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# NATIONAL SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

## The National Spiritualists' | had been received, which the committee deemed to be more than sufficient to meet the Association.

In view of the fact that the third Annual Convention of the National Spiritualist Asso ciation will be held in Masonic Hall in Wash ington, D. C., Oct. 15, 16, 17, it seems proper at this time to present to the readers of THE BANNER a brief résumé of the history of that Association, as well as a statement of its aims and purposes.

THE ORIGIN OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. For many years Mr. John B. Wolff was a For many years Mr. John B. Woln was a prominent citizen of Washington, D. C., and one of the leading Spiritualists of the nation. He was, for a long time, the efficient President of the Society there, and contributed to all of the Spiritualist papers in England and Amer-ioa. He was an ardent advocate of organiza-tion before whether and talked upon that import tion, hence wrote and talked upon that import-ant theme. About ten years since he entered spirit life. Prior to his transition he was heard to say that he should work for Spiritualism and for national organization, just as earnestly in spirit-life as he had done upon earth. His earth life closed with a full record of good deeds wrought while within the body, and he took up his duties in spirit life with the same zeal that marked his efforts here. He frequent-ly controlled mediums, and gave excellent ad-vice in regard to the best methods of advancing Spiritualism, always urging that a strong national organization would ultimately be a necessity. During the winter of 1892-93 Mr. Wolff frequently materialized through the me-Wolff frequently materialized through the me-diumship of Mrs. H. V. Ross in Washington, and told the friends to whom he appeared that the time was ripe to move for a National Asso-ciation. One of the attendants at these sé-ances was Maj. R. A. Dimmick, to whom Spirit Wolff especially directed his remarks. Maj. Dimmick was informed that he was the man selected to take the initiative in this import-ant movement. Considering the magnitude of the task set before him, we do not wonder that Maj, Dimmick hesitated to undertake it. He was repeatedly urged to do so, and finally being impelled by a strong band of spirit-helpers be-hind him, he communicated the idea to a party hind him, he communicated the idea to a party of gentlemen with whom he was conversing upon the subject of Spiritualism. They urged him to act at once, agreeing with Spirit Wolff that the time was ripe for a national organization, and that that end could be compassed through a National Convention to be held dur-ing the Columbian year in the city of Chicago. So thoroughly were they convinced of the prac-ticality of this plan that they determined to appeal to the Spiritualists of the United States to see if others felt as they did in regard to the matter of a National Convention through which could be inaugurated a national organi zation. They set to work immediately, and organized a committe of five, through the instrumentality of which the pulse of the Spirit-ualists of the nation could be felt in regard to the subject. Of this committee Hon. Milan C. Edson was Chairman, Major Robert A. Dimmick, Cor. Sec'y, and Mr. Henry Steinberg, Treasurer. The other two members were Theo. J. Mayer, present Treasurer of the National Spiritual ists' Association, and Mr. Oscar W. Humphrey, one of the stanchest friends of the National Spiritualists' Association in the National Spiritualists' Association in the United States. This committee held a number of meetings, and no little work was done by them in order to enable them to carry their cherished plan into effect. Almost at their first meeting the question of the kind of convention that should be held confronted them. Some friends of Spiritualism favored a mass convention through which a National Association of lay members could be established; others felt that the Convention should be a delegate body, made up as are the national conventions of the Unitarian and other religious bodies, of duly elected dele gates from the various local societies in the United States. After mature deliberation the committee decided, by a unanimous vote, to try to call a Convention on the delegate plan. They then issued a call to the country. This was virtually an appeal for funds with which to defray the expenses of the Convention when it should be held. It was freely predicted that no response would ever be received to that appeal, as the Spiritualists of the land cared nothing for associated effort, and did not wish for a National Convention. Not a few discouraging remarks were made to the members of the committee, trying to induce them to yield their idea of a convention as a thing wholly chimerical in its nature. Letters of a most discouraging tendency came to them, yet they persevered and pushed their ideal plan with all the earnestness of souls devoted to the truth. No one can enter into their emotions during the winter and spring of 1893, as they met difficulty after difficulty with a steadfast ness of purpose and an indomitable courage, of which stuff the heroes and martyrs of all ages have been made. They had an intuitive feel-ing that they were in the right, hence held te naciously to the idea that a convention must and should be held. Their appeals were not made in vain. Soon after the call for funds had made in value. Soon after the call for funds had been issued, pledges for contributions in cash began to flow slowly in. One of the first soci-eties to report was the First Church of Spirit ualists, in Pittsburg, Pa., whose officers en-closed a check for fifty dollars. Other societies sent in smaller sums from one to ten dollars, as did the S. E. & P. Union of Lily Dale, N. Y., while individuals vied with one another in their generosity to the movement. Names of men and women from all sections of the country are on record in the National Spiritualists' Association office, as having given various sums to make a National Convention possible. The spirit of organization was in the air, and once having breathed it, the Spiritualists responded as their loyal hearts prompted them. The collection of some of these pledges was a difficult matter. At one time in the summer of 1893 it seemed as if some of the pledges would not be redeemed, and Secretary Dim-mick set to work to offset the apparent losses by an income from another source. He made a personal canvass from house to house among the Spiritualists of Washington, asking for contributions to the National Conasking for contributions to the National Con-vention funds. Day after day, despite the in-tense beat of a Washington summer, Major Dimmick kept at his self-imposed task. His devotion and perseverance were rewarded by generous contributions from his fellow Spirit-upliste in the national site added to which ualists in the national city, added to which were occasional sums from individuals residing at great distance from Washington. In May several hundred dollars in pledges

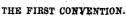
expenses of a three days' convention in Chi-oago. Accordingly the following call for a National Delegate Convention was issued by the committee:

A Delegate Convention of Spiritualists of the United States will be held at Chicago, Sept. 27, 28 and 29, next, for the purpose of organizing a National Asso-ciation of a permanent character and the selection

clation of a permanent character and the selection of a National Executive Committee, with sub-com-mittees, on all important subjects vital to our welfare. As this is the first body of this especial character to meet, with the intention that its influence shall be far-reaching in its relations to the present and future of Spiritualism, it is of the greatest moment that every society shall be represented in its deliberations and decisions.

every society shall be represented in its deliberations and decisions. The hall selected for the Convention is commodi-ous, capable of seating twelve hundred persons, with modern conveniences. In a central location, and easily accessible to the World's Fair.

Accessible to the World's Fair. Arrangements will be made for board and rooms for delegates, at moderate rates, within easy distance, and all steps taken to provide for the comfort of those who attend the Convention. You will bring this to the notice of your Society at once, and request action by selection of the delegate or delegates as follows: Where the Society numbers



The first Convention was called to order at 12 M. by Hon. Milan C. Edson, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, who read the formal call. At the conclusion of the reading, on motion of the Hon. F. P. Baker of Kansas, seconded by J. W. Dennis of New York, Hon. Milan C. Edson of Washington, D. C., was elected temporary chairman, and Maj. R. A. Dimmick, temporary Secretary of the Con-vention. vention.

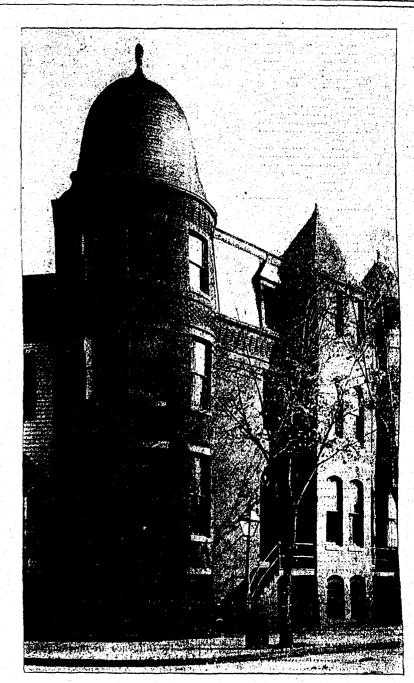
Mr. Edson thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him, in a well chosen address replete with earnest thought, in which he set forth briefly the advantages to be gained by organization. He also outlined the plans of the committee, and presented them to the dele-gates for their consideration. His address was listened to with deep interest by all the dele-rates and he may warm and a producted.

ates, and he was warmly applauded. Mr. Edson then called upon Mrs. C. L. V. Richmond to deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the city of Chicago to the visiting delegates. This address was full of fraternal greeting, and gave each, delegate the feeling that he was at home in the Queen City of the West. Mrs. Richmond's middress was frequently

applauded. Mrs. Dr. Adab H. Sheehan was then introduced and responded to the address of welcome on behalf of the visitors from abroad. Her remarks, as well as those of Mrs. Richmond, teemed with bristling thoughts, proving that the speakers as well as all of the delegates were thoroughly alive to the importance of organic effort. A few words from each are not inappropriate here:

THE SPIRIT OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE NA TIONAL SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

"With full hearts and reverent faces turned toward the hovering hosts of beloved spirits, we sense the presence of a great spiritual wave, increased and intensified by the accumulation of pent-up energies of this most magnetic, and therefore the most dominant of all continents. The flood tide of the wave is now here. It is wise and timely for us, as assembled delegates from the spiritual centres of the nation, to seize upon this opportune moment to form and perfect a Central National Organization, which shall prove so practical and so wise in all of its working parts as to insure its continued and permanent growth, and bring to us, as an aggregate body of gifted people, an ever-progress ive, harmonious movement toward the ac-complishment of a mighty work.





less than fifty it should send one delegate; for each fifty members, or fractional part over that number,

one additional delegate. If the Society has suspended services for the sum-mer, and finds it is impossible or inconvenient to hold a special election for delegates, then the officers of such Society should select them in conformity there-

such Society should select them in conformity there-with, and all delegates be accredited to the Conven-tion, with proper credentials furnished by the officers. When delegates have been selected, the names and addresses should be reported at once to the corre-sponding secretary of this committee for record. In-formation will be furnished relative to accommoda-tions for delegates or super other matter report tions for delegates, or upon any other matter respect-ing the Convention. Every Society in the United States should be represented on this occasion, as matters of the greatest importance will be considered, and extra exertion should be made to secure a Convention successful and harmonious in the highest

legree. Trusting that your Society will be represented on this occasion, and that you will cause immediate action to be taken respecting the selection of dele-gates in pursuance of this call, we remain, Yours fraternally, MILAN C. EDSON,

MILAN C. EDSON, THEODORE J MAYER, O. W. HUMPHREY, HENRY STEINBERG,

#### ROBERT A. DIMMICK. Committee. ROBERT A. DIMMICK

Corresponding Secretary, Washington, D. C.

This call for a convention was followed by the receipt of scores of letters from prominent Spiritualists in the United States and Canada concerning the work of the committee, prom-ising moral and financial support. When it was apparent that a convention would be held, the idea took firm hold of the public mind the idea took firm hold of the public mind. Secretary Dimmick now had his hands full, as did also Treasurer Steinberg. Letters poured in by the hundreds, and the Secretary man aged to reply to all of them that were addressed to him. Sixteen and eighteen hours of labor were pot infrequent to him. His sole anyiet way now not infrequent to him. His sole anxiety was now to make the Convention a success. His feelings were fully shared by the other members of the committee, who vied with one another in their efforts to push onward the good work. Mr. M. C. Edson was then and now is an em ployé of the United States Government, hence eight hours per day were perforce spent at his official desk. After office hours, however, he was found busy at work perfecting plans for the coming convention. Mr. Edson put his whole soul into the work, and invoked the aid of advanced spirits from the other side who had given the work of the aid a buman broth. had given the world the idea of a human brotherhood, to help him and his coadjutors in their high aim and devotion to principle. Messrs. Mayer, Humphrey and Steinberg were none the less zealous, and through their united efforts the way was opened to the great Convention at Chicago. The committee asked for a delegate conven

tion, as the reader will see by perusing the fore-going call. In response to this call the various societies elected their full quota of dele gates. Credentials attested by the proper of-ficers were filed with the Secretary, and every State in the Union in which Spiritualist societies existed, with the possible exception of six, sent in credentials, with due notice of the elec-

tion of delegates. It looked as if it would be a convention of co lossal proportions, and the hopes of the com-mittee rose to the highest pitch. They were not disappointed, for when the 27th of September dawned upon the city of Chicago, hundreds of devoted Spiritualists from all from the Sphinx Spiritual Alliance, Berlin. Germany, were in attendance at the Hall, 77 Sist street, Chicago, Ill. It is true that many of the delegates elected earlier in the season failed to appear, but other sections responded and delegates arrived armed with proper credentials from hour to hour, and were duly

seated in the Convention. In many states no Spiritualist organization existed, hence no one appeared to represent them; but it was the invariable rule to admit no one without proper credentials, which rule was fully observed.

been the peculiar province of Snirit ualism to bring prominently before the world woman as a minister, teacher, counselor and guide. On our rostrum everywhere, how nobly she has demonstrated her entire fitness for the work!... Her true mission as savior and regenerator of mankind is to be demonstrated beyond peradventure. With the commencement of the twentieth century comes the beginning of a

new cycle, and with it woman's golden era.... "My beloved brothers and sisters, fellow del. egates to this Convention, let us make haste to



#### THEODORE J. MAYER.

band ourselves together, and through the me dium of our organization spread broadcast the great white light of this beautiful and wonder-ful truth. We have found the law of the healing of the nations.... Among the many important reasons why we, as Spiritualists, should or ganize, the following stand prominently forth: No great work can be accomplished without harmonious cooperation. The grand law of cooperation lies at the basis of all social and industrial success. With spiritual achievements it should be and is the same. Therefore let us be prepared to take advantage of that law.' Milan D. Edson.

... "It is our pleasing duty at the outset, and before any one knows what will be the result of this Convention, to welcome you as Spiritualists to Chicago; to welcome you as the representatives of the grandest, freest and most blessed light that beaven has ever given to man. ... Twenty five, thirty or forty years ago, to talk to Spiritualists about organization. was ike talking to one who had escaped from prison about going back again, or like shaking a red flag in front of a very formidable quadruped; but Spiritualists now know there are organizations and organizations, and although we recently heard in that great assembly, the Parliament of Religions, one very great worker in his line say that he was less and less in favor of organization, we did not wonder at it in view of the fact that all things connected with human life have been organized to death.

"But, friends, the view that now seems to present itself is this: When the surshine is offered by the Infinite, when the atmosphere is offered for you to breathe, when all the blessings of the earth and air are at your com-mand, it is not shall we organize subshine or fresh air, or whatever blessings are given, but is it necessary to organize to prevent them from it necessary to organize to prevent them from eing taken from us? We seem to think by our resence here that it is. ... "When you make the final report, this Buffalo, N. Y.; Dr. A. W. Edson, Lansing, being taken from us? We seem to think by our presence here that it is.

#### HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

should represent the highest testimony of the truth that the spirit world has brought you: 'That you organized for unity in carrying for ward the light of the spirit world as it has been brought to you, and that you restrain, restrict and in no wise bind any one in the organiza-tion or its auxiliaries either to see the light as you see it, or to pursue it as you pursue it, so long as no human being infringes upon the rights, privileges, aspirations or highest life of any other indiv d tal.' "Truth was (rganized before you, or we, or

any human lives were born; but those who accept a truth may, under the guidance of that truth, combine for the better observation, the better bringing forward of that truth in unity. There is but one truth that Spiritualism needs to emphasize, and that is SPIRITUALISM. No qualification is necessary. It is neither Chris-tian nor Pagan, it is neither physical nor re ligious, it is not essentially scientific or theological; it is Spiritualism, pure, simple, unqualified, and applies to every heart as the sunshine does to the earth, whereof every flower, and all the trees of the forest, and every living thing, shall appropriate as much, and the sun shine that is needed for the individual growth." ...-Address of Welcome to the delegates by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

"I want to show our friends in Chicago, and the committee who have at this time called the attention of the Spiritualists throughout the world to the necessities for organization, that we are awake. We have listened, we have noted the signs of the times.... Again I say, with our hearts and minds intent upon a larger possibility for spiritual unfoldment and acknowledgment by the world at large, we pledge ourselves as delegates to honestly work not for self, but for the great cause which we have been sent here to represent."—Mrs. Ada Shee-han, in response for the delegates.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Sheehan's address, the temporary chairman appointed the following committees

Committee on Credentials.-H. D. Barrett of



#### FRANCIS B. WOODBURY.

Mich.; Mrs. H. S. Lake, Cleveland, O.; Henry Metzger, Pittsburg, Pa.; H. C. Nick, Mil-waukee, Wis.; Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Chicago, Ill.; Hon. L. V. Moulton, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Committee on Rules .- Hon. F. P. Baker of Topeka, Kan.: George P. Colby, Lake Helen, Fla.; Wm. C. Hodge, Chicago, Ill. Committee on Organization. - Capt. E. W. Gould of St. Louis, Mo.; Dr.S. N. Aspinwall,

Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Olive A. Blodgett, Davenport, la.

Committee on Speakers.--Hon. Henry Dalton of Chicago; Mrs. Danforth, Chicago; James E. Coe, Chicago; Thomas J. Skidmore of Lily Dale, N. Y.; Mrs. Effie Joselyn, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Committee on Resolutions.-Hon. J. S. Drake of Chicago, Ill.; Dr. W. S. Rowley of Cleve-land, O., and A. P. McKee, of Anderson, Ind. Committee on Finance.-Dr. A. W. Edson of Michigan, Henry Metzger of Pennsylvania, D. M. King of Obie M King of Ohio.

The Committee on Credentials requested and received copies of the credentials of all delegates in attendance, which credentials are now on file at the headquarters in Washington, D. After the examination of these credentials the committee reported the following persons as entitled to seats as delegates:

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town, N. X. Sprague, E. W., Cor. Newland and Forest Aves., Jamestown, N. Y. Waite, Mrs. Maggie, 112 Hermitage Building, Grand Rapids, Woods, Mrs. Lillian L..... Topeka, Kan The delegates being seated, the following permanent officers for the Convention were chosen: Chairman, H. D. Barrett, Lily Dale, N. Y.; Vice Chairman, Hon. L. V. Moulton, Grand Rapids. Mich.; Secretary, W. H. Bach, St. Paul, Minp. Mr. Bach proved a painstaking and earnest official, and his earnest efforts did much to make the Convention a success. Mr. Bach spoke in behalf of it everywhere he went, and was appointed one of its missionaries from the very outset. During the past year he has been Honorary Trustee for the State of Minnesota He has always been one of the trusted friends of the National Spiritualists' Association. The Committee on Rules having reported,

nine to one, decided to go on record declaring Bpisitualism to be to them a religion. It was at this Convention that the matter of the proper representation of Spiritualism at the Parliament of Religious was brought up. After considerable discussion the chairman was instructed to appoint a committee of nine to prepare and present a suitable paper on the tracts of Spiritualism to that important body. The committee was as follows: Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond of Chicavo, Chairman; Mr. George P. Colby of Florida, Dr. H. V. Sweringen of Indiana, Mrs. R. S. Lilite of Massachusetts, Mrs. S. A. Haslett of Michigan, Prof. J. S. Loveland of California, Mr. Henry Metzger of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Anna Orvis of Chicago, and Hon. J. B. Town-send of Ohlo.

send of Ohio. This committee delegated its powers to its chairman, as we are told, and the result was the presentation of an able paper on Spiritual the presentation of an able paper on Spiritual-ism in its religious, philosophical and phenom enal aspects. This was duly presented and filed with the Chairman of the Parliament of Religions, Mr. C. C. Bonney, and was after wards published in the proceedings of the first Convention, as was also a paper by Prof. Love-land, which was prepared for the same pur-pose, but not presented to Mr. Bonney. One of the most significant facts connected

One of the most significant facts connected with the delegates attending the first Conven-tion must be noted. It was a determination to sink all personalities in one grand endeavor to find the greatest good for the greatest num ber, by forming an organization based solely upon business principles. A large number of the delegates made earnest addresses, in which they advocated the principle of cooperation in the form of a close union among the Spirit ualists of the nation. Fads and fancies were for the time forgotten, in the general desire to advance the cause to a higher standard through organic effort.

organic effort. The first important point considered was the protection and defence of mediums, for the various phases of manifestations, who were brought to persecution under the ban of the law. Many striking examples were presented showing that immediate action in this respect

was absolutely necessary. Second, the question of providing our aged and indigent mediums and Spiritualists with homes or places in which to spend their declining years was discussed, and the need thereof

was made apparent to all. Third, the matter for providing means and places for the proper development and equipment of mediums was considered. This was shown to be a need of the hour, and was com-mended to the favorable notice of all Spiritualists for consideration and immediate action.

Fourth, the idea of establishing sanitariums governed by psychical law, in which those af-fected by diseases, of whatever nature, could receive proper treatment, also engrossed the attention of many minds at the Convention. It is to be hoped that this ideal may be real-

ized in the immediate future. Fifth, the matter of obtaining an accurate census of the Spiritualists of the United States and of compiling a complete roster of the Spir itual societies, speakers and members in all quarters of the globe, also received attention. The wish was expressed that immediate steps should be taken to carry these important mo tions into effect.

Sixth, the question of a permanent location for the National Spiritualists' Association was considered at length, and after mature delib-eration the city of Washington, D. C., was

fixed upon by a very large majority. Several causes influenced the delegates in making this decision. First, Washington is the making this decision. First, Washington is the seat of the political power of this nation. Second, the Roman Catholic University is lo-cated there, and the national conventions of other religious bodies are generally held in that city. The delegates thought that if the Catholics, Methodists and other partialists were in Washington, they were evidently there for the purpose of watching Congress, in order that legislation favorable to them might be se-cured; therefore. Spiritualists ought to go to that legislation favorable to them might be se-cured; therefore, Spiritualists ought to go to Washington with their headquarters, in order that they might neutralize the effects of the Catholic and other orthodox powers, and through the power of thought exert a spiritu-alizing influence upon Congress to the and alizing influence upon Congress, to the end that there might be more statesmen and fewer

City, it was voted to instruct the trustees of the National Spiritualists' Association to take, at the earliest possible moment, a test case into the Supreme Court of the United States, to see if the Spiritualists had the right to employ magnetic healers or mediums in their respec-tive homes. This motion of Mr. Bowen's was adopted by unanimous vote, thereby revealing the spirit of the delegates in their earnest wish to do justice to all workers in the cause. That the spirit of the delegates in their earnest wish to do justice to all workers in the cause. That no case has a yet found its way into the Su-preme Court is no fault of the National Spirit-ualists' Association or its officers. Had the means been forthcoming to delray the legiti-mate expenses of such an important suit, a test case would long since have been laid before the highest judicial tribunal in the land for final adjudication. It is to be hoped that the Spiritualists of the United States will recognize the earliest possible moment, and that they will contribute freely of their means, in order that contribute freely of their means, in order that the rights of the citizen Spiritualists of America may be clearly made known to themselves as well as to their opponents. We must not pass by unnoticed the generous action of the Spiritualist Society of the South



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Side (Chicago). It gave the net proceeds of a meeting held in its hall, 77 31st street, on Sunday, Oct. 1, to the National Spiritualists' Asso ciation treasury. The sum of one hundred and sixty five dollars was turned over to the Na-tional Spiritualists' Association officials as the result of the work of the day. Such deeds of philanthropy on the part of every society in the land would place the National Spiritualists' Association on a sure financial footing, from which it can never be dislodged.

The work of the first Convention has passed into history, and the records thereof are open to the inspection of all. It is not in keeping with the spirit of this necessarily brief history of the National Spiritualists' Association to dwell long upon the work of that Convention, nor to make special mention of any of the workers there. The delegates were associated for a purpose, and the results of their labor clearly proved that their efforts were not made in vain. In saying that each delegate did his or her best, and labored wisely and well, we are stating but the simple truth, and upon the truth every true Spiritualist is willing to rest his case. Of the work of the Washington committee

brief mention has already been made in this article. The task those gentlemen set for themselves was almost herculean in its magnitude, yet they, were not appalled thereby, nor did they shrink from the arduous labors it sutaned upon the Animatea by the pures motives, inspired by wise intelligences from the higher spheres, possessed of unselfish de-sires, these high minded brothers pushed their work to a successful close. They were anxious to be just in their dealings with the Spiritualists of the land, hence treated every one fairly and impartially. With patience seldom equalled in any band of workers they gener-ously responded to the multitude of letters that reached them from all quarters, and dis tributed thousands of circulars to those desir ing information in regard to the motives inspiring their work. Determined to slight no one, they sent out a general invitation to every speaker, medium and prominent worker whose address could be obtained, inviting them all to be present at the Convention. Special invita tions were issued to none, a fact which proves that the committee had no axes to grind, and no selfish ambition to gratify. When the historian of one hundred years hence shall be called upon to chronicle the important events of the nineteenth century, the First National Delegate Convention of the Spiritualists of the United States at Chicago will be recorded as marking an epoch in the religious history of the world. There upon the roll of honor the names of Hon. Milan C. Ed-son, Maj. R. A. Dimmick, Henry Steinberg, Theo. J. Mayer and Oscar W. Humphreys will be found first and foremost upon the list of those who loved and served their fellowmen. Pursuant to the instructions of the Convention, the nine trustees proceeded to Washington, D. C., for the purpose of incorporating the National Spiritualists' Association under the laws of the District of Columbia. The articles of incorporation were carefully drawn and duly attested by the proper number of the Trustees before Judge S. C. Mills of Washington. The articles were signed Nov. 1, 1893, and the National Spiritualist Association was thereby duly and truly constituted a body corporate vested with all of the rights and privileges pertaining to corporations of like nature. Under its incorporation it was entitled to own and hold property for purposes specified in its charter in every State in the Union, and became entitled to legal recognition as a body corpo-rate before the several State and Federal courts. Through it appeals can be taken to the United States Supreme Court, under proper conditions, whenever the funds in its keeping will warrant a movement of that kind. One of the first matters of business presented to the new organization was the matter of uniting the various societies with itself. The delegates at the Chicago Convention had voted that the membership of the National Spiritu alists' Association should consist of Spiritualist societies and not of individuals. The wisdom of this decision no one can question, when the subject is viewed in the right light. Had individuals constituted its membership, the friends of Spiritualism in Washington and of adjacent territory could be present at its meetings in large numbers, and could out vote the balance of the United States if they chose. By making the units of membership the various societies, the societies in California, in Maine or in Texas could have a voice, and vote through their accredited delegates. The executive officers set themselves to the task of providing suitable charters, circulars, application blanks, etc., for the use of the local societies wishing to unite with the National Spiritualists' Association. A goodly number of applications for charters were secured at the very outset, and during the first year seventy-five local and one State charter were issued. The financial question was a grave one, and rave the officials no little concern from the first. At the meeting of the full Board of Trus tees on Nov. 1, 1893, Hon. J. B. Townsend of Ohio moved that Sunday, Dec. 17, be set apart as a day of special observance by the Spiritual-ists of the land in recognition of the fact that a National Organization had at last been established. A program of literary exercises was mapped out, and a request made for a special collection to be taken for the benefit of the National Spiritualists' Association. This thought of Trustee Townsend was a most happy one. Valuable essays were forwarded to the National Spiritualists' Association office and filed for future use. These essays were acists' Association under the laws of the District of Columbia. These instructions were carried out to the very letter, as we shall see later on. On motion of Hon. G. S. Bowen of New York 'the aggregate of which was about six hundred

dollars. The day was generally observed from Maine to California, and the union of thought on that occasion did much to bring the Spirit unlists of A merica into closer and more har-monious relations than they ever were before. So successful was the work on this occasion that it was deemed wise to continue the same order in future years. During the first year size several mediums were subjected to arrest order in future years. During the first year also several mediums were subjected to arrest and imprisonment for the sole crime of exer-cising their heaven bestowed powers. In every instance the officers of the National Spiritual ists' Association did all in their power with the little means at their command to aid those who were unjustly accused. As the fund for the defence of mediums contained but ten dollars at that time, our reading age that at that time, our readers can readily see that very little material aid could be readered. In no instance did the National Spiritualists' As-sociation withhold its sympathy from a perse-cuted medium, and had it been endowed with proper means substantial aid at the trials of the several persecuted mediums could have been rendered.

The National Spiritualists' Association rendered one very important service to the Spir-itualists of the country. Early in January, 1894, the National Reform Association obtained a hearing before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington, upon a petition to amend the Constitution of the United States so that God would be recog-nized as the ruler of the nation, and Jesus Christ accepted as his vicegerent on earth. The friends of the measure were given ample The friends of the measure were given ample opportunity to present their views, while the opponents were given to understand that it was doubtful whether a hearing would be given to them at all by the committee. The officers of the National Spiritualists' Associa-tion sounded the alarm to the Spiritualists of the nation, and the result thereof was that the committee received hundreds of remonstrances committee received hundreds of remonstrances signed by Spiritualists, Agnostics, Freethink-ers and Atheists vigorously protesting against the proposed change in the national Magna Charta. The Congressional Judiciary, by a vote of seven to one, refused to even present the matter to Congress. In this result the National Spiritualists' Association is entitled to its full share of credit for the work done by it in filling the committee rooms with the protests that showed the committee the true sentiment of the American people. The Spir-itualists on this occasion were able to make themselves felt through the power of their organization.

At the time of the incorporation of the Na-tional Spiritualists' Association, one of the trustees, George P. Colby of Florida, was taken trustees, George P. Colby of Florida, was taken seriously ill with pneumonia. His illness was most severe and of long duration. His fellow-trustees did all they could for him in the way of extending their sincere sympathy, by word and by practical ways, during his long confine-ment to the house. Mr. Colby was taken to the house of Drs. T. A. and M. Cora Bland, the latter of whom gave him every attention the latter of whom gave him every attention within her power. Mr. Colby's health contin-ued so precarious that he was unable to take hold of the work as he had wished and planned to do. His methods of work had always been of the highest order, and for twenty-five years he was considered one of the most reliable mediums in the ranks of Spiritualism. On the 17th of December, 1893, Mr. Colby felt con-strained to tender his resignation as a mem-ber of the board of trustees of the National Spiritualists' Association, on account of his health. The vacancy caused by his resigna-tion was at once filled by the election of Mr. B. B. Hill of Philadelphia, Pa., who served during the remainder of the term.

Late in the spring of 1894 Mrs. I. N. Sloper of California was compelled to tender her resignation as a member of the board, on account of ill health and great distance from Wash-ington, feeling that some one should be chosen in her place who could be present at all the meetings of the board. Mrs. Sloper's work in California had won her many friends, and her retirement, as well as that of Mr. Colby, was regretted by all. Mrs. Olive A. Blodgett of Davenport, Iowa, was unanimously elected to fill Mrs. Sloper's place. Of Mrs. Blodgett we shall speak later on.

In April of '94 the National Spiritualists' As-sociation was called upon to assist Mr. E. W. Emerson in a suit before the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Trunk Railroad lines of the West. These railroads had refused Mr. Emerson the customary half-rates granted by them to ministers of religion, on the ground that he, being a Spiritualist, was not entitled to them. Mr. Emerson instituted proceedings to compel the roads to do by him, as a minister of the religion of Spiritualism, what they vol-untarily did for orthodox and Catholic clergy-men each year. The case was tried April 11 12, 1894. The railroads were represented by their attorneys, men well up in their pro fession, while Mr. Emerson was represented by the National Spiritualists' Association through its President, Mr. H. D. Barrett. The three cases were duly tried, and during the trial Mr. Barrett cited the fact of the incorporation of the National Spiritualists' Association as a religious body, also the incorporation under different State laws of six local societies as religious bodies, to prove that the speakers, lecturers and teachers of Spiritualism were en-

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The officers of the National Spiritualists' As-sociation. In common with all Spiritualists, have no sympathy with the idea of granting balf-rates to clergymen, but so long as Catholio priests and Orthodox ministers receive them, the National Spiritualists' Association feels that Spiritualist lecturers are as much entitled to them as are their opponents, and will assist all workers in their endeavors to secure them from all railroads in the country.

from all railroads in the country. The establishment of a National Spiritual-ist Library in Washington was undertaken by the officers at the time of their induction into office. Appeals were made to Spiritualists, from time to time, for contributions of books, pamphlets, etc., and not a few choice works were placed upon the library shelves. At the present time over one hundred volumes can be found in the library—a fine nucleus around which to gather the thousands of vol-umes of splendid books for the enjoyment and enlightenment of the masses. The library shelves are still open for the reception of books and we trust that our readers will not books, and we trust that our readers will not delay in sending in such contributions as they can well spare from their own store.

Early in the summer of '94, it occurred to Secretary Dimmick that a report of Spiritual-Secretary Dimmics that a report of spiritual-ism in foreign countries would be of interest to American Spiritualists. He was made a member of the International Corresponding Society of Spiritualists, through which he pros-ecuted his inquiries, the result of which was an elaborate report of the status of Spiritual-ism in England, France, Germany, Italy, Swit-



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zerland, Holland, India, Russia, South Africa and New Zealand. This report is full of valu-able matter, and is published in its entirety in connection with the proceedings of the Convention of 1894. From the several reports, the pleasant information is gleaned that Spiritualsm is gaining ground in all quarters of the globe.

From the date of the incorporation of the National Spiritualists' Association down to the October convention of 1894, no little mis-sionary work was done in behalf of organizaion by many of the most devoted workers in tion by many of the most devoted workers in Spiritualism. Earnest words in behalf of the National Spiritualists' Association were spoken by H. D. Barrett. Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, E. W. Sprague, W. H. Bach, Mrs. Colby Luther, Frank Walker, Mrs. R. S. Lillie and many others. At the camps in 1894, Mr. Barrett. Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Cadwallader, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Blodgett, Thomas Grimshaw and others made an earnest effort to awaken an interest in the National Spiritualist? Assoc an interest in the National Spiritualists' Asso-

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the Convention proceeded with the regular order of business.

The Committee on Organization submitted an elaborate report, which after mature delib-eration was laid upon the table indefinitely, whereupon a committee on permanent organ ization, consisting of one person from each State represented, was elected. This committee retired, and after twenty.

four hours' deliberation reported the constitution, which was adopted, and under which the present National Spiritualists' Association was organized and incorporated.

The Committee on Permanent Organization

was as follows: Frank Walker, New York; Geo. P. Colby, Florida; Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Illinois; Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless, Massachusetts; Geo. D. Epps, New Hampshire; Capt. E. W. Gould, Missouri; Dr. Thos. McAboy, Kentucky; Hon. Milan C. Edson, District of Columbia; Gen. E. Estabrooke, Nebraska; Prof. J. S. Loveland, California: A. Marklaw Konsay, Mrs. F. A. California; A. Markley, Kansas; Mrs. E. A. Wells Bedell, Colorado; Dr. A. C. Cotton, New Jersey; Dr. R. B. Tripp, Arizona; Dr. S. N. Aspinwall, Minnesota; H. C. Nick, Wisconsin; E. M. Gillman, Texas; Dr. H. V. Sweringen, Indiana; E. C. Bingham, Connecticut; Hon. L. V. Moulton, Michigan; Dr. T. Wilkins, Ia.; C. H. Stockell, Tennessee; Hon. J. B. Town send, Ohio; L. V. Moulton, Chairman; Dr. T. Wilkins, Secretary. During the absence of this committee the

Convention considered the report of the committee on resolutions. These resolutions were drawn by the Hon. J. S. Drake, chairman, and after an earnest debate were amended and adopted as follows:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Whereas. It is the purpose of this Convention to organize upon a scientific, philosophical, moral and religious basis; and

Whereas, It is necessary to establish methods of teaching the facts and scientific truth of spiritual de-

velopment; and Whereas. There is an infinite and eternal energy

Whereas. There is an infinite and eternal energy and wisdom manifest in nature, wherein man is the highest organized intelligence, subject to the law of progressive development; and *Whereas*, Several million people of the United States are avowed advocates of the philosophy of Spiritualism, and entitled, under the Constitution of the United States, to protection in any form of wor-ship, teaching or practice of their knowledge and bellef, consistent with the rights of others: *Therefore*, We, the delegates to the National Con-vention of Spiritualists of the United States of Amer-ica, of the year 1893, affirm a bellef in the continuity of all life and its operations in accordance with intel-ligent law, and we affirm a knowledge of conscious spirit individuality after transition, with the power of communicating under proper conditions, and in accommunicating under proper conditions, and in ac-cordance with natural law, with spirits incarnate; and we affirm a belief that spirit assumes its new relations in matter after travsition, with the same mora and intellectual advancement and growth it pos sessed before transition; and we affirm a belief that the laws of spirit progress and evolution, manifest in this life, are not interrupted or suspended by dissolu-tion of the physical body, and that advancement comes only by and through individual effort; there-ices beit the subscription of the subscri

fore, be it, Resolved, That on the facts underlying the philoso-phy of Spiritualism, we ask each society to construct a code of ethics commensurate with its intellectual requirements, and adopt such forms and ceremonies as the circumstances and their needs require.

During the debate on the above resolutions no little discussion was evoked over the word "religion," but the Convention, by a vote of

men of selfish tendencies among our national law makers.

Seventh, the question of establishing a National Spiritualist library at headquarters in Washington was also discussed, so that the people of the nation might form a correct judgment of the literature that Spiritualism has given to the world.

In passing, we will say that this library was at once established at the headquarters, and has demonstrated its advantages to the resi-dent Spiritualists at Washington, as well as to



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visitors and inquirers into the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism represented by it.

After the routine business of the Convention had been completed, the election of Assotion had been completed, the election of Asso-ciation officers engaged the attention of the delegates. No little care was given to this matter, and a nominating committee of twen-ty-five retired to select candidates for the re-spective positions. The election was by acclamation save in two instances, and resulted

as follows: President, H. D. Barrett, Lily Dale, New York; Vice-President, Cora L. V. Richmond; Secretary, Robert A. Dimmick, Washington, D. C.; Treasurer, Theodore J. Mayer of Washington, Ington, D. C.; Milan C. Edson, Washington, D. C.; Hon. J. B. Townsend of Ohio; Mrs. I. N. Sloper, San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. M. H.

Skidmore of New York, George P. Colby of Florida. The unanimity with which these officers

were chosen proved that the delegates were there for a fixed purpose, and not for the gratification of personal ambition or the desire for gain. That purpose was the establishment of strong central organization upon the foundation of justice and right for all, with special favors to none. One very significant point de-mands attention here. It is the absence of any reference to a creed, and the earnest desire of every delegate to avoid even the semblance of one. Creeds were held to be stumblingblocks in the way of human progress; and the establishment of a great National Association as a religious movement without the slightest reference to a creed, marks an important epoch in man's religious history. He has been car-ried to higher heights by the sublime law of evolutionary unfoldment.

The officers elected were instructed by unan-imous vote, on motion of Hon. J. S. Drake, to proceed to incorporate the National Spiritual-



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titled to equal rights with those of other denominations. After inspecting the charters of the several societies referred to, the members of the Commission sententiously remarked that they could not see why Spiritualism did not they could not see why Spiritualism did not rest upon equal footing with other denomina-tions in America. One of the railroads, through its attorney, offered to sign an agreement with Mr. Emerson's attorney, to the effect that Spiritualist speakers and workers would be carried over its lines upon the same rates that were granted to ministers of other denomina-tions. This agreement was signed the case tions. This agreement was signed, the case dismissed, and the railroad has kept its agreement with conscientious fidelity ever since. The other two cases were tried and were nonsuited upon technicalities, but the commissioners, in dismissing the cases, took occasion to say that the question of the right of Spiritualist ministers to receive half rates upon rail-roads was not decided by them in the disposi-tion of those cases. The fact that Spiritualism was able to obtain a hearing before that Commission was a signal victory for the National Spiritualists' Association, and proved the effi-cacy of associated effort. In the near future a well grounded case will probably be taken before the commissioners, which cannot be dis-missed for any want of evidence, nor thrown out because of some slight technical errors in the papers. It will of course require means to do this, and it is to be hoped that funds will be forthcoming to help the National Spiritualists' Association to do this important work at once.

ciation, and to secure funds for its treasury. Queen City Park, Vt., Mount Pleasant Park, Iowa, and Cassadaga, N. Y., responded gener-ously, and about five hundred dollars found their way to Treasurer Mayer. From the inception of the National Spirit-

ualists' Association down to the present time, the office correspondence has been necessarily voluminous. Questions relative to organization, methods of procedure, financial matters, grievance against the secular press, and against enemies within and without the ranks, all had to be met. The labor of the Secretary was made very arduous by this correspondence, but it resulted in obtaining much useful information as to the number of local and State Spiritualist Associations now in existence, also of the number of speakers and mediums now in the field.

From the statistics gathered by the National Spiritualists' Association officials during the past two years, we learn that there are about ifty Spiritualist camp-meetings in the United States, ten or twelve State Associations and nearly six hundred local societies. Three hundred speakers and platform test mediums dis-pense spiritual fond from our rostrums, and more than one thousand mediums for the various phases of phenomena are to be found in the United States alone. This apparently large number does not include the home mediums, who never appear before public audiences.

One school at Belvidere, N. J., and three charitable institutions have been established, while some thirty or forty spiritual churches or temples have been erected during the past forty years. The oldest local society dates from 1852, and the oldest camp from 1855. The total valuation of our property of a public na-ture possessed by Spiritualists is in round numbers about \$1,500,000. The membership of the societies is about 60,000, and the total num-ber of avowed Spiritualists ber of avowed Spiritualists may be safely placed at 120,000. The number of investigators placed at 120,000. The number of investigators and parties interested in psychic phenomena will probably reach 1,250,000. These statistics are valuable, and their collection reflects great credit upon the National Spiritualists' Association and its painstaking officials, the National Spiritu dists' Association thereby prov-ing at once its usefulness and efficiency.

#### THE SECOND CONVENTION.

The time passed quickly, and soon the call was issued for the Second Convention. Notices were sent out to the various chartered societies, and the call for the October Coven-tion was published far and wide. It will be remembered that only seventy-five local and one State Association had thus far been char-tered. These societies were scattered, many of them being located at remote distances. This fact, coupled with the stringency in the money market, rendered a large attendance utterly impossible. Notwithstanding these difficulties, seventeen States were represented by sixty-seven officers and delegates. It is not necessary to go into a detailed history of the convention of last year in this article. Many important measures were discussed there, and some changes of policy made in the methods of the work of the National Spiritualists' As-sociation. The proceedings of the Convention were published in full, and are of interest to every Spiritualist.

A few of the salient points are of moment and deserve brief mention here. The ad-dresses of welcome by the President and Vice-President, and the response thereto by the Hon. L. V. Moulton, touched the keynote for the assembly, and all set to work with a will to make the second convention even a greater success than the first, if that were possible. At the very outset of the assembling of the Con-vention the sad news of the transition of the venerable LUTHER COLBY, the veteran editor of the BANNER OF LIGHT, flashed over the wires to Washington. A special meeting of the delegates was called on Monday evening, at which the following committee on resolutions, consisting of W. H. Bach, Mrs. M. E. Cadwal-lader, Mrs. C. L. V. Richmond, L. P. Wheelock, and Dr. I. T. Akin, was appointed. Their report, which was unanimously adopted, was as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 9, 1894. The delegates of the National Spiritualists' Association, in convention assembled, have heard, with pro-

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af Spiritualism have made it possible for this Convention to assemble.
 Resolved. That words are inadequate to express our sppreciation of the generous h art, the ever-ready and solve brain, the hand extended in charity, always, and the unfincing fidelity to and defense of the Cause that way dearer to him than life.
 Resolved. That we cannot fail to recognize the irreparable loss in his removal from the duiles that he so loved to peform; still do we know that he has joined that noble band of spirits who aided the great work performed by him as editor of the BANNER OF LIGHT from its inception, and that his influence and presence will still be the abiding and controlling power of its future usefulnees.
 Resolved. That we tender our sympathy to his associates in the BANNER of LIGHT from its inception. And that his influence and presence will still be the abiding and controlling power of its future usefulnees.
 Resolved. That we tender our sympathy to his associates in the BANNER of LIGHT publishing house, and to his relatives and friends, though we realize that their loss is his gain. Be it further Resolved, That these resolutions be inscribed upon the Minutes of this Convention, and a copy of the same sent to the Spiritualist papers for publication.
 W. H. BACH.
 M. B. CADWALLADER.
 MRS. C. L. V. RIGHMOND.
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On Wednesday, Oct 10, the day of the funeral services of MR. COLBY, the Convention held special memorial services at the same hour in Washington. This was a well deserved tribute to the memory of a noble man.

The reports of the President and Secretary showed that the National Spiritualists' Associ-



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ation had fought a hard battle during the previous year, but that it had lived through every storm, and had a small surplus in its treasury The reports of the delegates proved that the cause of Spiritualism was advancing in nearly every section, and that the outlook for the fu ture was quite promising. The evening ses sions were mass meetings, which were addressed by some of the ablest talent in the ranks, pres-ent at the Convention, assisted by Messrs. White and Altemus and Miss Maggie Gaule as test mediums. Several important amendments to the Constitution of the National Spiritual-ists' Association were discussed at length, and a few of them were adopted. The date of holding the Annual Conventions was changed from the second to the third Tuesday in October. The notifying local societies of proposed amend-ments to the Constitution was changed from ninety to thirty days, while the plans of or ganizing State Associations were completely changed, as were also the methods by which said State Associations could unite with the National Spiritualists' Association. No little discussion was evoked by a proposed amendment changing the basis of representation from one hundred to twenty five, and another abol-ishing the per capita ducs. Both of these amendments were indefinitely postponed after an animated discussion lasting several hours. The best of feeling prevailed, and no delegate felt aggrieved even though some cherished plan was tabled by a decisive vote. It was principles not personalities that these delegates were standing for. The routine business of the Convention occupied three full days, during which the delegates did not see an idle moment. In acting upon the President's report, in which he advocated the appointment of an Honorary Board of Trustees of two from each State in the Union, also the appointment of missionaries for the purpose of pushing the work forward more rapidly in various sections of the country, the delegates voted unanimously to adopt these recommendations. The Honorary Trustees were duly appointed, and some of them have rendered the National Spiritualists' Association efficient service in their respective States. The following are the Honorary Trustees of the National Spiritualists' Association:

world in a proper light. They uniformly report a deep interest in the National Spiritual ists' Association on the part of the people, when its aims and objects are properly placed before them.

The matter of ordaining mediums and speak ers by the National Spiritualists' Association was also discussed at length. By a practically unanimous vote the Convention decided that the question of ordination was one that should be settled by the various local and State asso clations, and that the National Spiritualists' Association ought not to have anything to do with it. This line of policy has been followed by the National Spiritualists' Association offi-cials, and we are informed will be continued so long as the present maggement continued so long as the present management continues in office.

The protection of mediums was also dis-cussed at length. The trustees were instructed to appeal to the country for funds with which to defray the expenses of worthy mediums in their legal battles. This appeal has been made from time to time during the last two years, yet for some unknown cause the people have failed to respond as generously as the exigen cies of the time seem to demand. The friends of all mediums hope that this orying need will be obviated in the near future. It is more than probable that some plan looking forward to this end will be adopted at the Convention next week.

At the close of the last business session, the At the close of the last business session, the following officers were elected for the year en-suing: President, H. D. Barrett, Lily Dale, N. Y.; Vice President, Mrs. Cora L. V. Rich-mond, Rogers Park, Ill.; Secretary, F. B. Wood-bury, Roxbury, Mass.; Treasurer, T. J. Mayer, Washington, D. C.; Hon. Milan C. Edson, Washington, D. C.; Hon. J. B. Townsend, Lima, Ohio; Hon. L. V. Moulton, Grand Rap ids, Mich., and Mrs. Olive A. Blodgett, Daven-port, Lowa, additional and associate trustees port, Iowa, additional and associate trustees. Mrs. Marion H. Skidmore of Lily Dale, N. Y., Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader of Philadelphia, Pa., aud Mrs. R. S. Lillie of Cincinnati, Ohio, were unanimously elected Hon. Vice Presidents of the National Spiritualists' Association. This was a graceful and fitting compliment to these ladies for their untiring efforts in behalf of the National Association.

These officials were chosen by a practically unanimous vote, thereby proving that the dele-gates at the Convention were united in thought and action in regard to the work the National Spiritualists' Association had in hand.

The Convention was also most successful in raising funds, thanks to the energy and influence of Dr. O. G. W. Adams of Dubuque, Iowa. Nearly three thousand and five hundred dollars were pledged for various purposes. Dr. Adams is a thoroughly practical Spiritualist, and demonstrates his religion in practical ways.

The second Convention closed most harmoni ously, and with bright skies of promise for the tuture usefulness and prosperity for the Na-tional Spiritualists' Association. This Conven-tion attracted widespread attention at the hands of the secular press, and deepened the interest of the Spiritualists everywhere in the idea of coöperative effort. Notices of the Convention and its work were published in all the leading newspapers of the land. The four leading dailies of Washington were especially fair and impartial. They vied with one an-other in giving correct accounts of the daily proceedings, and commented favorably upon the personnel of the Convention. One of the papers opened its columns to a critical review of the work of the Convention, and its importance in the religious world, from the pen of Rev. Alexander Kent, who wrote from the standpoint of friendship and broad fellowship. This review, as well as the impartial daily reports, attracted the attention of the most cultivated and scholarly people in the land, and gave Spiritualism a fairer hearing than it had hitherto secured at the hands of the secular American press. The work for the year 1894-5 was voluminous in its proportious, and for the first month the President, Secretary and two stenographers were kept busy from twelve to sixteen hours per day. Societies all over the United States sought information in regard to the National Spiritualists' Association, and the methods of uniting with the same. As before noted, the primary units of the National Spiritualists' Association are the various local, camp and State associations chartered by it. To become connected with the National Spiritualists' Association, the secretary of the local society should forward five dollars to the National Spiritualists' Association for a charter. He should also state the name and location of the local society, the names of its officers and any other information he may have at hand of interest to Spiritualism. Camp and State as sociations should make similar applications, ac companied by a fee of ten dollars for the char ter, that being the sum required from all large have a profound respect for all legally incor-associations covering a wider extent of terriassociations covering a wider extent of terri-tory than the locals. There is but one charter fee, and after receiving the charter the local society is only required to pay the sum of twenty five cents as annual dues upon each enrolled member, and to take up one general collection each year. Therefore the cost to a member of any society chartered with the National Spiritualists' Association is the sum when its officers have funds at their disposal to of two and one twelfth cents per month for enable them to do this very important work. the benefit of the National Spiritualists' Asso-ciation. Thus it will be seen that the Asso ciation does not seek to become a burden to has come through the law of cooperation. Those the local societies, but merely endeavors to work with them for the advancement of the of the English corn laws, and the abolition of best interests of Spiritualism. It leaves each human slavery in America, are cases in point. local society free to manage its own affairs. The National Spiritualists' Association is a conassumes no right to dictate in regard to the tinual request to all Spiritualists to unite in a employment of speakers, nor does it attempt to interfere with its members in their respec to interfere with its memoers in their respectively unjust laws, and secure the repeated those how tive spheres of action. In passing this point let us say that the National Spiritualists' As-sociation hopes in time to be able to establish short circuits for the speakers and mediums, so that weary railroad journeys and consequent expense of travel may be avoided. This will or more mediums have been arrested during expense of travel may be avoided. This will also save the waste of vital energy in the tire some trips that our workers are now forced to make. When the National Spiritualists' Association is properly endowed and has an assured income, it will no doubt be able to keep a large corps of speakers and mediums at work as missionaries in various sections of the country. Provision was made at the Washington Convention to keep the President of the National Spiritualists' Association continuously in the field during the year ensuing. President Bar rett entered into his work with great zest, and was twice prostrated by excessive toil. His first illness was of three weeks' duration, and the second was nine weeks. Up to Sept. 29, 1895, Mr. Barrett had delivered one hundred and thirty-six lectures, not counting the many ten minute talks made by him upon various occasions. During his first year's service he delivered one hundred and twenty four addresses in behalf of the Association, to whose interest he has devoted his time. The calls made for his services have been numerous, and we believe he has faithfully tried to meet as many of them as was in his power. The first year's work was performed without the hope of pecuniary reward, and its close found him several hundred dollars out of pocket. At the Convention of 1894 an attempt was made to provide a fair salary as a missionary. Early in the winter of 1894-5 vicious attacks were made upon many of our best mediums in several of the different States. The well-known slate-writer, Mr. Pierre L. O. A. Keeler, was arrested in Boston for holding a show without a license. As he was simply giving a séance for spirit manifestations, he claimed to pointed: Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Philadelphia, Pa.; Clara Field Conant, Millwood, W. Va.; Dr. P. Babcock, Greenville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Bach, Aberdeen, So. Dak.; Mrs. Ida Whitlock, Providence; E. W. Sprague, Jamestown, N.Y.; be holding a religious meeting, and refused to pay for a license. He was taken before the court, subjected to no little annoyance, and made to feel keenly the peculiar position in which he was placed. Believing his case was a good one upon which to test the rights of Spirbe holding a religious meeting, and refused to

much-belowed brother, LUTHER COLEY, editor of the BANNER OF LIGHTY, Interform, Tesolved, That in his birth to a higher condition, we are now permitted to mourn. We have loss from mor-tal activity one of the noblest workers in our glorious Carrie Twing, Westfield, N. Y.; Mrs. Tillie Beynolds, Troy, N. Y.; Mrs. Cella Nicker-aron, N. Y.; Dr. O. G. W. Adams, Dubuque, Ia.; Dr. G. C. B. Ewell, Col.; Mrs. Cella Nicker-ann, N. Y.; Dr. O. G. W. Adams, Dubuque, Ia.; Corrie F. Loring, Braintree, Mass.; Emily B. Ruggles, and the unfinching fidelity to and detense of the Cause that was dearer to him than life. These friends have rendered loyal service to bin store so had an opportunity been officer. These friends have rendered loyal service to the National Spiritualists' Association, and have done much to present its claims to the world in a proper light. They uniformly re-Two mediums were arrested in one of the Western cities early in March for fortune-tell-ing. One of them appealed to the National Spiritualists' Association for assistance. The

mediums' defense fund was then very small, hence no financial aid could be given. This case was non suited. Our readers will see that the National Spir-

itualists' Association has in all cases been seri ously handicapped by the lack of funds with which to carry its beneficent objects into prac-tical effect. It is impossible to do something with nothing, hence the National Spiritualists' Association cannot be blamed for not doing that which the Spiritualists themselves have made it impossible for it to do. At this point it is well to consider what is

meant by the defense and protection of mediums. Under the law in many States, medium-ship and fortune-telling are held to be identi-cal. In fact, the judges upon the bench are wont to rule them to be identical in law, despite any and all evidence to the contrary. As fortune telling is no part of Spiritualism, Spir-itualist mediums ought not to advertise their gifts in a way that would cause them to be con sidered fortune tellers. The law is very explicit against the harpies who prey upon humanity under the name of fortune tellers, and it is not the purpose of the National Spiritual ists' Association to protect or defend any form of charlatanry, fakirism or fraud. But when such mediums as Keeler, and others, are held by the courts to be what they are not, and have rever claimed to be, it is time to protest. It is the aim of the National Spiritualists' As-sociation to push the claims of genuine mediumship until the courts are led to discriminate between the genuiue and the counterfeit, now unhappily classed together. It has been urged that genuine mediumship can always prove itself, hence needs no protection. If men in official positions were governed by facts instead of by prejudice, genuine mediumship would have no cause for fear. But so long as courts have the power to class them among the fakirs and mountebanks of the land, just so long will it be necessary for Spiritualists to rally to the support of the chosen and proven instruments of the spirit world. The National Spiritualists' Association recognizes this necessity, and pro poses to uphold the cause of truth and justice by standing firmly by the mediums, whose voca tion it is to remove the sting of death from the hearts and souls of suffering humanity.

In this connection it is also well to mention the fact that organization is necessary for other good and sufficient reasons. In nearly every State in the Union medical legislation has been enacted, directed especially against magnetic and clairvoyant healers. If the law can pre-scribe the physician the citizen shall employ, it can also state what butcher, what baker or merchant, shall receive his trade. The National Spiritualists' Association protests against all forms of special legislation in behalf of the few against the rights of the many. It also claims that the people can, through associated effort, make themselves more forcibly felt by the law makers of the land than by individual effort. It is also a noteworthy fact that courts





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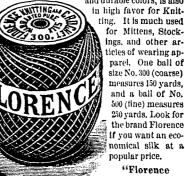
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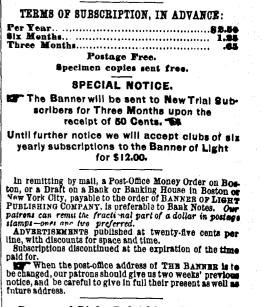
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While thanking our regular subscribers for their continued patronage, we desire that this journal, which is devoted to the spiritual movement, as well as to secular reforms in behalf of our common humanity, shall receive ample support from the public at large.

A "Woman's" Banner

## A Drinking Delusion Ended.

One frequently reads of the help to temperance the popular consumption of light wines and beer is asserted to be, and the case of France is always cited in support of it. But it is only a vain delusion. It is believed by many that in that country, where wine-drinking is supposed to be universal, the temptation to use strong beverages rarely exists, and hence it is argued that it is a good example to imitate. But, on the other hand, the leaders of the wisest opinion in France think no such thing.

The dire evils of intemperance exist there from the consumption of brandy, absinthe and a variety of other strong beverages, and to such an alarming extent as to force upon the present government the adoption of a measure in favor of a government monopoly of all alcoholic drinks stronger than light wines or beers. The proposed measure is analogous to the tobacco monopoly. It is even predicted that it would

not be at all surprising if France should proceed by degrees to the retail control system. like the Scandinavian policy. It is reported that nearly every conspicuous member of the present French cabinet is a total abstainer, not only from the use of stronger drinks, but

of wine.

## A Grand Triumph

For liberal medicine has just been achieved in Michigan, and its effects will be felt in many localities in the East and West. As THE BANNER readers have been previously informed, Dr. J. C. Batdorf, the veteran medium and magnetist of Grand Rapids, was subjected earlier in the season to a United States process. unjustly alleging misuse of the mails in his business. We are glad to hear that on Oct. 5 the Grand Jury closed its session and returned "NO BILL" against Dr. Batdorf. When his case was being considered they invited him to come before them and make a statement, which he did so effectually as to secure the above result. Spiritualists and lovers of liberty and justice everywhere will certainly be deeply interested in knowing the outcome of this case.

### The Banner of Light

The present week gives most of its space to an illustrated history of the National Spiritual ists' Association, which we feel will be of interest to our readers everywhere. We endorse the present position of this society as an organ ization formed for mutual defense and business purposes, connected with the Cause, and recommend the claims of the N.S.A. to the favorable consideration of the Spiritualists of Amer-

#### Trouble in Philadelphia.

At the latest moment before going to press we are in receipt of an account of the arrest of mediums by the bigots of Philadelphia-which we shall print next week.

M. Campbell and brother, spirit artists. have arrived in Boston, where they propose to take rooms for a brief season, the address of which will be given in our next issue.

Onset Wigwam.-"A. J. D.'s" Harvest Moon report, after being put in type for this issue, is unavoidably deferred to next week.

We have received a letter from the spiritual veteran, Dean Clarke, which will appear

next week.

### A New Departure.

Arrangements have been made whereby the BANNER OF LIGHT in future is to be brought

out by a Stock Company.

This Company has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine, with a capitali zation of \$25,000; it was organized by the election of Isaac B. Rich as President, and Fred G. Tuttle, Treasurer-John W. Day, Henry W. Pitman, John W. Drew, Fred G. Tuttle and Isaac B. Rich being the Directors-and the large stock of valuable books, etc., the subscription-list, good will of business, etc., have been acquired by said Company.

It is the desire of the Directors to add to THE BANNER novel features, such as copious and frequent printing in its columns of "halftone" portraits of spiritual workers and camp scenes; also the securing of special correspondents in various parts of the country, and other features that they are not ready to announce, which will greatly increase its interest and usefulness; therefore they have decided to place four hundred shares of the stock upon the market at \$25 per share. This is a statement in brief of the arrangements thus far made. While appealing to the good fellowship of the brethren of the household of faith," the Directors point the intending investor's attention to the fact that, as the property purchased by said Company is really much in excess of the valuation under which it has been acquired. the future may be confidently expected to bring a dividend to its stockholders.

THE BANNEE has been a paying institution, and can in the future be kept as such, if the spiritualistic public for which it has so long and so faithfully labored will join hands with the New Company, and by the purchase of shares become co-workers in the good service for humanity which this paper most unquestionably achieves.

Here is an opportunity, Spiritualists of the world, to unite in strengthening for further work the veteran journal of your Cause, and to aid in adding new features to THE BANNER.

#### The National Spiritualists' Association Convention.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The outlook for the coming Convention in this city is most promising. We regret that after a long trial to get rates for New England we have been obliged to give it up, unsuccesful in our efforts.

All persons who intend to attend the Convention from New England please notify J. B. Hatch, Jr., 74 Sidney street, Dorchester, Mass. Should a good number respond rates can be secured through and by him. He will personally conduct an excursion to Washington, thus giving persons who do not like to journey alone opportunity to travel in pleasant company.

## MEETINGS IN BOSTON.

Resten Spiritusi Temple, at Berkeley Hill, Odd Fel-iows Building, 4 Berkeley street.-Sundays at 10% a.m. and 1% r.m. Speaker for Octoher, Pr. J. A. E. Tudale. Win. I. Sanks, Presidenti J. B. Hatch, Jr., Secretsry, 14 Syd-ney street, Mavin Hill. The Helping Hand Society meets Wednesdays in Gould Hall 3 Boylston Pinco, Insiness meeting at 3; supper at 6; soci-1 in the evening. Min. O. P. Prast Presid nt. Boton Spiritual Lyceum at Berkeley Hall, 4 Berkeley street, every Studay afternoon at 1% sharp. All are invited. Bring the children. J. Browne Hatch, Jr., Conductor. Irving Pratt, Sec'y.

Pratt, 800'y. First spiritual Temple, Exctor and Newbury Streets. Birliual Fratornity Society Bundays, meetings for children and investigators at 11 a. M. Lectures at 24 and 7% p. M. Speaker for October and November, Waller How-ell. Weduesday ovenings at 1%, socialise, conference and phenomena. Other meetings announced from the plat-form. A. H. Sherman, Sec'y.

Veteran Spiritualists' Union will meet the first Wedneedsy of each u conh at Gould Hall, No. 3 Boylston Place, at 7% P.M. H. B. Storer, President, 406 Shawmut

Children's Progressive Lyacum meetseverySun-lay morning in Red Men's Hall, 514 Tremont street, at 10%. All welcouse. Charles T. Wood, Conductor. The Ladies Lyacum Union meets every Wednesday. Busi-ness meeting at 4 P. M. Supper at 6. Entertainment in the avenue.

Seeing.
First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society, 241 Tremont street, meets every Friday. Business meeting at 4 p. M.; supper at 6 o'clock. Tests and speaking in the evening. A public circle will be held on the last Friday of each unoth at 3 p. M. Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch (74 Sydney street, Dorchester), Secretary.
Eagle Habl, 616 Washington Street.-Sundays at 11 A. M. 3% and 7% p. M.; also Wednesdays at 3 p. M. Entitle, Conductor.
Worthbana Habl. 694 Washington Street. core vening.

Rathbone Hall, 694 Washington Street, cor-ner of Kneetand.-Spiritual meetings every Sunday at li A. M., 2% and 7% P. M. (7% P. M. meeting in Commer-cial Hall.) Thursday at 2% P.M. N. P. Smith, Chairman. Elysian Hall, 630 Washington street. -Meetings are held every Sunday at 11 A.M., 2% and 7% P.M.; Tues-lay and Thursday as 3% -and at 7% P.M. in aute-room; Friday at 2%, and Ssturday 7% P.M. W. L. Lathrop, Con-

America Hali, 784 Washington Street.-Meetings Sundays at 10% A.M. and 2% and 7% P. M. Good mediums, fine music. Eben Cobb, Conductor.

Harmony Hall, 724 Washington Street, one Fight.-Bundaysatlla.M., 3% and 7% P.M. Tuesday and Thursday, circle and meetings. At No. 604 Tremont threet, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8P. M., Fridays, 3P.M. Seating capacity, 109 persons. S. H. Nelke, Conductor.

Alpha Hall, 16 Essex Street.-Society of Ethical and Suiritual Culture (Bible Spiritualists). Meetings Sun-day, 11, 2:30, 7:30; Tuesday, 3 o'clock; Conference meeting Saturday, 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. M. Adeline Wilkinson, Pres. Hollis Hall, 789 Washington Street.-Meetings on Sundays at 11 A. M., 2% and 7% P. M. J. Milton White, Conductor.

Hiawatha Hall, 241 Tremont Street.-United spiritualists of America (incorporated), Sundays, at 2½ and 7½ P. M. Mary C. Weston, President.
 Friendship Hall, 12 Kneeland Street.-Circles are held every Sunday at 10¾ A M.; meetings at 2¼ and 7¼ P. M. Mrs. Bruce, Conductor; W. H. Amerige, Assist-ant Conductor.

Chelsea.-Spiritual meetings every Sunday evening at % at 206 Broadway. Mr. Geo. F. Slight, Chairman.

Boston Spiritual Temple. - A special writer sends the following: The new season's meetings opened Sunday morning with every evidence of interest and success. A beautiful day in weather, a large audience, a fine lecture and excellent singing, combined to make a most auspicious opening. Many faces new to this Society were present, and entered into the hat-monious and favorable blendings with evident pleas-

President W. H. Bauks occupied the chair, and on the platform were Dr. H. B. Storer, the speaker, A. E. Tisdale, Mrs. M. T. Longley and A. J. Maxham. Beau-tiful flowers adorned the desk and organ. Mr. Maxham opened the exercises by singing "The Pilgrim's Legacy," after which Mrs. Longley offered an invocation

an invocation President Banks extended a hearty welcome, bespeaking for a most significant series of meetings the coming season. The old Berkeley Temple had always had grand speakers, and it is proposed by the management to always keep it at this exaited position. He hoped the attendants would do all in their power to

Increase the membership. Mr. Maxham gave a rendering of "Rock of Ages," which was touching in the extreme.

Mr. Tisdale was received with an enthusiasm mark-ed and deserved. He appounced his theme as "Spirit i ed and deserved. He announced his theme as "Spirit Return After Death." He commenced by stating that the spirit does not leave this world, but passes into a state of evolution. Spirit-homes are both conditional and local. How these conditions are made and effect-ed were then discussed in the speaker's masterly man-ner, showing conclusively that evolution has to do with the homes in the continuity of life. Science came have how the second for much consideration to the line How with the homes in the continuity of fire. Science Came in to account for much consideration in this line. How much the spiritworld knows of what is going on in the material world was ably presented, all of which is familiar to believers of Spiritualism. Spiritual devel-opment as a perfect system of evolution was finely por-trayed, and became the most eloquent part of the dis-course.

attendance and very inspiring spiritual interests. Mrs. Snow of Lowell gave some delightful interests. Mrs. manifestation of spirit telegrephy. Spirit Dr. Wilcon even an edifying address. Mrs. Hukon, Dr. White, Mr. Hersey, Mr. J. O. Ibel, Mrs. Gilliand, Dr. Quimby, Mr. Lathr p and others, contributed satisfacturily to the general good.

the general good. Bunday was a gala day with us, because of the pleas-ure given us by the singing of Mr. A. J. Maxham in the afternoon. We cannot speak too highly of his sweet singing. He will be with us at our meetings during the week and next Sunday afternoon. Dr. W-st, Mrs. O. R. Hatch, Dr Quimby, Mr. Ibel, Mrs. Ibr B-ll, Mrs. M. A. Hutchlus, Mr Harvey Redding, Mrs. Glilliand, Mr. Lathrop and others, were the mediums assisting. At our marining circle two new cases of spirit control were manifested in a highly attractive way.

Children's Progressive Lyceum - Charles T. Wood, Conductor, writes—held its session as usual last Sunday, at Red Men's Hall, 514 Tremont street, Boston, at which there was an excellent attendance of both scholars and visitors. The exercises were very entertaining, and the interest in the work seems to be increasing. The order of procedure was: song by the school; invocation by the Conductor, G. T. Wood; congregational singing-lesson (respon-sive) with explanation by the Conductor; Bauner March; songs by Misses Gracie Scales and Evelyn Williams; recitations by Misses Justine McNaughton, Careda Graenwald Lottle Worton Scale Faultane Winnams; rectations by Misses Justice McNaugaton, Gracle Greenwold, Lottle Weston, Sadie Faulkner, Marie Gale, Mrs. M. A. Brown, Mrs. S. E Jones, Master Merton Bemis, Miss Josie Gerrish, Master Josie Forsythe; duet on planos, by Mr, Walter Hayes and Miss Stella Churchill; remarks by Mrs. William S Butler, Mrs. Fredericks, Mr. A. B. Shedd and Mrs. Haven Haven.

The Lyceum is in a flourishing condition, and in-vites to its sessions all who are interested in the spiritual and intellectual development of the young people.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum Association No. The Children's Progressive Lycetim Association No. 1 of Boston, at its regular monthly meeting heid at 178A Tremont street. Thursday evening, Oct. 3-writes J. A. Shelhamer, President—appointed Charles T. Wood, the Lyceum Conductor, as its delegate to the annual convention of the National Spiritualists' Association, which holds its sessions at Washington, D. C., on the 15th, 16th and 17th of the present month. The Lyceum has already received its charter, and is an auxiliary body of the National Association.

Alpha Hall-Society of Ethical and Spiritual Culture-Mrs. Wilkinson, President, writes-held its first regular sociable Monday evening, the 30th ult. Piano solo, Mrs. Carlisie; remarks, Dr. Sanders; song and recitation, Miss Ethel Hill Nye; remarks, Mrs. Maggle Waite; song, Mr. Mullen; recitation, Mrs. Annie Alexander; song, Little Eddle; song, Mark Abrams; recitation, Mrs. Steward; remarks, Mrs. Wilkins. Cake and cream were served.

Wilkins, Cake and crean were served. Tuesday meeting.—Mrs. Nutter, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Wilkinson took part. Sunday morning, a good circle. Sunday alternoon, R.v. Mr. Rose of South Africa gave a fine address, tullowed by Mrs. Robertson. Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Woods, Dr. Sanders, Miss Hanson, Mrs. Knowless and others. and others.

Sunday evening, song service led by Mrs. Carlton, Miss Brehm, reading of the Scriptures and prayer; F. Alexis Heath opened the meeting with remarks and tests; Mrs. Nutter gave readings, tests by Mrs. Jennie Steward and Mrs. Wilkinson. About sixty

Jenne Steward and Mrs. Wikinson. About sixty pictures of spirit-faces were given on cards. Mrs. Bell closed the meeting. BANNER OF LIGHT always for sale at this hall. Next sociable and entertainment given by this Society will be held Tuesday, Oct. 29. Mrs. S. P. Treen, chairman of committee.

Harmony Hall.-James S. Higgins writes: Again a glorious week has passed away-a week which has given all those who were present new life and new

knowledge of the majesty of Nature's laws. Patrons who took part in the developing circle for a short time only were developed into good mediums, and took part at once in the exercises of mediumship and astonished all, as their tests to strangers were of high order and recognized at once, and were the means

high order and recognized at once, and were the means of leading those receiving them into the knowledge of truth. All present united in the praise of Mr. Nelke's method of developing. All meetings held this week were grand. Mr. Nelke's themes of lectures given by the audiences were: Thursday: "Shall We Know Each Other?" Sunday, 2:30: "Distance"; 7:30: "Do Our Friends Return?" Mr. Nelke's trets, as well as those given by other me-diums called to assist, were all recognized. Those who assisted wore: Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. W. B. Wood, Mr. Hatch, Mrs. J. A. Woods, Mrs. Collins, Miss S. B. Lamb and Mr. Havener. Music by Miss Sadle B. Lamb

BANNERS were all sold at the hall and Mr. Nelke's residence, 604 Tremont street

First Spiritual Temple. - A correspondent writes: Sunday morning at the phenomenal meeting Mrs. Maggle Waite of San Francisco, Cal., gave tests. Everybody evidenced their pleasure at the marvelous proofs of spirit-presence. In the atternoon there was a large attendance. Walter Howell delivered a lecture on "The Needs of the Hour." [The synopses furnished of these addresses we are unable to find room for, by pressure of N. S. A. matter. -ED.] Mrs. Ayer's sweet soprano voice charmed the audiences. Next Sunday morning Pierre L. O. A. Keeler will be the medium for physical phenomena. Walter Howeli will speak afternoon and evening on "The Natural and Supernatural, Viewed from the Stand-point of the Spiritual," and "The Day After Death."

As stated in a recent num ber of this paper, we shall give our readers a twelve page issue of the BANNER OF LIGHT, the contents of which, as far as possible, will be furnished by different lady-writers all over America-their articles being forwarded in response to written invitations sent them by us.

We have decided that this issue shall be the one bearing date of OCTOBER NINETEENi. e., our next number.

We are confident that the issue will be indeed a "banner" number of this paper. Our friends everywhere should bestir themselves to spread abroad the knowledge of this stroke of enterprise on our part, and dealers in newspapers, managers of Spiritualist meetings and others, should send in their orders for copies of the "WOMAN'S BANNER."

Some idea of the value of the issue can be obtained by a perusal of the names of those ladies from whom we have already received contributions-and others will doubtless arrive in time for printing in that number:

MRS. EMMA HARDINGE BRITTEN, MRS. HELEN H. GARDENER, MBS. EMMA ROOD TUTTLE, MRS. MARY SEYMOUR HOWELL, MRS. MILTON RATHBUN, MISS FLORENCE MORSE, MRS. HELEN STUART-RICHINGS, MRS. M. CUSHING SMITH. MRS. C. FANNIE ALLYN, MRS. MATTIE E. HULL, MISS ABBIE A. JUDSON, MRS. M. CORA BLAND, MRS. EMMA MINER.

### Pulpit and Press Compared.

A satirical American newspaper drops the remark, in a conclusive way, that "the pulpit, the pen and the gravestone are the great saintmaking triumvirate." Its premises are contained in the following little story: A certain preacher once said to a newspaper man: "You editors dare not tell the truth. If you did, you could not live; your paper would be a failure." To this the editor calmly replied: "You are right; and the minister who will at all times and under all circumstances tell the whole truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy his pulpit more than one Sunday, and then he will find it necessary to leave town in a hurry. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with whitewash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones." Never was truth more plainly spoken. These artificial virtues are pretty plentiful, just as arbitrary sins are. The pulpit is extremely fond of dealing its damnation round. What it lacks is a quick and living interest in human affairs, It wants truthfulness. It needs simplicity and sincerity. Therefore it has lost power. Especially is it fond of lashing the "untruthful press" - particularly the Sunday editions.

137" An account of the first monthly musical and literary entertainment and dance given by the Progressive Spiritual Society of 3120 Forest Avenue, Chicago., Ill., has been received from W. J. Masters, Secretary, and will appear in next issue.

Dr. T. A. Bland and Mrs. M. Cora Bland have taken Suite 1 at the Rutland, 701 Tremont street, Boston, and will be glad to meet their friends there.

Mrs. M. A. Keeler is at 708 Eleventh street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for the winter. Séances are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Read the card of Mr. S. H. Nelke, on our eighth page.

#### **Owing** to

The unusual length of the National Spiritualists' Association record, to which we give place the present week, we are obliged to curtail our editorial and local department to the last degree, and several reports arriving late, are therefore condensed as follows: PROVIDENCE, R. I.-George A. Fuller (of Worcester) lectured for the Columbia Hall Society, Oct. 6; Miss Flossie Macdougall sang; Miss Jennie Reynolds,

Miss Flossie Macdougal sang; Miss Jennie Keyholds, organist; Miss Gertie Johnson, soloist. Sunday, Oct. 13, Mrs. M. A. Kimball will be there. *The B. T. Hall* Society was addressed Oct. 6. by Mr. DeLoss Wood (of Danielson, Conn.;) Mrs. William S. Butler (of Boston, Mass.) followed with appropri-ate remarks; Mr. F. H. Roscoe gave convincing tests; little Ada Johnson sang; Prof. Joselyn presided at the pipe. the piano.

FITCHBURG, MASS.-Sunday, Oct. 6, W. A. Hale, M. D. (of Boston) spoke at Pythian Hall; Oct. 13, Dr. George A. Fuller (of Worcester) will speak there. CHELSEA .- Sunday, Oct. 6, at 206 Broadway, Mrs. Julia Davis spoke and gave tests; Mrs. Knowles, readings; music by Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson. Sunday evening, Oct. 13, Mrs. Knowles. LYNN, MASS. - The Spiritualists held interesting

services at 33 Summer street, Sunday evening. A large audience. The parties participating were: Misses Lena and Elsa Burns, Mrs. Dr. M. K. Dowland, Mrs. L. A. Prentiss and Mrs. Lizzle D. Butler.

Next Sunday at 7:30 Mrs. Julia E. Davis of Somer-ville, and other mediums.— Mrs. Dr. Dowland, 130 Market street, Mrs. Lizzle D. Butler, 20 Church Court, Wyoma, and Mrs, L. A. Prentiss, have a few open dates.

Cadet Hall .-- The Lynn Spiritualists' Association opened its meetings for the season on Sunday, Oct. 6, with Mrs. Neille F. Burbeck as speaker and medium; remarks by Mrs. Abble N. Burbham; singing by Pres-ident and Mrs. Kelty. Mrs. Burbeck will speak again next Sunday, Oct. 13. PORTLAND, MR.-The First Spiritual Society opened

the fall and winter course of lectures at its hall, Oct. 6, with Mrs. Nettle Holt-Harding as speaker.

Oct. 20 and 27, Mrs. A. E. Cunningham of Boston will be there.

WORCESTEB, MASS .- ID G. A. R. Hall Miss Abby A. Judson spoke Sunday atternoon, Oct. 6. The Wo-man's Auxiliary meets Friday, Oct. 11, with Mrs. M. K. Howe, 153 Chandler street.

SALEM, MASS -Sunday, Oct. 6. Joseph D. Stiles of Weymouth officiated satisfactorily.

Next Friday evening Mrs. Jennie K. D. Conant of Boston will be there. Sunday, Oct. 13, Joseph D. Stiles will again speak and give tests.

NEWBURYPORT, MASS.-Sunday, Sept. 22, Mr. Os-car A. Edgerly lectured, afternoon and evening, to good audiences — following with tests and psycho-metric readings. Mr. Edgerly is a fine medium.

## MEETINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Breckton.-Carrie E. S. Nevens, Sec'y, writes: Sunday, Oct. 6, at Educational League Hall, Dr. Goodrich of Portland, Me., presided. Master Sammie, fourteen years old, gave a number of tests. Dr. and Mrs. Goodrich gave many recognized tests and

readings. Sunday, Oct. 13, Mrs. Maggie Butler of Boston, and the Goodrich family. This will close the five weeks' engagement of this remarkable family of mediums.

Malden .- S. E. W., Sec'y, writes: The Malden Spiritual Association opened its meeting under favorable conditions Oct. 6. Mrs. I. E. Downing gave a short lecture, followed by recognized tests. Attend-ance large. Mrs. Downing will be with us Oct. 18.

Rates can be secured in New York City. Mr. Hatch will be at Berkeley Hall Oct. 6, all day and evening; consult with him if you

are coming to Convention. Rates of one and one-third fare have been granted by the Central Traffic Association and Trunk Line Association of Railroads. territory covered extends from New York City on the east to the Mississippi River on the west, and from the great lakes on the north to the Ohio and Potomac Rivers on the south.

Points on either side of the boundaries mentioned are also embraced in these rates, hence Louisville, Ky., Parkersburg, W. Va., St. Louis and Hannibal, Mo., Keokuk and Burlington, Ia., will have Certificate Tickets for our Convention.

It is important that all societies chartered with the National Spiritualists' Association should have their full quota of delegates at the Convention. Provision was wisely made for such representation by the Convention of 1894.

In case a society is unable to defray the expenses of a delegate, said society can enclose credentials in blank to Committee on Credentials at the Convention, empowering the Committee to appoint some one to act as such representative. Sealed instructions must also be sent to the Committee, to be placed in the hands of the appointee for his guidance in the Convention. This enables every chartered society to secure a representative, who will be bound to carry out the instructions of the society whose interest he has been appointed to subserve. If the society so elects, it may make a choice of a representative from any section it pleases. This will avoid any collusion on the part of the Credential Committee, and enables each society to secure just representation. It is earnestly hoped that societies will avail themselves of these opportunities to sesure representation without expense to them. selves. Every chartered society ought to be represented at this Convention, as business of vital importance will be transacted. Do not fail to send, or appoint, or instruct the Credential Committee to appoint some one to represent you at the coming Convention.

HARRISON D. BARRETT, Pres. FRANCIS B. WOODBURY, Sec'y. Washington, D. C.

#### Notice to Excursionists.

The following is the list of the party that will at tend the National Spiritualists' Association Convention at Washington, D.C., Oct. 15, 16, 17, conducted by myself: Dr. H. B. Storer, Mrs. E. C. Pratt, Dr. G. A. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Longley, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hatch, Jr., Master Eddie W. Hatch and Charlie L. C. Hatch, Dr. U. K. Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Snow Mr. M. T. Dole, Mr. and Mrs. Eben Cobb, Dr. A. H. Richardson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hatch, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkes, daughter and lady friend, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Randall, Mr. Fred G. Tuttle.

The party will leave the Park square station, N. Y. N. H. & H., via Fall River line, at 7 o'clock, Surday Oct. 13, arriving in Washington at 3:30 P. M., Monday All desiring to make this excursion can obtain rates

by writing me at once. J. B. HATCH, JR, 74 Sydney street, Dorchester Disl., Boston,

Manager Washington Excursion to the N.S. A

#### Camp Progress.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The day opened most beautifully; the sun shone brightly, filling all with harmony, making us all feel it was good to be here. There was a large number in attendance, and the meetings were good and were enjoyed by all.

enjoyed by all. Morning session gmitted. Afternoon session commenced at 2 o'clock. Sing-ing, "America," by the audience. Invocation and remarks by Mrs. M. E. Cross of Lynn. Subject, "Cranks." Singing, "Beyond the Mists," Remarks remarks by Mrs. M. E. Cross of Lynn. Subject, "Cranks." Singing, "Beyond the Mista." Remarks by Mrs. Dr. M. K. Dowland of Lynn, Mrs. Johnson of Salem, and chorus singing; remarks by President, L. D. Milliken of Lynn; singing by the quartet; re-marks and tests by Mrs. S. M. Cook; remarks, Mr. Esty and Prof. C. H. Webber of Lynn; delineations and thought-transference by Prof. Webber and Mrs. Hovey of Lynn. Cars pass the Grove every fifteen minutes from Lynn and Salem. MRS. N. H. GAEDINER, See'y.

Lynn and Salem.

Life here is only consciousness of being, the different senses of sceing, hearing, feeling and tasting, be ing only the knowledge of an existence. Spirit-life is the same deprived of physical conditions. Sprittalle is consciousness is a reality. When the individual here finds he can sense sprit presence, he awakens to a true condition of evolution. One need not travel far to find sprit reality.

Mr. Tisdale dissected the various views of spirit-life of God and the ideal on earth and in the beyond. Spiritual spheres grade higher and lower spirits a good deal as people are divided here. All find their proper place in the world. Acts and will decide wheth er it shall be a palace or a hovel. Loving deeds here will give all a better place there than those who have been selfish. All are busy in the spirit-realm: there are no idlers among those who have done their duty

he**re** below. Mr. Tisdale closed with one of H. W. Smith's beau tiful poems.

President Banks announced the absence of Mrs. May Pepper on account of liness.
 Mr. Tisdale speaks next Sunday morning and even-

ing. It is expected that Mrs. Pepper will be able to be present.

The Boston Spiritual Lyceum.-Albion R. Waitt. Clerk, writes: The Boston Spiritual Lyceum held its first regular Sunday session at Berkeley Hall, Sunday afternoon. The harmonious gathering of Lyceum workers and others interested in this movement, made the occasion one to be long remembered.

At the conclusion of the overture by the Orchestra, the school was opened with greetings by Conductor J. B. Hatch, Jr., which were followed by congregational singing and an invocation by Mrs. M. T. Longley, who, owing to the illness of the Guardian, Mrs. C. L. Hatch, kindly filled the position.

The school was then led in responsive reading of the lesson by Mrs. Longley, after which it was given over to groups for discussion. The school was called over to groups for ciscussion. The school was called to order and addressed by the Instructor, Dr. John R. Root. The exercises were as follows: Miss Gora Pratt, poem; Master Charlie Hatch, violin solo; Mas-ter Willie Sheldon, recitation. Remarks were made by President George S. Lang, Elmer B. Packard, A. C. Armstrong, A. R. Waitt and Irving Pratt. Many were the good wishes found in the remarks of

Many were the good wishes found in the remarks of Mr. Lewis of the Boston Spiritual Temple, Mrs. M. T. Longley, who has long been interested in the move-ment, Mr. J. B. Hatch, Sr., the Veteran Lyceum Con-ductor, and Mrs. A. S. Waterhouse, Vice-President of Lake Pleasant Society.

Sessions are held each Sunday, from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M., at Berkeley Hall.

The opening session of the Boston Spiritual Lyceum. in Berkeley Hall, Sunday, Oct. 6, was a most auspicious one. The rostrum was radiant with autumn flowers; the school was opened by Conductor J. B. Hatch, Jr., with appropriate remarks, then followed the usual exercises, which proceeded throughout smooth-ly and harmoniously. All seemed earnest in their endeavor to make the occasion a success. The remarks by the different speakers were to the pult, and I echo many of the sentiments expressed, and with them hope the time is not far distant when every Spiritual Society will have a Children's Lyceum attached to it.

Officers of the Lyceum are: Conductor, J. B. Hatch, Jr.; Assistant-Conductor, B. Greenleat Russell, 3d.; Guardian, Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch; Assistant-Guardian, Miss L. Alberta Felton; Instructor, Dr. J. R. Root. J. S.

The Helping Hand Society to the Boston Spiritual Temple, Ida Jacobs, Secretary, writes, held its first meeting of the season Wednesday, Oct. 3, in Gould Hall, 3 Boylston Place. A goodly number were present.

Business meeting every Wednesday at 3; supper at . Nice music and entertainment in the evening.

The First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society, Carrie L. Hatch writes, met Friday, Oct. 4, at 241 Tremont street. Business meeting called to order by the President, Mrs. A. B. Barnes.

Mrs. Barnes welcomed the members, and congratulated the Society for not having lost one member through death the past summer.

through death the past summer. The evening session was opened with singing by the Longley Quartet. Mrs. Longley made a soulful invo-cation, after which Mr. Eben Cobb addressed the au-dience. He spoke upon Holiness and Spiritualism. Mr. Hatch, Jr., made some remarks, and spoke of the National Convention. Song by Mrs. Mason, and some stirring remarks by Mrs. Alice Waterhouse. This lady alwarts speaks will and to the source.

saways speaks well, and to the polut. Mrs. Wildes gave some communications. Remarks by Mr. Tall-man, Mrs. Mason and Mr. J. B. Hatch, Sr., closed a

wery interesting meeting. Everything seems promising for the coming season, and we invite all to cooperate with us in our charitable work

Elysian Hall .- "L. S." writes: The Elysian Soclety of Spiritual Progress, W. L. Lathrop, President, held circles and meetings on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday as usual, with a marked increase in | cannot avoid it.

Rathbone Hall .- N. P. S. writes: Thursday. Oct 3, 2:45 P. M., Mr. J. Milton White presided. Miss Webster, Mrs. C. H. Wood, Mr. J. Hilling, Mrs. E. R. Brown, Miss Annie Hanson, Mrs. A. Woodbury, Mrs.

F. E. Bird, took part. Singling by Mrs. Mary F. Lovering, Mrs. W. T. Works and daughter. Commercial Hall., -10:45 A. M., lest circle; Miss Web-ster, assisted by Mrs. M. Callahan, Mrs. Gilliland, Mr. Smith. and N. P. Smith.

2:30 P. M., tests, and psychometry were well illustrat-ed by the following mediums: Miss Webster, Mr. J. Harding, Mrs. E. R. Brown, Mrs. Guitarez, Mrs. A. Woodbury, Mr. Hilling, tests and readings. Mrs. Mary F. Lovering, soloits F. Lovering, soloist.

7:30 P. M., Miss Katle Butler, Mr. Weaver. Mr. J. Milton White previded. Miss Webster, Mrs. E. R. Brown. Mrs. A. R. Gililland, Mr. J. Harding, Miss Katle Butler, Mr. J. C. Ibel, Mrs. A. Woodbury, N. P. Smith, took part.

Ladies' Lyceum Union. - Lizzie M. Nolen writes: The first meeting of the Ladies' Lyceum Union was called to order on Wednesday, Oct. 2, with

Mrs. M. A. Brown acting as President. Owing to the absence of the Secretary, the records could not be read, and the regular business and election of officers were deferred until the next meeting. The usual sup-per was partaken of at 5 r. M., and at 8 the regular

Wednesday evening meeting opened, and tests were given by Mrs. J. Fredericks and Mrs. Chase. This Society holds its meetings every Wednesday, at 2:30 P. M., in Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont street; at 6 P. M., supper is served, after which the evening meeting is opened. New members are welcome.

America Hall .- A correspondent writes: We enjoyed a glorious circle on Sunday morning last. Fine tests were given by the many mediums present, eloquent words were spoken, and excellent music enivened the occasion

Our hall was filled afternoon and evening, and the Our hall was filled afternoon and evening, and the following talent took part: Eben Cobb, Dr. C. Huot, David Brown. Mrs. F. E. Bird, Mrs. A. Howe, Mrs. Ju-lia Davis, Mrs. A. Forrester, Mrs. A. P. McKenna, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hersey, Mrs. S. C. Cunningham, Mrs. B. Robertson, Mrs. E. J. Peak, Mrs. J. Hatch, Rev. Mr. Healy, Mrs. Lamphier, Mrs. Mason, Music by Prof. Peak, Mrs. Peak, Mrs. Rockwell, Prof. Rimbach with cornet solo.

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178A Tremont Street .-- A correspondent writes: A series of Sunday evening meetings was commenced on the 6th inst. at the office of Charles T. Wood, 178A. Tremont street, for the purpose of stimulating those I remost street, for the purpose of stimulating those interested in a higher spiritual development. An ad-dress was given and some discussion entered into con-cerning the possibilities and desirability of bringing into play, through astrological means and knowledge, the psychic forces for spiritual culture, healing the diseased in body and mind, and for other phenomena in the line of progression. Address next Sunday at 8 P. W. by Chas. T. Wood P. M., by Chas. T. Wood.

The Ladies' Spiritualistic Industrial Seciety, S. E. Appleton, Sec'y, writes, met at Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont street, Thursday, Oct. 8.

Business meeting at 4:30, Vice-President Jones in the chair.

Supper was served at 6:30. The evening meeting was opened with remarks by Capt. Holmes, followed with remarks and tests by Dr. Huot, Mrs. Julia Davis and others. In the luture supper will be served at 6:30,

Bed Men's Hall .- Mrs. Maggie Walte gave another of her successful and interesting seances Sunday evening. Among the prominent persons present were the Campbell Brothers from Chicago, who joined with others in congratulating her on the fine success

with which she is meeting in Boston. She attends the National Spiritualists' Association Convention at Washington, D. C. Sunday, Oct. 20, 1 she will resume her meetings in this hall.

Ragie Hall .- The usual services were successfully held with good attendance in this place Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 2, and Sunday, Oct. 6, the usual talent participating. We are sorry indeed to have to condense Friend "Hartwell" in this instance, but

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ety in Worcester, Mass., on Oct. 6.

of the best talent and awakened a great interest among all classes, and has wou praise even from dis-believers for his carnestness and devotion. He was imbued with Spiritualism at birth, for his mother was one of the ou-time, carnest and ever-sought mediums and lecturers, none other than Mary M somber Wood of renown, do-warker with Elizabeth Bliss, Lizzle Doten and Lits Barney Sayles.

#### The Veteran Spiritualists' Union. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The first public monthly meeting of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union for the season was held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, at Gould Hall, 3 Boylston place, Dr. H. B. Storer, presiding. Record of previous meeting was read and accepted.

The Longley Quartet sang, after which Mr. Rose, a native from the west coast of Africa, made an ad-drest, statug that he had been in Boston two months and was soliciting aid for his people in that far-off, benighted country. While here, under the guidauce of Mrs. Mary F. Lovering, he had visited several spir-itualistic meetings and had become much interested in what he had there seen and heard. He desired to learn more of our beautiful philosophy, and take this truth home to his people. In answer to President Storer, Mr. Rose said his people believed in immor-tality and a good portion in spirit-communion. The clerk read the report of the Ouset Camp-meet-ing, held in the interest of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, and Mrs. M. T. Longley read that of the Lake Pleasant camp. Both of these reports showed grand results. The Longley Quartet sang, alter which Mr. Rose, a

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President Storer thanked the committees for their successful labors. Mrs. M. T. Longley made the next address, and in closing announced the intention of herself and hus-band to visit the Pacific Coast and there remain for an indefinite time, stating that she would continue her official position as corresponding secretary until another year, and asking permission to appoint her assistant, if she needed one, which request was granted her. granted her.

granted her. Remarks, praiseworthy and encouraging, to 'Mr. and Mrs. Longley, were offered by President Storer, Eben Cobb, James H. Lewis and Mrs. C. P. Pratt of the Helping Hand Society. On motion of F. D. Edwards, a committee of two, Eben Cobb and Mrs. Pratt, was appointed to draft resolutions benitting the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Longley. The committee reported as follows: Reconced. It is with sincer a regrat that we have a the

Longrey. I the committee reported as follows: Resolved, It is with sincere regret that we learn of the intended departure, to a distant field of labor, of our sister and brother, Mary T. and O. Payson Longley, who have been so long co-workers with us. Reaizing the high proun-inence they have stained, and the sterling integrity and great devision they have ever manifested in their work, we feel the assurance that although we shall greatly feel the loss, others will in the same measure be blessed by their presence among them. It was

Voted, That the resolve be placed on the records of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, and a copy sent to the BANNER OF LIGHT and other spiritualistic papers

for publication. Mrs. Longley feelingly responded for herself and husband, and closed by thanking her friends and co-workers for this testimonial of their esteem.

Receipts of the evening, \$26, being \$6 for the sets of Veteran Spiritualists' Union tracts, sold at ten cents a set, \$13 for the home fund and \$7 for annual cents a set, \$13 for the nome memberships at \$1 each. WILLIAM H. BANKS, Clerk.

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#### Movements of Platform Lecturers. [Notices under this heading, to insure insertion the same week, must reach this office by Monday's mail.]

Mr. M. Knowles spoke in Chelses, Oct. 6; will be in Chelses Oct. 13. Would like to correspond with other societies for remarks and tests. Address 1138 Dor-chester avenue, Dorchester, Mass.

Dr. Lucy Barnicoat is at present at 609 Twentleth street, Denver, Col., but expects to return to Boston the coming winter. She would like to make engage-ments for lectures and platform tests with societies on the route eastward, for which purpose she may be addressed as above.

Mrs. Annie E. Cunningham will be at Marlboro, Ms. Mass., Dec. 1-8th; Marlboro, March 8 1896. Would be pleased to make other engagements for Nov. and Dec., also for 1896. Address Mrs. Annie E. Cunningham, 247 Columbus Avenue (Sulte 8), Boston, Mass.

Dr. C. W. Hidden of Newburyport, Mass., will lec-ture at South Deerfield. Oct. 13; at Springfield, Oct. 20, and will address the State Association Convention

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TO OUR ASCENDED WORKERS. LUTHER COLBY, MRS. CLARA H. BANKS,

of my month's engagement with the Spiritualist Soci-ety in Worcester, Mass., on Oct. 6. This Society has taken a beautiful new hall, and commenced the campaign on the first Sunday is face. of my month's engagement with the Spiritualist Soci-

The First Society of Spiritualists holds its meet-ings in Carnegie Music Hall Building, between 56th and 57th streets, on Seventh Avenue, entrance on 57th street, where the BANNER OF LIGHT can be had. Services Sundays, 16% A.M. and 7% F. M. Afternoon meetings for facts and phenomens at 2%. Henry J. Newton, President. Adaptible Hall Society has taken a beautiful new hall, and commenced the campaign on the first Sunday in Sep-tember with a beautiful address by George A. Fuller. My afternoon's subject was "How to Advance Spiritualism," and the leading thoughts presented will be seen in my article in the coming "Woman's Num-ber" of the BANNER OF LIGHT. be seen in my article in the coming "Woman's Num-ber" of the BANNER OF LIGHT. In the evening the theme was "The Natural and the Supernatural." In one sense there is no super-natural. for, according to the light of our time, the things fancied to be supernatural by the old theologi-ans as a direct revelation from God Almighty in the Hebrew Scriptures, the resurrection of the fleshly body of Jesus and the so-called miracles of him and his apostles, never transcended nature at all. Revelations from spirits come to persons now as well as to the old Jews; the fleshly body of Jesus never became alive again, and the "miracles" were all in accordance with natural forces, misunderstood in that ignorant age. age. In another sense, if supernaturalism is considered In another sense, it supernatura "ism is considered to be the inner and deeper aspect of what is perceived by the physical senses, then naturalism and super-naturalism are not antagonistic, but reciprocal. God, or infinite Life, is not separate from nature, but is in and through nature, and we may say with Robert Browning's "Pippa," "God is in his world: all is well."

Letter from Abby A. Judson.

Adelphi Hall, 524 Street, between Hroadway and 7th Avenue. — The Ethical Spiritualists' Society meets each Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7% P. M. Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, speaker. Meetings in Yonkers, N. Y. — Yonkers Spiritualist Society holds its meetings in the College of Music Hall, 14 Gettys Square, every Friday evening at 8. Alfred Andrews, Presi-dent; Titus Merritt, Secretary.

Carnegie Hall .-. "M. A. N." writes: The meetings at Carnegie Hall opened on Sunday, Sept. 15, with the accomplished scholar and speaker, Mr. Giles B. Stepbins, who occupied the platform for the remaining Sundays of the month.

No one can listen to Mr. Stebbins without be-No one can listen to Mr. Stebbins without be-ing not only greatly interested but instructed as well. Every discourse was listened to with marked atten-tion; but the one giving a history of "Witchcraft," going back two hundred years and over, was so filled with incidents, culled from reliable sources, that we hope Mr. Stebbins will soon prepare an article for publication embodying these historical accounts of the persecution and murder of the so-called witches—the mediums of bycome days

persecution and murder of the so-catted witches-the mediums of bygone days. We now have with us the wonderful medium, Mrs. J. J. Whitney, whose platform tests are most remark-able. She leaves this week for Washington. At the meeting this afternoon a hearty vote of thanks was extended to herself and guides, with the sincere wish that she speedily return to New York as soon as her duties in Washington are fulfilled. She is a delegate from the Pasific coast to the Convention.

from the Pacific coast to the Convention. Mrs. Rogers, wife of Dr. Henry Rogers, the me-dium, also gave excellent tests. Every name given was recognized, as well as circumstances attending, the passing away of the spirit from earth. Law Sun-day was her first appearance before the public as a the passing away of the spirit from earth. Law Sun-day was her first appearance before the public as a platform test medium. Her success is assured in that line. Mr. Stryker, recently from California, was pres-ent, and also gave very satisfactory tests. Mrs. Gage, from Chicago, rendered additional inter-est to the meeting. Several years have passed since she was last with us, and the announcement that she was as the hold colled out a hearty gracting. She

was in the hall called out a hearty greeting. She kindly consented to favor us with an exhibition of her mediumship — which is singing in Italian — in a very accomplished manner. In her normal state she knows not a word of the Italian language. She also plays her own accompaniment. Prof. W. F. Peck to-day [Oct. 6] commenced a three

months' engagement with our Society. He is a very earnest worker in the cause of Spiritualism, a forcible speaker, having the happy faculty of presenting his ideas in a manner to be perfectly comprehended by his listeners.

his listeners. The subject of the morning discourse was "The Angel and the Demon in Man," showing that we have the power within to make ourselves either good or the opposite, as we call to our aid the angels of light and wisdom, or by leading a purely selfish life attract the lower or undeveloped spirits. The subject of the evening discourse was "The Vicarious Atonement." Next Sunday aiternoon there will be an exhibition of the type-writing phenomena in our hall, through the mediumship of Dr. Henry Bogers. This will be the first public exhibition of this wonderful manifes-tation of spirit-power.

Dr. Henry Siade in Saratoga.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

This veteran in the Cause of Spiritualism has been in Saratoga for several days past, and has given many séances in that wonderful phenomenon of slate-writ-

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Danielson .- "Phœnix" writes: Mr. J. Frank Baxter opened the new course of fall and winter lectures on and demonstrations of Spiritualism, planned for Danielson, Conn., and under the auspices of Mr. DeLoss Wood, on last Friday evening, 4th inst.

A large audience assembled for an opening night, and what with that and the outstanding subscription and what with that and the outstanding subscription and course tickets taken, the prospect of success is assured. Mr. Baxter was exceedingly well-liked when here last whiter, but on this occasion he far excelled any previous effort here. The lecture was fine and well adapted to the critical andience as-sembled, and aroused much thought and discussion. Mr. Baxter's singling was highly appreciated, and his descriptive scance of one hour, in which twenty tell-ing delineations were given, was wonderful and most puzzling to skeptics. Mr. Baxter will appear again, during the course, in January, 1896. Mrs. Helen T. Brigham is announced to give the second lecture, with improvisations. Mr. Wood is a young and active mas, thoroughly wedded to the Cause, and works assiduously in its in

wedded to the Cause, and works assiduously in its in-terest. He has, by his arduousness, presented some

nai speaker and p test medium, would like to make engagements for the coming season of '95 and '96. Can be addressed at 27 Albion street, Roxbury, Mass., where she will be pleased to meet all her old friends.

Mr. J. Frank Baxter opened the new course of lec-tures for the season of 95 and '96 in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday evening, Oct. 6, under the auspices of the Woman's Progressive Union, in a new hall just com-pleted and leased to the Union, at 527 Franklin ave-nue, Mr. Baxter's address till Oct. 26 will be 1024 Bedford avenue. He will lecture in Brooklyn every Sunday evening of this month. Sunday evening of this month.

W. J. Colville's lectures in Denver, Col., on Sunday, Sept. 29 (three in number), called together some of the largest audiences ever gathered on the spiritual rostrum in that city. The atternoon and evening dis-courses were given in Martine's Hall (one of the finest in the city) under the auspices of the Spiritual Church, of which Dr. Beckwith Eweil is pastor. W. J. Col-rille is now in Los Angeles, Cal. ville is now in Los Augeles, Cal.

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#### SPIRIT-MESSAGES, GIVEN THROUGH THE TRANCE MEDIUMSHIP OF



MRS. B. F. SMITH.

Report of Séance held April 12, 1895. Spirit Invocation.

Ohi thou great Ordainer of Life, in whom we move and have our existence, we would come to thee asking once again that the bright messengers may be sent out from home to home, touching some hearts, that they may know their loved ones are with them still. We thank thee, our Father, for the sunshine in our pathway; we thank thee for the many mercles thou hast shown to us as thy children. Our blessings are many; out of the great storehouse thou hast given freely unto thy children of earth.

The term has been often used "dead"; it is not death only passing on; and may the day hasten when that term may be used no more, and the feeling that overshadows us may be done away. Then may we understand that thou great Father, loving Mother, dost give unto thy children day by day, hour by hour, of the blessings we so much crave. We would ask that blessings attend us not only at this hour but evermore and all humanity at large.

JOHN PIERPONT. INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES.

#### Wilson Hamden.

Good morning, friends, for such we claim to be with you. We have a feeling that you are friends with us; it matters not of the kinship; we stop not for that, but where the law of at-

anything that is told you from our life, we can't expect you will learn anything, and certainly it is a little strange if you can't believe what we say. Why do you not believe what we tell you from our life? Ignorance, early teachings, some do n't want to overcome them, others try to; when they try they will succeed. Oh! I never could see where we got any happiness in believing, or even feeling that this was the end of our friends. There was always. a feeling overshadowed me, they must be near us, but where I did n't know. Now I know more of the eternal life; but bear with me, there's a great chance for me to improve; it is

life These loving words, in all kindness do I speak them. I know that the Reeds will be glad to read them, and ponder well.

an eternity of learning in the great school of

Elisha J. Reed, Crawfordville, Ga.

#### Volney Lincoln Fuller.

I am very thankful that I am invited to re port here. When I was mortal, though but a young boy, I knew I possessed medial powers, and I made use of them to my people. Father and mother realized I possessed mediumistic powers, and knew when I would say: I see such a one coming, I see another and another, they knew well I spoke the truth. It was a great comfort, a great happiness to me, to know I could see these people and hear the voices while I was in the flesh, though but a young boy, just entering my teens; these gifts, talents, were bestowed upon me at my birth. In the place where I lived, it was talked of much. Oh! how it aided me 'when I knew I should pass into the higher life; I did n't fear-no, for those people were as real to me at times as my own dear father and mother. Though the hearts would bleed for me, knowing I must go -I was an invalid for some years, yet I tried to be patient-it was for the knowledge I possessed; and when I would hear people speak of the spirits, the feeling would come over me, they don't know much what they are talking about, the idea they put forth would be so vague. I suppose, Mr. Chairman, because I realized more then I can see now it was so, but in mortal I did n't know; through all, my sufferings seemed to be alleviated by somebody; mother would say to me, "Are you tired, dear boy?" and father would say, "Vollie, how do you feel to day?" They would ask me these questions, and it was such a help to me, knowing somebody was with me from the other life. Sometimes it was no one I knew; sometimes I would hear voices and did n't know whose they were; I did n't always speak of it, vet it was a great comfort and it was a happiness to me.

Grandma Fuller is here, and wishes to be remembered. I do come, dear father, into the meetings where you are; yes, I find you at these places, and sometimes you get tired. weary with mortals; but look higher; up the golden rounds of the ladder will we walk together when the time shall come for you to lay off this mortal form, and your boy shall come to meet and greet you; father, mother, we will all be reunited in that great reunion. Then when that period shall come when the father of us all shall move the veil with his own hand, will you be glad that I passed on young, for I have escaped many wrongs, many temptations that others have been drawn into.

Dear father, mother, loving friends all, I send these warm words and greetings to you. In Newburyport I passed away, and I love to visit there, I love to go into the home and hear what our life that gather here from time to time to | may be spoken. Sometimes deep is the inspiration given out; and, dear friends, remember this: I will aid you all it is possible for an immortal to. We are never idle nor silent, but active, living entities. You must know now that I am not the young boy I was when I passed on-educated more than I could be here. Yes, I have an interest in science, and scientific questions I love to hear explained. I attend lectures in the lecture halls, and gain a great deal from them. Only a short time since 1 was attending a lecture in Mulford Hall in spirit, and the subject was, "Spirit," that we have no right to make a demand upon anybody else as spirit, but we have upon our own. Then we know the you is not the you of yesterday-there is none; it is to-day. But I thought, while I listened to those words, I. wished that you could have been there to listen, too, dear father. Sometime I will come into communication with you, privately; but you know I am with you, for you sense me so clearly in the home. It isn't as though you did n't know I lived and came into the home. your boy, the same as when mortal, only more of a realization than it could have been in the flesh.

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS GIVEN THROUGH THE MEDIUMBHIP OF



#### W. J. COLVILLE.

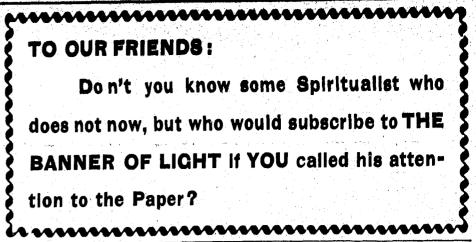
QUES.-[By W. H. Aaron on, Denver, Col.] Men have more strength, women more endurance. Why? ANS .- The questioner takes it for granted that strength and endurance can be determined by sex, but with this assumption we cannot fully coincide, as there are many cases to be brought forward in a fair discussion of the subject which will support a contrary conclusion. Men and women do certainly differ in certain organic particulars, but sex does not determine either strength or endurance, for both can be increased by exercise, and diminished or sub versed by inactivity or an anti-hygienic man. ner of existence.

Until very recently coëducation has been little more than an enthusiast's dream of a future civilization, but now that colleges are opening their doors everywhere to young women as well as to young men, and the same curriculum is established for both, an opportunity is opening for an entire reconsideration of the sex question from a new standpoint.

If such seats of learning as Harvard undertake to graduate female professors in all scientific as well as other branches of learning, it will not be long before a conclusive test of comparative mental strength and endurance can be applied, and we venture to affirm that the old belief in dissimilarity occasioned by sex will surely vanish by the middle of the twentieth century at latest.

On the purely physical plane of expression there are no solid grounds for maintaining that boys are stronger and girls more enduring. though there are certain patient, matherly qualities which grow up in women as they ap proach maturity and dwell on the thought of maternity, which cause them oftentimes to live a more interior, and therefore a more enduring, life than their brothers, who are strain. ing every nerve in the excited arena of business conflict.

In the case of women who are neither mothers, nurses, nor in any sense the special guardians of young children, the faculty of endurans of young children, the faculty of endur-ance is often no greater than that displayed in loving remembrance of her. Though her by men in similar positions, especially when the type of women considered is the so called "new" woman, though the best type of newest womanhood is fully described in the thirty first chapter of Proverbs, which dates back traditionally to the days of Solomon. Training has much to do with the expression or retirement of certain faculties. Boys are generally called upon to exercise strength at an early age, and in consequence of their games and special exercises they develop muscle, and are therefore better adapted to do heavy manual work than their sisters. Girls, being generally required to attend to the duties of a household, are brought up to endure more protracted effort without fatigue, but their special engagements do not call into exercise those particular faculties of which boys are often so extremely proud. Whenever the necessity arises for women to exercise great physical strength, nature brings a supply to meet the demand, and likewise when occasion calls on men to develop great powers of endurance, they can rise to cope with the emergency.



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interpreted, will prevent all mediums in that State from holding scances on Sunday evening, where a fee is taken. These facts show the necessity of prompt action on the part of Spir-itualists, and we believe that the Massachusetts State Spiritualist Association has come into the field none too soon. In all of its labors in behalf of the people it will receive the loyal support of the National Spiritualists' Associa

Another case in point here. The United States postal laws are so framed as to make it a felony for clairvoyant physicians to advertise in the papers. Dr. J. C. Batdorf of Grand Rapids, Mich., was recently made the subject of a cruel attack from the prejudiced authorities, and is now awaiting the action of the grand jury to answer the crime of doing good to his fellow-men. Judges upon the bench have held it to be prima facie evidence of fraud and guilt for a person to claim to do that which the world holds to be manifestly impos sible. They also refused to receive the testi mony of forty reliable witnesses in behalf of a prisoner ostensibly being tried for a violation of the postal laws, but in reality under trial for the crime of mediumship. In so refusing the judges preferred to decide the case accord ing to their own prejudices, rather than in ac-cordance with the law and the facts. The National Spiritualists' Association is a

medium through which measures can be taken to secure the repeal or amendment of all such iniquitous laws by the moral force of legal or-

ganization, backed up by numbers. We are here called upon to chronicle one of the saddest episodes in the history of the Na-tional Spiritualists' Association. It is the sudden and entirely unexpected transition of Mrs. Olive A. Blodgett of Davenport, Iowa, which occurred Dec. 7, 1894. Mrs. Blodgett became a member of the Board of Trustees in the sum mer of 1894, and entered into the work of the National Spiritualists' Association with a zeal born of true devotion to principle. She was a delegate to the first Convention, and seemed imbued with the spirit of the occasion. Re turning to her home in Davenport, Iowa, she still labored for the interest of the National Spiritualists' Association, and the following year the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association, through her efforts, applied for a char-ter. Mrs. Blodgett was well known as an in dependent slate writer. She was an indefati gable worker, and was Secretary of the Wo-man's Independent Union, connected with the camp from the time of its formation, as well as one of the Board of Directors of the same camp. Possessing great executive ability, her services were of no little value to the National Spiritualists' Association, and her passing out was a great loss to it, as well as to all who had the interests of Spiritualism at heart.

At the Convention in Washington she rendered effective service. Just before leaving Washington, turning to the friends who had gathered at the dépôt to say "good-bye," she said, "You will not need me in January, but I will be with you in spirit." So she was. A few weeks afterward she was taken ill with pneumonia, and passed to the higher life. In a prominent place in the offices of the Associa-

National Spiritualists' Association. | pravity. Through Secretary Woodbury, the preachers and their followers in Greenville were made to feel the moral force of the Na-tional Spiritualists' Association, hence were led to desist from their designs on Dr. Babcock.

We have already adverted to the serious ill-ness of the President of the National Spiritual-ists' Association. During the nine weeks of his enforced illness the missionary work did not languish. Early in the winter Mrs. M. E. Cad-wallader, one of the Honorary Vice Presidents of the National Spiritualists' Association, entered the field as a missionary. In the month of February, she visited many of the leading cities and towns of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, laboring earnestly in behalf of the Associa-tion. She seemed utterly impervious to cold and exposure, and was only conscious of the needs of the Association. When she heard of the illness of Mr. Barrett, she redoubled her efforts, feeling that the principles of the National Spiritualists' Association should be kept before the people. In March we find her in Massachusetts, laboring with the friends there in behalf of persecuted mediums and in an endeavor to secure the passage of a law which would enable Spiritualists to be married without having recourse to ministers of other denominations to perform the ceremony, as is now the case in Massachusetts. She also did all in her power to prevent the passage of the puritanical Sunday law, to which we have already referred. In all of her efforts in Massachusetts she worked with, and was seconded in her work by, the BANNER OF LIGHT. With pen and voice, she kept the living is-

sues of the day prominently before the people. Her vigorous protests and earnest appeals did much to arouse the people, and cement them together in loyal support of the National Spiritualists' Association. At the opening of the camp meetings, this past summer, Mrs. Cadwallader again took up her labors, visiting Clinton, Ia., Chesterfield, Ind., Lake Brady, O., Cassadaga, N. Y. Lake Pleasant and Onset, Mass., Queen City, Vt., and Etna, Me. At all these places she made earnest addresses, appealing to the hearts and purses of her hearers to support the National Spiritualists' Association, and at every camp was successful Goodly sums were paid in and transmitted by her to Treasurer Mayer. This fact shows her deep interest in the cause, and desire to make the National Spiritualists' Association a success.

Behind her is an earnest band of spiritworkers impelling her forward in her work. The arisen ones bid her persevere, regardless of blame or censure, in her noble endeavors to secure the rights of our mediums. Mrs. Cadwallader seemed from the first to have realized and appreciated the vast importance of a National organization, for business purposes only, and the necessity of its generous support. She rendered such effective service at the Convention in Chicago, that she was unanimously chosen as a nominee for the office of trustee, but withdrew her name in favor of a candidate from the Pacific Coast, saying she would work ust as heartily for the success of the Association as if she were a member of the Board. She has not sought place or preferment for her-self-always desiring to be known as a worker, rather than as an officer. How well Mrs. Cad-wallader has kept her pledge may be judged by the work she has accomplished as the mission-

traction brings us. So I come into this Circle Room, to be one of the large assembly from give out some word, some truth of their existence and of immortality. Not only that, but some sympathetic word, some word of encouragement, that mortals so much need through this uneven journey of life, for, Mr. Chairman, I call it a very uneven journey, and I think I knew something of it when in mortal; my memory serves me well as to the past.

While I have been a listener here, I have felt often that I would like to take part, and as the permission has been given to me to-day, I am privileged to come into communication with my friends, knowing this good paper-"the clean sheet," as it is termed-goes all over the land, not only because I myself am benefited, but others may be; as has been often said, no message is given but some one may gain some light by it, some may be made happier for the words that are spoken here.

Sarah is here with me; she spoke to me just now. It is just the same with us when we are upon the earth plane as it is with you: we are of the earth earthy when we come here; but when we go into our spirit-homes we leave this earthly feeling behind; we cannot take it with us.

In Pocasset I think they have not forgotten me quite; some few, I think, remember Wilson Hamden; certainly I have not been gone so long that I need be forgotten by all; but when mortal little would I believe we could return and speak in this way, although I had heard of appear in due order on our sixth page: spirit-communion; but when you say to me, did I believe it? I did, but I did n't acknowledge as much, and I find a great many in the same way. same way.

Hoping these words will do a little good

Hoping these words will do a little good somewhere, I am glad to leave them; wherever I can have an influence for good, then will I do so.
Wilson Hamden, Pocasset, Mass.
Elisha J. Reed.
Friends, sister, brother, for such I will class you to day, for I address you with these feel-ings of brotherly love while I am permitted to speak to you here, although many miles away was the form laid — but I find it matters not in regard to that. I have heard my name
Hay 3.— V. John J. Ewell; Willie Hazen; Frances H. Far-rar; Frank A. Ely; Clarissa Morse; Prof. Henry Kiddle; Abigal Greenwood; Gerite Booth. May 10.—Elvira W. Ruggles; Philip Richardson; James W. Adams; Wille E. Bushuell; Mary Jane Severance; Mary Hardy; Lillian Louise Blood; Louisa Proctor. May 17.—Caroline Todd; Ellhu N. Taylor; Mary Ann Un-derwood; Lewis B. Fish; Laura Lorania Menduin; Hattie P. Griffin; Henry M. Pitman; Nona Bell. May 31.—Frank Buchanan; Sarah Bidwell; Joseph Dil-lingham; Gertie Greenleaf; Joseph H. Livingston; Judge Vane 7.—Julia M. Dodd; Hattie E. Meech; Dr. J. F. Moses; William H. Barnes; Frankle Kimbal; Callsta Works; War ren Chase; George Wiley; Laura A. Peters; Jonathan J. Gloyed. was the form laid — but 1 find it matters not in regard to that. I have heard my name spoken many times in thought, for thought is spirit, spirit is thought, and the question has been asked mentally, Why do not some of the Reeds make themselves known as well as many others? Yes, not only in Crawfordville, Ga., but in other surroundings have I heard the but in other surroundings, have I heard the question asked, Where are they all-so many who have crossed the portal? James, I have heard you ask the question many times, sending out this thought-where are they? where's Aunt Sally, where's Elisha, where is Lizzie? and many others have you asked about.

We all have our mission, and there are many who attend these circles, like myself, who prefer to listen to what others might say, instead of taking a part. I question often when will the time come when mortals shall realize more of our companionship than they do to day? The question has been often asked by mortals, Where are they? This eternal silence! It seems as though it would break my heart. I have heard these words spoken, yes, and since lightened on that; but if you will not believe vigor, strength and health restored to the body.

Volney Lincoln Fuller, Newburyport, Mass.

#### 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

April 12 [Continued].-Mrs. W. H. Goward; Annie L. Morse; Abbie Newcomb; Gorham Leland; Rhoda H. Du-rel].

May 3.-Dr. John J. Ewell: Willie Hazen: Frances H. Far

The list of promised messages having grown somewhat lengthy, we forbear to continuously repeat the names so often published; but these communications-here unmen tioned-will appear in their order as to time.

#### Worthy Your Confidence.

The success of Hood's Sarsaparilla in conquering scrofula in whatever way it may manifest itself is vouched for by thousands who were severely afflicted by this prevalent disease, but who now rejoice over a permanent cure by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Scrofula may appear as a humor, or it may attack the glands of the neck, or break out in dreadful running sores on the body or limbs. Attacking the mucous membrane, it may develop into catarrh, or lodging in the lungs. lead to consumption. Come as it may, a faithful course I passed the portal termed death. Friends, if of treatment with Hood's Sarsaparilla will overcome you will try to learn, investigate; you won't | it, for working upon the foundation of all diseases, ask these questions, because you can be en. | impure blood, the system is clarified and vitalized, and

The chief difference between a typical man and a typical woman is that the man usually reasons a matter out before he realizes it emotionally, while a woman feels it in her affections, or institutively perceives it before her intellect has grappled with it.

The same mental possibilities are in men and women equally, but in man the external degree of the mind is usually most in evidence, while in all truly motherly women the interior plane takes precedence.

#### Throat Comfort.

Best at night; freedom from drypess, and all tickling sensations may be secured by a small dose of Adam-son's Botanic Cough Balsam. Public speakers, sing-ers, and professional men, find it of great use. Sweet and pleasant to the taste. Sold everywhere.

#### New Publications.

A NEW DEPARTURE. By W. K. M. Cloth, pp. 244. Boston: Arena Publishing Co.

Here is a book which marks a new epoch in religious thought, dealing in an original way with vexed questions in theology and science. It introduces a set of symbols, by which is shown a new interpretation of the Scriptures. The subjects treated are of great diversity, the origin of evil, life after death, the phenomena of clairvoyance, somnambulism and mesmerism. A new theory of the solar universe is included in a chapter on the creation. The work also deals with the six thousand years of creation and with prehistoric man on the Western Hemisphere. The book is entitled to careful reading, and although it will cause a good deal of comment, it should not be condemned because it is new and speculative.

A MORMON WIFE. By Grace Wilbur Trout. Paper, pp. 108. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr &

This is a somewhat improbable story of Mormon life, wherein a child makes a vow to her dying mother that she will have nothing to do with polygamy. The improbability lies in the fact that the child continues to live among the Mormons, enters into all their conditions, marries a Mormon, but when her husband wishes to take wife No. 2, the first wife kills herself and children-a deed she had no right to commit under any circumstances. A scene with Elder Taylor shows marked individuality of character.

CAMBRIDGE. MASS., Sept. 16, 1895 .- Miss S. Silvery, of 2547 Massachusetts Avenue, writes: "I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla as a blood purifier, and it has done me a great deal of good."

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills.

tion is a beautiful p am, her last gift to the As connection with the National Spiritualists' Association was of short duration, the officers feel deeply the loss of her presence.

Some two months later the angel of death laid his hand softly upon the brow of Mrs. Marion H. Skidmore, and she was called to the higher life. Mrs. Skidmore was one of the Honorary Vice Presidents of the National Spir itualists' Association, as well as a former Trustee. She was well known throughout the country for her earnest work in the cause of Spiritualism, and was lovingly called the "Mother of Cassadaga" because of her devotion to that camp. Mrs. Skidmore was also interested in Southern Cassadaga Camp, and was taken ill while at that place. Loving hands were at her service, and she was tenderly cared tor, hoping she would recover, but in vain. Trusting the journey could be successfully carried out, and in obedience to her earnest wish, she started on her homeward journey. When Cincinnati was reached it was found impossible to pro-ceed, and she was taken to the home of Mrs. R. S. Lillie, where she entered into rest, surrounded by sorrowing friends. Mrs. Skidmore needs no written words to endear her to the memory of the Spiritualists. Her monument is the remembrance of the kind deeds written on the hearts of those who knew and loved her. The National Spiritualists' Association lost a stanch friend in the passing out of Mrs. Skidmore.

During the year 1894-5 the office work at the National Spiritualists' Association has steadily increased. Secretary Woodbury informs us that he has had his hands full in attending to the voluminous correspondence. News agencies, writers for such periodicals as the Forum and Arena, have sought information in regard to the standing of Spiritualism in this country. Ministers of various sectarian denominations have sought to inform themselves in regard to it. These facts go to show that the organization of the National Spiritualists' Association has brought Spiritualism into prominence and given it a higher standing in the minds of both its friends and enemies than it has ever held before. It also shows that there is a greater desire for information in regard to spiritual matters generally than was ever before known. That the Spiritualists now have a central office to which the seekers for facts in regard to Spiritualism can go, is a matter for sincere congratulation, and it is to be seen that the National Spiritualists' Association in this respect fills a long felt want. The officers have all been kept busy, and from present appearances it looks as if it will not be long before the Secretary will need a permanent assistant. The present year has been signalized by an aggressive line of work in the columns of the Spiritualist papers. Secretary Woodbury has sent out such circulars as he has had at hand to individual correspondents, and has endeavored to keep the general public posted as to the work of the National Spiritualists' Association through the columns of the Spiritualist

It is but right to state here that from the first the Spiritualist press has endeavored to award generous treatment to the National Spiritualists' Association and its advocates. The columns of the several papers have at all times been open to the President and Secretary, from whose pens one or more articles each week found their way into print for the enlightenment of the public.

Secretary Woodbury had an interesting experience in connection with the Orthodox ministers in Greenville, S. C. One of our Spirit-ualist lecturers, Dr. P. P. Babcock, who is one of the Honorary Trustees of the National Spiritualists' Association for the State of North Carolina, attempted to speak in Greenville. The Christian clergy and their followers warned the doctor to leave town, under the penalty of death. This he refused to do, and telegraphed the National Spiritualists' Association for advice. He was advised to stand his ground, unless in imminent danger. He did so. The clergy denounced him and preached sermons against the Secretary of the National Spiritualists' Association on several occasions, as one of the emissaries of his Satanio Majesl ty, in propagating the doctrine of man's de-

ary and trusted special agent of tion.

The National Spiritualists' Association may be regarded as very fortunate in its selection of such a worthy representative, so thoroughly equipped is Mrs. Cadwallader for the work, by a good business education, and much experience as a practical publisher and maker of books. She can always command a respect-ful hearing from the multitude, but, best of all, she has won the commendation and grati-tude of Spiritualists who are the friends of the National organization, by her faithful devotion to the work and loyalty to the cause she represents.

The work of the National Spiritualists' Association in regard to the subject of ordination has already been mentioned. Early in the spring the President and Secretary issued a circular letter cautioning all societies to exercise great care in selecting candidates for ordination, and citing some necessary legal steps in connection with the subject. This circular was warmly approved by the leading Spiritualists in England and America, and was published in full in the Spiritualist papers, with favorable comments upon the same

At the April meeting of the Board it was decided to conduct a vigorous campaign at all of the Spiritualist camps. Mrs. Richmond was instructed to issue a camp circular, called the National Messenger, for free distribution at the various camps. Fifty thousand copies of this circular were issued, and they were distributed at every camp in the United States. It was well written, and briefly called attention to the fact that the National Spiritualists' Association had accomplished fourteen things during the twenty months of its existence. We deem these points of interest, and introduce them in order that our readers may fix them in their memories.

WHAT THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALISTS' ASSO-CIATION HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

First, It has shown that ORGANIZATION is a necessity for Spiritualists.

Second, It has obtained a hearing for Spiritualism before the courts, in the celebrated Emerson case, that it would otherwise never have received.

Third, It has enabled Spiritualism to enter the World's Congress of Religions, and be recorded there as one of the religions of the world.

Fourth. It has united the Spiritualist Societies of the land, and placed them in touch one with another, thereby creating a better state of feeling among Spir-itualists throughout the United States.

Fifth, It has obtained reliable statistics in regard to the number of Spiritualist Societies, Camp-Meeting Associations, mediums and speakers, membership of local societies in the United States, so that the friends

local societies in the United States, so that the friends and enemies of Spiritualism can easily ascertain its exact standing in this country. Sixth, It has opened correspondence with leading Spiritualists in all quarters of the globe, and given the world much valuable information in regard to its standing in foreign countries.

Seventh. It has established a fund for the defense of mediums who have been unjustly prosecuted in the name of the law, and has sounded the alarm all along name of the law, and has sounded the alarm all along the line, wherever unjust legislation against Spiritu-alists has been attempted in different States. It has urged cooperation in the defence of persecuted medi-ums, and led all Spiritualists to aid it in this most worthy object. Etghth. It sounded the alarm when Christians at-tempted to introduce the Orthodox God in the CON-STITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, and induced the Spiritualists of the country to remonstrate vigor-ously against such an innovation.

ously against such an innovation

Ninth, It has, through its missionaries and liberal advertising, awakened an interest in Spiritualism in the minds of those who have hitherto failed to notice its sublime philosophy and wonderful phenomena. Tenth. It has made Spiritualism a legally incorpo-rated religious association, under the laws of the Dis-trict of Columbia with power to hold and our pre-

trict of Columbia, with power to hold and own property for religious purposes in every State in the

Eleventh. It has, through its incorporation, placed Elevena, it has, through its incorporation, placed Spiritualism on equal footing before the courts with every religious body in Christendom. Tweifth. It has shown that the aggregation of num-bers proves the strength of Spiritualists, and demon-

strates their ability to demand and receive their rights under the law.

Thirteenth, It has given the right hand of fellowship to every medium who has been unjustly arrested and given such aid as was in its power to extend, always stating that the lack of funds prevented it from

Fourteenth, It has established centrally located and well-appointed headquarters in sight of the National Capital buildings at Washington, D. C., which have-been visited by some of the most prominent people in.

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volume. This month marks the centenary of Keats, and there are several articles on the poet. Kenyon West writes of "Keats in Hampstead." Henry Van Dyke furnishes a study of "The Influence of Keats" on English and American poetry. There are also several tributes to E. J. Glave, the young explorer who died a few months ago in Africa. Robert Howard Russell contributes a paper on Glave's career, and Richard Watson Gilder makes his untimely death the subject of a sonnet. Prof. Cæsare Lombroso has an essay on "Nordau's 'Degeneration'; Its Value and Its Errors." There is a second and concluding paper by Miss Anna L. Bicknell on "Life in the Tuileries Under the Second Empire," full of lively anecdotes of Eugénie and the ladies of her court. Prof. Sloane's "Life of Napoleon" reaches the period of the execution of the Duc d'Enghlen. There is a study of "The Marriage Rate of College Women," by Miss Milicent W. Shinn. It is reinforced with carefully compiled statistics, and is in a line with recent discussion. Mrs. Anna Bowman Dodd writes of "A Cruise on the Norfolk Broads." Besides the concluding chapters of Marion Crawford's dramatic novel, "Casa Braccio," the fiction of the number is contributed by George A. Hibbard, Ruth McEnery Stuart and George Wharton Edwards. The Century Co., New York.

United States Army, Major-General Nelson A. Miles, has a faithful full-length portrait in full uniform in the latest number. He also forms the "Human Documents" article. James Creelman writes a fine paper on the "London Times"; Anthony Hope has a story, "The Crime of Count Nikolas"; "Railroadiug Over an Earthquake" is by Cy Warman; "Grant and Lincoln in Bronze" shows how the great Brooklyn arch was constructed; Gen. John M. Thayer writes of "Grant at Pilot Knob"; Stanley J. Weyman has a story, "The Cat and the King"; James R. Gilmore ("Edmund Kirke") writes of "The New York Tribune in the Draft Riots"; John Gilmer Speed has a sketch of the "Real John Keats." Ian Maclaren has a story, "A Master of Deceit"; "Closing the New York Saloons on Sunday" is from the pen of none other than Theodore Roosevelt, the man of whom the people are now talking so much. A picture of Anthony Hope is an added pleasure to the cover. S. S.

cellent articles in the current number "The Strike in the Choir," by R. J. Burdette, will please to a great degree. Editor Bok writes on "Where American Life Really Exists." Ruth Ashmore, always entertaining in her line, has a paper, "The Girl and Her Church." "The Dream Ship," a beautiful poem by Eugene Field, makes an attractive first page. "What Constantia Did Not Know," is by R. C. V. Meyers. The fashion and home departments are well cared for by Emma M. Hooper, Isabel A. Mallon, Maria Parloa, Eben E. Rexford, and Ruth Ashmore. "Suggestions for Mothers" is one of the best features of this periodical, and is in charge of Elizabeth Robinson Scovil. There is nothing lacking to make the number of great value to all classes of readers. The Curtis Pub. Co., Philadelphia. Pa.

by S. Birch Gourley, is a fine descriptive poem which cannot fail to find favor with believers in Spiritualism. "Spiritualism for Our Children" is another article of benefit. Coral A. Thomas writes "A Memory" in verse. The horoscopic papers are timely and interesting, and one can learn a great deal from them. "Zalene Criticised" is continued as a serial. F. E. Ormsbey, Chicago, Ill.

ceived (September) has a paper, "Curious Facts of Psychology," by Editor Hunt; A. F. Colborne has an article, "Spiritualism; Some Thoughts and Sympathies"; A. F. Tindall writes on "The Laws of Mediumship." There are many other interesting papers.

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Peakers. During the year 1894-5 the National Spiritu-Alists' Association has about doubled its mem-bership, and is receiving applications for obar-ters nearly every week. This shows that or-ganic effort has steadily gained ground in the United States, and is now firmly entrenched in the confidence of the people. The following societies are now connected with the National Spiritualists' Association, numbering in the erder named: order named:

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First Church of Spiritualists, Allegheny, Pa.
Progressive Spiritualist Society of Spiritualists, Cincinnati, O.
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First Spiritual Society, Ortland, Me.
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N. Y. Woman's Benevolent Aid Society, St. Louis, Mo. First National Society Spiritual Friends of Progress. St. Louis Spiritual Association, First Spiritual Church, Baltimore, Md. Religio-Philosophical Society, Baltimore, Md. Spiritual Research Society, Dunkirk, Ind. First Philosophical Society of Liberals and Truth Seekers. Butte. Neb.

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ciation, and the result of their united efforts was a generous sum for the funds of the Na-tional Spiritualists' Association. Nor were the other camps behind in their contributions, and many were the words spoken to arouse the interest of the people in the organization, which, while it left the individual at liberty as far as a creed was concerned, yet was formed for the purpose of defeating adverse legislation consist the mediums and Spirituality of the against the mediums and Spiritualists of the country.

Most of the camps granted special days to the representatives of the National Spiritual-ists' Association, and Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, who was appointed the special agent of the Association at the camps, informed us that everywhere the people showed their desire to help along the good work. Very little opposi-tion of any kind was encountered, and the officers have reason to congratulate themselves upon the results of the season.

upon the results of the season. We feel that a few words in regard to the officers of the Association would be of interest to our readers. The President, Mr. H. D. Bar-rett, is a young man, but he has been an ear-nest Spiritualist for more than fifteen years. He is a native of Maine, and a graduate of the Unitarian Theological School of Meadville, Pa. He hear investigating Spiritualism at the age He began investigating Spiritualism at the age of seventeen, and became a firm believer in its teachings. Although educated for the ministry he did not forget Spiritualism, and finding that he was not able to reconcile Spiritualism and the tenets of the Unitarian church, he resumed his profession of teaching. President Barrett has a world-wide reputation as the efficient Chairman of Cassadaga Camp, which position he has filled for the past seven years, and it was due to this fact that he was elected Chairman of the Chicago Convention. As a writer he is well known, many trenchant articles ap-pearing from his pen in the columns of the Spiritualist papers. As a speaker he is eloquent

Spiritualist papers. As a speaker he is eloquent and possessed of wonderful power. Mr. Barrett was but a boy when his medium-ship was unfolded to him, yet none of those who take pride in the fact that they have been a Spiritualist of forty years' standing have more reason to be proud of their record than he. The reader will see, in glancing over this history of the National Spiritualists' Associa-tion, how much the Spiritualists of America are indebted to him for the earnest work he has indebted to him for the earnest work he has done in behalf of our Cause. When he was sent as a delegate from the S. E. P. Union of Lily Dale to the Chicago Convention, he little realized that at its close he would be the unanimous choice of that Convention for President of the National Spiritualists' Association. As Chairman of that Convention his ability

was made apparent, and it was indeed a fitting tribute to his worth, when, without a dissent ing voice, he was elected President of the first delegate Convention of Spiritualists of Amer-

ica. That he was imbued with the importance of his position can best be expressed in his own words, which are an extract from his address upon accepting the position of permanent Chairman of the Convention:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: 1 thank you for the great honor you have here conferred upon me. To be elected permanent Chairman of the first delegate Convention ever held in the history of our glorious Cause, is indeed an honor that cannot fail to appreciate. I am deeply impressed with the fact that there are many here who have toiled for years in the service of Spiritualism, whose lives are replete with good works, and whose souls are stored with wis-dom, gained through bitter experiences and suffering along life's toilsome journey, and to be called to preside over the deliberations of such an assemblace carries with it a sense of such an assemblage carries with it a sense of the grave responsibility attached to the omotion. The magnitude of the task set before us need not be enlarged upon by me. We all feel the units of the situation, and, I trust, have mond, has been before the Spiritualist public to the situation of the situation world that we are endeavoring to embody the great principles of right and justice, upon which Spiritualism rests, in our every day lives. "'In union there is strength,' and by thus uniting we shall have the power of concen-trated efforts, through which we can advance more rapidly as a people, and also have a business contre, from which shall emanate no dictations in regard to what people shall think, say or do, but helpful information in regard to the progress of Spiritualism throughout the world. "We are asked if Spiritualism is a religion. If not, what excuse have we for existence as an ethical body? We answer that Spiritualism is a religion, and that it includes the all, the phenomena, the science and philosophy of life, which it binds together in a system of thought that transcends everything the world has yet produced, and shall in time supplant every cult now in existence. But in order to do this we must have cooperation of the highest and best thoughts we are capable of thinking, so that our teachings may be worthy of Spiritualism, the most precious gift ever bestowed upon the children of men. Therefore, it behooves each one of us to sink his or her personal prejudices and pet hobbies into the oblivion of forgetfulness for the sake of the good of our Cause, so that the greatest good to the greatest number may be outwrought, and something here perfected and carried forward that shall make bis Convention an epoch in the history of Spiritualism, to which Spiritualists of the future ages can point with just pride. "In forty-five years we have produced a vast, varied and most creditable literature; we have liberalized the religious sentiment of the think-ing people of the world by demonstrating the fact that death does not end all. What of the future? That is for this Convention to decide; and we may look for grand results if we do our work wisely and well. Let us lay a sure founda-tion and erect a spiritual temple that shall reflect credit upon us as a body, and to which the Spiritualists of the future can approvingly point as the crowning glory of this century, wrought by the earnest hearts and loyal souls of the delegates to this Convention." Later, in accepting the position of President, his earnest words filled the hearts of the lis-teners with courage, and they felt that if sin-cere work could make the National Spiritual-ists' Association a success, they had chosen wisely indeed. Mr. Barrett's remarks upon that occasion were as follows: "It is not my purpose at this time to waste valuable time of the Convention in speechmaking; but I must thank you for this high

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C. Stinehart, a stater of Mrs. Blodgett, at the April meeting of the Board. At the various campe this summer the inter-est taken in the Mational Spiritualists Asso-clation was the cause of much gratification to the officers of the Association. At Opset, Chesterfield, Olinton, Lake Pleasant, Lake Brady, Queen City Park, Etns and Casadaga campe the officers gave every opportunity to the representatives of the National Spiritual ists' Association to present its claims, and the people were not slow to respond, both finan-cially and in increased interest: At Cassadaga, owing to the presence of Mr. H. D. Barrett, assisted by his trusted and effi-cient co worker, Mr. Frank Walker, the en-thusiasm reached the highest pitch, and much good was accomplished. Early and late their voices were raised for the benefit of the Association, and the result of their united efforts clation, and the result of their united efforts

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the sun of Spiritualism over all the earth. through the mediumship of our earnest workers, expressed through the law of coöperation

in a National Association." Has Mr. Barrett filled their expectations? Let the testimony of his hearers from Maine to Minnesota answer; yet few except those direct-ly interested in the National Spiritualists' Association have any adequate conception of the work accomplished by him with the majority of the Spiritualists of the country, declaring that the time was not ripe for organization. President Barrett set about the task, and to-day has won a place in the hearts of the Spiritualists as a faithful worker second to none.

His labors in behalf of organization have extended from Maine to Minnesota, and his work was carried on in spite of intense opposition. His heart and soul are in the work, and during the first year he traveled nearly eighteen thousand miles, delivered one hundred and twentyfour addresses, beside the literary work made necessary by his position. The reader is familiar with his articles, as

printed from time to time in these columns, but only those who have followed his career closely can appreciate his labors in behalf of the Cause. The success of the National Spiritualists' Association is largely due to his self-sacrificing efforts, and in the time to come when those who reap its benefits will cast a retrospective glance over its early history, they will accord full meed of credit to Harrison D. Barrett, who abored in their behalf.

Whether in the court of justice, as in the case of Mr. Emerson, or on the rostrum appealing for coöperation in behalf of the persecuted mediums, Mr. Barrett has demonstrated his ability as a worker in behalf of Spiritualism.

Washington he has been one of the leading workers there, and for nearly isn years has been the efficient Frasident of the First Soci-ety. He has ever been found faithful to his trust, and has never faitered in his devotion to Spiritualism. The Cause stands first in his thought. His devotion to the National Spirit-ualists' Association is well known to all. At Chicago his name was prominently men flowed in connection with the presidency. When Mr. Barrett was chosen, no feeling of jealousy found lodgment in his soul. He gave Mr. Barrett his loyal support, and did every-thing in his power to make his administration a success. This fact shows the greatness of the man, and endeared Mr. Edson to every one the man, and endeared Mr. Edson to every one

the man, and endeared Mr. Edson to every one who knew him. We have seen that B. B. Hill of Philadelphia, Pa., was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of G. P. Colby. Mr. Hill is one of the leading business men of his city, and stands high in the esteem of his fellowmen. For forty five years he has been a devoted Spiritualist and has endeavored to investigate Spiritualist, and has endeavored to investigate every phase of manifestation that has come up in Spiritualism. Mediumship has been a factor in his own home, hence he is keenly alive to the necessity for its protection. He has been formed his conclusion hastily. His time and money have been freely expended in his search for truth, upon which he has planted his feet for truth, upon which he has planted his feet as upon a rock of safety, to stand firmly there henceforth and forever. Kind, just and gen-erous by nature, he has ever given mediums his sympathy, and has stood nobly by them in their time of need. When others talked, he worked, and by so doing often rescued many a medium and occasionally a platform speaker from the clutches of the law. He took a deep interest in the work of Jonathan M. Roberts, and did all in his power to help that gentleman in his efforts to free the minds of men from the shackles of creedal superstition. Mr. Hill was a delegate to the first Convention, and was was a delegate to the first Convention, and was an energetic worker there. At the Convention of 1894 he took an active part, and was unani-mously chosen Second Trustee. The National Spiritualists' Association has no stronger friend than B. B. Hill, and no one more devoted to the principles for which it stands. "Defend and protect your mediums" is his motto, and faithfully has he carried it out in his own life. He is everywhere known as an earnest worker in behalf of Spiritualism. That he may long be spared to the Cause and the National Spiritualists' Association, is the wish of his many friends.

The Third Trustee is Hon. J. B. Townsend of Lima, Ohio. He has been a Spiritualist for many years, and has taken a deep interest in every effort looking toward organization. Mr. fownsend has been a liberal supporter of the Spiritualist press, and done much to extend the circulation of the *Light of Truth*. He was a delegate to the Chicago Convention, and one of the most prominent workers there. He was a member of the committee on permanent or ganization, also of the committee to present a paper to the World's Parliament of Religions. At the election of officers he was unanimously chosen a member of the Board of Trustees, and rendered efficient service in the way of practical suggestions and sound advice.

It was Mr. Townsend who suggested the ob-servance of a special day for the benefit of the National Spiritualists' Association. He was unanimously reëlected as a member of the Board in 1894.

Board in 1994. The Fourth Trustee, Hon. L. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a well-known attorney-at law in that city. He has been an earnest Spiritualist for nearly thirty years, and a zealous advocate of organization. For many years he was a practical machinist, and this led him to the careful analysis of every question presented to him. For seventeen years he was a skilled artist, and in the developing room of the photographer the truths of Spiritualism came home to him. Possessed of a fine, sensitive na-ture, mediumship of a high order soon came to him, also to his wife, whose psychic powers soon led many to the truth. For several years he was President of the Grand Rapids Society, and soon became known as an able and eloquent platform speaker. Mr. Moulton is also President of the Michigan State Association, and was Vice Chairman at the Convention in Chicago, as well as Chairman of the Committee on Permanent Organization. He was urged to allow his name to be used for a member of the Board at that time, but declined on account of important business interests. At the Conven-tion in Washington he rendered efficient service on the floor in all the important debates. He was elected Trustee, and has served faithfully and well since his election. He has not missed a single meeting of the Board, and as legal adviser has done much to advance the welfare of the National Spiritualists' Association. He is an honor to the cause of Spiritualism, and the National Spiritualists' Association is singularly fortunate in securing his valuable services. Mr. Moulton is an eloquent and scholarly speaker, a conscientious Spiritualist, and is thoroughly devoted to the cause he so worthily represents. Mrs. F. C. Stinehart, the Fifth Trustee, has been a member of the board only since April, been a memoer of the board only since April, 1895. She was a delegate to the Convention in Chicago, and did all in her power to make that Convention a success. The place of her sister naturally seemed to fall to her, hence she was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the transi-tion of Mrs. Blodgett. Mrs. Stinehart is one of the active workers among the Spiritualists of Dubucue Ia. Where she reside and is also of Dubuque, I.a., where she resides, and is also of Dubuque, I.a., where she resides, and is also well known at Clinton Camp, where she has many tried and true friends. She has a gen-erous nature, and is devoted to the Cause of Spiritualism. Her heart and purse are ever open to the needy, and she will prove herself to be the worthy encourse of a poble woman to be the worthy successor of a noble woman. Efficient service has been rendered the Na-tional Spiritualists' Association by Mrs. R. S. Lillie, who was elected one of the Honorary Vice Presidents at the last Convention. The efforts of Mrs. Lillie in behalf of the organiza-tion of the Massachusetts State Spiritualist Association are well known to all. To her influence is largely due the incorporation of this body and its union with the National Spiritualists' Association. Another zealous worker in our ranks is Capt. E. W. Gould, who has for many years been an ardent advocate of organization, and has by voice and pen done all in his power to further the interests of the National Spiritualists' Association.

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Spiritualists' Association is Mrs. Dr. Masteon I Buffalo, N.Y. She has realised that the swork one always find protection. She has given liberally to the mediums' fund, also to the general fund of the National Spiritualists'

the general fund of the National Spiritualists' Association. Much more might be written of the many friends of the National Spiritualists' Associa-tion, but time and space forbid. With such a host of willing workers behind it as the Asso-clation has, it is not surprising that the future seemate by bight and analysis.

Seems so bright and auspicious. The Convention for the year 1895 promises to be largely attended by delegates from a major-ity of the States, having societies chartered with the Association. Special rates of one and one-third fare have been granted upon the Central and Eastern trunk lines, on the certifi-cate plan. These concessions are the same as have been granted other denominations and as have been granted other denominations, and for the first time in the history of Spiritualism, have been granted to the Spiritualists. This is another recognition of the power of organ-ization, and should be remembered. No doubt the reduction in fares will induce many people to attend the Convention. Some of our most eminent speakers are to be present, and the evening sessions, which are to be devoted to mass meetings, will afford the people an oppor-tunity to listen to the finest talent in our ranks, in a general exposition of the principles of Spiritualism.

Mr. E. W. Emerson, Miss Maggie Gaule, H. J. Altemus, the well-known test mediums, will be present and contribute their share to the interest of the occasion. The cheap rates ex-tend over a period of ten or twelve days, and will afford all visitors a rare opportunity to see Washington. It is an occasion that should not be missed, and we predict that the Third Annual Convention of the National Spiritual-ists' Association will be a great success, both in regard to enthusiasm and in point of numbers in attendance.

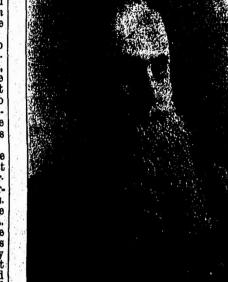
The headquarters of the Association are in Washington, D. C., pleasantly situated at 600 Pennsylvania avenue, S. E. The building is large, containing fourteen rooms, and is the

home of the Secretary as well. The site is a beautiful one, facing the Capitol grounds. The offices of the President and Secretary are on the first floor, as is the library, which contains, as we have already stated, many choice donations of spiritualistic liter-ature. Chief among them is the donation of Mr. G. A. Bacon of Washington, D. C., who presented to the Association the bound files of the BANNER of LIGHT, which are of untold value to those who are interested in reviewing the early history of Spiritualism. This library the early history of Spiritualism. This library s constantly in use.

The offices of the Association are worthy of special mention. Passing from the street into them, one feels that at last the Spiritualists of America have a headquarters indeed. The President's room is fitted with handsome oak furniture, as is also the Secretary's room ; both offices have been furnished with handsome oak desks, the gift of Mr. C. L. Stevens of Pitts-burg, Pa., who from the first has been the warm friend of the Association. The walls are adorned with handsome oil paintings and water colors, also the gifts of friends; and not the least treasured are the photographs of

Mr. Woodbury and his estimable wife are untiring in their efforts to entertain all who visit the headquarters, and have made hosts of friends among the Spiritualists of Washington, as well as among those who have had occasion to visit the offices of the National Spiritualists' Association.

From what has been said of the National Spiritualists' Association the reader can readly see that it has come to stay; hence it is now one of our fixed institutions. The devotion and earnestness of its friends carry conviction to Spiritualists everywhere, and have led them to add their influence to the same good Cause. Its friends are loyal to it, are progressive in their tendencies and are desirous of avoiding everything that savors of dictation or personal bias. They are willing to accept suggestions from whatever source, to the end that Spiritu-alism may be benefited by it. It interfores with no one, but seeks the good of all. It is principle, not personalities, to which we find the National Spiritualists' Association



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lis, Ind. State Spiritualist Association, Conn. Scolety of Modern Spiritual Thought, La Crosse, Wis. The People Spiritualist Society, San Francisco, Cal. First Spiritual Society, Eric City and Co., Pa. Union Society of Progressive Spiritualists, Colorado Spripgs, Col.

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This increase of interest in the National Spiritualists' Association has been general in all parts of the country. From Maine to Cali-fornia, Minnesota to Florida, applications for charters have been received, and hundreds of letters have been received from the same sec tions. Mr. Barrett informs us that he has been asked as a missionary to visit the New England and Pacific Coast, also the States of the Middle, West and South. One letter from the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, urged him to visit the Indians for the purpose of talking Spiritualism. This indicates that the state ment that the interest in Spiritualism has never been so widespread as it is to day, is borne out by the facts of the case. The National Spiritualists' Association has been sub-jected to severe criticism and vigorous attack on the part of its opponents during the past two years. In every instance it has proved itself superior to the untoward condition, has surmounted every difficulty and defended it self by the results of its work. It has never sought to indulge in personal recriminations in dealing with its opponents, but has always held out the olive branch of peace with the sentiment: "Those who think alike should act together." It has ever welcomed fair and cancriticism, and has endeavored to profit by the advice and counsel of those who have had long experience in Spiritualism. Its officers have always been anxious to coöperate with all of the workers in every movement looking to the securing of larger and better privileges for Spiritalism. "With charity for all, with malice toward none," with loyal hearts and earnest souls, the friends of the National Spiritualists' Association have sought to do their work. To those who are conscientiously op-posed to it, it has the right hand of fellowship ready to offer. For those who are actuated by ulterior motives, it has no ill will, but the earnest desire that they may be found in the front rank with those who wish to advance the interests of Spiritualism. The National Spir-tuality Association interests of interests of Spiritualism. The National Spir-itualists' Association intends to move steadily forward along the even tenor of its way, with the feeling that it has no enemies to punish, no seifish finds to gain, no feelings of ill will to indulge include no time to spend in useless con-tents, internal discords and personal innuen-tors. We have mentioned the names of the present officers, including Mrs. Olive A. Blodgett, who was elected fifth trustee at the last Convention. The vacancy caused by her transition in Decem-ber was filled by the election of Mrs. Frances

congratulate themselves upon securing one so

forty-four years. She has been a loyal sup-porter of the National Spiritualists' Associa-tion from the time of its inception in Chicago, and done willing service in its behalf wherever she has been called to labor. In Chicago, Lake Brady Camp, Northwestern Camp, Musk-egon Camp, Cassadaga, Onset and Washington, her voice has spoken with no uncertain sound. Her long experience in the field as a worker has clearly demonstrated the necessity for co-öperative effort, and when the work at Chicago had been undertaken, Mrs. Richmond, led by her guides, saw that it was work in the right direction. She entered earnestly into the work, and did everything in her power to make it a success. Her zeal was apparent to all, and her long service in the field as a worker led the delegates to make her their unanimous choice for Vice President, which position she still holds.

The Secretary, Mr. Francis B. Woodbury, like President Barrett, is a native of New Eng land, and has also been a Spiritualist for many years. He is genial, able and conscientious in all bis efforts, hence he makes a most effi-cient officer. THE BANNER is pleased to state that Mr. Woodbury is a Massachusetts boy; he has had long experience as Secretary of various societies, having resigned his position as Secretary of Berkeley Hall, Boston, to take his present position. The Spiritualists have cause to congratulate themselves upon being able to secure his services, as he is indefatigable in his efforts for the success of the Association. Early and late, he can be found at his desk, and it is to his painstaking efforts that much of the success of the National Spiritualists' Association is due. One can scarcely realize the amount of correspondence neces sary to carry on the detail work. Mr. Wood bury is a strict economist, and prefers to do extra work than to hire help, though many times it ought to be done. Judging from the reports that are coming in from all over the country, there is no doubt but that he will be unanimously reflected to the position. The Treasurer, Thendore J. Mayer, was one

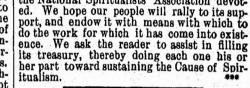
of the members of the Committee that called the first Conventions. He is at the head of one of the largest business houses in Washington. He has been an enthusiastic Spiritualist for years, and has been most generous in his sup-port of the movement. He is a man of ready sympathy, loyal to the cause he has esponsed, and ready to do battle for its rights. From the very first he saw and felt the necessity of hav ing a strong National Association, and devoted his energy and indomitable will to establish the same in Washington. As he was an active worker in the First Association of Spiritualists worker in the First Association of opintualists in Washington, he was well versed in the needs of the hour, and his business experience stood the Cause well in hand at the time the first Convention was projected. At Chicago he was unanimously elected Treasurer of the National Spiritualists' Association, and was by a similar vote reëlected in 1894. His contributions have been frequent in both time and money, and his watchful are is ever on the alert for the purwatchful eye is ever on the alert for the purpose of protecting the National Spiritualists' Association from every opposition. His philan-thropic spirit is well known throughout the country, while his sound business ability espe-cially fits him for his present position. If there were a thousand Mr. Mayers in the Uniced States the world would be the better for it, and Spiritualism would be advanced to the foremost position in scientific and religious lines of thought.

Hon. Milan C. Edson bas already been spoken of at some length regarding his work in inaugurating the Chicago Convention. He was the temporary Chairman of that body, and was unanimously elected to the position of First Trustee. For more than forty years, or ever since his boyhood, he has been a conscientious Spiritualist. Everything that any man could do for the Cause he loved Mr. Edson has done for Spiritualism. During his long residence in

Mrs. Colby Luther has also labored earnestly in behalf of the Association, and has led many to take an interest in this movement who otherwise would have passed its claims unheeded

Dr. O. G. W. Adams of Dubuque, Ia., is also one of the most generous supporters of the Association. His purse has ever been open to meet its claims, and his devotion to the Cause of coöperation has been everywhere apparent. He feels that in union there is strength, and always acts accordingly.

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First Society of Spiritual Unity meets at Caster Post Hall, 55 South Sangamon street, every Sanday at 16%, 2% and 7%. Lyceum at 1%. Mrs. Mary O. Lyman, perma-nent speaker. E. N. Pickering, President.

First Society of Spiritualists meets at Hosting Theatre, at 11 A. M. Speaker, Mrs. Oora L. V. Richmond, Band of Harmony, Thursday, 74 P. M., Orpheus Hall, Schill, Barthauta

