external worldliness may dispresent ignorant; that, just as a signalling ing half hour before midnight in an effort to | future. key in London causes a telegraphic instru- project certain images before the mind, at a ment to respond instantaneously in Teheran, distance of about eighteen miles! The ideal picture represented a sylvan scene enlivened by clear flowing waters, and a variety of such enchanting landscape; while beneath the inviting shade, and on the margin of the stream. I placed the subject of the experiment.

Dr. Brittan expatiates further on the reality hold up the images of our own creation before of this incomprehensible mental power in the the transfigured spirit; we give forms to following vigorous and appropriate language: "Our philosophy may be subversive of old theories, but it will be found to accord with Nature. We may as well accept the laws of the Universe as they are, and the facts of hu-

man experience as they occur, for it is not our prerogative to change either. That thought may be transmitted by means intangible as itself; that the mind, in its executive capacity, may impress its image on kindred and receptive natures, is a fact, confirmed by numerous experiments, and sanctioned by the most en lightened reason.

"Material forms, however, distant, impress the mind in this manner. Every remote object perceived by the sense of vision, conveys its likeness through the intervening space to the soul. Objects separated from us by inconceivable distances are thus revealed. Every star set in the coronet of night, whose scintillations have traveled down to earth since the

morning of creation, has the power to disturb the nervous aura, and, thus to image itself in the human spirit. "That mind is capable of producing similar

effects is not without abundant confirmation in the experience of others as well as the writer. Since the soul possesses a voluntary power of its own, enabling it to direct its energies to particular objects and localities, it will be perceived that neither the fact nor the laws governing its occurrence are embarrassed by any intrinsic improbabilities that do not attach themselves more forcibly to such mentivity of mind was evident from her readiness tal impressions as are directly referable to physical causes. The student of Nature will discover that Reason is not in the most intimate fellowship with the materialistic philosophy, that would confine the limits of all faith and truth by the line of individual sensuous sions from a distance. It was mutually agreed observation. With this outward medium of sensation and action, we may not survey and ten o'clock, she should retire to her private | grasp the infinite Possible. Whoever expects to do this is devoid of understanding and imhour. The time set apart for the trial found potent in effort as the little child that vainly struggles to reach the stars t"

It is made evident by the preceding words of this clear-sighted champion of spirituality that the investigations of 1850 and the researches of 1890 point in the same direction, i. e., toward hidden and unthought-of powers lying within the unfathomed depths of human operation of these latent potencies will be

# "BERTHA LEE;" MARRIAGE.

TO THE MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND THIS TALE IS DEDICATED.

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#### CHAPTER XVI. THE JOURNEY.

Literary

DO not know, for Addie was not there to report, whether Mr. Stanley and Mary finished the history of old Lincoln that day; I opine not, for it runs back to the old doomsday survey : the castle was built by William the Conqueror, and in the middle of the fourteenth century inhabited by John of Gaunt, 'Old John of Gaunt, time-honored Lancaster.' and this fact probably led them to investigate Shakspeare, and from Shakspeare they perfound more and more to talk about every day : and, what was very agreeable, old Mudgett's rheumatism grew better daily. He sometimes even went into the garden, and enjoyed himself awhile every day in fretting at those who worked there, an exercise that threw off a little of the superabundant ill-humor of his avatem into the free air, instead of pouring it all on Mary's devoted head.

It was Mr. Stanley's intention, as soon as the term closed, to take his daughter on her longpromised journey; and it was not strange, after being entertained by the old sailor's stories, that he should wish to make some recompense to Mary for her patience in listening to the oft told tales, and he proposed to ber to plished woman. Oh! dear! I shall envy accompany Addie as a friend and teacher. Mary had always been a close prisoner in Rockford; and the fisherman's hut, the boarding house and the Seminary, had hitherto bounded her travels. Her mind was richly stored with the history of the past, and with the progress of time she did n't say, "Poor Addie," but "Mrs. the present age; she loved society, and the Le Roche must be very beautiful, I think," and free air and sunlight; she delighted in fine then she asked me all about Charles Herbert, scenery, and in rare objects of art, but her and said, "You are not engaged, I hope. duty pointed away from all these, and she did Bertha." intelligence in some way of which we are at that she must be asleep, I occupied the remain- cern looming up in the hazy horizon of the not hesitate a moment in refusing this offer, so kindly made. Even Miss St. Leon-the stern. uncompromising Miss St. Leon - who could trample upon all pleasure without regret, when duty lay beyond, advised Mary to go. She would see that the old man was cared for, and every comfort provided; but Mary was firm in her refusal, and though Mr. Stanley ventured to urge, and Addie tried the power of tears, they were all of no avail, but with a smile Mary bade them "farewell" as they entered their own carriage, luxuriously fitted up for a long journey, and drawn by two noble bays, the pride of the colored driver, "Jim," who declared there was not such another pair in old Virginny. From this Mary turned to her own home, the little wood-colored, tumble-down house, where the old boatman was waiting for her to fill his pipe and mix his glass of grog. "Poor Mary!" said the girls, and I thought so then, but later years have taught me that Mary was happier than any of us. We had letters from Addie-not long and minute as we wished; she was too indolent for that, but they came often; one to me was dated at Boston, and had the following postscript: "I have seen your hero, Berthal I always told you I would, and when the Stanleys say they will, they mean it. But I was luckler than I expected to be, for pa has a friend in the West Indies, who is in some way connected with the firm where Charles Herbert is, and one day he ordered the carriage driven to the store. It was Charles Herbert that came out to speak with us, and, Bertha, it was just as I foretold. I fell in love with him at once. Now you must help your self, if you can; I shall see him again, for there is some business requiring an agent to go to the West Indies, and Charles is to call at our rooms this even ing. I am going to wear my blue silk, and my pearl brooch and ear-rings, and you may guess the consequences. But, seriously, Bertha, for you know I'm only joking (for I mean to live only for my father), I like Charles Herbert's looks exceedingly, and the gentlemen of the firm spoke in the highest terms of him as one in whom they had unbounded confidence. I wish you were with us. Tell Miss Lincoln that pa says he wishes I would learn 'to talk with the ease and fluency which marks her conversation'; these were his very words. When I return I shall make special effort." The next letter was dated at Saratoga. Addie was in the full whirl of gayety and fashion, and entered into it with zest. She danced with this distinguished foreigner, or such a member of Congress, or some great man waited upon her at table; she had kissed Henry Clay. and been introduced to De Joinville-and that evening she was going to a fancy ball-"Pa had ordered the toilette, and of course it would be exquisite," "My poor Addie!" said Mary Lincoln: "I wish she had not gone there."

and yet, said he, home is no longer home, now that your mother is not there. That was significant was it not? Mrs. Le Roche, that is the young widow's

toward her at all, though everybody here says it will be a splendid match. But she's not one bit like my own dear mother. She was gentle and plous, and loved home, and never wanted admiration from any one but her husband. Mammie says she was 'an angel that lost de way, and got down here in dis wicked world, but de good Lord soon showed her de way home again.' What would Mammie say to Mrs. Le chance went to history, and Addie said they Rochewith her feathers, and point lace, and diamonds, real diamonds, worth I don't know how many thousand dollars. She is superb when she is dressed, to be sure, and when pa walks into the dining-room with her at six o'clock-when the gas-lights are all burning and the tables glittering with silver and glass, and she in full dress. I think I never saw a more noble-looking couple. I can't help admiring them, as all the rest do, and pa, who you know has a great passion for beautiful women, enjoys it too. How can he help it? But poor met after the first feeling of admiration is

over, my heart quivers, and I think of my dear, gentle, loving mother, and can hardly keep the tears from falling into the soup. Pa and Mrs. Le Roche met in Europe, and they talk French and Italian together, and she sings and plays superbly, and all this makes me feel as if I was a poor little ignorant thing, not fit to be the daughter of such an accomyou the possession of Charles Herbert, if matters go on so much longer. I must stop now, for pa calls me to ride out with Mrs. Le Roche and himself. The plot thickens. Your distressed friend, ADDIE.

I read the letter to Miss Lincoln, and this

"No, indeed, no, indeed, Miss Lincoln; we

which is an every-day occurrence, so the danger or death of a distant child, or brother, or egraph clerk, to the heart of a human being fitted to be the recipient of such a message.

"We call the process telepathy—sympathy at a distance; we do not understand it. What is the medium of communication? Is it through the air, like the tuning forks; or through the ether, like the magnets; or is it something non-physical and purely psychical? No one can yet tell you. We must know far more about it before we can answer that question; perhaps before we are sure whether the ques tion has a meaning or not."

It is indeed encouraging to have a mind dominated by scientific skepticism-perhaps scientific superstition would be a better term-acknowledge, even at this late day, the possibility of this "process" (called *telepathy*) through which is accomplished a "communication between mind and mind, by means other than any of the known organs of sense," for thus, it is to be hoped, is one of the earliest discoveries of Spiritualism on the fair road to scientific at eleven o'clock, and on waking from the endorsement.

Certain observations upon this very subject, appearing in The Shekinah, in 1852, from the pen of Dr. S. B. BRITTAN, one of the ablest of spiritualistic writers and investigators, cannot fail to be of interest in connection with the foregoing quotation:

"Not only is the mind able to influence the organic functions of the body in which it is enshrined, but other. organized beings may yield to its volition. If we are reciprocally affected by whatever relates to the physical condition of each other, so that health and disease may be imbibed or communicated, we are certainly not less susceptible to influences emanating from the minds of those with whom we are in correspondence. Nor is this power of mind wholly dependent on the ordinary and sensible modes of communication.

As the superior faculties are progressively developed, the grosser vehicles of thought may be gradually laid aside, and the mind's presence be felt and its desires made known through more ethereal mediums.

"The pen may be mightier than the sword and spear and kingly sceptre; the language of the lips may drive the blood back frozen to the heart, or send it in burning torrents to the brain, kindling into intensest action the magazine of the passions; it may nerve the stout much apparent interest, whether I wanted to like a penetrating, flery mist, fall gently on

"Several days after, I received a letter containing, in substance, the following: 'You either did not make the experiment at the time, and in the manner proposed, or else did not succeed, as I received no impression during the half hour, which could be traced to any foreign source. But after retiring for the night, and falling into a natural slumber, a beautiful dreamlike vision passed before me!' Subsequently, at my request, she related the dream -her narrative commencing thus: 'I was standing by a clear stream, whose banks were covered with beautiful groves,' and the remainder | ive and hopeful words penned by the same roof the recital indicated a striking resemblance of the dream to the image fashioned in the mind of the writer. Requesting the lady to denote, as nearly as possible, the hour of this singular experience, she stated that she retired dream found the time just ten minutes past twelve, which fixes the hour with sufficient exactness,

(2) "While employed in lecturing in New Ca naan, Ct., some months since, I chanced to be thinking earnestly of a young man who was living in Norwalk, several miles distant, and who had been the subject of some interesting an apostle, it doth not yet appear what we experiments on a previous occasion. This youth happened at that precise time, as I subsequently learned, to be in the presence of sevsimilar experiments, when all at once-and in a manner most unaccountable to all presenthe escaped from their influence, declaring, with and he must go immediately.

(3.) "On one occasion, while spending a few days at Waterbury, Ct., I found it necessary to see a young man in the village. The immediate presence of this person was of considerable importance to me, but not knowing his residence, place of business, or even his name, I could not send for him. In this emergency, I endeavored to concentrate my mind on the youth, with a fixed determination to bring him to me. Some ten minutes elapsed, when he came to the house to ask after the writer. Meeting a gentleman at the outer door, he inquired, with heart and arm to deeds of desperate daring, or, heart and arm to deeds of desperate daring, or, the oharmed ear of the listener, melting his soul in the costasy of love. But neither a writ-ten nor an oral language can express the high-est thought or deepest emotion. "There is another, it may be, more perfect medium of communication. This language. hough unwritten and unspoken, may be ade. "In the language in the value of the exist ble energy: His work in us to lose. New York Sun.

The human soul is drifting away from its time-worn, inefficient moorings. It is even now in the midst of the natural process of being "born again," and it behooves all intellihusband, may be signalled, without wire or tel- natural images as are necessary to complete an gent minds to so guide this inevitable procedure that the new birth will not be abortive. This can best be accomplished by each indi-

vidual striving to his utmost to bring into the practical activities of his every day life the invigorating enlightenment of the New Gospel. A most difficult task, surely, while the struggles, temptations and ideals of the great outer world offer such overwhelming antagonisms. but one bringing with success a reward commensurate to the victory achieved!

The knowledge is in the world. What use vill its possessors make of it?

When the wavering soul despondingly gazes upon the crudities with which it may find itself environed, let it call to mind the suggestbust and inspiring leader of the Army of Truth who has been previously quoted:

"It is important to remember that the present condition of things may be very different from the ultimate design. I have seen the rose when only the thorn appeared. The careless traveler was wounded as he passed that way. When I saw it again there was a sweet flower. that loaded the passing breeze with its precious odors. I love to think it so with manthat what is most beautiful in his nature is not at present discernible. It is not yet unfolded to the view; or, to use the language of | shall be.

"Man may not appear to be a thorn in the moral vineyard, yet there is in his nature a eral gentlemen who were subjecting him to germ that is destined to unfold itself in a more genial clime. As the plant must necessarily pass through the successive stages of previous development before it blossoms in the sungreat earnestness, that Mr. Brittan wanted him light, so the inferior faculties of the spirit must be progressively unfolded until the soul blooms in the garden of God, filling the atmosphere with immortal fragrance."

#### New York.

It cost about eight millions of dollars to produce ourteen million dollar's worth of diamonds in the Kimberley mines in South Africa, last year. These diamonds, if they averaged fifty dollars apiece in value, would supply one hundred and forty thousand pairs of ear-rings for one hundred and forty thousand ladies; or, if made into thousand dollar necklaces. would provide one thousand four bundred of these costly ornaments. The Kimberley mines are now the world's chief source of diamond supply.

The next letter was a doleful one:

"Oh! dear Bertha, what shall I do? There is a rich young Southern widow, dashing and handsome, that is laying slege to pa's heart. It is reported that she has a large plantation at the South, and by the rich jewelry that she wears, I think she must have a long purse. I begin to think, too, that pa will marry. He said the other day that he was weary of wandering It was sad to think of home without his about the world; he loved the quiet of domestic life; pleasant face and kind words, and saddar still

are only just like brother and sister: we shall always be so, perhaps—and, whatever happens, we shall always be friends.'

"Just like brother and sister 1" my conscience kept echoing those words, for it also asked, "Where will be your happiness if Charles Herbert becomes the husband of another?

I told Miss Lincoln all about our early friend ship, and how happy we were on the old farm. She sighed, as she said-

'Such a friendship appears to me so beautiful, formed in childhood, strengthened in youth. and enduring to old age and death. There are some such, but they are rare; few experience them, for most friendships are well described by the parable of the sower-some seed fell on stony ground, some by the wayside, same fall among thorns and brambles, and languish in a short, sickly life, while few (thank God for that remnant) strike their roots strong and deep, and bear fruit an hundred fold. I trust dear Bertha, yours may resemble this last, but he not too confident : life has much of disannointment: we sometimes outlive our friendshins. or what is worse, find old friends living, but dead to us.'

She seemed in a less cheerful, hopeful mood than usual: her lonely life was a sad one, but activity and faith enabled her to bear the cross. A little incident occurred at this time in our family at home, which gave me much pain. Willie was twelve years of age, and my mother thought old enough to be sent away from home. I do not know how my father came to consent. to it; it can be understood only by those who have seen the power of a strong woman's will over man. Man boasts of his power and his strength, but in the hands of such a woman his will is but a reed shaken with the wind. Whatever was the influence used, the result was that Willie was apprenticed to a book-binder. a nephew of my mother's, who was pronounced by her to be a competent man to take charge of a lad, and from her description one might be led to think that the child would improve his situation by leaving his father's roof.

A few weeks of bondage brought me a letter from Willie, blotted with tears. He was harshly treated, and made to labor beyond his strength.

"But of what use will it be to complain?" he said; 'my mother will sooner believe her relative than myself. I shall run away, sister, and what will become of me then I cannot tell.'

I wrote to my father. He was absent from home on business, and the letter never reached him. I waited a few weeks-another came:

"Mr. W-\_\_\_ is found out now; our mother will henceforth cease to talk about him. He is proved to be a dishopest man-a villain, indeed, and left town at night to escape the vengeance of, the people, i I will not go home, but shall go to sea. Good bye, dear sister, and don't forget brother Will."

I sent the letter directly home, and wrote at once to Willie; but it was too late he had gone to the Sandwich Islands. Just

#### to think of him exposed to the hardship, privation and evil of a sailor's life.

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I received a visit from Charlie about this time; he had heard of Willie's departure, and grieved almost as much as myself. Charlie was very happy; his employers liked him, and he thought there was no firm in Boston quite so bonorable, or doing a better business. I could not help smiling to hear him tell about "our contracts for sugar," or the "amounts of our sales," as if he was in reality a member of the firm. As was characteristic of him, he entered heart and soul into his business, and bade fair to understand it as well as his employers in a brief time. The idea of going to the West Indies pleased him; he had self-reliance and courage, and the hope of doing well by his employers made him anxious to leave. I found he was going on with his studies. He was far ahead of me now; had long since finished Adams's Higher Arithmetic, gone through Algebra, and was then in Euclid. He improved his evenings, either by study or attending lectures; had read a course of History, and could already read and write Spanish tolerably. He was very ambitious now to speak it fluently. Ah! Charlie, I felt quite deficient, and began to think that boys were, after all, smarter than girls. He was the same genial, fun-loving fellow as ever, and had changed only in his person. Boston seems particularly favorable to the development of manly beauty, but rather detrimental to feminine charms. Why is this? Charlie had grown handsome; perhaps it was owing to a course of gymnastic exercises, or, in part, to the regularity of his habits, that his form had developed so well, and his frank, open face was pleasant to look upon.

I did not wonder at Addie for "falling in love with him," as she expressed it. I asked him about her. He remembered the pretty, dimpled face, and he told me how beautifully she looked in her blue silk and pearls, and when she returned to Boston he would call upon her. Happy Addie! how few troubles, and how much pleasure in her path!

Of one thing, however, I was sure: that I should be in advance of her in my studies. had become ambitious, and resolved to stand high in my class; even my teachers regarded me with more favor than formerly, and my unfortunate advent at school was forgotten in the multitude of new comers. You, Anna, will well remember that year of rivalry and study -of pleasant, good-natured rivalry. On the whole it was the happiest year of school-life; it came after the loneliness and homesickness which always attend a new comer, and before that time of inward doubt, of struggle, of darkness, and almost despair. There was a long interval that we did not hear from Addie; but Miss Lincoln showed me a paper one day, in which, among the other gossip of Saratoga, was the following: "Madame Rumor says that the Hon. Mr. S., of Virginia, will soon lead to the hymeneal altar the wealthy and accomplished young widow, Mrs. L. R., of Florida." We could supply the blanks, and understand why Addie had not written. The very next day 1 received by express a package, with a letter from Addie, written at Niagara:

"The warm season is over, and we left Saratoga with the fashionable crowd. Mrs. Le Roche was coming here, and she invited me to accompany her. Pa gave his consent, and came also, as was of course expected. The first thing that interested me, after seeing the Falls (and I only wished it was Miss Lincoln, instead of myself), was to procure some petrified moss for Miss St. Leon. You remember she expressed a wish for some, one day when she was arranging the cabinet. I think of her frequently when I see the fashionable ladies here. They come down to breakfast at nine o'clock, dressed in beautiful morning dresses, most elaborately trimmed, drink a cup of coffee, and eat a slice of toast, and then recline on the ottomans and lounges for an hour or two, talking pretty nonsense to the gentlemen. Then, perhaps, they go to their rooms, and, aided by dressing-maids, dress for riding; some of the carriages are splendid-Mrs. Le Roche's, for instance-with colored footman and driver in livery, and horses that show their high blood and fine grooming, while the carriage itself is most luxuriously trimmed and cushioned. Gentlemen are always on band at riding time, and often you will see two or three couple on horseback, the ladies in jaunty hats with waving plumes, looking, I think. when seated on a fine, spirited horse, prettier than when dressed for a ball; then there are landaus, or open carriages, where the gentleman himself holds the ribbons; the handsome ladies seem to be very partial to this way of riding. At one o'clock they have a lunch-a glass of choice wine, a slice of bread, cold meats and jelly, cake, etc. etc. I never take wine, because pa says he does not like to see ladies drinking it (I am a great mind to tell here that Mrs. Le Roche has a variety of choice wines for her own special use). Then what do you think they do alter lunch? Why, go to bed, and re main there till it is time to dress for dinner; then such a fluttering and commotion as there is in all the rooms Dinner is at six, and then comes a display of grand toilettes, and oh! Bertha, it is a splendid sight! wish you could see them, especially on the day Henry Clay dined here. To quote from Miss Lincoln's favor ite poet-

around the room together, keeping perfect time to the music, and looking as if they were floating in a fairy world, all their own. Pa was there, and remarked that the Colonel was one of the finest-looking officers in the army; and I thought he looked very admiringly at the widow, and saw her once or twice looking our way, as if to be sure that we saw her.

This morning she told me that she was preparing a pleasant little surprise for me, and invited me to her rooms, where she would have a little private dance. I am very glad, for pa is going to a dinner to day, to Buffalo-a political dinner, I believe. He is getting quite absorbed in politics; they have nominated him for Congress in our district at home, and he, with some other Southern gentlemen, are in our parlor a great deal, talking about 'nullification,' 'tariff,' 'State rights,' and other dry subjects, till I get very weary, and go to Mrs. Le Roche's rooms for amusement. always find plenty of it there. The ladies never retire here till two or three in the morning; for the riding and talking, and dressing take so much time. I think sometimes of Miss St. Leon, and wonder what she would say to these beautiful butterflies of fashion. I can see her now, with that huge, white-lace turban on her head, her hair parted smoothly beneath it, on her broad forehead, while her Mount Holyoke of a nose rises on her large, fair face like that same mountain in its smooth valley. 'Young ladies!' I hear her say, you were sent into this world for a higher purpos than to amuse yourselves, or to deck this frall body for admiration. Live for some high and noble object cultivate the mind, purify the heart, and remember that you are immortal, and that this world is but a pro bationary state to another and higher state of existence. Look not upon marriage as the chief end of woman's life; fit yourself for its duties by the cultiva tion of those graces which make home happy; but never, never descend to that lowest of all games, as degrading to the soul of woman as is gambling to mer -viz, husband-hunting!

What would the stern but noble woman say, if she should hear the talk in the ladies' parlors when they are by themselves, or see the coquetting at the hope and parties? Her holy soul would be filled with righteous indignation; and I am not certain but she would speak right out, as Miss Lincoln said old John Knox

did to the ladies of Queen Mary's court. Morning: I must add a few lines to this letter before it goes into the letter-bag. Only think, Bertha, Ned Green is here! Mrs. Le Roche is in some way con nected with his family, and he came to see her, she says. He is a student in William and Mary's College. He has improved very much since we used to play together at home. This was what Mrs. Le Roche meant, when she said she was going to surprise me. We had a dance, and an elegant little supper. I had some doubts about waltzing, but Mrs. Le Roche said she would be responsible to pa, and Ned Green wanted me to waltz with him, but to make a solemn promise that I would never waltz with anybody else. Was n't that odd? I had a glorious time! Ned said I waltzed divinely, and even Mrs. Le Roche, who was considered the most elegant dancer at the 'United States,' in Saratoga, told me that I only needed one course with Monsieur Hazen to make me perfect. I'll tease pa again. Do n't forget that the petrified moss is for Miss St. Leon, the bracelet for your own dear self, and the copy of Wordsworth's poems for Miss Lincoin. I wanted to send Miss Lincoln a pair of pearl ear-rings; they were beautiful, and would become her so well, but pa said, 'No, Addie, send her that copy of Wordsworth which we saw at the bookstore this morning.' Now did n't fancy the idea at all; she may like the binding and engravings, but the poetry is awful solemn to me, except two or three pieces, and they are baby stories; but I did as pa thought best. I suppose his heart is so full of Mrs. Le Roche, that his usual good sense has gone wool-gathering. Tell the girls I am coming back this fall. This is the longest letter I ever wrote in all my life. Do answer by the next mail.

Yours, now and ever, ADDIE.

P. S .- Ohi dear Bertha; what shall I do? Pa has ust come in, and says that important business calls him South, and we must leave for home to-morrow. And this, too, when Ned Green has just come, and was beginning to have such a good time! Besides, I want to sue the French nobleman that arrived here to-day, Count De Graffe; one of the descendants of the old French nobility, Mrs. Le Roche says. What a world of trouble this is! There's one comfort, 'Mammie' will sympathize in all my trials."

When I read this letter to Miss Lincoln, she said—

"I am glad Addie is at home. Good old 'Mammie June' is better company for her than the society at Saratoga and Niagara."

Her eyes were bright when she saw the beautiful copy of Wordsworth; it was an English edition, very finely got up, and illustrated.

#### NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.

When Guttenburg and Faust arrayed Their symbol types in line. John Chinaman spoke up and said: "The art has long been mino; My ancestors arranged them so Bome twenty thousand years ago." Yet minus books, in primal dark, John sprawis his sorawi and makes his mark.

When Watt had wedded steel to steam And made the boblins sing. John Chinaman remarked: "I deem That trick at anolent thing; The Flow ry Land had such a show Some twenty thousand years ago." And yet the whole Celestial band Still spin, as Hagar did, by hand.

When Stephenson and Fulton tled

The piston to a wheel. And round the earth bade Commerce ride With wings upon its heel. John said: "My people traveled so Some twenty thousand years ago." Yet still, as when the race began, They always tote the old sedau.

When thought first learned the way to fly

When thought first learned the wa On Morse's telegraph, John shook his pigtail in reply, Observing with a laugh: This thing to China made ko-tow Some twenty thousand years ago; But talkee—talkee all about— It was a bore; we drove it out."

When Edison from Nature stole

When Edison from Nature stole Her secrets, one by one, To Matter gave a tongue and soul, To Night a blazing sun. John said: "Our fathers used to know, Some twenty thousand years ago. These miracles, but, useless quite, We let them vanish out of sight."

When Krupp's big cannon sent a shell Through miles a half a score, John said: "That's tolerably well For modern rifle bore; But we made powder, do n't you know, Some twenty thousand years ago!" Yet cross bows China strings once more To crush Janan in '94. To crush Japan in '94.

When Queen Chicago rose and spent Her millions—royal sight! To show the world the continent Columbus brought to light, John said: "When we were out to row Some twenty thousand years ago, We ray evaluate the Sang one day:

We rau against Fu Sang one day; 'No good ' we found, and skipped away.'

 No good ' we found, and sapped away.
 Say, Johni Ob claimant, almond-eyed! There 's one thing older far
 Than Faustus's type and Morse's pride And Fulton's magic.car,
 Than Taj Mahal and China's wall— Yea, older, older far than all;
 They name this cauting, shamming, sly
 And hoary-headed thing—A Lie. -Truth

# Banner Correspondence.

Our friends in every part of the country are earnestly invited to forward brief letter items of local news, etc., for use in this depart ment.

#### New York.

NEW YORK .- George F. Perkins writes Work in this city and Brooklyn increases During this month we have held successful meetings in Fraternity Hall, 869 Bedford Ave

We have worked in nearly all of the Western States between the oceans, and organized two societies last winter—one in Tacoma, Wash. the other in Dubuque, Ia., beside doing good work in the Ohio camp-meetings. We are holding meetings Friday evenings in Spencer Hall, 114 West 14th street. The nature of said meetings is exclusively tests and communica-tions given through Mrs. Perkins and myself.

We are working, as the past ten years' record will show, for the uplifting of humanity, through the promulgation of the Spiritual Philosophy, ever striving to so perform our duties that there will be no necessity for an

apology for us as workers. The world at large is eager to take in our re

ligion. Our private address is at present 248 West 26th street, New York."

POTSDAM.-J. B. Armstrong writes: "May I tell the readers of THE BANNER something about the progress of our Cause in this sec tion? Here the writer has done some pioneer work during the last twenty five years, and has met the buffetings and scorn common to all initial workers. The last effort of the few noble workers has

been the engagement of Mr. F. A. Wiggin from Salem, Mass. This gentleman, with his won-derful mediumship, seems to have been the person of all others to meet the needs of the person of all others to meet the needs of the person of all others to meet the needs of the spare to be introduced, and no pains or expense will be spare to be introduced, and no pains or expense will be spare to be introduced. The the needs of the spare to be introduced to the the needs of the spare to be introduced. The the needs of the spare to be introduced to the the needs of the spare to be introduced. The the needs of the spare to be introduced to the the needs of the spare to be introduced. The the needs of the spare to be introduced to the the needs of the spare to be introduced. The the needs of the spare to be introduced to the needs of the spare to be introduced. hour; and how we'll be (or the angels through his instrumentality) has succeeded, the friends here are more than willing to bear testimony. He spoke two evenings in our large Opera House to audiences of which any church might be proud. His masterly addresses were highly appreciated, and his often startling tests from We took the small fee of ten cents at the door, and it gave us money enough to pay all expenses, and left us thirty dollars in hand to apply to the expenses of our next meeting. At the close of the services the speaker was enthusiastically greeted by all, and he has cre-ated such ap interest in the movement that we may expect grand results."

flowers, to which Mrs. Pepper replied with well closen words, and closed with a fine poem. Others were called upon and responded; among them were Mr. Straight, Vice President, Mr. A. Prootor. Master George Porter under con-trol, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Peyser and Mr. T. J. Fales. The evening passed quickly with music and song, and will be pleasantly remembered by all."

#### Vermont.

LINCOLN. - Charles W. Sullivan writes: Passed to the heavenly rest, Nov. 1, 1894, from her mountain home, Minnie, loved daughter of Mr. George and Botsy Bagley.

She has gone to join her brother Parker, who but a short time ago preceded her. Her dis-ease was consumption, which she bore with pa-tience—looking forward to the happy release, when her spirit should plume its flight to the sweet fields elysian. She conversed to the last with those in the physical around her, then closed her eyes with a sweet smile, as in recog-nition of the loved ones who welcomed her

with a glad 'good morning.' Minnie was aged nineteen years and six months. Her life was one of sweetness; a lov-ing daughter and an affectionate sister, she was a true friend, and tenderly loved by all. May the abiding knowledge that our dear ones live, and are watching over us, be with those who loved her in the mortal. Tender words of consolation were uttered by Mrs. Abbie T. Crossett of Waterbury, Vt."

#### Pennslyvania.

MEADVILLE.--A. Gaston writes: "To all those interested in the establishment of a Southern Camp I would respectfully say we have abandoned the enterprise for the present. The Southern Spiritual Association was or-ganized on a basis that we believe to be advanganized on a basis that we believe to be advan-tageous, but owing to certain delays in perfect-ing contracts and the limited time in which to erect the necessary buildings, we have deemed it advisable to notify all, through your valua-ble paper, that a postponement is necessary. In fact, we could not have accomplished the work we desired, and have offered all the facil-ities we desired to offer in the time left us. Therefore affer consultation we have decided Therefore, after consultation we have decided to abandon said meeting for the season of '95. It is the intention of the Board of Directors, if they can receive the necessary support of interested parties, to prosecute this work, and offer to Spiritualists of the country in '96 a Camp with every requisite convenience."

#### Massachusetts.

LYNN.-Mrs. J. L. Atwood, Sec'y, writes: The Ladies' Spiritual Aid held a Bohemian supper and entertainment in Cadet Hall, supper and entertainment in Cadet Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 14. The half was dressed as an Indian and Gipsy camp, with members in costume. Supper was served to two hundred people. The evening entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music and reading, by Miss Ethel Shorey, May Warren, Miss Bailey and I. W. Chase. In costume were Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Mansfield, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. J. L. Atwood, Will Estes. It was one of the most successful affairs ever held by the Association, and there have been requests for repetition. and there have been requests for repetition. The Aid meets every Wednesday, and has a test circle in the evening.'

#### Missouri.

MACON CITY .-- B. Lint writes: "We want good materializing medium and lecturer here to stay thirty or forty days. There are plenty of seekers, but no one can help them out. Will some one correspond with me on the subject?'

#### December Magazines.

THE MAGAZINE OF ART .- If the current number ad been issued solely to bring out the beautiful photogravure of Prof. Wunnenberg, "Wooing," its mis sion would have been complete, for no one can look upon the subject and the elegant work of the artist without being captivated by both. The conception of the sketch is capital, as is all that goes to make it t complete in incident and surroundings. A beautiful young girl, with pitcher in her hand, is on her way for water, when her young lover, over the wall, detains her to whisper the words of love. The facial expressions are as beautiful as they are natural, while the forestry and flowers make a pretty background. Among other interesting engravings, a view of "The Vale of Avoca," copied from Walks's famous etch-

ing. The eighteenth volume is begun with this num-

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#### New Publications.

CHASTITY. Its Physical, Intellectual and Moral Advantages. By Dr. M. L. Holbrook, Paper, pp 104. New York: M. L. Holbrook & Co. For sale by Colby & Rich. It any man woman or child can read this book and

not feel a greater respect for chastity, pully and cleanliness ho or she "is worse than an infidel." The reading of good books on this and sli ed subjects will do more for social purity than almost any other mode of education. Men and women must know how to conduct their sexual lives so as to be blessed instead of cursed by them, and this addition to literature prepares the way for an amount of knowledge hot presented in any work of modern days. A careful reading will inspire the young with a high ideal of life, and teach them that the body is a sacred temple; that the human mind should be the storehouse of only the purest and best; that woman is a joy forever, and not the low thing some modern novelists picture her to be; that man, in his best sense, is a living temple of the most high God, and not a beast seeking whom he may devour. The book is plain spoken; but not to that extent that people will buy it to mar its beauty either by word or thought. There are plenty of sentences in it that appeal to the good sense of the reader, and actuate him to feel that life is real and can be made more satisfactory if chastity and sobriety and truth were more intellectually understood; for all are lovely, and their obverse corrupt, soul-destroying and unsatisfactory.

ROSES AND THISTLES. By Rufus C. Hopkins. Cloth, pp. 480. San Francisco: William Doxey. This is a collection of miscellaneous poems needing no abology for their rhyme or reason. If the author had claimed for them that they were inspirational he would have his claim allowed, for all good poetry is inspired, without doubt. But Mr. Hopkins has done something more than to draw upon the muses; he has drawn on the unseen, and has given utterance to sen-timents akin to the words of the infinite. He does not in his preface say that he is a believer in the Spiritual Philosophy. But there are evidences of such a belief in many of the beautiful poems, as for instance where the Spiritualist answers the Materialist's pointed questionings. And again, where, in an epistle to a friend, he presents an argument in favor of the immortality of the soul, in answer to the query "If a man die, shall he live again?" "Good and Evil" is a philosophic dialogue, and worthy of careful reading To My Familiar Spirit" is unconventional, and full of witty sense. "The Hermit and the Prince" is a lesson of life, and very good. The whole volume teems with verse that is poetic and pleasing, and in close comparison with poems whose authors have a widespread reputation.

SIRS, ONLY SEVENTEEN. By Virginia F. Townsend. Cloth, pp. 323. Boston: Lee & Shepard.

Miss Townsend could not have selected two characters which would have excited more interest than have Dorothy Draycott and her brother Tom, a Harvard student, for both are strong and attractive. It is a story laid in Boston and vicinity; the movements and incidents are sufficiently alluring to keep the reader's interest and attention throughout. The merit of the story, coupled with Miss Townsend's popularity, will cause a wide distribution of the work. Like all her other books, this is pure, cheery and bright, finely described and very real.

RECEIVED: CUSTOM LAWS OF 1894. COMPARED WITH THOSE OF 1890; WITH RATES OF THE MILLS AND WILSON BILLS. Washington: Government Printing Office. OLD FARMER'S ALMANACK. By Robert B. Thomas. One hundred and third year. Boston: Willlam Ware & Co. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESI-DENT OF CORNELI. UNIVERSITY. Published by the University, Ithaca, N. Y.

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#### Translated for the Banner of Light, from Neue Spiritualistische Blätter, by W. N. Eayrs.)

#### A Singular Presentiment.

Charlotte, daughter of the Prince Charles of Hesse-Rheinfels, and wife of the famous Francois Ragoczy of Transylvania, while on a visit at Warsaw, dreamed that she was in a little room which she had never seen before, and that a stranger came to her, bearing in his hand a cup, and told her to drink. She refused, saying that she was not thirsty; but the stranger insisted, assuring her that this was the last time in her life that she would drink. The Princess then awoke, but the face of the

stranger and the appearance of the little room remained engraved on her memory in ineffaceable lines. In the month of October, 1721, she came to

#### 'T were worth ten years of peaceful life One glauce at their array."

Dinner occupies two hours-there are so many courses, and we sit so long at dessert. After this, the ladies go in the drawing-room, and we have tea and coffee passed round. You can fancy that when this is over it will be bed-time. It would be for us at home. or at school; but ten or eleven begins the amusement of the day, or rather night. Every night there is a party, a ball or a hop, and the ladies dress again. At dinner they come out in rich, heavy silks, at night in light, airy dresses, and in fanciful costumes, that make them look to me like pictures I have seen of little unked cherubs floating on clouds, or peeping out. head and bust only seen, from a drapery of crimsontinted mist. The ladies seem ambitious to see who will show most shoulder and neck. Pa forbids me to have my dresses quite to the extent of the fashion. It's queer, I think, for I have as fair and plump a neck and shoulders as any of them. He don't seem to see Mrs. Le Roche's ' unclad bust,' or if he does, it is with admiring eyes.

Now, as 1 said, comes the good time-the dancing and the waltzing, and the filrting, and ' soit eyes look love to eyes that speak again,' and bright the gas lights shine over fair women and brave men. Oht Bertha, did you ever waltz? No, I know you never did. It's superb, glorious! I can't describe it to you. It is the true poetry of motion-the fairy's dream realized. I learned to waltz of Mrs. Le Roche, She gave me private lessons in her room. Pa did n't care for me to learn, and when I teased him, he shrugged up his shoulders, and said, 'Not yet, Addie. Wait a few years.'

You see Monsieur Hazen is here, and gives lessons. and I fancied that it would be quite an improvement of time to attend his classes; but pa seemed so reluctant I gave it up, and Mrs. Le Roche has given me a few lessons in her room.

I can't understand why pa objects; but I heard him once say to a gentleman that he agreed with Lord Byron in his opinion of the waitz. Now do ask Miss Lincoln what that opinion was." I'm too ignorant to tell. It must be favorable, I think ; for Mrs. Le Roche waltzed at one of the 'hops' here last week with Col. M'Gregor, of the United States Army. He is an ele gant man-tall and stately as a granite obelisk; and he threw his arms so gracefully about the beautiful widow, while her face came up to his breast, (a soft place, I guess, for the coat looked as if it had as much wadding as ladles use,) and then they went sailing

"What should I have done with ear-rings?" aid she, with an expression of comic distress. She wrote Addie a long letter, full of sisterly counsel and comfort, and advised her now to study awhile every day, that she might not be so far behind her class. The advice was needed, for her class was working hard; the school hours were from eight till five, with an inter-

mission only of one hour for dinner, while out of school, not less than six hours were devoted to study. The world is becoming wiser now, we trust, in this matter of crowding the young, especially girls, forward in studies. As I said before, there was no such thing as a playground on the school premises-no riding, no social amusements-nothing but a dull walk in procession, required of all, and which by solemnity forcibly reminded us of a funeral.

But notwithstanding, the health of the pupils was generally good-there were but two or three deaths for as many years at the school, though a few every term left, unable to endure the confinement and study. The flow of animal spirits was repressed, a loud laugh was not permitted, all noise was forbidden, and the very youngest became old women in their quiet demeanor. It was the tendency of the system to repress originality; anything a little peculiar or bijou was frowned down at once, and freedom of thought on religious opinions was not admissible. Our teachers had their creed, which they honestly, conscientiously and most faithfully taught their pupils, and any deviation, any discussion even, was "crushed out" immediately. The aim of the teachers was to win the majority of the school to their modes of government and thought, and they would have opened their eyes in astonishment at the expression "rights of minorities." The mi-nority had no rights; they were swallowed, rights and all, by the great whole of public opinion.

The course of study was thorough. Miss St. The course of study was thorough. Miss St. Leon, who on account of the ill health of Miss Garland, became for some years prime mana-ger, allowed no shirking, no superficial attain-ments. We must study and pass our examina-tions thoroughly, or we were placed back again in lower classes. There was no favor shown; 1 the only question asked—Can this scholar per-form all the examples in Adams's Arithmetic? Is she familiar with the rules? If any doubt was expressed, she would institute a personal examination; if satisfactory—"You may take Algebra;" if not, the scholar must return to her Arithmetic. We were told that it was no credit to spell well, but much to our discredit Algebra; "In not, the scholar must return to her Arithmetic. We were told that it was no credit to spell well, but much to our discredit to be incorrect in our orthography. Miss St. Leon had the old-fashioned notion, now almost obsolete in our high schools, that the founda-tion for a scholar must be laid in a knowledge of the norman here the reading schuling. of the common branches, reading, spelling, ge-ography, grammar and history. "Then," said she, "we can raise a superstructure that will do us credit.". Therefore those studies were never omitted, and the very thoroughness with which she taught them made them pleasing to

the scholar. the scholar. The fall term was usually one of vigorous study, and though I must acknowledge that the body suffered, the mind made progress—prog-ress, however, at the expense of bone, muscle and vital powers. [To be continued.]

#### Ohio.

CLEVELAND.-A correspondent writes: Sunday evening, Nov. 11, Mrs. H. S. Lake lectured in Army and Navy Hall before the Peo-

ple's Spiritual Alliance. In speaking of the qualities necessary for mediumship, she said that mediumship can only be understood after that mediumship can only be understood after patient research and investigation. The laws' which govern it are obsoure and at times exceedingly bewildering in their operation. The philosophy of mediumship embraces mag-netism, mesmerism and psychology. Physi-cal phases rest upon superabundance of vital magnetism; mental mediumship is dependent upon certain qualities of brain-formation; and upon certain qualities of brain-formation; and spiritual mediumship is the attunement of the organism to the apprehension of principles.

organism to the apprehension of principles. Spiritualism, inasmuch as it has its classified and arranged facts, may properly be called a science. Some of the more thoughtful and in-tuitive among us postulate a divine and uni-versal energy, and now and then meet experi-ences which sustain that position. The in-ward nature becomes tempered to meet life's adversities with patience, but with the form ward nature becomes tempered to meet meet meet adversities with patience, but with the firm expectation that the spiritual being may be-come so intermingled with the great spirit that ills and evils may be modified and over-come. The recognition of this growth and pos sibility reveals the brotherhood of man-the religion of Spiritualism."

#### New Hampshire.

FRANCESTOWN. - George D. Epps writes: Miss S. Lizzie Ewer, whose name and presence during the past twelve years have become so familiar to Spiritualists all through New England, paid us a brief visit last week on her-way home from a ten days' lecturing tour in Keene and Hancock, N. H. In the evening about twenty friends and neighbors assembled at our home, and for more than three hours were held in almost breath-less attention by the narration of some of Miss Ewer's experiences followed by some of her

Ewer's experiences, followed by some of her controls in words of eloquence. Then came tests and readings to nearly every

one present; also answers to questions which must have convinced all."

## Rhode Island.

PROVIDENCE.-Sarah D. C. Ames, Seore tary, writes: "Monday evening, Nov. 12, a retary, writes: "Monday evening, Nov. 12, a re-ception was given Mrs. Clara H. Banks at the home of Mrs. William Peyser, 84 Lexington Av-enne, by Mrs. Peyser and Mrs: May S. Pepper, The rooms were woll filled, and may were obliged to stand. Mr. Edwin S. Straight, Pres-ident of the Association, presented Mrs. Banks to which Mrs. Banks responded in a cordial and heartfelt manner. Mrs. Banks also presented to Mrs. May S. Pepper a beautiful basket of

Publishing Co., 31 East 17th street. New York.

CASSELL'S FAMILY MAGAZINE .- A pretty frontisplece, "Autumn," precedes " Down on Oubliette," by the author of "John Herring." "The Clearing of the Mist" is brought to a conclusion in this number; ' ' The Social Duty of Woman" is continued in the third number;" Miss Cynthia" is a pretty story. "Catching a Professor" is one of the prize stories, and comes from the pen of Bessie E. Duffett. The new volume of 1895 promises to eclipse all which have preceded it. Cassell commands some of the most noted writers, The Cassell Publishing Co., N. Y.

#### He is Risen.

September 10, 1894, Dr. J. H. Rhodes, for many years dealer in Spiritual and Liberal Literature at 722 Spring-Garden street, Philadelphia, passed easily on to a higher phase of spiritual life and conditions.

In the physical form the doctor was born at Hopkinton, Mass., though he resided with his loved mother several years in Vermont. Here he affiliated with the Methodist church.

Coming to Philadelphia, Pa., some forty years ago, he was convinced of the substantial and hope-inspiring truth of the Spiritual Philosophy; and continually rejoiced in the practical possibility of Spiritualism.

jolced in the practical possibility of Spiritualism. Dr. Rhodes was a plain, uppresuming man of broad mind, free and liberal thought, of generous impulses and very benevolent action. Bhortly aiter the organization, years ago, of the State Spiritual Association, of which Dr. Henry T. Child was the President, Dr. Rhodes was appointed under its auspices to conduct the large public circle every Sun-day, which proved an effective vehicle for very much detection of which Dr. Henry T. Child was the Octor labored diligently for the furtherance of this noble Cause of Spiritualism in this city. The doctor labored diligently for the furtherance of this noble Cause outil a few days of his demise, in the 73d year of his age. He has passed peacefully on to broader, more liberal fields for generous effort and in-finite pos-ibilities. His widow, faithful in her respect and love, had his latest wishes carried out, and the physical form was cremated and his ashes placed in an urn. There was spiritual service, Mr. Samuel Wheeler making a happy address on the philosophical answer to the long-time query, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

With our Brother Rhodes we believe it is fully real-ized, "at eventide it shall be light." He has risen. Fraternally, W. D. RICHNER.

**23** The Inquirer, which, to our certain knowledge, has for thirty years steadily refused to inquire into Spiritualism, has just taken a tiny wink at it with one of its eyes. It has a paragraph on the very important report of Prof. Sidgwick's committee. "It may be re-membered by some of our readers," it sleepily says, "thiat a committee," etc., was formed. Its protound conclusion is that, though some seven teen thousand persons were interrogated by over four hundred investigators, "the thing teen thousand persons were interrogated by over four hundred investigators, "the thing has a weak side in the known infimity of hu-man testimony," etc.; but it condscends to say that "the evidence cannot be wholly neglect-od." That is a comical playing of the part of inquirer. But we can well afford to wait for The Inquirer for another thirty years.—Light, London, Eng. the thing

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Paris and took apartments in a hotel, and, there becoming ill, called for the services of a physician. When Dr. Helvetius entered the room. she looked at him with astonishment, then carefully examined the apartment. The Count Schlieben, who was present, asked her what was the cause of her astonishment.

"Monsieur Helvetius," she replied, "is the very man whom I saw in my dream at Warsaw, and who was to give me my last drink; but,' added she, laughing, "it is not of this illness that I am to die, for this is not the room which I saw in the dream."

Some months later, an apartment in a cloister was engaged for her, which she had not previously seen. Scarcely had she crossed the threshold, when she said : "I shall not go out of this room alive, for this is the room that I saw in my dream." She was at this time in excellent health.

In the following February, she caused a tooth that was troubling her somewhat to be extracted. A slight fever ensued, and, in accordance with the practice of the time, she was bled. Immediately after this operation she died.

She had not left the room, and Dr. Helvetius, who was at her side, had, in fact, given her her last drink.

#### A Card.

A **Chirds**. It is my sad duty to announce that Dr. A. B. Dobson of San José, Cal., passed to spirit-life Oct. 1, with paralysis of the heart. His business will be carried on at his request by his wife, a good olarvoyant who has always assi-ted him in his work and will continue to do all she can to relieve the suff-ring. Yours for humanity, MRS, DR. A. B. DOBSON. San José, Cal.

#### Passed to Spirit-Life.

From Sunapee, N. H., Nov. 19, Mrs. Julia Morrill, in the 58th year of her ago.

58th year of her ago. Penceably abo lived, pencefully abo passed away. Our arisen sister was a tim Spiritualist, a friend of mediums and a help to the Cause. Spiritual nectifugs were carried on for a number of years at Gioncester, Mass., by this esti-mable lady and h. r good husband. Nother money nor pains were spared by them to bring the light to those who sat in darkness. Of this good sister it can be truly said, "None knew her but to love her." Cheerful and uncomplaining during her long fluess, thoughtful of others, forgetful of self, with ever a smile and pleasant word for her numerous friends who daily made plarimages to the farm-house. Dear Julia; never more shall we see your suuy face at the window, never more will the farm-house seem the same, for the spirit that gave charm to it has ited. Hearts are sad at parting, but he thought that there is "only a thin yell bouween us" lightens the gloom. Our sister leaves a devoted companion and many warm 'friends. The interment was at Essex, Mass.

From his earthly residence, Northport (on Long Island),

From his earthly residence, Northport (on Long Island), N. Y., Nov. 12, 1894, Amaan Burt, in his 72d year. He was born Dec. 29, 1892. The loaves an invalid wife, and two sons and one daugutor—bit with families. Mr. Burt was a natural. Spiritualist. The aged wife (perfectly help-less and bodrkdien for several years) awatts her summons with faith and calm resignation. The funoral services were conducted by Geo. F. Perkins of New York, who sans "When the Mists Have Cleared Away." following strangers to this Gauso. He proclaimed with gained by spirit-commanion. After he song. "Unly a Distribution of the services were concluded by denote the song "Unly spirit-commanion. After he song." Unly a Thin Voll Between US, "the company followed the casket to the cometery, where the services were concluded by reading the beautiful systemices propared in the "Lycanin Guide." and and the reaction of the

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#### BOSTON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1894.

#### **Opinions of Well-Known People Regarding Cremation.**

The United States and the New York Cremation Socletles, both large and growing organizations, have gathered from persons whose example will have an extended influence, favorable expressions on the subject of cremation.

Rev. Theodore C. Williams of New York said: "I believe cremation in some method to be the only wise solution of the vast problem of disposing of the dead. The considerations of decent respect due to the remains of the dead are increasing in favor of cremation. The grave, the tomb, are necessarily revolting to any imagination that looks beyond the surface. Cremation can suggest none but pure and elevated conceptions. I find large numbers of persons, especially young people, who express a desire for this reform."

Rev. Edward A. Lawrence of Sing Sing, N. Y., says: "I am glad to say that my sympathies are with all forms of funeral reform, and especially with the advocates of cremation. It is only just that the unreasonable and unreasoning prejudices against it should be done away, and the way made easy for those who prefer cremation to burials. The sanitary argument will quickly explode all prejudices."

Mrs. J. C. Croly (Jennie June) says: "I think such disposition of human remains as the wisest, cleanest, most healthful and economical method of disposing of what is no longer of any use, and must in time become a positive source of injury. 'The cities of the dead' will become more populous than the cities of the living, and will threaten the existence of populous communities. Justice to the living, and the sentiment we cherish for the dead, seem to me best satisfied by the quick diffusion of the shell they no longer inhabit, and the possession of that in-urned residuum, which; like a lock of hair or the remnant of a robe they have worn we may keep and guard."

Lucy Stone of Boston, before her decease, testified in favor of cremation, and was cremated. She said, among other things: "On sanitary grounds alone it would seem to be wholly desirable."

Laura C. Holloway of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "The people need educating in this direction almost more than any other. There are numbers of women in Brooklyn who are ready to join a cremation society." Rev. W. N. Searles of New York says: "I think cremation will win inside of another century. It is possible to educate even the obstinate."

Emanuel Brandon, of the Board of Health of Newtown, L. L., says: "Knowing the bad results sanitarity of ground burial, cremating the bodies of our deal ones is the only humane method of disposing of the same."

Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake of New York puts herself on record and says: "Cremation is the most desirable method of disposing of our dead."

Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, sister of President Cleveland, says: "I have long felt that by cremation the body after death is returned most properly to its predestined ashes."

Henry M. Taber of New York says: "The sanitary reason alone ought to have sufficient weight to override every objection that can be offered; and will in time demand its general adoption in the interest of the living, if for no other reason. Cremation has more to contend with from prejudice than from any other opposing cause; that prejudice which blindly clings to conservatism, whether it is right or wrong, good of evil, beneficial or injurious; for conservatism is indiscriminating. What has conservatism done for the world? It has retarded letters and warred against science. It terrorized Galileo; it burned Bruno and Vanini; it poisoned Socrates; it crucified Christ; it fed the flames of Seville, of Smithfield, of Geneva; i gibbetted Quakers; it sought to discourage Columbus. it ridiculed Fulton and Morse; it defended slavery it championed the 'divine right ' of kings and ecclesi astics; it entertains a respect for the ignorant past and a contempt for the intelligent present. It is this Bourbon of thought that is the main obstacle to reform in the disposal of our dead. The chief argument (if such it may be called) against cremation is that 'it is a heathen custom.' So is burial. Which one of these customs shall be adopted-the one that consumes the body by a purifying process, in (say) sixty minutes, or the other, by a revolting process, in (say) sixty years?"

Mrs. Julia Thomas, of the Conservatory of Physical Culture, New York, says: "Success attend your then in California for my health-sickly, senworthy effort, and right speedily. The best way to sitive and highly mediumistic. She then was Av our dead and decaying cast-off garments of clay, but everything that infects the air and soil and water with the germs of sickness, disease and death. My sister and self were long ago converted to a faith in cremation. One has such a horror of rotting back to the elements of one's material being! Who does not prefer the sweeter,

### Pacific Coast Notes. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

How true the saying "The good that men ward, for the memory of them is forgotten." do lives after them." This is richly verified (Eccle, ix: 5.) by the continual inpouring of kindly memory Into this condition of dark despair concernoial manager, and J. W. Day as assistant editor, like adamantine rocks stood by and sus- with any motive power. So far, these occurhelpers of the ascended Luther Colby? Sup- a previously undiscovered force in nature. Besolved to its original dust his spirit is warm, and all aflame for the perpetual progress of THE BANNER.

#### COLBY'S OPEN PURSE.

"The real goodness of Bro. Colby was not understood as it should have been by many Spiritualists," wrote Bro. Moses Hull to me last week, adding, "When I was once in straitened financial circumstances he took from his purse fifty dollars and handed me, with the remark, 'Say nothing about it.' Now that he has passed up, on to the beautiful highlands of immortality, it can do no harm to mention it."

How vividly do 1 remember of once sitting by him when opening his morning pile of letters. Sensing the invisible aura he would say. inspirationally and psychometrically, "This is yet continued to live. The spirit claiming to a good woman and a good medium." "This be anything else has yet to be heard from. man is always in trouble, and he seems to want to throw it on to me." "This man is angry because I do n't publish his long communication." "This brother has half a dozen different controls, and is all mixed up. He is a good-hearted man; I must write to him." And edge built upon repeated experiments, and so through the pile, without opening, would he constructed carefully, point after point, each read the spirit, if not the very wording of the letters.

Once, I remember, when annoved by reported exposures and mediumistic idiosyncrasies. and exclaiming "These inharmonies will wear me out," he seized his pencil and wrote, automatically, these words: "The day succeeds the night, the spring the winter; all will be well in the end, Luther." He immediately brightened up, saying, "That's Berry; it ligences we're once what we now are. Then sounds just like him." The same day I saw you have as good scientific evidence that we him hand a poor mediumistic woman a five shall continue to live after this life as we have dollar gold piece; and in the afternoon, walk- { that we live to-day. This is the evidence that ing with him to the post-office, I saw him en- thinkers demand, and it is the evidence which close a twenty-five dollar post-office order to a | it is in our power to furnish. poor struggling young medium in Michigan, Mr. He is yet in the Spiritualist lecture field. And yet some Spiritualists wonder why the BANNER OF LIGHT is not rich!"

#### NEVER A TRUTH DIES.

It may be temporarily buried, as the January snows bury the northwestern wheat-fields. But they are buried only to rise in springtime in a brighter resurrection green. Mrs. Greeley of Carlsbad spoke in San Diego for the Spiritualists. Her trance address was much admired. She is an elderly and an excellent woman. Recently I occupied the Spiritualist platform, and I am to speak there again. On a recent Sunday night I addressed the theosophists in their hall. It was densely packed with listening people. Some four weeks ago I filled one of the Methodist pulpits, speaking upon "Syria and Egypt."

These bracing Pacific breezes are tonic. Southern California is the Italy of America. Those wishing to know more about the climate the sanitariums and cost of living for invalids. can write me for information.

#### CALIFORNIA SPIRIT WORKERS.

Recently in San Francisco, the guest of Dr. . Schlesinger, the distinguished test medium. I had the pleasure of seeing and of having a sitting with Mrs. J. Hendee, whom I first met over thirty years ago in Placerville. I was and still is trance, clairvoyant and healing medium. Afterwards-1862-thirty-two years ago, I was her guest in Petaluma. Years have dealt kindly with her. She still gives sittings to friends and callers, whether skeptics or believers. She has ever been an honor to Spiritualism, defending the good and the true, and honoring the cause she represents.

could save mankind from accepting the teaching of the Hebrew pessimist: "The dead know not anything, neither have they any more a re-

tributes to Luther Colby. But appreciation is ing a future existence: the world was rapidly not out of place when felt toward and express- sinking when the light of Modern Spiritualism ed to the living. Have not I. B. Rich as finan- appeared, raps were heard and articles of furniture were moved without visible contact tained the grand old BANNER OF LIGHT-the | rences proved nothing, except the existence of pose, then, that most of these millions of Spir- fore this force could be justly attributed to the itualists show the deep-seated sincerity of their operation of independent intelligences, an inexpressed appreciation by subscribing for THE | telligence controlling its effects must be de-BANNER. Though Luther's body is now re- monstrated. This was done when questions were put to this intelligence and answers received.

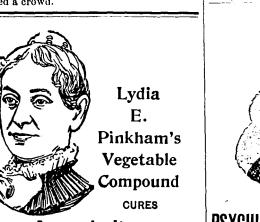
The next point to be ascertained was the nature of the communicating intelligence. Was it some being independent of humanity? was it the unconscious or conscious action of some mind yet in the body, present or absent, or was it the human spirit separated from the body by physical death? In any case, it proved the existence of intelligent spirit, which could not be proved by physical science, and which had only been asserted by religionists on the authority of evidence supposed by them to have been given centuries back.

But in every instance the spirit claimed to be a man or woman who had quitted the body, Thousands upon thousands of witnesses whose testimony has never been contradicted, are surely entitled to credit. This is scientific Spiritualism. Not a belief in spirit-return upon the authority of books or teachers, but a knowl one for himself. It is the only Spiritualism the developed intellects of the present and future ages will accept. In the temple of knowledge the foundations must be surely laid, and stone

ing will be firm and enduring. First establish the fact of the existence of spiritual intelligences invisible to our physical sight. Secondly, demonstrate that these intel

raised upon stone in due order. Then the build

1 A flock of girls is called a bevy, a bevy of wolves is called a pack, a pack of thieves is called a gang, a gang of angels is called a host, and a host of porpoises is called a shoal, and a shoal of buffaloes is called a herd, and a herd of children is called a troop, and a troop of partridges is called a covey, and a covey of beauties is call-ed a galaxy, and a galaxy of ruffians is called a horde, and a horde of rubbish is called a heap, and a beap of oxen is called a drove, and a drove of blackguards is called a mob, and a mob of whales is called a school, and a school of wor-shipers is called a congregation, and a congre-gation of engineers is called a corps, and a corps of robbers is called a band, and a band of locusts is called a swarm, and a swarm of people is called a crowd.



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cleverer, swifter process of 'rosy heat'?" Moncure D. Conway says: "Surely civilization should replace the loathsome vault with the pure urn."

Edgar Fawcett says: " I feel convinced that it is one of those reforms which will some day be universally adopted."

Luther R. Marsh says: "May you so succeed that our lovely acres may be given to the support of the living, and no longer be filled with the dead-a festering Necropolis.'

given a great deal of serious thought to the subject of cremation, and heartily endorse all the movements in that direction. The world must come to it. Surely it is the simplest, surest, purest manner of rendering 'ashes to ashes.'"

Ex-Mayor Hewitt of New York says: "It seems to me that cremation is the only sensible mode of disposing of the dead. I can imagine no argument against it, while all the considerations of public health are in its favor."

Prof. F. W. Taussig of Cambridge says: "I should be happy to be cremated when my time comes; meanwhile, I shall be glad to see my predecessor treated in this sensible fashion."

Dr. Charles A. Bacon of Washington says: "The sentimental objection has never had any hold on me. Cremation must be adopted, and the day is not far distant when it shall be the adopted method of disposing of our dead."

T. T. Ovington of Brooklyn refterates the words of the previous writer.

Rev. W. S. Rainsford says: "Quote me heartily favoring the objects of your cremation company."

Rev. A. T. Clarke of Atlanta, Ga., says: " I vote with emphasis for cremation. An enlightened imagination turns away with disgust from the retarded processes of burning in the grave, and welcomes the changes when the body is kissed by the transfiguring power of the air in the crematory, rosy with intense heat. There are many points of view from which to regard the subject, and from all cremation wins the judgment."

Rev. Dr. G. W. Timlow of Warwick, N. Y., says: "I was once opposed to cremation, but after a long examination, based on European and American scientific associations, the expediency and necessity of cremation were demonstrated to me to my entire satisfaction."

Andrew Carnegie, the well-known manufacturer and capitalist, says: "Cremition must be ranked as one of the greatest hygienic improvements of a progressive age. Its universal adoption is most desirable, and it is to be hoped that the people of this country-always heretofore quick to be educated in matters of reform-will soon recognize that cremation is something with which religious prejudice or false sentiment should not be allowed to interfere any more than with the other sanitary expedients of modern life.'

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Further, I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Pittsinger, sometimes called the California Mrs. Lippincott (Grace Greenwood) says: "I have poetess. She has for many years been a pronounced Spiritualist. She also has a volume in or ready for the press, entitled: "Bugle Peals: or Songs of Warning to the American People.' The swallows, robins and wild geese have already reached California. Doubtless many invalids are on the way.

San Diego, Cal. J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

SCIENTIFIC.SPIRITUALISM.

BY E. J. BOWTELL.

We have arrived at a period in the world's history when the inhabitants of civilized countries, at least those among them who make any claim to intellectual development, refuse to accept ideas which have no better foundation than tradition, oral or written. "The age of miracles has passed," an expression with which we all became familiar many years ago, has become tantamount to saying, "The age of religion supported by miracles belongs to a bygone time." If miracles were necessary to convince doubters in the days of faith, they are tenfold more necessary now, in these days of general skepticism and scientific investigation. If life continues after so-called death, there is but one way to prove the fact. That men universally desire immortality does not prove it. They universally desire many things, to the possession of which only few attain. That it has been generally taught and believed by the human race does not prove it. It was for many centuries generally taught and believed that the earth was the centre of the universe, and that around it the sun and stars revolved. Yet around the sun, the earth and planets still pursued their never-varying courses.

To the questioner who asks "Does life continue beyond the grave?" the only satisfactory reply is, "Yes, for from the land beyond the grave spirit-forms you may behold return, spirit-voices speak in the old familiar tones."

The experiences of others will not content the inquiring mind. One materialized form beheld, one message from a departed friend containing evidence of his identity, evidence that he still lives and knows that he lives, may onvince a skeptic, which all the assertions of pure: theologians and arguments of metaphysical hill bollosophers must fail to do. Nothing short of a spiritual science erected upon experiments The experiences of others will not content

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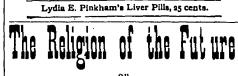
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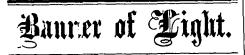
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**Dark Lantern versus Search-Light.** 

Introducing Prof. Oliver J. Lodge with a strong preliminary puff as "unquestionably eral confusion. The commission recommends one of the very foremost men in the ranks of the appointment of a "strike commission" physical science," whose researches have been that shall be clothed with power over wages ton Herald is pleased to signal to the public the that in Massachusetts. And it earnestly counreport he has made as the result of his investi- sels a mutual spirit of recognition and conciligation of "some remarkable physical phenom- ation between employers and labor organiza-

far, very far beyond that. It is not more nor less true because many or few accept its truths as true. It lives on in spite of bellef or unbe-

of a force is unknown, constitutes no reason for ascribing it to the work of spirits or other supernatural agencies." A negative reason this, which is no reason at all. This is indeed skating home on thin ice. The Herald says that the operations of natural phenomena were not understood before because it has been common to regard them in such a way as to forbid it." Electricity, it illustrates, was as mysterious two centuries ago as "this strange force" is to-day, and savages even regarded the operations of steam-engines as caused by supernatural power. As much as to say that all the intelligent believers in Spiritualism are no better than savages for intelligence and cultivation, and that science has so far worn down its hulky old prejudices as to consent at last to patronize the subject under a name of its own most gracious bestowal! Sheer, stark nonsense, all of it. What is true is true, whether so-called science accepts or rejects it. If it re-

jects it, then so much the worse for science.

" In the changed attitude which science now appears to be taking," soapily sums up our contemporary, "the existence of a force hitherto unknown is acknowledged as demonstrated. (Thank you for nothing.) It has thus become (only by reason of Prof. Lodge's report) the proper function of science to ascertain, if possible, its source, its laws, and the conditions under which it operates, just as the facts concerning electricity have been made clear." And there The Herald gives out for want of breath. We cannot see, for the life of us, how it has succeeded in clearing up anything connected with the subject, whether in relation to the phenomena, the testimony, or the conclusive meaning of all. It has only played outtle fish in a very small pond, and pronounced the surrounding inky darkness the some and peraccept nothing beyond the material limitations do something or they will get left, journals like The Herald get down after the manner of Col. Scott's coon, and begin a new cackle. There ena vet! Oh! no. They are not yet quite ready. But during the tedious interim of prep. aration, will they relieve the anxiety of everybody by explaining the meaning of the intelligence far beyond the bounds of material, external, mechanical science, with which these phenomena without a "spirit" are animated.

controlled and inspired?

#### Strikes and Arbitration.

The report of the labor commission appoint ed by the President to investigate the causes of the great labor strike of last summer, and offer suitable recommendations in relation thereto, has been made. It is of very wide interest and concern, for the plain and sufficient reason that, since our social state rests on our industrial prosperity and harmony, it is of fundamental importance that it continue as free as possible from these rebellious disruptions which tend to throw all things into genof inestimable value in the additions they have and other matters on interstate railroads; also made to the sum of human knowledge, the Bos a general advisory Board of Arbitration like

#### Thanksgiving.

annual Thanksgiving, which from a strictly diums and speakers is raised by R. B. Westcolonial and local observance has become national, and to that extent continental. In the | the recent call therefor, printed in our columns beginning and foundation of the custom it might have been called and considered relig- "He [B.] assumes that any incorporated society lous in its character, but in its latter evolution it has become altogether social, domestic and convivial, expressing the sentiments that belong naturally to reunions, and inviting to an enjoyment that bespeaks anything rather than the spirit of worship and sanctimonious conduct.

The day brings always in its train pleasant associations to some, but to many it is fraught sand voluntary or incorporated societies that with the sadness that settles like a heavy fogon the experience of their lives. It ought to be observed as a time of good cheer, however, whatever the past has lying piled against it in memory. Once a year, at least, it is well for | isters who claim half-fare tickets must reside us to gladden the heart and bury sorrow and on the line of the railroad and be pastors of sadness under social festivity. It is not good to indulge all the time in lugubrious thoughts | turers and mediums? I trow not." The reand sad reminiscences. Some people affect a mainder of his article is devoted to a general regret at the approach of this festive anniver- condemnation of the half-fare system as applied sary, because of the gaps it suggests in the continuity of their lives from the loss of fortune and friends. But it is far better to face all such experience cheerfully, and accept it with a contentment that betrays a harmonious spirit that believes all is well.

Thanksgiving is a day specially dedicated to family gatherings and friendly reunions. There is no other like it in all the year. It is the time of relaxation for the domestic spirit, and of expansion for the sentiment of relationship. The old roof-tree, wherever it is raised above human heads in city or country, rings at this time with the glad echoes of reunited families and scattered friends. Feasting takes the place of the work-a day habits, and sets everything else aside. If only those who are favored do not fail to remember in the holiday season their less fortunate brethren, it will always make of the day a Thanksgiving indeed.

#### A Tribute to the Newspaper.

Church Congress in Boston, who openly entertained an appreciative opinion of the modern newspaper, and the Sunday newspaper especially. That was Rev. Robert Holland of St. fection of light. Because scientific men who Louis. He held his audience spell bound with producers themselves by thousands are famishhis eloquent earnestness. By reason of the begin to feel that it is about time for them to modern newspaper, said he, caste will ere long rank grass, cover millions of fertile acres owned be impossible. No house, no spirit can shut out the life of humanity-high and low, rich | less laborers swarm the country, begging the and poor-that with the newspaper enters must, however, be no "spirits" in the phenom- every door and leaves it wide open. The reader is forced to sorrow at the elbow of galety, and birth upon the breast of death, while sob and laugh, shout and wall, blessing and cursing and prayer all blend into an undertone which his busiest thought and purpose cannot hush. He becomes what he reads, and his character is richer and more harmonic, because with life's higher tones the lower, too, are heard, as

the alto of their soprano, the bass of their tenor, in a full-choired humanity. The newspaper has perhaps no ethical intention in all this. Its chief and only aim may be profit, but that requires sales; and in order to sell it must supply the intelligence which men want, and men's wants, because they are human, are necessarily ethical, and meet in ethical scales whenever brought to knowledge that cannot avoid comparison and judgment. In the daily newspaper man lives the whole world's life, throb by throb. The newspaper gives him a world consciousness, the day that has no newspaper losing that much of the world's life from consciousness.

#### BANNER OF LIGHT.

Bearer of comforting words of cheer. And joyous tidings from friends beyond; Nearer to earththou bringest heaven; Newly cemented love's severed hond. Ever new thoughts thou art sending forth.

#### A Logal Point

On Thursday of this week occurred the Concerning the ordination of Spiritualist mebrook of Philadelphia, who writes us regarding as sent by President Barrett of the N.S.A.: may by a vote make lecturers and mediums ministers in the same sense in which the various religious organizations have ministers. Nothing could be more absurd! Does a simple incorporation give the right to ordain ministers? Certainly not, unless it is so 'nominated' in the charter, and though ordination papers should be voted and recorded by a thouwould not make one ordained minister in the sense in which the U.S. Government and Railway Companies understand these things. The Pennsylvania R. R. Company requires that minchurches. Would this apply to spiritualistic lecto the ministers of any and all churches, as a remnant of sacerdotalism.

Now, in the interests of the mediums of the country-to whose wellare THE BANNER stands pledged as it ever has throughout its long history—we would ask of the National Association in Washington: Is this point of Bro. Westbrook well taken? We are informed that President Barrett has done some marked service for the assistance of mediums and speakers when traveling to their appointments on the line of various railroads in this country. Has he ever encountered this "charter" objection, and in that case how was the point adjudicated?

#### A Warning Word.

In making an appeal for more faithful adherence to the rules of Christian duty in all the affairs of life, as well as in the church relations, Dr. Easton, of the Presbyterian church in Washington, said that never was the neces-There was at least one speaker at the late sity for reform more pressing than now. The opportunities for public officers to acquire wealth by abusing their power have been a great temptation; storehouses and shops are filled with the products of industry, while the ing for bread; enormous forests, and weeds or by foreign or absentee landlords, while homeprivilege of toil. With the reign of monopolies, syndicates and trusts, this is all more or less dangerous to liberty, and a menace to free institutions.

Hosts of men are maimed or slaughtered by the insatiate greed of private corporationsrailroad or otherwise-without a conscience. We allow an aristocratic régime to domineer over us. The human rights of the masses are ignored so as to swell the coffers of the few.

This kind of talk is held right in Washington, the national capital. It is not spoken in a spirit of defiance, so much as of indignant surprise that such things are possible. Unless there was fire somewhere, there never would be all this smoke in the air. Is there no remedy, no cure? If not, then civilization is a failure, and society itself a hollow farce. If as a people we are adequate to the creation of such an advanced state as we at present find ourselves in, surely we should be able to devise and apply methods that promise to prevent the disintegration of the structure we have erected and save it whole for the service and salvation of generations to come.

#### Life to the "Dead."

The request was recently made of the Governor of New York for permission to try the experiment of resuscitation on a condemned murderer who was to be electrocuted.

# "Indians Have Rights as well as

White Mon," Is a sentence we encounter at the head of a special dispatch from Washington, printed in the Boston Herald for Nov. 26. That is true enough! THE BANNER for many years has been preaching that doctrine. It seems by this dispatch that in his report of this year Secretary Hoke Smith will make some recommendations on the subject of the Indian and his treatment which will prove to be novel reading in some quarters. For instance, he is expected to say that it has too long been the policy of the white men to take whatever they can from the Indians by working on them in divers ways, and that he considers it the duty of the government to pay as much attention to the rights of the red men as a trustee is supposed to pay to the rights of any one for whom it is holding a trust.

His recommendation on all pending matters will take into consideration the interests of the Indians and the government, and will be against throwing open for general entry under the homestead and mineral laws of the rich lands that should bring large sums of money. In all cases where there are minerals, as for instance in the Utah reservation in Utah, which is rich in the precious and useful metals, he would give plenty of opportunity for prospecting and inspection before the auction was made.

BRO. JAMES M. PEEBLES has a newsy letter from the Pacific Slope, on our third page, to which attention is called. We hope the Spiritualists of the world will act upon his recommendation, in the opening paragraph, that they show their appreciation of Luther Colby 'by subscribing for THE BANNER."

#### Dr. Horace L. Bowker

Passed to spirit-life Wednesday morning, 21st ult., at his home in Roxbury. Mass., after two years' illness, of heart disease.

Dr. Bowker will long be remember for the earnestness with which he entered upon any measure he sought to promote. As a progressive thinker, an advanced writer, he was ever at the forefront to aid any cause which lay near to his heart. He was always opposed to any measures which interfered with the rights of the people to decide as to the practitioners they would like to employ; and fought fearlessly and earnestly against all "doctors' plot bills."

He was one of the finest chemists of his day, and had held the office of State Assayer for the past fifteen vears.

As a legislator he was honest, affable, public-spirited, energetic and painstaking. In private life he was upright, benevolent, courteous and approachable. Because he possessed all these qualities he will be greatly missed.

## The Newest Dictionary.

The people, eager to obtain the new Funk & Wagnall's Standard Dictionary, must bear the delay patiently. The publishers have promised to bring out the work within a week or so more. The delivery has been delayed by reason of the immense work necessary to put on the finishing touches. By actual count the dictionary contains, exclusive of the appendix, 301,865 vocabulary words and phrases, to which should be added 47 468 entries of other words. Great care has been exercised to exclude all useless words. High testimonials are constantly being received from leading educational authorities in America and Enrope. All who have seen the work are loud in its praise.

#### W. L. Douglas a Benefactor.

W. L. Douglas, the maker of the famous shoes, is a practical benefactor of his many employés; his latest act is the providing of free medical attendance for them in order that they may be able to care for their health without making a drain on their savings. In many other ways he exhibits a kind interest in the numerous employés, who have a real regard for him, born from the personal relation he has established between manufacturer and help. In the same line, it is to be noted, that Mr. Douglas is a firm bellever in arbitration. His example is likely to be followed by the men who are shrewd enough to read the signs of the times, and benevolent enough to feel that they ought to do all they can to promote the health and welfare of the men and women who are laboring to

increase their prosperity and prestige.

ant woman," pronouncing it "a matter of profound significance." The investigation for this special occasion was of course made under conditions that "absolutely precluded all possibility of collusion or fraud of any kind." And of course all sorts of trying tests were made with scientific apparatus, dynamometer included. And then, wonder of wonders! "a table was lifted by some unaccountable force, which was thereby proved to be of an extraordinary character.'

Then, after telling how hundreds of witnesses have testified to phenomena of this sort, while scientists, as a body, have always avoided such subjects; and after mawkishly deploring "the fallibility of human testimony," which it declares to be "so great that no weight has been attached to evidence of the kind"; and after repeating the aversion of scientists to investigate "the phenomena called spiritistic," and complacently mentioning that the few who have ventured to make themselves exceptions to the rule, like Wallace. Crookes and Zöllner, "have thereby materially impaired their standing among their fellows"; The Herald pirouettes to make the kind statement, if it is not also patronizing to almost everybody, that "Prof. Lodge's report now places the subject upon a different basis." We confess we cannot see how or why it does so, unless it is because his name chances to be Lodge instead of Wallace or Crookes or Zöllner, nor yet why he, like them, does not thereby materially impair his standing among his fellow-scientists. What has happened to give Prof. Lodge an immunity which they were not allowed to enjoy?

Why, absolutely nothing has happened different, that we can see. The very most The Herald has to say on his behalf, or can say for him, is that "it would be difficult to impeach the evidence of a man like him, reënforced as it is by the testimony of other scientists of high repute," Aha! Was it so easy, then, to impeach the testimony of his much more distinguished predecessors in the work of investigation, the testimony of such men as Wallace and Crookes and Zöllner? Yet that is just the style of The Herald's weak logic. It begins to believe now, because it wants to. The plum is ripe, and The Herald's mouth is wide open to catch it when it drops. And that is the very highest idea it has of science.

It is to be expected that at this convenient stage of its professed belief, it would begin to 'crawfish." So it does openly. Well, and how We will show how. "This result, however," continues The Herald, "can hardly be regarded in the light of a concession to the claims of Modern Spiritualism." Oh, certainly not! That ments of numerical doctrine. It is something | Camp is abandoned for '95.

ena connected with an ignorant Italian peas | tions. It is an interesting and thorough production, clear and conscientious, and calculated to lead to good immediate results. At any rate, it shows a long advance on anything done or attempted hitherto in this country in this vital direction.

Col. Carroll D. Wright was the Chairman of the Board, and the report bears the plain stamp of his authorship. It is in itself a history, impressing a lesson in industrial policy. Col. Wright, since it was made public, has addressed the Arbitration Congress at Chicago. He discussed, first, the distinction between voluntary and compulsory arbitration; next,

the distinction between compulsory arbitration and public investigation of labor disputes; and, finally, the distinction between adjudication of past contracts and settlements of future ones. He said that a strike in itself is simply a protest against changing conditions adversely. It is only through conflict that good ever comes in this world. So this labor conflict means the uplifting of laboring men and the bettering of their condition.

The distinction between compulsory and voluntary arbitration, he continued, is the distinction between a continued conflict and the supremacy of reason. There should always precede arbitration the attempt at conciliation. Compulsory arbitration is not to be thought of. If a law were made compelling workmen or employers to accede to a decree of the Court, under penalty, it never could be enforced. The distinction between compulsory arbitration and the public investigation of labor disputes has been, he thought, too little discussed. "I believe," said he, "in these public investigations." The permanent National Commission recommended is one that shall move quickly and fix the responsibility for any strike which it may have under investigation. The commission said, in its report to the President, that if employers everywhere endeavor to act in concert with labor, that if when wages can be raised under economic conditions, they be raised voluntarily, and that if, when there are reductions, reasons be given for the reduction, much friction can be averted. It expressed itself as likewise satisfied. that if employers will consider employes not less essential to industrial success than capital, and thus take labor into mutual consultation on all proper occasions, much of the severity of strikes can be tempered and their number reduced. Had an accommodating concession been made to the request of their employes by the authorities at Pullman, the commission believes the whole of the costly catastrophe would have been averted.

#### Southern Camp-Meeting.

The reader, by reference to the "Banner Correspondence " department, second page, has not yet become the fashion. Spiritualism | will find Mr. A. Gaston's announcement that does not happen to possess the composite ele- for satisfactory reasons the projected Southern interest in the Cause is growing more and

Bays to illumine the misty earth:

Out of the old, with constant care, Faithfully building temples rare;

Lifting men's burdens, and bringing light Into the homes once darker than night; Giving out knowledge of untold worth; Heaven's own messenger, fearing naught Truth's standard-bearer enlightening earth. MATILDA CUSHING SMITH. Rockland, Me.

#### **Versus** Vivisection.

A resolution was offered, and enthusiastically adopted, at the recent National Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in deep and strong condemnation of vivisection. It was presented by Mrs. Mary F. Lovell, from the department of mercy. Referring to the effort in Ohio to secure legislation to vivisect condemned criminals, it declared that confirmed the assertion frequently made that, owing to their inconclusive results, experiments on live animals do not protect hu man beings, but rather created a desire for them as subjects. And it proclaimed that the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union believes vivisection to be unnecessary and cruel and that it is particularly demoralizing in tendency, when done before classes of young people. And it declared that the Union will en deavor to develop sentiment which may result in legislation for the entire abolition of the practice.

Mr. E. J. Bowtell.

By reference to our third page will be found scholarly and pertinent essay on scientific Spiritualism by the above named gentleman which all should read. True enough is it, as he says, in offset to the fine spun "occult" and 'psychical" theories now sought to be urged in explanation of the intelligent power mani festing in medial presences: "The spirit claiming to be anything else other than a man or woman who has quitted the earthly body, has yet to be heard of."—Why cannot local socie-ties of Spiritualists interest themselves to give this worthy worker a wider opportunity to appear on their platforms as a speaker? Try it, friends. 

27 A correspondent-himself a prominent worker for the Cause-writes in reference to the "eleventh-hour" scientific contingent now wheeling into line to'" psychically " appropriate what Spiritualism has won through years of storm and stress on the part of social and theologic bigotry: "These new people know it all! Those of us who have for long practically studied, and earnestly defended the New Dispensation, are expected to fall beseechingly at the feet of these just-fledged Paladins! No thanks!'"

#7 Mr. Moses Sweetser of Parkersburg, W. Va., called on us recently, and reported that more pronounced in that vibinity.

The reason accompanying the request was that the doctor making it was anxious to get a treatment for persons who have accidentally come in contact with electric wires, feeling convinced that the method of execution by electricity does not cause death. Dr. Gibbons desired to make the attempt at resuscitation as soon as the victim was pronounced dead by the attending physicians. He further requested that his experiment might be conducted in the presence of a committee of physiologists and electricians, to be selected by six of the leading medical colleges in the United States, and that Dr. Austin Flint of New York make one of the number. Dr. Gibbons, who made the request, is himself a physician of Syracuse. His idea is to restore life, as he believes can be done, to persons shocked to apparent death by electricity. This he claims to be able to do by means of a special apparatus invented by himself to produce artificial respiration.' We understand, however, that the plan at the last moment was disarranged because of legal points at issue.

The company whose dynamos have so far been used declare positively that electricity was in no instance the cause of death, but that death was assured by the holding of an autopsy directly after the body had been taken from the electric chair. In this contention the company and the doctor are sustained by a number of physicians and scientists; the eminent French scientist, M. D'Arsonval, and Dr. A. H. Goelet, an American, for instance, both agreeing with them in the opinions expressed.

On our first page, in No. III. of his interesting series of "Twice-Told Tales," Mr. Henry Forbes of New York calls special attention to some of the thought jewels that have glittered for years among the works of that veteran writer and eloquent expositor of the Cause, DR. S. B. BRITTAN, who was, at his decease, "Editor at-Large" for Spiritualism-and who cogently and crushingly replied to the various attacks of bigotry on the Spiritual Phenomena and Philosophy, which were made in the secular press of this country.

10 Read Miss Lottie Fowler's card on 7th page; also what a California correspondent says of her on our 8th page. She is a veteran among mediums, and richly worthy assistance and patronage.

On account of the Banuer's forms be ing put to press on Monday night (Nov. 26), instead of Tuesday (a day in advance, because of Thanksgiving), many local reports, notices, etc., failed to reach us in time for use, in lu

837 We are informed that Mrs. D. B. Wagner, formerly known as Miss Pauline A. Horn -a member of Mr. A, J. Davis's Lyceum at Dodworth Hall, New York-passed to spiritlife at Brooklyn, Nov. 18,

NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINE FOR 1895 -Some important illustrated articles which will appear in early numbers are, "Old Milk Street," by Hamilton A. Hill; Round About Monadnock," by Dr. Edward Emerson; "Horace Mann," by Frank A. Hill, Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education; "Harriet Beecher Stowe," by George Willis Cooke; "Sir William Pepperell and the Capture of Louisburg"; "Old New England Songs"; "Dartmouth College"; "The Har-vard Annex"; "Lowell Mason"; "Raleigh's Lost Colony"; "The Part of Massachusetts Men in the Ordinance of 1787"; "The Boston Public Library," and "New England in Chicago," by Edward Ishan. The series of articles on our towns will be continued by Charles Carleton Coffin and Dr. Samuel A. Green. Many strong articles on social and educational subjects will be published in the coming year; and poetry and fiction will be well represented. Warren F. Kellogg, publisher, Boston.

#### Luther Colby.

Liberals everywhere will regret to hear that Mr. Luther Colby, the veteran editor of the BANNER OF LIGHT, is dead.

Mr. Colby was a fearless advocate of Spiritualism, to the advancement of which he devoted many years of his life; and, though not ex-

many years of his life; ard, though not ex-empt from the trying vicissitudes incident to the establishment of a class journal, he finally succeeded in making that journal a power in the development of spiritualistic thought. The BANNER OF LIGHT is the oldest and best known spiritual paper in the world, large-ly owing to the earnest, honest and inteiligent zeal and fidelity of Mr. Colby. It was one of the first liberal journals that honored *The In-dependent Publit* with an exchange, and dur-ing our twelve years of journalistic work, no one has treated us with more courtesy than has its kindly editor, despite the fact that our views were quite far apart on many subjects. Mr. Colby gave every evidence of being a sincere believer in Spiritualism, and he always had the courage of his convictions; but In addition to this he was a true Liberal, as we interpret Liberalism; and now that he has passed away, we mourn his departure as that of a loved and cherished friend, though we

of a loved and cueriened friend, though we never saw him. His life was a long and laborious one, and withal full of honor and benevolence. May he rest in peace, and may many like him arise to carry on the work of liberalizing the race. The Independent Pulpit, Waco, Tex.

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#### NEWSY NOTES AND PITHY POINTS.

BRAUTY. What glory fills the woods, When leaves begin to die! A whisper thrills the solitudes-Oaught from the sunset sky! WILLIAM BRUNTON.

Wheat-fed hogs weigh fully as much and are as healthy and vigorous and quite as satisfactory to the packers as any other kind, and a western exchange suggests that at the ruling price of wheat and corn, and with a large foreign wheat crop in the bargain, there will be ample opportunity for every farmer to try the new method for himself.

The cremation of eighty-one bodies at the Forest Hills establishment during the past ten months, seers to show that the idea is growing in this community. Also that it has plenty of room to grow a great deal more and a great deal faster.—Boston Herald.

Asparagus is the oldest known plant that has been used as food.

> "Of all sad things in the lot of man, The one most full of woe Is paying the price That 's due on ice He used three months ago." -Indianapolis Journal.

New England Orthodoxy was once inclined to scout the idea of Emerson having a religion, and the term pagan was heard; but that day is now passed, and both Europe and America acknowledge that Emerson was one of the greatest spiritual teachers America has ever had.

The size of a woman's shoe, it is said, should be just half that of her glove.

WORDSWORTH UP TO DATE. "Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "Going horse-back riding, sir," she said. "May I go with you, my pretty maid?" "My horse always shies at a donkey," she said. - Earl Marble.

A "merrie maiden" asks: "What is the correctmusical-route from Boston to Salem?" "Via Lynn" (violin) of course!

Hon. Chauncey Depew recently demolished an interrupter of one of his public arguments by inventing and uttering the quotable saying that he was sorry his opponent "had a Ferris wheel in his head."

A cultured young girl of Surat, Wore such an enormous big hat, That when at the play. Folks behind her would say, "Good gracious! where are we at?"

Coarse wrapping paper is made but of sunflower stalks.

CAN WAR BE ABOLISHED?-One of the interesting features of the December Arena is a symposium which discusses war and peace. The writers advocate the principles of the Peace Society, and claim that the world has reached a plane of civilization at which all domestic and international disputes can be settled by arbitration.

A barking dog is the most courteous of all animals. He makes his bow to every passer-by. - Binghamton Republican.

The new churches in the new town of Enid, Oklahoma, have no bells yet, and the town fire bell is rung every Sunday to announce the hour of religious services. This must be very suggestive to sinners. — New York Care. York Sun.

Never mind if the way is rough. "Krep in the middle o' the road!" When you reach the end, 't will be smooth enough. "Keep in the middle o' the road!"

-Atlanta Constitution.

# The Rev. Thomas Van Ness, pastor of the Second Church, in Conley Square, Boston, is reported by The Post of a late date to have said in a recent sermon: rose on a late date to have said in a recent sermon: | "The church of the future will not give our Goulds or Vanderbilts as examples. It may be we shall have a merchant who sells what he advertises or who gives his clerks a vacation. It is not the bloody warrior we shall try to imitate in the future, but the every-day hero, who lives a perfect life through his faith in God."

> THE OLD TRAMP. A' old tramp slep' in our stable wunst, An' the Raggedy Man he caught An' roust him up and chased him off, Clean out through our back lot!

#### In Memoriam. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

With mingled joy and grief we read the words from the pen of Bro. Lyman U. Howe, in a private letter, telling us that dear BRO. COLBY had been released from his physical suffering and the many cares and annoyances which in his editorial life had so often made him despondent, discouraged and unhappy. We could but rejoice that he had entered into his reward for so many years of faithful, efficient service in the Cause of Spiritualism ; but with our joy for his promotion came sorrow for the loss of a loyal friend, a grand, untiring worker to advance the truth in all of its varied phases; a defender of true mediums; a stanch supporter and helper of the oppressed and downtrodden: a kind, tender hearted, sincere gentleman in all the walks of life. We had hoped that he might be spared to us years to come; but for him we feel it is better as decreed, for his inheritance must be bright and abundant, because well earned by the unremitting and indefatigable labor and self-sacri fice of so many long years.

May his mantle fall upon those who will cheerfully carry forward his life-work. May the brave old BANNER increase in its power for good, in circulation, and reach eventually the remotest corners of the earth. We are sure that its influence will be fostered by our friend, who gladly responded to the call, "Come up Higher." May we all emulate his example in loyalty, fealty, industry, charity and good deeds.

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## MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

Knickerbocker Hall, 44. West 14th Street.-The Ethical Spiritualists' Society meets each Sunday a II A. M. and 7% P. M. Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, speaker New York Psychical Society, Spencer Hall, 114 West Ith street. Every Wednesday, Br.M. Soventh year. Prom-inent local and visiting speakers and mediums. Good mu-sic, live topics and stirring tests. J. F. Snipes, President, 20 Broadway.

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Spiritual Thought Society, 108 West 43d street - Meetings Sunday evenings. J. W. Fletcher, regular speak

New York Psychical Society (Spencer Hall, 114 West 14th street). - J. F. Spipes writes: Prof. Daniel T. Ames, Wednesday evening, 21st instant, delivered another rational, profound and acceptable discourse before a large audience, upon the ancient medium, "Moses," accurately tracing the work of the "meekest man." The Professor's remarks would require a full stenographic report to do them instice. Mr. Wilson MacDonald followed, showing the in-consistency of a oue-sided conception and treatment of many things biblical and historie. Any cause is weak that will not bear investigation. Mr. Theodore F. Price related an interesting spirit-ual experience, and accurately read many character-istics of sitters. Mrs. Knight spoke of late materializing news from Paris and as a rule thought that mediums generally are more considerate of the confidences and character of others than are the latter in their treatment of me-diums. Daniel T. Ames, Wednesday evening, 21st instant,

Dr. Magoon also gave some readings from articles, with satisfaction to the owners. Mr. Tower continues the convenient sale of spirit-ual literature in the hall for the benefit of the public.

#### **MEETINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.**

Lynn, T. H. B. James writes. The Sniritualists of Lynn held services in Providence Hall Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30. A large audience greeted Mr. Edgar W. Emerson of Manchester, N. H., the speaker and medium. Afternoon session opened with service of medium. Afternoon session opened with service of song, led by Prof. E. F. Pierce. Charles A. Abbott of Bosten presided at the organ, and Mrs. G. D. Merrill at the piano. Mrs. Merrill rendered appropriate se-lections. Mr. F. A. Wiggin of Salem presided, and in-troduced Mr. Emerson, who took for a subject "Phe nomena." He said if it were not for phenomena there would be no Spiritual Philosophy. Men are demand-ing more demonstrations to-day than ever before. No religion has had its claims so well demonstrated as Spiritualism. In the evening Mr. Emerson took his subject from the audience. The lecture was a masterful one, and pregnant with eloquence. He followed each lecture with excellent tests and communications; all correct. Next Sunday at 2:33, conference, good speakers and

readings were truly marvelous, thoroughly demonstra-ting the fact of eternal life and that annihilation is im-possible. The audience was well pleased and ex-pressed a desire for a private scance. In my opinion any one looking after truth can do no better than to hear Mrs. Conant.

Lowell.-E. Plokup, Sec'y, writes: - Mrs. Nettle Holt-Harding of East Somerville occupied our rostrum, and spoke to good audiences Nov. 25. Her subjectin the siternoon was "Spiritualism as a Religion." and that in the evening." Waiting and Watching." After each lecture names and descriptions of spirits were given with much success. Sunday, Dec. 2, birs. Ida E. Downing of South Bos-ton will be with us.

Worcester .- Mrs. D. M. Lowe, Cor. Sec'v. writes: Dr. Geo. A. Fuller favored us to-day with two exceptionally fine lectures, which were marked with earnestness and eloquence—each word and sentence seemed glistening with gems of truth and inspiration as he held his hearers with rapt attention. The speaker for Dec. 2 is Oscar A. Edgerley.

Stoughton.-Mrs. J. E. Morse, Sec'y, writes: Nov. 25 A. E. Tisdale gave two interesting discourses, opening the evening service with those beautiful songs, "Only a Thin Vell" and "Beckoning Hands." Sunday, Dec. 2, Mrs. C. M. Whipple will speak and give tests afternoon and evening.

Novements of Platform Lecturers. (Notices under this heading, to insure insertion the same week, must reach this office by Wonday's mail.

J. Frank Baxter closed his recent engagements in Chicage, III., on Sunday, Nov. 25, He spoke in Palnes-ville, O., Tuesday evening of the present week, and arrived in Boston Thanksgiving morning. On Sun-day, Dec. 2, he will lecture in Great Falls, N. H.; Thursday evening, Dec. 6, in Stoughton; Sunday, Dec. 9, in Brockton; Sunday, Dec. 16, in Somers-worth, N. H.; Sundays, Dec. 23 and 30, in Lyon. The Sundays of January, 165, he will lecture in Con-necticut, the first two in Merideu, the last two in Nor-wich. He will remain there during the intervening weeks to answer calls in vicinity for week evenings. Address him 18i Walnut street, Chelsea, Mass. Mrs. May S. Pepper of Providence, R. I., will lec

Mrs. May S. Pepper of Providence, R. I., will lec-ture in Roche's Hall, South Deerfield, Mass., Friday evening, Nov. 30, at 7:30. Lyman C. Howe speaks for the First Society of Portifueltate Carpedia Hall New York dwarfs De

Lyman C. Howe speaks for the First Society of Spiritualists, Carnegie Hall, New York, during De-cember, and will be with the First Association of Phil-adelphia during January. Mr. Howe can be ad-dressed during December at 128 West 43d street, New York. Will answer calls for week-day and evening lectures during December, at points accessible from New York.

Theodore F. Price has removed to 230 East 19th street, New York, where those desiring his services as speaker and medium, either at parlor séances or to fill the rostrum for societies in and near New York can address him. Platform tests given in con-nection with lectures.

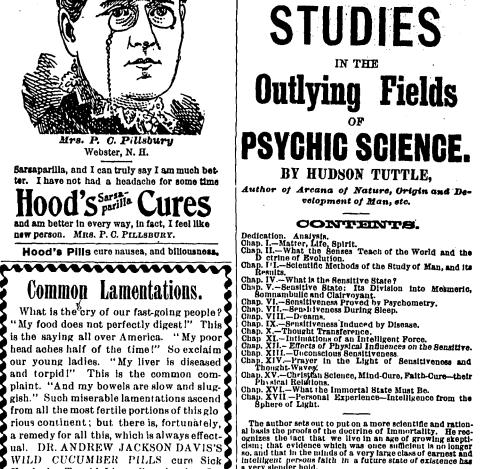
Frank T. Ripley can be engaged for January by ad-dre-sing him at New Orleans, La., care of general de-

Harlow Davis, platform test medium, can be ad-dressed for engagements at Meriden, Conn. He has open dates for Jan. 6 and 13.

Mrs. E. Cutter of Philadelphia, Pa., called on us on Saturday, Nov. 24. She was to speak in Providence, R. I., on Sunday, Nov. 25; from thence she goes to fil engagements in Lowell, Stoughton, Malden, Fall River, etc. Her address is Lawrence, Mass., 393 Cal-dor Houre. der House.

Frank T. Ripley is reëngaged to lecture and give platform tests at Allepheny, Pa., during the months of January and February. He is having large audiences in New Orleans, where he is now taboring. Societies desiring his services during March and April can ad-dress him at 2762 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio.

G. V. Cordingly will lecture and give spirit-rappings, psychometric readings and rests, and will be assisted by Lyceum talent at Red Men's Hall, 514 Tremont street, Boston. Sunday evening, Dec. 2.

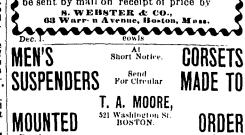


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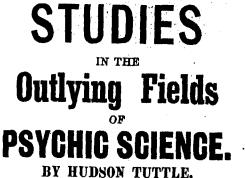
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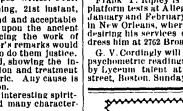
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The Children's Progressive Lyceum, writes J. F. Blaney, Sec'y, held its regular be-sion in Providence riall, 21 Market street, Nov. 25, Mrs. E. B. Merrill, Con-ductor, and Mrs. J. P. Hayes, Musical Director. The opening exercises and responsive reading were fol-lowed by the leason for the day on Kindness to Ani-mais and what we Owe Them. Recetations were given by Carrie Moore, Charlie Woundy, Charle Reed, Laura Metzuer, Bernard Gidney, Edward Whitter; songs, Amy Adams and Prof. Pierce; readings, Miss Estes, Mrs. Whittler, Mr. Woundy; remarks, Drs. Furbush and Fernald.

Newburyport.-F. H. F. writes: Mrs. A. H. Lu ther lectured for the last time this season, making four Sundays in which she has administered to our people. Her lectures have all been instructive, show

people. Her lectures have all been instructive, show-ing the products of the master minds of the guides who control her. Great good has been done, and seed scattered which we hope will bear fruit later. The question of spirit-return has been asked and answered in Mrs. Luther's able manner. On TueBday, Nov. 20, a social was held in Inde-pendent Hall, which was largely attended. Fred Petts rendered some fine sonus, and Mrs. Dr. Mary Green, one of the oldest mediums here, made remarks of an interesting nature, in the course of which she told how the Cause had progressed sluce she first became a medium; how her house had been stoned and spat-tered with mud when she first held circles. Mrs. Green has done a wonderful work in the past, and is now healing the slck. Mrs. Webber followed with a stirring speech. The next social will be held at F. H. Fuller's, 12 Temple street, on next Tursday evening. The medium for next Sunday is not announced. William Holt is slowly improving. Mrs. C. Fanite Allyn will be with us the last four Sundays in December.

Malden .- S. E. Whittler, Sec'y, writes: Spiritualism in Malden has just been having a genuine revival. F. A. Wiggin, the well-known medium of Salem. has

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F. A. Wiggin, the well-known medium of Salem, has been the speaker for our society for the entire month of November. Every Sunday our hall and ante-rooms have been crowded with intelligent investigators and believers, and many on each Sunday have been refused admission for want of room.
Mr. Wiggin's tests are always interesting and account but his lectures have been of such a scholarly character as to draw large numbers to our meetings, who are often heard to say: "He should be heard by thousands instead of bundreds." We have engaged Mr. W. for the months of December, '95, and May, '96. Although our hall accommodates about three hundred, we shall make an effort to secure larger accommodations when he oomes again. Notwithstanding the compensation we have to make for Mr. Wiggin's services is a little more than to some other speakers, he leaves us with a balaboes in the treasury as a result of his jabor. Our work for this year starts out well, and we feel confident of an unusually successful season.

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#### MRS. B. F. SMITH.

Report of Séance held October 26, 1894.

Spirit Invocation. We thank thee, oh! Father and Mother God, for life, for prosperity and adversity, for the mercles thou dost show thy children of earth and the disciplines thou dost call upon them to undergo. May thy messengers of light come from colestial shores this hour, to bring unto their loved ones of earth proof of their existence and power to aid them. Help us to recognize our dependence upon thee for every good gift thou dost bestow upon us. Aid us in our endeavors to be more charitable and lenient with our brothers and sisters. How many to-day sit in darkness and sorrow when it is their privilege to gain more light and knowledge. We see that often the taking of the little ones from the home, which is an affliction most grievous to be borne, tends to turn the heart toward a contemplation of things spiritual. Therefore, our Father and Mother God. we thank thee for the trials we are called upon to pass through, for they serve to being us nearer to thee. May the lives we live upon earth be so in accord with spiritual principles that they may be pleasing in thy sight and prepare us for the world to come. We ask thy divine blessing to rest upon us all, not only this JOHN PIERPONT. hour but evermore.

# INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES.

#### Hannah Finch.

[To the Chairman:] I have been a constant attendant at your meetings here, and I feel I have been greatly benefited thereby.

If I were in the mortal, I should say I had traveled a long way to come to these "circles," as they are termed. I love to come to these meetings, for I gain a great deal of light and knowledge by listening to others, although when in the mortal I should never have dreamed that I would be found speaking here in this way. A great many of my friends have passed through the portal termed death, yet a few still Neb some dwell, and they will be surprised to

#### we can sense your feelings toward us when we come upon the earth-plane.

Many years ago I left the mortal form, and when I passed on I little knew where or how I should be situated, or what would be my condition. My people, also, knew very little of the other life.

Once before I made myself known to a few, but not directly to my own, because their early education would not permit them to accept the fact that I could return. I would ask them now: When, dear friends, will you realize more of my presence? I am & worker, I shall never shirk my duty, and I shall try with all the power that is extended to me to make you know I live.

Many years ago I reported through another organism, thinking my words might have a little weight with my kindred, but they had very little effect, because of the doubts which arose in their minds. I do not see why they persist in cultivating doubts when so much evidence of a continued life is received from returning spirits who repeat the same story over and over again.

I am pleased to announce myself as Josephine Sawyer of Boston. I am grateful for the privilege of speaking here to-day, and extend my thanks, Mr. Chairman, not only to your kind Spirit-President, but to those of you upon the mortal side of life who have made it possible for me as well as others to return in this way.

I know the question is often asked, mentally and audibly: Why do so few spirits who, while in the flesh, dwelt in the West and South, announce themselves at the Banner of Light Circle-Room, and so many come who lived in the East? As one who has visited these circles frequently, 1 reply that the privilege of returning and controlling the medium to voice individual messages is extended to all who have the power so to do, when conditions are favorable and there is an opportunity. I have certainly seen no partiality shown here, but all on the spirit-side are perfectly satisfied with the arrangements as far as I have gained any knowledge. If a spirit (no matter whether he be from the North or the South) does not know how to control the medial organism, he must wait until he learns how to make her will subservient to his own. In all my experience have never known the Spirit-President, the Rev. John Pierpont, to deny any one who asked permission to speak. We do not com plain, if mortals do.

In Jackson, Tenn., I have a handful of friends, and also here at the North. There are some still in Salem, Mass. I knew old Capt. Hunt well. Dr. W. R. Cole of Jackson, Tenn. is one who has often asked why Southeners are not permitted to speak here. I emphatically say they are!

My name is Samuel A. Cole.

#### William White.

Mr. Chairman, I am attracted here to speak by the presence of our Brother Colby, who takes his seat at the table opposite--to use his own words-"the good medium." I wish you here could see him, as he reaches out his hand as if to clasp your own.

I know the question often arises, how do we know when the time arrives for the opening of the circles? We know by the attraction we feel toward this place.

Brother Berry, and all the old workers that have had an interest with you here, have an interest here now, and they heartily coincide with me when I say that prosperity shall attend this establishment; not only that, but added spirituality shall go forth in the columns of the good BANNER, causing all classes of people to take a deeper interest in the truths it promulgates.

· I passed out of the form suddenly, but I was soon back here, at work with my old associ- tions. linger upon the shores of time. In Omaha, ates, and my work in this direction is not fin-

#### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS GIVEN THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF



#### W.J. COLVILLE.

QUES.-[By Mrs. Ida Graham, Palo, Linn Co., Ia.] Having recently lost a young daughter, I write to ask if we will be united in the next world as we were in this, or will she grow up and have a soul-mate, and lose her affection for her parents?]

ANS .- From our standpoint there is no such alternative as that suggested. From the question it is evident that the questioner deems it impossible for a soul to discover its mate and still continue to enjoy the affection of those who on earth stood in the relation of loving parents. We declare that spiritual love is no such exclusive and restricted a feeling as the implication would prove.

Spiritual affections are not carnal, and there fore they are not based upon physical relationships; but wherever there is a true sentiment of devotion, no subsequent experience can lessen, much less destroy it. How is it if a daughter remains on earth and reaches physical maturity? Does she not form new ties, and probably enter the married state? But though she does this, her love for her parents is not necessarily weakened, for many perfectly ideal affections can subsist together and glorify a human life. Exclusiveness is an attribute of the lowest type of animal affection. A monop olistic desire to possess the unshared love of any one is consummate selfishness, and all such desires are refined away as spiritual advancement progresses. No two affections, where both are genuine and ennobling, can interfere with each other. The good wife and mother can still be the faithful, loving daughter and sister.

In spirit life it is true that the purely earthly elements in affection gradually give place to purely spiritual sentiments; but the elevation and purification of love certainly is not tantamount to its cessation. The theory of soulmates is quite reasonable, and this does, of course, involve a special affection for the twin soul; but this experience will eventually be gained by us all, therefore none will be deprived forever of the closest possible companionship, as there is a law of perfect order pervading the entire universe, and every soul has its distinct place to fill and mission to perform within the circle of infinity.

Friendships and companionships in spirit are regulated by interior adaptability, without reference to earthly associations. The fourteenth chapter of the fourth gospel very plainly sets forth the principle of soul-unions, as it declares that genuine love, oneness of spirit and purpose, constitute the foundation and give the reason for all affiliations or conjunc-

No words are truer than the following sennce

tical treatise which without its key appears supremely ridiculous, but when interpreted aright justifies the tradition concerning it, which is that angels wrote it, in Paradise, and communicated its contents to the wisest and hollest prophets in Israel. In modern spiritualistic language this would only mean that it is an inspired production written either automatically or through impression by ancient seers or sages. There can be no doubt but almost the entire Christian church is rapidly coming to admit that there is an esoteric meaning to all the statements concerning Christ in the human soul, with which the epistles abound.

The old ecclesiastical definition of "in Christ," meaning "in the church of Christ," is now being looked at profoundly rather than superficially as of yore. The true universal church may be revealed to clairvoyants in the outer church as an assembly of all regenerated or twice born men and women regardless of their creed or profession of faith, and this genuine cosmopolitan church is the church acknowledged in the New Testament as the church of the living God. The true theory of generation and regeneration is not only compatible with the idea of evolution, it is inseparable from itand now that physical evolution is an accepted theory wherever knowledge abounds, is it not reasonable to expect that honest truth-seekers will look at evolution in its higher as well as in its lower aspects?

The entire dramatic ritual of ancient Judaism was Masonic, and so is the ritual of the Latin and Greek churches to-day, only the masses who participate in the ceremonies are in ignorance of their real import. The most unreasonable dogmas are built upon scientific verifies; the foundation is true though the superstructure is often false.

As children in understanding we need objectlessons, and these must appeal to our bodily senses. Music, incense, vestments, candles, and all the paraphernalia of devotion can be used to set forth the sublimest truths concern ing the origin, nature and destiny of the human spirit. When we grow to a maturer stage, we no longer need the symbols, as we no more re quire pencils, slates, blackboard and chalk when we have become competent mental arith meticians.

We do most positively teach, also, that as we grow in spirituality we rise so superior to the literal elements about us, that we can live well in all climates and make friends with the very atmospheric conditions, which were formerly overpowering in their effect upon us.

The secret of power is to hold firmly to the conviction that spirit is matter, and matter the servant of intelligence. There is always a temptation to hanker after sensuous indulgence, just as it is illustrated in the forty years' sojourn of the Israelites in the desert between the Egypt of sense-life and the Canaan of spiritual liberty. The conflict ever going on in man between the lower and higher elements of his own nature is the problem of transmutation. There are no evil elements, but until rightful supremacy is won the necessary passions of the lower self appear evil only because they are uncontrolled.

As all time and all space is sacred, when we have become truly regenerate we are happy and holy at every time and in every place. Then it is we keep an endless Sabbath. The dividing line between sacred and secular is drawn no. longer. We then inhabit a city which, because it is altogether a temple, contains no temple. When we have learned to find God everywhere through every form we cannot be held any longer in bondage to the belief that the Infinite Spirit is localized and arbitrary. The life of perfect freedom toward which we all aspire is a state where we, having gained complete ascendency over all the elements within our instruments, can be controlled by none.

#### Adeptship and Mediumship.

Mr. J. W. Fletcher discoursed on this theme

#### Ordination of Mrs. Juliette Yeaw. To the Editor of the Banner of Lights

Baturday, Nov. 17, was the day selected by the Liberal Church at Greenwich, Mass., for the ordination

Balurday, Nov. 17, was the day selected by the Liberal Church at Greenwich, Mass., for the ordination service of Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, of Leominster, who had exercised the functions of a spiritualistic speaker for its society during the greator part of eight years, to the great satisfaction of its members.
Mrs. Yeaw is well known as a popular and prominent lecturer, who for forty years has ministered acceptably to New England Spiritualists as an exponent of our beautiful philosophy.
For the first time in the history of the little church in Greenwich-which, as the BANNEH readers know, was founded as a monument to Spiritualist as an exponent of our beautiful philosophy.
For the first time in the history of the little church in Greenwich-which, as the BANNEH readers know, was founded as a monument to Spiritualist by that noble and worthy worker in the Cause, Henry W. Smith-an ordination service has occurred within its walls, and Mrs. Juliette Yeaw is now installed as its pastor. and beloved teacher.
An impressive and beautiful order of exercises was rendered on that occasion, several Unitarian, Universalist and Spiritualistic ministers participating in the same. The program, as rendered, reads as follows: Voluntary, plano and organ; hymn and atithem; "All Hail to Truth"; introductory prayer; reading of Scripture, Rev. R. S. Kellerman of Orange, Mass.; hymn, "Sweet are the Ties"; sermon, Rev. Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, Worester, Mass.; hymn, "Holy Ministers of Light"; ordaining prayer and charge to the pastor. Rev. Mary T. Longley, Boston, Mass.; charge to the pastor.
Alt he music rendered on this occasion was composed for the occasion by Helen Beatrice Loching, prayer, Mrs. Hortense Holcombe, Springfield, Mass.; hymn; benediction by the pastor.
Alt he music rendered on this occasion was composed by Mr. H. W. Smith.
It is impossible for the readers of THE BANNER to gain a comprehensive idea of the beauty and grandeeit of this service through the medium

and honer in which Mrs. Yeaw is held by the entire congregation. The reverend gentlemen from the Unitarian and other pulpits of various towns who participated in these exercises, evinced in a most cordial and liberal spirit their sympathy in the work of Spiritualism as conducted by Mrs. Yeaw and her people, each voicing in choice and appropriate language his portion of the service, and giving an added impressiveness to the occasion.

Not vice, and giving an autor by the Rev. Mr. Bodge The charge to the new pastor by the Rev. Mr. Bodge was one of peculiar beauty and significance, that gen-tleman being the Unitarian clergyman of Leominster, the town where Mrs. Yeaw resides, and a frequent visitor in her home, and came as from one dear friend to another.

to another. The charge to the people, by the Rev. P. Marshail, proved to be a sound, practical talk to the Society, charging its members to sustain their pastor by their love and sympathy, and with unfailing strength from their loval hearts.

proved to be a sound, practical talk to the Society, charging its members to sustain their pastor by their love and sympathy, and with unfailing strength from their loyal hearts. The ordaining sermon, delivered by that whole-souled Spiritualist Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, was an exposi-tion of the truths, the grandeur and the mission of Spiritualism, taken from Mark, third chapter, four-teenth and filteenth verses: "And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal slok-nesses and to cast out devils." The very spirit of inspiration had descended upon our brother, and all who listened to his exalted words must have been convinced that Spiritualism is a reve-lation of immortal life from heaven to humanity, and that to be chosen as a minister of the gospel of Spir t-ualism needs no sanctification at the hands of mor-tals, since every speaker whose lips are touched with the fire of inspiration is ordained for the work by the anzelis who have him or her in charge. The ministers of various denominational beliefs who gave esarnest attention to the el. quent words and forcible truths uttered by Mr. Fuller, afterward gave volce to their appreciation of his work, one of them going so far as to havite him to preach in his pul<sub>2</sub>it some Sunday in the future. The giving of the "Right Hand of Fellowship" to the new pastor by Mrs. Longley was a delicate trib-ute of the work and the nobility of a laborer in the vibeyard of truth who had served faithfully and well, and who now was but being reconsecrated to the glo-rious work of Spiritualism. In the name of her fellow clergy Mrs. Longley extended the right hand of fel-lowship to Mrs. Yeaw in centle terms of sisterly ap-preciation. In behalf of Henry W. Smi'h, Mrs. Long-ley presented the ordination paper to Mrs. Yeaw. The concluding prayer of Mrs. Holcombe seemed to draw the assembly into still closer boods of fellow-ship and love, while the benediction of Mrs. Yeaw was the only word needed to make t

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plete. After the exercises Mrs. Yeaw publicly thanked the ministers and friends who had participated in the same, and gave expression to heartfelt words of grati-tude to all her dear people who had sustained her with their sympathy and affection. A letter of congratulation and of esteem from the officers of the National Spiritualists' Association at Washingtou, D. C., was read during the morning by Dr. Fuller, which testified to the endorsement of that body.

#### **Reception to Walter Howell**

AT THE HOTEL ST. NICHOLAS, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

On Wednesday.evening, Nov. 7, the spacious parlor of the Hotel St. Nicholas was thronged with smiling faces, assembled to meet and greet

# Samuel A. Cole.

hear from me through this avenue, although a number of them have a great interest in the spiritual meetings at the halls.

I direct my conversation not alone to you. Ella, for I hope my message will reach some others as well.

I did not know of spirit-communion when here, and I did not know that there was such a place as this Circle-Room.

I find that I have entered a life of learning, and we are taught that we must use our influences for the good of all with whom we come in contact. I was surprised when I beheld people so active, whom I had known on earth, and whom I regarded as "dead" after they passed on, for I believed that we must certainly remain in some place until the Judgment Day, when we would be judged by the deeds done in the body. Instead of that, I find that our lives on earth build our heavens; and I would say to every one, Learn all you can, do all the good you can, and impart all the knowledge you can to those who are lower in the scale of spiritual advancement than you are. Hannah Finch.

#### Daniel S. Shaw.

I greet you, Mr. Chairman. [Good morning.] To me the walls of this room are as if they were not, and I behold a vast assembly congregated here on the spirit-side.

The lady who has just spoken said she did not know of spirit-communion before she passed on. I am pleased to say that I did; and what I learned of these matters aided me very much when I entered the spirit-world, and I was also enabled to help others thereby. I always felt, even when here in the mortal, that we were not destined to live for ourselves alone, but for others as well.

I am very happy, and I would like each one of the kindred and friends to know I have made a little progress, but I can't say how much; I leave that in the hands of the Father, who doeth all things well.

In North Abington, this State, I am well known, and I am glad to say I am not forgotten. Ohl how sweet to feel from mortals a wave of friendly greeting and welcome as they sense our presence after we have left off the garment of clay. Oh! that I had the power to make all mankind know we are people still, walking daily and even hourly beside you. I never come upon the earth-plane without finding here hosts of denizens from the spiritworld seeking to aid, comfort and instruct their mortal friends.

I am very grateful for the privilege of speaking here to day. It is certainly a great pleasure to me, and may be of some benefit to those I love. I bring a warm feeling not only to my kindred, but to all humanity. Daniel S. Shaw.

#### ÷на Josephine Sawyer.

[To the Chairman:] How pleasant it is to feel that you mortals welcome us, for as spirits | every one who tries them. 250.

1 extend warmest greetings to Brother Rich, Brother Day, Mr. Tuttle, yourself, Mr. Chairman, and all connected with this establish-

ment who have an interest in the Spiritual Cause. The good BANNER, that was unfurled so long ago, shall continue to wave many years in the future. The truths it disseminates are uplifting to the human race; it is a clean sheet,

fit for any eye to scan; and that it may be kept up to the high standard it has maintained is the prayer of your old co-worker, William White.

Brother Colby also extends warm greetings to you all.

#### Spirit Messages.

The following messages from individual spirits have been received (according to dates) at THE BANNER Circles, through the mediumship of MRS. B. F. SMITH: they will

appear in due order on our sixth page

Det. 26 (Continued).-Hannah E. Burke; Benson Sewall; Mrs. John M. Wilson. Nov. 2.-John Bullene; Ellen Raney; Willie W. Everett; Emily Svir; Dr. A. S. Hayward; Dr. Joseph L. Newman; Ida Louise Merritt; Mary Herrick; Mary Nickerson; Charles O. Fooz;

10. Louise Merint; Mary Merinek, Bary McKelson; Charles Nov. 9.—Benjamin Simerton; Ella Collamore; Mary Louise Pollock: Ellzabeth Chaliner; John Henry Weaver; Ernest Bacon; Lettle Maria Kendrick; Luther Colby. Nov. 16.—Washington French; Aivira Roberts; Lewis Jossiyn; Harry Albert Whitney; Jennie Willman; Robert W. Knight; Sarah A. Potter; Sarah Pote; Jennie Hill; Ro-sie Rierber.

No. 23.—Samuel Hidden; Theodora Wray; George Rams-den; Adelalde Wright Tuits; Lizzie Holt; Honry Revett; Milo S. Ives; Charlotte Worthen.

LUTHER COLBY is much missed, and his name is associated with many tender memo-ries and reverent reminiscences. His work has been felt over a wide field, and is a lasting monument to a brave purpose, high above the vorld's sordid ideals.

monument to a brave purpose, high above the world's sordid ideals. The Idiosyncrasies by which he was judged, and often misjudged, now pass behind the vell, and the broad significance of the destiny wield-ed through his agency raises a sublime monu-ment to his memory, on which is chiseled, in letters of light glowing with tender hues and sublime import, the lessons of love, liberty and immortality. He lives in the memory of millions, and shares the grateful affection of thousands who knew him as a man of destiny; a friend to the enslaved, a helper to the op-pressed of every name and nation. His successor in the editorial office, Mr. John W. Day, is genial, social and gifted. His poems have a clear ring of true genius, and his expe-rience and long association as associate editor with Mr. Colby fit him for the work, and the

rience and long association as associate editor with Mr. Colby fit him for the work, and the BANNER OF LIGHT is not likely to lose any of its old-time spirit or literary merit; and the efficacy with which it deals with practical questions, class legislation, usurpations and petty despotism of all sorts, is widely realized and dreaded by unscrupulous schemers. Mr. Henry W. Pitman, now associate editor, is vig-prous social and manifestly competent. THE nenry w. Fitman, how associate editor, is one orous, social, and manifestly competent. THE BANNER fills an important sphere of uses, and has many admiring friends, who will rejoice to know that it still waves, and is likely to wave, a superior type of American journalism.—Ly-man C. Howe, in Light of Trutk.

The Fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla, once fairly tried becomes the family medicine, speaks volumes for its xcellence and medicinal merit. Hood's Sarsaparilla is Nature's co-worker.

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ence; love gives conjunction."

We are conjoined with those we love to the extent that we love them, and in spirit-life on earth. You will meet your daughter in the spirit world and recognize her.

She will appear to you in a form which will completely satisfy you of her identity, but your appearance will change with your development as well as hers. Mere physical resem blances are not satisfactory tests of identity the only true indication is interior and immor tal. Whatever token is needed or best adapted to any case at any time is always forthcom ing, as the law of accommodation works uninterruptedly through all spiritual revelations. A broader view of spiritual union is needed by us all.

Q.-[By Charles Stimpson, Chicago.] What does

this mean: "When we were children we were in bondage to the elements of the world." "But now after that ye have known God how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements. Where-into desire ye to again be in bondage by observing days, months, and times, and years."

A.-If taken in connection with what precedes and follows it, this quotation is really self-explanatory, though it might afford, through the richness of its suggestions, a fruit ful topic for many instructive essays. The fourth chapter of the epistle to the Galatians, from which the words are taken, is a splendid commentary upon the contrast offered between the spirit and the letter of the Mosaic law. Ingersoll and his school notwithstanding, we dare to affirm and challenge contradiction from any quarter where it may arise, that Art Magic headed "Ezekiel's Wheel" (page 274) is correct, and the same theory is advanced in that much more recent book, New of the learned and estimable musician, Albert Ross Parsons.

The headings of the chapters in King James's version of the Bible are generally misleading, and sometimes absurd; but these of course do not detract from the value of the text, and they are happily absent from the revised version, which is in every way preferable. The two covenants contrasted in Galatians iv. signify properly man while under the dominion of sense, and the same man when redeemed from its thralldom. The sense-man is Odom in Hebrew, homo in Latin; the spiritual man is Ish in Hebrew, vir in Latin. The "beggarly elements" are, the component parts of the physical body and the elements outside of man's body which are directly analagous to that body's constituency. The real secret of Oriental magic is the gaining of power over these elements within our personal organisms, and by means of this individual victory obtaining sway over the world about us.

Saul of Tarsus, the pupil of Gamaliel, was evidently a deep student of the Kabala, a mys

(reports "J. H.") on Sunday evening, Nov. 18, Mr. Walter Howell, of New York, who has reto rare acceptance. Modern Spiritualism, said | cently arrived in San Francisco, under engagethe speaker, was made known to the world there are no such barriers to unions as exist through the open door of mediumship, by gressive Spiritualists now meeting in Golden which power man has been able to solve the mystery of the ages, and view the spirit in its all, and sociability and good humor reigned in progress toward higher spheres of action.

Adeptship is the opposite to mediumship; it came in for fuller recognition when the study of Theosophy was first introduced. By an adept is meant one who develops individual power, and becomes a positive instead of a negative. Here many marked illustrations were given of a comprehensive character, with especial reference to the important part that both hypnotism and magnetism play in the production of all occult phenomena.

Adeptship is the development of the higher self; the subjugation of all the lower forces to a given purpose<sub>4</sub>; the ability to think upon one theme at a time or not to think at all. It is in reality a complete assertion of the ego, and its domination of all environments.

Mediumship is the negative factor, the comforter of the world, the consoler of sorrows, the power that gives to life here an added purpose, since it reveals the great hereafter. Both are representations of the possibilities of different organizations, and can be made of great value.

#### "The Little Church Around the Corner."

The "Little Church Around the Corner," in New York, has grown from its small belongings to be a larger edifice, through the benevolence the view taken of the Bible in the section of of a lady who lately gave it \$70,000 in property to be improved.

The story of how the Church of the Transfiguration came to be better known as "The Lit-Light from the Great Pyramid, from the pen the Church Around the Corner," than by its consecration name, is well known. The friends

of a deceased actor, a baptized man, and an English churchman, were looking for some one o perform the funeral service. After being reto perform the funeral service. After being re-fused in several quarters they were finally told that there was a little church around the cor-ner where they did such things. "Then God bless the little church around the corner," was the answer. Ever since the Transfiguration has been the actors' church. All their weddings and funer-als take place there. Edwin Booth was buried from it.

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from it. Another story less well known does even more credit to Dr. Houghton, inasmuch as it shows utter fearlessness, as well as humanity and broad mindedness. In the anti-draft riots during the Civil War, when infuriable mobs were hunting down and murdering all the ne-groes they could find, he opened his church to the frightened fugitives, and fed and cared for them thil all danger war over." them till all danger was over. The mob threat-ened to tear the church and rectory down about his ears, but could not deter him from his action.

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ment as Sunday lecturer for the Society of Pro-Gate Hall. A delightful evening was spent by undisturbed serenity. The pleasant social converse of the occasion was happily interspersed with exquisite musical selections, choice recitations, and brief addresses sparkling with wit and teeming with anecdote.

and teeming with anecdote. The exercises began with a piano solo by Mrs. Ida Burnham, followed by lovely singing by the wonderful young contralto, Miss Rosina Rosine. At intervals during the evening Miss Rosine favored the company with quite a num-ber of her charming ballads. A bright little girl, Alvildia Thuraton, gave three or four well-rendered recitations. Mrs. David Walker's sweet soprano voice was heard in four beauti-ful songs. A fine cornet solo by Mrs. Shipman, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Will Hlokey, served to diversify the entertainment, while Mrs. Lida Hickok gave with marked effect two comical dialect recitations. A reolitation by Miss Roll was also among the good things pro-vided, and the piano accompaniments of Miss Brooke and Mrs. Burnham merit special men-tion.

tion. Rev. Leslie W. Sprague of the Second Unitarian Church, in a folloitous manner welcomed Mr. Howell to his new field of labor, and called attention to the action of the Liberal Religious Congress at Chicago, looking to cooperative work in all branches of Liberalism, regardless of sectarianism. Rev. J. N. Parker, Universalist, referred to the trend of liberal thought in the outbody of house of the deer

orthodox churches of to day. Mr. Howell, in addition to appreciative re-marks, recited a humorous poem. Rev. Dr. N. F. Raviln made astirring address in favor of Spiritual and Liberal thought.

A resolution was passed appointing a commit-tee to convey in a suitable form to the landlord of the St. Nicholas an expression of the appre-olation and thanks of those present, for his kindness in furnishing the use of his parlor, etc., for this pleasant and memorable occasion

Little ones, just embarking on earth experiences, should remember to hold on to virtue-it is above all price, in all times and places; also to keep a grasp on good character, for it is, and ever will be, their best wealth.

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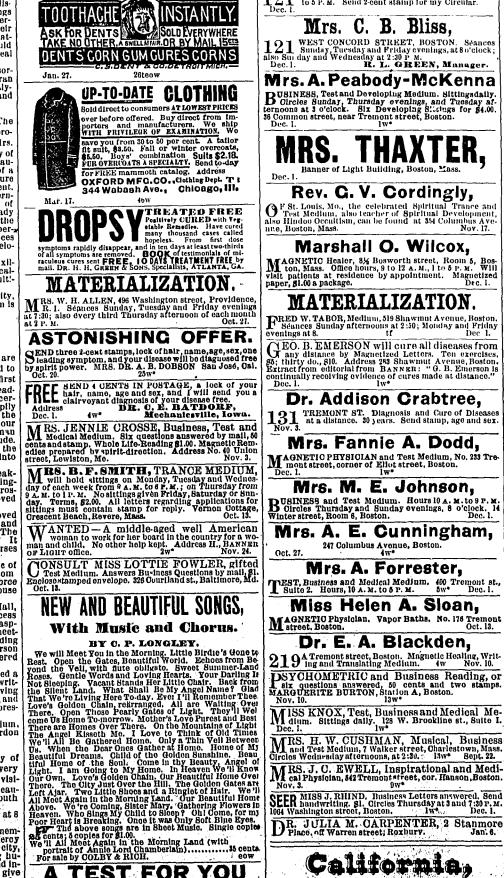
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ressing under the ministrations of the pastor, Mrs. II. S. Lake. Her recent lecture on the "Psychology of Sex," was attended by a large and intelligent au-dience. The influence, upon this occasion, was of a most marked and impressive character. The lecture was clear, searching, delicately treated and eloquent. Later lectures upon "The True Sphere of Govern-ment," and "The Scientific and Religious Sides of Spiritualism," have maintaiged the interest already aroused. The *Plain Deater* continues to report the discourses. Mrs. Lake is attracting to our Cause per-sons who would not otherwise attend upon the services of Spiritualism. All concede that she is profound, elo-quent and deeply devoted to the work. The ladies of the society have organized an auxil-iary, which meets socially, each week, in various local-ities. The object is to support the Alliance by culti-vating a spirit of harmony and good will. Other lectures are held at other points in the city, and are well attended. On the whole, Spiritualism is doing very well in this locality.

#### ILLINOIS.

Chicago.-C. Catlin. Secretary, writes: We are nearing the end of the first quarter, and I am glad to be able to report the venture has been from the first

be able to report the venture has been from the first an assured success. The leasing of one of the lead-ing theatres at \$1600 per year for our services cer-tainly called for a great deal of courage, but happily there were those amongst us with faith enough in the Cause to make the venture, among whom was our stanch friend and supporter, Mr. A. H. Bilss, a mun with a heart and pocket-book of equal magnitude. The result of the movement has thus far been the bringing in of a large number of intelligent minds into our ranks. During the month of October, whilst our own speak-er was compelled to fill an engagement at Washing-ton, Virchard R. Gandhi of Bombay occupied the ros-trum. His theme, "The Occultism of India," proved very acceptable.

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Chicago.-E. N. P. writes: The First Society of Spiritual Unity has been holding its meetings every Sunday, morning, afternoon and evening, with visi-

Sunday, morning, afternoon and evening, with visible increase in interest and attendance. In the beau-tiful Spiritual Temple, in Custer. Post Hall, 85 Bouth Sangamon street. There is a conference every Thursday evening at 8 in Lodge Hall, 11 North Adn street; The Chicago Spiritual Union is gaining new mem-bers; at the next meeting, Dec. 7, the Bands of Mercy will be appointed for the different parts of the city, will be appointed for the different parts of the city, unrest upon spiritual matters, and is prepared to give quiries upon spiritual matters, and is prepared to give The address is now at 464 West Randolph street, where E. N. Pickering, President, may be addressed,

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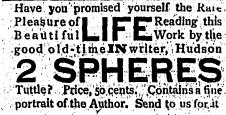
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#### BOSTON, ATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1894.

#### **MEETINGS IN BOSTON.**

Buston Spirituni Termile, at Berkeley Hall, Odd Fel-lows Bullding, 6 Berkeley street.--Kundaya at 10% A. M. and 1% F. M. Spoaker for Decomber, Mrs. R. & Lillle. Wim. H. Barka, President; J. B. Hatch, Jr., See'y, 74 Sydney street, Swith Jill.

Savin Hill. First spiritum) Temple, Exeter and Newbury treets.-Su.d.ys. mortings for childron and investiga-tors at 11 A. M. Lecture by A. E. Tisdale, trance speaker, at 24 F. M. Wednesday evenings, at 75, sociable and com-ference. Other mochings announced four the platform. Public meetings free to all.

Public meetings free to all. First Spiritualist Ludies' Ald Bociety, 1031 Wash-ington street, moets overy Friday. Bushness meeting at 4 r. M.; supper at 6 o'clock. Tests and speaking in the even-ing. A public circle will be held on the last Friday of each month at 3 P. N. Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch (74 Sydnoy street, Dorchester), Secretary. Veteran Npiritualists' Union will meet the first Wednesday of each wonth at Gould Hall, No. 3 Boylston Place, at 75 P. M. Dr. H. B. Storer, President, 46 Shawmut Avenue.

avenue. Ohildren's Progressive Lyceum meets every Sun-lay morning in Red Men's Hall, 514 Tremont street, at 10%. All welcone. Charles T. Wood, Conductor. The Ladie's Lyceum Guion meets every Wednesday Busi-toss meeting at 4 p. M. Supper at 6. Entertainment in the version.

Eagle Hall, 616 Washington Street.-Sundays at [A. M., 2% and 7% P. M.; also Wednesdays at 3 P. M. E. utile, Conductor.

Rathone Hall, 694 Washington Street, cor-serof Kneeland.-Spiritusi meetings every Sunday at 11 A. M., 2% and 7% P. M. (7% P. M. meeting in Commer-via Hall) Thursday at 2% P. M. N. P. Smith, Chairman. America Hall, 724 Washington Street.-Meetings undays at 10% A.M. and 2% and 7% P. M. Good mediums, ine music. Eben Cobb, Conductor.

The Ladies' Industrial Society meets every Thurs, syaftemoon and evening at Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont treet. Ida P. A. Whitlock, President.

The Home Rostrum (2) Soley street, Charlestown).-Meetings Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7% P.M. Dr. E. M. San ters, President.

Erysian Hall, 820 Washington Street. Meelings are held every Sunday at 11 A. M., 25 and 75 P. M.; Tues-day and Thursday at 25 and 75 P. M.; Friday at 25, and Saturday 75 P. M. W. L Lathrop, Conductor.

Harmooy Hall, 734 Washington Street.-Meet-ngs every Sunday at 11 A. M., 2% and 7% r.M., and every ruesday and Thursday at 3 P. M. Under the auspices of the Jnited Spiritualists of America. Mrs. M. A. Levitt. Sec'y. Hollis Hull, 790 Washington S. rect.-[Society of Ethical Spiritual Colture, Bible Spiritualisis.] Meetings every Tursday and Saturday afternoon. Sundays at 11 A. M., 3% and 7% P. M. Mrs. M. A. Wilkinson, President.

Manu (M.F.M. Alls. M. A. Wikahington Street, corner **S Dover.**-Spiritual meetings overy Sunday at 11 A. M., Mand TM. P. M. Good meiliums in attendance. Good mu-ic. Dr. O. F. Stiles and wife, Conductors.

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Oheisea, Mass.-Spiritual meetings every Sunday: Developing circi 2½, meeting 7½. 196 Division street. Pilgrim Hall-Sunday evenings. E. S. Wells, Conductor.

First Spiritual Temple, Corner Excter and Newbury Streets .- A special reporter sends the New Dury Streets. A special reported sends the following: The Wednesday evening meeting was very interesting. Various discussions and phases of medi-umship, with music, were a feast for kings. Miss Hattie M. Do-ige sang and played in fine taste, and with artistic skill and spiritual life, full of subduing sentiment and delicate harmony. Mrs. Johnson gave personal readings that appeared satisfactory to those addressed. Mr. Cordingly and Mrs. Hill were pres-ent, quite unknown to the audence, and gave a pleas-ant surprise: she, with her remarkably modulated voice and unique music, and he by rapping phenom-ena. Touching the eud of a pencil to the plano, loud raps echord through the room, and seemed to auswer quite readily mental questious from different ones in the audience Placing the end of the pencil on Mr. Ayer's hand, the raps came to him very distinctly and tangibly, answering his mental question. These meet ings are free to all who wish to attend, every Wednes-day evening. At 11 A. M. Sunday the Lyceum and mediums meet in the Library for mutual expression and help, and for investigators. following: The Wednesday evening meeting was very

for investigators. At 2:45 P. M. Lyman C. Howe gave his last lecture for the season in the Temple, closing a two-months' engagement. Mr. Ryder manipulated the organ with

a master hand. Miss Dasa Harmon gave exquisite effect to the ex-pression of the mandolin, which she handled with ar-tistic skill; and Miss Hattle M. Dodge sang sweetly, and with harmonizing spirit and persuasive power. The audience in numbers was less than usual, but in quality of the very best. Mr. Howe took for his subject "Facts, Fancies and Theories." He recognized the value of each in their places. It had been said that Spiritualism has no faith; that it substitutes faith with knowledge. But no system of religion has a larger area of faith, or more volaries who believe what they do not know than has Spiritualism. What system more abounds in spec-ulation, extravagant theories and theorists, wild guesses and assumptions, than Modern Spiritualism? It is these that constitute the major part of the de-parture from the old landmarks and theological ruts. parture from the old landmarks and theological ruts. Even the facts in which we trust are in a majority of cases accepted on faith. All the accepted phenomena that are not subject to the most rigid scruliny, and produced under conditions that preclude the possibil-ity of fraud or mistake, such as science demands, are matters of faith. Faith is as needful as facts. Science would make poor headway without faith. The exist-ence of the universal ether, so indispensable to the scientific analysis of facts, is accepted undoubtingly by the great scientists of the world, purely ou faith. In fact, it is the creation of faith, as the necessary means to reconcile facts.

ten up entirely by them, Last week Louise Horner had charge of the entertainment, and it was excellent. Walter Hayes gave a plano solo. There were songs by Bertie Fowers, Lette Edde, Alto Bines, Mabd Walte and Louise Horner, with banjo accompnoiment readings by Mark Abrams, Mattio Milligan, Joseph Milleuthall, Mathel Warner, Miss Nolen and Mr. Nolen; cornet solos by Lillian and Bertie Powers; song and dance by Baby Lou and Hattle Faulkner.

Berkeley Hall-Boston Spiritual Temple.-J. B. Hatch, Jr., sends the account of the regular Sunday services. J. Clegg Wright's able discourses were

listened to by large audiences. listened to by large audiences. After a song by Mrs. Barker, Mr. Wright spoke in his normal condition, alluding at length to the prog-tess made by the world. etc. After another song Mr. Wright spoke in a trance condition on "Modern Civilization." In the evening, after a song by Mr. Lane, Mr. Wright spoke in his normal condition for a few mo-ments, upon the trance condition of a medium. Mr. Wright afterward, in his entranced condition, spoke of the sphere of man.

Mr. Wright atterward, in his entranced countion, spoke of the sphere of man. Dr. Storer moved that Mr. Wright and his guides have a vote of thanks for the series of instructive lectures we had had the last month; it was a unani-mous vote. Mrs. R. S. Lillie will speak next Sunday.

[Synopses of Mr. Wright's remarks will appearowing to the lateness of their receipt-in the next is sue.—ED.]

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bos-ton Spiritual Temple, held at the residence of Vice-President Storer, Friday evening, Nov. 23, '94, Mr. Sumeon Snow was elected a trustee to fill a vacancy crused by the death of Bro. Wm. Boyce, and J. B. Hatch, Jr., was elected Secretary in place of F. B. Wundbury resigned Woodbury, resigned.

The Ohildren's Progressive Lyceum-the Secretary writes-held its regular session in Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont street, Nov. 25. The exercises opened with singing by the school and an invocation by Instructor, Mr. Wood. After the usual ten min-uies' talk to the scholars by the Leaders, Dr. Root ex-plained the day's Lesson—" Bpiritual Temples." Fol-lowing the Banner March, Lieut Foster, from the training-ship Enterprise, made some interesting re-marks. Recitations were made by Amelia Chapman, Benj. Peyser, Josie Crawford, Eliot Sloper, Merton Benis, and, by request, Joseph Mittenthal. A plano solo was rendered by Miss Stella Churchill. Remarks were made by Irving Pratt, Mr. Austin, Mr. Lang, Mrs. Builer and G. V. Cordingly, who also gave some fine tests. Hall, 514 Tremont street, Nov. 25. The exercises fine tests.

G. V. Cordingly delivered an interesting discourse G. V. Cordinply delivered an interesting discourse to a large audience, and gave many wonderful tests and psychometric readings—all of which were recog-nized. He was ably assisted by the Lyceum talent. He will speak at Red Mon's Hall every Sunday even-ing during December.

[F. A. Heath has sent in an account similar to the one given above, and corroborating the statement in regard to the tests being very convincing. -ED.]

Montgomery Hall, 735 Washington Street.-James Higgins writes: Last Sunday's meetings were well attended. Speaking and tests of a high order.

well attended. Speaking and tests of a high order. In the absence of Dr. S. H. Nelke, who, we are sorry to state is quite ill, Mr. J. Milton White presided. Mr. White's addresses were brief and to the full satis-faction of all present; his tests were fine. We had also the pleasure of listenine to a visitor, Rev. Mr. Beals of Brockton, a gentleman of great learning, a forceful speaker and a fine medium. Mr. White was assisted during the day by the following mediums: Mrs. J. A. Woods; Mr. C. W. Quimby; Miss Knox; Mrs. C. H. Clark; Mrs. Smith and others. The music was very fine. Solos and duets by Miss Sadle B. Lamb and the celebrated tenor and musician. Don Emanuel Vazquaz of Madrid. Spain. The audience was delighted. We hope Dr. Nelke will be with us next Sunday. BANNER of LIGHT found a large sale. It is for sale during the week at 32 Milford street, Dr. Nelke's office.

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First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society, 1031 Washington Street .-- Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch, Sec'y,

writes: The regular meeting was held Friday, Nov. writes: The regular meeting was held Friday, Nov. 23. President, Mrs. A. E. Barnes. The evening ses-sion commenced with a plano solo by Miss Burnet, followed by a song by the Longley Quartet; Mrs. Longley then gave the invocation, after which J. Cleug Wright addressed the audience for about fitteen minutes. Another sone was rendered; Mr. Lyman C. Howe then voiced a few thoughts, and wished the Society God speed in its good work. Mrs. Annie E. Cunningham spoke, and offered to give a circle for the benefit of the Ladles' Aid. We were fortunate to have Mr. Edgar W. Emerson with us, and he was well received. There will be a circle next Friday. Nov. 30, at 3 P. M. Important business meeting at 2 P. M. Every member requested to be present. Social in the even-ing.

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Rathbone Hall, 694 Washington Street, Corner Kneeland .- " N. P. S." writes: Thursday, Nov. 22, Mrs. Mary F. Lovering gave solo; N. P. Smith

Nov. 22, Mrs. Mary F. Lovering gave solo; N. P. Smith made remarks and gave readings; Miss Annie Han-son, readings; Mr. Willdams, a poem; Mrs. E. C. Dlok-inson, Mrs. A. Woodbury, George V. Cordingly, Mrs. See, psychometric readings. *Commercial Hall.* Sunday, Nov. 25, 11 A. M., Mrs. A. Ott, N. P. Smith, Mrs. A. Woodbury, gave readings; Mr. Williams a poem. At 2:30 and 7:30 P. M., Mrs. Neille Sawtelle and Miss A. E. Perkins were planists. N. P. Smith, Mrs. M. Knowles, Mrs. A. Woodbury, gave readings; Mrs. S. E. Rich and Mrs. Florence Sullivan, tests. Psychometric meeting Thanksgiving afternoon as usual. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale.

#### W. J. Colville's Work.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, Mr. W. J. Colville gave two lectures to unusually large audiences in Cate's Hall, Washington street, Salem, under the auspices of the society holding regular mostlugs there.

In the afternoon at 2:30, the six following subjects from the audience furnished suggestions for the discourse: "Spiritualiain as an Educator;" "Prayer;" "Karma;" "Bhall We Ever Communicate with the Inhabitants of Mars?" "This Republic's Destiny;" The True Temple of God."

Though each topic was ample for a lecture, the

Though each topla, was ample for a lecture, the speaker succeded in a 'combining six ser monetres in one good sermon that the unan incous feeling expressed by the questioners was that they had all been treated with equal consideration. Concerning communication with our neighboring planet, the statement was boldly made that ere long the most romantic hopes of Klammarion and other pro-gressive and enthusiastic astronomers would be more than perfectly fulfiled. Bpirtualism as an educational force was declared to be the ploneer in all discoveries, for the greatest col-leges, and their most eminent professors, are only now beginning to declare as the result of experimental demonstration what inspired teachers have procision for many years.

demonstration what inspired teachers have proclaimed unremittingly and in the face of bitter opposition for many years. The Sanscrit word Karma was defined simply as so-quence; therefore the Oriental teachers who acknowl-edge its unalt-rable sway are in exact accord with the science of Weatern peoples. We must reap as we low, and this truth is never more foreibly illustrated than when we intelligently solve the problem of prayer, which is truly aspiration as a means toward inspiration. The future of this republic was sketched in glowing terms, though the speaker by no means glossed over the evil of plutocraoy, which would prove, he asserted, a serious menace to the republic were it not for the powerful conteracting moral influences now vigor-ously at work inciting to the development of a pure noble type of manhood and womanhood. Following the lecture a pleasing poem was impro-vised on three topics suggested by members of the audience. The evening address was based on "The Scientific. The vening address was based on "The Scientific. The isophical and Religious Aspects of Spiritualism." a phrase which the lecture declared was more truly descriptive than to style Spiritualism a science, a phil-sophy or a religion, as it is the three combined—or, to speak quite correctly, it contains the essential ole-ments of all. Allusion was made to recent alleged exposures, and some hard hits were given those who avowedly prao-

descriptive than to style Splititualism a science, a phil-osophy or a religion, as it is the three combined—or, to speak quite correctly, it contains the essential ele-ments of all. Allusion was made to recent alleged exposures, and some hard hits were given those who avowedly prao-tice fraud under pretext of exposing it. The only in e way to investigate any subject profitably is with un-deviating sincerity; for wherever dishonesty enters, either in the thought or conduct of a medium or sitter, conditions are established inviting conscious or un-conscious misrepresentation. Some years ago when Huxley confessed his igno-rance of Spiritualism in public print, many people took his flippancy as ithe scilous statement of a man of science, while they totally ignored Wallace's gen-uine contribution to scientific investigation. No one can be an authority on any subject save so far as he possesses positive knowledge concerning it. The approaching Thanksgiving celebration was touched upon, and a strong point made by calling at-tention to the decline of Fast-day and the ever-in-creasing stress haid upon Christinas, Easter and other festivals of *gladness*. Fast-day was born in Puritan gloom, and carries with it a spirit which we are, hap-pily, outgrowing rapidly. Thauksgiving, on the other hand, suggests gladness, family reluions and general good will, and as it is one of the special occasions which prompt to deeds of practical kindness, it is positively helpful in the direction of luaugurating a purer type of religion in the world. Thilosophy means the love of wisdom ; science sig-nifies systematized knowledge; religion has two great offices. viz: to unite and reconcile humanity. Five articles in the creed of the religion of the fu-ture were suggested in clising, and these were noted by the reporters present: 1. The fatherhood and motherhood of the Supreme Universal Spirit we call God, or the All-Good. 2. The brotherhood and sister-hood of the entire human family, whos· solidarity it is the mission of a spir

His lectures in Havarhil and Brockton on week day evenings have drawn together remarkably intelligent and thoughtful audiences. The Haverhill Gazette has given lengthy and excellent reports of the addresses,

Mr. Colville will spend December in New York and Brookiyo. In New York lectures will be given Wednes-days, Fridays and Mondays, at the new hall, 503 5th Avenue, close to 42d street, commencing Wednesday, Dec. 5; and in Brookiyn, in Single Tax Hall. Bedford Avenue, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 and 8 P. M., be-tinning Dec. 4. He will also give eight lectures on Occultism (by special request) on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 P. M., at 108 West 43d street.

Letters. &c., may still be addressed in care of the BANNER OF LIGHT.

MICHIGAN.

J. Frank Baxtor's Work. -- Wolverlue writes: Already it has been reported in THE BANNER columns what signal success has attended and good resuits have followed J. Frank Baxter's work in lecture ship and mediumship to different piaces in Michigan, notably in Kalamazoo and Benton Harbor. He has,

ship and mediumship in different places in Michigan, notably in Kalamazoo and Benton Harbor. He has, during October and November, been gerving one of the first Societies in Chicago, 111, but during the weeks he has been busy with violity calls, and so southwestern Michigan has been benefied. On Thursday and Bridav evenings, Nov. 15 and 16, Mr. Baxter appeared in Sherwood, Mich., occupying the new Unitarian Church. Intense opposition was manifested and waxed strong. The Methodist Church was thrown open free to the public to hear and wit-ness a so-called "exposure of Spiritualism," etc. Every effort by the churches was made to get the pen-ple of the place to the church "exhibition," and deter them from countenanoling a Spiritualists" coming to Sherwood, and going to listen to "that man Baxter." But notwithstanding all the opposition a large and noteworthy audience was present, and more than pleas-d with the lecture presented, and favorably moved by the mediumi-kit exercises offered by Mr. Baxter, who proved himself a scholar, an able expo-nent, and above all a geniteman. So interested were all, so favorably received and re-ported was Mr. Baxter, that the second night brought out the people in larger numbers, even church-people at that, and among them three ministers. Mr. Bax-ter's lecture was upon "Phenomena," and chanced to be radical, but none the less logical and conclusive, The work of Mr. Baxter was able, and is well con-sidered by the thoughtful here; and his mediumship has thoroughly and unexpectedly set the skeptics to thinking. The opposition may be aroused to more violent procedure, but it will effect little or nothing against the solid arguments, breastwork of facts, con-vine was an interested listener, said in his paper: "The demonstrations and lecture given by J. Frank Baxter, who was for fitteen or more years principal of public schools near Boston, were remarkable, to say the least. He is a finely educated man, a fine elocu-tionist, and eliber a great knave or a phenomenal man. He gave demo

sitions, gives automate works of the finest orators in America, and is does. "He is one of the finest orators in America, and is in dead earnest. He is demonstrative and phenome-nal, and needs only to be witnessed by skeptics to set them thinking. "What he does is in broad daylight; and what he tolls of demarted friends, their peculiarities and the

solicited and unexpected from a secular, and there-fore more likely unbiased source, and meetly follows and supplements the report of the meetings as given above from Sherwood.

An exchange says: A retired newspaper man gives this philosophical reason for quitting the business: "A chid is born, the dootor in attendance gets \$10; the editor notes it and gets 0; it is christened, the minister gets \$4; the editor writes it up and gets 00; it marries, and the minister gets another for; the' editor gets a piece of cake or 000; in course of time it dies, the doc-tor gets \$10, the minister gets another \$6, the' under-taker \$50; the editor privis it and receives 0000, and then the privilege of runuing free of charge a card of thanks."-Sedguick (Kausas) Pantagraph.



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#### INDIANA.

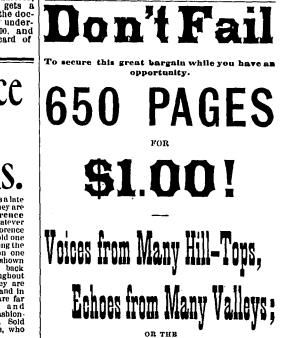
Indianapolis.-A correspondent writes: "White Rose" (Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine) has just finished a successful engagement with the society in Indianaposuccessful engagement with the society in Indianapo-lis, and goes to the Union Society. Cincinnati, O., for December and half of January, to occupy the rostrum during Mrs. R. S. Lillie's absence. Societies in the East desiring his services during 1895-0, may write to him, Genesco, Ill. for terms. He teaches through his guides classes in the science of the occult and in psychometry. Societies in Oho, Illinois and Indiana, that desire him through the week, will receive easy terms. His tests are convincing and to the point.

#### MAINE.

Rockland.-F. W. Smith writes, Nov. 15: Mrs. Kate R. Stiles has occupied our rostrum for the preceding two Sundays. By her ladylike demeanor, her

The is one of the finest orators in America, and is in dead earnest. He is demonstrative and phenomenal, and needs only to be witnessed by skeptics to set them thinking.
 What he does is in broad daylight; and what he tells of departed friends, their peculiarities and theore our people in a large degree. She is ever welcome to our people in a large degree. She is ever welcome to course their mean and know nothing about him, is something remarkable.
 "It was not one case but at least twenty-five of them, where the death and incidents attending were accurately described, some of these taking place in other States, even, where only one person in the audience was cognizant of the facts, and some of them very peculiar, to say the least.
 "He meetings have set the most skeptical to thinking. The day of ridicule has gone by. Let all do their own thinking, and let every one respect their neighbors' opinions and not quarrel with them. Ohartity to all. We are all of one family."-Kalamazoo Daty Gazette.
 This editorial opinion speaks for itself, coming unsolicited and unexpected from a secular, and there on the source and meeting fore more likely unbiased as ource and meeting fore more likely unbiased as ource and meeting fore more likely unbiased as ource and meeting foremore likely and source and meeting foremore likely unbiased source and meeting foremore likely and source and meeting foremore likely and source and meeting foremore likely and source and meeting foremore likely unbiased as ource and meeting foremore likely unbiased as ource and meeting foremore likely and the source and meeting foremore likely unbiased as ource and meeting foremore likely and the source and meeting foremore likely and

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On Sundays, Dec. 16 and 23, he will lecture in Provi-ience, R. I.

scientific analysis of facts, is accepted undoublingly by the great scientists of the world, purely on faith. In fact, it is the creation of faith, as the necessary means to reconcile facts. Atoms have been discussed pro and con. by the ablest minds. By one class they are deemed mythi-cal and impossible; by another, probable, practical and certain. Herbert Spencer reasoned ably that an ultimate, indivisible atom, is an unthinkable assump-tion. Yet the ultimate, indivisible and indestructible atom is indispensable to the explanation of chemical phenomena, and is accepted as a reality as confidently as if it could be seen and feit, weighed and measured, like a barrel of sugar or a bale of hay. Without the-ory there could be no science; without faith there could be no Spiritualism. Myth and fancy are essen-tial factors in all progress; but only as they are sus-tained by facts can they endure, and then they may become demonstrated verifies and cease to be fancies. A dozen facts that allow of no cavil or possibility of mistake, are more in the building of this spiritual temple-the science of life-than all the guesses, or uncertain phenomena, which may be fact or fraud, that the world has known. Without disparating the uses of fancy and specula-ting the dread card reasonings, covered in the hour's lecture, imponsible to report here. The atomic mem-ories of eternity, the molecular compounds and chem-tical refacts that can be and reasonings, covered in the bourd's lecture, imponsible to report here. The atomic mem-ories of eternity, the molecular compounds and chem-ical refactions dependent on graduated motions, inter-change of energy, inpressions transmitted, the veloc-tiles of star mersengers and the unvarying accuracy of translatory motions, the forces of sun-storms, and earthquakes translated into other forms of energy and carried forward by the resistiess tide of advanc-ting years until they blossom in earth's flora, sing in Niagar's perpetual bymn or breathe in the affec-tional warmith of human life

The lecture closed with a poem and a good-by, and was followed with entrancing music on the great or-gan, and an impressively rendered solo by Miss Dodge, which evoked a heatty demonstration from the audiona

the audience, Mr. Ayer announced the meeting Wednesday even-ing free to all, and the children's, mediums' and in-vestigators' meeting at 11 A. M. Sunday, and that this closes Mr. Howe's two-months' engagement. Next Sunday the people are invited to hear the blind orator, A. E. Tisdale, who will speak in the Temple during December. He is a first-class speaker of great power and remarkable inspiration, and can-not fail to interest, and instruct all who give him a fair hearing.

not fail to interest, and instruct all who give min a fair hearing. The Temple meetings are a steady, reliable centre of attraction for the class of minds most likely to profit by the progressive teachings of scientific Spirit-ualism, and, though the audiences are not large in numbers, the inspiration to the Cause is steady and progressive, and no effort is made to attract by any sensational advertising or special appeals. Boston Spiritualists may well be prout of this beautiful Tem-ple and its devoted, earnest spiritualized founder.

Elysian Hall, 820 Washington Street.- W. L. Lathrop, Conductor, writes: On Tuesday, Thurs-day, Friday and Saturday the circles were large and day, Friday and Saturday the circles were large and interesting. L. F. Thayer, Mrs. Hatch, H. Ingram Lindsay, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Jennie M. Hill, Geo. B. Emerson, Mr. Redding, Mrs. Charter, Little "De-light" and Mr. Lathrop took part. Sunday, at 11 A. M., L. F. Thayer and Mr. Lathrop read many articles, as well as giving developing nower.

power. At 2:30 and 7:30 the mediums were L. F. Tbayer. Mrs. Jeanie Hill, George B. Emerson, Little "De-light" and Mr. Lathrop; songs by Prof. Forsth. Our concert for the benefit of "Little Delight" and "Monka" has been postponed until Friday, Nov. 30, 47 74K.

Meetings on Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 and 7:30; Friday at 2:30 and Saturday at 7:30, BANNEL OF LIGHT always for sale.

The Ludics' Lycoum Union-L. Wood, Sectymeets every Wednesday alternoon and evening at Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont street. Our business meetings are largely attended, and the Society is valning members every week. The young folks are taking quite an interest this season. The entertainment is got-

America Hall, 724 Washington Street. A correspondent writes: Last Sunday morning there

was a large gathering at our morning developing cirwas a large gathering at our moroing developing clr-cle, and many phases of mediumship were manifested. In the atternoon and evening the following took part: Mrs. M. A. Chandler, Mrs. A. Forrester, Mrs. A. Pea-body-McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson, Mrs. M. H. Reed. Mr. A. Heath, Mrs. F. Stratton, Mr. Geo. F. Slight, Mrs. A. Heath, Mrs. F. Stratton, Mr. Geo. F. Slight, Mrs. A. Howe, Wild Dalsy, Mrs. W. H. Burt and Father Locke; spirit portraits sketched by Mr. W. B. Hilligre Spencer of Providence, spirit-artist, were recognized by friends present; recitation, Miss Ella Louise Hill; cornet solo, Prof. Rimbach; recita-tion, Mrs. Piper. tion, Mrs. Piper

BANNER OF LIGHT for sale at these meetings.

Alpha Hall, 18 Essex Street.-Mrs. J. Friedricks writes: The meetings were interesting, Sunday, Nov. 25. Remarks, tests and readings were of day, Nov. 25. Remarks, tests and readings were of the highest order and were appreciated. The medi-ums present were Mr. Marston. Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Leavet, Marle Friedricks, the child-medium, Mrs. Nutter, Mrs. Buck. "Rosebud," Mrs. Wheeler and "Gipsy." The music was fine; Prof. Morris, of New York, was the planist, and the zither solos by J. Fried-ricks, as also the inspirational singing by Mrs. J. Friedricks, were all appreciated. Meetings are held each Sunday at 2½ and 7½ P. M. Next Sunday evening there will be a grand benefit concert.

The Home Bostrum (21 Soley street, Charlestown, Dr. E. M. Sanders, President) .-- "C. B." writes: The meetings of the 20th and 22d were interesting. The following mediums and speakers part/clasted: Mrs. Bray, Dr. Stiles, Mrs. Gutlerez, Dr. Davis, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Quimby, Mr. Sprague and Mr. Shed. Chairman, mental questions and tests; guttar solo Master Colle: Mrs. Neille Carlton, planist. Sunday, Nov. 25, a large audience; good mediums gave psychometric readings, readings from numbers, direct tests, character readings, etc.; William Butler, planist. planist.

The Ludies' Spiritualistic Industrial Society, writes H. E. Jones, Sec'y, met as usual Thursday afternoon and evening, Nov. 22. Business meeting at 4:30; supper at 6. In the evening dancing, with good attendance. These dances are held on the fourth Thursday in each month; the next will be a "Poverty Party." Dec. 6; fine talent will entertain all who come. Dec. 13 a Basket Party.

Garfield Hall (1125 Washington street corner of Dover) .- Mrs. O. F. Stiles, Conductor, writes: The developing circle showed harmony and strong power. developing circle nowed narming and strong power. Atternoon, invocation and delineations by David Brown, followed with tests and readings, Mr. Emer-son, Mrs. Gutterrez Miss Knox, Mr. Cohen. Dr. Stiles. Evening, invocation and address by F. Baker; re-marks and readings by Mrs. S. E. Buck, Mr. Emerson, Dr. Stiles; Dr. Samuel B. Pratt read a paper on "Ob-session." Mrs. Brown, planist. BANNER OF LIGHT always for sale.

Helping Hand Society.--Resolutions in regard to the late William Boyce will appear next week.

### CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco.-T. Seymour writes: As a search er after the truth, and through an advertisement in THE BANNER, I consulted a well-known medium of THE BANNER, I consulted a well-known medium of Baltimore, Miss Lottic Fowler. I have also read a book. "There is No Death." written by Florence Marryat. one entire chapter of which volume the au-thor devotes to the same medium—writing very highly of her. I took advantage of Miss Fowler's notice to give consultatious by mail, and I find that she is all Miss Marryat snys of her, and well worthy the atten-tion of all investigators as an honest and thoroughly reliable medium.

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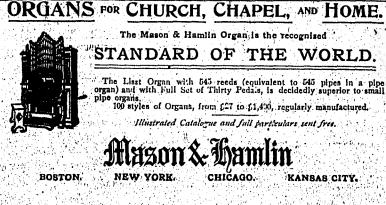
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#### MEETINGS IN BROOKLYN.

The Progressive Spiritual Association, Amphion. Theatre Building, Bedford Avenue, opposite South Tenth street. Meetings Sunday evenings, 1% o'clock. Good speak-ers and mediums. Mrs. M. Evans, Fresident. Spiritual Meetings are held in Mrs. Dr. Blake's par-tors, 1021 Bedford Avenue (near Dekalb Avenue), every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The Advance Spiritual Conference meets every Saturday evening at 102 Court street. Good speakers and mediums always in attendance. Scats free. All welcome. Herbert L. Whitney, Chairman; Emily B. Ruggies, Seefy. The Woman's Progressive Union will hold its usual Friday night meetings at Robertson Hail, 162 Gates Avenue. Missirene Mason, General Secretary.

## MEETINGS IN CHICAGO.

First Society of Spiritual Unity meets at Ouster Post Hall, 85 South Sangamon street, every Sunday at 10%, 2% and 7%. Lyceum at 1%. Mrs. Mary O. Lyman, perma-nentspeaker. E. N. Pickering, President. First Society of Spiritualists meets at Washington. Hall, Washington Boulevard, corner Ogden Avenue, every Sunday at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Speaker, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

#### MEETINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The First Association of Spiritualists (founded. 1862) meets at First Association and Spiritualists (founded. 1862) meets at First Association Hall, Shi and Callowhill streets. President, J. O. Sichimmetz; Vios-President, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader; Becreizry, Frank H. Morrill. Services at 10% A.M. and 7% P.M. Lyceum at 24 P.M. Spiritual Counference Association meets at the northeast corner of 8th and Spring Garden streets every Sunday at 2% P.M. E. Wheeler, President, 472 N. Sth street.

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