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Woman's Rights.

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[Some time ago, in a neighboring city, a number of fashionable ladies decided to form a club for the consideration of the claims involved in "Woman's Rights," if Helen H. Gardener could be secured as one of the speakers to address the members. We have been put in possession, by this talented speaker and writer, of the following report of her remarks before that body, and it now appears for the first time in print, in the columns of the BANNER OF LIGHT. -ED.]

ADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Personally I do not recognize that there is such a thing as woman's rights. There are human rights, and some of them have been so far withheld from women; but what do these people mean by "rights," if it is not the opportunity to do and to be all of those things which are recognized as the legitimate occupations or means of development or support which human beings are capable of undertaking, or wish to undertake for their own benefit or happiness?

People do not realize that for a woman to stand before an audience at all, and speak upon any subject in the world, is a full assertion of what they are pleased to think they are shocked at under the name of "woman's rights." Every time a woman earns a dollar in any occupation whatsoever (outside of the kitchen) she is a living exponent of woman's rights, unless she refrains from taking that dollar, and it is paid over to and spent by some male "head of the family." Until this movement began for the equality of the sexes, before the law (which by these nervous folks is called "woman's rights") every dollar a woman earned belonged to her father or to her husband. She could not collect it. She did n't own it. It was looked upon by the woman who was the "conservative" or "protestant" of that day, as exceedingly unwomanly for her to want to. She said: "Do you suppose I want to handle my own money? Never! Why, that would proclaim to the world that I suspected my to a man, and not give him all my property? Would I give myself to a man to whor would not truly give all I own? Shocking thought!" her father, the moment she married she did n't own that property. If she earned it herself she did n't own it. And it was looked upon as "dangerous undermining of the family relation " and as " unsexing " the wife (whatever that absurd and hard-driven word may mean), for her to want to own her own property and collect her own wages, than it now is for her to want to own herself, and to count as one in the economy of life. There are always timid people, however, who think it is "good form" to be what they call "conservative" - that is, to keep just far enough behind the procession of progress to helped to solve any of its difficulties. But I will venture to assert that there is not one so-called "conservative" woman in this city who does not take full advantage of her "woman right" to own her own home, collect her own rent, or her salary (if she does anything to earn one), to draw her own royalty, if she is an an author-in short, that she does what she can to reap the benefits of this struggle for woman's human and equal footing before the law in so far as it has already been es tablished, and if she does so, she is (whether human units. So long as this is true, it is possible for woman to lose these concessions. She has abperpetuity; a way that takes nothing from no way or sense antagonistic to his interestsa simule, easy way which has in its favor all ignorance and prejudice-absolutely nothing else! Because there has never yet been given one single logical argument in favor of self government for men-in favor of a democratic government could which does not apply absolutely and wholly to women, alnot one! Because there has never been on tion brought against woman' the law with man, which is against self-government of men, or else is evasion or assumption; assumptions which have been met and which can be met with endemands required of it. It is a set constor. Then there is another work and arayed at- workers; but I honor them, and I thank them the edges argument about serving as soldiers. [from the bottom of my heart for what they

(as is often asserted) rest upon a man's ability | only sorry that they who have borne the brunt | with men who scorned to take advantage of to serve in the army or navy. If it did, then all men incapacitated for such service would lose their votes.

Are you aware that that would disfranchise very nearly three-fifths of the male voting population? Do n't you see that the argument cuts both ways? Don't you see that it is sophistical? Do n't you know that it would in the main be the most intelligent of all voters who fall under this ban? It is not the man who is a good fighter (a perfect animal) who is the wisest or safest legislator or voter. The soldier argument would disfranchise almost all of our college professors, our physicians, clergymen, lawyers-in short, almost all of the ablest professional men of the country. It would really disfranchise pretty much every one who would fall inside of the educational test; while the intelligence and educational test would disfranchise a large number of those who come under the war service test, both of which are mere evasions of the basic question -the question of woman's right to stand before the law as a human being on exactly the same level as other human beings.

If you take "male" out of the constitution, woman will make no objection to all the intelligence tests you care to devise and apply to both men and women alike. She is not afraid visible. of a fair and equal test on an equal footing with man. She asks for no special privilege. It is he who insists upon protective privileges against those who, he claims, are his inferiors, and somehow or other it looks to me as if there was an African in that woodpile. If he is sure that he is her superior, why is he so mortally afraid of meeting her on equal footing?

But jesting aside, did it ever occur to you | frage is to remedy all this. Perhaps you are what a coward a man is who insists upon claiming legal and political rights which he is afraid more lofty and better than men, that they will to allow his wife and mother to share with him? Can he not hold his own on a level footing with her? And did it ever occur to you that it is not the large-brained man, the able sorry to hear any one claim that women will man, who is aware of personal inferiority to vote this or that evil out of existence. We many women, who clings so tenaciously to the legal privileges which make him her superior by law-a position in which he is unable to sus- and it is not the least little bit of our business husband of diskonesty. Would I give myself tain himself on simply his own merits? That What we do know, and what we claim will do is a coward's refuge. And it matters not one the good, is this-that she is a human being whit whether he can march and shoot in a war or not, he is a coward who claims for himself | real and as strong and as vital both to herself and And so, if the wife inherited property from | legal advantages which he withholds from his | to the community as are those of her brother, sister. Again, no man is subject to duty as a soldier as to be able to express herself about them on absolutely. He is permitted to furnish a sub an equal legal footing with her brother, and to clear and conscious realization of it. more "unwomanly" and "brazen," and as a stitute so long as substitutes hold out. The count as one, and that one not an idiot in the women of a nation have not only furnished their substitutes, but they have furnished to that country all of the soldiers it could getsubstitute, conscript and volunteer. And she | ability as she does possess should be used to has faced a greater danger and more suffering in doing it than that substitute will be called not a contest between men and women. It is upon to face in protecting his mother in any silly, it is petty, it is failing to grasp the root war that may call him out. Yet again, whenever a war is stirred up in this country, wanted, voted for, and managed | brain power enough to do the thinking for the by women; whenever the flag is fired upon by whole race. It has proved this pretty fully in Calcutta, and if there were no cables or postal reap all of its benefits without having met and an armed force of women, there will be an the past. It is proving it pretty fully in the presequal number of women ready, willing and | ent. And so long as the race is deprived of the able to protect it. Whenever an army of women invades our country, there will be an army | so long as the half which produces the race is of women ready to resist the invasion. Until held as a subordinate and a mere pawn in the then let those who want the wars, who bring them on, fight them out! There is another assertion which sometimes passes for argument upon this question. It is said that "the immoral vote" will be doubled. I do not believe that (using the word immoral in the sense in which it is always implied here for women) there is anybody who will assert she knows it or not) proclaiming to the world | that there are half as many "immoral" women that she is in favor of "woman's rights." Now as men. We cannot measure the whole counall these concessions so far have been gained | try by a few large cities in this regard. But as concessions, and not at all as inalienble that argument certainly covers a good deal rights of a human being to stand before the | more ground than its inventors intended it law on a dignified and equal footing with other | should. It would result, would it not, if applied, in enfranchising about nine-tenths of all the women the world over, and disfranchis- chise every man who does not belong to his ing about nine-tenths of the present voters, solutely no way to guard or protect them. not omitting our small army contingent. But There is a way to enable her to secure them in | is it the morality test which they want rigidly applied? Is it a man's morality which secures man, that deprives him of nothing; that is in him his suffrage, his status before the law, or is it his needs as a human unit in a republican form of government? On which ground does justice, all honesty, all logic, all common sense, he claim it? If on the morality ground, as they which has against it absolutely nothing but | apply that term to women, do n't you think his tenure of office or of citizenship is on a pretty shaky foundation? Ask them down in Kentucky. Another argument which crops up once in a while is that, if the suffrage were extended to women, only the low and vile would vote and little public spirit, so little dignity of characde objec- | run for office. Of course I know that this is y before | really no argument at all, for it is based on ually valid | pure assumption, and if it were true of men. would still not disfranchise those men who based upon wholly unproven and untenable | did not wish to lose the privilege. But in point of fact, up to this stage of the proceedings it has been only the well educated, the able tire ease and disproven without using a great and the thoughtful women, the world over, law for one-half of the entire race were actuatdeal of brain-matter in the process. One of who have entered actively into this question. these was recently reset in its old frame in an | It has been conducted so far for over forty article by Jeannette Gilder. She argued that | years-by women who are the intellectual peers there was "too large an ignorant vote in New | of the best men to be found in any country or York now," and so there may be; but upon | in any state, and surely, with the experience what possible idea of justice is this means of we have constantly before us-the examples of self-protection and self development given to our public men-no one will venture to say, or ignorant men and withheld from ignorant | even to bint, that these fine women upon whose women? If there is to be an intelligence test lives a flood of light has been thrown for all (or an educational one), let it be an educational | these years, are not so far above the average test; but that can have nothing to do with office-holder in moral character that it were sex! That argument is entirely too large. It absurd to even discuss the question. I feel covers entirely too much ground to meet the that I can say this with a good deal of grace. for I am not, myself, one of those pioneer hard

of this struggle will not be here to reap the re- the situation, and who are as heartily ashamed ward when the time comes; and women to day ought to feel ashamed to enjoy what these wo-

men have already secured for us of liberty, of justice, and of hope, unless they are willing to stand by their colors and help push this car of progress along.

Upon what possible grounds can any one claim that these fine and able women will not continue to take an interest in their own and their less fortunate sisters' elevation? Will white. they suddenly labor to put into office the vile of their own sex? Hardly! Will the male voters insist upon doing this? We can scarcely suspect them of such a desire; but surely if some had it, there are enough of good women and of good men combined to prevent the sad disaster. But suppose, simply for the argument, that this gratuitous assumption were true: I repeat the question, Is the suffrage to be given or withheld on the basis of moral character? Who is going to conduct the examination? How will the male voter stand the test? Are they prepared now to make all suffrage rest upon such qualifications? If not | in government as in life.

all, why woman's? Let us be fair. Let us remember that humanity is a unit, and that its interests and aims are, and must ever be, indi-

One-half of the human race cannot progress alone. In the effort to do so it has thrown itself into a tangle that has filled its mad-houses, its hospitals and its homes, alas! with dwarfed, half-developed human pawns, who are the legitimate fruit of the conditions under which they are born and under which they develop.

Perhaps you are wondering how woman sufwondering if I think women are so much wiser, legislate in the millennium the first vote they cast? Let me reply to that right here. I do not think anything of the kind. I am always can't afford to mortgage woman's vote before she gets it. We don't know how she will vote, with interests and needs and aims that are as and that it is right that she should be so placed

of it as we are-can very readily understand how impossible it would be for those classes of women who are associated with narrow-minded or brutally-inclined men to come out openly upon this or any other topic in opposition to that grade of man who is so absolutely certain of his own superiority that he recognizes that the only way to prove it is to retain legal privileges which state his superiority in black and

Our great American orator has well said: The men who claim that they are the intellectual superiors of women cannot prove it by putting themselves in evidence." And it is equally true that no nation can hope to prove that the genius of self government rests wholly in its male citizen so long as it insists upon protecting him from competition with those who he says are unfit. If man is the natural and only capable ruler of the race, the only way to prove it is to take the protective tariff off of him, and allow nature to decide upon equal and fair terms the survival of the fittest

HELEN H. GARDENER.

Lilian Whiting and Her Proof of Immortality.

BY JOEL B. DOW,

" May it not be thus in regard to communication be tween those beyond death and those of us this side of death? That the tipping of a table, a rop the utter-ances of a trance medium, even a communication on a state written without human hands, or any visible agency—a thing that is simply a fact, and which is the most marvelous of anu so called 'manifestations' —eren that, and all other species of phenemena, while they are undoubtedly sometimes genuine, are at the best only interesting, and never essential. Immortal-ity is a life. If one would be immortal let him live immortally now."

To the Editor of the Banner of Light

T ILLAN WHITING, in her weekly pen pic-, tures of "Life in Boston," as published in Saturday's Inter-Ocean, Chicago, contrib utes much to the interest and culture of its many readers. Ordinarily fearless in her utterances of truth or portrayal of life, she infuses fresh courage, and incites healthful, vig- | tion," clearly indicates the views of HENRY untouched by such or kindred inspiration as ualism:



HENRY KIDDLE.

TWICE-TOLD TALES.

NUMBER SEVEN.

BY HENRY FORBES.

TTTHEN kindly death stretched forth its gentle hand to guide the passage of the soul of DR. S. B. BRITTAN to the wellearned promotion of a higher life and grander activities, another, who bore him a striking resemblance in the unswerving earnestness of his convictions, and the energetic vigor and adequate ability and equipment displayed in defense against the assaults of bigotry and ignorance, was found ready to step into the breach as champion and defender of a misunderstood and maligned Cause.

The following passage, culled from an anniversary address entitled "The New Dispensaorous thought, far in advance of those minds | KIDDLE as to the import of Modern Spirit-

economy of nature. It is right that she should have a voice in her own affairs. It is right that such wisdom and benefit not only herself but the race. This is of this subject at all, to place it upon such a

basis as that. One half of the race has not earnest, honest thought of the other half-just national life, just so long will the world continue to be only one-half as wise, half as good, half as true, half as lofty as its entire capacity warrants.

If only half of the men were allowed to think, if only the Democrats of America were counted as voters, we would, as everybody knows, lose all the wisdom and ability that the Republican mind has evolved. If only Republicans voted-were allowed to express themselves in the national life-we would lose whatever of thought that has been contributed by the Democratic brain. I could hardly find one who would confess himself so narrow as to say that he believes it would be wise or just to disfranparty. Yet that is exactly what is done with women. In a sense woman is a party-that is, she is a special, unrepresented feature of the world far more truly than would be a disfranchised Republican, or Democratic party, which all concede would be wholly unfair and unwise. The time is coming, and it is not far off, when men will be utterly ashamed to remember that they were ever so unwise or so unjust or so timid as to claim for themselves the dignity and the privileges, the rights and duties of citizenship while denying these to women; and women will be utterly ashamed to let it be known that they had so little self-respect, so ter, that they were satisfied to remain the only sane outlaws who had not willfully forfeited their right to the dignity of citizenship.

In one of the leading newspapers the other day a well known writer said that evidently some of the ladies engaged in the efforts to secure a dignified and equal footing before the ed by revenge! Revenge for what? Revenge upon whom? How would it be revenge if in so doing no right or dignity is taken from man, if human rights and dignities are extended to women? Let us have enough dignity to look upon the question as if it were one between men.

It is the fortunate women who must help, who must struggle for the liberty of all. The unfortunate have already all that they can bear. We who were born of and have lived our lives with men who had dignity of character enough not to be afraid of losing their influence in their own homes if their wives and daughters are permitted to stand upon an equal plane with themselves-those of us who Now, in the first place, officenship does not have already accomplished for us all. I am have had the rare good fortune to have lived | Beloit, Wis., Feb. 26, 1896.

In her last communication, published the 22d inst., she asks the question "Are we immortal?" and she answers, emphatically, "YES," and then discusses the fact from her

To her mind, unclouded by superstition, unprejudiced by doubt and untrammeled by adverse affiliation, there is no longer a question as to its reality; not at some future far-off time, beyond so-called death, but now. If ever immortal, immortal now, and the proof of this to her, in the fact of *life itself*. That life is indestructible. Life is, hence life WILL BE, and that the proof of this cannot rest upon any conceivable kind of phenomena. It is a fact, and, though impossible to communicate with friends who have passed on, the reality is the same as though we had friends in Berlin or service, so we could never know of them, it would not alter the fact of their existence, and so she draws the conclusion italicised jat the caption of this article

Will the reader kindly note again the admis sion she makes as to "species of phenomena," that they are "undoubtedly sometimes genu-' and then her conclusion that th ey are a ine.' best "only interesting, and never essential

By what process of reasoning Lilian Whiting became so thoroughly entrenched in the belief of immortality we do not know: but it is fair o assume that, among other evidences, there has been brought to her consciousness the various phases of spiritual phenomena or "mani-festations," and she concedes that "some of them are genuine." If some are genuine then they are a fact; and if a fact, they prove conclusively that our friends survive the physical change, and are the same conscious entities as when with us in the material form. If this so called "phenomenon," then, be a

fact, there is a purpose in its production. The spirit world is not consciously engaging the thought and inciting investigation by thousands of our best minds in a line which is not essential to human happiness and human advancement and development. And were these measures not a necessity, a means to an end. to reach the masses, the common mind, and furnish evidence of such character as could be comprehended and received, they would never have been resorted to as they now are.

That class of minds to which Lilian Whiting belongs, without further evidence or parity of reasoning, may be able to comprehend and to rest satisfied in their consciousness of the fact of immortality from their conscious recognition of the fact of LIFE; but not so with the masses. Their comprehensions of spiritual truths are vague and unc ertain, and the conclusion, the fact of immortality, unending life, immanent in life itself, is no part of their conscious heritage. To reach such, then, to bring to them a knowledge of this fact above all facts, that this little span of earth-life is but the vestibule to that grand life of progress and reunion with friends and loved ones beyond, is the avowed purpose of those who are utilizing every possible agency of mind and matter to consummate it.

Lilian Whiting does not require "phenometo establish her convictions of immortal na' She needs no revelation, no record of itv. communion between the earth and spirit world in times past, no transfiguration scene upon the mountain, no John of Patmos, no latter day "phenomena" which are "sometimes gen-uine!" day

Happy condition, and one to be envied, but while the sun is shining in her soul, and her vision is unclouded, should she cast aside or throw a possible hindrance in the way of those who are unable to grasp the mighty truth which has so transformed and illumined her life, and who can only be first touched and the darkness of their spiritual natures penetrated through those agencies which are now being utilized by the spirit-world? Should not her bright, generous, loving soul

concede that every agency which is "genuine may and should be utilized in the grand work of teaching, convincing humanity of the fact

"Spiritualism antedates all human records. There never was a time within the memory of man when it might be said with truth: 'Spirits have begun to show themselves to mortals, though it is true that there have been times when augel visits have been 'few and far be-The Jewish seer, Micah, uttered a tween. premonition of such a period of spiritual fam-ine in the expressive words: 'Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

About three centuries after the alleged date of this suggestive prediction, its fulfillment came to the Jewish nation, for Malachi, the last of the prophets,' lived about four centuries before the coming of the great Teacher or the commencement of the Christian Dispensation. There were, moreover, other periods referred to in the spiritual history of this singular people, when, to use the significant lan-guage of their historians, 'there was no open vision,' as there were likewise times rendered memorable by unusual spiritual manifesta-tions. To one of these it was that the prophet Joel referred, as to come in the 'last days, when 'God was to pour out of his spirit upon all flesh; and the sons and daughters of men were to prophesy; and the young men were to see visions, and the old men to dream dreams. To the early Christian apostles, when the 'spirit' came upon them in that remarkable pentecostal flood, this prophecy seemed to be fulfilled in the manifestations which suddenly confronted them in those the 'last days' of a waning dispensation, and at the dawn of that which was to succeed it And thus it has ever been. Spirit manifestation has waxed and waned, depending upon conditions unknown to mortal mind and scarcely within the scope of hypothesis. It has come at times in mighty waves, bringing startling phenomena and unfolding wonderful 'spiritual gifts' in the children of men, and suffusing the minds of mankind with new ideas, shattering the idols which their perverted imaginations had set up, and overturning their proud, pompous and unspiritual religious institutions, incrusted with the corrupt accretions of past ages. It has come when men, exulting in the pride of intellect, were engaged in building up a vast and apparently imperishable structure of materialism-a huge Tower of Babel, from the top of which they hoped to scale the heavens and defv even the Architect of the universe. But his angels, at this climax of human ignorance and presumption, have ever descended and with a breath, as it were, have prostrated the proud edifice and confounded its builders with strange tongues, thus bringing in a new order of things.

These are the 'dispensations' of spirit light, which the 'people who sit in darkness' behold from time to time, vouchsafed, by the operation of some potent and unchangeable law in the divine economy, to the dwellers here below, to prevent them, as it would seem, from being entirely overwhelmed by the material influences encompassing them, and from thus losing all sense and knowledge of spiritual

These constitute one of the grandest featares of human history, but one that has not been studied sufficiently to see, it in all its wonderful aspects, its sublime relations and its resistless influence upon the progress of true civilization.... We meet to day to celebrate what is called the 'Advent of Modern piritualism'; but the term may lead astray. Let us understand clearly what it is we intend to celebrate. As I have indicated, Spiritualism did not come to the world with the rappings at Hydesville, not even Modern Spiritnalism. Were there not, previous to these raps, similar phenomena occurring at various times within the present century, as also during those immediately preceding it?

Mediumship, though unquestionably better understood than formerly, does not belong exclusively to the modern epoch; its unfoldment is not the work of a generation, but it is a fact and a phenomenon of all time.... But have we, then, nothing to celebrate to day? of life, not spanned or environed by earth, but life Now, and ever Now, spanning eternity? Most assuredly we have. We have to com-memorate the commencement of a mighty spiritual movement, a widespread spiritual

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awakening, the coming of another flood of spir-itual light, that really dawned upon more syse in 1848, heraided by the tiny ray, as increasing of the sun is often heraided by a faint article of light in the eastern horizon....Slowly, had surely, in spite of derision and scoffing, has it won its way, chiefly through the powerful agency of the hosts of the unseen. We mortals can aid them only a little; but for our own sake it behooves us to help them all we can; however, whether what we do be much or little, be assured this great spiritual tide will continue to rise till its full flood is attained, whenever that shall be; and then it will leave many changes in the track of its receding. many changes in the track of its receding. waves. Institutions that seemed based on the everlasting rock will be left in ruins; established systems of legislation and social polity -accepted 'theories and concepts' of physical science-political, educational and medical systems-theological creeds that now seem to those versed in Scripture lore to be the unerr-ing deductions from an infallible revelationbibliolatry and all other forms of idolatryhigh churches and low churches-all will be left high and dry by this receding wave-mere skeletons, their inward deceptiveness all washed out, and their dry bones left to bleach upon the shoals of time.... So at the culmination of the New Dispensation will the intellectual, social, political and religious aspects of human -life and society have been transformed and made to assume a higher and brighter phase of development.

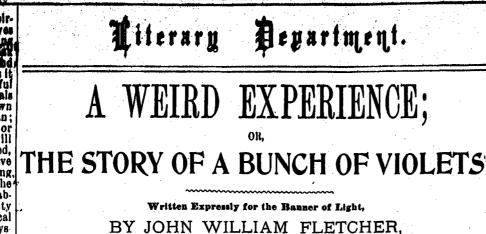
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To him, Spiritualism was a voice crying in the wilderness of nineteenth century materialism, addressing itself to the human soul, admonishing it to resist the treacherous blandishments of Vanity Fair, and illuminating the straight and narrow path along which its physical pilgrimage should proceed. Thus he wrote

The mind that has lost the natural and normal consciousness of itsown spiritual essencethat has lost its ability to cognize anything except through the senses-whose inner spir-itual light-called in the scriptures 'The can-dle of the Lord'-has gone out, leaving the soul in darkness, can be reclaimed to light and life only by means of the sensuous demonstra-tions of the spirit. This inner illumination is truly man's normal condition; its absence is wholly a perversion. Every soul has been a l monished that its descent into matter involves its spiritual death-an oblivion of all divine. things as well as of their Creator, and the loss of its pristine purity, Eden happiness, and affiliation with the great central source of life, love and truth. But, rejecting the divine warning, it prefers to listen to the seductive words of the serpent of selfish desire and selfwill, and accept death for life, and material, earthly knowledge, that at its best is but an illusion, for the heavenly wisdom that is of the spiri', free from the conditions of matter and eternal. . .

Man, of necessity, permits the light of the soul to grow dim amid the dizzy whirl and un-ceasing antagonisms of the earthly life, fortunate that it is not utterly extinguished by the material engrossment of his thoughts, aims and desires. The soul clothed in its habiliments of clay wanders darkling in an eccentric orbit, like that of the comet, and goes far away, in its aberrations, from the Infinite Father, indulging itself in the exercise of its self-will, and enjoying the pleasures of the senses, dead to all the intimations that come to it from its true home. Then it is that the providential law becomes operative which checks the wanderer in its eccentric flight. For there is a cen-tripetal as well as a centrifugal force to which the soul is subject as it moves onward in the fulfillment of its destiny, and that force is exerted in part through these very sensuous manifestations. Thus, when perverted by sense, it is reclaimed by sense. Its spiritual sight having been lost, the material, organic sight is made the means of its restoration."

It was this innermost part of man's composite prevailing Christian theology." "The 'Lamb,'" sonality-to the divine will, so that we may be entertained by any clear minded person. Why, the state which Jesus the Christ represented, tially, if not actually, I understand to be the into matter-passing from the pure life of the seem as if I had a true love, an honest love for paradise of unembodied souls (symbolized as | her, and the one great desire of my heart is to the Garden of Eden) into the earthly or Adamic | make her life happy, and to find my own comstate. In doing this it fell from its condition | plete joy in that happiness. But how is it to be of oneness with the divine will into that of brought about? How am I to make my thoughts alienation from the divine, indulging its own | and desires known? How do 1 know that will modified and corrupted by material de- they are in any way returned? Shall I write? sires, sensual appetites and earthly passions. | That seems the easiest until I pass an hour at It partook of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; while, in its preëxistent | tionery I am possessed of, but every note seems state, it knew only God, or good. Of that pre- worse than the other, until I finally throw existence, intuitive minds, like Plato, for example, seem to have gleams or flashes of re membrance. This is the basis of Schiller's trial, and begin walking up and down the room 'Mystery of Reminiscence,' and of Words- with a restless, irritated air. It does seem as worth's 'Ode on the Intimations of Immortality.' 'The Retreat,' by Henry Vaughan, a | end to this unrest and uncertainty within me. poet of the seventeenth century, embodies the same idea. The Adamic state is, necessarily, an evil state, because it does not harmonize with God (good); but it is not essentially or absolutely evil, since it is caused by man's exercis | gain strength and courage from all the brighting that volitional freedom which is his highest, ness and life around me, and my resolve is and, in fact, only absolute endowment; for he will never be forcibly deprived of it. It is his | tion, and at once. I don my coat and hat and own; and he must, in the exercise of his own go forth, stop at a florist's and buy the largest self-hood, surrender his will to God, so that, | bunch of violets procurable-somehow, from while yielding it, he may still retain it, and thus preserve his self-hood, or individuality, flower to take, and walk up the avenue, revolvunimpaired.... When man the Adam yields ing in my mind just how to tell Alice Reckley to the seductions of the serpent, or dragon, | that I think her the dearest, sweetest girl in which is his corrupt self-will, or selfishness, he sacrifices the Lamb, which is his inward, di- make her accept my hand and heart. I have vine nature-offers it up as a victim to his base | considered and re-considered it so many times, passions and appetites, just as Jesus, who was a personal representation of the Christ nature, | have repeated again and again, with every vawas brutally and violently sacrificed to the vile rying intonation, just what I will say, and how passions of his insensate murderers. Thus was the divine drama of the soul enacted in real life.... So, when we sacrifice the Christ within and poorly chosen, and all insufficient to carry us, we become conscious, metaphorically speak- my heart's true feeling. Not that it is anying, of the guiltless blood we have shed. We thing out of the ordinary line of feeling perbecome, sooner or later, aware of our sin in disobeying the voice of goodness and purity enced by thousands of other well-to-do young within ourselves. We feel contrition; and from men, who, with comfortable fortunes and a the sharp agonies of remorse-plunged in the blood of the lamb we have slain-we rise to had come to take the one great step. Only newness of life and are cleansed. Thus it is true that, 'as in Adam all die, so in Christ are all made alive,' and it is the Lamb of God alone that can take away the sins of mankind; for only by the restoration of their soul activity can they be saved.' Previous to his knowledge of the revelations of Spiritualism, Prof. Kiddle "had no more faith," to use his own language, "in spirit existence than had Prof. Hare before he entered upon those researches by means of which he expected to demonstrate that the phenomena called 'spirit manifestations' were all the result of hallucination, delusion, imperfect inves-tigation, and misinterpretation," while "the 'supernaturalism' of the scriptures was unin-telligible to me, except as myths and fables, or traditionary fabrications or accretions." [To be concluded.]



a a CHAPTER III. AYS pass on, uneventful, yet busy days, filled with requirements of that form of social life found only in the town, unknown in the country, where routine takes the ച place of bustle, and a more gen-

eral system of living prevails. I see my friends, and very often dine with them, am driven about, meet them at the art galleries, receptions, teas, and various centres where all the world goes to see and be seen, and through it all I carefully observe how sweet and gentle, and altogether charming, Alice Reckley is, so unlike all the other young ladies who, especially in America, perhaps, more than in any other country, are rather given to making themselves heard upon every possible occasion. Not so with Alice. She never says much; she has that quiet responsive way of smiling in conversation that seems to convey so much more than words possibly can.

I have never breathed a word of my devotion to her, which every day grows more and more intense. Sometimes I am at the point of asking her what her views of life are, what plans she has for the future, but somehow I cannot; I know, when I stop to think, that I am not distasteful to her or her mother, for somehow I am always asked to everything where they are, and Mrs. Reckley has a very pleasant way of putting one at ease without any apparent effort.

Everybody appears to approve; even Bentley, whom I met the other day, said, "Well, Harold, old boy, is it a go? Is the day named yet?" which annoyed me excessively. I colored up to the roots of my hair, and resolved that Bentley's association with jockeys and stable boys had coarsened him frightfully, yet I could not help recognizing in a pleased way the train of thought his questioning raillery had started.

Again the dream or vision, I called it a dream, I had of my mother, and her sweet words seemed to be indelibly engraven upon my memory, affecting me more than I was willing to acknowledge. Of course it was only a dream. such as any one might have, brought about through thinking too much, or the heat of the room, or an over-wrought mind-well, a thousand things that would be quite sufficient to prove that no weight should be placed upon it, being that, in the olden days, was symbolized and yet I recall how several times during my as "the Lamb of God," and he felt that the early school days I had seen, less distinctly, it true significance of this esoteric illustration is true, yet plainly enough to remember the was being overlooked "in the natural recoil | features, and recognize them, the same fair from the shallow and absurd literalism of the face, the same deep wonderful eyes. And also one night on the Mediterranean 1 had awak he wrote, "is truly the Christ nature-the di- ened from a sound sleep, with a kind of warnvine soul within us-which is 'one with God' | ing that had averted a terrific accident. But in its essence, and which by its intimations then these things might happen to any one; ever strives to keep us from yielding to the they have no real significance, believed in for outer, earthly, self-hood, and to induce us to the moment, yet inexplicable from the standsurrender our will-the will of our earthly per | point of known law, and not to be seriously in harmony, or unity, with the Father. This is you tell your best friend that you have had a vision, in which the dead have apparently or exemplified in his life, and which all the spoken, and he will at once give you such a look Messiahs and avatars of the past have shown of patronizing pity as to silence you forever and inculcated. This Christ within us, poten- upon themes of that kind. So I have kept my own counsel, and thought over the matter, and 'Lamb slain from the foundation of the looked at Alice Reckley in every varying light, world'-that is, since the human soul came passionately and dispassionately-until it does my desk, and try every different style of stathem all into the waste basket, with a "pshaw," light a cigarette, true comforter in times of if fate ought to settle the matter, and make an It is the last day of the year, and the sky is bright and sunny; one of those rare, beautiful days we sometimes have, when summer shine and winter chill seem blended into one. taken, and I am determined to settle the quesmy dream, I feel they will be a most propitious the world, and that I wish to offer her, no, have pictured myself in all sorts of positions, I shall say it, yet the more I think about it the soit handkerchief passes gently over my face. more convinced am I that my words are weak haps, or different from what has been experiwell-secured future, have felt that the time when it means one's self, relates to one's own happiness, it is all a very different thing from what one reads or hears about in the lives of others, and one always feels to do one's best, to look one's best, on one's betrothal day. To be sure, afterward I imagine the day is seldom recalled with much pleasure or satisfaction. but then, that is not considered at the time. So here I am hurrying along in a nervous manner, tightly holding the bouquet of violet." Alice, my dear, this is no place for you, of it before. I will just place the violets in of this poor, brave boy. Heaven grant that her own hands, and as I do so say: Will you "As you say, mamma dear, but we cannot them the heart and the hand of the giver " leave him here with this mob! Oh! it is terri-

Author of "An Artist's Story," " Letters from Egypt," Etc., Etc. and I start back, half stumbling over an old hand-organ woman, as if my thoughts were audible, and all the passing crowd have heard them. But no, it is only Fifth Avenue, with its motley throng of the gay and sad, jostling

against each other, and I but one among iron. them, and so hurrying on 1 run up the steps of the elegant home of the girl I love, ring the bell and wait impatiently for the door to open, that I may enter and know my fate. How interminable some moments are; how slowly they drag themselves along, laden with an uncertainty that burdens even time. How-but the door opens, the well trained servant stands respectfully awaiting my desires.

"Mrs. and Miss Reckley?" I begin. " they are driving in the Park, sir," is the

ready reply. I hand him the bunch of violets, half regretfully, together with my card, saying, as I do so: "Miss Reckley, with my compliments."

"Very good, sir," and the door slowly closes and I stand alone again, amidst the throng of idlers, that crowd this one great promenade still left unmarred in this greatest of American cities. I feel half dazed for a moment. I have worked myself up to the desired point. have brought my courage to that height where | yond all words to describe, and all is black, the words have actually been said, and now in an instant they are thrown back upon me, and I, in a state of complete reaction, scarcely know which way to turn. It seems as if everybody is able to read my thoughts, that the wheels on the hard pavement are grinding them out, that the noisy newsboy is shouting them to the passers by, and that the old handorgan, just then playing plaintively "No One to Love," is in a sort of a way triumphing over my embarrassment. Ah! without doubt, you will all smile and say, "What folly!" as I should do if it was any other fellow than me; but you see that which is most serious to others seems not infrequently like folly, when viewed from the uninterested standpoint of an outsider.

Not knowing what to do, and having no special purpose in view, I am carried along toward the Park, at the entrance of which I pause, gazing up and down the splendid roadway, which makes this one of the famous drives of the world. It is a curious picture: the warm sunshine of the winter's day is fast melting the light, fleecy snow, that lies like living moonlight over all the scene, making the stately trees, the tall buildings, the ground itself, into a snatch of fairy land. Everybody is out, finding health and enjoyment in the cool, crisp air. Children are running about, pelting each other with the soft snow, and making the air merry with their hearty laughter. It is a brilliant scene: life, health and youth, all doing homage to the sunshine, on a winter's day. Whatever sorrows, whatever heartaches there may be, they are well concealed beneath the surface of Metropolitan life. If here and there some poor soul cries out, it is never noticed; the rushing tide of life drowns it, and it passes unheard, unrecognized. It does seem strange sometimes that the world can go on in the same old way, unmindful of the heartache, the pain and loss that everywhere abound, and interests of the National Association of Spiritthe brightness jars upon me as I count my disappointment, which only means that I have to go all over the ground again, and I have about brought myself to the opinion that the violet scheme is rather foolish, too sentimental and not direct enough for so serious a question, when-a whirl, a rush of people in all directions-clattering hoofs-a surging of the crowd -a groan of horror-a wild, piercing cry-a deep, heavy thud, and I lie on the ground, apparently senseless, with the trampling horses above me, amidst the wildest confusion. I can faintly hear the voices around me, like some far-away echo, as they in tones of command pull the half-wild horses back, and seek to quiet their restive spirits. " He was a brave one, that swell-them most always be-and to stop them horses what was running like mad; and just in time to save the missus and the young miss," says the gruff voice of one officer to another, as they come up, policeman-like, after the accident is over. "How did it happen?" ask the bystanders. "Oh! the horses took fright at one of them new women on wheels-little wonder that they did-and were running away, when he jumped in an instant, and stopped them. He's a brave one, and no mistake, and ----"

ble! He may be dying now, and we not doing a thing. That horrid cosohman-it is all his fault, was n't it, mamma?"

"No, dear, that woman on the bloycle frightened the horses. But here comes the ambulance and the doctor," and I can hear the murmur of the crowd as the officers push them back, and the rush of hurrying feet as the ambulance comes to a full stop, and the young doctor hurries out to where I lay.

"What is it, officer?" he asks hurriedly. "Only a man hurt. Knocked down by a horse, and a bad case, 1 think."

"I see, all right. Bring him this way, and hurry up! Has n't any friends, I suppose."

"I beg your pardon, sir, he has friends," interrupted Mrs. Reckley. "I am Mrs. Reckley of - Fifth Avenue. He was injured stopping my horses, risked his life to save ours. You -

"Oh! Doctor, is he dead? Is he hurt very much? do you think he will recover?" cries Alice, hysterically.

Oh! how I would like to jump to my feet and kiss her, but I am held in chains stronger than

"You must take him to our house; it is very near. You will, will you not?" continues Mrs. Reckley, almost pleadingly.

The Doctor hesitates for a moment, and then apparently glancing at the ladies, and seeing who they are, says respectfully:

"As you will, madam. You drive on; your horses there are now getting quieted, and we will place him in the ambulance, and follow. I think he is suffering from a slight contusion of the brain, and I will try and administer some restorative."

"Thank you, sir. We will go at once to make everything in readiness. Ah! poor Harold."

"This way, officers." I hear the Doctor say. authoritatively, and I feel strong hands under my head and at my feet, and a sense of being carried, but every moment seem sinking down to some unknown depths below the valleys, below the ocean, and then-then a whirl, a sudden rush, as of many waters, a sensation beand blank, and silence.

[To be concluded.]

THE WAIL OF THE REJECTED MS.

Branded as "unavailable," alas!

Sadly I pass Forth from each sanctum where post-haste I came In search of fame.

Editors tall, short, dark, blonde, fat and thin,

Neat as a pin, Or with desks wildly strewn—all, all agree To frown on me

Newly enveloped each successive trip, Homeward I slip,

Dog-eared, bethumbed, stamped, travel-stained and worn-Why was I born?

Always the same old jack-o'-lantern quest-Unwelcome guest; Even my author sheds a secret tear

When I draw near. How could her pretty hand so cruel be

As to pen me? Lo, she is waiting by the open door— I'm back once more!

Fain would I end the miseries of earth

Here where I had my birth; Oh! that I might—there glows the open grate— Myself cremate

Ambitious scribbler, I have done my best; May I not rest?

Grant me the peace my soul hath long desired--Kate Field's Washington. l an so tired!

[From The Journal and Courler, New Haven, Conn., March 7.]

is one that will prove a Godsend to every society in the State. By the Union of Connecticut and Massachustts the increased territory thus acquired, with its added number of accieties, would make the plan an em-phatic success. "In union there is strength," and never was such saying more true than in the present

asso, I think with a little agitation by Bro. Wm. Foster, Jr., of Providence, and Mrs. Ida Whitlook, of the same oity, Rhode Island could easily form a State As-sociation, and also unite with Connecticut and Massa-chusetts in this matter of State speaker. That is the result that should be looked for. These three States -Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island-should be united in this work, and it would not be a bad idea for the Spiritualists of these three States to form an organization that will have for its min object the adoption of methods of employing State speakers and the creating of new societies. the creating of new societies. A single suggestion, and I am finished. Will the representative Spiritualists of these three States call

a meeting for such a purpose? I hope these lines will be seriously considered, and

Yours fraternally. DELOSS WOOD. some action taken.

Lake Helen, Florida.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Sitting upon the porch of the hotel at Lake Helen Camp, surrounded by the aromatic pines, and feeling the play of the balmy air upon our cheek as we write, we are almost inclined to think that our calendar has deceived us, and that instead of being the second day of March, it must be the last of June.

The climate of Florida is to me its chief attraction; The climate of Florida is to me its chief attraction; and I can fully appreciate the sentiment expressed by a gentleman whom I met *en route* from the North, who said, "I would give a thousand dollars an acree for the climate of Florida, but I would not give a dol-lar for a thousand acres of its soil." This man, like myself, was a New Englander, and of course teels as every New Englander does, that no other spot in the universe is comparable to his native soil. The native Floridian doubtless feels the same toward this sandy country.

toward this sandy country. Florida is not seen at its best this season—or at least in its northern and middle sections, owing to the loss of so many orange groves from the unprecedented freeze of last winter.

If you have the second to be the second

Thus are we constantly planting the seeds of prom-ise in the soil of life. We tend and nurture it, and with expectant hearts await the fulfillment of our hopes, and just as the fruitage seems within our grasp the chilling winds of adverse circumstances dispel the illusion, and force upon us the conviction that only the things of the spirit are enduring.

Lake Helen Camp, or as the projectors of the enter-prise call it, "Southern Cassadaga," is most eligibly located in point of health and beauty of natural sur-roundings. Of the possibilities which could be, and I believe will be here developed, much might be said. The pressing need at the present hour is the erection of more cottages, where those whose finances will not admit of their paying hotel prices, could be accommo-pated at lesser rates. This need is in a fair way to be supplied, as there are

already several persons who contemplate building this season, and we opine that another season will bring hither a much larger number of people than have yet convened at this delightful winter resort

The seed has been planted here by our brother-worker, Mr. George P. Colby, Mrs. Emma Huff, and others, and we trust that the rains and sunshine of prosperity will cause this incipient germ to grow into a tree of such proportions that many souls may find shelton beneath it branches

a bleter beneath its branches. It looks as though a bough from the Onset tree might be engrafted here, and there are already several persons upon the grounds who have summer ho mes at that well-known and delightful camp.

Among the late arrivals are Dr. and Mrs. Brigham, whose appreciation of this "Southern Cassadaga" is manifest in the fact that they are to commence at once the erection of a cottage here.

Contiguous to the camp-ground is the home of George P. Colby, whose inspirations are always uplifting and educational.

The quiet life of our gifted brother has doubtless been conducive to the development of his spiritual faculties.

Were no other speaker to be heard here from season to season, the meetings could not fail to be productive of good. But aside from the inspirations of Mr. Colby, the people are being favored with the sympathetic and practical utterances of Mrs Carrie E. S. Twing, and the philosophical lectures of Dr. Charles Hidden, with an aud words of wisdom from many others.

I think the sentiment of all who are here as campers, as well as of those who come from the adjacent surroundings to attend the meetings is, that "It is good to be here."

Mr. and Mrs. Concannon's mediumship is received with favor. Of the séances for materialization I can-

"One side! move on!" commands the officer. Make way for the ladies!"

"Oh! ah!" murmurs the crowd, as they slowly surge back.

"Let me see the brave young man who has saved my life. Lift up his head; why, he is senseless!" exclaims a voice I easily recognize in my half-conscious state as that of Miss Reckley.

"Mamma! mamma! do n't you see who it is?" It is-it is Harold Ainslee! My God! if he is dead!" and I feel my head slowly lifted, and a "You know this young gent, ladies," inquires the officer. "He seems to be pretty badly hurt, pretty badly hurt!"

"Indeed I do! He is one of our dearest friends! Poor boy! poor boy! what shall I do for him?" half sobs Mrs. Reckley.

"Can't do nothing yet, Madam, that is until the ambulance gets here. The Doctor he'll take charge of him then," answers the officer, and then turning sharply round he calls out in a loud peremptory voice, "Stand back there! Stand back, do you hear?" as the crowd. apparently growing denser every moment with the stupidity that curiosity ever inspires, are jostling one against the other.

Meantime Mrs. Reckley has come nearer, and stooping town, seems to be gazing intently at me, for she says:

in my hand, saying over to myself, "Yes, that the poor girl. You must come away at once. Every-a very good idea; I wonder I have not thought thing will be done that can be for the comfort

Spoke of Spiritualism.

MRS. CADWALLADER ADDRESSED AN ATTEN-TIVE AUDIENCE

In the Parlors of the Tontine Hotel Last Evening in Defence of the Doctrine.

An interesting address by Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Honorary Vice President of the National Association of Spiritualists at Washington, D. C., was delivered in the parlors of the Tontine Hotel last evening in the presence of representative Spiritualists of New Haven in the ualists.

For years the Spiritualists of the country have been content to do their work in a quiet way, and to this end, while they formed socie ties for local work, did not seek to perfect any national organization. The number of societies throughout the United States having grown to such proportions that it was advisable to organize with a central headquarters, steps were taken to form such a one. At the present time it is estimated that there are at least six million Spiritualists in the United States, five hundred societies chartered as religious bodies, one thousand public lecturers and mediums, beside many private ones. There are nearly one hundred papers published in the interest of Spiritualism in various languages and countries, and fifty two camp meetings hold yearly sessions. There are also many State Associa-tions. These various societies are all seeking to unite under the banner of the National Spiritualists' Association, which has for its objects the protection of mediums, and the furthering of the interests of Spiritualism.

While the Spiritualists have no creed, as is understood by the masses, they claim to be a religious body of people, and are chartered by the State as religious societies. They believe in the continuity of life, and the immortality of the soul. They feel that though those they have loved, and who have passed to the shores of the beyond, are invisible to mortal eyes, they can hold conversations with them through the instrumentality of mediums or sensitives. Spiritualists do not hesitate to say that science is demonstrating that Spiritualism is true, and as an illustration point to the cathode ray, which they say proves the truth of clairvoyance

The X-ray is, in their opinion, only a demon-stration of this fact. Who can disprove their claim? Schopenhauer, the German philosopher, says the man who denies clairvoyance simply proves his ignorance. Many noted scientists of the last fifty years have accepted the truth of Spiritualism, among them Prof. William Crookes, Alfred Russel Wallace, Camille Flammarion and Robert Hare. Edison, the inventor, is also reported as thoroughly believing in the possibility of communication with the inhabitants of the other world.

The meeting was attended by about one hun dred citizens, men and women from all the dif-ferent denominations. Edwin R. Whiting of Dixwell Avenue, who is a member of the National Association, presided.

Mrs. Cadwallader, who is a pleasant speaker, held the attention of the audience throughout the entire lecture.

Mrs. Cadwallader is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Mary Wright at the Tontine, who is one of the leading Spiritualists in Connecticut.

Connecticut and Massachusetts Spiritualists.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I would suggest to the Connecticut and Massachu setts State Spiritualist Associations that if they would adopt amendments to their by-laws, permitting the two States to unite-make it one territory-in the matter of employing a State speaker, that a larger amount of progressive work could be accomplished than by trying the plan single-handed.

In the event of these two States uniting in this work, I would suggest that some one person be ap-pointed to have full charge of both States. For this position I know of no one better equipped,

or having more interest in the matter, than Mrs. J. A. Chapman, Norwich, Ct., who is the present Director and Manager of the Connecticut State speaker. The plan adopted by the Connecticut Association

not speak from observation, but those who have at tended seem to be well satisfied with the conditions which are made for crucial investigation. Mrs. Concannon brings to the platform none of that

sensationalism which we believe to be inimical to th best interests of Spiritualism, and which should be eliminated from our platform methods.

We feel that the time has come, yea, it has long since passed, when officers of associations should demand something more of the mediums they ca'l to their platforms than the ability to give a test of spirit presence.

They should examine into the methods of giving these things, which, while in and of themselves they may be valuable facts, are often expressed in a man-ner so at variance with all sense of spirituality, that the facts are often lost sight of. We do not expect the child to hold the thought, or

to express the wisdom of mature years, but we do ex-pect the child to show a greater aptitude from day to day, and this we have a right to expect in the development of mediumship. KATE R. STILES.

Here is Good News for Men Suffering from Nervous Debility, Weakened **Powers and Exhausted Vigor.**

Weak men suffering from nervous debility, weak-ened power and exhausted vigor, can now take new hope. Here is something which will powerfully interest them. It is a fact that until now sufferers have been debarred from seeking a cure by the great specialists in these complaints, owing to the cost of travel to the large cities and the high fees charged by

these entirest by siclans. Here, therefore, is a chance for weak men in our community which should not be lost. Dr. Greene, of 34 Temple Place, Boston Mass., who has the largest practice in the world, and who is, without doubt, the most successful specialist in curing this class of dis-eases, offers to give free consultation by mail to all weakened, vigorless and nerve-exhausted men. You have the privilege of consulting Dr. Greene by letter, describing your complaint, and he will, after carefully considering your condition, send you a letter fully ex-plaining all your symptons, telling you everything about your complaints > plainly that you will under-stand exactly what alls you. He will also give you his advice, based upon his vast experience and woudeful success in treating and curing such cases, as to just what to do to get cured. All this will cost you nothing, and you can thus have consultation with the best known physician and acknowledged most successfal specialist in the world without leaving home and at no expense whatever. The doctor is the dis-coverer of that greatest of medicines, Dr. Greene's Nervura, blood and nerve remedy, and he has discov-ered many other most valuable special remedies. Write to bum now, for this is the chance of a lifetime to get cured which you may never have again.

Passed to Spirit-Life.

From New York, Feb. 15, 1896, MR. EDWIN ALLEN CAD-WELL.

His funeral services were held at his late residence Feb. 18, being conducted by the talented medium and speaker, Mrs. Cora L. V Richmond, and her consoling guides, who spoke very impressively and eloquently. Mrs. Cadweil evinced a calm. noble heroism, an unfalter-Mrs. Cadwell evinced a calm, noble heroism, an unfatter-ing trust and faithful loyalty to her angel guides in her true resignation to the Divine will. Mr. Cadwell is the sixth in her family circle in cleven years who have been translated to a higher birth. May Infinite love forever encircle and sustain her. SAMUEL D. GREENE.

Feb. 26, 1896, WALTER MURRAY, of Salem, Mich. On the 2^eth the funeral services were held in the Baptist Church of this place, the writer officiating, assisted by the Rev. Conrad, pastor of the Society of which the deceased's mother is a member.

The wife of FENNIS FURGESON of Lansing, Mich.

The funeral was in the Baptist Church at Dewitt, Mich., Feb. 27. the writer officiating. Mrs. Furgeson was a true Spiritualist and noble woman.

MRS. A. E. SHEETS,

From Fond du Lac, Wis., Feb. 5, Col. J. D. CURTIS, aged 71 years.

Col. Curtis was of New York origin, and was a man of broad sympathies and philanthropic tendencies, devoting much thought to sociological problems in the interest of the masses. His tastes were scholarly. Of social tendencies, he made a bost of warm friends, who will mourn his loss. He was a stanch Spiritualist, having been a student of our Philos ophy for over thirty years. By his stepson, Milwaukee, Wis. C. F. RAY.

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[From the Ohristian Register.] BROWNIE'S APPEAL.

Dear Mistress-I write in the greatest of haste To tell you the terrible news I have heard! Now, won't you come, please, by the very next train, And quiet the fears which this message has stirred?

As I layon my rug, all curled up for a nap. To chapel the bell called bellevers to prayer. So I shook out my wrinkles, and put on a look, And followed the worshipers all the way there.

I never had cared for the prim little priest,

Though his doctrine was ancient and orthodox, too; But I went ('t was a weak and a dog-like excuse) To see if perhaps he brought tidings of you.

Well, the chapel was crowded, and no one observed That I entered, and sat in a fat Christian's shade, Far away from the minister, organ and choir; For the sight of such multitudes made me afraid.

But I heard; for my ears are as keen as a knife, Oh! they quivered and burned as the parson wenton With his terrible eloquence, building it high,

Then crashing it down again, stone after stone.

How be raved and exhorted—that hot little man— And scattered the hymn-books to left and to right, Till 1 grew so uneasy 1 sprang to my leet, And held myself ready to bark or to bite.

Then the storm died away, and he pleaded so hard, With a smile that was southing and pleasaut to see, Inviting them all to some braufilut home, But never a mention of "Wally" or me.

I'm a poor little dog, and can only how wow, Yet his want of politeness quite made me ashamed; And as for his nonsense, if that should be true, Why, whether is he or am I to be blamed?

The words of his text were familiar enough. And when he said "Come," I knew well what to do; And "hungry" and "thirsty" I'm sure I've been

both, Not for long at a time, thanks to master and you.

But, mistress, the lesson the parson would teach Has struck me, I own, with the saddest surprise; And I ponder and question, as never before, Oh! where does a little dog go when he dies?

Now I know why my "Auntie" sighs over her work, Or calls me pet names with a tear in her eye: She is thinking, no doubt, of the parting to come; For we never can meet in "the sweet by-and-by."

Had you heard, have you known, of this wonderful need?

Have you missed this fair "essence," and still loved mé so?

me so? Then, if something I lack, and it be not too late, Let me earnestly, hopefully, beg for it now.

Most humbly I offer my pretty white paws, Sweet mistress, if this lies within your control. Whatever it is and whatever its cost, Come home by express, and oh, bring me a soul! BROWNIE.

Sunshine.

Everybody loves the sunshine; at least, everybody ought, it does so much good. It sheds its beautiful shining light all over God's universe, bringing happiness and comfort to many.

During the long, cold winter months it is the greatest aid to people, modifying the cold by embrazing Mother Earth in its warm and protecting arms.

How the little children love the sunshine; how they love to watch the sunbeams as they dance on the walls of a room or sport playfully on the carpet, making everything beautiful.

I always think the sunbeams are the children of the sun, and when the little ones notice the sunbeams, and try to catch them in their hands, I think of children playing together. When one looks up at the beautiful blue sky, the sun shining overhead, one feels it is a glimpse of heaven, for there it is all light and beauty, one eternal day of sunshine. What could we do without this gift of sunshine? It would indeed be a forlorn world without this life giving principle; it feeds the soul, it warms the body, it bathes the flowers and all vegetation in its smiles, and delights the hearts of all. If, when we are out of sorts, we would only think our thoughts are like cloudy weatherwe would think of the effect we have on other human beings-then we would try to let the sunshine in our hearts come from behind the clouds.

took off my shoes and waded into the water for my boat. "But the water was deeper than I thought, and I was soon carried away by the strong

current. I screamed as it carried me down stream, but there were no men near to help me. But as I went down under deep water. some one took hold of me and dragged me toward the shore; and when I was safe on the bank, I saw that it was Roy who had saved my life.

"Good fellow! Was he your cousin?" asked Rob. "No," replied Uncle Phil.

"What did you say to him?" asked Archie. "I put my arms around his neck, and cried,

and asked him to forgive me." "What did he say?" asked Bob. "He said: 'Bow wow wow."

"Why, who was Roy, uncle?" asked Archie in great surprise.

"He was my dog," said Uncle Phil. "The best dog I ever saw. He taught me a lesson that day, did he not, boys? And I hope my story may teach you the same lesson."—Exchange.

Children.

Let children grow. Give them time for slow and natural development. Give them freedom and liberty in things not positively and permanently hurtful. What matter if all their daily behavior is not quite pleasant or perfect, if they show improvement and progress? Sow good seed, anxious parent; cultivate with care, but wait patiently for harvest if you wish good fruit. Suppose a child does not sit as straight as a ramrod at table; suppose a cup or tumbler does slip through its little fingers, the food below be deluged, and the table-cloth ruined-do not look cross, and break out with reproof of what was unintended as if it were a willful wrong. Did you never let a glass slip through wrong. Did you never let a glass slip through your fingers? Instead of sending the child away in anger, or with threatening words, why not be as generous as to a guest, to whom you would kindly say, "It is of no consequence"? It is generally wise to take little notice of mis-haps or bad behavior at the time, and even to divert attention from them at the instant. A f-tarward at some apprecipation time draw the terward, at some appropriate time, draw the child's attention to the impropriety, fault, or lack of suitable care, and point out kindly the remedy.

Boston Spiritual Lyceum

Held its session at Berkeley Hall, Sunday, March 8.

It was a veritable children's day. The answers to the subject, "What should the Children do to Advance the Work of the Lyceum?" came entirely from the younger ones. They were given by Winnie Ireland, Carl Root, Ralph Ransom, Eddie Ransom, Earle Keeler, Harold Frost, George Simpson. They were exceptionally pleasing in their answers, which showed their appreciation of the Lyceum and its work, and the earnest efforts many of them were making in its behalf.

Dr. Root told the school of the constant and careful struggles they would have to undergo, if they would keep the Lyceum to the highest standard of the Spiritual Philosophy. Mrs. Crawford of Colorado extended us the greetings of the West, and vividly showed to the children the difference of the advantage be-tween her youth and theirs.

Mrs. Soper was present, and expressed her-self well pleased at their progress in the work.

Letter from H. D. Barrett. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

My last letter was written from the quiet home of Brother J. R. Alter of Stuttgart, Arkansas, Since that date, Feb. 6. I have visited Little Rock. Hot Springs, Arobadelphia and Texarkana, in Arkansas, where I have found a few friends interested in our movement.

The BANNER OF LIGHT greeted me at the home of Mrs. W. D. Matthews, in Stuttgart, where I read with interest the news of friends in the icy-fettered North. The other places mentioned, with the exception of Texarkana, contained very few avowed Spiritualists. Archadelphia gave me an audience of over three hundred people, all of whom seemed deeply interested in

the subject under discussion. At Hot Springs I had the pleasure of meeting the venerable Judge Hammond, who for many years was a distinguished writer and lecturer in our ranks. The

a distinguished writer and lecturer in our ranks. The heavy rain kept people from the lecture, so that I only had the pleasure of meeting a very few of the advanced thinkers in that city. In Texarkana I found the nucleus of a new society, and remained with the good friends there two days for the purpose of assisting them in perfecting their organization. Large and deeply-interested audiences grieted me on both occasions, and the result of the work was an organization of fair proportions, with an application for a charter from the National Spirit-ualists' Association.

application for a charter from the National Spirit-ualists' Association. Marshail, Texas, was the next point. Two lectures were given here, and then I moved on to new fields of labor. The BANNER OF LIGHT was found in the home of Captain B. C. Cooley, on of the State agents of the National Spiritualists' Association for Texas. It seemed like an old friend, and was read with much eagerness by your correspondent. Shreveport, Louisiana, was next visited; but owing to some error in correspondence, no provision had been made by the friends in that city for lectures. The same thing had happened in Little Rock, which instance, with the one in Shreveport, have been the only dates thus far missed by the writer since leaving

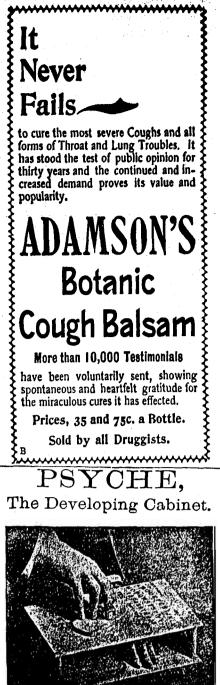
instance, with the one in Shreveport, have been the only dates thus far missed by the writer since leaving Washington, D. C. Houston, Texas, was next visited. Under the gal-lant leadership of Hon. Lock McDaniel a hall had been secured, and the result of the meeting was the reër, autation of the Houston Society, with the promise of a largely-increased membership. Judge McDaniel is the right man in the right place, and will surely lead the good friends of Houston on to victory. He is ably seconded in his work by Brothers E. Holt-kamp and Charles Lott. Houston will be heard from with no uncertain sound in the near future. Galveston was then visited. Here is an active so-

Win no undertain sound in the near future. Galveston was then visited. Here is an active so-clety engaged in a good work and awakening much interest among the masses. Messrs. Head, Landes, Wallis and McKinney are all active workers and men of influence in the city. Three lectures had been advertised at Galveston. Before the first lecture was delivered I was waited on by a reporter of the Galges-ton News one of the Landing maners in the South with delivered I was waited on by a reporter of the Galves-ton News, one of the h ading papers in the South, with the request for an interview and a synopsis of my lec-ture. The request was readily granted, and the re-sult was the publication of two columns and a half of matter germane to the subject of Spiritualism. Large audiences greeted me on all occasions, and hundr ds were turned away from the last lecture, unable to find standing-room in the hall. Houston was then revisited for a second lecture while en route to Flatonia. Another good audience was in attendance, despite the heavy rain which had been falling in torrents for nearly three days. In Flatonia, a small town of about seventeen hun-dred people, the Opera House was thrown open, and on the first evening an audience of one hundred and twenty-five persons gave me greeting. The pastors

twenty five persons gave me greeting. The pastors of the Baptist and Methodist churches attended this lecture, and I had the pleasure of meeting the Meth-odist gentleman, with whom I passed a few moments' very pleasant conversation. This gentleman, with bis good wife, was the first to enter the ball for the second lecture. An audience of nearly two hundred people greeted my second appearance, a generous in-crease over my first meeting. In Flatonia I found only five avowed Spiritualists. Your readers will therefore note the interest taken in the great subject under consideration.

San Antonio was the next point of attack. Here I met the genial eultor of the *Dawning Light*, and, in his pleasant home, found once more the good old BANNER OF LIGHT, brimful of good things from friends all over the United States. Here I was again walted upon by the editor of the Express the leading paper of San Antopio, with a request for an inter-view. The result of this request was nearly three columns of reading matter upon my favorite topic. Everywhere I have gone in the South the same cor-

dial welcome has been extended to me, and I have been made to teel perfectly at home among my new-found irlends. The hearts of the people are as warm as their sunshine, and their hospitality is something to be remembered throughout all time by me. Vistors and speakers from the North are ever welcome in the South, for the people are turning their faces to the rising sun of religious freedom, and are to be found in the front rank of progression's upward



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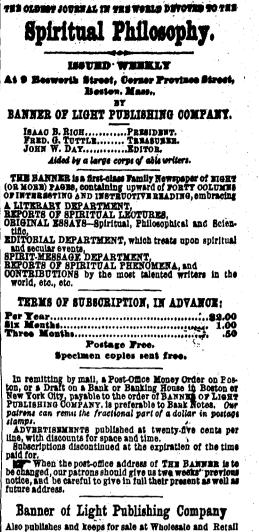
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A NEW BOOK

BY HENRY WOOD,

We would then do a little of the good that the sun does for us nearly every day. But we must have the sunshine in our hearts, or we will not have anything but cloudy thoughts.

We must endeavor to catch the sunbeams of love, purity, truth and charity, so that all these sunbeams will make a great light to shed abroad, making all things beautiful to behold. When the sun smiles on things, even the commonest articles, it makes them beautiful to my sight; because, I think when God smiles on the commonest and humblest of beings, they become beautiful to the sight of all.

Oh, that we would make the most of the sunshine, gather its beams and develop these qualities which make the sunshine of the soul. Just so in the spirit world-each spirit brings a beautiful light and sheds it over all. Think of the many shining lights the many spirits bring and shed over all of us each day. But we in our state, with clouded vision, do not behold them in their purity.

It is a grand thing to think of the sunshine the spirits make, each one adding its light to make up the grand whole, the sunshine of the spirit world.

By-and by, when our sight has become clearer, we will see their beautiful light, and then within our souls will be kindled a desire to possess this sunshine in our own souls, and then, with God's aid, through the ministering angela, we will not only desire but will possess the eternal sunshine of God's love.

Baltimore, Md. LULA BUCKLER.

Uncle Phil's Story.

"Tell us a story," said Rob and Archie, running to their uncle.

"What about?" said Uncle Phil, as Rob climbed up on his right knee and Archie on his left.

"Oh, about something that happened to you!" said Rob.

"Something when you were a boy!" said Archie "Well, once when I was a little boy," said Uncle Phil, "I asked my mother to let Roy

and me go and play by the river. "Was Roy your brother?" asked Rob. "No; but he was very fond of playing with me. My mother said yes, so off we went, and we had some good fun together.

"After awhile 1 took a piece of wood for a

boat, and sailed it along the bank. At last it got into deep water, and 1 could not reach it with a stick, so I told Roy to go and get it for me. He almost always did what I told him, but this time he did not. I began to scold him, and he ran toward home. Then I grew angry. I picked up a stone and threw it at him as hard as I could. Just then Roy turned his head, and the stone struck him right over the eye." "Ob, uncle!" cried Rob.

"Yes, it made him stragger. He gave a little

The literary program was very fine, and consisted of Addison Ormsby, recitation; song from Baby Lou; recitations from Johnnie Ormsbee, Estelle Granville and Marion Seibold; song by Venie Allen; reading by Miss

Beckwith, and piano solo by Mrs. Frost. Dr. Harding brought before the school their contact with the lessons of nature and truth, the obedience of which would be their surest staff in life.

Mr. Austin, of the Children's Progressive Lyceum, and Mrs. Waterhouse, spoke briefly to the school, and ended a very large and interesting session.

Subject, March 22, "Why is the 31st of March observed by Spiritualists?"

The Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1,

Held a very interesting session on Sunday, the 8th inst., at Red Men's Hall, 514 Tremont street, Boston.

The lesson for the day was a continuation of the consideration of the teachings of Spiritualism, their effect upon our social system and religious thought.

Mrs. Soper was present, and was not only efficient in the instruction of the little ones, but her remarks from the platform were educational to the older ones in the line of cheer-ful assistance and general helpfulness in bearing one another's burdens. Mr. Alonzo Danforth made some very ap-

propriate allusions to the departure from earthlife of our late Governor, and the effect of useful lives upon the world, leaving it better than we found it.

The exercises consisted of the March, which was participated in by a very large number of children, followed by songs rendered by Little Eddie, Marie Antoinette Cyr, Kittie Bingham, Helen Gale and Evelyn Williams, and recita

tions by Marie Gale and Leon Sloper. Dr. Harding followed with a stirring appeal for a greater interest in spiritual education of the young.

Mrs. Butler spoke to the children concerning the coming anniversary concert in Union Hall and preparations for the May Festival.

CHARLES T. WOOD, Conductor.

Original Enigma.

I am composed of eleven letters. My 9, 2, 6, 5 is a noun. My 11, 5, 3 is an adverb. My 7, 8, 10 is a noun. My 1 has several significations. My 4 is a consonant. My whole is the name of a brave, grand pio-BANNER READER. neer.

True worth is in being, not seeming-In doing each day that goes by Some little good, not in the dreaming Of great things to do by-and-by; For whatever men say in their blindness And spite of the fancies of youth, There is nothing so kingly as kindness

And nothing so royal as truth. Alice Cary

1977 "Method of Conducting the Exercises of the Lyceum of the Independent Spiritual Church, Denver, Dr. G. C. Beckwith Ewell, Pastor," has been received from Sara L. Hard, M. D., Sec'y, and will be printed in the next issue.

M An incident from life, entitled "A Reckless Lad," specially written for this Depart ment, by Emma Rood Tuttle, has been received, and will be printed next week.

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If you shut your finger in a door or bruise it in any ery, and lay down on the ground. But I was still angry with him. I did not go to him, but least filteen minutes.

Of San Antonio, its people, our Cause and its prog-ress of Austin, and other Texas cities, I will speak in

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a future letter. Greetings are extended to all friends in the icy-fettered Northland, with the wish that they could enjoy with me the balmy air and beautiful spring sunshine of the bright, sunny South.

Fraternally yours. H. D. BARRETT. Austin, Texas, March 3, S. E. 48.

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THE BANNER was one of the first papers I read in my early days of investigation, and it is to me and always will be very near and dear.

The readers it reaches are very many of them strangers to me, as my work has been more in the strangers to me, as my work has been more in the West than East, especially of late years. I started for the West last fall. My first stop to do my work was in Topeka, Kansas, where I remained three Sun-days with the First Society. I have spoken many times in Topeka, and have many dear good friends there, and it was a pleasure to meet them all once more, as well as many new ones. After my work there I stopped for two week-night meetings at Em-poria. These meetings were held in a parlor, and proved to be very interesting. Then I went to Ster-ling, where there has recently been an awakening on the subject of Solritualism, and had good audiences the subject of Spiritualism, and had good andiences for the six lectures I gave, and keeping me there a little over two weeks.

Spiritualism is taking a deep hold on the people, and is creating a stir in that very plous city, and it will have its luftuence in liberalizing the people, and causing them to feel there is something in the great field of thought that they did not know existed. I made a short stop in Hutchinson, where I gave two lectures in the Universalist church; then I went back in the country four rules to the home of Me Hudgach in the country four miles, to the home of Mr. Hodgson, where I was to hold three week-night meetings, but

held but one, owing to a fearful storm which lasted several days. Brother Hodgson formerly lived in Boston, and his

Brother Hodgson tormerly lived in Boston, and his sister was one of the early mediums, and was well known for her most remarkable powers. I know Bro. Hodgson's friends in the East will be glad to learn that he is enjoying his Kausas home, and holds the fort yet in Spiritualism in his community. I then went to Arkansas City, Kausas, where I found a small society that had not done much within the past few poorthe corting to the hord times. months, owing to the hard times. I remained with them five Sundays, and the meetings increased in at-tendance from the first, and were attended by a class

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There are three German societies, all well attended, and administered to by home talent, who are giving the friends many spiritual truths. I enjoyed my Mil-waukee work, and hope it was productive of good. I go to Wateeka, III., for the second, third and fourth go to Wateka, 111., for the second, third and fourth Sundays in this month. I am not idle, even though I send uo report to the papers; but am trying to do my work as best I can to help mankind along. My per-manent address is Wheaton, III., Lock Box 536. Trusting all societies are growing, I am as ever the well-wisher of all, Wheaton III.

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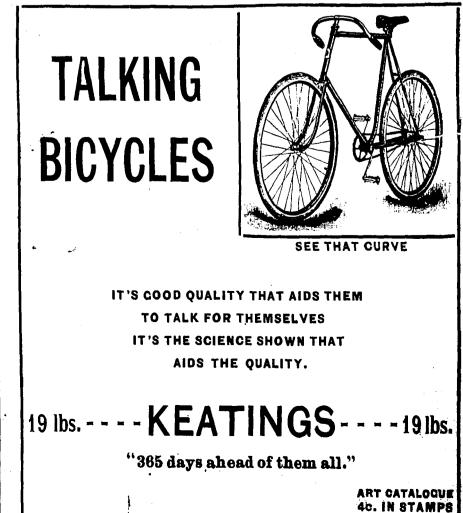
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"In things essential, UNITY; in things doubtful LIBERTY; in all things, CHARITY."

The Kind Protection of Animals.

In Our Animal Friends, for February, appears the address before the annual meeting of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of President Haines. In it he recites the establishment of the Shelter for Animals in Brooklyn; N. Y., encouraged by the success of the Shelter in New York. The functions of the Society consist of the care of lost, strayed and homeless animals. It appears that, in the five months ending with last December, the number of lost, strayed and homeless dogs alone which have been removed from the streets and humanely cared for has been fifty. per cent. greater than the number captured under the old system in the entire year of 1894. Thousands of homeless cats have been disposed of, cats not being included within the old law, and being allowed to roam at large. Of the 21,741 dogs that have been received in the two shelters during the past year, 3192 have been returned to their owners, while 397 have been placed in desirable homes. In addition, 24,140 cats have been received in them, of which 24 have been returned to their owners, and 80 have been placed in good homes: making a opinion on either side of the Atlantic or in total of 45,881 dogs and cats received, of which 3216 have been restored to their owners, and 477 have been provided with homes. There has been an increase of general work everywhere. The circulation of humane liter ature continues to be one of the Society's most encouraging and productive operations, yield ing both immediate and permanent results. It is considered the best possible missionary agency, often producing effects in quarters that could never be reached without it. Demands are made for it, not only from all parts of the country, but from all quarters of the globe. Many persons of right principles are ready to engage in the protection of animals, but do not know how to set about it. Such persons want information, and ask the Society for it. It is easy to send books, documents and pamphlets which supply the very information asked for. Enthusiasm is very apt to mislead novices in this work. They do the right thing in some unfortunate way. With the best of intentions, they expose themselves to ridicule and calumny. These involuntary faults of inexperience are largely prevented by the circulation of such literature as the Society is distributing. The offices of the present headquarters of the Society are frequented by an average of two hundred persons daily. The President thought that nothing should induce the Society to curtail the circulation of its literature. It brings, on the whole, larger and more permanent results, in proportion to its money cost, than any other of the Society's agencies. The At this dawning Anniversary time, let and the problem is whether we can achieve every reader of THE BANNER thoughtfully peruse the illustrated article which Henry Forbes, of New York, contributes to our first of his utterance was this: "Keep thy heart page on the ideas and opinions of the late with all diligence, for out of it are the issues Prof. HENRY KIDDLE. Our elder patrons will of life." He then proceeded to show that not recall that Prof. K, showed his devotion to the truth by the willing sacrifice of his important | can impart to two different men equal power. position as Superintendent of the Public Our greatest inventors and machinists had no Schools of New York because of his embracing Spiritualism; and his expressed views regarding the Cause and its esoteric meaning may be poor boy. Edison sold books and papers on profitably sought out and read by those who railway trains. None of these men had any are young in knowledge as to the literature of the Spiritualist movement. Those who think the matter of the per secution of mediums, etc., under State laws is too extremely pushed by THE BANNER, are informed that we are just in receipt of a letter from Dr. P. S. George, Sec'y State Spiritualist Association of Nebraska, stating that he is now confined in the Polk County Jail at Osceola, charged with being a magnetic and spir-Itual healer, and with healing the sick in that manner; for this beneficent being and doing he has been convicted and confined as above. His home address is at Lincoln, Neb. The Spiritualists of that State have a clear duty before them-i. e., to move for his release, if of the new. possible. Will they do it?

Education on the Spiritual Basis.

Education, says Henry Wood, as generally lefined, accompanied with all the present broad scale of material comforts and luxuries, when unaccompanied with spiritual development, only adds intensity to human unrest and abnormity. The recognition of the potency and utility of the projective vibration of thought is an unprecedented and immense step in scientific achievement, human unfold ment and spiritual evolution. Man is finding his rightful dominant place in nature, in the arcana of soul-force and expression, and in his relation to the Infinite. The physical organization is not man, but only his visible index or expression. Nine-tenths of the care, labor and attention of the world is bestowed upon the body and its gratification, or upon those subordinate mental powers the product of

which will command the greatest commercial value. Most of the prevailing systems of education, so-called, have the same end more or less directly in view. The trained intellect, including not only technical and professional attainment, but also the powers of literary, poetic and dramatic ability, eloquence and wit, are largely rated and valued on an economic and material basis.

To train, control and uplift the mind, and develop its higher faculties for ite own sake and that of others, is not common. The world is still endeavoring to "live by bread alone." Prevailing systems of philosophy, science, the ology, therapeutics, sociology and charity-including Darwinian evolution-all proceed upon the general hypothesis that man is intrinsically a material being. So considered, he has an at tenuated quality called a soul, dependent upon fleshly brain-cells. The "fall," not historic but continuous, is from the ideal, potential and inmostly actual, into the external of appearances, and this comprises the Adamic consciousness. Men cling to the sensuous Eden until they are startled and driven from it by the loud calling of the divine voice within. The world is still largely peopled with Adams who practically believe that they are made of red earth or dust. Shall the shadow, even and requesting the spirit enunciating it to though real as a shadow, dominate the substance? Not forever, even in what is called this life. The sphere of outward action is limited, while that of thought is boundless. The all such answer: highest includes everything below. With the kingdom of heaven first sought, which is subjective harmony, "all these things" will be

International Good Will.

The speech of Mr. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, not very long since in London, Eng., is a much better exposition of the good feeling of Englishmen toward the United States than is usually given. War with any nation, said Mr. Balfour, is a contingency to be avoided at almost all costs, except the cost of dishonor; but war with the United States appears to have an additional horror of its own, born of the fact that those whom we should be fighting are our own flesh and blood, speaking our own language, sharing our own civilization. He confessed to the feeling that his coantrymen's pride in the race to which they belong is a pride which includes every English speaking community in the world. In addition to their domestic and their imperial patriotism, they have also an Anglo-Saxon patriotism, which embraces within its ample folds the whole of

Two Dollars Per Year.

The management of the BANNER OF LIGHT have decided, on due deliberation, to reduce the subscription price of the paper to Two Dollars per year (former price \$2.50) -beginning with the issue for March 7, which is No. 1 of Vol. 79.

We trust that Spiritualists all over the country will cooperate heartily with us in the step taken by THE BANNER in recognition of the demand of the times, which everywhere calls 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 the 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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In Re the Banner Spirit Messages.

As correspondents residing in all parts of the country are frequently writing to us and our medium, asking to know of the method by which these messages are given, expressing pleasure at some particular communication, manifest again-or in some cases mentioning by name certain friends in the higher life from whom the writers are anxious to hear-we to

1. The spirit-communications given through the instrumentality of our medium, Mrs. Jennie K. D. Conant, and regularly appearing in the Message Department, are received in private weekly on Friday forenoons in the Banner of Light Building.

2. The messages spoken by the entrancing spirits through Mrs. Conant's organism are taken down by a shorthand reporter.

3. All excarnated intelligences receive cheerful welcome at these séances; but the managers on both sides of life do not solicit at any time the special attendance or control of any particular spirit. Each presents himself or herself whenever the desire to communicate prompts the spirit to do so. Therefore, it will be understood by our readers that those spirits who control the medium and deliver their messages do so entirely independent of all ac tion on our part.

The Human Keynote.

The disbelief in the universal reign of law, and the misbelief in the arbitrary suspension starvation must follow to a greater or less exof his own laws by the Great Lawgiver, do tent its use as food. Superfine flour does not much to hinder the advance of the race toward | contain the nourishment required by the stomself-respecting individualism and the exercise [ach to enable it to digest food. Dr. Ellis is just of free reason. God makes no books; no book can be said to years has carefully avoided the use of superhave been written by his dictation. Nor does he show himself to man in this world; he does not walk in the garden in the cool of the day; his voice does not reach his creatures here in personal exhortation or in reproof. As God himself does not write history, any more than he dictates works on science or treatises on art, all history, sacred or profane, must come to us written by man; in other words, it must come to us transmitted through a fallible medium. We can neither change this, nor ought we to forget it. It occurs according to the nature of things or by God's own ordination. Luke introduces his gospel by saying: "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, ... it seemed good to me also... to write," etc. This seems to give the human keynote of the Bible-and pertinently points to conditions from which the attention of earth's people has been too far and too long diverted.

Explanatory.

to the Editor of the Banner of Lights

In THE BANNER of March 7, 1896, was published "A Direct Statement from Mr. Campbell." Now I will distinctly state it is not a direct statement from me; although the narration is nearly right, still I think all should be stated exactly right, and in justice to your valuable paper. Mr. Hodgson and myself, nothing should be inferred which may be cavilled at. First of all, the time of Mr. Hodgson's sitting was not lately, but while I was in Chicago, in the fall of '93. Mr. Hodgson came to me introduced by a lady who was in the habit of sitting with me; the lady asked me to give the time of her engagement to a friend of hers. I did so, but told the genticman (Mr. Hodgson) I did not think he would get a demonstra-tion, owing to the infinence I feit around him. He desired the sitting continued, stating he feit he would get something. will distinctly state it is not a direct statement from get something. Out of courtesy, I continued to sit with him; but

Out of courtesy, I continued to sit with him; but after what I considered a reasonable time, I asked the gentleman to come into the reception room. We there found several ladies and gentlemen, some hav-ing engagements, others desiring to make engage-ments. I said to Mr. Hodgsou: "Do not open your slates yet, but hold them while I give the sliting to the lady" (who brought him-there being time to do so before the next engagement).

I should have state that while I was giving the sit-ting to the lady in my seance room, one of the ladies in the reception room said to Mr. Hodeson: "I hope but the reception form said to Mr. Hougson: "I hope you have a nice demonstration?" His answer was, as told by the lady to me in the presence of the others who heard it: "Oh, yes, I have one." She said; "Have you looked, then?" He replied: "No; but I knew when he did it, and I saw him do it." You can imagine the feelings of those present at such a state-ment

When the lady and myself came from the scance-room I asked Mr. Hodgson to open his slates, which he cit; there was neither mark nor color on his slates or porcelains. These are the exact features of the case. I should

also state that the lady who brought him came after-ward to ap logize for doing so and stated that he (Mr. Hodgson) had told her to be sure and not mention his name. I had never seen or even heard of him be-fore, and was not interested in him or his work; but fore, and was not interested in him or his work; but having heard others denounced by him, think possi-bly they may have been judged as he judged me—but by such judgment I am not affected; if I had known the woras I uitered to the person who, I suppose, wrote the article for your paper, I would have pre-ferred to send the statement myself. As it is my intention to withdraw from public work before long a heave as which for any uptied thing area

before long, 1 have no wish to say unkind things even of an avowed enemy to the Cause we love. Lily Dale, N. Y., March 10, 1896. A. CAMPBELL.

[The article, of which the above is a correction, was brought in, and endorsed in writing, in our presence, by a responsible merchant of Boston, whose name is of course on file at this office. We printed the account in perfect good faith, as being a correct statement of facts. THE BANNER does not wish to misrepresent any one -whether Mr. Campbell or Mr. Hodgson-and therefore cheerfully prints this correction by the medium.-En.]

Health of Boys and Young Men.

Dr. John Ellis discusses, in the columns of the New York Recorder, the question of bolted flour as the cause of Americans losing their teeth at an early age, and states the fact that careful experiments have demonstrated that animals can live for only a few weeks if fed on superfine white flour alone, whereas they can live and thrive on unbolted flour or meal with-out any trouble. He says the Lord intended the grain as a whole for human food, and he manifestly knew what he was doing when he created our cereals. The food required to nourish the teeth, bones, muscles, stomach, to enable it to properly digest our food, and the ed flour as the cause of Americans losing their enable it to properly digest our food, and the brain, is found in excess in the dark portion of the kernel which lies immediately beneath the hull: and the miller, in bolting, separates this portion as far as he can: most of it is then fed to cattle, horses, hogs, etc., and they have good teeth, muscles, stomachs and bones when thus fed. The whiter the flour the poorer it is, and

A Week of Anniversnry Celebration in Boston,

THE ANNIVERSARY.

The Forty-Eighth Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism will be observed in Boston as follows

follows: THE HELPING HAND SOCIETY will hold meetings afternoon and evening, at 2:30 and 7:30, Wednesday, March 25, at Gouid Hall, 3 Boyiston Place. The Joi-lowing are among the talent to be present: Speakers, Mrs. N.J. Willis, Mrs. Carrie F. Loring, Moses Hull, Mrs. Mattle E. Hull. Dr. A. H. Richardson; Elocu-topiste, Miss Lucette Webst r. Miss Willis, Miss Beckwith, Willie Sheldon; Musical, Miss Ellon F. Burnett (Planist), Charlie L. C. Hatch (Violinist), Miss Gertrude Laidiaw, Carl Leo Root and Winnie Ireland (Vocalists). Many others are expected, la-cluding several test mediums. All are invited to be present. Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch, Secretary.

THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST LADIES' AID SOCIETY will hold meetings morning, afternoon an levening, Friday, March 27, in Hawatha Hall, 241 Tremont treet

The following talent will be present: Speakers: Mrs. N. J. Willis, Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes, Mrs. Carrie F. Lor-ing, Mrs. Alice Wat-rhouse, Dr. A. H. Richardson, Thos. P. Beals of Portland, Me.; Mrs. M. E. Thomp-Thos. P. Beais of Portland, Mo.; Mrs. M. E. Thomp-son, Dr. Charles Harding. Test mediums: Mrs. Hattle Ma oon, Mrs. Shackley, Mrs. S. E. Cunningham, Mrs. M. A. Chandler, Mrs. Annie Cunningham, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Jeanie K. D. Conant, Mrs. Burbeck. Music: Mrs. Madon, Miss Amanda Balley. Elocutionist, Mrs. M. A. Brown, Mrs. Weston, Morning session at 10:30; afternoon, 2; evening, 7:30. Admission, 10 cents to each session. Dinner and supper will be served at tue hall. Carrie L. Hatch. Secretary.

THE BOSTON SPIRITUAL TEMPLE will hold meet-tugs morning, afternoon and evening, at 10:30, 2 and 7:30, in Odd Fellows' Hall. Tremont, corner of Berke-ley street, on Sunday, March 29. The following well known talent has been secured: Speakers: Moses Hull, Esq, President William H. Banks, Vice-Presi-dent H. B. Storer, J. B. Hatch, Sr., Dr. A. H. Rich-ardson, Mrs. Mattle E. Hull, S. Lizzle Ewer. Medi-ums: Mrs. May S. Pepper, Miss Maggie Gaule. Elo cut onist: Miss Lucette Webster. Music: Marie Fos-ter, Grace Cobb Crawford, Grace E. Warren, Miss Gertrude Laidiaw, Little Eddle, Charlie Hatch, L. Alberta Felton. Planist: Mr. Fred Watson, Read-ers: Willie Sheldon, Miss Beckwith. The Boston Spiritual Lyceum will join with the THE BOSTON SPIRITUAL TEMPLE will hold meet-

The Boston Spiritual Lyceum will join with the Temple. The children on the program will be from that school

nat sensol. Admission, 10 cents to each session. The elevator will be run all day and evening. The committee having this celebration in charge will leave nothing undone to make one of the grandest celebrations ever held in this city. Come early for best seats.

The platform will be decorated with palms and flowers by Mr. Cohen. JAMES H. LEWIS,

JAMES II. LEWIS, CARRIE L. HATCH WILLIAM H. BANKS, J. B. HATCH, JR., Sec'y, Committee of Arrangements.

THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE ASSOCIATION will celebrate the day in Horicultural Hall, Tremont, cor-ner of Bromfield street, morning, afternoon and even-ing, on Tuesday, March 31. This being the first cele-bration under the auspices of the State Association, the committee intend to make it a gala day, and will give all three meetings held that day free to the public. It will secure the very best taient that can be had as to speakers test mediums and music. This will be

Committee of Arrangements.

THE BANNER OF LIGHT will be for sale at all of these meetings, and subscriptions will be taken. Re-ports of the above meetings will, as in the past, be furnished for its columns.

J. BROWNE HATCH, JR.

Union Hall, Boston, Mass.

Anniversary services are to be held under the auspices of Children's Lyceum No. 1, and those of Mrs. Butler in the above ba'l (Boylston street), on the evening of March 31. The occasion will take the form

added.

The address of Mrs. S. E. Rich, whose advertisement is on our seventh page, is 276 be printed in the Lyceum Department of next Shawmut avenue, Boston, Mass.

that great race which has done so much in every branch of human effort, and above all in that branch of human effort which has produced free institutions and free communities. The time will come, must come, when some statesman of authority more fortunate than President Monroe will lay down the doctrine that between English speaking peoples war is impossible. He did not believe that public Europe would permit the outbreak of a war whose end no man could foresee.

Mr. Balfour thinks it will be hard indeed if the common sense of the Anglo-Saxon race is not able to settle any point in dispute between the United States and Great Britain without the arbitrament of war. It cannot but be, said he, that those whose national roots go down into the same past as our own, who share our language, our literature, our laws, our religion -everything that makes a nation great-and who share in substance our institutions-it cannot but be that the time will come when they will feel that they and we have a common duty to perform, a common office to fulfill among the nations of the world. It will then be seen that every man who by rash action or hasty word makes the preservation of peace difficult, or it may be impossible, has committed a crime not only against his own country, not only against that other country to whom he has invited war, but against civilization itself. And he prayed that no English statesman and no English party might ever have the responsibility of that crime heavy upon their souls.

New World and Old.

What is the New World problem? inquired Rev. Thomas Van Ness at Parker Memorial on a recent Sunday evening. Well, answered he to his own question, it is that more and more we are finding ourselves hampered by unfavorable surroundings and adverse circumstances, success in life under adverse circumstances and unfavorable surroundings. The keynote mere opportunity and favoring circumstances advantages. Watt was an ordinary workman in a little obscure shop. Armstrong was a special opportunity. Success is dependent upon a certain, quality within. The world calls it ability. Ability is a composite-physical, menciety physical ability counts for the most. In the higher grades of society mental ability is more than physical. While in the highest grade of society moral and spiritual ability counts for the most. It is all the time becoming more true that the man with the highest

moral development is the greatest of all. Then it will be a new world, when that class of men are in the ascendant. The old world will have passed away. Integrity after the old fashion will come in vogue, now so scarce an article to find. The old world will then be the creator

Report of Lyceum No. 1 of Denver, Col.,

from Robert Ward, has been received, and will lissue

May Festival.

On Saturday, May 9, at Boston Music Hall, the usual festival, which has been so successfully carried on by Mrs. W. S. Butler and Mrs. Viles Wyman, in former years, will take place. Two hundred children will participate. Particulars hereafter.

The Battle Over.

F. B. Woodbury writes us from Washington, D. C., March 12: I think the U.S. Constitution is safe until the national reformers make another raid upon it. The hearing on this question was the largest attended of any this session, and lasted four hours. A full account will be forwarded next week.

FF While the government-State and National-frowns at "prize fighting," and puts it down when it can, a lively "scrap" occurred March 15 (as recorded by the Post) at a seaboard town in Southern New England, whereat a Methodist and a Baptist minister, meeting by a mistake of appointment in the same pulpit, used fists, struggled and "broke away' in true pugilistic style. The outcome is not yet, but the Baptist pastor had the endorsement of the would be congregation.

The old Deacon House, which was once a fashionable and historic centre at the South End of Boston-and at one time also the scene of many interesting séances held with Mrs tal and spiritual. In the lowest grades of so- Mary B. Thayer, the flower medium of old days-was totally destroyed by fire on the morning of Feb. 25, 1896.

> 19 We are in receipt of The Weekly Visitor -a lively one-from San Diego, Cal., edited by our old friend and correspondent, Solon Lauer. who is now giving lectures on Psychic Research at the Unitarian Church there.

> The western dailies of late are speaking highly of the services of Prof. J. Jay Watson as a skilled musician in their respective localities. This popular violinist will soon return to his home in the East.

> WANTED-A copy of Capron's "MODERN SPIRITUALISM." Address, stating price, "J. C. C.," care of BANNER OF LIGHT.

past his eightieth birthday, and for over forty

fine flour. He rarely fails to have a good appetite, and his food tastes as well as it did when he was a boy-so he says.

Decease of Marvey Lyman.

We are informed by Jas. H. Young, of Onset, Mass., under date of March 15, that at about 11 o'clock A. M. of that day the veteran Spiritualist and venerable eanno-worker. HARVEY LYMAN, passed suddenly to spirit life. Father Lyman, as he was affectionately called by all, was sitting in his chair, when, without warning, he dropped the paper he was reading and left the physical tabernacle he had inhabited so long without a struggle or a groap. The fuperal was expected to occur at Onset on Wednesday, March 18. Mr. Lyman was one of the original founders of and was long a very prominent man at the Lake Pleasant Camp-Meeting, though his last earthly years were passed at Ouset Bay. He resided for a long time in Saratoga, N. Y. He was a member of the Veterar Spiritualists' Union, of Boston, and much interested in it + work. He was an old friend and subscriber to THE BANNER, which at this time desires to bear grateful witness to his industry in its behalf as well as the general good of the spiritual cause.

The Society of Spiritual Research.

An organization bearing this name is being formed In New York City, we understand, for the presentation of various forms of mediumship, such as trance and inspirational speaking, tests, and spirit delineation, clairvoyancy, psychometry, etc.

Its sessions will be held at Carnegie Hall every Tuesday evening, beginning March 24, for which occasion Mr. J. W. Fletcher has been engaged; also Mrs, Florence K. White, and others, together with a select'd musical program, which will be a feature of these meetings.

Mediums visiting New York are cordially invited to correspond with the Chairman. Seymour Van Brocklin, P. O. Box 1907, New York City.

A Great Attraction for Spiritual Societies.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates, the well-known lecturers and mediums, have associated with them as musical specialist, Messrs, Joseph and Walfried Singer. They purpose touring the Middle and Eastern States the coming summer, with the view of visiting each campmeeting to give entertainments.

Their features will be short talks on entertaining subjects, psychic tests and a mélange of elocution, songs and music. The Messrs. Singer are experts with the violin, mandolin and harp. They will arrange for society benefits. Address Mr. G. W. Kates,

A Card.

The principals of Belvidere Seminary would respectfully inform the readers of the BANNER OF LIGHT that their spring terms will begin April 2, under favorable auspices. A new Art Department has recently been connected with it, which has already received an encouraging home patronage. It is in charge of a young and popular teacher, a graduate from one of the best institutions in the country, and comprises careful instruction in music, drawing painting, elocution and gymnastics.

Pupils entering the department this spring can remain and pursue their studies during the summer, but will not be confined to the routine of school life. Terms reasonable. Ad-dress, Seminary, Belvidere, N. J.

Mrs. M. A. Chase, of 26 Appleton street, Boston, is deserving of the attention of the charitably disposed. THE BANNER has al-ready donated five dollars to her from "God's Poor Fund," and trusts others may feel to do likewise. She is a good woman an old medium of this city, who has by a long and des perate illness been reduced to her present ex tremity. Lend her a hand, friends.

of a concert, and cannot fail of being of sustained in-terest. Tickets for sale at the BANNER OF LIGHT office. Further particulars next week.

First Spiritual Temple,

(Corner Newbury and Exeter streets, Boston.)-The Forcy Eighth Anniversary will be appropriately ob-served, commencing Suuday, March 29, and continu-ing four days, which will give parties from a distance, and investigators, an unusual opportunity. Particu-lars hereafter.

Providence, R. I.

The Spiritualist Association will hold its Anniversary services at Columbia Hall, Sunday, March 29, Mrs. Helen L. Palmer, speaker; other exercises to be presented.

Chicago, Ill.

THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH of Chicago, under the direction of its pastor, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, is making extensive preparations for the celebration of the Forty-Eighth Anniversary of Mod-ern Spiritualism at its place of meeting, the Schiller

Theatre, Sunday, M (rch 29. A very interesting program will be announced, con-sisting of addresses by Mrs. Richmond and other eminent local talent, fine music and a general time of rejoicing. It is expected that the Sunday-school will take a prominent part in the exercises.

Brockton, Mass.

The People's Progressive Spiritual Association will observe the Forty-Eighth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on Tuesday, March 24, at Educational League Hall, Field's Block. The list of speakers is a good one, and includes the following well-known me-diums: Mrs. Maggie Butler, with her Lyceum childidnes, Prof. C. T. Wood, Joseph Stiles, Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes, Mrs. N. J. Willis, Mrs. Hattle C. Mason and Mrs. B. Robertson, Afternoon and evening sessions will be held, and a supper served from 5 t) 6:30. A. F. SWEETZER, Sec'y.

Cleveland, O.

The Forty-Eighth Anniversary of the Rochester Rappings will be appropriately observed by the Spir-ituatists of Cleveland and vicinity on Sunday, March 29, moralng, alternoon and evening, in Memorial Hall, 170 Superior street. Hudson and Emma Tuttle, Sefor Novies, the Cuban psychist, Mrs. Donovan, medium for psychographic tests, and others will participate. A hearty welcome and a spiritual feast is promised to

all. The festivities will close with the usual Anniversary The festivities will close Ball on Tuesday, March 31. THOMAS LEES, Ch. Com.

Worcester, Mass.

Fred L. Hildreth writes: "We are making liberal preparations for celebrating March 31, and will send you' items' later."

Fall River, Mass.

The Solritualist Society will, on March 29, observe the Antiversary with music, splitualistic proofs and oratory. The services will occur in G. A. R. Hall. Mrs. Butler of Lynn, Mrs. Davis of Somerville, Mrs. Peanell of New Bedford, Mrs. Bishop of Boston, Mrs. Peanell of New Bedford, Mrs. Brown of Whitman, and the Batchelor Family will participate.

Norwich, Conn.

The Forty-eighth Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism will be observed by the Norwich Spiritual Union, on Sunday, March 29, with special services.

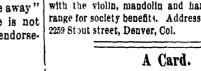
Children's Progressive Lyceum. 11:45 A. M. Regular lecture services, 1:30 and 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Jenule B. Hagan Jackson, speaker. Good music will be furnished by the quartet.

MRS. J. A. CHAPMAN, Sec'y.

Celebrations are to be conducted also in SPRING-FIELD, MO.; NEWBURYPORT, CAMBRIDGE and LYNN, MASS.; DENVER, COL.; BALTIMORE, MD., and elsewhera.

FT The BANNER OF LIGHT, Boston, commences its seventy-ninth volume by a reduction in price from \$2.50 to \$2 per annum. It is an eight-page journal, elegantly printed on book paper. Among the many able papers of similar character, both in this country and Europe, THE BANNEE maintains its leadership.—For Lake (Wis.) Representative.

A GOOD IDEA-IF TRUE. - Berlin dispatches for March 2 aver that the correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger in Constantinople is authority for the statement that Russia has asked Turkey to expel all English and American missionaries from Asia Minor. The principal cause of present troubles would then be avoided.

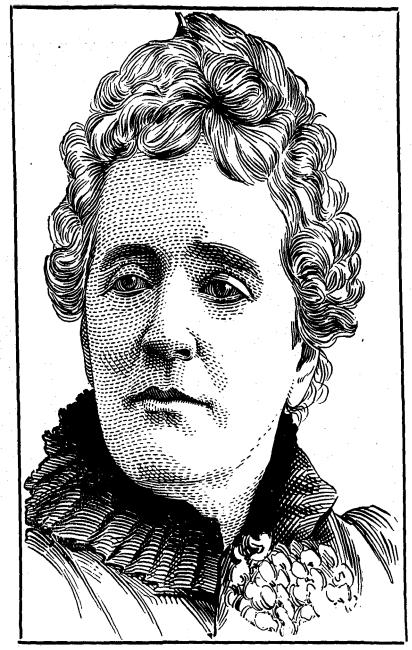


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These sharp, raw, capricious days of March (selves weak and out of health. Hundreds of letters like the following from Mrs. Porter of New York City tell how this great medicine has kept them well and strong.

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

week, must reach this office b) Monday's mail.) Mr. J. Frank Baxter returned this week from his successful work in Ohlo, and will be in Balem. Mass., both atternoon and evening, on next Sunday. After the Anniversary he will leave for Tituville, Par., where he will remain through April. For week-evening work, or engagements for season of '90 and '97, ad-dress him at 181 Walnut street Chelses. Mass. Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine (White Rose) lectured in Du-buque. Ia., March 1 and 5, to large, appreciative au-diences. He returns there for all the Sundays of Oc-tober. He fectured in Ohn, Ia., Mirch 11 and 12 to full houses, this making his eighth engagement in that city. He is in St. Paul, Minu., March 15-29; at Hast ings, Wis., 24, 25, 26; and then goes to St. Louis for April. He goes to Mitwaukee in May. In June Le will be in provincial cities of Iowa and Illinois. He will not be present at the Eastern camps this season, hav-ing accepted urgent calls at the Western camps. He begins his Eastern tour at Watertown, N. Y., in No-vember.

Mrs. Julia E. Davis has open dates in April and May. Address 49 Dickinson street, Somerville, Mass. Abbie N. Burnham lectured in Fall River, March 1; Wakefield, March 8 and 15; will speak in Brocktou, March 22; Lyon (Anniversary meeting, Cadet Hall), March 29; Wakefield, April 5 and 12. Address, 350 Salem street, Malden, Mass.

Mrs. S. E. Hall, inspirational speaker and platform test medium, spoke in Portland, Me., March 8; will be in Pawtucket, March 22. She has a few more open dates, and would like to make engagements for April. Address 27 Albion street, Roxbury, Mass.

Moses Hull, who is so successfully lecturing for the Berkeley Hall Society, Bost m, during March, will speak in Philadelphia, Pa., in April. While there he can be addressed 520 Chatham street.

Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock is in Baltimore, Md., dur-Mrs. 1dt F. A. Windock is in Baltimore, Nd., dir-ing March; Bridgep.nt. Ct., April 5 and 12; Lyna, Mass., April 19 and 26; Buffalo, N. Y., in May; June 7 and 14, in New York City; June 21 and 28, Somers-ville, Ct. Societies desiring her services for next sea-son would do well to correspond with her. Address in care of BANNER OF LIGHT, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. M. Knowles, platform speaker and test medi-um, has open dates for March, April and May; would like to make engagements with societies. Address 1138 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, Mass.

Mr. J. W. Fletcher's subject at Carnegie Hall, Tuesday evening, March 24, will be: "Is the Present-Day Spiritualism a Finality?"

Mr. F. A. Wiggin, lecturer and platform test medium. Mr. F. A. Wiggin, lecturer and platform test medium-is speaking during the Sundays of March for the First Society of Spiritualists in Washington, D. C. March 3 he spoke for the First Society of Baltimore; will be there again March 17 and 24; also, will be one of the speakers there for the Anniversary on the 31st. He spoke in Pittsburg, Pa, March 10, 11, 12 and 13. For April he is to be with the Berkeley Hall Society, Bos-ton, for Sundays; speaks in Stoneham April 2 and 16; in Mariboro April 9, and in Lowell, Mais, April 25. He would be glai to respond for disengaged dates to societies near Boston during April. Address him, Sa-lem, Mass.

lem, Mass. Frank T. Ripley is at present speaking for the Wo-man's Progressive Union in Brooklyn, N. Y., with good success. He goes thence to New Bedford, Mass., for the month of April; then to Erie, Pa., for the month of May. He has a few dates which he can ac-cept for Camp-Meetings. Address as per route. W. DeLoss Wood, journalist and lecturer. will ac-cept Sunday engagements with societies in New Eng-land. Mr. Wood is busily employed in newspaper work—hence is able to make engagements for strug-gling societies on their own terms. Address Box 199, Danielson, Ct.

In Memoriam.

MRS. E. L. DOUBLEDAY passed to spirit-life from her home in Columbia, Conn., Feb. 23, 1896, aged 88 years, after a long and lingering illness, caused largely by the infirmities of age.

"Mother" Doubleday (for she was known by that title) was a woman of high moral character, and beloved by all who came near enough to learn of her goodness.

goodness. In the early days of the spiritualistic movement her home was the central point for many a spiritual gath-ering, both she and her late husband (Amos G. Doubleday) being excellent mediums, he, later in life, developing into a trance speaker, and giving many public lectures throughout the State and elsewhere; she developing the power of clairvoyance, and being able to diagnose disease from a lock of hair from per-sons she had never seen, with the utmost accuracy and detail and able then and there to say if she could hein

that most marvelous discovery of the century, Paine's celery compound. In every city, as well as the smaller villages scattered through this country, are men and women who for years have relied upon Paine's celery compound whenever they found them-' cure disease. Mrs. Porter's experience is like thousands of well, because it fed the starved nerves and blood and regulated their functions. Try it, and be convinced of its remarkable power to celery compound whenever they found them-' cure disease. Settered through this country, are men and blood and regulated their functions. Try it, and be convinced of its remarkable power to celery compound whenever they found them-' cure disease. Settered through the world has two for years have relied upon Paine's cure disease. Settered through the world has two for years have relied upon the provide the starved nerves and blood and regulated their functions. Try it, and be convinced of its remarkable power to cure disease. Settered through the world has two for years have relied upon the provide the starved nerves and blood and regulated their functions. Try it, and be convinced of its remarkable power to cure disease. Settered through the world the starved nerves and blood and regulated their functions. Settered the world has two few. She seldom if ever made a mistake (none to the writer's knowledge), and she never visited a patient away from her home, neither did she advertise, and many there are who can say with the writer. '' May heaven's greatest blessing'' fall on Mother Doubleday for the good work she has done in earth-life for suffering hugood work she has done in earth-life for suffering hu-manity by restoring them to health after they were namely by resolving them to nearth after any were nearly to the river's edge. She has gone from out this earthly tabernacle to join husba id and loved ones gone before. She will return in spirit to comfort the loved ones left behind, and milit a big form the only it is not the behind. and while she journeys on in spirit she will throw out the magnetic chord to comfort the loved ones of earth and teach them that the lessons she has learned and God bless her for her goodness and the good she has done in this life, and may a heavenly home await her 17

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Lima .- Buckeys weight Hudday, March 8, was really another red for on day for Spiritualiam in Lima-Mr. J. Frank Busies is the many 1 ctures delivered here not having the many more tanely or interest ing. He certain the contrastitution of interest-broken many at the walk of prejudice and made the way for mathematic of prejudice and made to come from the walk of prejudice and depressed soul to come from the same of the sould', from suffering to pleasure.

pleasure. The large audience is the execting was a grand compliment to the speaker, and the quality of the same, with the interest interest manifested, was a greater one. Notwithstanding the boast that Lima's elements were so iargely Christian, the 'the and the people were impervious to the effects of either Mate-rialism or Splittualism, so much so that the advocates of those schools would never venture there, yet the coming of Mr. Lugersoli twice, and Mo. Baxter with his prolonged ministrations, and the grand hearing ac-corded and effects produced, show the heast not well founded.

cord d and effects produced, show the heast not well founded. Several halls, including the consistence of pro-House, have been crowded to hear, and on this Sunday in question, the largest audience gradient the Religio-Philosophical Society leased its present capacious quarters, gathered to listen and to with ess, as Mr. Bax-ter gave his sitteenth learne and found. The altr ter gave his sixteenth lecture and manee. The city press has been very courteons, giving reports in accord with facts, and free from all blas.

Mr. Baxter on this Sunday was announced to close his part in the present course with Sunday, March 15.

Coshocton .- A M. Dent writes: The headquarters of the National Association of Spiritualists in Washington should have a comprehensive library, and if every Spiritualist in the United States would send in one volume, either from the boundless literature of Spiritualism or one of the poets, what a grand begin-ning it would initiate! Let the good work begin on the natal-day—the 31st of March, 1896.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta .- A correspondent writes: "The Society of Spiritual Science" has been formed here in Atlanta under very promising conditions, and contemplates securing a hall with séance-room attached.

Spiritualism in Atlanta is in a very depressed condi-tion, nevertheless very favorable to the organization of a powerful and flourishing society, as we have over one hundred thousand population, consisting of many

one numbered thousand population, consisting of many liberal thinkers. We are desirous of securing the very best talent in mediumship, and would be glad to have reliable and highly recommended mediums write to our Secretary, James Macmahon, 22 West Peachtree street, Atlanta, Ga., in view of securing engagement, stating terms, dates etc. dates, etc.

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What Shall be Done to Meet the Coming Issue? A Question for Spiritualists to Answer.

[THE BANNER contained, Nov. 16, a strong arraign-ment by MRS, M. E. CADWALLADER (Philadelphia, Pa.,) of the recent action of the officials in persecut-ing and arresting Spiritualist mediums under narrow and strained interpretations of statutes in existence there. The Spiritualists of that elty, assured that the time has arrived for them to rally in support of their constitutional rights, have appointed a Committee to carry out their wishes, composed of members of the various societies in the city, as follows: MR. B. HILL, Chairman; MR. F. H. MORRILL, See'y; MRS. M. E. CADWALLADER, Cor. See'y; HON. T. M. LOCKE, C. L. GE FRORER, MRS. HALLOWELL, SAMUEL WHEELER, MR, BARRY, CAPT. KEFFER, MR. KURTZ, MR, MARL'R, MR, KELLAR, DR, BATES, MRS. JENNINGS and MR, WELSH. Mrs. M. E. Cadwallauer was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee, with full authority to receive and collect contributions to the Mediums' Defense Fund. [THE BANNER contained, Nov. 16, a strong arraign-

All funds or correspondence should be sent to Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Cor. Sec'y, P. O. Box 446, Philadelphia, Pa.]

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People often wonder why their nerves.are so weak; why they get tired so easily; why they start at every slight but sudden sound; why they do not sleep naturally; why they have frequent headaches, indigestion and

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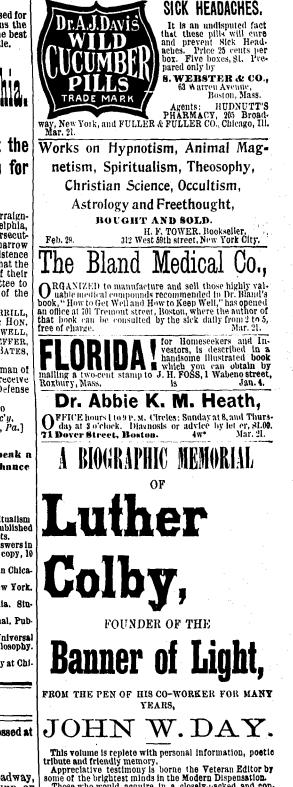
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Glad Reports. Good HEALTH is infinitely more precious than wealth. Cood HEALTH is infinitely more precious than wealth. It is exceedingly gratifying to DOCTOR PEEBLES to be constantly receiving from his patients such letters as "1 and much better," "1 feel like a new person," "1 feel entirely well, you need send no more medicines." Tev. A. W. Dellquest (Unitarian preacher), formerly of Austin, Texas, now of El Paso, Texas, published the follow. "To A. W. Dellquest (Southarian preacher), formerly of Mustin, Texas, now of El Paso, Texas, published the follow. "To A. W. Dellquest is too well known as an author, trav-iler and physician, to need any advertising, but I wish to impress it upon suffering humanity that no invalid need to feel hopeless so long as Dr. Peebles lives. I cannot repay hin for what he did for me medically." TR. PEBLLES'S Psychic Diagnoses are free. Those writ-ing him should give full name, post-office address, age, sex, and one leading symptom. Address, J. M. PEBLES, A. M., M. D., San Diego, California. Wris Mat. 14.



MEETINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Lynn.-T. H. B. James writes: The Spiritualists be our speaker. held two good and interesting meetings Sunday at 33 Summer street, with packed houses. At 2:30 developing, test and healing circle. Dr. Chester W. Goodrich, Prof. Fred E. Thomas and Mr. R. A. Ben-son of Brockton, Dr. S. M. Furbush, Mrs. I. Izzie D. Butler, Mrs. C. B. Hare, Mrs. D. E. Matson, and other mediums, gave interesting remarks, mes-sages from spirit friends, tests, diaguoses, and per-formed healing through spirit-power and magnetic treatments, all of which were satisfactory to the large pudience audience

At 7:30 P. M. appropriate selections were rendered by Misses Lena and Elsie Burns. Dr. Goodtich made able remarks on "What Spirits have Done and are Doing for Humanity." He then gave a large number of psychometric readings, tests and messages, all salisfactory. Then Prof. F. E. Thomas offered a number of recognized tests and messages, closing with one of his wonderful scances. An autoharp was placed upon a table on the platform, which was played upon by spirit-hands, Prof. Thomas, sitting several feet from the table, in full view of the audience; many ou stions were answered by spirit-raps. Prof. Thomas and Dr. Goodrich should be kept upon the platform every

Sunday. Next Sunday at 2:30 developing, healing and test circle; at 7:30 Mrs. May S. Pepper.

There was a packed house at the spiritual séince at 130 Market street, Tuesday evening. Services opened with singing by the audience. Mrs. N. M. Thing presided at the organ. Mrs. D. M. Tetrault, an independent musical medium, was then introduced, and her split guide or control accompanied on the banjo quite a number of selections pla ed by Prof. Burt J. Richardson on an autoharp and harmonica. She then answered a large number of mental quesshe then answered a targe induced of mental quest tions, all of which were very satisfactory. Then Mrs. Lizzie D. Butler gave interesting remarks on "Spirit-Communion," followed by many remarkable tests and messages from spirit-friends. Mrs. Tetrault will hold another séance Tuesday evening, and Mrs. Butler will hold a test séance Friday at 130 Market street.

Cadet Hall.-Lynn Spiritualists' Association, J. M. Kelty, President. Mrs. A. A. Averill, Sec'y, writes: March 15 we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. A. E. Tisdale, the blind orator.

Good audiences were present at both services, and all gave the strictest attention () the able and instruc-tive addresses by the guides of Mr. Tisdale. Following the evening lecture, tests and communications were given by Mrs. Effic 1. Webster of Lynn which were well received.

Mr. Tisdale will be with us again next Sunday.

Haverhill .- It is mentioned by "E. P. H." that Mrs. E. C. Kimball, descriptive medium and lecturer from Lawrence, lectured there last Sunday afternoon and evening, March 15, giving a large number of inter-Next Sunday the speaker will be Miss Abby A

Judson, formerly connected with the Bradford Fenale Academy, and daughter of the distinguished first mis-sionary of the Baptist denomination to the heathen world. She will speak with interest.

Salem .- "N. B. P." writes: Dr. George A. Fuller of Worcester delivered two very fine discourses before the First Spiritualists' Society, Sunday afternoon and evening, which were listened to very attentively by those present

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ciated by each and every one. Sunday, March 22, J. Frank Baxter of Chelsea will

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Lowell.-Ed. S. Varney writes under date of March 9:

Following an interesting session of the Lyceum came the afternoon gathering, the platform being occupled wholly by local tilent. Mr. Albert B. Plimp ton, the chairman of the meetings, presided, while Mrs. S. A. Bullens, a fine sopra to singer, rendered ap-propriat's selections, besides leading in the congregational singing. In opening, Mr. Plimpton alluded in feeling, praise

ful and spiritual terms to the arisen Governor of the Commonwealth. He was tollowed by Mrs. Annie Jones in an inspirat onal invocation. Mrs. Anna Jones in an inspirat onal invocation. Mrs. Anna Coggeshall gave some excellent test, as did also Miss Maria Higgins Mrs. Agnes Houghton Banfield, a fine, natural elocutionist, recited poems and delivered a brief but weighty address upon "The Web of Life, in Time and Eternity." Mrs. George Hand (whose husband is clerk of the Society) read a sweet, tender poem written under the inspiration of a little boy in spirit life. Miss Blanche Brainard gave tests and character diagnoses, which were wonderfully apt and correct correct

In the evening the above program was repeated with the same grand success, with the added spir-itual and int-llectual treat of a thoughful disserta-tion by Miss Marie Higgins, under control, and a brief inspirational address by Mrs. Annie Jones upon "Duty from a Spiritual Standpoint." Mrs. Agnes H. Banfield gave a fine rendition of Elizabeth Staart Phelps's pathetic tale of "The Fall of the Pemberton Mills." Mills

All the participants in the services were well known and reputable local mediums. The large hall was filled both aff moon and evening. The meetings were

a great success, nearly every test was recognized, and much genuine interest was evoked. The addr ss of the clerk of the First Spiritualist Society is Mr. George H. Hand, 1040 Bridge street, Lowell, Mass.

Brockton.- May R. Bond writes: The meetings of the Advanced Independent Spiritualists on Sunday, March 15, were of special interest, the attendance unusually large.

The alternoon circle for magnetic treatment and development is much appreciated by those who are steadily gaining in physical strength as a result of the treatments received.

The Sunday evening service was conducted by Mrs. M L. Goodrich, assisted by Master Sammie, both of whom are much beloved by the people here. Master

whom are much beloved by the people here. Master Sammie is doing some remarkable work of lats, his tests being clear, and, as a rule, fully recognized. A new feature was introduced last Sunday, namely, a song service from 7 to 7:30, which was evidently much edjoyed by those present. On Saturday Mr. J. E. Stoddard, who has been so regular in attendance and faithful in helping, passed away very suddenly with apoplexy. We wish to thank THE BANNER for so kindly and fully printing our reports; it is constantly bringing us in touch with societies elsewhere, and enabling us both to render and receive assistance to and from sis-ter associations. ter associations.

Cambridge.-A. F. White, Sec'y, writes: Tuesday evening, March 9, the Spiritual Industrial Society held its regular meeting in Cambridge Lower Hall, Massachusetts Avenue. A circle was formed, followed by an entertainment. A good audience was present. Friday, March 27. the Society will hold its regular meeting, with Anniversary exercises. There will be good music afternoon and evening.

Fitchburg .-- Mrs. E. O. Pierce writes: March 15 Mrs. Carrie F. Loring was with us. Too much cannot be said in praise of her. She is a grand lecturer and test medium.

Mrs. Minnie M. Soule of Somerville will speak here March 22.

Woburn .- Bonney writes: Monday evening, March 9, Mrs. Dr. C. E. Bell and E. H. Tuttle occupied the platform, giving excellent remarks, tests and readings. Miss Jennie Rhind will be with us March 23, Mrs. M. W. Leslie, March 30, Mrs. Nettie Holt-Hard-ing, April 6. THE BANNEE finds many friends.

Reading.-E. S. Wells, Chairman, writes: Spirit-ual meetings were opened in this place March 15, at 3 and 7 P. M., Mr. Chas. H. Harding, speaker and test medium, officiating. A large audience, for the first Sunday, attended. Mr. Harding will be with us again next Sunday evening at 7 P. M. at Grand Army Hall.

Providence, R. I.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The People's Progressive Spiritualist Association had a largely-attended meeting on Sunday evening, March 15- having for speaker Mrs. Maggie J. Butler of Boston, one of the noblest and truest women connected with the Cause. Her remarks were more than interesting, and she gave many tests, all of which were recognized. Mrs. Butler makes many converts, and does a glorious work for Spiritualism wherever she goes. It is hoped she will be with us soon again. Mrs. Butler was accompanied by Miss Louise Hor-ner, who sang very sweetly, and was rapturously ap-plauded. Mr. Harold Leshe, the celebrated tenor of Boston, also sang a number of solos, and won much

applause. We wer We were pleased to welcome home our President, Mr. F. H. Roscoe, who opened the meeting with an invocation, and read a poem entitled "The End of the Way." We regard Mr. Roscoe as an drnament to the cause of Spiritualism. On Sunday evening, March 8, Mr3. Ellen Bowles gave a very fine and intensely lateresting lecture on "Wom

an Suffrage," which was well received. COR.

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RHODE ISLAND.

Providence.-Benj. F. Prouty, Sec'y, writes: The Providence Spiritualist Association held its regular meeting at Columbia Hall, No. 248 Weybosset street, Sunday, March 15. We had with us Dr. Harlow Davis of New York. The afternoon exercises consisted of plano solo by Miss Jennie Reynolds; singing by the audience, and "Remarks on Phenomena by Dr. Davis, after which he gave many tests, all of which were recognized.

Evening.—Solo by Miss Johnson, accompanied on the pano by Miss Reynolds; the rest of the evening was devoted to many tests by Dr. Harlow Davis; wis devoted to many t-sts by Dr. Harlow Davis; some of them were most remarkable, and all of them were acknowledged to be correct. Every one was pleased with the Doctor's effort; the ball was crowded. On Sunday, March 22, we shall have with us Miss Lizzle Harlow (inspirational speaker) of Hayden-ville, Mass., followed by Mrs. M. Ogden, a fine test medium of Providence.

Pawtucket .- Jennie E. Warburton, Sec'y, writes: March 8, Mrs. I. E. Downing lectured and gave tests; March 15, Mrs. M. E. Thompson of Onset spoke; March 22, Mrs. Breck of Roxbury ; March 28, Moses Hull lec tures- evening only; March 29, Mrs. Mattle E. Hull lectures, afternoon and evening; floral decorations and speech in memory of Mrs. Clough, founder of Pawtucket Spiritual Association.

CONNECTICUT.

Norwich .- Mrs. J. A. Chapman, Sec'y, writes: Sunday, March 15, Mrs. Jennie B. Hagan-Jackson opened a three weeks' engagement with the Norwich Spiritual Union. Good audiences greeted her and listened to her fine discourses and beautiful improvisa ened to her fine discourses and beautiful improvisa-tions with deep interest. Subjects for discourse and poems were given by the audience. The special topic for the afternoon discourse was "The Unchanging Law," and a poem from the subject, "Golden Sands on the Shores of Time," was a gem of rare beauty. Mrs. Jackson would like week evening engagements for March, April and May.

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MRS. JENNIE K. D. CONANT.

Report of Séance held Feb. 7, 1896. Spirit Invocation.

Oh, thou Divine Spirit! once more do we call upon thy power to administer unto us the strength that thou seest we need. We ask thee, oh! Father, to bless us as we have come together this morning, knowing that thou dost sustain and uphold under all circumstances. Knowing as thou dost that the body is weak and the spirit is strong, we seek that power of divinity and that force that may rise, separate from all the environments of life. We seek communion of spirit; we seek to bring a new embrace to our loved ones in mortal, that they may feel that there is no death. Bring them into a familiar condition, that they may recognize that death is the new life- a new development, a new transition; and when we leave the material body may they consider that it only brings us closer to them-realizing that the love that dwells in the soul is superior to all chance and change that the same love permeates all spheres, and blnds us closely to the lines of divine power. We feel this morning like being renewed: let us be baptized with the spirit, that we shall be instrumental in not only bringing light to them that sit in darkness, but strength to the weak.

Guide us this morning. Father, while we meet to open up the channel to the mortal friends-to those that would be comforted, those that are desirous to know where their loved ones are gone, because we realize so many times the longing of the soul on earth for those that have departed. The answer that our church brethren have given us in the direction of a recognition of the life beyond is merely "Have faith." Faith is good, and hope has been a great strength to mortals, but it is the knowledge that fills the soul-it is the fact of knowing that the loved ones are near

body some little time; I had quite a long experience while in earth-life, and 1 truly felt that if it had not been for the power of the spirit through Christ I could not have held things so well as I did; but I have those on earth that seem to be in worse conditions and trouble than I was, and I am very anxious that they will open the door of their hearts, and let me come in. I have knocked at their hearts, but I find their hinges, from long negligence and the power of superstition, to be immovable-and the darkness so thick that I cannot penetrate it; I have been informed that if I can only reach my friends through this channel so as to get in at the material door, I will awake an interest, so that they may hear me at the spiritual door. I want to reach my friends in Dover, Mass. My husband is with me, and I have many friends over here; though I have got more, really, on the spirit side than I have in earth-life, yet those in earth-life need me most. Put medown as Lydie Mitchell, Dover, Mass. I was nigh on to seventy-five years old when I passed out of the body, and I have got an interest still on earth; if my friends will only give me an opportunity, I want to make them feel that they are not bearing their burdens alone -I will help them. I think it is useless to try

to send too much at once; sometimes a crumb from the Master's table, well digested, does more good than a whole loaf taken at one time with no nutriment from it; so I will bid you good-morning.

Dr. George Bronson.

Mr. Chairman, a letter has been looked for from me through your postoffice for some little time. I think it is best-or it was a habit I had-that when I wrote a letter I always addressed the envelope first; and where I want this letter to go to is St. Albans, Vt. I have those that take your paper that are very dear to me up there-as it was to me while in earthlife.

I did not accomplish as much as I would have liked to, because I did not have the time. I want to reach my family and those that were so dear to me. I was not ignorant of this beautiful philosophy in earth-life; in fact, I was instrumental myself in the hands of the spiritworld to help others, and I want the people to know that I still have an interest in their welfare. I notice within the last few weeks that there are many that take your paper and examine all the communications anxiously, to see if they can find a familiar address in it, or a word of cheer from some one near to them.

While I do not feel that I am forgotten by any means, I feel that I am much changed when I speak of the body; I thought that if I could send some greetings to those that are in earth-life, and say that 1 am progressing very rapidly, enjoying spirit-life very much, it would be well. I have not been in spirit-life (I don't think) much over a year, but it has been a beautiful year to me, speaking personally, and yet a sad year to those in earth life; but the body was worn out with that disease they call consumption, and my work being completed in the earth-plane the spirits trans ferred me to a higher, so that I might do greater service, and comprehend with more

reality the valuable work of the spirit. I was known as Dr. George Bronson, St. Alwith cheer, and I hope to do through it what I | boy called Burt Gody had been out driving,

many that were brought peculiarly into our life by the law of acquaintance, friendship and neighborhood; 1 shall be known especially in Portland and Augusta, Me., and in many other places, but especially in those two places.

My name is Sophy A. Townsend. I passed away from my daughter's home, and her name is Mrs. John Goldthwaite of Augusta; I have got others who wished to take care of me, but I passed away from her home. My husband is in the spirit with me. Perhaps it is well to let you have his name also, Esreff. I have some skeptical people, so I think this will let them know that I know what I say. I would like my earth-friends to feel happy, and that truly I heard the voice say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," because I had a happy reunion in the spirit-world. I want them all to feel that God blesses us in the sanctuary, and that he will guide us and direct us in that beautiful home 'over there." Thank you, my friends; this is glorious; I feel they will see it sounds just like grandma, and that is just what I want.

[Received Jan. 3, 1896]

Gilman A. Kimball.

I am nearer my earth-plane in Boston than folks think; that is, where my relatives are. I have tried many ways to make the folks feel that they have not got rid of me-they got rid of the body but not of me.

I come from Middleton, Mass.; you may call me Gilman A. Kimball; I always had an interest in anything that would benefit mankind. It was not the death that hurt my folks, it was the peculiarity of the death; it did not come from the right one-1 had a little pet dog, and he was the cause of my death. Thank God, I have got him with me this morning. There are so many people that think that man has an existence beyond the earth life-but what becomes of the dogs? I have got my pet with me. I passed away quietly, but ob, my friend, nobody but God and the angels knew what I went through; I am glad that it is as it is.

I want my friends and relatives to know that I am feeling nicely, and I also want them to know that I have an interest in their welfare. There have been changes since I passed out of the body, which was not so very long ago; I have been conscious of the changes, and I have been satisfied with some more than others; but they tell me we cannot always do as we want to, so I am satisfied-only I wish to bring some comfort to those who want to know where I am. I seem to feel, Mr. Chairman, that I did think something about Spiritualism, but I did not know very much about it. I used to think there was something in itthat I would like to spend my life where I thought I was doing something good.

Thank you, my friend, and if they will answer my letter I will send them another-or you may say, "seek, and they will find me."

Herman II. Fitch.

Spirit Guide: Here is a small boy. He says he was nine years old, and that his mother has never been reconciled to his having been taken from her. He is anxious to let his mother know that he is all right, and he wants her to feel as if she had not lost her little boy, because he is right at home with her. His name is HERMAN bans, Vt. I know my message will be greeted H. FITCH, from Gardner, Mass. He and another

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W. J. COLVILLE.

QUES.--[By Thomas H · ywood, of Queensland, Aus-tralia.] May not the aid of spirit guides be invoked for material assistance without incurring the charge of being actuated by sordid motives? For instance, to speak plain'y: one desires wealth, not merely to " pay his way " in the ordinary commercial sense, but chiefly to carry out long-cherished schemes for the welfare of others Idleness and "love of pelf" have no dwelling place in the questioner's soul.

Q. 2.-[By same] Is it "essential" that spiritual development should depend on mere "sitting," as general y advised? Can it not take place when quietly walking abroad, or even in resting in bed, or possibly during calm slumber?

Ans. 1.-There are two aspects of this matter which present themselves vividly to our consciousness: First, the higher intelligences with whom philanthropically disposed people are sure to become related, are not interested in the material side of things to anything like the extent that those are who are yet in the earth's immediate atmosphere and unable to rise out of it on account of the earthliness of their affections.

For this reason those spiritual beings who possess great wisdom, and who are counsellors of great worth whenever they can be invoked, are disposed to regard temporal prosperity as quite a secondary affair, because they know from experience that the greatest good accomplished on behalf of humanity relates far more to spiritual unfoldment than to the acquisition or tenure of material prosperity.

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March Magazines.

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ST. NICHOLAS -The current number has as frontispiece a reproduction of a beautiful painting by Rovbet, "The Saraband": Mary Elizabeth Stone in "The Rhyme of the Two Little Browns," tells what a boy and girl did when their pony ran away, and left them. and the carriage behind; " Into Port" is a paper by Lieut. John M. Ellicott of the United States Navy; a stirring story of the New Brunswick forests, "Their First Moose Hunt." is written by Tappen Adney: "A Little Hero of Peru," by Charles F. Lummis, tells how a brave little llama-driver sayes the lives of two American scientists by his pluck and persistence; "The Goodly Sword, its History. Development and Use," is written by Mary Stuart McKinney; in "What Lydia Saw," by Herbert H. Smith, is given an account of the terrible eruption of the volcano Souffrière at St. Vincent in 1812; William T. Hornaday has a chapter devoted to "The Lowest of Our Quadrupeds," which closes his series of natural history papers; there are interesting instalments of the four serials, " The Prize Cup," "Teddy and Carrots," "The Swordmaker's Son," and "Sindbad, Smith & Co." There are poems by Guy Wetmore, Winthrop Packard, Carolyn Wells, Charles L. Benjamin, Frederick B. Opper, and others, also a prize puzzle, "The Fairy Godmother," making a very interesting number. The Century Co., Union Square, New York.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY introduces a fine table of contents for the present month. Sarah Orne Jewett has paper III. of the series on "The Country of the Pointed Firs"; Prof. John Fiske has an admirable article of historic interest; "Pirate Gold," by F. J. Stimson, has attained its third part, and a conclusion, in which the gold reaches its proper level in the social scale, and the aged clerk is shrouded at last in a mist of sympathetic tears; Mary Hartwell Catherwood furnishes another of her remarkably vivid representations of the details of foreign life in "French Roads"; Ellen Mackubin, in "A Public Confession," tells a brief but piquant story of garrison life; "The Case of the Public Schools" (G. Stanley Hall), to be hereafter continued, and to which series some ten thousand school-teachers have been asked to contribute, promises to be of great interest. Other articles, not here noted, together with poetry, reviews of books, and the regular departments, make a good spring issue. Houghton, Mifilin & Co., Publishers, Boston.

NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINE .- Among the important contributions to this number is a paper on "The United States, Great Britain and International Arbitration," by Benjamin F. Trueblood, LL.D.; a choice man, or any one else, must be of a character | bit of colonial history is given in "Taunton, An Old "The Dauphin's Birthday Ball" is a pleasing story by Janet Armstrong, illustrated with drawings by Edward H. Dart; "What a Great City Might Be" is a lesson from the White City, by John Coleman Adams, illustrated from photographs by William H. Rau; 'Mandy's Baby" is a pathetic story by Annie E. P. Searing; "Botany and Botanists of New England" is an able article on that interesting subject (illustrated) by James Ellis Humphrey; in "Memories of Bluemeadow" chapter two is given, and discusses our old rector, by Charlotte Lyon; Lydia Avery Coonley, Abbie Farwell Brown, May L. Fay, Mary E. Haines and others, by their contributions help to make a very interesting number. Warren F. Kellogg, Publisher, 5 Park Square, Boston.

and the consciousness that they can communicate with their friends in morial that gives strength. We ask, oh! Father, thy blessings once more upon all that are interested in humanity-under whatever religion they may be established-and that thy whole power may be felt among men We ask thy divine blessing upon us that we may this morning give the truth to the world of ange! presence and communion that mortals wish to know; that we may give to the dear loved ones the truth, that it may be carried home to their hearts, and that they may recognize it as a familiar picture of the past. We feel that many mortals are being strengthened, their faith renewed, their confidence uplifted. We ask for assistance to the instrument that is freely given here for the use of the spirit operators, and not only as to one instrument particularly, but for all the medlums of the land-they who are the channels that have been turned universally open to the world for spirit light. Hear us, guide us and direct us, now and forevermore. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES.

Capt. Henry Holland.

I am desirous to identify myself here this morning, not as a believer in the truth of Spiritualism while in the earth-life, but as one who likes to identify himself with anything that is beneficial to humanity--anything that will make the community better, or may better my | of others, that I always take on the external fellow men. I was of the belief that religion was a good thing, and I had great faith in Nature, and God the over-ruling power.

I also felt for all humanity-that I was, in a sense, my brother's keeper. I felt that if I could ever extend a hand of sympathy or a kind word, either in a religious meeting or in a I was not a public man), that I was doing good. I was not often seen in very large gatherings, but I was at the same time identified with our citizens and the country. That will bring recognition of my work. I will be recognized as Capt. Henry Holland. I shall be remembered especially in Lewiston, Me., and all through what of a busy body. I was for a long time engaged in the manufacturing of boots and lumber. I had an interest at heart, as I have said, for the community-for all mankind-because I believe that, while in earth-life, an ac_ tion in business circles for the good of the people helps to give good laws and good government and good regulations, and build the country up, Mr. President, just as much as praying for the soul.

I want to send a few words to let my friends know that, while the body was turned off somewhat suddenly, comparatively speaking, at the last, I have the same interest now in those who were closely connected with me, and also in all of those who associated with me. I am sorry for some changes that have been made; yet, as I look from the spirit life, I see also other changes that, while they do not seem to benefit humanity extensively, have a measurable benefit, coming from them. I want to send good cheer to those that have felt that they could not carry out what they would like to have done; and I see many times those that were dear to me who say: "Oh, dear! if 'Cap.' was here, I wonder what we could not accomplish."

I want to say that "Cap." has never left you. I have done all that I could. All things work together for good to them that trust in God. While in earth-life I did not pay as much attention to some things as I wish I had, but you "cry over spilt milk." I want them to merely feel that all is well. 1 am satisfied, and I only want to see others happy.

Lydie Mitchell.

I, too, want to send a message through your mortal is in. A mother's heart always goes out valuable paper, although I have been out of the | to those that are left behind. I want to reach

cannot directly accomplish as I am working now-because a number of my own family are physically not well; and while they seem to feel father is near, yet you know what a terrible thing it is when they do not see me. So I feel my words will give strength and courage. May God and the angels bless you, my friends, for opening such a channel for humanity.

Estelle A. Jewett.

If you can only have patience with me a few minutes I will try to send a letter; they told me to be sure and give directions where I wanted it to go; I want it to go to Belfast, Me. My name is Estelle A. Jewett, and I was called to spirit-life just before I was twentyone-so I was a young woman; I have those in earth-life that have never been reconciled because I was taken, and I have watched, oh! so many, many times, the people that spoke here, and I have wished to give my friends an opportunity to hear from me, but I was very weak before I went out. I have been so attached to earth-life through the great sorrow conditions when I come near them; but the good spirits that surround this open door told me if I did not get in a hurry, and did not try to talk too much, that I could reach my friends this way-because they are open for communication; if my loved ones could only realize how many times I have tried to reach political meeting (for I like to speak, although | them, but have not been able, because I was so weak, they would not sorrow so. I see so much to be done, and I cannot do it; but I want this letter to reach them. One particular neighbor takes your paper, and I think I can influence others, so as to show it to those that will carry it home. I want them to know that I am better, and I feel so much better out of that section. I was, while in earth life, some- the body than I did in it. Things come so much easier now; I can understand now as I could not while in earth-life, and I can do shoes, and later in life I was also interested in | them so much more good if they will only be happy and cheerful, and feel that God "doeth all things well "-that those changes do lead us closer to the spirit. Oh! I want to say so much-I want to tell them so much-but I was told that I must be careful, so I will wait for an answer; if they will reply to this letter, I will send them another in time that will prove to them that I am not dead-only the old body. I naturally feel more like myself. Here is grandma; grandpa and Ella, and oh! so many are with us. I want the friends to know that we are waiting for those in earth-life to come to us also.

Sophy A. Townsend.

I feel this morning as if I would like to send greetings to those that are still in earth-life, for I feel that I have been missed, and yet I can say as perhaps can many others, God was good to me. He kindly let me round out my threescore years and ten, and I felt I had led a useful life. I could not say directly that when the call of death came I felt that the spirit had full consciousness after passing over. I did feel in my heart that I should meet the loved ones that had gone before-in fact, I saw them. I saw my companion as he waited for me on the spirit side, and the dear ones I loved, and it was a happy meeting, after years of separation, know that it is an old saying, we should not to come in contact with those that you love, and feel as if truly the familiar old times were not forgotten. I want some of the dear ones in earth-life to have confidence, and I want them to know that we are conscious on the spirit side of the thoughts and conditions the

and were crossing the railroad track, and the engine struck and killed them both. He is awfully anxious, because she takes no comfort, she keeps mourning for him. She has been at home, and she failed to find him. She does not hear him as he wants her to, and it makes him cry because his mother will not understand him. His grandma is with him in the spiritlife, and she is helping him to make his mother feel that it is he that is talking.

John Duff.

Mr. Chairman, there is one beautiful thought that comes to a man when he throws off the body-that religion, as taught by mortals, amounts to nothing. In spirit we find our life according to the deeds done in the body. I approach you this morning stronger in one sense, and not so in another; I have been wafted here through a great magnetic chord that directs one man to another or one person to another-that is claimed the mysterious chord of life. I shall be known here in Boston, and especially in New York, because a man's associations sometimes make him better known-hence I was known more from my business than personally, although I had a great many friends.

I also was taken out of life without any warning, without any preparations, without any thought that the end was so near. Apoplexy was the cause of my death, as the physicians called it. I was taken while seated in my office attending to my business. I was taken home to those that were near and dear to me, but I could not talk. I have never been able to inform them the things I would like to have done, but I thought that I would try and relieve the anxious by sending a few words through your valuable paper.

I hardly know just how my message may be received, but it is like a business venture; we have to venture first, and watch the result afterwards. I think that if my friends love me as I thought they did, they will give you a response; I know others will, if they will not. I was what they called in a religious sense a Roman Catholic while in earth-life, and yet I felt many times that the identity of the man was his principle, and not the church. I shall be known especially through the theatrical profession; I knew your business manager well, Mr. President, as I was interested in the central theatre of New York. I send greetings to all, and I want to thank those who were so kind in showing their feeling and appreciation to me at the viewing of the remains -for I stood there watching them depart from the old body. Oh, how I want to thank them! because it seemed almost more than I deserved; but then you know sometimes people say we do not know how much we are loved until we pass out. I realized it some time before I died; but I take this way of sending my acknowledgments. I feel thankful to those that have worked for me, especially to my family; there is one member of the family I am more anxious about than the others, because I see certain changes and certain things soon to come about, that I want the party to be cautious concerning. I will call no names, because I want this message to be brought home to the person's own heart; there is no one on earth who knows what this person is thinking about, and I want this one to realize that I do know, though I am (so-called) "dead." Say John Duff is here, and I shall be recognized, especially in New York.

Messages to be Published.

Feb. 14.-Elizabeth Wise; Benjamin K. Parker; John P. | which trusts to the fulfillment of its desires.

well calculated to intensify the reasoning and Colony Town," by Samuel V. Cole (with illustrations); penetrating powers of the intellect, so that in monetary transactions, as well as in more distinctly spiritual affairs, this increased intelligence and deepened insight stands its possessor in good practical stead.

If "idleness and love of pelf" are entirely absent from the questioner's desires, then he may safely assure himself that he runs no risk of attracting unholy influences in his desires to fulfill certain honorable and kindly works demanding money for their accomplishment. The best course to pursue is to make a clear mental picture of the work one desires to ful_ fill, then do everything that comes to one's hand with the thought that the doing of it, be it what it may, is a means toward the end sought. There are always unseen forces interested in whatever we are engaged in, and if we confidently expect whatever we ardently desire, we shall certainly see the fulfillment of our wishes. A. 2.-It cannot be necessary to sit in any special manner for the development of spiritual gifts, because a number of the most illumined sensitives have never followed such a course.

The higher phases of mediumship in no way depend upon the observance of any physical conditions, though they are dependent on appropriate mental conditions.

We consider the three suggestions made by the present questioner excellent, but we cannot forget that far too many people are unaccustomed to walk quietly or to give themselves up to reposeful thoughts and take correspond- | a large share of the work-I have not often met ingly restful attitudes of body.

It is the restlessness of the age which makes it so extremely difficult oftentimes to procure spiritual enlightenment, and then, if stated hours are fixed, and a selected company of people assemble in a secluded place after the day's work is done, they are apt to derive great benefit from their sittings, if such are harmonious, by reason of the absence of the bustle and hurry which characterize their ordinary behavior.

As to sitting alone, the word sitting is usually a very elastic one when employed in any such connection, for the purposes of a sitting are quite as well fulfilled if one is quietly reclining, walking about, or sleeping.

Concerning sleep, we have always insisted that it is an educator as well as a means of refreshment when employed properly; and though the statement does not as yet meet with very wide acceptance, we continue to insist that if people go anywhere and engage in any exercises with a definitely commingled desire and expectation, they can receive the very enlightenment of which they are in search while they are quietly sleeping.

Some of the best students we have ever taught have gone peacefully to sleep, not only during a lecture delivered to a class, but have fallen asleep in the class-room prior to the com. mencement of the exercises, and continued sleeping peacefully till the audience had dispersed.

Many sensitives if they are in need of any special enlightenment on any subject go to sleep spontaneously and receive the instruction they need, which flows into the interior degree of the mind, to rest there as a substratum of knowledge which can overflow into the exterior mental receptacle whenever there is need for it there.

Two things are always necessary for the reception of knowledge internally. One is, the desire for it; the other is a quiet, restful spirit,

Letter from Mrs. Richings.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I am renewing old acquaintance with Milwaukee, Wis. From the windows of my room in the Pfister I have a grand view of Lake Michigan. Away to the left the Val Blatz Brewery chimneys send forth their black smoke; it keeps Lake Michigan busy with her windbesom clearing the atmosphere; but to-day she is doing valiant work with a stiff nor'easter.

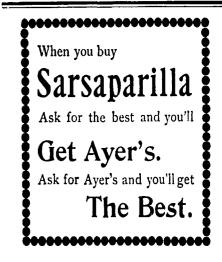
I have found the Unity Society here laboring earnestly and harmoniously for the advancement of the Spiritual Cause; its officers wisely chosen and its members coöperating heartily with them in their efforts to build solidly and surely, even though it must be slowly. Among Society Secretaries-and to them always falls with one who goes into that work with more earnestness and enthusiasm than Dr. C. F. Ray, Secretary of the Unity Society. This, too, notwithstanding that he is a dentist with a large practice.

Mr. Geo. Brooks has just closed with the Society an engagement that has been both pleasant and profitable to his audiences, which, I am informed, steadily increased during his ministry. My good friend and co-worker, Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine, is to be here in April, and already Spiritualists have learned that his coming to any Society means a spiritual outpouring, and a new impulse toward the higher, truer life.

May these and all the loving laborers in the vineyard of spiritual truth find their toil abundantly rewarded, not alone in witnessing the springing up of the seed-sown oft no doubt in weeping-but in the peace, the sweet, deep heart-peace that cometh of doing and being, the good we know.

March 4, 1896. HELEN STUART-RICHINGS.

A goat sent by rail from Chicago to Boston was tagged by the owner, "Please pass the butter."-Sacred Heart Review.



MARCH 21, 1896.

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are made into bows by the spirit friends, the phenome-non being accompanied by slate written messages. The valentine social netted the society sixty-five dol-

evening, in Griffith block. Her subjects are chosen by the guides. Mrs. Annabil holds a circle once a week.'

Mrs. Berry of Portland was with us, and was well received.

Sunday, March 1, Miss S. Lizzie Ewer of Portsmouth, N. H., was our speaker and test medium; her lectures, both afternoon and evening were very fine, and were of a solid nature, and gave food for thought

Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on Tuesday even-ing, March 31, in Veteran Hall, Pleasant street, by a Concert and Dance-the Fadette Women's Orchestra

MOUNT VERNON .- Mrs. Milton Rathbun writes: "I wish to pay a just tribute to our gifted speaker, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, who, with her husband, planned and carried out in detail to a successful issue the recent Mass Convention in New York City. They worked indefatigably night and day previous to the meeting, and during those days and evenings were at the helm every moment. To Mrs. Richmond the lau-rels are justly due-for her lectures, her grace, wisdom and tact, were remarkable, calling forth unstinted praise and admiration from not only Spiritualists and their sympathizers, but from strangers, and even press

just what to say, when and how, we never could have achieved so triumphant a close to the undertaking, which from the first many feared would be a failure because of the short time in which to complete the ar-rangements and to arouse an interest. It would be difficult to estimate the good accomplished. Great in-terest and enthusiasm has been created. The universal cry is: 'Let us have a Convention annually.' Many who had never heard the philosophy of our new dispensation mentioned before are now anxious to learn more of its teachings. The throngs who saw and heard for themselves concerning our Cause were im-

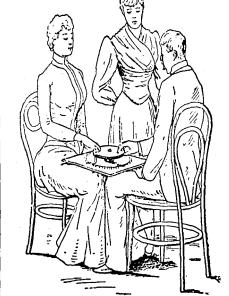
Other grand workers did valiant service, and to them all are grateful.

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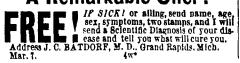
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1'll patiently foll in the 'Bhadowiand,' Billying to reach a high estate Till the abgets shall bld me 'welcome home.' And I pate from the shadows beyond the gate.'

Mrs. Foster followed with a charming song, after which Mr. Hull took the platform and announced his

bim on a plane where there is the first mope of happiness in the future. The new bit fit they supposed to be an event which takes place in this life at the time one is converted. Religion, as it is called, so changes a man so puts bim in love with the things he formerly hated and sets him to hating the things he once loved, that it is equivalent to being born naws; in fact, new desires, new appetites and new conditions were born in him. While the spraker did nut deny that such the use the sensitive denied that that was the sensitive and several indicated. In fact, he denied that that was the sensitive sensitives are according from lower to higher conductors.

man is ever ascending from lower to higher conditions. Jesus says: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit."

No one disputes our being born in the fish; the fact of our being here in fiesh and blood is proof that we are born of the fiesh. When we are born in the spirit, we will be no longer in the fiesh. "Except a man be born of the spirit, he cannot see the kinedom of God."

who are born of the spirit. Jesus says, are like the wind: they go, and you cannot tell where they go to; they come and you cannot tell where they come from. While this is not true of our Christian friends, it is true of those who are born out of their own fieshly.

true of those who are born out of their own fieshly bodies. The speaker then proved by the Bible that the birth of the spirt is the resurrection from the dead; that the term resurrection did not mean the raising of dead bodies to life, but it meant rising out of the dead body because the body is dead. The remainder of the discourse showed how people were born from this into another world, and the con-dition they find themselves in when over there.

Several good Christian ladies and gentlemen were present, who approached Mr. Hull and told him that he had made the Bible a new book to them. All went

away feeling it was good for them to have been there.

125" See the list of speakers, mediums and music for our anniversary in another column.

hall, at the news stand. Services of song before each metting, conducted by Moses Hull.

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Concert .- A correspondent writes: Mrs. Grace Cobb

Crawford and Mrs. Marie Foster, now singing for the Boston Spiritual Society at Berkeley Hall on Sun-

days, gave a very successful concert, March 10, at Red Men's Hall.

Rathbone Hall .- A correspondent writes: Sun-

day morning, March 15, developing circle, conducted

by Mr. G. F. Slight, assisted by Mrs. Treen, was well attended; grand spiritual power was manifested; sev-eral mediums were present, and took part in the ex-

erai menums were present, and took part in the ex-ercises. Atternoon session opened as usual. Mr. C. Abbott made some very good remarks on the "1.16 Beyond." Mr. and Mrs. Tyler rendered a number of soul-tilrring selections, which delighted the audience. Mrs. T. Downing, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Knowles, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Stiles, Mrs. Woods and Miss J. Rhind, took part. Evanue association 7.15 stinung by the "1.10100

Stiles, Mrs. Woods and Miss J. Rhind, took part. Evening session, 7:45, singing by the "Jublice duct"; hymn by the choir; reading of the Scriptures and invocation by the Chaplain; Mr. Haines made the opening remarks; a song by Mr. and Mrs. Tyler; Mrs. F. Lambhier, excellent tets; song, Mrs. Carleton. Mr. McLane abswered mental questions, which were very satisfactory. A number of choice selections by "Jublice friends" throughout the evening, which were enjoyed by the audience. Mrs. L. O. Ayers, good tests; a song by the choir; Prof. Addison Bray, excellent readings, all recognized; song by Mrs. N. Car ton; Mrs. E. J. Peak, readings aud tests, all very good, and acknowledged. Mrs. Knowles closed the

good, and acknowledged. Mrs. Knowles closed the meeting with very fine tests. Indian Council Friday

Hiswatha Hall. - The United Spiritualists of

America (incorporated)-"B." writes-held a devel-

evening, the 20th.

The idea embodied in the shadow boychi the gate. The idea embodied in the song was that our spirit triends reach us from "Bhadowiaud," and the thought contained in the poem was the one entrisined by Spiritualists—that the realm of the spirit is the vorid of shadows.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, MARCH 91, 1896.

Banner of Bight.

MEETINGS IN BOSTON.

stopics Building, H Berkeley Hall, Odd Yel-lows Building, H Berkeley street.-Studays at 10% A. M. and Y P. M. Speaker for March, Moces Hull. Win. B. Banks, Freidenti J. B. Hatch, Jr., Secretary, 74 Syduey street.

Freident; J. B. Hatch, Jr., Scoretary, 74 Sydney street, Bavin Hill, The Heiping Hand Society meets Wednesdays in Gould Eall; Boyiston Place. Business meeting at 3; supper at 6; social in the evening. Mrs. O. P. Pratt, President. Boston Spiritual Lyceum at Berkeley Hall, 4 Berkeley street, every Sunday afternoon at 1% sharp. All are invited. Bringthe children. J. Browne Hatch, Jr., Couductor, Albion E. Waitt, Clerk.

R. Walt, Users. First spiritual Temple, Exctor and Newbury Streets.--Spiritual Fraternity Society Sundays, meetings for children and investigators at 11 A. M. Lectures at 2% and 1% P. M. Speaker for March 22, Mrs. N. J. Willis. Wednes-day evenings, at 1%, sociable, conference and phe iomena. Other meetings announced from the platform. A. H. Sherman, Sec' J.

Veteran Spiritualists' Union will meet the first Wednesday of each month at Gould Hall, No. 3 Boylston Fisce, at 7% P. M. H. B. Storer, President, 406 Shawmut Avenue.

Unideren's Progressive Lyceum meets every Sun-day morning in Red Men's Hall, 514 Tremont street, at 10%. All welcome. Charles T. Wood, Conductor. The Ladies' Lyceum Union meets every Wednesday. Busi-ness meeting at 4 p. M. Supper at 8. Entertainment in the system, Mrs. M. A. Brown, President.

First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society, 241 Tre-mont street, meets every Friday. Business meeting at 4 P.M.; supper at 60'clock. Tests and speaking in the even-ing. A public circle will be held on the last Friday of each month at 9 P.M. Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch (74. Sydney street, Dorchester), Becretary.

Do you ask why? Paul answers: "For flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." Thus we must be born out of the flesh—out of our own bodies, to get into what is here denominated "the kingdom." Those Eagle Hall, 616 Washington Street.-Bundays at 11 A. M., 3% and 7% P. M.; also Wednesdays at 3 P. M. E. Tuttle, Conductor

Tutile, Conductor. Riysian Hall, **850** Washington Street.—Meetings are held every Sunday at 11 A. M., 24 and 7½ P. M.; Tues-day at 2½ and 7½ P. M., Thursday at 7½, Friday at 2½, and Baturday 7½ P. M. W. L. Lathrop, Con luctor. America Hall, **734** Washington Street.—Meetings gundays at 10½ A.M. and 2½ and 7½ P. M. Good mediums, and music. Eben Cobb, Conductor.

Harmony Hall, 724 Washington Street, one Flight.—Sundayst II A. N., 3% and 7% P. M. Tuesday and Thursday, circle and meetings. At No. 604 Tremont street, Wedneedays and Saturday, 59 M., Fridays, 3 P. M. Seating capacity, 100 persons. S. H. Nelke, Conductor.

The Ladles' Spiritualistic Industrial Society meets every Thursday at Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont street. The first Thursday in each month a social, the fourth, a dance; other evenings, speaking and tests. Supper served at 64 every night. Mrs. M. A. Brown, President.

Rathbone Hall, 694 Washington Street, corner of Kneeland. Solety of Ethical and Spiriual Culture (Bible Spiritualists). Meetings Sundays at 11, 2½ and 7½; Tuesdays at 3 o'clock. Mrs. M. Adeline Wikinson, Presi dent

Hiawatha Hall. 841 Tremon Street.- The Unitand 7% P. M. H. W. Martin, President.

The Home Rostram (2) Soley street, Charlestown, E. M. Sanders, President). Meetings Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 7% o'Clock.

Chelsea.-Spiritual meetings every Sunday evening a 1% at 206 Broadway. Mr. Geo. F. Slight, Chairman.

Owing to the great increase of meetings in Boston, THE BANNER-in delense of the rights of its readers out-side of Massachusetts-is reluctantly compelled to announce that reports of aervices held on Sunday only can be noticed in these columns hereafter—though an exception will be made in the case of Societies which hold ouly week-eventing meetings. Our directory of Boston meetings will, however, be contin-ued as hereaftore.

ued as heretofor The reports of The reports of any service sin Boston that fail to reach this office on Monday will not appear in THE BANNER of that

Boston Spiritual Temple, Berkeley Hall.-J. B. Hatch, Jr., Sec'y, writes: This hall was completely filled this morning, the people having to stand during the service in the aisles and entry.

The service opened with singing by the audience. conducted by Moses Hull; at the close Mrs. Foster

conducted by Moses Hull; at the close Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Crawtord rendered a duet, accompanied at the plano by Mr. Watson; Mrs. Matile Hull recited a poem, ent tied, "What Shall I Cail Thee?" Atter and ther duet by Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Craw-ford, Pres. Banks introduced Moses Hull, who arose an 'd applause, and tok for his subj-ct: "Divine Revelation. What it is Not" and spoke in part as follows: What I say to day is to prepare you for next Sunday. There is no perfection in this world. There is nothing in this world that cannut be im-There is nothing in this world that cannot be improved.

oping and healing circle Sunday morning, March 15, I am sorry that the word Bible is stached to that conducted by Mr. Blackden, assisted by Mr. Coolbook. The ancients did not call it t at: they called it the learning of this world. It is not a book, it is the baugh, Mrs. E. C. Farnum and others, the results belibrary of the Hebrews; it contains their laws, disit would have its right name. Mr. Hull then went on to tell what the Christian per ple believed of Revelation. He spoke of a Higher Cr theism, and said that every one knows what that is; but he had spoken to a man who was a Christ an, and was told that he did not know what Higher Criticism The Higher Criticism is outside of the Bible, and you must understand that before you understand the The infidel tells the Christian that the Bible is not The infidel tells the Christian that the Bible is not a perfect book. The Bible is not a scient fie book; it only teaches us religion; it is anti-scientific. I am not a Hebrew scholar, and I do not know Hebrew. There is not a man who could read Moves's writings if they were here. We have a modern Hebrew that pretends to read about the firmament as it occurs in the Bible, Gen. 1:6: "And God said let there be a firmement in the midd to fibe unture and let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters, and God made the firma-ment, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmanent, and it was so," In. Clarke said: "God said let us make an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters, and divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse." Bishop Doane said: "God said let us make space in the midt of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters, and divided the waters which were under the space from the waters that were above How much water is there above space? When are you going beyond space? That won t do. (iod said, "Let there be light in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night." Beaven, to divide the day from the hight." God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also, and God set them in the firma-ment of the heaven to give light upon the earth. We had three days and nights before he made the sun. I simply say that the lighter criticism shows that there is not a word of much until you reach the uselfth there is not a word of truth until you reach the twelfth chapter of Genesis. Mr. Hull showed a book that he wrote, and said that it was a good book, and that God did not write, and said had Mr. Hull said that thirty years ago he made a state-ment that nearly cost him his life, and to day every one was willing to accept it. The Bible is not God's revelation. The Bible nowhere claims to be a revelation of God. In not one place is the Bible called the revelation of God. I find the word God in the Bible God never made a book, but he made a bug; if he made a bug there is more revelation in a bug than in Mr. Hull closed his lecture by anecdotes from the Bible, to the satisfaction of his audience, and held them until a late hour. A duet, "Whispering Hope," by Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Crawford, and a benediction by Mrs. Hull, closed the morning exercises. In the evening Berkeley Hall was literally packed. Some time before the hour arrived for the opening of the service, extra chairs were arranged in front of the the service, extra chars were arranged in ront of the platform, and the aisles were generally filled. After the "Song Service," Mrs. Crawford rendered an ex-quis te contraito solo, entitled "Shadowiand." Mrs. Hull, who had been invited to give an improvisation, seemed to catch an inspiration from the song, and gave a poem, a part of which is given here: "I am standing to plot in the Shadowiand."

musical selection. Remarks were made by Mrs. Water-

The exercises were brought to a close with vocal selections by the "Black Swan Jubilee Singers" Friends, do n't forget our dance will be held March 26. Hope to see you all.

The findles' Lycenm Union-Mrs. Chatles T. Wood, Sec'y, writes-held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont street.

which Mr. Hull took the platform and amounded his text as follows: "Except a map be born of the spirit be cannot enter into the kingdom of God." He said the explanation of this text may be said to be the entering wedge between what is called fran-gelicalism and Spiritualism. Every phase of what is called Orthodoxy hangs on the idea of the fall and the depravity of man. I need not quote the commentaries to show that man is utterly ruined-totally depraved-so thoroughly bad that it takes a new birth to place bim on a plane where there is the fast nope of happi-ness in the future.

street. The day was stormy, and the President, Mrs. M. A. Brown, not able to be out, so Mrs. Butler took charge of the meeting. The evening exercises opened with a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, which received a hearty encore. This was followed by Little Eddle, the popu-lar young vocalist, with two selections. The feature of the evening was a lecture by Mr. B. J. Loring, for many years an officer of the Society for the Prevention of Crueity to Children, who very forel-bly portrayed some of the dark and hidden methods used in rearing children, their brutal treatment, the education in vice, and the squalor, misery and crime amidst which they are born and bred—and the largest percentage of this degradation, as he conclusively demonstrated, comes from the curse of strong drink. The lecture was well illustrated with stereopticon views, and held the interest of a good audience, not-withstanding the severity of the storm.

with standing the severity of the storm. The young people of the larger Lyceum groups fur-nish a remarkably pleasing and artistic array of talent for their entertainment Wodnesday evening, March 25, and no ffort will be spared to make it the event of the season, for those of older years, as well as the younger portion of the community. After the enter-tainment there will be dancing. The tickets are placed at ten ceuts for each portion of the evening festivities, The entertainment will probably conclude about 9:30, and dancing will then follow.

The First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society met as usual, "H." writes, Friday, March 13, Mrs. Barnes, President, in the chair; Mrs. Ada Simmons-Acting Sec'y.

The ball was crowded on this occasion, to witness the beautiful Diorama and Magical Mirror presented the negutifit for the ability of the second second

fit, also to Mr. Palmer, for benefit on March 6. Fridsy, March 27, we will have Anniversary exer-cises, morning, afternoon and evening. Admission, ten cents each session.

The Helping Mand Society met as usual, "H.' writes, Wednesday, March 11, with the Vice-President, Mrs. Piper, in the chair; Mrs. Waterhouse, Acting Sec'y.

Notwithstanding the severe storm of the evening, goodly number were present. Exercises opened with singing by Mrs. Carleton. Remarks were made by Mrs. Alice Waterhouse. The Jublice Singers, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler. sang several selections, and gave great en-joymeut to all present. Remarks were made by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Charles Harding, and tests were given by Mrs. Sunders. by Mrs. Saunders. Next Wednesday a reception will be given to Mr.

and Mrs. Hull.

Eagle Hall .-- Hartwell writes: Sunday, March 15 the morning circle was the largest of the season, very harmonious and replete with spirit power. The three, harmonious and replete with spirit power. The three, sessions were well attended. H. C. Grimes rendered fine musical selections throughout the day. Mrs. F. Stratton, Mrs. F. Jones, Mrs. L. Terry, Mrs. L. J. Ackerman, Miss Prottor, Mrs. J. A. Woods, Mrs. Gui-terez, Mrs. A. Woodbury, Mrs. S. E. Rich, Mrs. S. E. Hall, Miss N. Thomas, Mrs. J. W. Hill, Mrs. S. E. Cunningham, E. H. Tuttle, Mr. James J. Hillings, Bro. Martin, A. W. Thayer, C. F. Stiles, participated, giving remarks, tests and readings, which were re-ceived with great acceptance by the audience; Mrs. M. C. Weston rendered a beautiful poem; Mr. Tuttle answered mental questions, also gave inspirational poems, which were received with applause. we are glad to state that THE BANNER is finding a

larger circulation from week to week. It is always for sale at the door.

Elvsian Hall .- " L. L." writes: We are glad to be able to report good progress in our work. Sunday being a fine day, our morning circle was well attended and very satisfactory in spirit-forces. Mr. George Hancock, Mr. H. B. Hersey, Mr. J. F. Hilling, Dr. West. Mr. Lathrop and other mediums afforded grand tests. The developing power was better than ever.

In the afternoon and evening with good audiences the spiritual work was well sustained. Mr. Redding and "Vigilance" showed good advancement in read-ing folded notes Mrs. A. R. Gilliand, Mr. Lathrop and others also presented many recognized tests and rea ings.

Izing medium, and Mrs. J. S. Donovat, medium for in-dependent sizewriting and spirities, are located at 610 Lotain street, West Bide, the former holding se ancee Tuesday. Thursday and Baturday evenings, the latter can be ensuited daily from 10 A. M. to 4 F. M. Mrs. Neilie Ulrich of Nashville, Tenn., is still in the city, and can be found at "The Billington," corner Superior and Krie streets. Srkor Oules, a Unbap sychie, who has been in Cleve-land the past month or so, is located at 276 Euclid Avenue, has, through his paychle gilts, gained the entri into the society of the "upper ten," and is very high-into the society of the "upper ten," and is very high-ing the society of the "upper ten," and is very high-ing the society of the "upper ten," and healing me-dium of Akron, O., well known by the visitors to Lake Brady, is the latest arrival in this city, and can be found daily at 715 Prospect street. Lake Brady Camp Meeting to learn that its pros-pects are at last brightening, and active stops are now being taken by its Receiver, Mr. Alfred Keilog, to get into shape for a successful meeting this summer. The Auduwrs, after their long task, gave a detailed report at the Bond and Stockholders meeting held Saturday, March 7, et 706 Scranton Avenue. Anniversary Ezeroises will be held in Memorial Hall, Sunday, March 20, morning, afternoon and even-ing, at which Hudson and Emma Tuttle, the author and poetess, St for Oyles, the Cuban psychist, Mrs. J. S. Donovan, test medium, and others, will participate. Everybody cordially invited. Fraternally, THOMAS LEES.

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COLORADO.

Denver.- G. W. Kates writes: Our Children's Lycoum here held a very successful entertainment Friday, March 6. About five hundred persons were presasy, shareh c. About he hundred persons were pres-ent. The program was replete with interest, most of the numbers being by professional people. The Sun day sessions of the Lyceum are largely attended, and the exercises are exceedingly interesting. We expect to have a gala time here at the anniver-mary meetings. Each society will celebrate with Mr. Barrett, President of the National Spritualists' As-scale tion present closes must meeting in close

sociation, present; also a mass meeting in a large church or theatre will be held.

Denver.-Sarah L. Hard, M. D., Sec'y, writes: The Spiritualists' Easter is near at hand, and while we were preparing quite assiduously for it, we received a grand impetusin a letter from President Barrett, of the N.S. A., saying he would be with us from the 27th to April 1, and asking could we not get up a grand mass meeting?

mass meeting? That was asking a great deal of a missionary post, though in the midst of a large city. But we felt to re-joice so heartily at his coming, as giving increased in-terest to our anniversaries, that we welcomed any proposition, and accordingly have arranged a program of five days' meetings, which suggests the old fash-ioned missionary meetings we used to know in our childhood, and were intensely interested in them even

childhood, and were intensely interested in them even then. We used to receive, in my own home in Connecticut, the ministers and bishops of Colorado, and hear them tell of the resources of the West and the needs of the people in religious instruction, and as I look at the little chapel here in Denver, and the great cathedral which later grew out of it. I think of the dollars we put into it of good New England money, and wish they would return the interest on it to help along diffusion of the advanced thought we hold to-day. But we Splittuall is are a sensitive, retiring people. We are not so bold to ask for the material as our pre-decessors. I remember the collection plates passing at these missionary meetings, piled with bank notes and silver, and a personal call the next morning for a further subscription, when nothing short of twenty-five dollars was so strongly expected it must follow.

five dollars was so strongly expected it must follow-and two hundred dollars was considered but a trifle compared with the importance of the demand. Invitation to Mr. Barrett to visit Deaver was ex-tended by Dr. G. C. B. Ewell at the Convention last

fall, and accepted, but the date must have been ar-ranged by the invisible forces, as moitals could not so admirably have met all fortunately concurring circums tances.

Arrangements had been made for mutual assistance In Aniversary exercises between the societies, so needed only to be somewhat extended.

needed only to be somewhat extended. As we know there is but one National organization, we trust your readers will be interested in what its President is doing on Anniversary time. On Friday, the 27th, a public reception is accorded him in Unity church (Unitarian), at which all mediums are invited to rarticipate. On Saturday reception to President Barrett, and public speakers by Starlight's Ladles' Auxiliary, at Starlight's home, residence of Dr. Ewell, missionary of the Association. of the Association.

of the Association. On Sunday President Barrett will represent the National at the different meetings: A M., at The Inde-pendent, Dr. Eweil, pastor, P. M., The Lyceum and Conference, T. W. Kates, Conductor, the Colorado State, and Mrs. Zoe F. Priors. In the evening Mrs. E. Nickless Musk's, Mrs. Shustrum's and Odd Fel-lows' Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Kates, speakers.

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MEETINGS IN BROOKLYN.

The Progressive Spiritual Association, Amphion Theatre Building, Bedford Avenue, oppolice South Tenth street. Meetings Sunday eventugs, 80 ciock. Good speak-ers and mediums. Mrs. M. Evans, President.

Spiritual Meetings are held in Mrs. Dr. Blake's par lors, 1924 Bedford Avenue (near DeKaib Avenue), every Sunday evening at 80'clock.

The Advance Spiritual Conference meets'every Saturday evening in Single Tax Hall, 1183 Bedford Avenue, Good speakers and mediums always in attendance. Seats (ree, All welcome. Herbert L. Whitney, Chairman; Emily B. Ruggies, Sec'y.

Psychical Society, Jackson Hall, 515 Fulton street, Mondays, S P. M. Prominent speakers and mediums." Au-gusta Onambers, President.

Fraternity Hall, 689 Bedford Avenue, near Myrtle Avenue,-Meetings Sunday at 3 and 8 P. M. J. Edward Bartlett, Medium and Conductor. Other mediums regularly provided.

The Woman's Progressive Union holds meetings Friday and Sunday evenings, at 80'clock, at Small's Parlors, 327 Franklin Avenue (near Greene).

Society for Eclectic Spirituality, 484 Lafayette Avenue, 3½ and 8. President, G. Sterling Wines; Speaker, E. J. Bowtell.

Brooklyn .- E. W. Parker writes: The spiritual meetings held in Fraternity Hall, 869 Bedford Avenue. under the new management, with Mrs. L. A. Olmstead as medium, have increased in attendance and inter-

Mrs. Olmstead has given some wonderful tests and messages; one test and message she gave (which was fully recognized) was from one who when in this life could not see the beauties of this world (being blind), but could now see the beauties beyond. Sunday evening. March 1, she spoke to a gentleman in the rear of the hall, and said to him: You are a skeptic, are you not? He frankly acknowledged he was. She gave him a message from his father, warning him against entering into a certain business transaction which he was thinking of, and which he recognized. Later she told something which brought tears to his eyes, viz.: that his little boy, who had paised over, was there and wanted to put his arms around his neck and kiss him

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MAINE.

Porsland.-H. C. Berry, Clerk, writes: March 8 Mrs. S. E. Hall of Boston occupied the First Spiritual Society platform. This was Mrs. Hall's first visit to our Society, and the friends were much pleased with her services. She gave many good tests, and held the close attention of her audiences.

March 15, at 2:30, social meeting, opened by Mrs. A. W. Smith, who read a very interesting message re-ceived from a spirit; remarks by Dr. Eldridge, Mrs. Lowis and others At 7:30. Mrs. H. C. Berry occupied the platform. After a short talk on "Spiritualism," her controls de-vet-d the time to a test séance. Over forty names and descriptions were given, many of them being recognized as correct. Mrs. Berry is just commencing her work before the public as a platform test medium, having lately spoken and given tests at Lynn and Newburyport, Mass.

MARCH 21, 1896.



"I am standing to-night in the 'Shadowland,' O, angels: I wait, come over the sea; Speak to my soul from the land of the *Real*, Give of thy truth and thy wisdom to me.

I am journeying bere in the 'Shadowland; Oft the world is cruel and cold: Might is ruled right in these darkened realms, And Justice is buried 'neath heaps of gold.

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Alternoon services opened with invocation by Hev. N. D. Sherman, and music by Mrs. Judkins. Re-marks, tests and psychometric readings were made and given by Mrs. E. C. Farnum. Mrs. C. A. Smidh, Mrs. Gutterez. Mr. Hancock, Mrs. B. Robertson, Mrs. C. C. Wetton and H. W. Mattin, presiding. Ever ing opened with invocation and readings by Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. E. C. Farnum, Mr. F. A. Heath, Mrs. A. R. Gilliland and Mrs. Fogg; each gave tests and psy-chometric readings remarkable for clearness and ac-cutacy. Mr. Freuch gave a solo on the barmonica. cutacy. Mr. French gave a solo on the harmonica Interspersed with music by Mrs. A. L. Judkins, each session being att-uded by goodly numbers, who were much pleased with the exercises. BANNER OF LIGHT On sale.

America Hall .- A correspondent writes: Sunday morning our hall was filled. We had fine tests, speaking and singing, and many persons were for the first time controlled by spirit-power.

Our atternoon and evening meetings were well at-Our atternoon and evening meetings were well at-tended, and we had the pleasure of listening to the tollowing well-known ta'ent: Eben Cobb, Charles Abbut, Mrs. M. A. Chandler. Mrs. E. J. Peak, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson, Mrs. I. B. Sears, Mrs. G. M. Hughes, Mrs. A. P. McKenna, Mrs. A. Forrester, Mrs. M. Knowles, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Julia Davis, Mrs. M. E. Calahan, Mrs. Robertion, Mr. F. A. Heath, Madam Baker, Nellie Thomas, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Cunningham. Father Locke made some elequent re-marks, and sang some of his own music.

Music by Prof. Peak, Mrs. Peak, Prof. Plerce. Mr. C. Abbott. We had a visit from the popular Jubilee Singers, who delighted the audience with their music. Mr. and Mrs. Waiter Anderson, tests and soug. BANNER OF LIGHT on sale at each session.

First Spiritual Temple, Newbury and Exeter Streets .- A correspondent writes: Sunday, March 15, at 11 A. M., P. L. O. A. Keeler gave a mental and physical séance.

At 2:45 P.M. and 7:30 evening, Mrs. N. J. Willis spoke under influence upon topics and questions from the audience. Miss Blanche Brainard, the wonderful young medium, was present and took part in the afternoon service.

The forty-eighth Anniversary will be appropriately observed, commencing Sunday, March 29, and cortinu-ing four days, which will give parties from a distance and investigators an unusual opportunity. A program of the same will appear in next week's BANNER.

Commercial Hall-N. P. Smith writes: Sunday, March 15, 11 A. M., N. P. Smith, Mrs. M. E. Saunders, Mrs. A. Woodbury, Mr. Wm. Hardy, readings; 2:30 P. M., Miss Annie Hanson offered invocation, followed by psychometric delineations; Mrs. A. P. Guiterez, Mr. Wm. Hardy, Mrs. J. Hilling, N. P. Smith, Mr. Alexis A. A. Heath, Mrs. M. Reed, re-marks, tests and readings; Mde. Katheryn Rhea,

solos and plano selections. 7:30 P. M., Mde. Kstheryn Rhea, plano selection«; Mr. I. Quint, remarks; Mrs. A. P. Guiterez, N. P. Smith, Mrs. A. Woodbury, Mr. Wm. Haroy, readings.

The Ladies' Spiritualistic Industrial So ciety-S. Etta Appleton writes-met at Dwight Hall

Thursday, March 12. Business meeting at 5. The evening meeting was called to order at 8, by Vice-President Mrs. Bishop, who introduced the "Black Swan Jubilee Singers." Mr. Pierce favored us with a song, and i loo led the congregational singing. The guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Hull, who spoke in an eloquent and leteresting manner. A beautiful poem, entitled "Prairie Star," was given by Miss Beckworth. Miss Gertrude Laidlaw rendered a

We have had Mr. Keeler in our hall for private séances once a mouth this year, and he will be with us ou the 25th.

Harmony Hall .- James Higgins writes: Mr. S. H. Nelke, our good Chairman and President, was not in the chair, having again been called to bed, which he usually does not touch, as pains do not allow it, but when obliged to lie down it is without his doing, death nearly touching his brow, but the spirit world, knowing his worth, and the great work still to accomplish raises him to once more suffer and endure, and again in harness he will work-not for himself, only for

the neetings were presided over by Sister Collins, and assisted by Mrs. J. A. Woods, Mr. Corant, Mr. Haevener, Mr. Wilker, and others. The harmony which prevails at these meetings is known to all, so that the sessions are always profitable and interesting.

Cleveland, O., Notes.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

First and foremost I must express my pleasure at the lowering of the subscription price, and the muchimproved make-up of your paper, the good old BAN-NER OF LIGHT. While \$200 per year may yet appear rather high for the times, when all things are taken into consideration, it is perhaps as cheap as the cheapest. May your subscription list be doubled through the drop you have made, and long may the BANNER OF LIGHT wave over us all.

Status of Spiritualism in Cleveland .- Never, within Status of spirituatism in Clevelana.- never, within the writer's experience of thirty years, has Spiritual-ism for the general public been at such a low ebb. With the exception of "The Cleveland Psychic Asso-clation," organized a year or more ago by Mrs. Effic Moss, which meets in conference for mutual improve-Moss, which meets in conference for mutual improve-ment every Sunday afternoon in Heard's Hall, in very limited numbers, and The Children's Progressive Ly-ceum No. 1, which meets every Sunday morning in Memorial Hall, there are no meetings held on the East Side for the general public to hear the philoso-phy of Spiritualism expounded. Since the collapse of *The People's Spiritual Alliance*, a spiritualistic stag-nation 1 as settled over all public work on this side of the river. the river.

the river. Spiritualism on the West Side.—Through the efforts of The Progressive Thinker's Society, which meets in Wieber's Hall, 385 Pearl street, every Sunday after-noon, with W.J. Kenyon as speaker, and Mrs. Nellie Mosier as test medium, enthusiastic meetings are being held, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity, so instead of free meetings, as formerly, a nickel col-lection is now taken up. The West Siders may justly feel proud at their success. Under the Conductorship of Mr. N. B. Diron, and its genial and youthful Guardian, Mrs.— Wallace, its Children's Lyceum is steadily growing in numbers, and improving in its methods. methods

methods. Our New Conductor.—While the Lyceum No. 1 felt particularly sorry to part with Mr. B. F. Bellows, its late Conductor, all extended the hand of welcome to the new one, Mr. J. H. Copeland, the well-known pho-tographer of this city. While not as familiar as many others with Lyceum work, Mr. C. possesses all the qualifications for the strange position he suddenly finds himself in, and will, no doubt, in time rise to the full requirements of the office. With such character-istics as kindness, geniality, intellectuality, etc., he is sure to prove equal to the occasion. A public vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Bellows on finishing his term of office. term of office.

Conundrum Supper .- The young ladies of the Children's Progressive Lyceum recently gave a Conun-drum Supper for the benefit of the Lyceum, which proved a success socially and financially. Well may we say with Longfellow,

"Ah I what would this world be to us If the children were no more? It would make the desert behind us Worse than the darkness before."

It would make the desert behind us Worse than the darkness before." Sustain the Children's Lyceum. Cathode Photography, which is just now exciting so much public attention and through it bringing more or less of Spiritualism into the many newspaper arti-cles, is being very successfully experimented in by the Professors here of "Adelbert College," and "The Case School of Applied Science," both institutions giving public linestated lectures on the Roentgen rays. One of the Cleveland papers lately interviewed your correspondent on the subject. "What, if Any, Scientific Proof, Will Cathode Photography Furnish Spiritualism?" was asked. In brief, the writer thinks that through it clairvoyance and spirit-photography will in time be clearly proven. In connection with the interview the reporter asked me for the losn of a painting, "The Transition of the Spirit," and pub-lished a cut of the same in The Cleveland Press. The Anthropological Society of this city was lately addressed by R. Hodgson, Secretary of the London Psychic Society, and drew out a large and "fashion-able" audience; thus it comes that Spiritualism, or as some now hink it, better form (7) to say "psychic," or "occuitism," is slowly but surely permeating the various creeds and philosophies. The Mediums or Psychies-which-ver the reader prefers to call them- now in the city, besides our reg-ular local ones, the Mar, Harry Archer, the material

Monday the graun Mass Meeting in Unity church, Afternoon and evening, with supper and so ial enter-tainment afforded by the Colorado State Society. Tuesday the Anniversary program of the Independ-ent Spiritual church will be carried out in afternoon and evening meeting, with supper and social, Presi-dent Barrett, and other speakers of the city contribut

ing. We pray for rich dews of grace to come over us, that we may honor, uplift and advance a knowledge of the truth to the welfare of humanity, and bespeak ccop-

eration of all aspiring thought, Mr. Barrett writes he will stop at Pueblo and Colo-rado Springs 25th and 26th, en route to Denver. Dr. Ewell will meet him at these places, if possible, to co-operate, strengthen and arouse what interest he may.

Denver-Robert Ward writes: On the last Sunday in March we are going to celebrate the Forty-eighth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in Odd Fellows Hall; we will hold three services — morning and evening the lectures will be by President Rarrett of the National Spiritualists' Association; in the after-noon the exercises will be by the Lyceum children: recitations, vocal and instrumental music; there will be prizes given to the most talented of them. The in-terest in this Lyceum is increasing every day; we are proud of our Lyceum. proud of our Lyceum. On Monday and Tuesday we will have mass meet-

ings in one of the largest theatres in Denver, with President Barrett as presiding officer. As there are a great number of inediums in Denver at the present time, we have extended an invitation to all the mediums and Spiritualists in the State to attend those meetings,

and Spiritualists in the State to attend those meetings, so we expect to have a gala time on this Anniversary. Everybody is welcome; come one, come all. Tresident Barrett will arrive in Denver on the 27th of March, and will remain with us for a week. We are going to give him a grand reception and a hearty wel-come on his arrival. The Psychic Research Scelety meets every Sunday evening at Douglass Hall, corner 15th and Champa streets, with Mrs. Zoe F. Prior as its Pastor, and R. Ward, President. Those meetings are crowded to the doors every Sunday evening. Mrs. Prior's lectures are of a highly interesting and scientific nature, and she holds her audience in rapt attention from begin-

are of a highly interesting and scientific nature, and she holds her audience in rapt attention from begin-ning to end. Her tests are marvelous. The musical program of this Society, both vocal and instrumental, is of a high order, and highly appre-clated by the large audience. Mrs. Prior has been compelled to hire Douglass Hall for her test circles on Tuesday nights, her parlors not being large enough to accommodate the people. Last Tuesday evening there were over two hundred there, at fifteen certs each. So you see the people of Denver are getting stirred up to a sense of their duty. Other societies are doing good work also, and the Car of Pro-gress is still rolling on.

Long live the good old BANNER. I would not live without it; it is food for the soul.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington .- "Senator" writes: The Spiritualists of this city, who hold meetings twice every Sunday in Metzerott Hall, are being ministered to during

March by Mr. F. A. Wiggin of Salem, Mass. Coming to our Society for the first time, he has rap-idly won most popular and sympathetic favor with

the public. His morning lectures, for the past three Sundays delivered under control, are pronounced by many as among the best and most able productions ever given among the best and most able productions ever given from our rostrum. In the evening Mr. Wiggin ad-dresses his audience in his normal state for about thirty minutes, and devotes the remainder of the evening to giving tests. As a lecturer, he is both elo-quent and logical, and always holds the closest atten-tion of his hearers. His manner of speaking is highly dramatic. What he has to say is characteristically practical, and never fails to inspire his audience with confidence, and thus prepares his hearers for the seance which follows. With his tests the skeptic is puzzled and the believer is delighted, as name after name of arisen loved ones, accompanied with short messages, is rapidly given through this gifted medlum.

messages, is rapidly given through this gifted me-dium. Our audiences have grown larger each Sunday, and as our President, Mr. Edson, remarked from the plat-form last Sunday moraing: "By the end of Mr. Wig-gin's engagement here, the seating capacity of our large auditorium will be taxed to its utmost." The Washington Sunday Times has given a col-umn report of each of Mr. Wiggin's morning lectures. For tack of time and power of endurance Mr. Wiggin is obliged to refuse hundreds the privilege of a pri-vate séance with him. The many New England read-ers of the old BANNER or LIOHT, Mr. Rditor, know all about the powers of this grand medium, but I de-sire to contribute a line to your valuable columns to show to your readers everywhere that true medium-ship is fully appreciated here at the Capital. Mr. A. J. Maxham, well-known to all Boston Spirit-alists, favored us upon two eccasions with some of his soul-stirring music, which was greatly appreciated. THE BANNER is always on sale here at our meet-ings, and that the public knows a good thing when it see it is evinced by the eagerness with which it is purchased.

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Missouri State Convention.

OFFICIAL CALL.

OFFICIAL CALL. The regular ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Progressive Spir-itualist Association of Missouri Is hereby called, to meet at G. A. R. Hall, Commercial street, Springfield, Mo., on Sun-day, March 22, 1896. Each Branch Society, chartered by the State Association, will be entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five mem-bers or fractional part thereof; also the President of each Society will be *ex officio* entitled to a seat in the Assombly as a delegate. At the same time and place all Spiritualists and friends of the Spiritual Movement are invited to meet in Mass Conven-tion, to continue two days, for the purpose of considering plans, ways and means, for the vigorous and effective prose-cution of the work through-out the State, and for general dis-potance. Emigent speakers and mediums will be in attandance

cussion and exchange of thought on questions of vital happottance. Eminent speakers and mediums will be in attendance. The Forty-eighth Analversary of Modern Spiritualism will be appropriately celebrated on Sunday. All delegates will receive free entertainment, and are re-quested to report on arrival to the Secretary, 311 South Jef-ferson street. E. M. HENDRICK, President. South additional Modern Science Scie Springfield, Mo.

MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

The First Society of Spiritualists holds its meet-ings in Carnegie Music Hall Building, between 56th and 57th streets, on Beventh Avenue, entrance on 57th street, were the BanNER OF LIGHT can be had. Services Sundays, 10% A.M. and 7% P.M. Afternoon meetings for facts and phenomena at 2%. Society of Spiritual Research.—Meetings are held Tuesday evenings, at 8 o'clock; inspirational speaking, trance and test mediumship, interspersed with music, recitations, etc., the only week-day Spiritualist meeting in New York. Sey-mour Van Brocklin, Chairman, P. O. Box 1997. Adelphi Hall, S24 Street, between Honodway

Adelphi Hall, 53d Street, between Broadway and 7th Avenue.-The Ethical Spiritualists' Society meets each Sunday at 11 A. M. and 74 P. M. Mrs, Helen Temple Brigham, speaker.

Supple Drightall, Speaker. 114 West 14th Street.—Occult Club meetings will be held Wednesdays at 8 P. M. Prominent speakers and me-diums. H. F. Tower, Manager. Meetings in Fonkers, N. 7.—Yonkers Spiritualist Society bolds its meetings in the College of Music Hall, 14 Gettys Square, every Friday evening at 8. Alfred Andrews, Presi-dent; Titus Merritt, Secretary.

MEETINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The First Association of Spiritualists (founded 152) meets at First Association Hall, sth and Callowhill streets. President, Capt. P. J. Keffer; Vice-President, Mrs. M E. Cadwallader; Secretary, Frank H. Morrill. Services a) 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Lyceum at 2% P. M. Spiritual Conference Association meets at the northeast corner of 8th and Spring Garden streets every Sunday at 2% and 7% P. M. Hon. Thomas M. Locke, Pres.

MEETINGS IN CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco.-W. J. Colville (lecturer) and E. A. Whitelaw (violinist) conduct regular exercises in Anchor Hall, Market and 6th streets, every Sunday at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M.; also Mondays and Wednesdays at 2% and 8 P. M., and Saturdays at 2% P. M.

Sessions of School for Psychic Science at convenient hours during the week, as announced from the platform on Sundays.

Oskland.—Congregation of Truthseekess meets in Ham-itton Hall, 13th and Jefferson streets, every Junday at 3 P. M. and Friday at 8 P. M. Lectures on Spiritual Science in the Avnagogue (one block distant) Tuesdays and Fridays, 3 P. M. W. J. Colville, regu-lar lecturer. H. M. Young, Secretary 2013 Treasurer.

MEETINGS IN CHICAGO.

First Society of Spiritual Unity meets at Irwin Hall, corner of West Madison and South Paulina streets, entrance 107 South Paulna street. Services every Bunday 11 A.M., 24 and 74 P.M. Mirs, Mary C. Lyman, Speaker. Harmonial Circle, 111 South Paulina street, every Wednee. 1ay, 8 P. M.

First Society of Spiritualists meets at Hooley' Theatre, at 11 A. M. Speaker, Mrs. Cora L. V. Bichmond Band of Harmonv. Thursday, 74 P. M., Orpheus Hall, Schil

MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

First Society, Metserett Hall, 18th Street, be-tween E and F. - Every Sunday, 11% A.M., 7% P.M. M. O. Edson, Pres.



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Towns in New England.