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clear and forcible method of handling the subject no doubt started a new train of thought in many minds, that will lead to a more thorough examination of the subject, and we trust a conviction of its truth. We have few decided Spiritualists in our place, many inquirers concerning the new philosophy. Clark has several subscribers here for his clear-to-Confusion, which has this excellent quality—there is nothing in it but what is worth reading—there is virtue but few paper posers. There are a few copies of the Herald of Progress taken here, which is very much liked, but the noble BANNER OF LIGHT triumphantly waves over all, in the opinion of your correspondent.

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Benjamin Vison and Prophecy.

MEMBER, EDITOR—I have been a reader of your

fraught with a great degree of pleasure. And as we are open to the experiences of many, I presume to a leaf from mine, trusting that by so doing, others be taught to realize the presence of those who

I never was chained seriously by creeds, but thirty years have been a believer in universal salvation, for the reason of its rationality and truth-giving propensities. With it I was satisfied, not desiring to investigate Modern Spiritualism, but supposed it to be the truth.

folks when dey clean. After Lizzie left,

In November, 1858, a daughter was called to earth; one I treasured as the jewel of my heart.

her passed my whole desire for life on earth, but constant longing for the future took its place. In I turned to the Bible for consolation. My great was to know where my daughter was, and realize I should once more meet her here, or beyond the Constantly would I spend an hour in weeping prayer on retiring for the night, during the fall winter after her decease, for then I loved to meditate alone, and feel, if possible, her presence. In the was not disappointed; for a great degree of comfort

ake money, and keep de line at home in my
I leuh money to take care of Lizzie, and de

On the night of the 30th of June, 1850, I retired usual, and soon a quiet rest came upon me, when immediately my child came softly to me and gave

pressed a kiss upon my cheek. I *dimly* saw the form, for I awoke from the sleep. She then turned to her father, who was asleep, and kissed him; and then turned from us to the door, again beckoning me with one of those rosy smiles she was wont to give me when in the form, and said, "My mother, in

six months I will come again." The voice I knew
to be perfect, the looks her own, and I was most aston-
ishingly awake and fully conscious, and would have de-
voted her among thousands; for the room was as
bright as day, although there was no moon; it was
soft, silvery light, such as poets sing of, but which

You who have thus been bereft of a child can give me no idea of my joy at *knowing* that I had seen the joy of life—once, more been able to press to my bosom the beautiful rose that I had so shortly before laid in the tomb. And then the promise from those benighted

Let us pass to a visit of a few friends, when I received several tests, and, for the first time, in my life saw the tips and heard the raps. Eagerly I waited for the tips, when soon my child came, and I asked him to rap on my hand. He did so, and I felt the tips.

age, which was given with the old money—also, long since she died. I then asked if she would let us have the money, and she said she would. I then asked how many were at home. She said she would soon tell me, which was that there were five men and three others, which I thought could not be a great number, but I was not sure.

All this was strange to me, yet I treasured it like a treasure, though not fully satisfied it was not my mind; I felt that the next meeting was to decide, and

retired late, sunk into a gentle slumber, when awakened by a busy rustling in an adjoining room. "She has come!" and immediately there into the room several spirits; and again the same low light appeared in the form of a small cloud

heard the most beautiful music ever chanted by a
 soul, what is more strange than all, I was ac-
 taken from my bed and placed upon the floor.
 those forms—my child and three others, The
 continued, while they all joined hands and d-
 joyfully around me three times. Then I notes

two largest ones had yells over their faces. My daughter had by the hand a cousin that had p before her, and seemed anxious for me to notice instead of herself. Then the cousin stepped toward me and looked wishfully at me, as if to say, "Don't know me?" I turned to the clock, and saw that

was the hour she had promised to meet me. I since learned the names of these other spirits; they were various mediums. I also asked a medium who the child had to say, and obtained the answer, "To mother that I have kept my promise."

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Dr. Nichols's Lecture in Baltimore.
MEANS. EDITORS—The cause of Spiritualism is slowly but surely progressing in our midst. In regular meetings at Metropolitan Hall, with interesting lectures from Dr. Pratt and W. A. Dana, and occasionally interspersed with the soul-stirring and

Dr. Nichols, of New York, lectured on Spiritualism, before the Catholic Institute, on last Tuesday evening, 10th ult. The attendance was well, for the lecture of the evening. As Spiritualists, we cannot but endorse his views, in believing that the ultimate

this "New Light" is to establish any sectarian or dogmatism, but, rather, the broad basis of thought and harmonious brotherhood. In this brief synopsis of his lecture, the reader may discern the mission of good to be accomplished, if only to away the heavy mist of prejudice existing in the

The Doctor began by alluding to the various of physical and mental manifestations that have recurring for the last ten years; not as isolated here and there, but as established facts, which sands of families could attest to throughout our

not only did they appeal to the physical senses of man's sight and hearing, but gave forth intelligible truth or falsehood, which proved there was an invisible present, some thinking principle, which could be ascribed to electricity or any other force in nature. The elements around us were not known to be

to be had no proof that the communications, purported to be from spirit friends, were really such; he might be from the "Evil One," who, transfiguring himself into an angel of light, thus misleads the ignorant mind; its tendencies might be evil, unthinking and unworthy of humanity; such he

and believed that the instances referred to were a small percentage of the better condition and working silently for good among the masses of the unbelieved. This new dispensation was not the Protestant world, who had become so

the Protestant view, and according to his
istic, that God, in his wise providence, rendered
certain penetrable that separated the spiritual
the material; and thus, heretofore, everything
to the supernatural or superstitious was treated
ridiculous. The Catholic faith had ever cherished
spiritual teachings of the past, and needed

and lower forms, as now given to the world. (the Catholics) did not confine the age of miracle to the days of Christ, but in all ages looked for Fathers, who were endowed with gifts of healing and wonder-working, as seen and read in the lives

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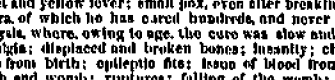
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