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The Henry Seybert Bequest, and What Has Become of It?

An Open Letter to the Seybert Commissioners and the Legatees of Henry Seybert.



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"Fiat justitia, ruat cœlum." "Yet shall the axe of Justice hew them down, And level with the root their lofty crown."-Sandys

It is an oft-told tale, familiar to all, that more than ten years ago Henry Seybert, an eminent philanthropist and an ardent Spiritualist, left to the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, a most generous bequest of demnation. sixty thousand dollars, to be invested for a specific purpose described in the bequest. This was so long ago that its provisions may have been forgotten by the public, as they | "To the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania: seem to have been by the Trustees of the University who donation, and the manner in which its custodians have kept their faith with the noble dead, the public and their own consciousness, if such an emotional monitor exists in their mental organization:

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MESSAGE WRITTEN ON SLATE

speare with prophetic vision, says:

"We are such stuff As dreams are made of; and our little life . Is rounded with a sleep,"

when the bequest would avail us naught.

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If this sad ending of human life is true; if life itself is but a passing shadow and immortality a dream, then the investigation of spiritual phenomena and the study of its philosophy are a waste of time; the following of an ignis fatuus that would only lead us into the darkness of uncertainty or the morass of materialistic infidelity. The hope of immortality is the consoling thought of mankind. It soothes the pain of sickness, smoothes the asperities of life's weary pathway, mitigates the sorrow of bereavement; and if demonstration would take the place of hope, and mankind become convinced that what Henry Seybert believed to be an indisputable fact was absolutely true, then death would lose its sting and the grave its victory. It was for this noble and holy purpose the generous bequest was made; and a violation of its trust is a sin against humanity that deserves and should receive universal con-

In the opening paragraph of the Preliminary Report, the Commissioners say :

lest, as the President of the Commission, quoting Shak- | in London, Perty, in Berne, But'erof, in St. Petersburg, to search for the explanation of this phenomenal power, and to prove its reality. I declare, moreover, the published opinions of laymen as to the "How' of this subject to he premature, and according to my view and experience false and onesided. This, my declaration, is signed and executed before a notary and witnesses.

> " (Signed), SAMUEL BELLACHINI Berlin, 6 Dec., 1877."

Now this is the sworn testimony of one of the world's greatest conjurers or prestidigitations, and I call the attention of my readers to its candor and evident truthfulness. Compare this with the silly statement

of the Seybert Commissioners as to what they saw a name- 1 less juggler perform, who afterward revealed the trick to one of their number. Even if their statement is true, and the trick was revealed to them, then are they acting honestly in their duty as Commissioners in concealing the manner in which it was performed from the public? What was the object of the Seybert bequest but to enlighten the world as to the cause of the mysterious phenomena? What avails it to the public that the Commissioners know how 'the trick " was performed, if they

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MESSAGE WRITTEN ONE YEAR LATER, THROUGH ANOTHER MEDIUM [COMPARE THE SIGNATURES.]

> times deceive a class of simple minded witnesses or preju-diced investigators; but the phenomena claimed as such by Spiritualists cannot be performed by legerdemain; never have been, and never will be. It is as impossible for a magician to cause a fragment of stone to perform an intelligent act when beyond the reach of his physical control, as it would be to raise the dead. It is as much a phenomenon beyond the comprehension of savants or science to have a tragment of matter write an intelligent word or sentence, as it was for the decaying body of Lazarus to come from the grave at the bidding of the Nazarene, or to command the winds and the sea into obedience. The Commissioners say that the "burden of proof that this phenomenon is not legerdemain is upon the mediums." Oh! shades of all the logicians that have ever lived, enlightened the world and passed away-think of it! A body of learned men seriously propose that in a controverted proposition the negative must be proven. Now the existence of the phenomenon is well known. It has been subjected to the feeble investigation of the so-called Seybert Commissioners. They pronounce it fraud and legerdemain, and now seriously call upon the mediums to prove a negative, i. e., that it is not fraudulent, when every student in logic knows that one of the first propositions he learns from the text-books is that the "Onus probandi." ' the burden of proof, always rests upon those who assert the affirmative of a proposition. The mediums are not in this controversy, only the phenomenon that attends them; this the Commissioners were appointed to investigate. They assert it to be fraudulent or legerdemain. In the name of common sense as well as the rules of logic, are they not bound to prove what they so unblushingly assert? It is easy for the Commissioners to stand behind the frail barrier or redoubt of their respectability, and cry fraud! But who will believe them against the evidence of the ablest scientists of the world? They may satisfy the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, but if the sixty thousand dollars of the Seybert bequest was in the other scale, then how valueless would be their verdict. It is easy to be convinced when sixty thousand dollars is the reward of the conviction.

"To the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania:

"Gentlemen: Being mindful of the uncertainty of life at my advanced age, and feeling deeply the importance of making permanent provision for certain interests that seem to me of the highest ress may be marked. It is no small matter to be able to record any moment, I hereby offer to your honorable Board fifty First Mortgage Bonds, Raleigh and Gaston Railroad (\$1000 each), being equal to the sum of sixty thousand dollars, to be devoted to the maintenance of a chair in the University of Pennsylvania that shall be known as the 'Adam Sevbert Chair of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy.' upon the condition that the incumbent of said chair, either individually or in conjunction with a commission of the University Faculty, shall make a thorough and impartial investigation of all systems of morals, religion or philosophy which assume to represent | that men eminent in intelligence and attainments yield to Spiritualthe truth, and particularly of Modern Spiritualism.

"I further empower your Board to invest the said sum of money in such securities, strictly legal or otherwise, as may be deemed best. provided that at all times the interest alone shall be expended for the purpose of maintaining the said Adam Sevbert Chair.

"I further empower your Board, in case there may be any income arising from said sum of money over and above the amount required for the salary of the incumbent of said Chair, to dispose of such excess of income in such way as may be deemed best to promote the views I have expressed.

"I have the honor to remain, "Your obedient servant,

HENRY SEYBERT." " (Signed)

My readers will observe that the primary object of this bequest by Mr. Seybert was "to investigate all systems of morals, religion or philosophy which assume to represent the truth, and particularly of Modern Spiritualism." Has this been done by the commissioners appointed by the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, who for the last ten years have been in the full enjoyment of the bonds given them? In pursuance of the requirements of the bequest, in May, 1887, the trustees appointed ten honorable men to make the required investigation. Ah! yes, as Marcus Antonius said over the body of the murdered Cæsar,

"They are all, all honorable men."

These honorable men, being duly appointed and instructed by the trustees, proceeded to investigate. The scientific apparatus employed in their investigation seem to have been a pocket looking-glass, several slates, and a sheet or two of sensitive paper. When we compare the whole apparatus used in their researches with those of Dr. Hare, Prof. Crookes, the celebrated Zöllner, and other eminent scientists, it would seem to be like comparing an opera glass with the Lick telescope in its efficacy for astronomical investigation.

But the Commission met and investigated, and, in 1887, published what they designate as a PRELIMINARY REPORT. From the conduct of the Commissioners since then, I did not know that I correctly understood the meaning of the word "preliminary," and so consulted Worcester's Dictionary, and find it defined to be "preceding the principal matter; introductory; that which precedes; a preparatory step, act or measure," etc. As I knew that they were allhonorable men, and most of them Christian gentlemen, with a slight admixture of infidelity or agnosticism in their mental composition, I waited patiently year after year for their "final report," from which I expected much. I saw that even the feebleness of the morning ray possibly foretold a refulgent noon; and I waited and waited until "hope deferred made my heart sick," but no final report has shed its benign and refulgent rays upon the mind of an expectant public; and I wish to inquire, Why is it? Why this neglect of a plain duty prescribed in the Seybert bequest? In the meantime, the present generation is growing older and older with passing years; and those who now live and are the legatees of Henry Seybert, are naturally anxious to enjoy a portion of their legacies during this life,

"The Seybert Commission for Investigating Modern Spiritual received this noble gift. And for this reason I copy it in | ism'" respectfully present the following Preliminary Report, and full, that all may understand the nature and object of the | request that the Commission be continued, on the following grounds: "The Commission is composed of men whose days are already filled with duties which cannot be laid aside, and who are able, therefore, to devote but a small portion of their time to these investigations. They are conscious that your honorable body look to them for a due performance of their task, and the only assurance which they can offer of their earnestness and zeal is in thus presenting to you, from time to time, such fragmentary reports as the following, whereby they trust that successive steps in their progprogress in a subject of so wide and deep an interest as the present. It is not too much to say that the farther our investigations extend the more imperative appears the demand for these investigations. The belief in so-called Spiritualism is certainly not decreasing. It has from the first assumed a religious tone, and now claims to be ranked among the denominational faiths of the day.

> "From the outset your Commission have been deeply impressed with the seriousness of their undertaking, and have fully recognized ism an entire credence, and who can fall to stand aside in tender reverence when crushed and bleeding hearts are seen to seek it for consolation and for hope? They beg that nothing which they may say may be interpreted as indicating indifference or levity."

> Now all this seems fair-speciously so-yet when we read the Preliminary Report, full of the insolent asides of one of its members, insulting innuendoes, misrepresentations and stale jokes at the expense of Henry Seybert's cherished belief, we cannot but think that in the affairs of man it is sometimes strange

> > "With what a show of truth and seeming sincerity Cunning sin can cover itself withal."

In speaking of the phenomenon of independent slatewriting with Medium Slade and others, on page 21 of their Report, after narrating a few most ridiculous occurrences and legerdemain tricks by a showman, in imitation of spirit phenomena, the Commissioners say:

"We were utterly bafiled. For one of our number the juggler subsequently repeated the trick and revealed its every detail.

"We request your honorable body to note that this Report is preliminary, and that we do not consider our investigations in this department as finally closed, but hold ourselves ready to continue them whenever favorable circumstances arise."

Now the expectant public has anxiously waited ten years for the "favorable circumstances" to arise, that they may explain this wonderful phenomenon that has baffled the ablest scientists of the age, and some of the greatest magicians of the world. But in vain; either they cannot or will not relate even what they claim has been divulged to them by a magician. Is this a proper course for honorable men to pursue? Are they doing their duty as prescribed by their Commission? But their statements and explanations of independent slate-writing lack the important ingredient of truth in their narratives. They have not described the slate-writing phenomena truthfully. It may be that they correctly narrate what they saw in their childish investigation; but the world is much larger than the extent of their limited vision and experience.

Samuel Bellachini, the great Court Conjurer to His Majesty Emperor William, in speaking of the same medium they ridiculed so unjustly, says:

" I hereby declare it to be a rash action to give decisive judgment upon the objective medial performance of the American medium. Mr. Henry Slade, after only one sitting, and the observations so made.

"After I had, at the wish of several highly-esteemed gentlemen of rank and position, and also for my own interest, tested the physical powers of Mr. Slade in a series of sittings by full daylight, as well as in the evening, in his bedroom, I must, for the sake of truth, hereby certify that the phenomenal occurrences with Mr. Slade have been thoroughly examined by me with the minutest observation and investigation of his surroundings, including the table, and that I have not in the smallest degree found anything to be produced by means of prestidigitative manifestations or by mechanical apparatus; and that any explanation of the experiments which took place under the circumstances and conditions then obtaining by any reference to prestidigitation, to be absolutely impossible.

"Lock their secret in their breast And die in travail unconfessed "?

Robert Houdin, the great French conjurer, investigated the subject of the so called spirit phenomena with the sensitive Alexis Didier, and he unreservedly admitted that what he had witnessed was wholly beyond the resources of his art to explain. See Psychische Studien for January, 1878, page 43.

Licht, Mehr Licht, a German paper published in Paris, in its number of May 16, 1880, contains a letter from the wellknown professional conjurer Jacobs to the Psychological Society in Paris, avowing himself a Spiritualist, and offering suggestions for the discrimination of genuine from spurious manifestations.

John Neville Maskelyne, the well-known conjurer of the Egyptian Hall, London, England, in a published controversy in relation to the report of the Dialectical Society, 3375

"In accepting this challenge, I wish you distinctly to understand that I do not presume to prove that such manifestations as those stated in the report of the Dialectical Society are produced by trickery; I have never denied that such manifestations are genuine, but I contend that in them there is not one lots of evidence which proves that departed spirits have no better occupation than lifting furni ture about."

Here are the opinions of the three greatest conjurers of the world; compared with their candid, forcible statements, how insignificant and worthless are the investigations of the "We know-but-won't-tell" Commissioners of the University of Pennsylvania! How shine the rush-lights or penny candles of the University, compared with the brilliant astrals of the multitude of learned scientists, whose investigations have done so much to illumine the darkness of the great unknown, and penetrate the veil of death with the X-rays of spiritual truth and demonstration?

There are millions of Spiritualists in the world who have witnessed the manifestation called independent slate-writing, and who positively know that the description of the Seybert Commissioners of this phenomenon is untrue in every respect. After the preliminary report was published I was led to investigate the subject, and I have continued to do so with care for the last eight years, and I have no more doubt of the existence of the phenomenon than I have that the apple falls to the ground when severed from the limb. The only question about which there can be any doubt is what is the intelligent force that moves the pencil, and the non-intelligent force called gravity that draws the apple to the earth? I am an expert in the feats of magic myself, and I know that I have repeated!y witnessed phenomena that no magician can perform, and that the ablest scientists of the world cannot explain by any other theory than that of spirit manifestation. And I do know that the theory, philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism will explain all and every apparent mystery of the séanceroom, where fraud is absolutely excluded by test conditions and surroundings. That fraud is often practiced by charlatans is true, and that weak-minded men and women may be deceived thereby is also a fact demonstrated by the experience of mankind, and the report of the Seybert Commissioners; and therefore the appropriateness of the ad vice of John in his first epistie, "To believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

On page 20 of the Commissioners' report they say:

"In dismissing the subject of independent slate-writing, we re peat what we think Spiritualists will generally grant, that this phenomenon can be performed by legerdemain. The burden of proof that it is not so performed rests with the mediums. This proof the mediums will neither offer themselves, nor permit others to obtain. Investigators, therefore, are forced to bring to bear their own pow-ers of close observation, sharpened and educated by experience."

This is a most astonishing statement, even for the obedient servants of the University of Pennsylvania to make. I do not charge the honorable gentlemen of the Commission with willful falsehood, but only carelessness. That is, that they have not handled the truth with sufficient careful-"Spiritualists will generally grant that the phenomena of in dependent slate-writing can be performed by legerdemain." I never knew a Spiritualist that would make this admission. my reference to prestidigitation, to be absolutely impossible. "It must rest with such men of science as Crookes and Wallace, feeble imitations of it can be made, that many and will some-

THE PHENOMENON OF INDEPENDENT SLATE-WRITING,

the Commissioners say, is all fraud: The tricks of legerdemain, that is, that all mediums are so expert in modern magic that they can perform their "tricks" so adroitly as to utterly baffle the ten learned men who were appointed to investigate and report, one at least of whom, on page 67 of the Report, makes the following self complacent and ingenuous remark:

" My habits of observation have been trained in this kind of work, and I watched the slates intently during the process."

But the acumen of this great investigator, with all his training, was "utterly baffled" by a simple feat of legerde-main, and, Mirabile Dictu ! the great "Sellers" was " sold." And yet Shakspeare intimates that there is nothing in a name

Surely the experience of other investigators, who, like the Commissioners, are of average ability, and who are searching for truth for truth's sake, " a posse ad esse," is as reliable as theirs. I may be excused, therefore, for narrating two or three of my own experiences in the phe-nomena of independent slate-writing, which are confirmed by scores of witnesses who have seen hundreds of instances of the phenomena under conditions that absolutely pre-

cluded the possibility of fraud. On page 31 of my "Review of the Seybert Commission," give a photo lithograph of one of my first experiences, with an account of the time, place and manner in which it was obtained before P. L. O. A. Keeler at Lily Dale. One vear after I took two slates, cleaned them and screwed them together with a screw at each end, first placing a fragment of slate pencil between them I wrapped them in a sheet of wrapping paper, tied them up securely, and then called on Miss Lizzie Bangs, a well-known medium. I said to her, "Miss Bangs, can you get me a communica-tion on these slates in the condition they are? I desire to be able to say to my friends that you never saw the slates." She replied, "I do not know, Mr. Richmond; we will try." Accordingly we sat down by a table in the centre of a welllighted room. I placed the slates on the table between us; we both placed our hands on the slates, still wrapped in the paper covering: we sat some ten or fifteen minutes, hearing nothing, when Miss Bangs remarked, "Mr. R., you do not think in this matter as you used to." "No," I replied. You know times are changed, and we change with them."

Immediately I heard the pencil between the slates com-mence to write. It continued to write for ten minutes. I then opened the slates, and found them covered with writing. The first sentence was the one I uttered in answer the question of the medium-translated into Latin, as follows

' Tempora inutantur, et nos mutamur in illis."

Below that was a communication to me written in Morse telegraphic characters, and on the other side of the slate, being the under side of the upper one, was written a com-munication signed "Henry Seybert." I give a photo-litho-graph of this slate on page 47 of the Addendum of my Re-view. If my readers will examine the two communications in my book-one on page 31 of my Review-they will see that they are undoubtedly the same hand-writing. The two signatures are as near alike as two lithographs from the same plate. And yet they were written a year apart, and before two different mediums. And observe, also, that Miss Bangs cannot read either Latin or taleg-raphy. Now, how can this be accounted for as a feat of legerdemain, when the medium never even saw the slates before they were written upon? [To be concluded.]

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EVENING SESSION.

"The study of nature," he announced, "Is the great

est and sublimest of all studies, while true philosophy

solves the problems of nature satisfactorily to the con scious soul,"

disaster that poisons relatives and friends-but unde our view of eternal life it loses its terrors, and every grave gives a promise."

terialism are all faise. "Speaking of the future world as outlined by the spirits," continued the speaker," I should say that the next world is a realm of eternal progress rather than an orchestra where men beat harps in the pres-

ence of an old man with a long, flowing, gray beard." Coming to the realm of Spiritualism in this world

the speaker advocated woman's rights, and denounced the laws of certain States as unjust to mediums: de-

injunctions, and sought to make laws thereby, and pleaded for greater industrial equality. He said that

much of the good work to be done by Spiritualism lay among the poor and down-trodden. He concluded with a prophecy of the final triumph of Spiritualism.

[To be concluded.]

Straws in the Wind; or, Spiritual

Gleanings.

BY JOHN WILLIAM FLETCHER.

[Special to Banner of Light.]

A day that must forever be memorable in

American history has come and gone—Decora

tion Day, the day of the dead, when the great

busy world is supposed to lay aside its buying

and selling and vain ambitions, and, by out-

ward observance, at least, recognize those

arisen spirits who no longer play their part in

the strange, fleeting drama called "Life." But

the years have made many changes, and the

day has been wholly drifted away from its

first intentions, and is fast becoming one more

adjourned until 7:30 o'clock.

THE OLD MAN DREAMS.

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The blackened walnut in its spicy hull

The blackened walput in its spicy hull Rots where it foll; And in the orchard, where the trees stand full, The pear's brown b.ll Drops; and the log house in the bramb'e lane, From whose low door Stretch rigened scress of the corp and cane, He sees once more.

The catbird sings upon its porch of pine; And o'rr its gate, All siender podded, twists the trumpet vine Its rustling weight; And in the woodland, by the spring, mayhap, With eyes of joy Again he bends to set a rabbit trap, A brown faced box

A brown-faced boy.

Then, whistling, through the underbrush he goes, Out of the wood, Where, with young cheeks as red as an autumu rose Beneatther hood, His sweetheart walts, her school-books on her arm,

And down the lane With happy hearts toward the old-time farm they

go again. -Madison Cawein.

California Spiritualists' Convention.

Three Days' Session in Golden Gate Hall, San Francisco, Cal., on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 24, 25 and 26, 1896.

President Harrison D. Barrett, of National Spirimalists' Association.

Full Account of Proceedings, Condensed from Reports in the City Papers.

It was a happy band that composed the California Spiritual Convention, which met in Golden Gate Hall, Sunday morning, May 24, for the purpose of perfecting a State organization. Ou the stage, in fasy groups, sat the leading Spiritualists of the State, the National President, Harrison D. Barrett, occupying the post of honor. Among others present were:

William R. Ryder, President; W. T. Jones, Vice-President; Mrs. Elizabeth Sloper, Secretary; B. F. Small, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Drynau, People's Spirit-ual Society; Mrs. D. N. Place, Ladles' Ald Society; L. C. Howes, First Spiritual Union; Mrs. C. H. Wads-worth, Children's Lyceum; Dr. C. H. Rin-Es, Indework, Children's Lyceum, Fr. C. H. Hubs, Hubs, pendent Spiritual Society; George I. Drew, Progress-ive Mediums' Society; W. T. Jones, Mediums' Pro-tective Society; William H. Ryder, Progressive Spirit-ualists' Society; Mrs. M. C. Richardson, Lyceum Aid Society; Dr. A. L. Farnum, Dr. T. A. Hudson, Dr. C. Society; Dr. A. L. Farhum, Dr. T. A. Hudson, Dr. C. Grattou and Henry Steen of Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts. Mrs. Carrie D. Stone, Mrs H. A. Griffin, Dr. and Mrs. Barker, Mrs. H. C. Miller and Mrs. L. Fales of San José; J. S. McDouald, Mrs. Charles Lewis of Valley; Mrs. Judge Hall and M. Marshall of Vacaville; Mrs. R. Cowell and Mrs. Mattie Wein of Oakland.

tie Wein of Oskland. The stage was beautifully decorated with roses, violets, lilies and ferns, light colored silk draperies making up the background. Every seat in the auditorium was taken when Pres-ident William R. Ryder rapped for order. The pro-gram opeued with a selection, "The Barrett March," exquisitely rendered by Young's Orchestra. President Ryder. in a few well-chosen words, then declared the Convention open, after which Mrs. Julia Schlesinger delivered the address of welcome. She said: said

"In the history of all nations, peoples and individu-als, are recorded marked events which had gr-at infla-ence upon, and in large measure shaped, their ulti-mate destinies. Some of these at the time of their occurrence were regarded as unimportant and insisbecchrence were regarded as diminipation and main-nificant, but, later on, in the light of succeeding events, were regarded as pivotal points upon which had cen-tered mighty changes, and upon which had depended future successes or defeats. When the history of Juttre successes or deleats. When the history of Spiritualism in California shall have been written, this day will be marked as one of great importance in having shaped and direct d the future of the move-ment along the most advanced lines known to the workers of the present generation. "The fullest and deepest significance of this con-vention can scarcely be comprehended at first glance.

It is not merely to extend greeting and eive to al wel-come to a noted co worker in our ranks that we are here assembled. The principle underlying this demon-stration is deeper, grander and more far reaching than the mere expression of the courtesies of life to a brother. It comprehends and embraces our sympa-thy with and cooperation in the work in which he is engaged, of the cause of which he is the able champlon, and of which he is, by virtue of his office and his own intrinsic merits, the highest representative in the

ignorance of past ages and the almost criminal stu-pidity of the present. Spiritualism comes as the great reformer and liberator. The prophets, ages and saviors of all times who have passed to the im-mortal life and garuered its lessons of windom, return with clearer visiou and lotter perceptions of man's relations to physical life and the life spiritual. They have the menute set of the and the start with the set of the set are the world's great teachers, and just to the extent to which mankind becomes receptive to their angelic ministrations will the physical conditions of life be made better, until that beautiful ideal, the kingdom of heaven, shall in reality be established upon earth. With such graud achievements in view, such wonderful possibilities before us, we should welcome every helping hand, reach out in every direction for aid, use every stepping-stone by which we can climb to higher ground, until the summit is attained.

"From the watch towers of the East have come the signals of assistance. Let the West respond by plant-Ing it's bizing torches upon every mountain peak from British Columbia to the Mexican border. Let us clasp hands across the 'great divide,' and proclaim to our brothers and sisters of the Atlantic shores that we of the Pacific recognize the need of this great union of forces, and welcome it as the harbinger of the dawn. "On behalf of the Spiritualists of California and of

"On behalf of the Spiritualists of California and of those represented by this Couvention, do I welcome the signal-bearer from the East--the man who comes to us to day with this wonderful message of love and fraternity--Harrison D. Barrett of Washington. Mr. Barratt, it affords me great pleasure to welcome you to our Golden State, to our beautiful city, our homes and our fracides and also to assure you of our steadand our firesides, and also to assure you of our stead-fast and unwavering good fellowship and sincere de-sire that success may crown your worthy efforts in the cause for which you have come among us, and that you may go back to your Eastern home bearing the glad tidings of the formation of a spiritual union as abiding as the elevenal heavens and as indissoluble as the m triage of the strs."

President B creet said that no language of his could express his gratitude for the warm words of welcome that had just been uttered. He hoped that perfect harmony would prevail, resulting in the unification of all true believers in Spiritualism.

One of the most interesting features of the morning program was presented at this point. The several spiritual Sunday-schools gave an intelligent physical culture exercise, which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

A paper, "Restoration of Religion and Philosophy." A paper, "Restoration of Rengion and Thiosophy," by Joseph Rodes Buchanan of San José, was read by C. H. Wadsworth. It was probably the event of the day. Mr. Buchanan has been a Spiritualist for about forty years, and though nearly eighty years old now, is still an active worker in the Cause. He spoke, in work on chourse.

part, as follows: "The spiritual movement of the present century is a reaction against modern degeneracy, and makes a vigorous protest against the gross materialism which has become so couspicuous among scientists, and eshave, which is the gloomy pressimism of Schopen-hauer, which is the most degrading style of thought that ever obtained any currency in literature. "The profound religious sentiment of Palestine.

which brought the Jewish nation into close relation with the spirit world and rendered it possible for Christ to find among them worthy apostles of his re-ligion, has been scarcely visible among the nations of the broad content content. the present century.

"Apostles ready to sacrifice fortune and even life if necessary in the pursuit of spiritual and religious truth, are almost unknown to-day. "As in religion we are reviving the noblest thoughts

of antiquity, so in philosophy we are turning away from modern materialism to the loftier thoughts and purer sentiments of ancient philosophers.

"The Spiritualist has the pure and earnest faith of antiquity which animated the apostles, and he can sympathize with St. Paul in his earnest language when he rejoiced that he had fought the faithful fight of duty and these there are accurately the faithful fight of duty and knew there was a crown waiting for him in heaven, for we know that we may go with absolute certainty from a well spent life on earth to some of the many mansious that are ready for us, where all we love will welcome us, and where the sunshine of divine love will never be hidden by the clouds and storms of earth, nor the music of celesti il song be disturbed by the eternal

wall of our dearest friends in the agonies of fire. "And Spiritualism will elevate our colleges and uni-versities to the diguity and refinement of ancient philosophy, which gave more attention to our higher du-ties, our moral principles and the invisible sou-world,

than to the physical studies which are tributary to the shop and the factory." The Lyceum quartet and Young's orchestra furnish-ed the music for the occasion. The quartet rendered a selection, after which an adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was devoted to addresses, songs and papers by well known Spiritualists, William Emmette C Jeman spoke on "The Value of Spiritual-ism to the World." Among other things he said: "Spiritualism has demonstrated the existence of the spiritual universe and of a future life for man. In this

materialistic age, when so many are doubling—bay, are abiolutely deuying—the existence of aught in the universe except matter and force, had Spiritualism done nothing else but prove the existence of spirit, that were known but prove the existence of spirit.

bot merely the outward utterances, but the awakened conscience, the sliept thoughts, the warm, pulsating heart overflowing with love for humanity and a desire to ameliorate its conditions " After a song by the Lyceum Quartet the Convention sciourned until "an oblack" land, Me., to Dr. Reasegue of Hartford, Conn., will be received with some surprise by her numerous friends.

Mrs. Palmer has been so long and favorably known as one of the most successful speakers on the spiritual platform, that it is to be hoped At the evening session there were a number of short speeches. J. Clegg Wright spoke under the control of a spirit. His subject was "The Philosophy of Spiritualism." He said that the mind brooded over all the phenomena of life, and that intelligence was an outgrowth of evolution; that the universe would be purposeless without the shaping and directing nowar of mind. that this new departure will in no way inter-fere with her public work. The marriage was celebrated at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Toles, Farmington Avenue, Hartford, June 2, only a few private friends being invited.

Dr. and Mrs. Ressegue will reside in Hartford, where the doctor has a large and growing practice.

Cheiro, the paimist, is meeting with great success. He is located at the Windsor Hotel, and his parlors are crowded daily. He leaves for Europe on June 16.

NATURAL RIGHTS.

BY WILLIAM FOSTER, JR.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

solves the problems of nature satisfactorily to the con-scious soul," The speaker took the position that the story of cre-ation, as told in the Bible, was no longer tenable. 'It would require the intellect of a monkey," continued he. "to believe the old legends. They are exploded philosophy and dead science. There is to be no prison, no hell, no death. Everia-ting life is the efernal thought. It is too soon to make dogmatic spiritual philosophy, for new flight of phenomena are coming forth from regions of mystery into the realm of con-sciousness, as the calude ray and the marvels of electricity. This is the grandest age the sun ever shone upon—the age of newspapers, of invention and of science. It is only the beginning of growth, only the dawn of progress." Speaking of death as viewed by the various phi-losophers of the world, the speaker confin and laughs at destruction, death is a dark and terrible tragedy, a disaster that poisons relatives and friends—but under TEDIUMSHIP is a gift pertaining to one's personality; therefore it is natural, and its exercise is a natural right. Its exercise interferes with no right of any other person, therefore it cannot be a wrong, and, as such, be made amenable to any law of pains grave gives a promise." Following this address Miss Lida Hickok recited Sir Edwin Arnold's poem, "The Rejooot Nurse." Charles Dawbarn spoke on "The Science of Spirit-ualism." He began by defining science as classified knowledge, and said that Spiritualism was based on knowledge. He described at 1-ngth the dual nature of the life of man, part being spirit and part the mor-tal frame. He held that the body was ruled by the spirit, "which demands sleep and rest that the frame may always be fresh." concluding that men lived in a world of spirits, each man being merely a spirit man-ifesting itself for a time in the garb of fiesh. President Harrison D. Barrett of the National As-sociation was the next speaker. His subj-ct was and penalties. When government, or an individual, assumes to interfere with a natural right, the act becomes the quintessence of despotism.

An interfering law is wholly arbitrary, inasmuch as it punishes a harmless act-one which has none of the essence of crime about it. As an excuse for much of our legislation, both National and State, legislators fall back on the President Harrison D. Barrett of the National As-sociation was the next speaker. His subject was "The Religion of Spiritualism." He said: "Spiritu-alism has four sides—phenomenal, scientific, philo-sophical and religious. To me religion means the bluding together of souls for the purpose of doing good. I want to see religion, in its truest, purest sense, permeate Spiritualism, so that we will be known as a band of workers struggling to do good. There are but two schools of philosophy, that of Spiritual-ism and that of Materialism. If the philosophy of the latter is true, all thought is born of the vibration of atoms, and if Spiritualism is true the doctrines of Ma-terialism are gli false. figment that man, when he enters the social state, surrenders a portion of his natural rights for the better protection of those he retains. This figment is a very foggy one. No publicist has, up to the present time, scheduled these rights which have been surrendered and put into the hands of government or society.

The assertion is such an indefinite generality that men, in the social state, are at the mercy of government, which is sole arbiter in the case, determining in its own will the rights it can control. It may be as latitudinous as it pleases, and there can be no appeal. Under various pleas it may strip the citizen of every vestige of his natural rights, leaving him an emasculated piece of humanity-a social and political cipher.

The tendency of things is now in this direction. We are rapidly moving toward the omnipotency of despctism, veiled under the forms of law. Already the natural right to employ such a physician as one may choose has been abrogated in most of the States. The revival of obsolete laws to stab Spiritualism through its mediums who presume to exercise their natural gifts as is their natural right, is another of the tiger steps of theocratic despotism which shows the dangers ahead, the perils of Liberty.

It behooves the people to study fundamental principles as never before, that they may assert their rights and check the usurpations of judges and legislators. Many times there come occasions when forbearance ceases to be a virtue.

We are approaching such a period now. Unless there is a change, the lurid lightnings of popular indignation will discharge a bolt whose thunderclap shall rend the government from top to foundations, burying the despots beneath the ruins. The basis of the lately resurrected laws was devilology. No one can tell what scope may be given them, or how far they may be made to reach. They may be made to cover all the phenomeua of Spiritualism, inasmuch as leaders in the church say they are of the devil. This onslaught on the old fellow on this line evidences the survival of this devil idea, so potent in the past-an idea which made the arch fiend more of a figure in human affairs than God himself, possessing power sufficient to "euchre" God. in the long run, every time. It may exert a momentary influence, a few prosecutions may succeed; but a reaction will follow. It will be a bootless task to water and nurse the plants of superstition and ignorance, make a lever of the devil to overturn the thought of the nineteenth century. His Imperial Majesty with the masses has become shrunken and shriveled-a veritable Calvin Edson. But Churchianity clings to life, and resists the march of truth as developed in these latter days. As long as she can make tools of legislators and judges, there is danger. In these days politicians, as a general thing, care less for the people, more for themselves. Office is their Alpha and Omega; they care not how they attain it. They covet the loaves and fishes, hence are unsuitable guardians of human rights. The duty, then, is to have a care as to who shall occupy the places of power. Vote, if you vote alone, a protest in some honest, broad-minded citizen. Agitate to stir the popular mind, for the sober, second-thought of the people will be for the right. Having written thus much, I took planchette, when came the name Lysander Spooner, the radical reformer who loved humanity and human rights more than he did honor and riches, for these were at his command if he had crucified his radicalism. He said : "Natural rights are beyond the sphere of government. The meddling with them is rank injustice. An honest, clear-headed judge would pronounce all invasive laws null and void. The people must be educated up to a just concep-tion of justice."

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Banner Correspondence.

ar Our friends in every part of the country are carnestly invited to forward brief letters, items of local news, etc., for use in this department.

Colorado.

DENVER .- Robert Ward, Sec'y, writes: "On Sunday, May 10, the Colorado State Spiritual Association held its final meeting at Vendome Hall, Champa

A new society has been organized, called the Colo-rado Spiritual Association. The officers of this So-ciety are as follows: President, W. L. Rice; Vice-President, Dr. E. Green; Secretary, Robert Ward; Treasurer, J. M. Ricker: Trustees, Mrs. Georgia Maynard, Mrs. Florence I. Rice, and William Bev-ington ington.

Ington. This Society is getting along splendidly, holding meetings every Sunday afternoon at Douglass Hall, corner Champa and Eighteenth streets. We are very particular who we take into this Society. We are very particular who we take into this Society. We elect members by the ballot-box system. We are holding socials every Tuesday evening, and have re-freshments, vocal music and dancing, all for ten

We are trying to raise a fund to secure the best speakers and test mediums that can be got. We are determined to spread this beautiful religion to the world. On Sunday, May 24, we had Mrs E. F. J. Bullene of

On Sunday, May 24 we had Mrs E. F. J. Builene of California to speak for us. The meeting opened with singing by the audience, followed by a beautiful invo-cation by Mrs. Bullene; a plano solo by Miss McKen-ney, followed with a vocal duet by Mrs. L. J. Bicknell and Mrs. Myrtie Moore, which was a great treat to the audience. receiving a hearty encore; then we had the lecture by Mrs. Builene on the 'Natural Religion of Man ' which he proped was Spiritualian

of Man, which she proved was Spiritualism. Mrs. Bullene is one of the best speakers in the United States, and we would recommend her to all United States, and we would recommend her to all societies that want a good speaker. Her lecture was followed with a vocal solo by R. Ward, entitled, 'Only a Thin Veil Between Us,' words and musle by C. P. Longley. After the meeting was over I sold three copies of the song. After the song J. M. Ricker addressed the meeting for twenty minutes, followed with tests by Mrs. R. Gillett, which were all recog-nized. Then Mrs. Bicknell gave quite a number of tests, which were all recognized. After more singing by the audience and the benediction by Mrs. Bullene the meeting adjourned until next Sunday. We are organizing a quartet choir for the Colorado Spiritual Association. There is nothing like good music for a Society. It is the principal attraction of the day.

Miss for a solvey. It is the principal attraction of the day. Mrs. Musk is holding her meetings in Odd Fellows' Hall every Sunday evening, to large audiences. She is a fine speaker and very logical in her remarks. The Cause of Spiritualism is growing very rapidly all

The Cause of Spirituation is growing very rapidly all over this country. We have two Children's Lyceums here in Denver now, and they are doing well. One is presided over by Dr. Bogart, the other by J. W. Murray. Long live the good old BANNER of LIGHT. It is food for the soul; everybody ought to read it. I would not be without it for anything."

DENVER.-G. W. Kates writes: "Mrs. Kates and self are to commence an itinerant work, in association with the noted musicians, Joseph and Walfried Singer, at Pueblo, Col., May 30. We remain there four days, and then go into Nebraska and Iowa and on to the Ohio and Indiana camps.

We leave here with many regrets in parting with workers of long association. It seems like leaving home folks to go out into the world. We have been in Denver one and a half years, laboring with an earnest people. We did not know we should be so missed and regretted until since we commenced leave taking. leave taking. It is a sweet solace to know we have made and

shall retain so many good friends. From our various fields of labor we shall look lovingly back to sunny

Denver and its cheerful, kindly people. Spiritualism here has a firm hold, and we are glad to have contributed our mite of labor in binding hearts and minds together in so good a Cause. We leave the Children's Lyceum under the care of the First Spiritual Church, and know it and these workers will move on to grand results.

May good spirits abide with them, and may all people everywhere realiz; that peace and harmony are the cementing forces to perpetuate and utilize spiritual growth."

Connecticut.

MERIDEN.-Mrs. H. W. Hale, Sec'y, writes: "Supday. May 31, our Association held the last meeting of the season, with F. A. Wiggin as speaker.

land. In doing honor to him we express our loyalty to the great organization, the National Spiritualist? Association, of which he is the worthy and respected President.

For nearly half a century Spiritualism has strugand endeavored to take its proper place as the leader in all reforms, the teacher of the highest morality. the evangel of light and liberty, the bearer of glad tidings to humanity of the life that is to come. It has met with opposition and ridicule from the time the first faint raps at Hydesylle startled the whole world and investoriation. and inaugurated an era of research and investigation concerning the laws governing and controlling our relations to the super-physical universe, the continuity of life beyond the grave, and the possibility of hold-ing intelligent communication with the unseen intelligences of the spiritual world.

This opposition has been alike bitter and unreasoning from pulpit and press. The former, especially, has hurled its anathemas at the whole movement, and denounced its representatives, its mediums and teachers, as being common and unclean'-fit emissaries of the evil one, doing his work, destroying the very foundations of the church and society with their here sies and infidel teachings. Its most bitter foes have been those who should have been its stanchest friends and received it most gladly as giving to the world the evidence they did not posses, of that which they taught and professed to believe—the immortality of the soul-a state of conscious existence after death.

"Notwithstanding the foes without and foolish ones within the fold, Spiritualism has gone steadily along, presenting its facts, demonstrating every proposition and principle advanced, gradually commanding the respectful attention of many of the world's greatest thinkers and their scientific investigation and endorse ment of its claims. It has grown with the flight of time into a powerful and effectual force for the ameli-oration of the conditions of the people in all the departments of life wherever wrongs exist and injustice triumphs

'Wherever tearful, longing eyes have been turned toward that land of peace and promise, auxiously walting for some sign from their beloved, it has brought the tender answer : wherever hearts have been broken and crushed by cruel wrongs it has brought love's oll and wine, and poured out its healing, balm-giving strength, comfort and consolation. To the mentally enslaved by old dogmas and superstitions it has given light and freedom; to those in doubt and ignorance of their immortal birthright it has opened the windows of heaven, until its shining radiance has illumined their darkness, and dispelled all doubt. Within the brief space of forty-eight years it has extended, until to-day there is not a State in the Union, or a spot on the civilized globe, where its pure teachings have not been advocated, and where its adherents may not be

It has gained a foothold in the islands of the sea. and its truths have been scattered broadcast unto the uttermost ends of the earth, and are published in many different languages, and accepted by people of every nation, kindred, tribe and tongue.

"We have strong, wealthy, incorporated societies, public halls, libraries and ordalued ministers. "But with all our brilliant attainments there has been lacking that thorough and orderly system of work which obtains only through general organization and by means of which the greatest good is accomplished. Our most far seeing and prophetic teachers saw a time coming when we must stand before the world a united, fraternal brotherhood and sisterhood for the more successful promulgation of the Spiritual Philosoby, and the putting into practice in a more systematic and efficient manner its beneficent teachings for the uplifiment and betterment of humanity here and hereafter.

"That time has already come, and only walts the coming of our people to a clear understanding of their duties and responsibilities and the perception of the disaster involved in procrastination to arouse them to immediate action.

"A critical period is near at hand. The people are in the throes of a death agony or the pangs of a new birth. Which shall it be? Shall we, whose eyes have birth. Which shall the? Shall we, whose eyes have beheld the glimmering light on the distant hilltops, close them and say, the night is upon us still, or shall we awaken to the exigencies of the hour, and proclaim that the morn is breaking—that angels of love and wisdom are speaking to the bearts of men in no uncertain tones, asking them to turn their faces from the darkness unto the everlasting light — to break the fatter of ignorance superstition and break the fetters of ignorance, superstition and slavery, and preëmpt their claims to an unfettered, unchained manhood and all that is involved therein?

"Have we as Spiritualists nothing further to do after receiving the comforting message that our be-loved dead are living still? Is that all there is of Spiritualism? If that were all, then it would be scarcely worth seeking, for we would have but a brief time to wait until the inevitable change which comes to all would reveal death's mystery. But Spiritualism comprehends more than the possibility of communi-cating with the intelligences of the unseen world. Its storehouses of knowledge, its wonderful resources of wisdom and happiness, its divine potentialities and revealments, its great unexplored heights and depths, are still before us, compassing infinite possibilities and attainments, all-embracing, vast, limitiess as

that work would be the crowning glory of this nineteenth century, exceeding all the achievements and acquirements of material science and physical discoverv with which this teeming age is so prolific. Next. Spiritualism dethrones the 'King of Terrors,' destroy-ing all fear of death.

ing all fear of death. "In the spiritualistic philosophy death is shown to be an inestimable blessing in the divine economy of nature—the pathway to the brighter glories and purer felicitles of the sweet by-and-by. Relief from fear of death constitutes a gleaming glittering jewel in the diademic circle crowning the laurel-entwined brow of Modern Spiritualism. Eternal punishment, another womater the diademic the show the south monster chastly and gaunt, has tallen to the earth transfixed by the piercing dart of spiritualistic revealment. Progress eternal is, we know, through Spirit-ualism, the birthright of the human soul. No heart so black with hate and fierce malignity but what in time will be attuned to sweetest harmony and purest love; no soul so blood-stained, so thickly crusted over with vice and crime, villalny and turpitude, but what is destined, as the ages roll, to be redeemed therefrom, to walk arrayed in robes of purest white, symbolic of

to walk arrayed in robes of purest while, symbolic of abiding virtue, purity and truth." Vice-President W. T. Jones paid his respects to the recent legislation in several of the Eastern States against mediums and Spiritualists, asking all present o join the ranks of the Mediums' Protective Association.

"One of the important matters that should engage the attention of this Convention," said Mr. Jones, "is protection to mediums in the exercise of their ministerial functions. I need not tell you that unless this is secured the avenues of communication with the spirit-world will be closed. Some of our sister States have already passed laws which may seriously affect nave arready passed haws which hay schools y affect our mediums and healers, and judging from the expe-rience of some of the mediums in this city during the past year we may take warning, and begin to prepare ourselves for a similar fate. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Let 'Justice to all, special privileges to none,' be our motto and watchword.

"We are living in an are when statutory enact-ments affect and coutrol, in a measure, almost every human action and interest, and since the laws of our land to some extent are framed by and through the influence of cuuning and selfish, designing men for their own aggrandizement, is it to be wondered at that the pages of our statute books are disgraced with arbitrary and unjust laws? "Like every movement in the past having in view

the enlightenment and the emancipation of the human mind from the darkness of ignorance and the bondage of superstition. Spiritualism has received its share of reproach and calumoy. Its seers, prophets and me-diums, and its advocates everywhere, in some way have suffered.

"I have not time to cite cases to prove my statement. The facts are well known to many of you. The rights of individuals guaranteed by the Constitution of our country have been too often disregarded. Freelom to exercise natural and latent gifts and powers to minister to the needs of humanity, especially when this power is used to alleviate pain, has been mali-clously denied to our spiritual and magnetic healing mediums.'

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, famous in spiritualistic cir-cles, discoursed on "Spiritualism, its Benefits to Wom-en, Home and the Government." The main point of ber argument centered in a general proposition that Spiritualism had done much to elevate woman, giving her periect freedom of thought and action, thereby making her a factor in the government of the country. Miss Ella Wheeler Marchaut of San Bernardino follawed in a poetical address on "The Vorid's Nine O'clock." Mrs. Cowell of Oakland then delivered what she called an "inspired talk," after which Miss Jennie C. Reed of Portland spoke as follows:

"I have not come before you particularly as a Spir-itualist representative, for I am within the pale of the Unitarian church. Still, profession counts very little, for 'by their fruits ye shall know them.' "Creeds are worthless, save as you make them ac-

"However, I am glad to say to the friends here that I believe in spiritual phenomena and the com-munication of the two worlds. "It is not every church member who believes who

"It is not every church-memoer who believes who is willing to assert it. I claim no credit for an honest statement, nor venture to question the attitude of others. Spiritualism is the fundamental principle of most religions. That angels hover over us and guard us is taught from all pulpits of the Christian churches. But when you call it Spiritualism they hold up their hands in holy horror. hands in holy horror.

"Friends, we need no appeal asking God to come to us, but simply a recognition of the divine within each and every one of us. Our spirits are his pulsat-ing life—the very fibre of his being. "May we all icel in spirit and in truth, 'Tby will,

not mine, be done,' so that the manifestation of the highest life may come through each and every one of

"Every noble thought uttered here to day is the expression of a higher intelligence playing upon divine instruments, whether it be from an individualized spirit upon the other side of life or inspiration from the all-pervading element of spirit and thought that exists all about us. "We also have a personal spiritual influence upon

"We also have a personal spiritual influence upon "Shall we not hasten to possess ourselves of this magnificent inheritance, and appropriate its benefac-tions for the upilifument of the race? Humanity groans beneath its burdens, which are the result of For it is not alone the spoken words that give power,

of those incomprehensible times of celebration which are so characterless and unmeaning. One would have thought, to listen to beating drums and the tread of marching feet, and the altogether holiday appearance of the town, that some great joyful event was being celebrated, instead of it being a day set apart in recognition of the services and transition of a mighty host who sought, even to the extent of giving up their lives, to lift the black cloud of slavery from the fair face of the American Republic.

A more incongruous spectacle could not well be imagined than the one presented. Some there were, no doubt, who accepted the day for what it was really worth, and sent forth many a gentle thought to those who too early had passed on to the great beyond; but the majority saw in the day only another opportunity for joyous merry-making, and could scarcely have told what the day was for.

I do not believe in useless repining or foolish show of grief, but there is a dignified recogni tion of great services rendered the world, a rereading of the record whereon is inscribed the names of some of the greatest heroes, the truest men, that America has yet produced. A public review of what the war meant, of what men fought and died for, would impress young and old alike that there was a time, even though it now seems well-nigh past. when in this country there were principles to be defended and upheld, as well as money to be made. We too easily forget that the pathway to our present greatness, if such it can be called, is strewn with numberless lives, who felt that in dying they had placed their best offering upon the altar of American liberty. Such men were true to themselves and the flag above them, and have served to make the history of this great country.

Brick Pomeroy, whose name is extensively known from one end of the United States to the other, has passed to the great beyond, after months of severe and trying illness. Mr. Pomeroy was a man of great ability in many directions, and during the war especially impressed himself to a considerable extent upon the public mind. Since then he has dropped from view to a great extent, having failed, like many others, to realize the full measure of earthly success

He was greatly interested in the subject of Spiritualism, often delivering unique and logcal lectures from the various liberal and spiritualistic platforms. He was generous and kindly to a fault, and will carry with him into the better life the grateful memory of many loving hearts. A more charming family it would indeed be difficult to find. The children are as sweet in character as they are beautiful in form and feature, and are all quite cognizant of the tenets of the Spiritual Philosophy. God grant that the pathway of their lives, and that of their sweet and gentle mother, may be smoothed through life.

Kate Field, a typical American woman, if ever there was one, has also closed her earthly pilgrimage at Honolulu, where she has been for some time. She was one of the cleverest, most intellectual women this country has produced. Whether as a writer, lecturer, reform-er or actress-for she was all these-she never failed to interest, because she brought a strong intellect to bear upon everything she undertook.

Her crusade against the Mormons is still memorable, and the way she handled that vexed question was a compliment to her great ability. There was always a touch of sadness, tinctured with a keen satire, about her, that, being misunderstood, stood in the way of her making as strong friends or meeting with as much general recognition as she otherwise would

People in this world are more frequently judged by what they leave undone than by what they actually accomplish. Miss Field leaves behind her a long and valuable record of a life filled to the brim with the desire to help and bless the age in which she lived, and her death in a foreign land will be mourned by a host of friends in all parts of the world.

The marriage of Mrs. Helen Palmer of Port-

[From the Norwich Bulletin, Wednesday, May 27.] Norwich Spiritual Union.

Annual Meeting-Election of Officers-New By-Laws Adopted.

The annual meeting of the First Spiritual Union of Norwich was held in Grand Army Hall, Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock, with Dr. W. W. Clapp in the chair.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report showed the argest amount of work ever accomplished by the Society. Beside the regular lecture course of twentyeight Sundays, a series of twenty parlor meetings had been held on Sunday evenings. Many week evening séances and circles have also been held.

The financial report showed the total expenditures for the year to be \$1,074.67, and the receipts \$1,079 19. This leaves the sum of \$4.62 in the treasury. The following officers and committees were elected

for the ensuing year: Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Chapman Treasurer, Guilford Parker; Auditors, S. G. Tilling, Arasuter, D. Crocker; Committee on Speakers, S. A. Chapman, R. M. Hubbell, N. Duchette, R. B. Parker, Mrs. R. A. Jennings; Music Committee, Mrs. L. L. Varney, Mrs. J. A. Chapman, Mrs. Ellen Gardner. A new code of by-laws was adopted for the purpose for the bubble of by-laws was adopted for the purpose.

of establishing a permanent membership and making other changes in the government of the Society. A committee of five was chosen to consider the

matter of erecting a building for the use of the Union. Sanford A. Chapman, Guilford Parker. Wales W. Clspp, William F. Bogue and Robert B. Parker were constituted members of said committee. They are to report progress at a future meeting.

With the blood full of humors, the heated term is all the more oppressive. Give the system a thorough cleansing with Ayer's Sarsaparilla and a dose or two of Ayer's Pills, and you will enjoy summer as never before in your life. Just try this for once, and you'll not repent it.

From Oct. 1 to the last of May we have had some of the best speakers on our rostrum (of which mention 1 have made in previous communications to you), and they have done much to edify us by their eloquence, and also help tear down the bigotry and ignorance of

the past, and enlighten the people of our city. No one has more fearlessly spoken the grand truths

No one has more feariessly spoken the grand truins of our philosophy than our last speaker, Mr. Wiggin, both in the month of January, and on his return en-gagement for the month of May. He has the happy faculty, with his eloquence and scholarly lectures in the morning and the evening ser-vice devoted to his unmistakable and indisputable (tests, to draw large audiences, not only of the Spirit-uelists but also of some of the heat and respected ualists, but also of some of the best and respected citizens of our city. They tell us if this is Spiritual-ism they desire to know more of it, and our audiences have steadily increased in numbers, and our Treasury has been replenished, and we find our Society with a

substantial surplus of cash on hand as we close our meetings for the summer months. We have secured Mr. Wiggin for Sept. 21 and 28. The Ladles' Auxiliary to our Association gave a fine musical entertainment Tuesday night, May 26. All the musical numbers received a hearty encore, as also he reading of Miss Lorenson.

Mr. Wiggin gave his services for our benefit, and his guides, evidently catching the inappy inspiration of the hour, gave many wonderful and convincing tests the hour, gave many would that convincing tests to the audience of over two hundred people. Ice cream was served, and the ladies realized a very handsome sum from the evening's entertainment. Our experience has been that our mediums are a kind and generous people, and when they are with us a week, or longer, have given us substantial aid by de-voting one evening for our benefit. We as a society appreciate their efforts in our behalf. On Tuesday evening, June 2, our Association held its quarterly meeting, and as it was our annual meet-

ing resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. H. W. Hale; Sec'y, Mr. Albert Gustine; Treasurer, Mr. Harry Gough. The minor offices were satisfactorily filed."

Rhode Island.

PAWTUCKET.-Jennie E. Warburton, Cor. Sec'y. writes: "Our speaker on May 24 was Mrs. Sarah Humes, and I am glad to say she gives better satisfaction every time she comes. We had her again May 31.

June 7 we are to have Mrs. May S. Pepper, and expect to have a crowded house, and a great treat in store for us."

PROVIDENCE. - Mrs. F. A. Parmelee, Sec'y, writes: "June 3 the Progressive Aid Society held a concert in Columbia Hall, in which the following talent took vart:

talent took part: Selections by Greene's Orchestra of Providence; song, Miss Field, 'The Holy City'; Lyceum, a dia-logue, 'True Haupiuess,' by request; songs by little Miss Adams, 'Buit+rcups' and 'On a Market Day'; recitation by Lyceum pupils, Misses Seward, Lawton ard Reynolds, 'Kindness, Truth and Harmony'; songs by Miss Lizzle Goff; reading, Miss Blood, 'Wile's Husband'; plano solo, Miss Adams; read-ing, 'Love and Sympathy,' Miss Gibbon. 'Master Johnnle's Naxt-Door Neighbor,' 'The Inventor's Wife' (by request) and 'True Bravery'; song, Miss Field, closed a very lateresting and profitable enter-Field, closed a very lateresting and profitable enter-tainment. Mrs. Humes acted as Chairman. Thanks to BANNER OF LIGHT for past favors."

Massachusetts.

LEOMINSTER -Juliette Yeaw writes: "The Independent Liberal church of Greenwich is looking forward with pleasure to the occupancy of its platform, June 14, by Mr. J. Frank Baxter.

It will be the first appearance of Mr. Baxter, and a rare treat is anticipated."

HARWICH.-R. N. S. Smith writes: "The Ocean Grove, Harwich Port, Mass., Camp-Meeting commences July 12, closes July 26.

The post-office address to which mail matter can be sent is Ocean Grove, Harwich Port, Mass. Rev. S. L. Beal is the presiding officer during the meetings."

South Carolina.

MOULTRIEVILLE .- A. O. Aimar writes: "At a séance held twenty-six years ago, at Miami, Dade Co., Fla., one evening at Mr. W. Wagner's house, one message seemed to come from the spirit of an old sailor, saying there were buried in a tin box some papers, giving the points of compass and number of yards from an old blacksmith shoo used when the troops were stationed at Miami. Nobody interested them-selves much about it then, but strange to say a tin can was recently found in clearing up the land for building but the number were and desized building, but the papers were so decayed and delaced they could not be read.

I simply write this to verify the truths of Spiritualism."

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HE MIXED THEM UP.

"A pound of tea at one and three. And a pot of raspberry jam; Two new-laid eggs, a dozen pegs, And a pound of rashers of ham."

I'll shy it over all the way, And then I'm sure not to forget; For if I chance to bring things wrong My mother gets in such a pet.

"A pound of tea at one and three, And a pot of raspberry jam; Two new-laid eggs, a dezen pegs, And a peund of rashers of ham."

There in the hay the children play, They're having such jolly fun; I'll go there, too, that's what I'll do, As soon as my errands are done.

'A pound of tea at one and three. A pot of - er - nt w laid a mice, Two raspberry eggs, with a dozen pegs, And a pound of rashers of ham."

There's Teddy White aflying his kite, He thinks himself grand, I declare; I'd like to try to fly it sky high, Ever so much higher Thao the old cl urch spire, And then—and—then—but there—

"A pound of three and one at tea, A pot of new laid jam, Two dozen eggs, some raspberry pegs, And a pound of rashers of ham."

Now here's the shop, outside I'll stop, And run through my ord: rs again; I have n't forgot—no, ne'er a jot— It shows I'm pretty cute, that 's plain.

" A pound of three at one and tea, A dozen of raspberry ham. A pot of eggs, with a dozen pegs, And a rasher of new-laid jam."

The Children's Progressive Lyceum, No. 1,

Held its closing session for the season on Sunday, the 31st ult. As had been previously announced, the day had been set apart for exercises appropriate and fitting as a memorial service for the departed, to call up more vividly the recollection of the martyrs in every age for truth and progress, to emulate their virtues, and commend their example to the rising generation.

On such occasions the pioneers in every work of reform come up for especial remembrancethat noble army of devoted workers in the movement for liberty of thought and speech. We should not be unmindful of the brave little company who landed at Plymouth two hun-dred and seventy years ago, and founded upon principles of eternal right a government of "civil and religious liberty." Let us not forget the deeds of valor performed in the strugget to free the Colonies from the oppression of the mother country-the self sacrificing spirit of the Revolutionary heroes who counted no price to: dear to pay for the liberty wherewith God hath made all men free. And when these October. Also bear in mind Mrs. Soper's sug-principles were assailed, when the flag under gestion for doing missionary work during the which we were born was insulted by a faction of our own country, may we ever keep green in our memory the men who sprang as if with one accord to support the honor, dignity and supremacy of a government "of the people, for the people, by the people." We should not forget the long line of noble men and women who in all ages have led up to a cloud long langting the people of the people.

an elevated moral sentiment, who have labored for education of the masses, for their accom-plishment of the abolition of human bondage, operations on the teeth : at the same period the emancipation from superstition, olgotry and intolerance, and the ushering in of an "age of reason." Especially should we remember those who have labored in the forefront of the spiritual movement for the spread of tidings of great joy which shall be to all people that the gate between the two worlds having been pushed ajar is thrown wide open, so that the angel-world is permitted to come in contact with mortals and aid more forcibly in this work of uplifting and developing the human race. The march was brilliant. The platform was decorated with bouquets and potted plants. and bunting was gracefully festooned from the centre to front, sides and rear, as well as about the canopy, setting off the hall to the best pos-sible advantage. The songs and recitations were prepared with especial reference to the day, and were finely rendered. They consisted in part of recitations by Harry Williams, Marie Gale, Rosa Goldstein, Miss Mattie Milliken, Mr. Stone, Miss Bertha Titus and Lillian Thompson: a reading by Mrs. M. A. Brown; songs by Miss Louise Horner, Miss Bertha Davis, Miss Mabel Waite, Lillian Goldstein, Ransom Brothers, and Mr. and Mrs. Tyler. There was a feature of sadness withal, because, with this service, not only does the Lyceum close for the season, but it loses its mother who brought it into being and has fostered it, and, with the help of those she has drawn around her, kept it in operation, fed it with substantial nourishment, and seen that every farthing of its debt was paid. Mrs. M. J. Butler, whose name and face are so generally known, retired from the Lyceum work and left it for others to continue. A petition, largely signed, was presented by Mrs. S. E. Jones asking her to reconsider her determina-tion and continue her labor, but Mrs. Butler, in a few well chosen remarks, stated that her decision must be considered final, as she was not able to do more, and younger people must take up the work. The Conductor had previously announced his intention of bidding the Lyceum farewell on this occasion, as his duties required effort in another direction, and both he and Mrs. Wood came into the Lyceum work to assist Mrs. Butler, and now felt that with her they must leave the work to those better able to maintain it. Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes was called upon for re marks, and in words which the writer knows must have been beautiful, but was too much surprised and dazed to fully comprehend for a few minutes, she presented the Conductor with a life size portrait of himself, beautifully executed-the gift of Mrs. Butler, in her own behalf and that of the Lyceum, as a token of remembrance for the services and interest taken in the organization. Previous to this, and in behalf of the same donor, the Conductor had presented each of the three musicians with a scarf-pin as a memento of appreciation of their faithfulness and of the melody and harmony which they had for so long helped to produce. CHAS. T. WOOD, Conductor.

and methods adapted to bring out the latent good within.

A piano solo by Mr. Watson was followed by a recitation by little Maud Armstrong that was enthusiastically received, as was a duet sung by the Ransom Brothers. Our young elo-cutionist, Master Willie Sheldon, recited a pat-riotic selection that touched the right spot. The Clerk read a report on the ottendance

The Clerk read a report on the attendance for the past twenty Sundays, showing a slow but steady growth in numbers.

As deserving of especial mention he cited the names of Winnie Ireland and Earl Leslie Keeler, who have not been absent a single Sunday. Miss Grace Warren of Beverly, a sweet voiced visitor we are always glad to welcome, sang a solo, to the great delight of all. Mr. C. C. Shaw, President of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, made remarks expressing the great pleasure it gave him to see so many young people interested in the study and promulgation of Spiritualism,

Mr. J. B. Hatch, the veteran Lyceum Conductor, was called upon as one qualified by his ductor, was called upon as one qualined by his twenty five years' experience in that position, to speak on the "Value of our Lyceums in the Past." "The evidence of their inestimable value is so abundant," he said, "I feel proud of the fact that it has been my good fortune to have been a Lyceum Conductor for upward of twenty five years." Mis. J. S. Soper, editor of the Lyceum De-nartment of the BANNER OF Light, was the

artment of the BANNER OF LIGHT, was the partment of the BANNER OF LIGHT, was the next speaker, and her practical suggestion that a "Leaders' Class should be formed for the training of leaders, so that they would be bet-ter able to interest and hold the attention of their children" was list and to with such class their children," was listened to with such close attention by our officers and leaders that I feel quite sure something in that line will be done another season.

Mrs. Emma Ireland-White spoke of the absurdity of some prayers, and the writer would heartily agree with Mrs. White, that the little finite men and women who turn their eyes heavenward and pour out a long list of suggestions to a being they endow with infinite wis-dom must smile in moments of introspection

at their own conceit. Mrs. N. J. Willis spoke of the need of an "old folks" class, where the gray heads could talk over the Lyceum lessons. We would inform Mrs. Willis and the public that this Lyceum has just such a class in what are called adult groups, and we cordially invite our young friends in spirit, though ripe in years, to join these at the opening of this Lyceum the first Sunday in October.

Mr. E. B. Packard made brief remarks, and Mr. C. C. Shaw delayed the closing benedic-tion a few moments by asking the large num-ber of visitors present "to signify by rising that they appreciated the efforts being made by the officers and members of this Lyceum for the spiritual education of the children." All arose; and the Conductor, in behalf of the Lyceum, thanked Mr. Shaw and friends for

their kindness. Remember that the Lyceum will open in Berkeley Hall the first Sunday afternoon in

months that intervene. A. CLARENCE ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

The Care of the Teeth.

While the tooth is the smallest member of the body, yet it is one of the most important. operations on the teeth; at the same period the idea was advanced that the cause of toothache was known only to God. The method of extracting teeth was to shake them well and then to remove them. It is important to know that the decay of the teeth always commences externally. It shows itself upon the enamel which covers the bony structure of the teeth. In most cases this de cay may be said to be the result of chemical action produced by the decomposition of particles of food that collect and lodge between the teeth. These fissures are caused by the imperfect uniting of the edges of the enamel during the formation of the teeth. Every one will see, therefore, how necessary it is to prevent all particles of food or foreign matter from remaining in the mouth a sufficient time to cause decomposition. Use of Brush and Powder.-Keep your teeth clean. Use a stiff rather than a soft brush. Your gums may be sore for a time, but you will find that they will soon become hardened, and the blood will circulate through them more freely. A good preparation for cleansing the teeth is of pure soap, prepared chalk, and a little orris-root. This makes a simple, and at the same time effective, dentifrice. Do not use powdered charcoal or pumice stone as a dentirice. They are insoluble, and, no matter how fine you may prepare them, their little grains will scratch the enamel and squeeze in between the tooth and the gum. An irritation follows that may induce inflammation. If your teeth are of a dark or yellow hue naturally, do not attempt to make them white. It cannot be done except at the expense of the teeth them-selves. Tooth powder is not used to make teeth white, but to keep them clean.- Ex.

June Magazines.

THE MAUAZINE OF ART .- Among the important contributions to the current number will be noted W. Dendy Badler," by W. L. Woodroffs, with a portrait of Mr. Sadier, and seven illustrations of his works; "The Widow's Birthday," "Home-Brewed," "A Breach of Promise Case," "A Hunting Morn" (engraved by Madame Jacob Bazin), " La Roachers," "Dummy Whist," and "It's Always the Largest Fish That's Lost," "The Coln of the Realm," by Lewis F. Day, with filty-seven designs for coins by T. Brock, R. A., E. Onsk w Ford, R. A., and many others. "The Chronicle of Art" is replete with illustrations of noted artists' work. Many others contribute to make a very desirable number. The Cassell Publishing Co., 31 East 17th street (Union Square), New York.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY opens with another instalment of the letters of Dante Gabriel Rosetti, edited by George Birkbeck Hill, which contains the letters for 1855. Among the important papers are an article upon "The Politician and the Public School," by Mr. G. L. Jones, Superintendent of Schools, Cleveland, Ohio, and "Restriction of Immigration," by President Francis A. Walker. Other readable articles are "The Oubliette," one of Mrs. Catherwood's sketches of French Provincial life; "The Bird of the Musical Wing," by Olive Thorne Miller; "Orestes, the Catholic American," a striking biographical study, by George Parsons Lathrop; "The Opera before the Court of Reason," by W. F. Biddle; "Lord Howe's Commission to Pacify the Colonies," as historical coutribution by Paul Leicester Ford, embodying a hitherto unpublished manuscript. Fiction is represented by a further instalment of Henry James's absorbing serial, "The Old Things"; a short story of Alabama life, "The Price of a Cow," by Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bellamy, and "The Whirligig of Fortune," an incldent of the French Commune, by F. Russell Sullivan. The Book Reviews include a review of "John T. Morse's Life and Letters of Oliver Wendell Holmes." and reviews of recent publications in history and art. Poems and the usual departments complete a very interesting issue. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Park street, Boston.

MCCLURE'S MAGAZINE. - The opening paper of the current month is by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, in which she writes reminiscences of Harriet Beecher Stowe and visits to James T, Fields, under "Chapters from a Life" (illustrated with portraits and other pictures); James L. Crane writes of "Grant as a Colonel," and gives conversations of Grant and his chaplain; Will H. Low in "A Century of Painting" writes of the "Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood": Ida M. Tarbell, in "The Life of Abraham Lincoln," writes of Lincoln's retirement from Congress and return to the law-efforts at self-improvement-his relations with his children and his kindness to his parents (with portraits and other pictures). There is a generous instalment of "Phroso," by Anthony Hope. Rudyard Kipling, Stephen Crane, Cy Warman, Gertrude Hall and Arthur Hugh Clough contribute in prose and poem to a worthy number. The S. S. Mc Clure Compary, 141 to 155 East Twenty-fifth street, New York City.

RECEIVED: The Penny Magazine, published monthly by the Penny Magaz:ne Company, Bourse Building, Philadelphia. The Phrenological Journal and Science of Health, Fowler & Wells, 27 East Twenty-first street, New York. Cassell's Family Magazine. The Cassell Publishing Company, 31 East Seventeenth street (Union Square), New York. The Kindergarten News, published by Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass. The Journal of Hygiene and Herald of Health, Dr. M. L. Holbrook, Editor, 46 East Twentyfirst street, New York. Miscellaneous Notes and Queries, published by S. C. & L. M. Gould, Manchester, N. H. The New St. Louis, Advance Book Co., Publishers, 2819 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo.

William E. Gladstone recently remarked to a friend Within E. Characteristic recently remarked to a friend that he ecjoyed life to day as much as he did in his youth, though in a different way. Gladstone further said that the fact that the mind increased its power a d scope while the body grew more and more in firm, was positive proof of the immortality of the soul.-N. Y. World.

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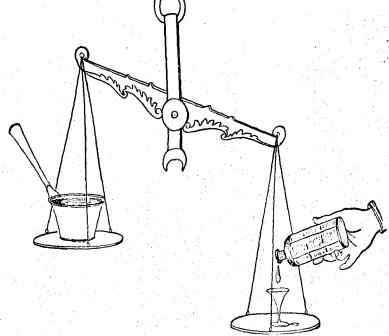
A Case in Every-day Life Where a Single Brop Weighs More Than a Whole Dipperful.

IT looks like a puzzle, and it is a new lease of life. puzzle until you try it yourself. Mrs. Henry W. Craigue, of Concord, That solves it. Every man can solve N. H., was ill for years. She had no it. Every woman can solve it. On appetite, no strength, no ambition, one side of the scales is a single drop. Her life was one constant round of On the other side is a dipperful. Yet the drop carries the most weight. Why is it, and how is it? Here is It made a new woman of her. the explanation.

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No chance, was what the doctor The one drop is a drop of Puritana. said about George H. Dunning, of The dipperful is a dipperful of so-called blood purifier, nerve tonic, or had nervous prostration, had no



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The Instructor, Dr. Root, said in the course of his remarks: "This Lyceum, so far as I have been able to learn, stands well not only in the history of the Lyceum movement, but of Sunday schools in general, for the moral and re-ligious instruction of the young, both in origin

FORGIVENESS.-A little boy and girl were playing by the roadside. The boy became angry and struck his playmate a sharp blow on the cheek, whereupon she sat down and began to The boy stood looking on, and presently said

'I did n't mean to hurt you, Katie; I am sorry.

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I intended to prepare a notice of the demise of Bro. Miller when I returned from the funeral, but an out-side influence restrained me. Twice subsequently I sat down for the purpose, but an influence seemed to " Wait." say,

I was impressed strongly for several days to attend I was impressed strongly icr several days to attend Mrs. Allen's material zing séance Thursday after-noon, May 28, which I did, when the purpose was re-vealed why I had delayed. Bro. Miller came, iully materialized, though somewhat weak. He greeted me heartily, thanked me for my words of cheer to those present, and said he was well satisfied that I had so clearly set forth the great truths which had had so clearly set forth the great truths which had been the solace of his earth career, and sustained him to the afflictions of the flesh when his spirit was seeking to throw off its transmels. Tell the friends, said he, that death is but a re-birth to enable the spirit to live and act in a more congenial sphere, freed from the trials, vexations and limitations of the mortal. When my full strength shall come I shall have much to say touching my experiences and the relations of the two worlds. WILLIAM FOSTER, JR.

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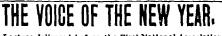
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because they would not see, before.

The dedication of the book to the members of the Commission is a fine piece of satirical writing, yet in no sense malicious or bitter. It gives them full credit for patient labor in the performance of their arduous duties, which has "so effectually settled all questions referred to them, and so clearly exposed the fraud and folly of the religious belief of twenty millions of their fellow men"; and for their receipt for making an important product from the gooseberry, given to the world." All this is offered with the author's "esteem and admiration." The munificent bequest of Mr. Seybert was for the endowment of a chair in the University of Pennsylvania for a "thorough and impartial investigation of all systems of morals, religion or philosophy which assume to represent the truth, and particularly of Modern Spiritualism." What a travesty was not the result from the hands of the Commissioners? If Henry Seybert had bequeathed the sum of sixty thousand dollars for the production and playing of a farce, he could not

have done it more effectually than he did. The dedication of the "Addendum" is to the same parties. They could not well get of corrupt politicians. Another writer says away from the author's sight. In this annex of accumulated evidence he testifies to his protection from political demagogues. They "increasing admiration " of their preliminary report and his appreciation of their "continued investigation "of the system of "religion or philosophy" so dear to the late Henry Seybert. He persists in his admiration "for the fairness and Christian charity with which you (they) treated the conscientious religious belief of millions of your (their) fellow-men." And he extols the manifest candor and truth fulness of their narrations of what they saw and heard in their investigations, certifying likewise to his unbounded respect for the unique method of their scientific inquiry, and "for other reasons too numerous to mention." The investigation was made by these Commissioners "with hand mirrors, printers" ink and fly-paper," and "with keen wit and satire." But it hardly needed a review to set forth in any stronger light the utter nothingness of meaning to such a kind of investigation. Yet it was best to have what we now have in this book-a faithful record of the weakness and willfulness of ignorance and prejudice. The complete refutation of the Commission-

ers by Mr. Richmond is established in his Review, by a recital of what he saw at Cassadaga Lake. He concludes with asking them the question, whether it logically follows that because they did not see, others did not. Allowing them to be truthful, should not they extend the same courtesy to others? He asks them if it matters how many frauds they witnessed, if what others who are equally competent observers saw, was not tainted with fraud. As the frauds the Commissioners narrate may have existed, so may the facts he has proven. Because they have been unfortunate in their limited associations, they have no right to pronounce all men liars who testify to the truth of the phenomena. One single well-authenticated truth will confound volumes of narrated fraud. Their testimony to the existence of spirit manifestations is negative; his is positive. There are depths in the great ocean of

without knowing what they did not know, people of the world are so neglectful of their opportunities for spiritual development. The object of the Crusade is to awaken degenerate humanity to the necessity of seeking a higher plane of life and thought, so as to avert the threatened catastrophe to the race.

The Politician in the Public School

An important and timely contribution to the June Atlantic Monthly is on the curse of politics in the public schools. The writer uses as the basis of his paper information received from over sixteen hundred teachers and superintendents in all parts of the Union A superintendent in an Eastern State writes that nearly all the teachers in our schools get their positions by a "political pull." Unless they secure a place and the backing of political influence they are likely to be turned out. A drawing-teacher, he states, recently lost her position for this reason. A superintendent at the South writes that most of the places depend on politics. The lowest motives are often used to influence ends. From the West comes the humiliating admission that positions are secured and held by the lowest principles "the teachers of this place have practically no must trade with the merchants, bank with the bankers, take treatment of the doctors, consult with the lawyers and connive with the politicians of the dominant party." Politicians wage a war of extermination against all teachers who are not their vassals.

The writer of the Atlantic article confesses that there seems to be no geographical limit to the nuisance. Unlike the pestilence, that subsides after its poison has run its course, politics never confines itself to certain doomed regions, and never subsides. Appointments are made, promotions secured, removals effected, on the basis of a political auction. The test question in many places seems to be: How many votes can you control for me when I become a candidate for mayor or some other elective office? The situation, says this writer, staggers belief. These political tricksters go so far as to steal from the defenseless children. The inevitable consequence of this incompetence in the schoolroom is the spiritual starvation and death of the children, the dwarfing of all noble purposes, the paralyzing of all high effort, the destruction of all elevated ideals, the gradual obliteration of all that nocents to protect his throne; the modern and it does not seem to make much difference that his own children are among the number. Partisan politics is the most horrible curse that ever spread its blighting influence over the public schools.

The Immigration Tide.

Is it necessarily true, inquires General Francis A. Walker in a recently published article on unrestricted foreign immigration, that if our fathers and grandfathers were right in their view of immigration in their own time, those who advocate the restriction of immigration to day must be in the wrong? Does it not sometimes happen, in the course of national demand of the times, which everywhere calls | never sounded. There are heights in her vast | changes in condition require corresponding changes of opinion and of policy? A century ago it was considered a praiseworthy achievement to subdue the Western forests with the settler's axe; to day all intelligent men admit that the cutting down of our forests, the destruction of the tree covering of our soil, has already gone too far; and both individual States and the nation have united in efforts to undo some of the mischief which has been wrought to our agriculture and to our climate from carrying too far the work of denudation. In the same way it may be true that our fathers were right in their view of immigration, while yet the patriotic American of today may properly shrink in terror from the contemplation of the vast hordes of ignorant and brutalized peasantry througing to our shores. The changes in the relative condition of things from the earlier days to these are very marked. In the first place, the free public lands are completely exhausted. Then there capitals about three weeks each. They will has been a steady fall in all agricultural prices then proceed to all the important cities and since 1873. This diminishes greatly the ability to employ a large number of uneducated and Hungary, Italy, Malta, in turn, and thence to unskilled hands in agriculture. And finally, Egypt, where they propose a prolonged stay. and what is most immediately important, we have a labor problem of increasing dimensions to solve. Our boasted superiority over the tralia, Tasmania, New Zealand and Queens- older European countries in respect to our land; afterward to Java, Sumatra, China and | easily maintaining peace and keeping the so-Japan, coming to San Francisco early in cial order unimpaired was not owing to our institutions but to our more favorable condi-Then will follow a tour across the American | tions. We have happily been free, until recontinent, with stops at all cities of over ten | cently, from the evil condition of the depressthousand inhabitants. The announced pur- ed countries of Europe. But during the last pose of this comprehensive journey is to extend | few years we have ourselves come under the a knowledge of Theosophy, and its funda- shadow of this evil, in spite of our magnificent mental teaching of universal brotherhood. The | natural resources. We know what it is to have even intelligent and skilled labor unemwill be everywhere preached by the Crusaders. | ployed through considerable periods of time. It is announced that they will carry the evi- And, of all nations, we are the one least qualidences of the great and wonderful civilization | fied to deal with a labor problem. Therefore, of America in the far past, as yet unknown to all these things considered, we must change scientists, and collected by Theosophists in our old immigration nc-system to one of the

Poverty in the English Church.

the recipients of enormous salaries, those who notified that the BANNER OF LIGHT establishoccupy an humble rank in it are pinched with actual poverty. The ill-paid curate is employed by the occupant of a benefice, and more often than not the latter is unable to give him anything at all. In a late number of the National Review the Dean of Norwich shows that many of the so-called "livings" in the Church of England would better be called "starvings." The distress prevalent among the parochial clergy is ascribed chiefly to the decline in the value of land. Their revenues are largely derived from land. Every hundred pounds of tithes is first reduced by taxation to seventyfour pounds; and another taxation process reduces that by fifteen pounds; thus leaving only fifty nine pounds of the hundred collected as tithes to the use of the incumbent of the benefice. Glebe has fallen one-third in value. There are 4079 church livings in England and Wales that yield less than \$1000 each to their incumbents. There are 1128 that pay less than \$500 each. And there are 362 that yield their incumbents less than \$250 each. In the diocese of Richfield there is one living of £32, one of £31, one of £30, one of £22, one of £21, and one of £11. The Dean of Norwich writes his article on behalf of a national church sustentation fund. The plan is to raise one million pounds per annum by weekly penny contribupersons, or one-quarter of the population of be made from the country gentry to the people.

Priestly Counsel to Graduating Technologists.

In addressing the graduating class of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Sunday last, in Trivity church in Boston, Rev. Dr. Donald told them that the world will be more amply furnished with what ministers to its comfort and convenience because of the com. petent service they were to give it. But he admonished them to see to it that the world is also ethically more clear headed, more spiritually-minded, more reverent, obedient, compassionate, just and pure, because they bring into the heart all their service, to refine and steady and ennoble it, a profound and reasonable belief in the lordship of Jesus Christ. He, said makes life worth living. Herod killed the in- the preacher, is the great reality. His law is at the heart of all that is noblest in our civilipolitician murders the children for mere gain, zation. His influence has swayed and sways what is purest in our society. His character is the mark set for the nature of man to reach. He is the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Spiritual sensitiveness to the presence of God is as well attested a fact as the sensitiveness of the magnetic needle to the influence of the pole. We have to buy our moral truth. There is no other way of securing that ethical certainty and clairvoyance necessary to the fully furnished man. The truth of God is the only place for religion and the best place for science in which to lo cate the origin of forces, the laws, the orderly processes of the great world.

The Prevalence of Suicides.

A preacher in one of the Boston pulpits e the assertion recently that in a single

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If the magnates of the English church are Is a legal holiday, and the friends are hereby ment will be closed on that occasion.

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Parties having advertisements for the seventh page, which they wish to renew in THE BAN-NER for June 20, must make application at the Counting-Room by Friday afternoon, June 12, or they will be too late, as our first forms go to press one day in advance for that issue.

Still Harping on Dreams and the Dreamers.

Rev. W. E. Barton preached on faith and the supernatural, last Sunday, in his church in Boston, and had to admit that there had been a large element of prophecy from the beginning in history, and God had raised up men from age to age to deliver messages to his people. If only a few people saw Christ after his resurrection, he held that their evidence would have far greater weight than the negative evidence of ten thousand persons who might declare that they had not seen him. But, on the other hand, the mere handful of prejudiced persons who report, as the Seybert Commission on Spiritualism, that they did not see any genuine manifestations, is taken to have far greater weight than the positive evidence of tens of thousands of persons who have seen such manifestations. The difference is tions. A penny a week from the seven million | in the ownership of the ox gored. That sort of fraudulent reasoning obtains in the pulpit Eugland and Wales, would produce one and a | as well as in other places. Then this preacher, half million pounds sterling. The appeal is to dubbed "divine," proceeded to say: "Others ask if Spiritualists and mesmerists do not work miracles and divinations which cannot be understood, and if these have not their power from a divine source." Such questioners are referred to the Scripture for counsel, he said. And then he quoted an old text as if it were an oracle, bidding the people not to go after a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, who giveth a sign or a wonder, and it afterwards came to pass. Yet this wise preacher insisted that God has implanted in man a knowledge of the truth.

A Word of Sorrow.

Mrs. Milton Rathbun writes:

"Mrs. Mary A. Newton, President of First Society, New York City, is very ill, and grave fears are entertained as to her recovery. She has been confined to her bed for a number of

weeks, and gradually loses ground. We hope for the best, and ask all her friends to send their best thoughts to ber, wishing her well. We can none of us entertain the sad pos-sibility of losing her visible presence; there-fore let us keep her in mind, and earnestly implore every aid to her complete restoration to health."

19 We have received a set of JOHN PART-RIDGE'S ALMANACS for the years 1817 to 1839 inclusive, except 1831 and '34. Each year contains eclipses, astrological and other observations, and much interesting matter. Price 25 cents each.

B G. B. Stebbins writes us:""I stay at home mostly through summer heat. Am to be at Orion Camp June 10 and 11; at Sturgis (Mich.) Yearly Meeting June 13 and 14-a good meeting held for over thirty years."

107 The third edition of Dr. T. A. Bland's "How to Get Well and How to Keep Well," will be issued as originally intended-no in-

upon magazines, newspapers and current literature for some reduction of former prices.

Will the regular subscribers for THE BAN-NER make an effort to increase its circulation? It would be an excellent and practical plan if every one now on our subscription books would make it his or her business to obtain one new subscriber to this paper for 1896.

It is our desire to maintain the heretofore high standard of THE BANNER, and to add to | they will sail from New York on the steamthe value of its contents and the practicality of its work, wherever opportunity shall be given us; and we hope the Spiritualists of the mundane world will work with us, to strengthen our hands for the service of that world of spirits, whose Cause this paper has so long defended.

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1 Our patrons will please take notice that during the months of June, July and August the BANNER OF LIGHT Bookstore will close at 5 o'clock each week-day except Saturday, when it will close at 2 o'clock.

The Seybert Commission.

The article of Mr. A. B. Richmond on his published review of the Seybert Commissioners' Report, elsewhere published in the current issue of THE BANNER, appeals strongly to the deep interest of all readers who have a demonstrated knowledge of the communion of spirits excarnate and incarnate. The author's own commentary on the work of his hands is of far more significance and value than any observations of others could be expected to be. He originally made a searching inquiry into the motives and methods of this "unfaithful and untruthful" body, to which nothing can now be added and from which nothing can be taken away. It will stand permanently as it was written. To the original Review has been furnished by the author an Addendum, containing a record of what he saw at Cassadaga Lake in 1888, the Review having appeared the year previous. The second of the fac similes given in his article is taken from this "Addendum": the other from the book itself, as they were published in both.

It will repay close examination to study the remarkable similarity of the two signatures to these communications, and the other fact that in their text-body the crossing intended for the t's fail to cross the t's, but are made either before or after them. These two communications, with their signatures, were given through two different mediums, at different times and places. That serves to emphasize the test with only the more force. And the interest in the plates is greatly heightened by a knowledge of these facts. Being direct slate-writing messages from spirit Seybert himself to Mr. Richmond, they constitute an approval of his work and an encouragement of his further design. The book itself must always engage the public interest deeply. While it penetrates all the prejudices governing the Commissioners, and exposes the blankness of their willful ignorance. it furnishes a lucid statement of the truths of Spiritualism and convincing arguments in its support for which a great multitude of readers missioners themselves cannot read this Review | calamities to the human race, because the 'tion to his cogent advertisement.

altitude beyond the reach of their feeble vision. There are secrets in her limitless arcana their penny mirror never yet reflected. In our search after knowledge, we must take the testimony of others.

Tour of Theosophists.

The Theosophists of America held a meeting in this city on Sunday, June 7, in the Tremont Theatre, preparatory to starting on a tour of the world, which is calculated to take until March of next year. By special arrangement ship Paris on Saturday of the present week, June 13. Their proposed itinerary includes a visit to the principal cities in Great Britain and Ireland, attending the Theosophical Convention in London in July, and that of the Theosophists of Europe at Dublin, August 2 and 3, and remaining in the English and Irish places in France, Holland, Germany, Austria, A three months' visit to India is contemplated, at the end of which the party will go to Aus-

March. fact of the present existence of lost mysteries

Central and South America, to the occult in most rigidly restrictive conditions. Ireland, England and Spain. There will likewise be an endeavor to secure a unity of spirit with the Masons everywhere. When they return to America in March, the site of the College of the Mysteries will be dedicated. This site is said to be located in a Western State, and was occupied by a similar college thousands of years ago. The journeying party is to spread a knowledge of theosophical truths | if they choose, by adhering to the treaty conwherever they go, and to the poor in particu-

lar. They issue a printed circular explanatory of their present intentions. The circular sets forth some interesting facts as follows:

It is the good Karma and the rare privilege of the New England members to live in the locality chosen for the beginning of the Crusade. The Crusaders are expected to concentrate at this common point the force to swell the great current of energy, spiritual will and determination which they are to take with them on their mission for the salvation of humanity-a mission in which all alike have their part, and which it is their privilege to perform, whether journeying with the Crusaders or not. This whole year's work, at this close of the cycle and beginning of new cycles, is important beyond expression. It is by sacrificing what makes the apparent substance of life that the will and energy of the immortal soul becomes most free to act. The circular calls for free subscriptions of money to further the enterprise. A still more urgent reason for the long since been announced. The genial summer Crusade is that many Theosophists believe the months, with the sun ascending, are especially favorwill feel spontaneously grateful. The Com- | twentieth century is to be ushered in by great | able for development, and we call the reader's atten-

The Cause of Arbitration.

The Arbitration Conference held at Mohonk Lake, N. Y., adjourned after unanimously adopting a declaration in favor of a permanent tribunal, to which all nations may appeal, and so constituted that all civilized nations may, stituting it, avail themselves of its benefits. The declaration says that disarmament of the nations should follow such recognition of and provision for the reign of reason over the passions of mankind. William Allan Butler, a distinguished New York lawyer, made a vigorous plea for a permanent tribunal. He said the conscience of the world is in revolt against war. His preference was for a court having continuity of life, acting under law and recognized rules of procedure, and having power to issue binding decrees. Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts believed that however matters may look for us at present in regard to war, he believed the cause of arbitration is a winning cause.

Psychic Development.

We call attention to J. C. F. Grumbine's announcement of his class development on another page. He is offering special terms to those seeking unfoldment in clairvoyance, inspiration, psychometry and mediumship generally, and his success in this line has

Boston newspaper on one day of the previous week were reported more suicides than are chronicled in both the Old and New Testaments. There were so few suicides among the Jews because they believed Jehovah to be their God; they had a strong communal idea that they belonged to one another and the to be held. that they belonged to one another and to (fod. Suicide in this country is visibly on the in-crease. It is owing to the terrible craze for money, to fierce competition, to slavish devonervous prostration, to stock gambling, haste to get rich and consequent failure and despondency, to low wages paid to working-women and the vices caused thereby, with the dissipation and final despair ensuing, to the constant display of the sensational reports of self-murder made every day in the newspapers, to enforced idleness through financial depression, to dissipation brought on through evil companions, drink, and the lusts of the flesh, blasting self-respect and killing morality, and to loose and irregular habits of living generally. The preacher set down Sunday bicycling as among the causes for the relaxation of morals. The remedy he would apply, thus arresting the suicidal tendency, is to preach the gospel that each one of us all belongs to God. Public sentiment certainly needs to be aroused on this awful problem of suicide.

All Forms of Labor What We Make Them.

Much of the work to be done in this world is but of a homely and rough character. Consequently a feeling of contempt for any such work is one of the most unfortunate and dangerous frames of mind with which a young man can start in life. We desire, the most of us, to avoid altogether humble careers involving manual labor or out-door work, and we have an equally strong desire to enter into the region of purely intellectual and sedentary pursuits. But herein we show ourselves deficient in practical wisdom. It is wrong to go about the world complaining that we can get no work that is fit for us. Those of us who are forced to seek an occupation ought to sensibly accept whatever honest work we are able to find ready to hand, though it be not so intellectual. The old Jewish rule insisted that every boy under a certain age should do some manual work for a portion of the school time every day, in order that he might learn that such labor is natural, and necessary for every man. Any one who thinks that any kind of decent labor is beneath his dignity and education wrongs society, and society, as a whole, cannot make any material progress if educated men shrink from certain forms of manual work because they fancy it is unsuited to their attainments or their station in life.

If you are a sufferer from any chronic or lingering disease that has baffled your local doctors, write to Dr. Covey, 6 Madison Avenue, Detroit, Mich., regarding it. He conducts a marvelously successful correspondence practice, based upon scientific deductions and the finer psychic forces.

Those who read the words of SPIRIT DR. H. B. STORER (in the present instance through the mediumship of Jennie K. D. Conant) will certainly be full of the truth he sets forth. Both the, man of action and the spirit of love are made known from the spiritual stage of being.

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Spiritualist Camp-Meetings for 1896.

ance of freely circulating it among the visitors as fully as possible, and that the **Platform Speakers** will tion to business in order to get rich, leading to not fail to call attention to it as occasion may offerthus cooperating in efforts to increase its circulation, thereby strengthening the hands of its publishers for the arduous work which the Cause demands of all its public advocates.

Onse: Bay, Mass.-Commences July 5-closes Aug. 30.

Ocean Grove, Harwich Port, Mass,-Camp-Meeting commences July 12, closes July 26. Lake Sunapce, N. H. - Begins Aug. 2-closes

Sept. 6.

Haslett Park, Mich.-Aug, 2-Aug, 30.

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Cassadaga Lake Camp.-July 11-Aug. 23. Mag-gie Gaule from Aug. 8th to 23d.

Lake Brady, 0.-June 28-Sept. 6.

Lake George, N. Y .- Meetings begin July 11 and continue until Sept. 7.

Clinton, Iowa.-Aug. 2, closing Aug. 30.

Camp Progress, Upper Swampscott, Mass., opens June 7, closes Sept. 27.

Ninntic Camp, Conu.—Commences June 28, con-tinuing thi Sept. 2.

Summerland (Cal.,) Camp-Meeting commences July 26, closes Aug. 15.

Devil's Lake, Mich.- From July 24 to Aug. 10, inclusive.

The North-Western Spiritualist Camp-Meeting Association, Twin City Park, St. Paul, Minn.-Sunday, June 21, closing Sunday, July 26.

Mount Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa .-- Commencu g Sunday, Aug. 2, closing Sunday, Aug. 30.

LWe shall be glad to hear from the Secretaries of other Camp-Meetings throughout the country (as to time, +tc)—as the announcements in this column are all printed free, as matters of reference for the bene-fit of THE BANNER's readers. The Secretaries of the meetings included in the above list are requested to furpish, for free insertion, the post-office address to which mail-matter can be sent to their respective camps.—ED.]

Movements of Platform Lecturers. Notices under this heading, to insure insertion the same

week, must reach this office by Monday's mail.]

Dr. C W. Hidden of Newburyport, Mass., will be at the Vermout State Association Convention, June 12. 13, 14, and will lecture and give exhibitions of healing at Cummington, Mass., June 20.

E. J. Bowtell spoke at Yonkers, N.Y., June 5. Re-reived ordination from Advance Spiritual Conference, Brooklyn, June 6. Expects to be at Lake Brady about the end of the month. Until June 22 may be address-ed 305 Quincy street. Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jennie K D. Conaut calls the attention of the general public to the fact that she will close her Sunday evening circles, but will be at her office, 8½ Bosworth street, as usual, for private business, from 10 to 4, during the we-k. Will continue her Friday alternoon circles all summer.

A pertial list of Dr. Theodore F. Price's engage A pertial list of Dr. Theodore F. Price's engage-ments, after the camp meeting season, through New England, is: L)well, Mass., Sept. 13 and 20; Hanson, Mass., Oct. 11; Duxbury, Mass., Oct. 18; Filchburg, Mass., Nov. 1 and 8; Haverhill, Mass., Nov. 15 and 22; Salem. Mass., Nov. 29 and Dec. 6; Meriden, Ct., Jan. 3 and 10. Open dates that occur during the time cov-ered by the above months are: Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and 25, Dec. 13, 20 and 27. Dr. Price would like to hear from those societies in this vicinity who desire a speaker for any of the onen dates given. He has also time for any of the open dates given. He has also time later in the season. Address, 15 Dwight street, Boston, Mass.

W. F. Peck closed the season for the St. Louis So-clety on Sunday, May 31, with a discourse suggested by the tornado. Is glad to assure his many friends, in response to their anxious inquiries, that he and his relatives escaped all harm. Address during June 1461 Clinton street, St. Louis, Mo. During July and August, Onset, Mass.

Mrs. Nettie Holt-Harding of 14 George street, Somerville, Mass., would like to correspond with societies desiring her services for remainder of '96 and '97.

W. H. Bach will be in Boston in a few days, and will be pleased to answer calls to lecture or do other work in his line. He gives inspirational poems in connec-tion with his other work.

Mrs. E. A. Catting has taken up her work, after two years' iliness, at 621 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyg, N. Y.

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Joint Memorial Service Of the Boston Spiritual Temple and the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, Held in Berkeley Hall May 31, 1896.

A correspondent writes: Notwithstanding the weather was rather dublous Sunday morning, May 31. the utual audience was in attendance.

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This was a special occasion, being a joint Memorial Service of the Temple Society and the Veteran Spirit-ualists' Unior. The regular service of the Temple Society was opened with the singing of "There's a Brautiful Land," by a quartet composed of Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Bean and Mr. C. A. Driscoll, after which Mr. Banks introduced Mr. Hull, who read a poem entitled "The Milleunium." The quarter then sang "Beyond the Mists the Sun is Shining," after which Mr. Hull spoke in part as follows: "I wish I could show you the po-sition this nation occupies among the nations of the world. This is a memorial dry as much as was yes-terday. The custom has grown so much that now every one wants to go out and strew flowers at this time on the graves of their friends. In the Veteran Spiritualists' Union part of our exer-cises, it will be more appropriate to our spirit-friends. When our Filgrim Fathers wanted to come and land on Flymouth Rock, of course they did not know any-thing about the rock. In those days a person who wanted to pray or worship out of the established way, could not. So our Filgrim Fathers put a two-inch plank between, and braved the dangers of wild beasts for the privilege of setting up their own altar under their own vine and fig tree. They wanted to get away from the persecutions of the old country; they wanted a state without a king, a church without a pope. This country gave freedom to all the world; it gave commerce to all the world. It is a great country; we say it without a thought.

commerce to all the world. It is a great country; we say it without a thought. Let us look at it: We have four million acres of land that can produce anything that our he produced on control of the same set.

four million acres of land that can produce anything that can be produced on earth. Senator Frye, when making a speech before a tariff association, said that if by some miracle all the world except North America should be swept out of exist-ence, but all the people in the world should be saved, we would be able with cereals and fibre to supply them all. I am inclined to think the Senator rather over-estimated our wealth. But look at our country, con-taining such systems of navigation as are not in any other land; our railroads, making a perfect net-work, bringing each State so close to the other; our fisherles; our iron; coal enough to smelt all the iron in the next thousand years; thi; sail; copper enough to make a thousand years; th; sall; copper enough to make a kettle that would cook every politician, and the world would be the better for it.

would be the better for it. I wish I could take up the other side of the ques-tion, but I will say there is no reason on earth why every man, woman and child should not have enough. These are the times that try men's souls; what we at-tain too cheaply is not appreciated; it is the dearness that gives everything its value; freedom has cost us, its cost cannot be estimated; it would carry us down the Enclution to the way of sale. Hould have Its cost cannot be estimated; if would carry us down to the Revolution, to the war of 1812. England has learned to let us alone; we could not learn that plece of music, retreat. We have erected a few monu-ments-a Washington- one on Breed's Hill that points to the sky-a warning to foreigners. Daniel Webster eald 'we were able to stand against everything but int+rnal divisions.' Herbert Spencer before he re-turned to England made a speech. The Mayor in in-troducing him made the boast that we were a Repub-lican government. It was no longer an experiment. lican government. It was no longer an experiment. Mr. Spencer, in congratulating us on having such, said they are the best in the world, under the couditions where the people are of the intelligence to reach out and take what they want, but without integrity they are the worst in the world. Let me illustrate by telling u story: It was four years ago I was speaking in Onset. I got my ticket for Chicago. On the train in Onset. I got my ticket for Chleago. On the train I noticed groups of men; they were speaking very low —one had a tablet, and was marking down what was said. He finally came to me, and said, 'We are tak-ing down the opinion of the train. Do you vote for Cleveland, or do you vote for Harrison?' I said I would not turn my hand over to vote for either; I vote for Gen. Weaver of Ohio. He said, 'I do not know him, but we will put it down.' They went all through the train, noting the result. Two others voted as I did. Our friend then said, 'I do not know much about it: I think Weaver is right, but I do not proas I did. Our friend then said, 'I do not know much about it; I think Weaver is right, but I do not pro-pose to throw away my vote.' It is never thrown away when for the right, but people do not go that way; they go to the polls, and deliberately tell a lie, I coause the multitude goes that way; think one way, and vote another. Until the people have the intelli-gence to know what they want, and will not be influ-enced by a politician, there is something more depend-ing upon us than putting flowers on the graves of those who have given their life for their country... I have no use for the Spiritualist who runs to get a personal test. I do not ask my mother to come to me. As The outse for the Spiritualist who thus to get a personal test. I do not ask my mother to come to me. As Spiritualists we spread flowers on their graves. I ask those having wisdom to come back and give mewisdom, ... I want to have a state of affairs beyond what was while they were in the world; that question is for you and I to decide. What shall the future be? Our republic will rise, and come up and extend, and we will make it the millennum that all are looking for. The outset them save "Golden Gata Left A isr." The quartet then sang "Golden Gates Left Ajar." There was an intermission of fitteen minutes, and

steps westward toward the Facilie slope. Changes have occurred with many during that period, and some of those whom we cuce so gladly met in social union and for the purposes of a operation in good works for our spiritual cause and for the uplitting of our brethren and sisters who have need of the help ing hand, have passed on to the higher life, leaving a trail of light behind them, and an influence of good, which, we trust, will be sensibly feit and appreciated by each of us who are still traveling along the mortai road.

by each of us who are still traveling along the mortal road. These dear ones who have ascended to higher life. We know, are with us still, and that their helpful guidance and aid in every good effort we may make for the blessing of our kind will be extended to us as individuals and to our V-teran Spiritualists' Union as an organization. And yet we shall miss their vis-ible presence with us; miss the cordial handelasp and the sound of well-remembered volces; miss the genial faces that have smiled upon us; and we know that, although as Spiritualists we can only rejoice with the dear ones gone before into new life and sense of freedom, of largeness of opportunity that has come to them, yet as human beings with natural sympa-thies and affection flowing out through physical chan-nels of expression, we, in a measure, grieve for the loss of the earthy presence, and realize that vacant places are made in our midst.

places are made in our midst. Among those who have passed on let me speak of our honored and lamented President, Dr. H. B. Storer, who has for so many years served as the presiding offi-cer of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, and whose elowho has for so many years served as the presiding offi-cer of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, and whose elo-quence of speech and inspiring intellect had given to the world many wise thoughts and loving admonitions for good. That Dr. Storer will be missed in the New England assemblies of Spiritualists there can be no doubt, and that the ministrations which he has given to the world as an exponent of the cause of Truth, will also be missed, we may well believe; and yet we know that he has gone onward to larger and more ex-tended work, and that having lived to the fullness of ripened years on earth, it was only according to the wise providence and kindness of the higher powers that he has been removed to a larger sphere; there-fore, we as brothers and sisters in the good work, may well send after our ascended President our "God speed" and good wishes for his future usefulness along the lines of progress and of good-will to all mankind, knowing that it will be his work to extend an influence unto those of earth who shall come after him in the labors for humanity such as Spiritualism displays through its acknowledged instruments. The cause of Spiritualism upon the Pacific Coast is flourishing, and at least holds its ground in favorable comparison with its progress in other parts of the States. We feel that a power of the spirit is going forth from this place, as elsewhere, in good and useful works for humanity, and that mediumship is advanc-ing along lines of growth and intelligence for the heal-ing and the uplifting of those who have need of its blessed work.

Business here as in other parts is depressed; funds Business here as in other parts is depressed; funds are scarce with the masses, and few have anything financial to extend to societies or to the support of the spiritual press. Many are in sympathy with us in the good work of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, and would gladly rally to its aid in a material sense were they able to give out even a dollar from their scanty purse. I have not been able as yet to increase the membership of our Union, because of this financial depression, but hope to do so in time. I am not un-mindful of the interests and the beneficent objects of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union. mor perjectful of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, nor neglection of the Neteran Spiritualists' Union, nor neglection of them. I keep our organ'zation in mind, and speak a good word for it whenever possible. I think the time will come when it will be represented by a good mem-bership upon this coast; but the day is not yet when that is possible, because the people of this far-off State have so many personal interests to engage them, as well as their own local societies to support the they well as their own local societies to support, that they feel a little disinclined to send out any special help, or to identify themselves particularly toward any move-

ment of the far-off East. However, on the whole, I have only good to report However, on the whole, 1 have only good to report of our Cause and of the labors of the spiritual workers who are sent out to California: W. J. Colville, J. Clegg Wright, C. Fannie Allyn, J. J. Morse, H. D. Barrett, President of the National Spiritualists' Association, and others of the prominent workers, have done yeo-man service in the cause of Spiritualism upon this western close during the next season and our thinds western slope during the past season, and our friends of the East may well congratulate their co-workers and spiritualistic brethren in the West on what they have received and accomplished in the name of Spirit-uellem within the user

have received and accomplished in the wear of what they have received and accomplished in the name of Spirit-ualism within the year. As to Mr. Longley and mysell, we have tried to do what we could in an humble way for the maintenance of truth and the spread of spiritual light among those who have cared to accept it at our hands. We send you, one and all, our hearty greeting and fraternal love. We are still identified with you in the work and in the membership of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, and shall continue to be with you in spirit through all your deliberations and social assemblies. Trusting that a wave of magnetic strength will reach you from our home, and from our dear spirit guides, who also send you greetings of love that will be sensed by the dear mediumistic friends who gather with you from time to time in your private and public meetings for the good of all, we send our congratulations that you have arrived at another anniversary day, and are still going forward as a body of earnest workers, and still going forward as a body of earnest workers, and we trust that before the new year now dawning upon the Veteran Spiritualists' Union shall close, when the May blossoms bloom once more, you will have gained a large increase of membership, a full supply of funds The quartet then sang "Goldon of fifteen minutes, and There was an intermission of fifteen minutes, and then the Veterans opened their part of the meeting, President C. C. Shaw in the chair, who, in a few re-marks, reviewed the work of the Union. He said it was organized in 1891 by twenty-five or thirty ladies in a spiritualism, and a sufficiency of mental and financial support to the "Home Fund" that will war rant you in the establishment of that institution which was know will prove a home of trest, and of homewe know will prove a home of comfort and peace to the dear ones who are in need of rest, and of homelike environments.

MEETINGS IN BOSTON.

Engie Hait, 616 Wachington Street.--Bundays at 11 A. M. 3% and 7% P. N.; also Wednesdays at 3 P. N. Z. Tuille, Conductor. Elysian Hail, 690 Wachington Street.--Meetings are held every Sunday at 11 A. M. 3% and 7% P. N.; Tues-day at 3% and 7% P. N., Thursday at 7%, Friday at 2%, and Saturday 7% P. N. W. L. Lathrop, Con justor. Meetings

America Hall, 754 Washington Street.-Meetinge Sundays at 104 A.M. and 2% and 7% P. M. Good mediums, fine ususic. Eben Cobb, Conductor.

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Bathbone Hall, 694 Washington Street, corner f Kneeland.-Society of Ethical and Spiritual Culture (Bible Spiritualists). Meetings Sundays at 11, 24 and 1% Tuesdays at 3 o'clock. Mrs. M. Adeline Wikinson, Presi dent.

dent. Allerton Hall, 1284 Washington Street.-The United Spiritualists of America (incorporated) hold meet-ings S indays, at 11 A. M., 2½ and 7½ P. M., and Tuesday at s and 7½ P. M. Dr. George E. Dillingham, President. Hinwatha Hall, 241 Tremont Street.-The Gos-pel of Spirit Return Society-Minnie M. Soule, Pastor-will hold services Sundays at 2½ and 7½ P. M., Conference meeting (seats free in the evening). The Home Hostrom (21 Soley street, Charlestown, E. M. Sanders, President). Meetings Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 7½ o'clock.

Chelsea.—Spiritual meetings every Sunday evening at 7% at 206 Broadway. Charles B. Heavner, Chairman.

Owing to the great increase of meetings in Boston, THE BANNER—in defense of the rights of its readers out-side of Massachusetts—is reluctantly compelled to announce that reports of services held on Bunday only can be noticed in these columns hereafter—though an exception will be made in the case of Societies which hold only week-evening meetings. Our directory of Boston meetings will, however, be contin-ued as heretofore. The reports of any services in Boston that fail to reach this office on Monday will not appear in THE BANNER of that week.

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The Boston Spiritual Temple, Berkeley

IIall- J. B. Hatch. Jr., Sec'y (74 Sydney street, Dorchester,) writes-held its annual meeting and election chester,) writes—held its annual meeting and election of officers for 1896-97 in Berkeley Hall Annex, on Tuesday evening, June 2, and the following list of efficers were unanimously elected: First Vice-Presi-dent, J. H. Lewis; Second Vice-President, E. L. Al-len; Secretary, J. Brown Hatch, Jr.; Treasurer, He-bron Libbey; Finance Committee, C. C. Shaw, Dr. U. K. Mayo, Dr. V. A. Ellsworth, Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch, Mrs. J. H. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. Banks, J. H. Ewell; Trustees, Wm. H. Banks, Sineon Snow, Hebron Lib-bey. The above efficers constitute a board of di-rectors. rectors.

rectors. The Treasurer's report showed that the past season had been successful, and had closed free from debt and with a balance in the treasury. The meeting ad-journed to meet again Tuesday, June 23, at 7:30 P. M., in the office of Hebron Libbey, 231 Washington street. All members are requested to be present. Sixteen new members were voted into the Society at the last meeting. Spiritualists wishing to join the Society can do so by sending their names with \$2 to the Secre-tary.

The directors will hold a meeting Tuesday, June 23, at the effice of Hebron Libbey, at the close of the regular meeting, to elect a President and appoint committees.

Rathbone Hall .- A correspondent writes: Sunday morning, June 7, session opened with song service, also invocation, conference, test and developing circle, conducted by Mrs. Wilkinson, with the assistance of several mediums. Harmony prevailed, and a number of good tests were given, and fully recognized.

Afternoon session opened as usual. Reading and Afternoon session opened as usual. Reading and invocation by the chapiain; opening remarks by Mr. F. Baker, also several tests. After several songs the following mediums took part: Mrs. S. P. Treen, Mr. T. Jackson, Mrs. Wilkluson, Mrs. Nutter, Mrs. West, Mrs. Osgood and Mrs. Woods, each in their good way, gave some very fine tests, all of which were recog-nized. nized.

nized. Evening service commenced at the usual hour. Song service, led by the choir; reading and invocation by the chaplain; another song by the choir, then Mrs. Knowles gave several psychometric readings, all good and understood; song by Mr. Bartlett, also a number of fine tests were given by the same; song by the con-gregation, after which Mr. T. Jackson gave some tests, all good; Mrs. S. P. Treen spoke very beauti-fully on "The Return of Spirit," also gave some grand tests; Mrs. Wilkinson and her good control gave many fibe readings. The meeting closed after a day of spiritual feast.

America Hall.—F. W. P. writes: Sunday, June 7, although it commenced to rain so early in the morn-ing, the 11 o'clock developing circle was unexpectedly large and interesting. Here all persons who are in any we mediumized a bare an encounter of the second seco any way mediumistic have an opportunity to number their several phases of Spiritualism; quite a number of names were given by Messrs. Elliot, Coombs. Prof. Saturday, a week in advance of the date whereon they are to appear. any way mediumistic have an opportunity to develop Peak and Mrs. E. J. Peak; remarks by Mr. Parry, Mrs. I. B. Sears, Mrs. Collier and others under con-trol; poem, Mr. Elliot.

Letter from Portland, Ore. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I desire to send greeting through your valuable pa. per, the BANNER OF LIGHT, whose bright folds have so long floated to the breezes, bearing the message of spiritual truth to the world, to every clime and peo-

Here in this far-away city, surrounded by snow-capped mountains and pin-ciad hills, fertile valleys and fadeless greenery, with the blue Willamette river sweeping by, bearing on its bosom ships and steamers from every country, I find an enterprising town of some one hundred thousand inhabitants and a prosper-

some one number a mousaud innabitation and a present speaking for The Spiritual Society I am at present speaking for has some noble members and earnest workers, and welcomes to its shore the stranger with a cordiality that puts him or her at sase and to speaker and me-dium gives the proper conditions for the highest ex-pression of the truth. Dr. Dean Clarke and Rev Mr. Ravelen preceded me have and hoth are spoken of as efficient and noble ex-

Dr. Dean Clarke and Rev Mr. Ravelen preceded me here, and both are spoken of as efficient and noble ex-pounders of Spiritualism. Harrison D. Barrett, President of the National As-sociation, is expected here the first Sunday in June, aud a grand rally will be made to give him a proper reception, and to perfect a State organization here, and auxiliary to the National Association. The New Era Camp-Meeting Association, located near here, commences next month to hold its meet-ings, and will continue until the second Sunday in July. I have been engaged for the first Sunday in July and the following week. THE BANNER OF LIGHT is sold here at the news stand, and all other periodicals and standard spirit-

stand, and all other periodicals and standard splrit-ual and progressive works at Brother Jones's book and news store, 291 Alder street, and his reading-rooms are frequented by some of the best minds in the

city. Since settling at Summerland, Cal., I have spoken there for the society, and expect to make arrange-ments to speak at Los Angeles, Cal., on my return, for

ments to speak at Los Angeles, Cal., on my return, for the coming winter mouths. Spiritualism is receiving a new impetus all along the Pacific Coast, and increasing its boundaries in every State and county in the Union, and its truths are vitalizing and stimulating every line of thought, political, social and religious. Long may the good old BANNER OF LIGHT wave over the land, a beacon-light of truth! Yours, BISHOP A. BEALS.

Yours, BisHop A. BEALS. Portland, Oregon, May 31, 1896.

We can hardly call it a difficult task to select a summer abiding place, when we once decide that our days of rest and recreation shall be spent in Maine, New Hampshire or Vermont, for more numer-ous or more agreeable resorts caunot be found in Eastern United States.

Eastern United States. If we desire the raicties of the large seashore or watering places in Marblehead, Hampton, Rye, York, Kennebunk, Old Orchard or Bar Harbor, a widely differing though always pleasing variety, is at your command; but if historical surroundings are desired, every village and hamilet in Northern and Eastern New England will be found to contain its quarto of the richest and most interesting of quaint and curious

the richest and most interesting of quaint and curious mementoes. To visit Salem or Newburyport, or Concord or Portsmouth, or in fact any one of a hundred or more places which might be mentioned, would not only be a treat for New Englanders, but for tourists from every part and every land. It is really a delightsome journey for one traversing this widely known section, for it is through ever inter-esting and ever varying environs that you pass. The opportunities for visiting and eujoying these marvelous regions were never greater than at pres-ent, and the Boston & Maine Railroad is doing much to assist and develop its advantages by placing on sale at the larger stations reduced rate excursion tickets to all points in Northern New England and the Provinces which are good during the period from

tickets to all points in Northern New England and the Provinces which are good during the period from June 1 to Sept. 30. If it is your desire to learn of New England, its lakes, its mountains, its seashore and country resorts, ten cents in stamps sent to the General Passenger Department of the Boston & Maine Rallroad, Boston, Mass., will procure for you several interesting and finely illustrated booklets, and an Excursion Book is sent free to applicants.

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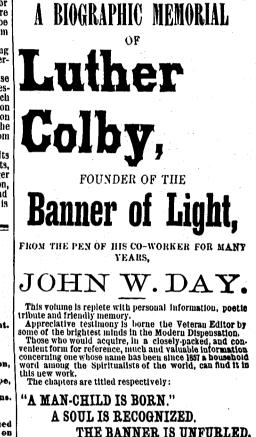
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value to all Spiritualists. We will furnish free one copy of the Munical Trib-ute to any one that is already a subscriber to The Bammer who will secure and send us the names of two new three-months' subscribers and §1.00, besides sending the paper for three months and a copy of the Music to each of the two new subscribers.



was organized in 1891 by twenty-five or thirty ladies and gentlemen, who were veterans in Spiritualism, and had had the courage to investigate the phenom-ena in their incipient stage. It was organized in the interest of deserving mediums, and for the purpose of rendering them ald, and to help, sustain and encour-age all workers in the interest of Spiritualism. The Union had a membership now of from three hundred to four hundred. We have met on this occasion to conduct such exercises as the spirit of the time will conduct such exercises as the spirit of the time will produce. The exercises were opened with singing by the quartet. Mr. Shaw then spoke of the charter members who had passed away during the last year, also Dr. Griffin and their late President, Dr. Storer; and concluded by introducing Mrs. N. J. Willis, who spoke in part as follows: President, members of the Union, and friends: We have grithered once again, we have no coccesion for

have gathered once again; we have no occasion for sorrow. One by one our friends have been mustered into that great army of the other life to strengthen humanity. Around their council fires they still send shaft after shaft back from that great beyond. With humanity. Arothic their council fires they still send shaft after shaft back from that great beyond. With you we rejoice at the promotion of your brother Storer and the others, knowing that they will continue their efforts, and be able to do more than when in the world they left behind. Think of the legacy they have left to Spiritualists and humanity in general. We are here with you to-day to give our sympathies for the living. One great need of the hour of you vet-eran Spiritualists is that you see that your schools are supported, and that no power shall interfere with them.... It is the duty of Spiritualists to see that all church property shall be taxed; that in on-corning time people shall cease to cater to party.... Let us ask you children of America's free soil wher-ever you walk, be true to Spiritualism; to the Consti-tution of the United States. Be true to our dear old flar; may you never forget to honor "Old Glory." Educate the foreigners to do likewise--do nut take

them to the ballot-box first, but to the State House. ... I hope you will have many more members of your Union-saying not only that they are veteran Spiritu-alists, but those who will work tor the Cause of Spir-itualism. We have no fears for America, for we know her sons will never blte the dust, and she will always be called the "land of the free, and the home of the brave.'

Mr. Cobb was then presented, and said: Mr. Presi-dent, as I gaze around I know I must be very brief. We are not aware how we grow until we test it. I remember years ago, when my dear father, mother and sister died, I used to go to the shades of the cem-etery. I have not forgotten them; they are a part of my life. I could not stand before the monument and say—"Father is there." I have stood and heard my mother say—"Not here, child, but up there," And our brothers—I)r. Storer and Mr. Edson—I know they are with us. The Veteran Spiritualists' Union is firm and could to day there is a particulity of the thet and solid to-day; there is no power on earth that could blast it. It pays its bills, and is now thinking of building a home for mediums. Dr. Storer and Mr. Edson were perfect types of that brave old soldier who could dare anything for the Cause. The Vet-erans will grow in strength. God bless their noble Cause.

Mr. Shaw then spoke of two charter members whose daily life was devoted to the best interests of the As-sociation, saying: I allude to Mr. and Mrs. Longley, from whom a letter has been received, and will be read by Mrs. Longley's sister, Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch, as follows:

127 S. MOLINE AVE., Pasadena, Cal.,)

To the Officers and Members of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, Boston. Mass : Dear Friends and Co Workers in the Cause of Truth:

It is with pleasure that Mr. Longly and myself greet you, at this your annual public meeting, from this far-off, sunny clime of California.

Many months have rolled by since we clasped hands with the dear friends of our beloved organization, that each of you so ably represents, and turned our

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With glad greetings to all, and special remem brances to each. I remain, As ever, your sister in the Cause. MRS. M. T. LONGLEY.

Mr. Price was then introduced as a speaker from Boston, who said he was pleased to be abnounced as a speaker from Boston, for he had hailed from every city in the United States. I feel that I am from the proper place when from Bostor t is so restful. I have found conditions such that I could not stay in have found countrious such that I could not stay in any place very long at a time, but in coming among you I want to feel that I am a veteran, and have worked for the Cause in every State in the Union. I am going to do it anyway, even to persecution. Mr. Shaw now said one of the objects of this Asso-clation was to found a home for those who had spent their lives in furthering the cause of Spiritualism. It posts one dollar to become a member and he bound

costs one dollar to become a member, and he hoped many would join, and help on the Cause. It was not necessary to have been a Spiritualist so many years now to become a member; any one could join, but would not have the privilege of being an officer, other-wise they had the came purjuleges

Wise they had the same privileges. Mrs. Foster sang a solo with fine effect. Mr. Hull was then presented, and spoke as follows: There is one point about the Veteran Spiritualists' Union that I want to call attention to, that is, it is a bolid that I want to can alteration to, that is, it is a society you can belong to and live wherever you please. I am glad that people all over the United States can belong to the Veteran Spiritualists' Union; in that way it can become a National Association. I am glad it is endeavoring to build a home for tired-

am glad It is endeavoring to build a nome for tired-out mediums. I believe we will be better able to co-operate with the other world.... Mrs. C. P. Pratt was the next speaker, and said: Veteraos and friends—I feel like saying comrades to you. The spirit for comradeship has been in the alr so much in the last week, I feel that I could take them by the hand. We need not fear at this time. Let us he full of coursage and result for all that we may find be full of courage, and ready for all that we may flud to do. The isms have nothing to do with it; even the oppositions that seem to be in our pathway will be for our good. We cannot afford to waste time, but must be up and doing. Our young people should be ready, that our mantles may fail upon them. Stand for the truth, though you die like John the Baptist, or die unknown

Mr. Moses T. Dole then remarked briefly that where the Veteran Spiritualists' Union had been in exist-ence but five years it had not been idle, and was now endeavoring to build a home. Every Spiritualist should pay one dollar and join the Union, and help carry on the good work. He also made a plea for them to become life members. The meeting was then

Closed with the benchediction. Among those present on the platform were Mr. Moses Huil, Mr. Theodore F. Price, Mrs. N. J. Willis, Mrs. C. P. Pratt, Mr. C. C. Shaw, Mr. Eben Cobb, Dr. T. A. Bland, Moses T. Dole.

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STATEMENT FROM AUDITING COMMITTEE. In examining the report of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, we find that a carefully itemized record of all subscriptions received from individuals, as well as a statement of all donations received from societies, has been sub-mitted to us, and that all funds have been turned over to the Trassurer of the Committee. Her second these to the Treasurer of the Committee. Her account has been carefully audited and found correct. We also flud that Mrs. Cadwallader has delivered

one hundred and fourteen addresses, written four hundred and thirty letters, besides fifty-eight news-paper articles, in the interest of the Defense Fund, without drawing on the fund for expenses of any

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with remarks, followed by Conductor Eben Cobb; tests were given by Dr. Huot, Mrs. B. Robertson (poem), Mrs. A. Forrester, Mrs. M. Knowles, Mrs. E. J. Peak, Mrs. Neille Thomas, F. A. A. Heath, Mr. W. H. Bach and Mrs. Waterhouse.

Elysian Hall .- The United Thought Society-A. R. Gilliland, Sec'y, writes-held three sessions Sunday, June 7. Although the attendance was small, on account of the weather, those who were present re-

celved strong proofs of spirit-power. In the morning circle strong developing and healing power was manifest. The interest is increasing, and new mediums are coming out into the field of work. We intend to continue our meetings during the sum-We intend to continue our meetings during the sum-mer, and, as the hall is cool and quiet, we hope that those who do not go away will pay us a visit. The tests are given by the best mediums, and are always correct. Mediums with us June 7 were Mrs. C. G. Weston, Mrs. Millan, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Gilliand, Mr. Hersey, Mr. Hancock, Mrs. Hughes. Mrs. J. M. White spoke both afternoon and evening, besides giving some very fine readings. Little Helen Gale will sing Sunday evening. June 14. Sunday evening, June 14.

Eagle Hall .- Hartwell writes: Sunday, June 7, a goodly number was present at the morning Conference and circle. Remarks by Bros. Hall, Brennan, Dean, Tuttle and others. Tests were given by the

mediums present Mediums present At 2:30, piano solo by H. C. Grimes; invocation by the Chairman; W. H. Bach of St. Paul, Minn., gave fine remarks and inspirational poem; excellent re-marks, tests and readings by Mrs. J. A. Woods, Mrs. J. E. Witter, E. H. Turtle J. E. Nutter, E. H. Tuttle.

J. E. Nutter, E. H. Tuttle. 7:30, invocation and inspirational poem by the Chairman; song by H. Leslie; Mrs. Maggie Butler, pleasing remarks and grand tests; E. H. Tuttle, many tests and readings, which were all fully recog-nized; he also answered mental questions to the sat-istaction of the audience; musical selections by H. C. Grimes.

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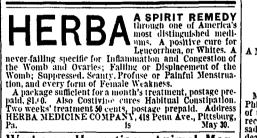
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Report of Séance held May 1, 1896. Spirit Invocation.

Oh! thou Divine Spirit, once more we call upon thee to bless and strengthen us according to the needs of the hour. Oh! how we realize the weakness of the flesh and the great ness of the spirit. We realize the value of the predominat ing power of the spirit when it can give expression, because we feel as we reach the open door and bring ourselves in conditions, we realize that it is work that glorifies, and not talk. May we feel that we are truly sons and daughters of the great Fatherhood of God, and that as we bring ourselves in unity we bring great strength to all concerned.

B'ess us as we reach the open channel this morning, that we may feel it has been good for us to be here. May we feel that the friends that may operate the organism this morning will be clothed with the spirit, that their communications may not only give comfort and light to the ones that they are intended for, but may they also touch the sould of others.

Let us realize this morning that we are depending upor each other, and that our influence upon each other is for the good of each. Then we ask, oh! thou Divine Spirit, this morning to awaken us to that great consciousness, that we will be more particular as to how we shoul abroad our thoughts. Bless those who are around the beard this morning; may each one feel that while there is strength the trials and tribulations of life must be borne, and that thy great arm of profection and the love of the dear ones that surround you in spirit may give them strength to stand steadfast by the wheel of progress, so that we may realize strength from them, for truly there is as much strength given to the body by the harmony of the mortal as there is strength given to the mortal when they are reciprocating. Guide us, and may we comprehend still more of thy won-

great deal, and I am now trying to reach those I had forgotten while in the body.

In other words, I left my home a long time ago, to carry out, as I supposed, my own independent life, and I did; and as there are many of my friends who have not been satisfied with the way many conditions have been conducted, and some have doubted my death, I take this way to approach them this morning to raise a little bit of curiosity, because I have those connected with me through the tie of relationship that are somewhat mediumistic, and also very sensitive to my influence. I have got others just as near that do not believe it, and are still mourning my loss, or wondering about me would like to say I have found it more real in some unknown condition, and do n't seem to | than the one I left. realize, or, in other words, believe, that I am

out of the body. I should like to say that truly I am separate from the physical organism.

I passed away in Oakland, Cal. That is where the spirit separated from the body under somewhat peculiar circumstances that I don't think it best to express here, but it is enough to say that I want to make a statement that, when it reaches Liza, she will know that she has not been mistaken or feel that it was her own imagination. I would like to say that Charles is now in spirit, and also that I am able to come closer to them in reason than I am able to demonstrate, that I might be able to demonstrate more fully the experiences of my wandering career.

I loved the water, and I followed the water for some time as a common sailor, but I was not on the water when I passed out, for I died with what they call a swamp fever; and I want them to know that it is all true, and I have instrument so that I could prove my identity beyond the channel that I have tried to open up.

I will not infringe too long on your time, but I hope this letter will open up a wider door, so that those who don't believe will yet believe. soul may learn to realize there are many laws yet that are not understood. You can put me down as Charles Chase, and my home, or the one I want to reach, is in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

To make this perhaps more definite, you might say it is over thirty years since I left home, and they have never found me.

Carrie Thompson.

Good-morning, Mr. Chairman. Well, it seems to me that as I approach you here this morning it is like getting up and trying to say something one has committed to memory; and there are so many things we want to say to our friends. Before we get control of the medium we think we cannot talk so quick; but it sounded all right, and then when we got control of the medium found that the very thing we wanted to say we could not say; but I am not coming in to send a message of criticism, I want to send a message of love; I want to send some comfort. I feel that I want to do some good, I want to make those on the earth-plane feel that all through their trials and tribulations I have been close to them.

I feel very weak this morning as I take control of this instrument, and as I was very much exhausted before I passed out of the body, I was what they called wasted away (that is what the physicians called consumpfrom the body, and as my lungs were weak it with what they have done. is hard work for me to express all I would like

that had been gone a long time, that I thought | bless all humanity, I will bid you a good-mornwould never recognize me again; but it was so | ing. pleasant to be received home by our own dear loved ones, and I would like to say that I have a aister in-law on the earth-plane that is somewhat interested in Spiritualism, and I thought, as she takes your paper, that this communication might set some one else to thinking, because I should like to say I have found more truth in it than I thought possible, although while I lived in the body I was not acquainted with Spiritualism, because I had been brought up to believe that when we got through with this life we had no more dealings with it, and

I thank you very kindly (perhaps this mes sage will not read as some would like it, but I have tried to put myself in it, so that when they see the words they will see me), and I am ever so much obliged to you, and also the dear ones that stand around this open door, for giving me this privilege this morning; so I will bid you a good morning.

Jacob Morrill.

Good-morning. I suppose it is all in getting used to things, but I don't know whether I shall ever get used to controlling some one else's physical organs, but I am anxious to reach those beyond in earth-life. Although I was pretty well rounded out before I went to spirit, being over eighty years old, I feel I had finished my work, and had completed my usefulness, and yet when I was clothed with the spirit I found that I could still be useful, and as I was a little bit familiar with your philosobeen wandering around in spirit to find some | phy, although I was not a full-fledged Spiritualist, I believed in universal salvation. I believed that when a man did his level best, and lived to the knowledge that he could comprehend, I did not see wherein a just God could condemn him, but I felt that I wanted to return, not only to satisfy myself that I could that those who don't understand the human | return, but also as a promise that I made previous to leaving the body, that if the spirit spirit-side all he expected to, and did it fulfill could return I should try and communicate with those around me.

I have made several attempts, but was not able to demonstrate myself as properly as I should like. Say to those that received it then that truly it was I, and say I have been trying since to reach a channel that they would feel I could reach without any one knowing anything about it. I do n't know as I will succeed very but brings us to a consciousness sometimes of well this morning, but they have informed me here that by the magnetic chord it will be understood, and when they understand how hard it is for us sometimes to say all we would like to, or talk about things they would like to have | earthly career. I want to thank very kindly us, they will not think it so funny.

They must remember that by sending it through this public channel there are many others beside the ones it is intended for that will see it, so I don't desire to say anything personal. But I want them to know that Uncle Jacob is not dead, nor yet gone; but they will friends that contributed to the memory of the find I am still active, and anxious to make | dead, because it is sweet to be remembered: it others happy, and to bring them to a consciousness that we are not dead nor separated. I love the children just as well, and I love to | lations and associations. I would like, also, to come and look upon the darling little ones that extend my best wishes, and say to my boy. I were so dear to me in earth as if they were my am glad, I am happy, hoping you will yet open own children, but they were not. Now I want up your own soul and realize that father is not tion), but it took me a long time to separate interest in their welfare, and I am satisfied life.

(Olven Juno 8, and published in advance by request.) Dr. H. B. Storer.

Good-morning, Mr. Chairman. I came in this morning by request; there are many of my heard from me before, because there are so many instruments. I was very familiar with mediumship and inspiration while in earthlife, being familiar with THE BANNER circle, and also with all the workers.

I did not come in this morning to send a test to the world, but as a remembrance to those that still hold affection for me, and also to show my interest is still in the welfare of humanity. I would like to say that I am very happy this morning, and I have enjoyed the circle so far immensely. I have also as great an interest in the welfare of all as I had while in earth life. As the opening of Onset is quite near, and I perceive the great anxiety and inquiry as to who will fill my place, I should like to say to the dear ones of earth, all our places can be filled.

I do not want to make any special selection, nor do I want to make any particular suggestion, but I want to make a prophecy, that if they will allow the spirits to dictate the election or in the choosing of officers, the places will be filled with even more power than before. I will still hold an interest with you. I want to say I am gaining in strength; I feel somewhat the old condition of the exhausted body; but I went out easy, and was very, very happy at the reception I received in spirit-life. I will say also to the brethren and friends of the Cause that we have a large congress in spirit that is working out conditions for the best they can do for humanity, and I came here this morning because I have heard it said ever so many times, "I wonder why Dr. Storer don't make himself known?" I have also heard them say: "I wonder if Dr. Storer found on the his expectations?" I would like to say that I did fully, and perhaps more than I can express this morning.

I should like to send my best thoughts and my best desires to all throughout the length and breadth of the world, for our Cause is a glorious one, one that brings us closer to each other, makes us brothers and sisters in truth, our weakness, and it also oftentimes gives us strength; and I would like also to send good words to those who watched over me so tenderly and did so well by me in the last of my all those who attended to my needs, also for their kind words and the cheerful expressions and encouragement that they gave me.

I want to say that 1 am glad things have gone as well as they have. I would like, also, to thank the Veterans' Union and the kind is sweet to feel that even when you have passed on to the other side you still hold the same rethe older ones to feel, also, that I have still an | as far from you as he was oftentimes in earth-

We have a large host with us this morning, You may put me down as Jacob Morrill, and and so many of the old co-workers that are too

Letter from Southern California.

To the Editor of the Hanner of Light:

1 find that my last letter for your ever-hospltable columns antedates the Los Angeles FI-ESTA. I will therefore commence this epistle with a brief mention of one of the most picturfriends who have wondered why they have not | esque and in every way delightful festivals it has been my good luck to witness.

Los Angeles, with its semi-tropical climate and numberless Spanish traditions, takes to the annual Fiesta in April as naturally as New Orleans takes to its superb carnival just before Lent

Almost every feature of a Spanish or Italian Carnival is represented during the five days which are actually occupied by the Los Augeles Fiesta

For weeks in advance of the great holiday season preparations for the coming pageant are to be seen in lavish profusion everywhere. Red, green and yellow are the bright colors which denote the feast, and as Southern California delights in nothing so much as gorgeous display whenever an event of any importance is to be celebrated, the streets of the city of Los Angeles soon become magnificently festooned and over arched with the richest pro-fusion of great waving palms, whose quiet green contrasts strikingly with the vivid emerald hue of one-third of the Fiesta bunting.

American flags and gilded eagles are also on exhibition everywhere, and every storekeeper and hotel proprietor vies with his neighbors in a determined effort to make the grandest dis-

play possible. La Fiesta is very good for trade, therefore nearly all the business people of the city and its environs support it, and the least hint that it will ever be discontinued is at once frowned upon, and emphatically vetoed. Puritanism in Southern California is an an-

achronism; it is on alien ground, and cannot flourish, however it may attempt to gain the ascendency; therefore when a few religious zealots endeavored to put down even the more boisterous and less beautiful features of the celebration, they received little support from the cosmopolitan, mirth loving community, even when their verbal artillery was directed only against the masquerading in the streets, which characterizes the last evening of the holidays

Probably no dissentient voices were raised against the glorious floral processions, the chil-dren's parades, the public flag-raising, and other charming features, which are both innocent and elevating to a high degree. Hotels, lodging houses, restaurants, and indeed all retail business houses, did a thriving trade, and while the city was in the hands of the elected queen, and the usual city government was out of office, the conduct of the people was excellent.

The Fiesta teaches many good moral lessons, not the least of which is that people can be put upon their honor, just as Arnold, the celebrated Rugby schoolmaster, said boys should be, long ago. Men, women, boys and girls to the number of fully one hundred thousand or more, enjoyed liberty without unbecoming li-cense throughout the Los Angeles Fiesta, and all impartial and unprejudiced visitors were unanimous in their verdict that no better behavior was ever known at any season than during the Feast of the Angels, when celestial guardians are supposed to act as working substitutes for temporarily retired city officials.

Pasadena, which adjoins Los Angeles, is the home of roses in their most varied and luxuriant forms, and when, on the last day of the Feast, Pasadena represented itself symbolically in the grand procession it seemed as though the very clouds were raining flowers upon the earth. Millions of roses were employed on that one afternoon, and yet on the following day the gardens of Pasadena were still in blossom

No boastful word in praise of fruits and flowers raised in this section of the new Garden of Eden can ever be an exaggeration, as the resources and product of the soil are be yond estimation.

The great profitable industry of Southern California must be fruit-growing; and whoever autiously in orange groves and vine yards will never regret it, unless an utterly unexpected upheaval of nature should trausform the climate, and that is surely improb-Los Angeles, as a city. I do not particularly admire; I prefer New York inestimably as a place of permanent residence, but the outlets from Los Angeles to the sea are very beautiful. Santa Monica and Long Beach are both lovely places the year round, though they are best known as summer resorts only. Santa Monica is the larger town, and is connected with Los Angeles by an electric railroad; but Long Beach is the more poetical and restful of the two. The ocean is, of course, magnificent, and at Long Beach the recent introduction of good, old-fashioned English bathing-machines on wheels, which horses pull out into the water, make surf-bathing a true delight. Since Dr. Densmore bought property in the neighborhood, Long Beach has taken a new lease of unprecedented growth. It simply needs some one with brains, capital and influ-ence combined, to give a good place a fair start, and then, as the resort once started can make its own way by force of its sheer merits, future success is assured. For healthful residence, education, and all that pertains to human welfare, Long Beach is an ideal location. A well-conducted College and Sanitarium, along liberal and progressive lines, would be a great success there, as students and patients would have rest, recreation, and every surrounding favorable to their best development. Santa Monica is a beautiful place also, but it is more like those resorts in the Eastern States where tourists throng on holidays and whenever they can get a day by the briny ocean apart from business engagements. The spiritualistic community has been greatly blessed and delighted with the able ministrations of my valued friend and most eloquent co worker, Harrison D. Barrett, President of the National Association of Spiritualists. Mr. Barrett not only represents the Association in a worthy and efficient manner, but he is a great acquisition to the ranks of spiritual workers in every way. His organizing ability and distinguished oratory, added to his indefatigable earnestness and great power of adaptation to varying conditions, render him a prize to any society which can possibly secure his services. I can truly say that I have felt it a great honor to work in complete accord with this noble-hearted gentleman during his recent missionary tour in California. My only regret has been that his time has been so short in any one section, as he increases in influence with any community the longer he works within it. Public meetings in this part of the country are very successful; the people go in swarms to lectures and public gatherings of all sorts,

derful works as we recognize thy beauty in all things, in light and in change, even in what is so-called death. Guide us and direct us now and forevermore. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES.

Mary Morgan.

Good morning, Mr. Chairman. What a beau tiful morning this is; everything seems so lovely that it seems good sometimes to return to earth life. I believe that we can see the beauty of earth after we have left it, many times, better than we do when we are one of the people | ing and wondering if they had done all that thereof. This morning I have been given the that they could for me, could they have done privilege of voicing a few of my own senti- any more for me. ments, and I would like to have them brought in contact with those of whom I am anxious, who are still in earth-life. While I feel they me the things that are pleasant, and I am anxare not what would be called believers, yet it seems to me that under the depression of their own spirit to day, I think anything that would | that we only get our happiness by bringing come to give them relief would be received, be- happiness to others, so I want to reach those cause they were very dear to me, also those that seem to think that they are left alone.

I want Charles, my boy, to know that mother has not left him, that father has also joined that none of my friends really believed much me since I passed on to the spirit-life, and I | in Spiritualism, but there are those connected should merely say to the dear children that are | with my relatives who sometimes go to medileft, that we understand things now as we did ums. I know that they will be able to get not before, and I think they will understand | something, or some light and comfort, and I the conditions, so I feel that I would like to had better say that I have met mother and draw nearer to them. I want them to bring | father and all on the spirit-side that had gone themselves nearer to the spirit world in thought before, and I don't want those who are left on and in actions, and if they would it seems as if | earth-life to think we have gone off where I could in some way come in contact with they will not see or hear from us again. them, so that I could make them feel my presence.

I should also like to say to Susan that I have been with her through all her trouble, because | liberal channel where so many souls can come physically she has suffered much, and is suffering still. Many times I have wished she was in to have done in earth life. Thanking you very her home in heaven, but I would rather she kindly, Mr. Chairman, I hope the mortal would finish her course on earth. There are friends will not only appreciate you, but will times when we wish ourselves out of the body, uphold and sustain you in the good work you and after we get out we are not as happy as we would be if we remained and finished our work. but I know she suffers much, and I want her also to know we have not left her, and that I have Frank here, and I feel we are all working for her, too many for me to bring them individually this morning, but would like to have you send this out, for it seems such a blessing to have an opportunity to send forth our thoughts, and place them in print where the I am still anxious to help. I think I can be eye of the mortal can see, for the heart is curious. I feel they are in that condition now that anything coming from any source giving them relief they would be glad to receive.

I thank you so much for giving me the privilege of speaking here this morning, and sending forth a few broken words, because the heart is too full for expression, and for the gratitude and the kindness that I have been treated with since I entered this circle room. I have lingered around here many times.

You can put me down as Mary Morgan, and my husband's name is James. Our home was in Holvoke. Mass., but will be recognized in various places in Massachusetts, especially Gardner, Mass. Thank you very kindly.

Charles Chase.

Good-morning, Mr. Chairman. I should like | can break in and steal. to say this morning that the long lost wanderer | I feel as though I would like to have them restless disposition I have roamed around a of milk and honey, and I found the friends | Thanking you very much, and may the angels

to, but I am so anxious that the dear ones that | my home was in Plymouth, Mass. My friends are left behind will feel that it was the body that was worn out, that the spirit is just as natural, and I retain many pleasant memories

and acts of kindness that were shown me while in my suffering, and with that idea in view I would like to report here this morning to make them feel that truly it is I. I want Mary to realize that sister has not left her. Oh, I see many things I wish were

done that are not done, and I see many times as I come back to the old plane many mourn-

I want to say I am glad I am out of my suffering, because I now feel I can waft toward ious to destroy the things that are not pleasant; but I find since coming to the spirit-life that I love, and would like to say Carrie has not left you, for Carrie Thompson is my name, and my home was here in Boston, and I think

Oh! is not God good when he opens up the hearts of the mortal and gives an opportunity for the spirit to return, and to open such a back and try to undo or finish what we ought are doing.

Mary Williamson.

Good-morning, Mr. Chairman. I want to give my name the first thing. My name is Mary Williamson, and I want this letter to go to Fall River, Mass. I have been out of the body quite a little time, but did not pass out of the understood better since I passed out of the body than I was while in the body.

I know I understand the mortal better, and instead of death separating us I think it has drawn us closer together, if anything; and oh! mortal to not only be misunderstood but ungood thing that I went as I did.

I was called out of the body quite suddenly, although 1 was pretty well along in years before I passed away; and I want to say, also, that there are yet those in the earth-life that, while they may be young and think they have strument, this morning. got life ahead of them, and a great deal to live like for them to see and take a timely warning.

and not lay up your treasures where thieves

returns, because my earth-career was of a waken up to the consciousness of what they wandering nature, for I was one of those char- | are coming to. I would like to have them realacters that never was contented anywhere a lize that I did not find what I expected, but I it is to the exchange of thought that we made great while at a time, and through my peculiar | found more than I expected. I found the land | our progress.

there will recognize me.

Charles Wing.

natural to me this morning when I enter this | the old camp meetings of long, long ago. beautiful place, although I could not say that I was very familiar with it while in earth-life, although I was with you all as the reputation goes. I was also very friendly with Mr. Colby, and I might say I was somewhat, I could not call acquainted, but have met the instrument | the country, and will say one of the finest that I am now trying to control.

I make this statement for other reasons, and Mr. Colby is with me this morning, and many of the old co-workers.

I have not approached this instrument this morning to give a very long communication in | from me many, many times, because I feel I connection with personality. I would rather go to those that are closer tied to me by na- another. And may the angels and God ever ture and enter into the secrets of their own souls. I should like to say that I am sorry at some changes that have come about since I passed on to spirit, and yet while I observe them from the spirit-side it does not affect me as it would have done if I had seen them in the body, for there are many times we are apt to feel badly over conditions in the body that when we are in spirit we see differently.

I would like to say to Annie: "Fear not; all things are working well; you may not see the difficulties clearly that surround you, nor may you understand all that looks to you at the present time uncertain, but will say that father and mother are still with you, also a good many others that are too numerous to mention this morning." I would also like to say to my two girls, as they were all the world to me: "I am still with you; I am sorry that business conditions went as they did, but perhaps it is for the best. I have not come in a cross mood, or to find fault, for I thank the good friends in spirit that have sustained me while I was in earthlife, and I want you to know that the same influence will sustain you now; and while I do not wish to go into the personality of a published communication, I have sent this message because it has been a question of would I, or a request of why I did not?"

There is one reason why I want to reach those in earth-life this morning. I think they will understand it, as there is sickness there that body there, and I have those in that place that may make some changes; and I want them to feel strong and not worry, because all things work out for good. I would also make the statement that while you have given me an opportunity once or twice in private, I would like to have you come still closer to the spirit-world at your own home, so that I might be able not it is so hard sometimes when one is in the only to assist and comfort you, but make you feel more that the spirit gives strength, derstand others. I can see wherein it was a that you may know that father is still around you.

> I am very much pleased at the privilege this morning, and will say, as I did when I started, that I have a purpose in view here in sending this communication, especially through this in-

1 will merely say, Mr. President, I presume for and a good deal to be expected, I would you will know me when you recognize the name, and that is Charles Wing of Amesbury, Mass. I was a great many years a Spiritualist, and was an old friend of Mr. Colby's, and we are together here this morning; and many, many times in the hotel we have had many a long talk, and we understood each other. and

numerous to mention; but you can say to our friends in earth life, it can be better imagined than expressed, for when I got over and awoke to consciousness that I was really out of the able. Good-morning, Mr. Chairman. This looks body, it seemed to me as if I had got back to

> Dr. I. P. Greenleaf, Mr. Colby, Mr. Edson, and oh! so many more are with us, that it would take a column to hold their names; but I will say we all join in sending forth our thoughts and best wishes for the coming camps all over years that has been experienced in many years will be now. Mr. President, I feel this morning that 1 am really intruding on the time of others, but I desire this to go forth, showing that I am now my old self, and you will hear have only left one part of the work to take up bless you, is the wish of your most humble servant, Dr. Storer.

Messages to be Published.

Messages to be Published. May 8.—Samuel Loring; Altee Gould; Susan F. Furger-Son; Allee Hunter; George Boardman; Ernest Peck; Flor-ence Miller. May 15.—William Carlile; Gertrude E. Johnston; Elder George B. Merrill; Hannah Gardner; Mary MacNamarra; Frank F. Laug; "Big Bear," to bis medium. May 22.—Frances Fitzgerald; Mary Fletcher; Frank Mi-ner; Daniel B. Parker; Louisa Downing; Jacob Edson. May 23.—Mary A. Barnicoat; William Frank Bartlett; James Peabody; Archibald Moore; John Burns; Arthur Carter.

June 5.-James Kent; Catherine Martin; Joseph Seavy; Edy Robinson; Mary Wiley.

MORO.

[A Lesson for Vivisectionists.]

Now, through the crowded amphitheater, Sounded a herald flourish loud and clear. A breeze of expectation seemed to stir. The unkempt sunnyside sent up a cheer, With wicked-looking horns and sullen mien, The black bull, Moro, entered on the scene,

This was the bull that, wides pread placards said. A maiden would sub ue from his high rage, Else some brave matador his blood should shed. Did not all Cadiz know the formal page? Black Moro greeted with a thundrous roar, The authless, living hill be lowered before.

By his tormentors he at once was met: Capas before him shook their teasing cloth: Banderillëros in his she ulders set Their cruel darts; and when he rushed, right wroth Upon a yellow challenge waved with jeers, The picadorës pricked him with their spears,

Against the nearest picador he turned And lifted horse and rider from the ground. Thus three good horses had he gored and spurned Infuriate, when quietly around Withdrew the fighters, proud of courage shown, And left the buil, in his fierce rage, alone.

There fell a rill of music, pearl on pearl, And straightway into the arena sprang

A tawny, Andalusian peasant girl, Pretty and breathing charm; she sweetly sang, Advancing toward the bull with fearless joy, Then, pausing, ceased and cried "Moro! Ya voy!"

Of glad Espara she, and she had fed, Petted and cared for Moro happy years. And when of late she heard it lightly said That be must grace the arena, full of tears She sought authority and gained the right To save his life, if in this wise she might.

Within the wide, great amphitheater, At the first piping of the bird-like voice, Moro had quelled his fury, and seeing her, The girl, his friend, he seemed quite to rejoice. And when beside him she had come to stand, With his mute tongue he licked her loving hand.

Her voice and presence soothing every smart, He knelt before her as she stroked his head;

He kuelt before her as sne stroken ins nead; But, bending over, she removed each dart With careful ruth; and then, joy-garlanded, Her arm around his neck, and all elate, She, smiling, led him toward the torril's gate. —Henry Abbey, in Everywhere.

I'd like to be a printer, and with the printers stand, green ink upon my forehead, gasoline in my hand; and if a mad contributor came in to kick and roar, I'd stab him with the towel that leans against the door .- Selected.



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tiful Northern country, where the sun sets at nine o'clock and the weather is truly ideal.

Pacific Coast to boom the weather, and particularly do the friends of Los Angeles and vicinity never tire of chanting the praises of their own beloved paradise—if 1 ever go into the booming business I shall sail north and sing of the glories of the grand, majestic country all through Northern California, Oregon and Washington, and then, to cap the climax, expatiate upon the still bolder outlines of British

beautiful than Coronado, close to the large and thriving city of San Diego, which is now one of the most beautiful places in America.

San Diego is a great spiritual centre, very much alive to all progressive thought. Rev. Solon Lauer of the Unitarian church is greatly appreciated, and I dare say many readers of THE BANNER who knew him in Boston, and enjoyed his fine lectures at Onset, and elsewhere, will be glad to hear that he is doing a splendid work in the far West, and winning warm appreciation by reason of his many abilities and sterling excellences.

Mrs. Ada Foye, who is still very popular in Los Angeles, visited San Diego recently, and was very well received; her ballot tests are as wonderful as ever, and wherever she goes she makes warm friends for herself, and many converts to the truth of Spiritualism.

The First Society of Los Angeles, for which I have been lecturing during April and May, is a thriving organization. Two meetings each Sunday, one on Friday evening, and many more private gatherings, keep up great public interest, and afford ample opportunity for dis-seminating the philosophy, and also grant opportunities for the exercise of clairvoyance,

them are quite over run with callers, and can hardly find time to give all the sittings for

ried and fragmentary than this, but owing to a combination of unlooked for causes I have been unusually preoccupied with many obligations

Let the child alone-she will never be young again, if she should live a hundred years.-

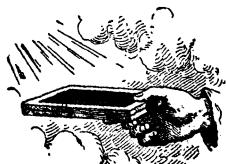
BETH WINIGER, aged 50 years. Mrs. Winiger survived her hushand about four years. She leaves one daughter and three sons, all grown up, two sisters and other near relatives, with many kind friends, to mourn her departure. She was a devout Catholic until, with her friends, she came under my ministrations, when she became favorable to and much interested in Spiritualism, and at times feeling convinced of the influence of the de-parted ones, it fitted her for the transit by taking away the fean of death. Mrs. Winker selected two hymus—"There is no Death" and "We Shall Know Each Other There"— to be sung at her funeral, two months before her demise, and at the same time asked me to preach the funeral ser-mon. Both requests were grauted, the writer performing Both requests were grauted, the writer performing ervices at her home. REV. DR. W. MARTIN. the services at her home.

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Rigerly. Saturday, Aug. 1, 10 A.M. a conference, to which all interested in the improvement of the grounds and success of the Association are invited. Medium s are expected to assist at this meeting by their presence,

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seance by Mrs. Pepper. Friday, Aug. 7, 2 P. M., lecture and tests by Mrs.

Pepper. Saturday, Aug. 8. 2 P. M., lecture by Mrs. Clara Field Conant; tests by Mrs. Ida E. Downing and others, of

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Sunday, Aug. 9, 1:30 P. M., lecture by Col. Robert G. Ingersoll; subject, "Some Reasons Why." [Admis-

sion 50 cents.] Monday, Aug. 10, 2 P. M., lecture by Mrs. T. U. Rey. nolds; tests by Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Foreman and Mrs

Downing. Monday, Aug. 10, 8 P. M., lecture by Dr. C. W. Hid. den, of Newburyport, Mass.; subject, "Hypnotism," with demonstrations of the hypnotic power. A half hour will be devoted to healing those present of dis--ease

are. [Admission 25 cents.] Tuesday, Aug. 11, 10:30 A. M., lecture and tests by

S. Twing, of Westfield, N. Y., followed by seance and tests by Mrs. Pepper. Sunday. Aug. 50 10:30 A. M., lecture by Cartle E. S. Twing; seance by Mrs. May S. Pepper. Sunday. Aug. 50, 2 P. M., lecture and séance by J. Frank Baxter. The Lyonum will be reformed under the same able management. fifty to seventy five were present, and it was so damp and chilly we were sirald that they might catch cold. Next Sunday we expect to have for our mediums and speakers Jennie K. D. Conant, Nettie Holt-Hard-

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MEETINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Lynn.-T. H. B. James writes: The Spiritualists held services as usual in their hall, 33 Summer street,

Sunday. At 2:30 a developing, healing and test circle, with a large and appreciative audience. Appropriate selec-tions were rendered by Mrs. M. K. Hamill, Allee S. Hiscox, and Mr. Willis Estes; Mrs. L. A. Prentiss gave a sublime invocation; Mrs. C. B. Hare, Mrs. L. A. Prentiss. Mrs. E. D. Williams of Chelsea, Mrs. D. E. Matson, Mrs. Lizzle D. Butler, Miss F. Isabel His-cox, Mrs. Annie J. Brennan, Willie Estes, Mr. G. D. Merrill, and others, gave many excellent tests and spirit messages; Mr. P. A. Thorner of Marblehead, Dr. S. M. Furbush, W. H. Rounseville, Edward F. Murray, John C. Doyle, Mr. A. E. Warren, Mr. I. A. Pierce, and others, gave many magnetic treatments which relieved all, and many said they were oured. They also gave many tests, spirit names and messages.

which relieved all, and many said they were oured. They also gave many tests, spirit names and messages. At 7:30 there was a good attendance of seekers after spiritual truth. The services opened with fine selec-tions by Lena and Elsie Burns. Mrs. Alice M. Le-favour then gave one of her independent musical sé-ances, satisfactory; Mrs. C. B. Hare remarks, many spirit names, messages and tests, all said to be cor-rect; Mrs. D. E. Matson spoke on "Spirits, and Their Love and Influence for Humanity": she also gave tests and messages; Mrs. Lizz'e D. Butler fol-lowed with many excellent tests and spirit communi-cations. cations.

Sunday, June 14, at 2:30, developing, healing and test circle by the same mediums, and others. At 7:30 Mrs. May S. Pepper of Providence, R. I.

Mrs. May S. Pepper of Providence, R. 1. Sunday, June 21, Dr. George A. Fuller of Worcester. At Mrs. Dr. M. K. Dowland's meetings, on Tuesday and Friday evenings, at 130 Market street, the house was packed with earnest seekers after spiritual truths, and all wort or the placed with the buschedges at and all went away pleased with the knowledge re-

and all went away pleased with the knowledge re-ceived. Tuesday evening, W. H. Rounseville presided, and made some well chosen remarks. Mrs. R. Bissell ren-dered appropriate selections. Mrs. Dr. Dowland made interesting remarks on "Mediumship," and gave quite a number of readings blindfolded-all sat-lsfactory. Mrs. D. E. Matson spoke on "The Influ-ence from the Higher Life on Humanity," Mrs. An-nie J. Brennan, tests and spirit messages, all said to be correct. Mr. G. D. Merrill spoke on "Spiriusi Truth," and gave a number of tests and spirit names and mes-sages. Mrs. Lizzie D. But.er gave many tests and spirit communications.

sages. Mrs. Inf. Dut. or gave many tests and spirit communications. Friday evening Mr. W. H. Rounseville presided. Mrs. R. Bissell and E. A. Warren rendered fine selec-tions, Mrs. Dr. Dowland, remarks on "Mediumship." Mrs. Alles M. Lefavour, one of her physical séances, satisfactory to all; she also gave guite a number of tests and messages, Mr. E. A. Warren, tests and messages, Mrs. E. D. Williams, of Cheisea, remarks on "Spiritual Demonstration," also tests and mes-sages, Mrs. Florence A. Lamphier, many spirit names and messagea-all said to be correct and messages-all said to be correct.

Lowell.-Ed. S. Varney writes, under date of June 7: Our Spiritualist meetings are being carried on with unabated interest.

Last Sunday we had Miss Annie J. Webster of Bos-ton and Mrs. Pettingill of Malden, who, as speakers and test mediums, gave good satisfaction. To-day Mrs. Julia Davis of Somerville spoke and gave spirit-delineations acceptably. She will occupy the rostrum Sunday Une 14

Sunday, June 14. Miss Blanche Brainard of this city-288 Westford street—will lecture and give tests for us the last two Sundays in June. This excellent young lady is hav-ing great success as a test medium in her private sit-tings. From personal knowledge the writer can rec-ommend her as reliable.

During July and August our meetings will be held a Earnscliff Grove, Chelmsford Centre, the home of the Harris sisters.

Our Lyceum sessions, under the able management of our Conductor, Miss Dalsy Ethelinde Brainard, are of our Conductor, Miss Daisy Ethelinde Brainard, are interesting, as well as morally, mentally and spiritu-ally profitable. The children give thought freighted recitations, the older ones have something good to say, while Ed. S. Varney generally makes a few re-marks, followed by an illustrative story upon the special topic of the day. The children, by the way, had a most enjoyable picnic in a suburban grove on the 6th inst.

the 6th inst. Our Lowell Psychic Club—membership nearly if not quite one hundred—closed its meetings for the season on the evening of Memorial Day by a largely-attended floral festival and ice cream supper. Spiritualism is doing an indirect as well as an avowed work in Lowell. An Orthodox minister here once said in his public that there were so mean invis-

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MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

The First Seclety of Spiritualists holds its mast-ings in Carnegie Music Hall Building, between 4th and 7th street, on Seventh Avenue, on strands on 7th street, where the BAXWER OF LIGHT can be had. Services Sundays, 104 A.M. and 7M P. M. Afternoon meetings for facts and phonomena at 24.

Adelphi Hall, 58d Street, between Broadway and 7th Avenue.-The Ethidal Spiritualists' Society meets each Sunday at 11 A. M. and 75f F. M. Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, speaker.

9 East 59th Street.-Society for Spiritual Research. Sundays 104 A. M., S.P. M. Meetings for the presentation of spiritual facts and phenomena. Prominent workers al-ways present. Seymour Van Brocklin, President.

114 West 14th Street.—Ocoalt Club meetings will be held Wednesdays at 5 P.M. Prominent speakers and me-diums. H. F. Tower, Manager.

Thet Scances are held Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock, 9 East 69th stroet (near Hotel Netherland), New York City, Prom-inent mediums always present. Beymour Van Brocklin, Chairman.

Meetings in Fonkers, N. Z.--Yonkers Spiritualist Society holds its meetings in the College of Music Hall, 14 Gettys Bquare, every Friday evening at 3. Alfred Andrews, Presi-dent; Titus Merritt, Secretary.

New York City. - Mrs. Milton Rathbun, Cor. Sec'y, writes: Mr. Willard J. Hull closed his engagement with the First Spiritualist Society Sunday, May 31, and has left many friends to regret his absence.

His lectures are a treat to thinking people, and he has the faculty of being both profound and lucid at the same time, thus never failing to interest all grades of auditors. Societies desiring profitable, instructive ministration will do well to secure Mr. Hull for their

speaker. Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock won golden opinions from her appreciative audiences yesterday at three ses-sions. Her lectures were good, delivered in an ac-ceptable manner, carrying great weight in her ear-nestness. Her readings and tests were remarkable, and acknowledged at every point to be correct. We regret that her engagement with us is but for two Sun-days

Next Sunday she will lecture and give readings or tests in the morning. Our afternoon and evening ses-sions, three o'clock and eight o'clock respectively, will take the form of a benefit entertainment, and twenty-five cents admission will be charged, hoping by this measure to close our season's work free from debt.

We shall have brief addresses, tests, vocal and in-strumental music. Much time will be given to tests, as several fine mediums have volunteered to aid us. We shall have the voluntary help of fine musicians and vocalists. None will make a mistake if they atand vocations. None will make a mistake if they at-tend both afternoon and evening, and if under an im-pulse to do good, they leave at the door more than twenty-five cents, they will still feel at the close of each meeting that no mistake on their part has been made.

made. On behalf of our society I desire to give thanks pub-licity to all who have so cordially and effectually assisted at our regular afternoon meetings for phenomena, and on all special occasions such as I have mentioned for next Sunday, our anniversaries, etc. Please do not forget the benefit meetings. Every-body urged to attend.

OHIO.

Columbus.—Charles P. Searles, Cor. Sec'y, writes: Sunday last closed the engagement of Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing as our speaker, and we feel the loss her absence occasions

The labors of this able speaker have been appreciated here, and have been productive of good results also. Her lectures have been especially interesting, her psychometric readings something of merit, and the work of her guides, especially Ikabod, has left an impression that it will take years of time to obliterate.

erate. In reviewing the past work of our speakers, etc.. very seldom is any reference made to anything but the cream of the work, and I wish to say, here and now, that in this instance it has all been cream. Our meetings in future will be free of admission at the door, and the old method of taking up a collection will be adopted.

will be adopted. An excursion will be run from here, Dayton, Spring-field and other points, to the Ashley Camp, where dedication services will be held on the 21st of July, Moses Hull being the speaker on this occasion. This camp is a beautiful place, situated less than one-half mile from the town of Ashley, and comprises about twenty-eight acres of land suitable for camp

purposes. Mrs. Mary Beard, H. Randolph, and others, have had constructed neat little cottages, which are now

The most conspicuous object of interest in this camp

is the fine large auditorium. This building is 100x60 feet, and has a seating capacity of at least one thouand people, and according to reports of those who are in a position to know, it is, without doubt, the finest of its kind in this country, that is, of any in We expect at least one hundred to go from here to this camp on that date, as Moses Hull has many warm admirers in this city.

management. Concerts and Amusements - There will be vocal con-certs and theatricals and other entertainments given at the Temple, under the management of Mrs. Ada Woodruff, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has bad large ex-perience in these entertainments. Those capable and willing to cooperate will report to her. Those having banners please bring and loan them to decorate the grounds.

Sunday.

grounds. There will be displays of freworks, of which notice will be given through later circulars. A Graud Union Picnic of the Sunday Schools of Greenfield will be held on the grounds on Saturday, June 6

The Ladies' Improvement Society will hold a three days' Bazar in the Temple, commencing on Monday, Aug. 10, 1896. Friends ara requested to come well pre-

Aug. 10, 1600 pared with donations for the same. A grand illumination of the grounds will occur on Saturday evening, Aug. 22, and every cottage and tent owner is requested to illuminate his or her grounds on this occasion, and assist in making this the grandest

In soccasion, and assist in making this the grandest filumination Lake Pleasach has ever seen. A Memorial Service will be held in the Temple on Sunday evening. Aug. 30, at 7:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Ladies' Improvement Society. How to get there.—The following railroad and steam-boat times will issue excursion tickets to Lake Pleas-ext and actumed to concil radued where of the in

ant and return at greatly reduced rates of fare, in most cases being about one haif regular tariff; tickets

on sale July 1: Fitchburg Railroad, Central Vermont Railroad, Citizens' Line Steamers (New York to Lake Pleasant, via Troy), New York Central Rallroad, West Shore Railroad, Northern Rallroad, Norwich and New York Railroad, Northern Railroad, Norwich and New York Steamers, Transfer Co., Connecticut Railroad, New Haven and Northampton Railroad, Bennington and Rutland Railroad, Hoosac Tunnel and Wilmington Railroad, D. and H. C. Co. Railroat, Efforts are being made, with prospects of success, to have the sale of tlokets commence June 1, and to ob-tain commutation over the N. Y., N. H. and Conn.

River Railroad also.

River Railroad also. Dr. E. A. Smith of Brandon, Vt., has charge, as General Superintendent, and those desiring to obtain privileges should apply to him. He will spend a por-tion of each week upon the grounds. He may be ad-dressed at Brandon, Vt., or Miller's Falls, Mass. Hotel and Boarding Houses.- The hotel has been leased by Messrs. Squire and Conant, men of experi-ence, and it will be open for the reception of guests early in June; Meal tickets will be sold entitling the holder to meals at the hotel for one week for \$5. Messrs. Squire & Conant have also rented the res-taurant at the depôt, and the diping-foom at the Lake, where refrestments can be had at as hours. Mrs. Hattle Reed, and many others, will also fur-nish meals and lodging at reasonable terms.

nish mesis and lodging at reasonable terms, Those desiring to rent cottages or tents should make application to the Clerk, or Mr. N. S. Henry, or Mr.

Leon Henry, at Lake Pleasant. N. S. Henry, or Mr. In General. — A day's use of the auditorium has been tendered to the Veteran Spiritualists' Union and to the Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists, respectively, at which each Association will hold a mid-summer meeting, the dates to be announced later. Baggage will be promptly delivered to any part of

the grounds. Camp equipage and baggage will be transported with the promptness and efficiency of former years. Every lot-owner at Lake Pleasant should promptly pay his or her three, per cent. assessment, and those in arrears early in the season, and also the water tax, to the Clerk at Headquarters.

For further information, or more circulars, address, A. P. BLINN, Clerk. 603 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

A. H. DAILEY, President, 16 Court street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lake Pleasant, Mass.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

More campers are upon the grounds than ever before so early in the season, fifty-five families having arrived and opened their cottages.

Among the recent arrivals are Mr. Samuel Squires, Dr. E. E. Conant and wile, George C. Allen and family, Dr. Walker and wife, Mrs. H. M. Flint, A. T. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Master Frank Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley, and Mr. F. A. Bickford and family.

The well-known physical medium. Mr. Chauncy Palmer, is located at Fales' block for the season, and has held some very satisfactory séances here already. Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cooley, of Providence, are Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cooley, of Providence, are occupying one of the twin cottages, and Dr. Waldo Mason is located at Eagle cottage. Mrs. Hattie M. Reed and Mrs. Clapp have opened their boarding-houses for the season. Mrs. Clapp is building quite an addition to her cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bar-ron. Starr Barron, and Mr. and Mrs. William Patmer, of New York City, are at their cottages, and on the Highlands are located Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Haslam and son (Lloyd Haslam), Mrs. Ada Woodruff, Mr. Thomas Alexander, Mr. Sower and family, Hon. A. C. Carey and wife, and Avery Clapp and family. The hotel, store and Lakeside confectionery stand are open. Mr. Ed. Hunter has the ice privilege. A meeting of the Directors was held here May 29, and arrangements were made to do some extensive repair-ing. The bridge is being strengthened and painted. ing. The bridge is being strengthened and painted. The pavilion and old auditorium are to be fixed up, and the band quarters are to be thoroughly renovated. The campers seem to be thoroughly imbued with the feeling of general improvement, and are heartly co-operating with the officers in improving the grounds and making them attractive, and a perfect feeling of harmony prevails. Darmony prevails. Owing to an error in printing our circulars, we omitted to state in them that a Lyceum will be held here this summer. Last year we had a grand Lyceum under the Conductorship of Vice-President J. B. Hatch, Jr., and this year we are to have another under the On June 6 a large picnic was held here under the same management. On June 6 a large picnic was held here under the auspices of the Episcopal Church of Greenfield, and conducted by one of the most liberal-minded clergy-men in Western Massachusetts, Rev. Mr. Finch. men in Western Massachusetts, Rev. Mr. Finch. About three hundred visitors attended, and a general good time was had by all. A dance was held during the afternoon in the pavillon, Bickford's orchestra fur-nishing the music. For Sundays, July 5 and 12, we have engaged that grand lecturer, J. A. Washburne, of Revere, Mass., one of the ablest speakers in the country. All the privilege have hear let except the dry All the privileges have been let except the dry goods, barber shop, bootblack and shooting gallery. Any one desiring circulars can get them by writing to me for them. ALBERT P. BLINN, Clerk. to me for them. Lake Pleasant, Mass.





ENTRANCE TO LAKE PLEASANT.

Boating and Fishing, Etc.—There are plenty of ex-cellent row-boats on the lake, and also a small steam-er, which can be chartered at reasonable rates. The Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2 P. M., lecture by Dr. C. W. Hidlake and large streams abound with gamy fish, while trout are plentiful in the smaller streams. The roads are good for cycling and driving.

Entertainments and Attractions.-Educational lec-tures will be delivered upon scientific and religious subjects by the ablest talent. Week days there will be conferences, when there are no announced lectures

or other meetings. Correspondence is being had to fill the platform the

Correspondence is being had to int the prantrm the first two Sundays in July with special attractions of a religious and educational character. The oration of Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, upon the "Declaration of Independence," July 4, with the full Bickford Orchestra, and grand ball in the evening, will be an appropriate opening of the season. Excursion trains will be run on all special occasions.

Instrumental Music.-Bickford's Brass Band and String Orchestra, which was so popular last season, has been secured and will be under the lead and directorship of the Bickfords. It consists of twelve pieces; seven of the soloists are of national repute. The full band and orchestra will be upon the grounds July 4, 5, 12 19, and commencing July 24, every day

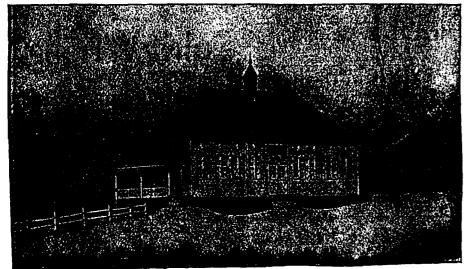
following to Sept. 1. Program in Detail for 1896 .- Saturday, July 4, will

Edgar W. Emerson, the renowned test medium, of Manchester, N. H. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2 P. M., lecture by Dr. C. W. Hid-den, and a half-hour in healing the sick. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2 P. M., lecture by Mrs. Frances Holmes; tests by Mr. Edgar W. Emerson. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 8 P. M., lecture by Dr. C. W. Hidden; subject, "The Man Wonderful," in the Tem-ple. [Admission 25 cents.] Thursday, Aug. 13, 10:30 A. M., lecture by Dr. C. W. Hidden, in the Temple. An hour with the ladles. [Admission 25 cents.] Thursday, Aug. 13, 2 P. M., lecture by Clara Field Conant and tests by Edgar W. Emerson. Thursday, Aug. 13, 8 P. M., lecture by Dr. C. W. Hid-den, in the Temple; subject, "An Hour Alone with the Men." [Admission 25 cents.] Friday, Aug. 14, 2 P. M., lecture by Mrs. Clara Field Conant; tests by Edgar W. Emerson. Saturday, Aug. 15, 2 P. M., lecture and tests by Ed-gar W. Emerson

gar W. Emerson Sunday, Aug. 16, 10 A. M., lecture by Mr. J. Clegg Wright, of Amelia. O.

Sunday, Aug. 16, 1:30 p. M., lecture by Col. Robert G. Ingersoll; subject, "The Foundations of Faith. [Ad-

Mission 50 cents.]
 Sunday, Aug. 16. 8 P. M., Mr. Emerson and others
 w ll give tests. [Admission 20 cents.]
 Monday, Aug. 17, 2 P. M., lecture by Mrs. Sarah A.



AUDITORIUM AT LAKE PLEASANT.

be appropriately celebrated. Bickford's full band will be upon the grounds, and render patriotic airs. Soloits.-Charles M. Bickford, Conductor, violinist, Springfield Symphony Orchestra; Edward T. W. Switt, Conductor, Jadohasohn Club. trombone; Fred Sanger, alto, Springfield Symphony Orchestra; Richard Hii-dreth, cornet, Springfield Symphony Orchestra; F. S. Alstrom, flute and piccolo, Springfield Symphony Or-chestra (for several seasons at Lake George); Angelo Truda, clarionet, Battery B Band of Worcester, Reeves' American Band of Providence; N. P. Pilet, cornet. Buttery B Band; Thomas Carr, xylophone and Reves American baud of Frontence; A. F. Fret, cornet. Bittery B Band; Thomas Carr, xylophone and drum, Battery B Band, Second Regiment Band, Spring-field Symphony Orchestra; James Taylor, euphoni-um, graduate of English Army School for Bandmas-ters, Battery B Band. In addition to these musicians, all of national re

Bickford, bass viol and prompter for all our dances; George Dimiwitz, trombone, and Miss Bessie Bickford, planist.

ford, pianist. Sunday. July 19, at 10:30 A. M., Prof. W. M. Lock-wood of Caicago, Ill., will commence a course of four scientific lectures. At 2 P. M. an address will be de livered by General Iaace S. Catlin of Brooklyn, N. Y. Tuesday, July 21, 2 P. M.; Wednesday, July 22, 2 P. M., and fhursday, July 23 2 P M., lectures by Prof. W. M. Lockwood. [Admission to Prof. Lockwood's lectures will be fifteen cents.] It is probable that his

be appropriately celebrated. Bickford's full band | Byrnes, of Dorchester, Mass.; tests by Mrs. Ida B. Downing and Mr. Foreman. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2 P. M., lecture by J. Clegg Wright; tests by Mrs. Downing and Mr. Foreman. Wednesday, Aug. 19 2 P. M., lecture by Mrs. Byrnes; tests by Mr. Foreman and Mrs. Downing.

Thursday, Aug. 20, 2 P. M., lecture by Mr. Wright; tests by Mrs. Downing and Mr. Foreman.

Fiday. Aug. 21, 2 P. M. lecture by Mrs. Byrnes; tests by Mrs. Downing and Mr. Foreman. Saturday, Aug. 22, 2 P. M., will be devoted to some special attraction to be announced later. Sunday, Aug. 23, 10 A. M. lecture by Helen Stuart-Richings, of Milwaukee, Wis.; tests by Mrs. May S. Pepper.

Pepper. Sunday, Aug. 23, 1:30 P. M., lecture by Col. R. G. In-gersoll; subject to be announced. [Admission 50

cents.] Monday, Aug. 24, 2 P. M., lecture by Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes; tests by Mrs. May S. Pepper. Tuesday, Aug. 25 2 P. M., lecture by Helen Stuart-Richlugs; tests by Mrs. May S. Pepper. Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2 P. M., lecture by Helen Stu-art Richings; tests by Mrs. May S. Pepper. Thursday, Aug. 27 2 P. M. lecture by Mr. J. Frank Baxter, of Chelsea, Mass., followed by a scance. Friday, Aug. 28, 2 P. M., lecture by Mr. J. Frank Baxter, followed by scance. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2 P. M., lecture by Mrs. Carrie E.

Lake Pleasant in June-The Camp-Meeting.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

How the robins are singing this bright June morning in the fresh, sweet woods at Lake Pleasant! The pines are also singing. Gentle winds are waking Eolian harps in the caks and chestnuts. The mead-ows stretching away toward Mt. Toby are gay with clover blossoms. The daisies and buttercups make the hillsides smile with beauty. The odors of the young needles of the pines fill the lungs with the balm of bealth. Jacob's Well is pouring forth that cold, pure water, so prized by the thousands who have drank it in former years, and will be prized by the thousands of newcomers. Many people are here. A hundred cottages are

open; house cleaning and brightening with new paint are a welcome sight to the daily increasing numbers. The management have perfected the program for the v paint

meeting. It is the universal opinion that this year will with ness a very successful meeting, and that the beauty and comfort of the Spiritual Philosophy and religion will be presented in a very satisfactory manner. The seeker will obtain knowledge, the mourner will be comforted, and the invalid will rejoice in the prospect of returning health. H. A. BUDINGTON. of returning health. H. A Lake Pleasant, Mass., June 6, 1896.

Cape Cod Camp-Meeting, Ocean Grove, Harwich Port, Mass.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light.

The Spiritualists of the Cape will assemble, as usual, to enjoy their delightful location by the seashore, and to listen to the following speakers: Rev. and to listen to the following speakers: hor.
S. L. Beal of Brockton, Mrs. Carrie F. Loring of East Braintree, Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson of Grand Rap-ids, Mich., Rev. L. K. Washburn of Revere, Mrs. May
S. Pepper of Providence, R. I., F. A. Wiggin of Salem, Mrs. Juliette Yeaw of Leominster.
The meeting will commence July 12, and close July 26, 1896.
L. C. HOMES, Secretary.

Camp Progress, Upper Swampscott. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Sunday, June 7, was decided upon for opening our camp meeting, and we were very much disappointed to see such a rainy day. We trust next Sunday we will be more fortunate. There have been quite exten-sive improvements made during the last month, and we have expended quite a sum of money. We have

We have expended quite a sum of money. We have built a new cook-house, and have joined a large build-ing forty-six feet jong and seventeen feet wilde, which is roofed over, and tables running the whole length, and a seating capacity for one hundred and eighty people at a time. We have also made the speakers' stand twice as large, which was very much needed; and there are a great many more improvements to be made, but we feel we have done all in cur power this season.

avowed work in his public that there were so many invis-ibles upon the platform that he could n't move around, and it's nothing new for him t) talk that way, either. It is said that at funerals he always speaks with his eyes shut. Can it be that he is a medium?

Newburyport.-J. C. Pettingell writes: The First Spiritualist Society of this city has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. B. C. Atwater: Vice-President, Mr. Nathaniel Goodwin; Sec'y, Mrs. Martha Staples; Treasurer, Mr. F. H. Fuller; Directors, Mrs. Walter Morrill, Mr. Nathaniei Goodwin, Mrs. Eliza A. Poole, Mrs. Susan Lowell, Mrs. Ann B. Manson, Mrs. Mary Greene, Mrs. Lucy A. Edgerly. We have also taken in four new mem-bers lately.

Another correspondent writes: This Society now holds circles on Sunday evenings at its hall, 591/2 State street. one flight up.

The matter of an Eastern camp-meeting is being agitated again. A nice location on border of Lake Attatash, in the town of Merrimac, comprising twenty Actacash, in the town of Merrimac, comprising twenty acres, with the chance to buy on each side of the lot, has been offered at a fair price. It is handy to Haver-hill, also to Newburyport and other places, and it is hoped that the friends interested in the cause of Spiritualism in Haverhill, Lawrence, Newburyport and

itualism in Havefolii, Lawrence, Newburyport and Amesbury, will take hold of the matter at once. F. H. Fuller, Box 528, Newburyport, Mass., will give all information wanted if you will just write him. A Sunday meeting will be held on the grounds some Sunday in July, and one of our best speakers and workers in the Cause will lecture. Other mediums are expected to be present. Come, all who can, and see the place.

nlace. All the particulars of the meeting will be published

in THE BANNER, with names of mediums to be pres-

ent, and how to get there. Let Newburyport, Haverhill, and all the Spiritual-ists around there, join together in one grand meeting in touch with Nature in the woods.

Chelsen. - S. B. McCoccison, President, writes: The Ladies' Spiritual Aid Society holds meetings at Mrs. E. H. Pratt's, Chelsea Square, Broadway. Meetings every other Friday, dating from Friday. May 29, at 2 P. M.; business meeting at 4; supper at 6 o'clock, social meeting in the evening.

The First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia.

The officers and trustees of the "First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia," of which Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader is the honored Vice-President and its E. Cadwallader is the honored Vice-President and its duly accredited representative to the National Spirit-ualist Association, take pleasure and pride in endors-ing her work for the benefit of the mediums of this city, as well as recommending her as an earnest and efficient worker in the cause of truth and humanity. We feel that her work in defense of the mediums, as well as for the upbuilding of the National Spiritual-ists' Association, entities her to the appreciation of all true Spiritualists. all true Spiritualists. [Signed] Fi

| | FRANCIS J. KEFFER, President. |
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RHODE ISLAND.

Pawtucket. — John Harris, Secretary, writes: Pawtucket Spiritual Association, Sunday evening, June 7. Service began with singing. President, D. K. Doe, then introduced Mrs. May S. Pepper of Provi-dence to a large and intelligent audience. Mrs. Pepper lectured on Volces from the Spirit-World, and spoke for half-an-hour in a general way previous to her subject. She also gave a test seance, oil test being recognized and convinging to mony

all tests being recognized, and convincing to many skeptics.

Mrs. May S. Pepper is a favorite in Pawtucket, and large audiences always greet her. May we all reach out to those who have passed to that higher life, rather than ask them to come down to us, as Mrs. Pepper related in her discourse. June 14, Sunday evening, at 7:30, Kate R. Stiles of Boston will be our speaker.

Providence.—The Spiritualist Association, Benj. F. Prouy, Sec'y, writes, held its regular meetings after-noou and evening, at Columbia Hall, No. 248 Weybos-set street. The speaker was Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, of Troy, N. Y., who gave two very able and interest-ing lectures. following with tests, which were well re-ceived and recognized.

Sunday, June 14, will be the annual Memorial day, and all friends and members are requested to bring flowers, with their names attached. The flower reading will be by Mrs. Sarah Humes.

IOWA.

Muscatine.-Rev. J C. F. Grumbine speaks for our Society June 28 and July 5.

Baldwin.-Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine delivers the memorial address before the K. P.'s on June 14.



MEETINGS IN BROOKLYN.

The Progressive Spiritual Association, Amphion Theatre Bulding, Bedford Avenue, opposite South Teuth street. Meetings Sunday evenings, 8 of clock. Good speak-ers and mediums. Mrs. M. Evans, President.

Spiritual Meetings are held in Mrs. Dr. Blake's par-lors, 1024 Bedford Avenue (near DeKalb Avenue), svery Sunday evening at 80 'clock.

The Advance Spiritual Conference meets every Saturday evening in Single Tax Hall, 1188 Bedford Avenue. Good speakers and mediums always in attendance. Beats (rec. All welcome. Herbert L. Whitney, Chairman; Emily B. Buggles, Sec'y.

Fraternity Hall, 849 Bedford Avenue, near Myrtle Avenue.-Meetings Sunday at 5 P. M. Mrs. L. A. Olmstead, Medium. Other mediums regularly provided.

The Woman's Progressive Union holds meetings Friday and Sunday evenings, at 8 o'clock, at Small's Parlors, 377 Franklin Avenue (near Greene).

Mediums' Progressive Meetings.-Sundays, \$P. M., Single Tax Hall, 1188 Bedford Avenue, near Putnam Ave-nue. Mrs. E. A. Cutting, Manager.

MEETINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The First Association of Spiritualists (founded 1852) meets at First Association Hall, 5th and Callowhill streets. President, Capt. F. J. Kefler; Vice-President, Mrs. M. & Codwallader; Secretary, Frank H. Morrill. Services s' 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Lyceum at 3% P. M. Spiritual Conference Association meets at the northeast corner of sth and Spring Garden streets every Sunday at 2% and 7% P. M. Hon. Thomas M. Locke, Pres.

MEETINGS IN CHICAGO.

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