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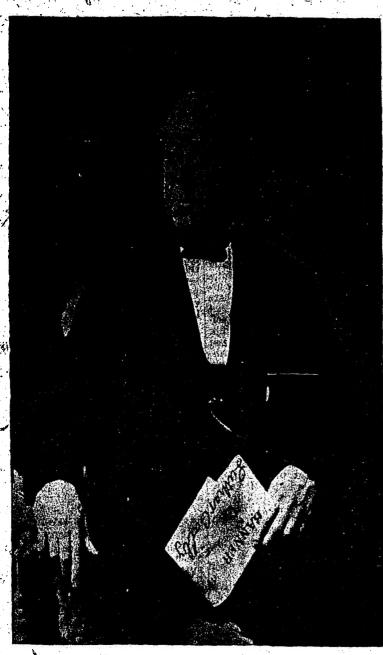
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## BANNER OF LIGHTS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY---SUPPLEMENTARY.



LUTHER COLBY. Founder Banner of Light, Editor 1857 to 1894.

Written for the Banner of Light. PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

BY JULIA STEELMAN MITCHELL,

Of stone, of color or of thought- . In all of art-man learns at last, Though writing sacred books of life,

He simply writes but of the past, While Nature-parent of us all-With unseen finger marks each page With all the future may unroll From year to year, from age to age.

Yet through the sparkling gems of Time, The flash of truth man oft may see. And learn from shadows of the past What was, what is and is to be. Newport, Ky.

#### The Banner's Founders.

The crowded condition of our columns last week prevented the presentation of a symposium of the faces of those noble workers who have assisted in making the BANNER OF LIGHT. the paper it is to day. We regret that we were unable to place these portraits upon our editorial page, in connection with the historical sketch of THE BANNER. We wish to remedy this apparent defect, so far as it lies in our power to do so, hence place before our readers in this issue the cuts of the seven devoted laborers most intimately connected with THE BAN-NER's history. Luther Colby, William Berry, Isaac B. Rich, John W. Day, William White, Lewis B. Wilson, and Mrs. J. H. Conant. will long be remembered by every true Spiritualist on both continents, both for their own personal merit, and for the efficient service they have rendered the cause of Spiritualism. Five of them have gone to their reward in spirit-life, while Mr. Rich is yet at his post doing his best to uphold the standard of true Spiritualism, that was placed in his hands so many years ago by the advanced thinkers on the other side of life. Mr. Day is still numbered among the honored veteran Spiritualists in mortal form, and has hosts of friends, both in the body and in spirit, who unite in wishing him many happy years on earth.

We are positive that the arisen editor, medium and proprietors of THE BANNER are vet interested in its welfare, and are doing their best to promote its interests from their present vantage ground of observation. To each and every one of the seven, whose faces adorn this page, the Spiritualists of the world owe a deep debt of gratitude for having wrought so wisely and so well in the great field of human progress and spiritual unfoldment. We bail them as humanity's friends, and bid them angel speed in all their efforts to benefit their fellowmen.

THE PRINCE OF SPENDTHRIFTS.-A London journal of society says that the Prince of Wales is the most thrittless man in the world, as care less in money matters as a successful gambler. In thirty three years Albert Edward, this journal asserts, has "run through \$50,000,000. The government has paid him \$25,000,000, with an additional allowance of \$5,000,000 for traveling expenses. All this he has spent, and yet to-day it is estimated he owes various tradespeople and his rich friends \$20,000,000.

Written for the Banner of Light.

The School in Ohio.

BY A. J. WEAVER.

A school for the training of young men and women, who contemplate entering the work of spreading the religion of Spiritualism, is to be as it has been in the past; needed even after opened on the camp ground of Maple Dell, at Mantua Station, Ohio, on June 1, to continue till July 16. The causes which have led to this are many. I desire in a series of articles to put before Spiritualists some of the reasons



MRS. J. H. CONANT. Circle Medium of Banner of Light from 1857 to 1875.

which have influenced the Association to establish this school.

Any important movement in the world, in order to make steady and permanent growth, must adopt methods demanded by the times. Those methods which might be adequate and sufficient for one age or locality would be found deficient at another time and place.

The question before us is. What does this age require of us as Spiritualistis, that our Cause may be best served? When Spiritualism. started it was a discovery, and the only thing required was a test from the spirit world. It bas now become a novement, and as such, in addition to the test, its success demands other

shall hold ourselves in readiness to adopt all helps which the age in which we live make needful. The one very important aid demanded at this time, in this land of schools, is an educated lectureship.

The position of Spiritualism before the world

the change never was so rapidly spreading as now. We need to recognize this change and prepare ourselves to meet its demands.

The idea is dawning upon the world that "there is something in it" beside tricks and what can be accounted for by earthly means. Faster, wider and stronger is this idea growing. We see evidences of it in the increased respect which is paid it by an increasing number of the public journals.

If this is true, something more is coming upon us to do than to make converts to the bare fact of spirit intercourse. A new duty is being added. What is that flew duty?

It is to show to the world the great importance of Spiritualism as a movement; the vast consequences to humanity which hinge upon it; the points of its superiority to any other existing religion; and that it is worthy to supersede all other religions on earth."

In taking it up with this purpose in view, we must be on our guard-not to lose sight of the absolute importance of the plienomena. Spiritualism is built up on, and in my opinion cannot dispense with them. Test mediumship will always be needed; needed in the future



ISAAC B. RICH, Publisher and Proprietor, since 1861, and President Banner of Light Publishing

the world is convinced, in order to convert the children as they come upon the stage of active life. It must always remain the foundation of Spiritualism, and any movement which would tend to weaken its importance I should stoutly

But the foundation is not the whole of Spiritualism, any more than the roots of a tree are the tree, or the underpinning of a house is the completed house.

The time has come when we must build upon this foundation the religion of the future and of the world; a religion so beautiful, so comprehensive, so complete in every part, that it will win the admiration of all good men and women in every age and in every land.

It must be a religion worthy of the foundation on which it rests. If it is such, it will supersede all religions which have gone before it. It will be the latest and the best, because



WILLIAM WHITE, Publisher Banner of Light, 1861 to 1873.

If we are a wise and progressive people, we it will include all the truths of all previous religions, together with new truths of vast moment to man's highest welfare.

In the spirit-world names of other religions will be outgrown and become forgotten, but Spiritualism will have life there even deeper and stronger than on earth, because it originhas changed since the first rap was heard, and | ated there; its roots are planted there; it in | try to place Spiritualism, as a great religious



WILLIAM BERRY, Publisher and Proprietor, 1858 to 1861.

native to that country. Large numbers in the movement, upon a plane where it shall com--lower spheres and of recent entrance into mand the respect of the world, unless its leadspirit life reject it and cling to earth-made ers are scholars.

the mason. Together they must labor in harmony, each doing his own work in his own way, and both for the good of the cause. To assist in training and preparing speakers and writers

for this work is the purpose of this school. It is not enough for the success of a religion that it have the truth. It must also have men

creeds and churches, but in all the higher. This school is not an attempt to eliminate realms of the upper world it is accepted and from the ranks of Spiritualist workers those The question now arises, who is to build up cation. Heaven forbid that any thought of

who have not enjoyed the advantages of eduthis religion upon the foundation laid by the this kind should enter the school. An educattest medium? I answer, the public speakers ed leadership can be secured, if we will be paand whiters in our ranks. Their work is to tient, without resorting to any such unjust complement the work of the scance. They fold discrimination. Sometimes the test seems all low the test medium as the carpenter follows the more convincing by coming through an ignorant child or an unlettered adult. The school will not interfere with any one in honest and legitimate work.

Its object is to furnish a place where any worker can go, and receive training as a public writer and speaker, in addition to the acquirements he already possesses. Quite a number of public lecturers have said to me they regretted their lack of education. This school is the place for them to obtain, to some degree, what they need. For them it is founded.

The teachers profess no superiority. Both teachers and pupils will enter the school as learners. The very best text books have been secured, and by their help we hope to be teachers to each other.

As public workers, whether speakers or writers, not one of us is equipped as we ought to be. If spirits use us as tools, it is reasonable to think they prefer the most improved tools. But if they do not thus prefer, even on our own account as representatives of Spiritualism before the world, we ought to feel ambitions to have all the mental as well as the psychical acquirement it is possible for us to ob-

Old Orchard, Me.



JOHN W. DAY, Assistant Editor, 1877 to 1894, Editor Banner of Light, Oct. 1894 to January 1897.

and women equal to the task of putting that truth before the world in attractive form and as a happy and harmonious whole. Truth crushed to earth will not arise again till human souls, either in this or the spirit-world, embrace it and give it life in human form.

As an equipment for this work, in this age of schools and intellectual development, educa-

tion is a necessity; the age demands it. How long could Christianity live were it not for the fact that its leaders are educated men and women? The world respects the Church, Catholic and Protestant, not because of any special faith in its doctrines, its forms or its professions, but because its representative men are scholars. Harvard, Yale, and all the older educational institutions, were founded by the Church, and the Church is, and has ever been in America, the nursery of education. Its lead. ers are among the ripest scholars of the age. Because of this, mainly, it commands wide respect, even among vast numbers who repudiate its doctrines.

The world to day frowns on ignorance and illiteracy. It turns away even from truth, if it is stated in crude and "slangy" English. This may be wrong, it is wrong; nevertheless it is largely a fact, and we have to take facts as they are.

Being a fact we labor at a disadvantage if we



LEWIS B. WILSON, Assistant Editor, 1867 to 1873.

It you have the gift of seeing, ever look for beauty; oting faults in all your friends, is plainly not your duty.

If you have the gift of hearing, list to what is meet; nut your ears to everything that is not good and sweet.

If you have the glit of talking, use but pleasant words; Let your speech be glad and cheery as the songs of birds. -Emma C. Doied, in Touth's Companion.

#### Written for the Banner of Light ARISD.

We hear the voice of Boul, arise. And lot revealed in clearer skies, We see a wondrous Paradise.

We hasten, for the gates of Day Are opening wide, and angels say, Come higher, this, our word, obey.

Cast off the mantle of the Night: Put on the robes of Morning Light; Transfigured, touch the mountain height. -Love crowns its dear humanity.

Till all divine it seems to be, And makes it from each fetter free. Oh. Spirit of our living Age,

Wealth of the Soul's fair heritage. Man may be prophet, seer and see. 🖖 ELIZABÉTH EWER.

### The 49th Annibersury.

#### First Spiritualists' Ladies' Aid Society, Boston. The Anniversary exercises were opened at

241 Tremont street, Friday, March 26, by the First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society. The hall and platform were beautifully decorated with Old Glory and flowers.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 by the President, Mrs. Mattie Allbe. Mrs. Cassell opened the session with music, after which our President welcomed the mortals and spirits

Mrs. Alice Waterhouse spoke briefly of the dear members of the society who have passed on, and said she knew they were with us and lending their aid to make the celebration a success and benefit to the society.

Mrs. Barnes, our past President, was the next speaker, and in the course of a few pleasant remarks spoke lovingly of our President, Mrs. Alibe.
Miss Amanda Bailey rendered several selec-

tions during the three sessions. Reading by Edward W. Hatch, "The Angel Escort," was very well received.

Mrs. Kenyon was then introduced, and said she was happy to be with us on this occasion. She very well remembered when her tather and mother used to come to Boston to the An-niversary exercises, and she would wonder what they did on those occasions. She read a poem that had been given through her organism, after which she gave tests, which were

Mrs. M. A. Brown read a selection, "The Old Wife," after which "Lulu" gave some cheering words to the audience. The session closed at 12:30,

The afternoon session opened at 2:15 P. M. Mrs Carrie F. Loring gave a soulful invocation. The President, Mrs. Allbe, then spoke in part as follows:

Another year has rolled into the dead sea of the past, carrying with it much of joy and its measure of sorrow. Again we gather to say we are glad that the tiny raps of forty-nine years ago unlocked for us the door to that world from whence it has been said no traveler returns. But we know better. The old theology was well enough for those who knew po other, but we who were born under another star at a later period in the progress of humanity, and have been baptized with a newer theology, have arrived at a point where we are reaching for something besides faith."

We were favored with a fine vocal selection by Mrs. A. L. Pettingill. Miss Etta Willis read an original poem, "Our Auniversary." Mr. George Cleveland sang a selection by the re-quest of our arisen sister, Mrs. Cushman. Mrs. arrie F. Loring was the next speaker, and said, in part: This is one of the occasions that appeals to our deeper nature. It is the Fortyinth Anniversary of modern thought, or of the opening of that beautiful gate that brought Friends, this is the day that we should look spirits for their efforts in our behalf, and of our fellow man."

Spiritualism upon a proper basis. I believe in the spirit for the reference of the spirit for the shown them we appreciate all they have done.

Mr. Moses Bull fellowed the spirit for the wheel, and work for the advancement of our fellow man."

Mrs. Lizzie Harlow then said briefly: "I a practical Spiritualism. Spiritualism means something more than communing between twoworlds; it gives us a grander realization of how we should live, what we should be, and is a natural religion.

A very pleasant feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a solid gold chain to our past President, Mrs. A. E. Barnes, by our worthy President, Mrs. Allbe, in behalf of the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, for her faithful work during the past ten years. Mrs. Barnes was greatly surprised, but responded in a feeling manner, thanking all for their ap preciation of her work, and saying she would ever strive to assist the Society.

Mr. Albert P. Blinn, one of the young members of the Society, a graduate, so to speak, of the Boston Spiritual Lyceum, read an excellent address. [This address, owing to our limited space, will appear in a future issue of The

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Mrs. Hattie C. Mason spoke briefly in relation to the address of Mr. Blinn. Mrs. N. J.
Willis said in part: "We who are in spirit-life have gathered here to meet with you, and we outnumber you many times. We are not for-getful of the rugged pathway your mediums have had to climb to strive to prove if man dies shall he live again. We are here to celebrate life and its mighty unfolding. You are Spiritualists, by and through that evolution. We are here with you, teaching no coved, no theory, no angry God. Spiritualism is not a modern religion; it is as old as the oldest Psalm; and hence we are celebrating the knowledge of spirit return; seek for the facts everywhere; religion is love. What are Spiritualists doing before the world? Where are your children? Where are your Temples? You need education to place before the world your religion in a true light. I would commend you to the tender care of the loved ones, and may they quicken your energy for the benefit

of Spiritualism."
Miss Maude Beckwith read a beautiful selection, which was appreciated. Mrs. Annie E. Cunningham spoke briefly, after which she gave spirit messages. Mrs. M. A. Chandler made a few pleasant remarks, and the afternoon session closed with a benediction by Mrs.

The evening session opened at 7:45 with a vocal duet by Miss Amanda Bailey and Miss Ella Wakefield: invocation, by Miss Lizzie Harlow. Mr. J. B. Hatch, Sr., said he was pleased to be present; that for the past thirty years he had taken part in Anniversary exercises, and he felt proud to say that the words of Mr. Blinn had inspired him more than anything else, as it showed him the young people were growing up with a knowledge of Spiritualism, and were preparing themselves to take the platform, so when our older workers passed away we would have some one to take their

Mrs. Weston read a fine selection; Master Charlie L. C. Hatch rendered a violin solo; Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes was the next speaker: "We are here," she said, "not to celebrate Modern Spiritualism but Modern Studentship, I come to give my mite. Spiritualism is the only religion with which to meet death." She spoke in regard to the education of the young, and thought if Spiritualists lived spiritual lives their children would follow in their line.

Mr. Harrison D. Barrett was the next speaker, and spoke briefly: This, to me, is an Anniversary in more ways than one; for it is seventeen years ago at two o'clock this morning since I received my first manifestation in Spiritualism through my own mediumship; it is nearly the Forty-Ninth Anniversary of our itualism, at its birth no bigger than a grain of beloved religion of Modern Spiritualism, and sand, shone with a light all its own. No borit is lacking a few days of the Fortieth Anni-rowed light of star or sun shone above its versary since our BANNER OF LIGHT first was flung to the breeze over Boston harbor.

together with letters of welcome since my arrival in this city of my adoption, all betoken a dawn that heralds the incoming day of knowlspirit of friendliness and brotherly welcome that is indeed pleasant to me.

niversaries greater successes than ever before, by more careful attention to the children in our homes. Spiritualism is so broad that it will include every reform movement now agitating the public mind. Such being the case, if we would make this world better as a people, if we would leave a lasting impression upon the history of this nation, we as men and women should so lay a foundation in the minds of our children that they will do a better and grander work than we have done.

Progression is the watchword of this the

closing decade of the nineteenth century more than it ever has been before, and it behooves you and me to see that that standard is placed in the hands of every child in every Spiritualist home in this grand old Bay State.

I want to extend my thanks to you for the cordial welcome you have accorded me upon my return home, and if in the future I can be of service to the cause of Spiritualism in the city of Boston, I want you to remember that I am a Spiritualist, and ready to serve the cause of truth as I am permitted by those angel mes-

sengers whose servant I am.

Master Willie Sheldon read in a masterly
manner a fine selection. Miss Victoria Moore

gave a fine reading.

Mr. Moses Hull was the next speaker. He said: In taking an account of stock, to see how much we have grown, and how we have progressed, I find the converts are all coming our way; nobody ever gave up Spiritualism. I have talked with dozens who have left the ranks, but they are all Spiritualists at heart. The ministers are afraid of the Spiritualists, but, Spiritualism bows at no man-made altar; it the churches are taking the wind out of the cringes before the councils of no church, and it? A wise general always studies his ene-is a gospel that ignores all the limitations of mies. If the churches are our enemy, we want man, free as the air of heaven that bloweth to copy any good thing they do. Let us learn from them. We must organize; our enemies want us to say we won't organize. The churches educate their ministers; the world demands superatition, and ever the friend, associate and an educated minister to teach it. Spiritualism must demand the same thing. Il ope we will see the necessity of having schools for our times during the discourse.

voung people, so we can show to the world we We were favored with two very fine selecare a power among ourselves.

Mrs. Kate R. Stiles said she had been to the Ladies' Aid Society of Cambridge, and they sent greetings to this Society. She spoke earnestly in regard to education, and said: If we demand cleanliness of speech upon our plat form, if we show greater dignity, we believe we hold the power that will yield the greatest

good to humanity.

Mrs. Mattie Hull spoke of the work of the

Ladies' Aid Society.

This closed the session of one of the grandest celebrations the Ladies' Aid Society ever held. We extend our thanks to all mediums, lecturers, singers, musicians and readers, who so kindly assisted in making this celebration a success. Also thanks to Mr. J. E. Hayward of Braintree for calla lilies, and Mrs. Butterfield of Chelsea for bouquets. To the Banner of Light for all courtesies of the press.

Carrie L. Hatch, Sec'y.

#### The Mussachusetts State Association of Spiritualists

Celebrated the Forty-Ninth Anniversary of the birth of Modern Spiritualism in Berkeley, Hall, Monday, March 29: The platform was decorated with ferns, potted plants and bou quets. A large audience gathered to listen to the true and eloquent words set forth by the

various speakers.

The morning session opened at 11 o'clock with congregational singing, and an invoca-tion by Dr. C. L. Willis. President George A. Fuller welcomed the friends with a short ad dress, and declared the meeting open.

Mr. A. P. Blinn was the first speaker. He referred to the Fox children, and of the wonderful phenomena which we were assembled to commemorate. We do not have to turn entirely to the phenomena for proof of spirit re turn, as Spiritualism can be scientifically demonstrated. It teaches us we are never alone, and for every evil thought we have we will

proud of the young man who had just spoken, for he recognized in him a student, and was glad of the practical good Spiritualism was do ing for him. If there are twenty millions of Spiritualists in the world, it seems as though they should accomplish more work. The Meth odists have four millions, and they have schools and churches, and are organized; hence Spiritualists must be the aziest people in the world. It would be better to have one million workers, and we can accomplish more than all the other denominations in the world

We must organize and demand education. Mr. C. L. Willis was the next speaker. said if the Spiritualists loved the Cause as the church people loved the church, we would not have to make such an effort for organization. He spoke at length, and said, finally, that he believed this Massachusetts State Association had been formed to place before the people one of the most beautiful philosophies that the world has ever known. Mrs. Mattie Hull said: "Out of the fullness

my soul there goes out a prayer of spontaand of love. In all my work in Spirit, ualism I tell you we have never approached the period when there were grander promises of Spiritualism than there are to day. There is much to inspire our speakers, if we take up our work in a practical way. I consider it an honor to work with honest Spiritualists. 1 am grateful because there has been this great onward step in our work. Let us remember the many victories of the last forty-nine years, and we know the spirits of mortals who labored so hard in the early days are here to baptize us with their holy influences."

Mr. A. J. Weaver closed the morning session with a benediction. Afternoon service was opened at 2:30, the

hymn "America" being rendered by the congregation. This was followed by an invocation y Mrs. Carrie F. Loring. J. B. Hatch. Jr., First Vice President, then introduced President G. A. Fuller. He said, in part: "Speaking of the birth of Modern Spiritualism, the times were ominous for a change. Unrest lay upon almost every human soul. Modern science, only recently freed from theological chains, had boldly attacked the great citadels of faith. Already the foundations of many of the religions had been undermined, and everywhere the people were seeking for new truths. Great were the preparations for Spiritualism. The old heavens and old earth had to be rolled up like a scroll and pass away. Revolution was in the air; many a battle had been fought and won. Thought met thought with such force that the very foundations of the world were shaken. Old religions were dying and new ones springing into existence. Only after a most fearful struggle dogmas yielded to the truths revealed by science, yet it was a breaking up

period, and an era of great beginnings. At the laying of the foundation upon which Spiritualism rests, the stones and timber were all carefully examined as to their soundness and fitness. Many stones, most beautiful as to their exterior, were rejected because at their heart they were unsound. Theory and speculation might do well enough for the old time, but the new day demanded certainty. Science had already advanced beyond the domain of speculation, and was rapidly invading in every direction the realm of fact. The day of miracles was well nigh over. The realm of the supernatural had already grown so small it was with greatest difficulty discerned. Myths and fables, whether of Pagan or Christian origin, hid their faces for shame, and speedily retired as the sun of reason arose above the hills of earth. Spir-

Spiritualism and Supernaturalism cannot live The kind words of welcome from my foster father, Mr. Hatch, Sen., the kindly expressions that have been given me here to night, whose altar burns the lamp of ignorance and tenther with letters of welcome from the kindly expressions that have been given me here to night, whose altar burns the lamp of ignorance and whose altar burns the lamp of ignorance and superstition. 'The former seeks the rose tinted edge and freedom.

that is indeed pleasant to me.

Our good Bro. Hatch has struck the key note in saying that we can make our Anniversary of next year a great success, and all future An-

forty nine years presents such an array of facts of practical questions. This is our New Year's as never before has been gathered in the interest of any science, and upon these facts we try not to break them. I will resolve to speak build our new science of psychology that reveals immortality and spirit return. The universality of spiritual phenomena is generally accepted, even by the bitterest opponents of Spiritualism. The ministry of angels forms an integral part of the religious systems not only of the past, but also those represented by the Roman and Protestant churches of to day: Those unwilling to accept modern phenomena accept with unbounded faith the records of such phenomena said to have occurred in the remote past.

The spiritual experiences of the Old and New Testaments are never questioned, but when we claim that these are duplicated in modern times, our statements are often doubted. It must be a strange state of mental aberration that causes a person to accept the one and reject the other. Our data must be more carefully collated, analyzed and arranged. In the winnowing process all doubtful phenomena will be thrown out.

This Association has done efficient work in this direction. Its first meeting for organiza-tion was held in Boston, Dec. 18, 1893, and it was chartered Feb. 19, 1894. It has held many mass meetings and conventions in different parts of the State, and at various camp grounds, and has been the means of impressing upon the people the absolute necessity of a more thorough and systematic organization. sails of the Spiritualists. What can we do about | acknowledges no authority but truth itself. It where it listeth, only content when it is ministering to the highest needs of humanity, the uncompromising antagonist of falsehood and ally of truth, knowledge and wisdom." Dr. Fuller was interrupted with applause several

tions on the harp by Girard Russo, which were

well received.

We were informed at this time of the severe illness of Mr. Joseph D. Stiles, our grand test medium.

Mr. A. J. Weaver was the next speaker. He said: "The acceptance of any religion is the good it does us. Spiritualism is a religion, and it does us good because we have received evidence that our loved ones live again. There is not another religion that does so much to bring joy and blessing as does Spiritualism. Let us see what we can do for Spiritualism. Let us establish schools where we can educate our young people. We must arouse ourselves, and cleanse Spiritualism of all that is impure.

Miss Maude Beckwith then recited, in an excellent manner, "The Good Time Now."
Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes was the next speaker, saying in part: "I hair and greet the coming of the new workers, but we speakers also love our co laborers. I refer to those loved ones who have stepped beyond: Dr. Storer, Achsa W. Sprague, Fannie Smith, Rosa T. Amedey -beloved workers, whose faces are turned to us to day. I hail you and greet you. I owe my love and esteem to the faithful ones who guided my feeble steps when a child, and led me into the paths of truth. I owe you much, to mortals little; and I feel at this Anniversary time I should send out my warmest praise and highest gratitude; and to Brother Stiles, whose soul is nearing that unseen world, I send a loving greeting, hoping and praying that the passage to that higher life may be free from

suffering." Mrs. Nettie Holt-Harding then spoke briefly, and gave evidence of spirit return. Her tests were recognized and appreciated by all.

Mrs. Carrie F. Loring said she was glad to be with us; that she thought to be a true Spiritualist and live a spiritual life was the hardest religion in the world, for we must live a divine What has this beautiful truth brought to you? Has it brought strength and power? Has it not led you from darkness into light, have to pay the penalty; that our spirit-friends and led you into fields of culture and refine-know when we have done wrong. It teaches ment? We must push on, put our shoulder

the point of death, and, as I look over the list of old workers, I wonder where the sturdy men and women are who will take their places. The responsibility comes to me, as never before, that the divine work must go on, so say to young workers, go on. I believe truth has won all battles, and gained all victories. If I see aright, through the clouds comes that motive power which will force true manhood and womanhood to stand before the world in

behalf of the grand cause of Spiritualism."
Dr. J. R. Root made a brief address. He spoke along the lines of education. He thought that a fact demonstrated would do more good toward convincing a skeptic than all the education the schools could afford.

Miss Etta Willis then read an original poem which closed the afternoon session. Evening session opened with a piano solo by

Master Louie Bennett, after which Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes gave an invocation. Mr. Kelty, of Lynn, was the first speaker, and he expressed himself as proud to be an active worker for the cause of Spiritualism. He was very enthusiastic, and pledged himself to the Cause he loved. Dn E. A. Smith, of Brandon, Vt., spoke briefly. He spoke tenderly of his arisen wife, Mrs. Fannie Davis Smith. He stated that he had a quiet place among the hills of Vermout that he had dedicated to the cause of Spiritualism, a place the Spiritualists could call their own after he had passed away.

Mrs. N. J. Willis followed Dr. Smith, saying, in part: "Mr. President, Fellow Students: It is, indeed, a pleasure, always, to meet people who are striving for golden truths. Mediums are born, not made, and while we reach out for growth, if you have not the inspiration, the mediumistic power, no matter how much education you have it will be useless to try to be a medium. The future of Spiritualism is in the hands of the medium, just as the safety of the country is in the hands of those who have gone before. Spiritualism has come to redeem the world, and we purpose to send our mediums North, South, East and West until justice and peace become our watchwords. You have a right to expect your mediums to live moral lives, and they, in turn, the right to ask you to live the same. The Spiritualists hold in their hands the welfare of the nation, politically, religiously and socially.

J. B. Hatch, Sr., was the next speaker. He endorsed all that had been said by the former speaker. He spoke forcibly upon education, and told how he was converted to Spiritualism by a little girl.
"Little Eddie" then favored us with two

choice selections, which were heartily received. Little Maude Armstrong gave a reci tation. Master Charlie Hatch rendered a fine violin solo, accompanied by Master Louie Bennett. Master Willie Sheldon recited a fine se-

lection, which was well received. Mr. Harrison D. Barrrett, editor of the BAN-NER OF LIGHT, made a short address, saying substantially! "I am a member of the Massa-chusetts State Association, and I am in sympathy with all progressive thought. We who think alike should act together, and I hope we will all units with this Association and swell its ranks, so it may be able to carry out the good work destined for it. The Massachu setts State Association stands for freedom for the laborer as well as for the rich. Just so long as Trinity Church in New York is untaxed, I shall plead for the non taxation of our piritual Temple in Boston. The motto of piritualism is equal rights for all, special privileges for none. I urge education for our mediums and lecturers, and earnestly hope the time will come when all will see the neces-

sity of organization."
Mr. Moses Hull was then called upon. He said he wanted to see Spiritualists take a step forward from this time forth, and wished to see all our mediums educated. I have jotted down a few of our speakers who have passed through college; he then named many of our workers, among them Judge Edmonds, Epes old and new man Sargent, Thomas Gales Forster, Prof. S. B. Brittan, Harrison D. Barrett, and many others. Mrs. M. J. Wenter He added: "I think by reading this list of ing by the choir. names I have shown you the fact that educa-tion will do no one any harm. I never heard any one oppose education who did not need it Spiritualism, so-called, was but a continuation

The history of the movement during the past | themselves, Spiritualism baccome to take hold of practical questions. This is our New Year's eve; let us make some resolutions, and let us try not to break them. I will resolve to speak evil of no man or woman during the year. I have no enemies that I would wreak vengeance upon, not one. I would hold out my hand to help them. If we will adopt that resolution, put it into our daily lives, Spiritualiam will be the grandest religion in the world. Let us repose that we will entertain no enew toward. solve that we will entertain no envy toward any one; that we will try to help every medium. I will promise to devote myself to the

cause of humanity, and to the work of the an gels. I will sacrifice more for the Cause than ever before of my strength, talent and my money. We might have buildings, with stores and rentals to support us, if we had used our money wisely; we have put it into hall rent, when we should have organized, and builded for ourselves.''

The evening session closed with a benediction by Miss Lizzie D. Harlow.

We take this opportunity to thank all who so kindly assisted in making this Anniversary a success, to Mr. Cohen and Mr. Hayward for flowers and palms, to Mr. Girard Russo for harp selections, and to the BANNER OF LIGHT for all courtesies of the press.

CARRIE L. HATCH, Sec'y.

#### Denver, Col.

The Forty-Ninth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was observed by the First Spiritual Church, Denver, in four days' meetings, commencing Sunday, March 28.

A select audience of philosophical inquiring, reasoning students in spiritual science assembled at the opening session. The church, handsomely decorated with potted and cut flowers set off effectively by festoons of the graceful smilax, bespoke welcome and prace to angel and mortal guest.

The Pastor, Dr. G. C. B. Ewell, introduced the first speaker, Mrs. M. A. Gridley, who spoke for nearly half an hour in her earnest, convincing manner, her convictions of the truth this day commemorated in its adventconvictions founded on an experience of thirty years, in revelations to her own individual consciousness." We quote her remarks in part:

"As we take a retrospective view of the past, we see how ready the world of spirit has ever been to answer the yearning inquiries of the human soul concerning its destiny or the laws governing its existence, if we but make conditions.

"What have the forty nine years accomplished since the tiny rap announced the presence of the denizens of 'that undiscovered country from which no traveler returns.' The development in communication has been rapid to the full-form materialized, manifested in independent or automatic writing, in mental or spirit telepathy, and the grander presenta tion and utterance of sublime philosophy beyond the power of mortal in his limited sphere of vision to command unaided.

The various lines of philosophical and scientific research have been extended within this period as never within a previous one, and evolution and progression have become estab-

lished as the inherent nature of creative law.

"The spirit's mission is for the relief of oppression on every hand. The Indians, not understood, but living as close students of nature's laws, surpass us in our artificial building, and return to render service to those who oppressed and cruelly banished them from existence. They could psychometrically trace the veins of gold in the mountain's side, and read the language of the heavenly bodies, as well as trace their movements in their orbits, foretell the convulsive action of the elements, and were in sympathetic vibratory touch with nature. And before twelve months will pass such comprehension may be had of psychic law through our present investigations, that communication may be had between the planetary worlds, in which we may take part. This is but the outline of an address of sub-

lime thought.
Dr. Ewell followed in brief retrospective glance, from which we extract:

"It is but natural that the mind turns back to celebrations of anniversaries of the past—years back, when Sister Gridley and myself united others in the good old city of Brooklyn. N. Y, and later in various places with other co-workers, now all scattered in different fields of labor.

This our Easter tide brings us together in a 'church,' evidencing that by degrees we are establishing our standard of progress, having swept back the mists of superstition and ignorance in a degree, and parted the veil which for centuries has concealed the passage to our life

The divinity of true fatherhood and motherhood has been revealed, and a knowledge which is to outrun centuries in the future for generations yet unborn: We are not waiting for these forms to be returned to mother earth to recognize our immortal rights and privileges, but here we are to stand beside the throne of wisdom, and according to the advancement in today enter the school of ever-advancing pro-

We celebrate to day the death of death-we pass into another cycle of unfolding, wonderful, still mysterious life-we stand dead to the past, but alive to the present—the stone for us has been rolled away—these are the unfolding principles that are lifting us day after day; it is for this we celebrate our jubilee.

As we gather together with our songs of thanksgiving it is meet we should remember those who, have struggled and passed into the kingdom of a higher life. They may have made mistakes, but they were martyrs who preserved for us this new dispensation and made possible the developments by which we to-day are made rich. Those lives stand as stars in the galaxy in the firmament of our existence, and live today, not for our worship, but for us to imitate

and emulate in all fidelity. We are standing on the eve of developments more wonderful physically, mentally and spiritually, and a baptism of power is now awaiting us. Do not let us lose recognition of our responsibility; let us roll still farther the stone of ignorance, of egotism, and comprehend the true dignity of the soul which is to outlive all kingdoms, all dynasties.

Grander powers than we dream of are ours let us go forth stronger, leading lives of pu rity from the power the angels have brought. We shall triumph, we shall overcome and place this knowledge before the world. But let us recognize the power of spirit, and arise in that divinity which is our own and links us with systems on systems of creative life and pow

These are but the suggestions, the few skeleton selections of the address, eloquent and beautiful and practical withal, such as many, yes, most of our inspired Spiritualist lecturers are constantly giving us. If the dwellers on this mortal plane could but realize the pearls of value so lavishly afforded this generation, they would crowd our halls and provide our speakers with different conditions than they do to day.

It is as true now as when uttered in the days of Nazareth, "There are many prophets and kings who have desired to see those things which ye see and have not seen them, and to hear those things which we hear.'

I send you these few thoughts taken down as uttered, remembering how in days when such opportunities were not mine I gladly and eagerly devoured reports from lectures found in the spiritual papers. May they prove a blessing to any hungry soul.

SARA L. HARD, Sec'y First Spiritual Church, Denver.

#### Belfast, Me.

The Liberal Spiritual Union of Belfast held Anniversary services in Memorial Hall March 28; Mrs. Andrew Clark presided.

Meeting opened with singing by quartet, Beckoning Hands." Mrs. Clark read the resurrection in Scripture, and made very appropriate opening remarks upon the similarity of old and new manifestations, and also on the skepticism that then, as now, confronted truth. Mrs. M. J. Wentworth gave invocation. Sing-

of a phenomeuon that had always accompanied humanity along the ages, ever svincing the evolution of the spiritual by its approximation to the diviner; that it had ever been the vital power in whatever had been and is for the uplifting of humanity; that the religion of Spire itualism was to do good, and be good; that it taught that another could only be a saviour by the influence that his life and teaching had upon others; that each and all by their own life and effort for the right could rise in the moral and spiritual, etc.

A short Memorial Service was conducted by Miss A. Hicks, who referred to "our arisen sister" in pleasant tribute to her worth. She then called on Mrs. Clark to read a poem in memory of Mrs. Morse, written by Myra Went-worth Emerson. Mr. Stevens, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Wentworth, and others, gave appreciative re-marks. Miss Hicks read an article from a Belfast paper that gave an interesting reference. to Mrs. Morse as a woman and speaker.

The meeting closed with singing, and a benediction by Mrs. Wentworth.

California Spiritualists Celebrate. Prof. Loveland, Mrs. Lillie, John Brown, the Oldest and Most Remarkable Living Medium, and Other Notables, Take Part.

The California State Spiritualists' Association gave a fitting celebration of the Forty-Ninth Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism at Scottish Hall, San Francisco, on April 1, admission to all meetings being

The exercises commenced at 10 o'clock A. M., by the reading of a poem by President Thos. G. Newman, entitled, "There are Angels I Know," after which he delivered the opening address, dwelling upon the methods taken by the spirit world to bring to the notice of man-kind the fact of the soul's continued existence after the change called death.

Prof. J. S. Loveland followed with an able address, in which he illustrated the marvelous effect that Spiritualism had brought to bear upon the inventive genius and the religious systems of the past half century, and predicted hat sooner or later it would supersede all old effete systems, whether social, political or re-

ligious..., Other prominent speakers and mediums who Kate Heussmann, Mrs. May Drynan, Mrs. Harriet Wrenn, Mrs. Lois Waisbrooker and John Brown, Sr. The latter will be remembered as "John Brown, the Medium of the Rockies," whose marvelous experiences as a medium have often appeared both in the Spiritualist and secular press for some three-score years: More than a decade before the advent of Modern Spiritualism he saw spirits and foretold future events with unerring accuracy, saving many lives from the Indians by his power on the western borders of civilization. He presented a very interesting and instructive paper, which was read by his wife, he being too old and feeble to read it himself. Sadie E. Cook presided at the plano.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M., after music by Prof. and Mme. Young, Prof. J. S. Loveland again lectured, followed by Mrs. D. N. Place, Mrs. C. Mayo, Steers, Mrs. H. A. Griffin, Mrs. Jennie Robinson, Mrs. Eggert Aitken. Mrs. C. J. Meyer, Mrs. F. A. Logan, Mrs. Dr. Smith, Dr. Webster Hyde and Chas. Anderson, the "Boy Medium," and inspirational lecturer, also Pres. T. G. Newman.

Tests or speeches were given, as "the spirit moved" the mediums, and there was "a feast of reason and a flow of soul." The Lyceum question came up, and was strongly supported by all who spoke upon the subject, Pres. Newman showing how important it was that children should be taught things they would not be compelled to "unlearn" in later years.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening some fine piano solos were rendered by J. T. Lillie, after which he sang some of his most soulful solos, accompanied by Mrs., Jennie Tulley. Mrs. R. S. Lillie then gave a magnificent lecture, followed by Edward K. Earle with his startling tests. To him the family histories of all the skeptics present seemed to be an open book. An address by Chas. Dawbarn concluded the exer-ERNEST S. GREEN cises 2096 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., April 2.

#### First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia, (Founded 1852.)

This Association celebrated the Forty Ninth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on April in a manner long to be remembered, not only by the members of the Association, but by the strangers who came to listen to the inspired lecturers who gave utterance to the truths and philosophy of Spiritualism. Warner's Music Hall, with a seating capacity of eight hundred people, was resplendent with beautiful palms, flowering plants and cut flowers, while towering above all was "Old Glory," the pride of our Association.

The Helping Hand Society connected with the Association was indefatigable in its efforts to make the occasion an honor to the cause of Spiritualism, and the superb decorations were entirely owing to the efforts of its members. Mrs. E. L. Haslam, our efficient leader, with her competent corps of assistants, made the music one of the finest features of the occasion. The well-drilled voices of C. L. Smith, Francis Fray, Misses S. Jackson and Katie Brown, together with Mrs. Annie Benner, Mrs. Has-lam, and Prof. J. W. Caume and wife, filled the hall with melody, so that on every hand were encomiums showered upon them for their ser-

The leading light of the day was W. J. Colville, who has served this Society for four months this season, to their great delight. He was at his best on this occasion, and the Anniversary lecture was a masterly address, eloquently portraying the progress of Spiritualism during the past forty nine years, showing that the tiny seed planted nearly half a century ago had taken root, and grown to such an extent that to day its branches extend all over the civilized world. A synopsis of the address would only do it an injustice. Suffice it to say that the world should have listened, instead of an assembly of people. Mr. A. E. Tisdale was present in the morning, and sang, by request, "Only a Thin Veil Between Us."

The conferences before each session were vell attended, and were presided over by Mr. Barry. The speakers in the afternoon were Mr. W. J. Colville and Mrs. M. E. Williams, who delivered addresses in honor of the occasion.

The Lyceum class, under the leadership of Mrs. L. Heasley, gave an exhibition of its work, which was warmly received. The exercises closed with a poem by Mr. Colville.

The evening services were also largely attended, Mr. W. J. Colville being the principal speaker. He was followed by Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Vice-President of the Association, who delivered an address befitting the occasion. The large audience manifested a deep interest in her remarks, while, as characteristic with her, she appealed to the hearts and sympathies of the people to uphold mediumship and support the Cause of Spiritualism, affirming that Spiritualism embraces all that is of benefit to the human race, and beseeching those present to unite with renewed efforts in order to protect its interests and place it. upon a firm foundation before the masses. Mrs. Cadwallader has endeared herself to us by reason of her earnest labors, and always receives a warm reception when she occupies our rostrum, but on this occasion she received a special ovation on account of her long absence through illness. We trust that she will soon be able to take up her work again, which has for the time been laid aside. The exercises concluded with a poem by Mr. Colville and benediction by Mrs. Cadwallader. Though we have passed through many trials, the members of this Association feel that there is much to encourage them, the outlook for the future being bright, financially and spiritually. More interest has been manifested this year than ever before. Long may the white banner of Spiritualism wave, untainted by aught that

would mar its brilliancy, is the hope of your correspondent, F. H. MORRILL, Sec'y. Another correspondent writes: The Forty Ninth Anniversary of Modern

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### LYCEUM AND HOME DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. J. S. SOPER.

SPECIAL REQUEST.

Will Conductors of Lyceums throughout the United States send to this Department an out line of their method of conducting their Lyceums, as applied to the younger Groups?

Written for the Lyceum and Home Department. IN APRIL.

Among the Fells of Middlesex. What time the vernal showers Fall softly through these April days To wake the sleeping flowers, The timid firstlings coyly spring, In nooks and sheltered places. Ahl sweet is April's offering, Ere Maytime lends her graces.

Among the Fells of Middlesex The blood-root lifts her chalice Just where, mid haunt of brake and fern, The woolng south-wind dallies; Hepaticas peep shyly forth And show their mignon faces-Ah! sweet the April of the North,

Among the Fells of Middlesex, Beyond the damp, green grasses, The pale anemone awaits . . The troop of lads and lassies; With saxifrage the air is sweet; The brooks are running races. Ah! sweet is April-and complete, Ere Maytime's lavish graces.

Ere Maytime lends her graces.

WILL H. WAITT.

#### "The Spiritualists' Easter."

Subject Given and Discussed before the Boston Spiritual Lyceum Sunday, April 4, 1897.

Angels, or messengers from the wisdomspheres of the spirit-world, spiritual mediums, prophets and seers have always existed; and the records of their visits and ministrations are recorded in the Christian's Bible, also in all written history; and these facts are occurring at the present time, and are just as capable of proof as any other fact in nature.

A peculiar form of Spiritualism, based upon scientific experiments and indisputable evidence, alose in these United States in the year 1848, and has spread with the most remarkable rapidity over the entire civilized world; and this particular movement has received the name of "Modern Spiritualism," and we have, since March 21, been celebrating this modern advent of Spiritualism-The Spiritualists'

The phenomena which took place on March 31, 1848, at Hydesville, a village forming a part of Rochester. New York, through the mediumship of the Fox sisters, Margaret and Kate Fox, popularly known as the Rochester Knockings, consisted of communications with the decarnated by means of raps, or what Prof. Crookes terms "percussive sounds." A code of signals was by this means established, and by using the alphabet intelligent messages were received from the immortal world of

Now, friends, this really was not the first introduction of Spiritualism to the muncane world, any more than it is strictly true to state that Christianity, as a religion audia form of Spiritualism, was first presented to this world at the birth of Jesus of Nazareth; for it is recorded that on the morning he was born the angels rang the song of "Peace on earth, good will to men." And I regard "Modern Spiritualism" to be the same truth based scientifically upon the fixed and immutable laws of na considered in this light, Spiritualism, whether ancient or modern, had its beginning, so far as this planet is concerned, in the mineral kingdom, and has developed through organic matter in the vegetable, animal, human, and all other spiritual kingdoms, into our present civilization, with all the vast resources for future development to higher spiritual plands.

This movement, known as the "Advent of Modern Spiritualism," was commenced in the year 1848, about the time of the vernal equinox, the beginning of spring, when grand Easter celetrations were taking place in the spheres of the spirit-world in advance, of the

This latest presentation of truth, now popularly known as "Modern Spiritualism," is a scientific religion, and the result of all the spiritualistic theology of the ages. It is designed by the highest intelligences in the spheres of wisdom to be a practical, every day religion, in which is carried out all the principles of reason and morality.

There are many persons among us who have the clairvoyant powers so fully developed as to be able to discern spiritual beings in the various spheres in the spirit world; and they can actually take part in and know and describe what is transpiring in those spirit spheres; they can describe many beautiful scenes where spirit children and others are taking part in the grand Easter celebrations that are there actually occurring, and where the full significance and importance of the Easter festival is really and truly understood.

All Easter celebrations, from the most remote antiquity, have been celebrated at about the time of the vernal equipox, probably at first among fire and sun-worshipers, natureworshipers, later in the worship of the god dess Ostara or Eastre, the Goddess of Spring, a goddess in the Anglo Saxon, North German and Scandinavian mythology, commemorating the passing away of winter and the awakening into life and beauty of all nature in the spring, later in the Jewish Passover, the Paschal Lamb celebration, the feast of unleav ened bread, and later to commemorate the res urrection of Jesus of Nazareth after his crucifixion; and later still to commemorate the spiritual resurrection of every soul to the immortal spirit world.

The origin of Easter, like Christmas, can be traced far back into antiquity. At the winter solstice, commencing December 21, the North Germans and Scandinavians have for very many centuries held their great Yule feast to commemorate the return of the fiery sunwheel. Yule time is still used as another term for Christmas time. The burning of the Yule log testifies to the use of fire in the worship of the sun. So the great festivals of Easter and Christmas are really reapplications of very ancient customs to suit the religious beliefs of modern times.

"Modern Spiritualists" have been celebrating our Easter this year ever since Sunday, March 21, which was the vernal equinox the first day of spring.

The ancient title of Easter is "The Great Day," and, as observed by the Christian world, occurs on that Sunday which follows that fourteenth day of the calendar moon which falls upon or next after the vernal equinox. March 21; so March 21 governs the dates of all Easter celebrations.

The "calendar moon" is the ecclesiastical moon, a fictitious month, invented by the early Church Fathers, and now used by the Christian world in determining the date of Easter Sunday. It is purposely made in order to depart from the natural month, to avoid the possibility of the Christian's Easter occurring at the same time with the Jewish Easter or the Jewish Passover: but on several occasions this very thing has happened, and will happen again in the next century. The Christian's Easter, however, corresponds with the "Passover" of the Jews, the Paschal Lamb celebration, the feast of unleavened bread; and this festival is once called Easter in the King James version of the Bible, Acts XII., 1st to the 4th verses inclusive: "1. Now, about that time, Herod the King stretched forth his hand to vex certain of the

2. And he killed James, the brother of John, with the sword;

3. And, because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (These were the cays of unleavened bread) And when he had apprehended him, he

put him in prison, and delivered him to four quarterions of soldiers to keep him, intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people."

The very best authorities on the subject of Easter make the statement that there is no trace whatever of the celebration of Easter, as a Christian Festival, in the New Testament, or even in the writings of the Apostolic fathers; and the introduction of the Easter Festival into the Christian Church, and its application the great festivals of antiquity, the death of

winter and the resurrection of spring.

The Jewish Easter festival, the Passover, usually occurs in Passion week, and never before the 26th of March, or after the 25th of April. The Christian's Easter Sunday is never before the next will such be the case again. In 1913 spirit guid it will occur on March 23d, just two days after the vernal equinox. The latest Christian's E ster in this century fell on April 25th, 1886. In 1848, at the time of the Rochester Rap-pings at Hydesville, the Christian's Easter Sun-

day occurred on April 23d. The Spiritualists' Easter, therefore, like all other Easter observances, is based upon the vernal equinox, March 21st; and a very important event celebrated by Modern Spiritualists took place at Easter time in the year 1848, which is known as the advent of Modern Spiritualism, and commemorates the resurrection of the spiritual body to the immortal world of spirits, proving this fact by actual experiment and scientific investigation.

Wm. H. Holcombe says in his "New Thana topsis,

"Not Christ alone has riseu,

But all have risen; The stone is rolled away from every sepulchre; The stone is rolled away from every sepulc The grave has nothing it can render back. When we ascend to our eternal homes We leave no living fragment of carselves; We do not pass from nature to the grave, But Nature is our grave, From which we rise at seeming death— Our real resurrection— Into the world of spirits,"

JOHN R. SNOW, Leader of Ocean Group No. 6.

THE ARBUTUS.

Sweetest breath of wood and pine All are thine.

Thou crimson-thited, April-scruted blossom.

Joyous was thy day of birth

When the earth

Held thee trembling and nestling on her bosom.

Spirit of the early year.
Sweet with cheer,
From winter's arms thou runnest, all confiding;
All the windy sky and sea Welcome thee And sunbeams draw thee from thy snowy hiding,

Come the beautles of the spring, Following— Come the violets of azure and of yellow, Comes the sweetest song of bird

Ever heard. Comes the buoyant green of elm and oak and willow. 'T is the wonder-time of bloom And perfume,

And merry May runs riot in her splendor,

But we miss that breath of thine,

Faint and fine-Mildred McNeal, in 'April Woman's Home Com-

#### The Boston Spiritual Lyceum.

Sunday afternoon, April 11, this Lyceum held a ery instructive session in Berkeley Hall.

8 How do we Distinguish Between Reputation and Character?" was the question considered by the older Groups.

Eddle Ransom said: "Reputation is what others think of us. Character is what we really are." George and Clarence Dutton, Edward W. Hatch, George S. Lang and Mr. J. R. Subw, with other words expressed similar views. Mr Fred H. Watson thought that we should not judge people by their reputations, but wait and become better acquainted with their character, before forming our estimate of their moral worth.

Mr. J. S. Mansergh said that he agreed with Mr.

Watson. Mr. Packard thought that reputation was translent and of little value compared with character, which is permaneut.

which is permanent.

Mr. J. H. Lewis spoke very interestingly on the question. Mr. Alot 20 Danforth read from his writings on the subject of character. The Conductor, Mr. J. B. Hatch, Jr., advised the children to build good characters, and their reputations would take care of

The clerk read an anonymous answer, as follows: "According to the meaning of reputation all Spirit-ualists have bad requitations; but if they live in accordance with the beautiful principles of their religion, they may rest secure on the solid rock of good characters.

The Assistant Conductor, Dr. Root, stated that he could fully concur with all that had been said. For the fount in groups the series of lessons on the trinitles of life was continued, and some fine answers were given by the little ones.

The after entertainment consisted of a plane solo by Mr. Fred H. Watson; the usual grand march and song, in which the entire school joir ed with much zest. Johnnie Ormsbee recited 'The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." Little Edwin Dutton wave a recitation, as did Master Earl Keeler, Miss Marie Gale, of the Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1, and Willie

The Hon. Harrison D. Barrett was introduced, and spoke very interestingly to the children. Subject for April 25, "Self-Control."

### Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1

Met in Red Men's Hall Sunday morning, April 11 We had a very large and interesting session. Superintendent Soper entertained the children by reading them a very interesting story. While the little ones gave her their answers to the question of the day for gave ner tueir answers to the question of the day for them, "Neatness," a large number in each group had a ready response when asked what was the meaning of "Cleanliness is next to godiness." The older groups had a discussion in the ante-room, after which Mr. Yeaton, the Assistant Superintendent, gave some very fine ideas on the subject.

The Grand March was finely executed, and then the

The Grand sharen was niety executed, and then the following little ones helped to entertain those present with recitations: Frankle Lamont, Ruth Gilliand, Clara Weston, Auple Raizel, Lottle Weston. Little Eddie sang, and by request for an encore gave "Paim Branches." Little Cittord Lamont, Jr., recited, also

Marie Gale; song, by Ethel Bryson.

Dr. Root, Assistant Conductor of the Boston Spirit-

ual Lyceum, was present, and addressed the school in a few well chosen remarks.

President Dr. Wm. A. Hale was called to the platform, and expressed his pleasure to be with the children, and complimented them on their good behavior. His duties prevented him from being with us every Sunday, but his mind and thought were always with the Lyceum. He spoke of Joseph D. Sides being called to higher life, and told the children, as one by one the older ones were called away we look to younger ones filling their places: See to it that the life you are now living is spent in doing good. Do those things that will make you better men and women; and when you are called to the higher life you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done the best you could. ABBIE F. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

#### Ofiginal Enigma.

I am composed of fifteen letters. My 9, 14, 11, is the home of an insect. My 8, 5, 6, 7, 10, is a girl's name. My 3, 7, 12, 13, 4, 2, is a near relation. My 1, 7, 3, 10, 15, is an extremely covetous

person. My whole is the name of a popular test me-

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### Bunner Correspondence.

Our friends in every part of the country ere earnestly invited to forward brief letters tlems of local news, etc., for use in this depart neut.

#### New York.

DURHAMVILLE .- Peter Pfeifer says: "We have just organized and applied for a Charter from the National Association. Officers elected: President, Wm. Beggs; Vice President, Peter Pfelfer; Secly, Mrs. Lucy Cramton; Treasurer, Mr. Benedict Mayer; Trustees, Mr. — Cramton, Frank Mayer, Henry Kingsley.

Bro. Sprague from Jamestown, N. Y., has been with us for two days. He gave us some splendid tests. Hope Bro. Sprague will visit us when convenient. We have held meetings in a private way several years; some have been public. Quite a number have developed under my controls. Hope that the spirit friends will assist us in our new opening under a charter.

I feel it a duty of all to become a part of the

National Spiritualists' Association, for unity is power. At this present time we must be of to the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, after one mind for our benefits in legislation. The his crucifixion, is the perpetuation of one of opposers of spiritual truths are trying to close our doors of holy communion with spirits in every corner. Now is the accepted time to or-gauize, and become one flock and fold in well doing, and save our republic, our country, from failing into the hands of our enemies. Healers have troubles and need help. I was called the 22d of March or after the 25th of April. In by the spirits to heal for some six years; then 1761 and 1818 the Christian's Easter Sunday I was called to locate mines for the purpose fell on the 22d of March, just one day after the of building temples, homes, sanitariums and vernal equinox, but neither in this century or schools, where the old can have a home under spirit guidance, and the poor can be healed free

> I have spent six years in geology, and I am surprised that my guides have located some forty mines; the lowest assay on them is seven dollars, while some of the ores have reached nine hundred dollars, all in New York State.

My labors have been hard and tiresome Now if I could get some of our wealthy capitalists to buy some of these mines, I could do a noble work. I have locations of places for the mentioned buildings, also the Central Camp Grounds for New York State, which will be a success when properly opened. I wish some true spiritual being, with means, would buy part or the whole of these mines, so that this good work might be opened to help the Cause. I have made this more lengthy than need be, but I telt like writing as I have. It may open a way to dispose of the mines, which lie in the open country, easy to get to, and near the railroads, also lots of water power to work the ores. Any correspondence on this subject will be promptly answered.

I have mines enough to build a temple in every State, and a fund to fight all legislation against Spiritualism and mediums, if the mines were sold for one half what they should bring. If this could be done it would relieve many of our poor people who are in need of all the help which can be given at the present time.

I will dispose of mines at very reasonable prices to aid me in my work.

Many members in this State talk of opening

a camp-ground at Oneida Lake, one of the finest sheets of water and its surroundings. The lake is twenty seven miles long, and seven miles wide; average width, five miles. This work should not be delayed. This work must go on. Could I dispose of one or two mines I would put the money in a camp ground, so as not to tax the people. Times are hard all over our land, and the mines in the storehouse of nature, opened by spirits, really should pay all of such expenses, and I am one who will do it as soon as I can raise money on the valuable mines. They are as good as Western mines, and I can prove all that I state.

I found the free gold in rock last season under control of the Chief Mohawk. I could give some experiences in my life of the genuine demonstrations which have come under my con-

#### Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS.-Mabel Kline says: "The Forty-Ninth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was duly celebrated by a grand and appropriate lecture of nearly two hours' duration. The flow of inspiration through the medial powers of our pastor, Mrs. Dr. Hilligoss, was unchecked by repetition, refteration or recapitulation. A history of the Hydesville rappings, in verse, elicited a storm of applause and other expressions of delight.

The afternoon had been chosen by the Association for the annual election of officers, and, as an evidence of their appreciation of the work being done in this city, and of their personal esteem for Mrs. Hilligoss, she was unanimously chosen as President of the Society, to serve one year. Mrs. Hilligoss was employed by our society to serve them for the month of January only, then was retained to work until the 1st of June, and two months before the expiration of this second term they showed their great wisdom in securing her continued services from the 1st of June, 1897, to the 1st of June, 1898, making in all a continuous lecture course of seventeen months.

The following are the names of the new official board: Mrs. Dr. Hilligoss, President; Mrs. Porter, Vice president; Mr. Humphrey, Secretary; Miss Kline, Treasurer; Mrs. Rowley, Mr. Kline, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Stumberg and Mr. Shuitz, Trustees.

The Ladies' Aid is doing effective work. Has one hundred and twelve dollars in its Treasury, and is only two months old. They will give a literary and musical entertainment soon, all to go for the one purpose of raising a Temple Fund.

Mrs. Hilligoss visited all the newspaper of fices in the city, and secured free insertions of her meeting notices in the religious columns of each paper, which before has been denied by some of these papers, while notices out of this column in all of the papers have cost the society fifty cents per week, for each paper."

#### Canada.

TORONTO, ONT .- F. I. York says: "Spiritualistic matters in Toronto just now are very quiet, although there are many who are enjoying circles at the family altar.

Mrs. Prior's series of meetings during the past fall season has awakened a general interest, and her visit has resulted in the development of several very good mediums, notably Mrs. Nichols as a psychometrist.

Plans for the future are freely talked of, and active operations in the direction of public teaching will, no doubt, soon be inaugurated. Toronto is a delightful summer city, with a population of two hundred and twenty thou sand, a large number of Spiritualists, and not a single professional medium. It is currently estimated that a medium who was here recently earned between fifty and sixty dollars per week, and this important field is absolutely unoccupied.

I would be glad to give any detailed information to mediums with a view to their coming among us. A platform test medium could get an immediate and permanent engagement, and I would be especially pleased to hear from Charlie Barnes, the other member of the Vicksburg Twins.' This is a field rich in inquirers, and workers will find a warm welcome and a wide field of usefulness. Please address 408 Yonge street, Toronto, Can."

#### Maryland.

BALTIMORE.-Miss Maggie Gaule writes: 'My work in Columbus, O., baving closed on last Monday evening, I feel it a duty to state that it was a season long to be remembered. February, in connection with Prof. Peck, the meetings were well attended, and during the month of March Columbus had a rare treat in listening to Bro. Willard J. Hull. The hall was crowded and packed long before the hour to begin. Spiritualism never was as now in Columbus. I met with many kind friends, and all was in perfect harmony. My work with Bro. Hull seemed to be well appreciated. The genial President, Mr. J. D. Arras, does all in his power to harmonize and build up the Society, and I have no regrets at having served the Columbus, O., people.

Monday evening, March 29, we held Anni-

versary exercises that were interesting and appropriate to the occa-ion. Miss Margaret Dent and Miss Annie Fornholf sang with much

I hope some day to return to Columbus, and see and know the grand work will still be kept

#### Ohio.

CANTON .- E. J. Bowtell writes: "The Spiritual Research Society of this city has now organized, with the following officers: C. C. Barrick President; C. E. Yaley, Vice President; W. B. Slutter, Treasurer; C. W. Hartong, Sec'y. In addition to the above John V. Yolkey and Mrs. Hannah Kinsler have been elected

The first public meeting of the Society was held on the morning of April 11, the speaker on that occasion being the writer."

#### Cleveland Anniversary, and Other Notes.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Permit me, first, to congratulate the BAN-NER OF LIGHT Publishing Company on its happy and wise selection of a new Editor in-Chief, and then to congratulate the new editor himself on his advancement to that honorable and prominent position so worthily filled by his two previous prodecessors, Luther Colby and John W. Day. May the stanch old BANNER wave more prosperously than ever with its new and younger standard bearer.

Public Meetings.—The impromptu course of Sunday evening spiritual lectures, inaugurated by Mr. Thos. A. Black, who, chaffing under the stagmant state of spiritualistic affairs on the East S.de of the river, resolved once more to try to revive the apathy among Spiritualists, and if possible to bring about reorganization from the present chaos, culminated in a very prosperous celebration of "Anniversary Day." Lyman C Howe. - Starting out with this vet-

eran inspirational speaker, who spoke during February on both sides of the river (at Wieber's Hall in the afternoon, and Army and Navy Hall in the evening), the meetings at the latter place grew from a rather small attendance to very fair audiences. The friendly exchange of speakers with the Akron Society the last Sunday in the month, gave the Cleveland friends a good opportunity of hearing the popular Akron speaker and medium, Dr. F. Schermerhorn, and the Akron friends showed their appreciation of the highly inspirational speaker, Mr. Lyman C. Howe, by completely filling the hall. Mr. H., during his stay in Cleveland, was tendered several social receptions. Hon. O. P. Kelloyg.-This humorous, and

likewise worthy veteran was with us during March, increasing the attendances steadily until they culminated in a large turn-out at all three of the sessions on Anniversary Day, Sunday, March 28. The morning session at Army and Navy Hall was presided over by Mr. B. F Bellows, Conductor of the Children's Progressive Lyceum. The Lyceum children rendered a very enjoyable program, assisted by a trio of blind instrumental musicians, and a very fine soprano singer. The other two sessions were presided over by Mr. Thos. A. Black, with Dr. F. Schermerhorn as speaker in the afternoon. Mr. C. W. Taylor, Agent National Spiritualists Association for Ohio, fo lowed with a brief talk on "Organization," nearly a hundred names of those in favor of it being obtained. What will come of it remains to be seen. In the evening the Hon. O. P. Kellogg spoke to a large audience, and gave a very concise and clear statement of the first intelligent spirit raps, or "Rochester Knockings," through the Fox children. Thus the Forty Ninth Anni versary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

was celebrated on the East Side of the river. On the West Side three successful meetings were also held, Mr. Fred Hayes presiding. The speaker in the forenoon was Hon, O.P. Kellogg. In the afternoon Mrs. H. S. Lake, who has been in retirement the past year of so, was the speaker, creating some little consternation among her listeners by the position she took against "Individual Spirit Control of Speakers."

In the evening the Lyceum children, under the conductorship of Mr. N. B. Dixon, gave an excellent musical and literary entertainment to a large and highly interested audience. It is a pleasure to report the presence of many friends from a distance at our celebration, Painesville, Willoughby, Euclid, Loraine, etc., the Akron friends chartering an electric motor car for the trip, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Keck, the president of the Akron society and his wife.

Angell Prize Oratorical Contest. - Sunday eve, April 4th, the long looked for contest took place, by ten members of the "Lyceum Band of Mercy," the Hon. R. E. McKisson presiding and three prominent citizens acting as indges.

Physical Mediums. - The most prominent ones operating here, at present, are Mrs. Elsic Reynolds, the materializing medium, who has been holding some very satisfactory seances in the homes of investigators; Mr. Fred Taber, a comparatively new medium for full form materializations, of whom report so far speaks well, is located at 103 Bolivar street, holding tri weekly scances in connection with his friend. Mr. C. C. Curtis, the telegraphic medium, and is giving private sittings daily.

Another new candidate for public patronage for independent slate-writing is Mr. E. S. Mennough, Tate Advertising Agent for L. S. R. R., located at .652 Hamilton street, the few reports so far received are certainly very favor-

Mrs. Melissa Kemp, the local medium for materialization, is still holding public scances at 527 lcorill Avenue. William A. Mansfield, M. D., the well-known psychographic medium, while gradually building up a fine practice, is still exercising his phenomenal spirit gifts, giving private sittings at his residence, besides holding himself in readiness for private scances at the homes of those who may desire him.

The Humanitarian.—Just a word to call the

attention of those of your readers who may be unaware of the fact, that this at one time leading reformer in the country, Victoria (Wood-hull) Martin, whose home is now in London, Eng., is still at work, along reformatory lines, and publishing a highly literary magazine called *The Humanitarian*. The address of Mrs. Martin is No. 17 Hyde Park Gate, London, Eng. Specimen copies can be had of the BANNER OF LIGHT Publishing Company.

The Lake Brady Company announces the opening of its picnic grounds June 1, and of he camp meeting season, Sunday, June 27, with Moses Hull and the Hon. O. P. Kellogg as the first speakers. For further particulars apply to Chas. Thomas, 2762 Broadway, Cleveland, O. Fraternally yours, Thos. Lees. Fraternally yours,

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#### April Magazines.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS has as frontis piece portraits of "President McKinley and his Cabinet." "The Progress of the World" is full of timely information well illustrated, in cluding "President Cleveland and his Cabi-net." "Record of Current Events" is replete with portraits of Senator Earle of South Carolina, Gen. Powell Clayton, and other notables, including the late George Mallory. All the other departments are well cared for, and the usual contribution of instructive news making this number no exception to the usual high standard of this magazine. The Review of Reviews Co., 13 Astor Place, New York.

RECEIVED: The Coming Day, edited by John Hopps, London, England. The Dawn, 44 Lansflowne Road, Bhowanipore, Calcutta (March). The Hypnotic Magazine. The Psychic Publishing Co., Chicago. The Humanitarian, Brenta-uo's, 31 Union Square, New York. Scribner's Magazine, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

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#### Waverley, Mass.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: Now the beautiful sunshine has come, making all nature smile and rejoice. The Veteran

Spiritualist Union Home looks inviting, and makes one anxious to have the Home furnished and full of those so much in need of a home where they can rest after years of labor tor human reforms.

We are constantly being asked: "When will the Home be open to receive inmates?" It would not take long, if every Spiritualist in the United States would send one dollar, and thus become a member of the Veteran Spiritualists' Association, ere the Association could carry out all its noble desires in not only filling the Home with happy inmates, but erecting other buildings for homes for the children of mediums and Spiritualists, who are now sent to both Catholic and Protestant, homes supported by their charity and labor.

It is well to advocate Spiritualism, but it is better to clothe and feed and house the needy.

It is only by deeds of love and charity that we can make for curselves a home in the spiritrealm.

Let every Spiritualist send a dollar to Mrs. Mary F. Lovering, No. 63 Chandler street, Boston, Mass., and you will see that question answered to your complete satisfaction. She will send you a beautiful certificate of member-

ship in acknowledgment.
J. W. KENYON, Caretaker of Home.

#### Passed to Spirit-Life.

April 7, 1897, M. S. BECKWITH, for many years President of the St. Louis Spiritual Association.

of the St. Louis Spiritual Association.

We have lost an earnest worker in the good Cause, one who has never faltered nor turned back, though often beset with difficulties and trials which would have deterred many whose heart and soul were not wholly devoted to the work before them. Modest and unassuning, he seemed sustained by the angel-world, for without pretence he often accomplished tasks where others would have abandoned the effort. We have lost his material presence, but he will be with us. His spirit will be left in its accustomed place by many who are sensitive to the influence from the world beyond; and the good work to which he had devoted the closing years of a blameles. Hie be strengthened by it. Could we see beyond the veft, what a glorious vision would be revealed to us.

The angel world, whose messengers a tended his closing moments, gathered to asher him to his reward with the glad summons, "Good and faithful servant, come up higher."

From Duxbury, Vt., Dec. 13, of heart trouble, ARNOLD Shonio, aged 61 years.

He was a soldier in the civil war, and lost a leg on the battle-field. He was a good citizen, a kind neighbor, and an affectionate busband and father. A wife, four sons and one daughter, and three step-daughters, survive bim. The writer conducted the services at the functat, with the assistance of the G. A. R., of which he was a member. From Daxbury, Vt., Jan. 14, ELLEN, wife of A. B. Smalley and step-daughter of Arnold Shonio, aged 42 years.

She had been a great sufferer from astuma, and gladly welcomed the Angel of Death, who would guide her to a From Duxbury, Vt., April I, of pneumonia, JACOB FOSS, aged 61 years.

He leaves a wife, three daughters and a son, to mourn the earthy loss of a kind husband and father; yet they do not mourn without hope of a reduton in a better land, where family ties are no more broken. His good mother, eighty-two years old, three sisters and two brothers, were in attendance at the funeral.

The writer conducted the funeral services, and the son and so, an law wear the hearters.

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MRS. ABBIE W. CROSSETT.

From the home of his daughter, No. 151 6th Avenue, Brook lyn, N. Y., Sunday morning, April II, NATHAN BLANCH ARD, aged 77 years, formers of Avon, Mass.

Mr. Blanchard was well known to Spiritualists generally; he has been an attendant of the Onset Camp Meetings for several years past, and previously attenden Lake Pleasant. He has always been a fram by lever in the Spiritual Philosophy.

phy.
The funeral services were private, and the body was brought to Brockton, Mass., for burial.

From New Boston, Mass., March [29, 1897, Mrs. ETTA (DEMING) SAGE, aged 24 years.

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She leaves a husband, two children-Everett Leon and Arthur Lucian four sisters and one brother to regret her earthly loss. She well performed the duties of life, with a strong faith that the friends golde before were waiting in the sweet beyond to receive her. A strong believer in Spiritualism from early childhood, its ghilosophy was comfort, strength and happiness to her. But she was called to that higher plane to be reduited with loved ones gone before. We will say farewell, dear friend; we shall meet you again and clasp your hand in that beautiful land of love.

M. B. M.

From her home in Champlin, Minn., April 6, Mrs. Abbin J. SPALDING.

J. SPALDING.

She was born in Newburyport, Mass., June 28, 1813. She was a daughter of Joseph N. Jackman, one of the oldest Abolitionists. She and her late husband were members of "Hopedale Community." They, in company with Adin Ballon and others, investigated Spiritualism in its early days. From that time it was not only her belief, but to her it was knowledge.

The funeral services were held at her late home on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Among the friends and neighbors were two Methodist ministers, who listened to the words of inspiration given through the mediumship of Mrs. Lowell of Anoka an i Mrs. Lepper of Minneapuls.

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#### Phenomena and Philosophy.

there should be any antagonism between the believe in the teachings of his church. workers in these respective fields, nor can we - The Journal argues that this view of the review with any degree of complacency the tendency now widely prevalent on the part of certain elements to find fault because stress is not wholly laid upon one or the other of these divisions of thought.

Phenomena are only helps to a proper understanding of the spiritual movement, and without a philosophical or religious explanation, to say nothing of the scientific, they would fail to enlighten the masses in regard to the true import of Spiritualism. Mental and physical phenomena are the bed-rock, while the sci- higher criticism of the Bible must be applaudence, philosophy and religion are the grand superstructure of Spiritualism. No one por- the solid rock of scientific fact. It has been tion is complete in itself, nor does one depart- | the position of the Rationalists for some years, ment contain the all of Truth. Without our scientific and philosophical thinkers to propferly interpret the phenomena, the discovery of spiritual truth would be difficult-indeed, al-

Every phenomenon should be carefully studied, how related to other phenomena, its cause ascertained, and its legitimate meaning determined. Any failure to do this leaves the individual in a state of bewildering doubt, and makes it impossible for him to carry his thought to a logical sequence. The right use of phenomena should, therefore, be encouraged, but it is a grave error to make them the be-all and the end-all of Spiritualism. They have their place in its great work, and are just as important in its economy as are its science, philosowhen considered together, make up the true

Spiritualism of all ages. But there are phenomena and phenomena, as well as science and science, and religion and religion. Phenomena for sensational purposes, that will degrade Spiritualism to the level of fourth-rate theatrical performances, can hardly be upheld or defended as the highest and most representative expressions of its thought. Many Spiritualist meetings, so-called, are entirely devoid of spirituality. They have phe. nomena in abundance, but the philosophical or religious, or even intellectual phases of Spiritualism, are conspicuous by their absence. In fact, not one advanced thought could be deduced from anything that transpired at such meetings. In some instances, an investigator will find upon entering a hall a medium perhaps half developed, with at least one hundred articles lying upon the table for psychometric readings. He hears these different articles read (?) all in the same vague, indefinite way, in language most uncouth, ungrammatical, and far too often very slangy. He listens in vain for instruction upon matters of a spiritual nature, and hears nothing. If he questions the leaders of such meetings, they give him glittering generalities, leaving him more mystified

and disgusted than ever. Psychometry is a science, and one of the best interpreters of true Spiritualism when rightly understood. But it should be legitimately presented to the public in an attractive, dignified manner, to the end that thought may be en-

gendered, and a desire to investigate aroused. On the other hand, there are many meetings held where the philosophy of Spiritualism, socalled, is presented in a very questionable ciations of all churches, try to imitate the | family in this their great sorrow.

"Punch and Judy" methods of Sam Jones and Moody, and, with attempts at spread eagle oratory, endeavor to fill their halis with people who listen either out of ourlosity or desire for amusement. This is not Spiritualism in any sense whatever, and is both objectionable and reprehensible. We are aware that Spiritualism per se is not subject to the control of man, and we have no wish to limit its expressions to suit our peculiar views and methods. THE BANNER does, however, stand for an enlightened exposition of Spiritualism in harmony with the culture and progress of the age. This we can have if there be concerted action on the part of those who fain would have the movement they so much love take front rank in the reform work of the day. The first reform is needed within our own ranks, and the

work cannot be begun too soon. It consists of a more orderly and systematic presentation of Spiritualism in its every aspect to an honestly investigating, intelligent public. The phenomena should be as educational in their tendency as the philosophy and religion generally are, and all should be expounded by those who know the truth of what they are teaching. It is an old but true adage that says "no man can teach that which he does not know." This can well be applied to all teachers in Spiritualism, be they mediums, speakers, magnetic healers or writers.

There should be no absolute divorce between the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism. They should go hand in hand; and when presented as above indicated, Spiritualism will be sought by all classes of people for the good it may do them morally, intellectually and spiritually. We can give people this opportunity if we but present the fourfold aspects of Spiritualism, each in its true position, and conduct our various meetings upon lines in harmony with the progressive ideas of our age.

#### Is Dr. Abbott a Christian?

Under this caption the New York Journal publishes a vigorous editorial, in its issue of April 14, upon the series of sermons upon the Bible recently delivered by the scholarly Brooklyn preacher. It seems that Dr. Abbott has abandoned the doctrine of plenary inspiration of the Bible, and asserts, that it has no stronger claim to inspiration than has any other book which lifts men's minds to God and righteousness. The Journal says that Dr. Abbott considers the sacred Hebrew writings as mere folk lore, with perhaps a religious or moral purpose. Dr. Abbott also considers the narrative of Samson a myth, and the story of Jonah a piece of satirical fiction. It is also asserted that the good doctor is an evolutioncept the story of the creation of the world and

The Journal well says, in view of the foregoing statements, "If the biblical account of creation is a legend, the fanciful effort of a her business to obtain one new subscriber to primitive people to explain things, the basis of orthodox theology is swept away. If there was no garden of Eden, and no Adam, then there was no Fall, and if no Fail, what becomes of the necessity for a Vicarious Atonement?"

Dr. Abbott's sermons have appalled his strictly orthodox brethren, for he has dealt harder blows against their theology than ever Ingersoll, Paine or Voltaire have given, for he is within the fold, while they are outside, hence cannot reach the people that he does. The relationship of these two divisions in This fearless scholar is being severely criti-Spiritualism is being vigorously discussed by cised by his fellow clergymen for his bold ut many of our leading writers and thinkers at | terances, claiming that he should no longer octhe present time. It seems incredible that cupy an orthodox pulpit if he has ceased to

> ligiously orthodox is eminently correct, and states that even Dr. Abbott, if a young man, would not be accepted in the Congregational ministry if he expressed such heretical views as he now professes. We agree with the Journal in the main, yet feel that the church to which Dr. Abbott belongs should be led to the consideration of the questions to which he is calling the attention of the world. Dr. Abbott is telling the truth in a manner that cannot be gainsaid. His stand in favor of the ed by all lovers of truth, for it is based upon and theology sees in it an enemy it cannot overthrow.

With such latitudinarian views, we feel that Dr. Abbott should be in the Unitarian pulpit, if not upon the Free Religious platform. We do not, however, presume to judge him, for he is doing a work for the masses for which he will be blessed by generations yet unborn. We are glad that he holds such a commanding position as he does, and is able to compel the orthodox world to face fact: This is something it has not generally done in the past, and the new light of reason, is so bright as to dazzle the eyes of those who see it for the first time. We do not wish Dr. Abbott any harm, but we fear his Christianity is too exalted for his church. It is of such an ideal character as to bear phy and religion. The four go together, and | no resemblance to that which his brethren cling so tenaciously. He may not be a Christian, but he is a humanitarian Theist, a lover of truth, and one who recognizes the kinship of the race, therefore is greater than a Christian. If he is ever tried for heresy, and expelled from his church, scores of liberal pulpits will be opened to him, and he will be invited to speak the truth, as he perceives it, from every platform erected in honor of free thought in religion, and justice in all things.

#### Hon. L. V. Moulton.

THE BANNER takes this occasion to extend to this honored representative of our Cause, and his family, the sincere sympathy of its thousands of readers in his present distress of soul. He was suddenly re-called from Washington, D. C., whither he had gone to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees of the National Spiritualists' Association, by a telegram informing him of the serious illness of his elder daughter, Miss May. She was unconsclous when he arrived at his home, and the physicians offer but little hope for her recovery. Miss Moulton is a most estimable young lady, and highly esteemed by all who know her. She was taken ill while at school with an at tack of brain fever, from which it seems she is not expected to recover.

In a private letter Mr. Moulton says: "I have need of your deepest and tenderest sympathy at this hour." We know that he will receive it not alone from us, but also from the thousands to whom he has ministered in days gone by, who have looked upon him as the leader of humanity out of the bondage of ignorance to the promised land of spiritual knowledge. May manner. Speakers indulge in flerce denun- the good angels be with our brother and his E.S. Twing made us brief but pleasant calls readers who are called upon to express their

#### Bev. B. Heber Newton.

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This able preacher on Sunday, April 11, gave one of his characteristic sermons upon Spiritualism. From reports published in the secular press, we note that it was fair in spirit and eminently just in its conclusions. This sermon will attract the attention of the thinking people, and marks an epoch in the development of broader and more tolerant religious views among the massest Dr. Newton always seeks to post himself thoroughly before speaking upon any topic, and he did not fail to do so in this case.

The interest taken in such sermons by the people clearly shows the trend of public opinion. Dr. Newton has spoken frequently in regard to Spiritualism, always in a fair, impartial spirit, indicating his earnest desire to deal justly by all. If Spiritualists were only more just to themselves, if they would see to it that their literature was more generally circulated, and a higher scholarship demanded for the rostrum, Dr. Newton and Dr. Abbott would not be the only clergymen to speak appreciatively of Spiritualism. System counts for much, and if the work of Spiritualism could be performed in a systematic, orderly manner, great good would accrue therefrom.

The world could then see the results of its propagandism, and better pronounce upon its merits. We do not want to attract the clergymen alone; we want to interest the scientists and philosophers of the world in our Spiritualism, hence we should uphold scientific methods of investigation of the phenomena, and issue such philosophical productions as have logical

reasoning behind them. An orderly arrangement of the phenomena of Spiritualism, scholarly deductions from a logical presentation of its facts, and a rational interpretation of all its varied teachings, will induce thousands to study it as Dr. Newton has done, to ascertain the truth upon which it is based. To accomplish this result, a more generous support should be given to our spiritual literature, especially the Spiritualist press. Dr. Newton has done our Cause much good by revealing one of the duties of the hour to all true Spiritualists.

#### The Rochester Jubilee 1898, S. E. 50.

The celebration of the semi centennial of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism at Rochester, N. Y., next year is now an assured fact. The General Manager, Mr. Frank Walker, acting for the National Spiritualists' Association, has been hard at work for several months making preliminary arrangements for an eight-days' meeting on that occasion. He is meeting with unexpected success in raising funds to defray the expenses incident upon such a mammoth gathering as that-will be.

It is intended to make this celebration international in character, and prominent Spiritualists from all quarters of the globe will be invited to take part in the exercises. Prof. Al-Karl Du Prel, will be invited, and should they sure the attendance of thousands of people. We shall publish an article next week, setting forth briefly many of the objects to be accomplished by this International Jubilee. The National Association is to be congratulated upon its enterprise in moving in this matter, and the selection of Mr. Walker as General for such a great mo

#### A New Editor.

The BANNER OF LIGHT announces that Prof. H. D. Barrett will assume editorial management of that paper after this date. We congratulate THE BANNER, but we are sorry for the N. S. A., which thereby loses its main support—its primum mobile.

We trust the N. S. A. will make a wise selection in his successor to continue the work so auspiciously begun and so much needed just now.—Light of Truth, March 27.

We thank our esteemed contemporary for its kind words, and hasten to assure it, and all friends of the Cause, that the N.S.A. is not to be deprived of President Barrett's support, nor will he cease to advocate its claims, as our readers will see upon reading the article headed "The National Association" in a late issue of THE BANNER. President Barrett will discharge the duties of his office until his successor is duly elected, and will fill all Camp Meeting and other special engagements previously made for him in the interests of the N. S. A. He will not do so much general missionary work as heretofore, but will devote his time to the legitimate business of his office, which can be done as well in Boston as in Washington for the present.

### Spiritualists, Beware.

Our readers are urged to be on their guard against the pretensions of a certain Professor(?) or Reverend(?) now operating in Detroit, Mich., as an exposer of Spiritualism. He was formerly a minister of the Gospel in one of the Eastern cities, but was dropped for good cause, and went West, where he was converted(?) to Spiritualism. He lectured for a time upon the spiritualistic platform, and attracted large audiences to his meetings. He is a natural orator, a fair scholar and quite a magnetic speaker. He is now engaced in exposing(?) Spiritualism in Detroit and vicinity, yet claims to possess certain occult and mediumistic powers. His record is well known at this office, for we have accounts of his work from Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit and elsewhere upon which we can relv.

We are in receipt of a personal letter from Mr. Chas. A. Campbell, now in Denver, Col., where he has spent the past seven weeks. He is about to leave for Chicago to meet sev eral important engagements there, and will then proceed to Lily Dale, N. Y., Cassadaga Camp, where his brother, A. B. Campbell, will join him, and spend the entire season together at that progressive camp. Mr. Campbell reports that times are very hard in Denver, and much suffering in consequence. The Managers of Cassadaga Camp are to be congratulated upon the fact that these two eminent mediums are to be among the attractions at Lilv Dale. The Campbell Brothers will be pleased to hear from their many friends from this time forward at their home in Lily Dale, N. Y.

Edgar W. Emerson, Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock, J. Clegg Wright, Alfred E. Giles, M. A. Warren, Francis B. Woodbury, Secretary National Spiritualist Association, Dr. C. E. Watkins, Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis, Miss during the past week.

#### The Choctaws Indians and the Dawes Commission.

Ex-Senator Dawes has been recently on visit to the Indian Territory with the Indian Commission, and has just returned home to Massachusetts. He reports in an interview that the Commissioners have succeeded in entering into an agreement with the Choctaw nation, the most wealthy and powerful of the five nations, which, if it is ratified by Congress and the Chootaws, will work a radical and complete change in the condition of affairs in the Territory. The Cherokees have appointed representatives of their people to ireat with the Commission in the same line, and there will be held a conference with them in the near future. If the agreement with these two tribes shall become law by final ratification, Mr. Dawes thinks the end of the anomalous condition of affairs in Indian Ter ritory is near at hand. As he describes it, crime has become rampant in the Territory, and it has become a refuge for fugitives from justice from the surrounding States. In the government's opinion the condition has become so serious that a change is necessary. The effort has been making for three years to induce the Indians to voluntarily make the change proposed, but those in power have refused till now to listen to any inducements to give up their hold on the means-of private gain which exist under the present régime. Mr. Dawes explains and recites that the gov-

ernment of the five tribes has fallen into the hands of a very small minority of very able men, including full-bloods, mixed bloods, and adopted Indians. They manage their governments almost entirely for their own profit. making laws which give what they please to whom they please. The real full blooded Indian is driven out into the mountains to shift for himself, and lives on the pittance he can pick up as best he may. They comprise about sixty-four thousand Indians of all grades, and between two hundred and fifty thousand and three hundred thousand white residents within their borders. Each tribe chooses its governor, or principal chief, once every four years. It has a general assembly of two houses, which enacts all its laws, and a judiciary supposed to administer them. The white people do not own a foot of the land. They have no legal right to remain an hour in the Territory, and are there as it is in spite of the treaty stipulations to keep them out. They have come to be residents by invitations of Indians, by inducements of various kinds, and by marriage. They have expended much money in building up their towns and trading posts, yet have no voice in the government. To day the Territory is surrounded on four sides by great States teeming with population, overflowing their borders in spite of all opposition. These five tribes were placed in Indian Territory nearly seventy years ago by the government, which gave them the title to the land, for the use of fred Russel Wallace, Prof. William Crookes, each and every citizen Indian, share and share Camille Flammarion, Alexander Aksakof, and | alike, conditioned that they should never part with it without the consent of the government be present their very presence alone would in. | and that it should revert to the United States if they ever ceased to occupy it as a tribe.

#### Capt. Samuel G. Cabell.

At the ripe age of eighty-four years, Capt. Samuel G. Cabell of Washington, D. C., passed to spirit-life on the 5th inst. He had been an moved at an early age from that State to Illinois, where he resided for many years. After attaining his majority he became a captain on the Mississippi river-boats.

At the outbreak of the war, Capt. Cabell was owner of the St. Mary's and William Campbell, with which boats he established a line of packets between Shreveport, La., and various points on the Red river. Later his boat, the St. Mary's, was seized by the Confederate Gen. Jeff. Thompson, and was used, much against his will, as a spy boat for Gen. Thompson, and for carrying the sick and wounded Confeder ates between Belmont and Memphis. Capt. Cabell rebelled against this enforced service, but to no avail. While engaged in this work he and his wife narrowly escaped being killed on several occasions, the most miraculous being when a cannon ball passed under the table at which Capt. and Mrs. Cabell were seated:

After being released by Gen. Thompson, Capt. Cabell took his boat to Memphis, where it was confiscated by the Federal authorities, and it has never been paid for by the government. Capt. Cabell was a personal friend of Pres. Lincoln, and was commissioned, Jan. 6, 1865, by the latter, as a special agent for the Treasury Department for the collection of government property in the South. Capt. Cabell counted Pres. Lincoln's autograph letters among his choicest treasures.

He became a Spiritualist many years ago, and for over a quarter of a century has been a regular subscriber to the BANNER OF LIGHT. His long i lness made him very anxious for the change, which he hailed as the birth of his spirit into a new life. No crape was used at his funeral services, in obedience to his wish, but a sheaf of wheat, tied with a long wide bow of royal purple satin ribbon, was used in-

During the past ten years Capt. Cabell has spent his summers at the various Spiritualist camp meetings, at which he was always a wel come guest, where he enjoyed in full the blessed privilege of communing with his spirit friends. His last appearance at a public meeting was in October, 1895, when he attended the sessions of the National Spiritualist Convention held in that city. He proved his devotion to the Cause by a generous donation of fifty dollars to the National Spiritualist Associa-

Prior to his illness Capt. Cabell's home in Washington was always open to the speakers and mediums who visited that city. Recep tions in their honor, even private classes and lectures, have been held in Lis parlors, and on every occasion the host was ready to do his part to prove that he had a reason for the faith that was in him. He was one who lived his Spiritualism, and it did not fail him at the nour of transition. His was a long and useful life, replete with good deeds, and many there are to bless his memory. A patriot, scholar and philanthropist has gone to receive the reward he has so well sarned. His estimable wife, Mrs. Flora G. Cabell, and one son, Milton S. Cabell, of Quincy, Illinois, survive him

The first Wednesday evening in May Dr. Wm. A. Hale will give a benefit to the Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1, at Arlington Hall, corner of Washington and Dover streets. It will be in the form of a Musical and Literary Entertainment. Fine talent have promised their services, and a splendid program is in preparation. It is in a grand cause, and deserves a good attendance. Tickets, 25 cents.

Attention is called to the "Important announcement to Old Subscribers of the BANNER OF LIGHT," published in another column of this issue. The information there Lizzie D. Harlow, H. Libbey and Mrs. Carrie given will be of great value to all of our thoughts through the mediumship of the pen,

#### May Festival.

On Saturday afternoon and evening, May 8, the ninth of the Annual Frativals, which have become such a feature each year at Boston Music Hall, will be held under the auspices of Mrs. Wm. S. Butler and Mrs. Lila Viles Wyman.

The successes of the past will be reënacted on this coming occasion. A grand variety of group dances, beautifully arranged and correctly costumed, will te presented, among which may be enumerated the following: The Normandy Wedding Dance, Military Dance, Floral Dance, Ribbon Dance, Firefly Dance and many solo dances, all new and special features. Over a hundred children will take part, also over a hundred young ladies and gentlemen, who have offered their services to assist Mrs. Butler in making the occasion one of the best.

Tickets can be procured at Mrs. Butler's office, 178 Tremont street, Heard's ticket-office, 32 West street, and at the BANNER OF LIGHT

In notices of Sunday meetings, especially where the writer is speaking of himself or herself, we ask that all fulsome flattery be omitted. We wish to give credit to whom credit is due, but we cannot be a party to an imposition upon the public by lauding any one person to the skies, thereby becoming responsible, to a certain extent, for such engagements as may result from the reading of the notice. Modesty is commendable in every way, and a little less praise of self in giving accounts of one's own services would be a refreshing change, indicating a return to that innate modesty that is born of true soul worth. To such of our contributors as feel aggrleved because of our elimination of this objectionable flattery of self or of friends, we wish to say that we have obeyed the voice of a long-suffering public, and have no apology to offer for our course. We are anxious to publish brief accounts of all meetings, but our columns cannot be used to praise any one beyond reason, even if such person has appeared twentyone hundred times before the same audience. A word to the wise is sufficient. When a speaker or medium has done well, we wish to say so, in order that he may receive due credit for his work, and take his true place in the history of Spiritualism. Beyond this we cannot and will not go.

#### Organization

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

.The subject of organization, as pertains to the Spiritualists, now receiving universal attention, many enrolling their names in local society memberships, in order to have delegate representation in the various Conventions, National and State, held from time to time, and the great interest gained throughout the body politic, whereby large numbers not enrolled, in fact not decided, are closely, and more or less hopefully watching proceedings, they may be glad to note that which is the object of my present writing.

I am just now serving the First Church of Spiritualists of Columbus, O., a very flourishing association of over three hundred membership. This I report from having seen the roll of ennumbered names. They are looking forward to May 4, 5 and 6, when in this city, Columbus, central and convenienced for the pur-Manager is a further assurance that no mis- invalid for thirteen years from progressive pose, is to be held the first Ohio State Delegate take has been made in the choice of a leader paralysis. He was born in Virginia, but re Convention of Spiritualists. The Board of ade, it is understood, has promis tuitous use of its commodious and finely furnished auditorium—as nice an opera hall as the State affords.

Mr. Chas. W. Taylor, of Lima, O., is at work, and I believe under the auspices of the N. A., as an agent and organizer, throughout the State of Ohio in interesting old existing societies, and in forming new associations and then in enlisting them into the work of a thorough tate organization. Report says much enthusiasm is aroused throughout the State, memberslip of old societies is increasing, and several new societies formed are working, and thus a good sized delegateship for representation, work and results seems insured for the May convention. Of course, while the work of these delegates, voicing the societies they represent, will necessitate special sessions, and may be exclusive deliberations, yet the convention will be open to the admittance of the general public, the Spiritualists of the State and their friends; and, we are informed, great pains is being taken to bring the best of available talent to the platform of the convention, for it is desired to give the best presentation of the Spiritual Philosophy and its natural effects, and the Spiritualists of the State and their practical methods and intentions, that the general public may know better what Spiritualism is, in its origin, its essentials and its real worth, and know assuredly who are Spiritualists, what they are about, and what they propose

Judging of the prospects, as I find them from here indicated, I feel, even as an old time piritualist and veteran worker, that I am nighly privileged, though a silent observer and stranger within the gates." to be here at this time, for not alone will the occasion be to me a pleasure, but it can but prove a benefit.

Your fraternal co-worker, J. FRANK BAXTER.

Columbus, O., April 10, 1897.

#### The Concert

Given Monday evening, April 12, in aid of the Veterans' Home, at Waverley, by E. H. Tutile, in Hiawatha Hall, deserved a better audience than it received.

In the first place, the cause for which it was given should have created an interest in it; then again, Mr. Tuttle certainly had talent, both in quality and quantity, to have well repaid all who attended and those who should have attended, as will be seen by the follow-

Prof. Milligan, accompanist; solos by Mr. George Cleaveland; song and dance by Little Lillian Goldstein; solos, Mr. Harold Leslie; Mrs. M. E. Piper, character reading on " and other selections; piano duet by Misses Land and Wood; duets, Misses Amanda Bailey and Ella Wakefield; humorous selections in prose and verse, Prof. J. C. Nolen; song and dance, Little Helen Gale; readings, Little Dollie Dot; solos, Miss Amanda Bailey; banjo solos, Mr. M. E. Morse; Master Kellar, selections; Mrs. M. C. Weston, Miss E. Wakefield, solos; piano solo, Miss A. Reynolds; duet, Mrs. L. Judkins, Miss A. Bailey; songs and duets, Prof. and Mrs. Tyler; songs, Mr. W. H. Ferguson; dance, Marie Gale; concertina and piano duet, Mrs. L. Judkins, Prof. Milligan; reading on Woman, by Mrs. M. Bates; Williams, Speeden, Selections, Longie, K. D. Congetting, Mrs. M. Bates; Williams, Mrs. M. Bates; lie Sheldon, selections. Jennie K. D. Conant closed the concert with remarks and an improvised poem.

It is really to be deplored that such a good cause and such a commendable effort should not have even paid the expenses of the ball, Mr. Tuttle having had to do it himself.

To Inquirers and Spiritualists.-The Members of the Spiritualists' International Corresponding Society will be pleased to assist inquirers, and correspond with Spiritualists at home or abroad. For explanatory literature

and list of members, address
J. Allen, Hon. Sec., 115 White Post Lane,
Manor Park, Essex, England.

#### Lake Pleasant, Mass.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

We are rapidly completing the arrangements for the publishing of the camp meeting circulars, and by the first of May they will be mailed to those who have written for them. The first week's meetings will be unusually interesting and attractive.

On Sunday forenoon, Aug. 1, President A. H. Dailey will formally open the convocation of 1807 with an address of welcome, and will be followed by Mrs. T. U. Reynolds, who has been engaged as test medium for the whole

In the afternoon Dr. Charles W. Hidden of

Newburyport will occupy the platform.

During the whole session of thirty days the services will be interspersed with music by the well-known singers, the Ladies' Schubert Quartet of Boston. A feature which will be entirely new to any camp meeting, and which will be peculiar to Lake Pleasant, will be a "healing festival."

During the past year the daily papers all over the country have been teeming with ac-counts of the wonderful cures performed by Dr. C. W. Hidden, Mrs. Anna Lewis, Mr. George B. Sanborn (the Western healer of Aspen, Col.), Mr. Samuel A. Cheney, Mr. R. E. Fowler of Danbury, Conn., and Mrs. Alice Newell Hunt, a sister of the blacksmith healer, Bradley Newell, of Vermont. These healers have been engaged, and in the forenoons and afternoons of Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 2 and 3, a "healing festival" will be held in the Temple, and all these healers will participate. Dr. Hidden will have charge of the arrangements, and will also heal personally in conjunction with the others. Such a festival has never been attempted before, and, surcharged as our Temple is with spirit power, the conjunction of these powerful healers will undoubteely result in some wonderful cures, On Wednesday forenoon Dr. Hidden will de

liver a medical lecture to ladies, and on Friday and Sunday following Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood of Chicago, Mrs. T. U. Reynolds, and Edgar W. Emerson will occupy the platform.

The Fitchburg Military Band will give con-

certs daily. Those who have sent me bids for the restaurant, boating privilege, news-stand, hotel and baggage, will receive answers as soon

as the Directors meet in May.

The families of Mr. A. C. Carey, Dwight Hilliard, Mrs. Geo. Marble, Mr. C. L. Fisher, Thos. Gordon, C. E. Rice and Mrs. N. J. Morse are already at the Lake, and Fred Haslam and family, and Mrs. M. J. Stewart will open their cottages this week. It has been definitely decided that the Lyceum will be hald each Sur. cided that the Lyceum will be held each Sun-day evening in the Temple, and that Russell's Orchestra will furnish the music for the march.

On the last Sunday evening of August the Ladies' Improvement Society will cooperate with the Lyceum, and will hold a Memorial Service in the Temple.
Aug. 9, 10 and 11 the Ladies' Improvement

Society will hold its annual Fair. We ask the many friends and members not to forget this occasion, but to assist, as they have in the past, with as liberal donations of articles as possible. The Society is always a friend indeed, as many of the less fortunate in this Mr. Joseph D. Stiles. world's goods can testify, and those who assist can depend that they are working for a good cause. Any one desiring information or circu-

lars, can address, with stamp,
ALBERT P. BLINN, Clerk.
603 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

#### New York Convention.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The First Convention of Spiritualists of the State of New York is ended; and while the number of delegates was not as large as we Holt-Harding. The musical part of the prohad a right to expect in our Empire State, yet I am safe in saying that a more harmonious and successful Convention never met in fact.

gram will be conducted by the "Rose of New England Quartet"; recitations will be given by Miss Leliaone F. Thrall. and successful Convention never met; in fact, the unanimity of feeling and the spirit of kind- ducting meetings are invited to send reports ness and brotherly love was so marked that of the year's work.

MRS. J. E. B. DILLON, Secretary. we in reality had a three days' "love feast"; and those who were strangers to our Cause commented upon the wonderful unity that was manifest in all our deliberations. The strongest praise cannot do justice to our worthy President of the N. S. A., Bro. H. D. Barrett, and the State Agent, Frank Walker, for their untiring efforts to make our Convention the grand success they did, and the Spiritualists of our State realize that they owe these broth ers a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid and I can only say, on behalf of those earnest delegates and the societies they represent, that we will try to prove by our earnest cooperation that we appreciate their labors.

I cannot refrain also from a word of praise,

which is justly due to each and every delegate, for the earnestness and singleness of purpose in desire to make a State association an accomplished fact.

Yes, dear, old BANNER OF LIGHT, we now have a "State Spiritualist Association." Empire State, and we each one feel it the greatest honor that we have had the privilege of being a "Delegate" in the first Spiritualist Convention ever held in New York State.

The officers elected to govern the State Spiritualist Association for the coming year are: Frank Walker, Hamburg, President; Mrs. Carrie E. Twing. Westfield, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy, 2d Vice President; Herbert L. Whitney, Brooklyn, Secretary; H. W. Richardson, East Aurora, Treasurer; Trustees: 1st, Dr. E. F. Butterfield, Syracuse; 2d, W. Wines Sargent, Brooklyn: 3d, Jas. R. Stone, Waverly; 4th, Dr. W. B. Mills, Saratoga Springs.

Great thanks are also due to Prof. E. A. Whitelaw, violinist, of N. Y. City, the Marsh Ladies' Quartette, Syracuse, Master Clifford Walsh, soprano, Syracuse, Mr. Weeks, tenor, Binghamton, the Cecilian Ladies' Quartette, Binghamton, for the delightful manner in which they entertained us during the Convention. It is impossible in the short time at my disposal to make a more extended report at this time, but will send full report next week. HERBERT L. WHITNEY, Sec'y.

#### Greetings.

To our new Editor, Prof. Harrison D. Barrett: We extend cordial greetings and hearty cooperation with his new work as editor of the grand old BANNER OF LIGHT, where he will come closely in touch with its readers through that process of fraternal reciprocity that unites us in the interest of human welfare, as under stood by a knowledge of the truths expressed by the Spiritual Philosophy. We hold the BAN-NER OF LIGHT in high esteem, as one great and important factor in the promulgation of spiritual truth, and we appeal to our Spiritualists and investigators to arouse to a better realization of the benefit derived from reading its pages of valuable matter from week to week. Send in your subscriptions, dear friends, and encourage those loyal souls, mortal and immorwho are striving so earnestly to educate

tal, who are surrough and benefit humanity.

MRS. J. A. CHAPMAN.

The man who gives the world gold will be forgotten, but he who gives it good will not.

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#### In Memory of George A. Shufeldt.

BY GEORGE A. BACON.

We have to make record of the translation from his physical body of another veteran worker for Mental Liberty and Spiritual Knowledge-Bro, George A. Shufeldt of Chi-

He passed from his mortal tenement on the morning of March 29, the immediate cause of his death being rheumatism of the heart.

He was prominently known in business circles, having made his home in Chicago for the past thirty years. He may be remembered by some of the older readers of this journal as one of the original owners and developers of the famous Chicago artesian well. During the later years of his life he was much interested in mines in New Mexico and Montana. He was on a temporary visit home from the latter State when his sudden and fatal illness oc

curred. He was sixty seven years old.

Bro. Shufeldt was known as an active advovate of Prohibition and other reform questions, in behalf of which he wielded a irenchant and vigorous pen. Becoming deeply interested in the Spiritual Philosophy nearly a third of a century ago, he was ever after a val iant and consistent "defender of the faith" to him a conscious truth. A man of quick sensibilities, large sympathies and unsparing generopity, his unnumbered practical deeds of goodness must now shine as stars in his crown of rejoicing.

The writer became acquainted and associated with him in spiritual matters thirty odd years ago, since which, through correspondence, more than a brotherly bond of affection has existed; and few, if any, will miss and mourn his physical departure, his big hearted nature and genial influence, more than he who pens this hasty and imperfect tribute to his worth

and memory.
Washington, D. C., April 7, 1897.

#### The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association

Hereby extends fraternal greetings to all Spiritualists, Liberalists, investigators and thinkers, earnestly inviting them to cooperate in the grand work of presenting the truths of the Spiritual Philosophy and phenomena before the people. Let "love for humanity" lead us out into broader fields of investigation, and unite us in bonds of fraternal reciprocity, thus enlarging our usefulness by promoting a grander expression of life here and hereafter.
The Eleventh Annual Convention will be

held at Unity Church, Pratt street, Hartford, Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. Speakers for the Convention are: Prof. W. M. Lock-wood of Chicago, Ill.; Prof. H. D. Barrett of Boston, Mass.; Mr. A. E. Tisdale of New London, Conn. Mrs. Nettie H. Harding of Somerville, Mass., has been engaged as test medium. to fill the vacancy caused by the transition of

Program.-10:30 A.M., business meeting. 2 P. M., address by the President, Mr. C. E. Bingham; lecture, "The Spiritual Forces of Nature, and How They Promote the Visible," by Prof. W. M. Lockwood. 7:30 P. M., lecture, "The Philosophy of Co-Relation; or, How Natural Principles Relate Us to a Realm of Invisible Intelligence," by Prof. W. M. Lock-wood; tests by Mrs. Nettie Holt Harding.

Sunday, May 2.-10:30 A. M., conference at Odd Fellows Hall, Main street. 2 P. M., Unity Hall, lecture by Prof. H. D. Barrett; tests by Mrs. Nettie Holt-Harding. 7:30 P. M., lecture by Mr. A. E. Tisdale; tests by Mrs. Nettie

Secretaries of societies or individuals con-

#### Philadelphia, Pa.

The Philadelphia Spiritualist Society celebrated the Forty-Ninth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in its hall, northeast corner of 8th and Spring Garden streets, on Sunday, March 28.

The meeting was opened at 9:30 with a Conference. Mr. Thomas M. Locke, the President, made a short address suitable to the occasion followed by Mr. Samuel Wheeler, Vice President, Mrs. Story, Mr. Reed, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Phorn, and others. Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn folowed with a very eloquent address, which was listened to and appreciated by a large and in-telligent audience. The afternoon was devoted to the Lyceum, conducted by Mr. E. Myers and Mrs. Lillian Heasley, the exercises, consisting of recitations, tableaux, and drills. Among those assisting in these exercises were Miss Fannie Reed, Miss Mamie Snyder, Miss Bessie Wainwright, Miss Helen Stauffer, Misses Bessie and Laura Myers, the Misses and Master Garlick, Miss Myrtle Phillips, and Master Bien. Mrs. George Corbin gave a fine vocal selection. Prof. Frank Bacon, who is the Musical Director, had charge of the program. Mrs. C. Fan nie Allyn gave us a very fine lecture in the evening. Prof. Bacon, Mrs. Yocum, and Miss Emma Rehrwieder, violinist, furnished the

The hall was handsomely decorated with the American flag, and flags of other nations, also flowers, palms, and flowering plants. Great credit is due to the Committee of Decorations, Mr. William Hahn, Mr. Charles Hammar, and Mr. William Heasley, also Mrs. Joseph Shuster, Mrs. J. Hinds, Miss Galloway and Mrs. Story. Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas M. Locke.

#### Mrs. M. W. Leslie.

On Wednesday evening, April 7, the spirit of this estimable lady took its flight from earth. She had been a faithful medium, true and tried, for more than twenty-five years, and was ever ready to voice the sentiments angel-friends had to offer. She often spoke from the platform at Cassadaga Camp, in the famous conferences there, and always had a season able word to offer upon the thought of the hour. She was frequently visited by those who were prieving the loss of their dear ones, and her sensitive organ ism was often the channel through which the arisen spirits sought to alleviate the suffering of their loved

ones on earth.

Mrs. Deslie filled many lecture engagements very acceptably in different sections of the country, and made hosts of friends wherever she went. Mediumship to her was a sacred trust, and she sought to use it solely for the good of others, not for adulation nor self-aggrandizement. Her ministry has, therefore, been a noble one, and her mission grandly filled. She had been an invalid since last October, hence

the end was not unexpected. She welcomed the approach of the Silent Messenger, miscalled Death, as she would the approach of an old and valued friend. She fell asleep with a sweet smile of joy upon her face, while listening to the somes of the angels who had come to take her home, and whose forms she saw

Three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. P. L. O A Keeler, one son, four sisters and one brother are left in earth life to miss for a time her presence in their midst. She has but gone before to welcome them

In accord with her request, the vecal music was rendered by Miss Amanda Balley, of Salem, and Mrs. Wakefield, of Boston, while the address was delivered by H. D. Barrett, preceding which some appropriate relections were read by Alonzo Danforth.

#### The Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists

Will hold its Quarterly Convention at Labor Church, Oxford street, Lynn, Mass., Tuesday, May 4, 1897; morning at 10:45, afternoon at 2:30, evening at 7:30. Admission free. Collections taken at each session.

The following speakers will be present on that occasion: Harrison D. Barrett, Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, J. M. Kelty, Carrie F. Loring, Nettie Holt Harding, Mrs. H. A. Baker, J. B. Hatch, Sr., and many others. Names will be added

each week.

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#### MEETINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

LYNN,-T. H. B. James Writes: The Arthur Hodges First Spiritual Society held very interesting services Sunday, with good attendance, at 33 Summer street, 2:30 appropriate selections by Mrs. M. K. Hamill and Prof. C. I. Walker, of Salem. Invocation by Mrs. D. E. Matson. Dr. I. A. Pierce. Capt. J. Bal-com, Dr. S. M. Furbush, W. H. Rounseville, Frank Neate, Dr. E. F. Murray, Albert Sawin, of Chicago, Ill., spoke on timely subjects. Many tests and spirit messages were given by Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Lefavour, Mrs. Herrick, Mrs. Butler, Miss Hancox, Mr. Neate, Dr. Sawin and others.

At 7:30 Lena and Elsie Burns sang appropriate selections. Invocation by Mrs. Matson; also remarks by Dr. Pierce and Dr. Albert Sawin. Tests and messages, Mrs. Alice M. Lefavour and Mrs. Annie J. Brennan.

Next Sunday, at 2:30, tests, healing and remarks by Mrs. Bishop and other mediums. At 7:30 Mrs. Bishop will lecture and give tests. Also other good mediums will take part.

The good work still continues at Mrs. Dr. Dowland's, 130 Market street. Last Tuesday, Mrs. C. H. Clarke, of Boston, gave fine remarks and many tests and readings. Friday evoning, Mrs. A. Woodbury, of Boston, gave tests and readings. We hope soon to have them again.

Cadet Hall-Lynn Spiritualists' Association, J. M. Kelty, President .- Mrs. A. A. Averill, Sec'y, writes: Sunday, April 18, Mrs. Judge Pettingill of Malden was with us, and gave good satisfaction with remarks, tests and psychometric readings. Mrs. Annie E. Cunning-ham of Boston and Mr. Lamont of Wakefield were present, and assisted in the exercises. President Kelty and wife sang "No Night

There" very sweetly.

Next Sunday we shall have Mrs. Abbie N.
Burnham of Malden, assisted by Mrs. Dr.
Caird of Lynn, with automatic writings and

SALEM .- " N. B. P." writes: First Spiritualists' Society, April 18, the vacancy caused by the death of our brother and co-worker, Joseph D. Stiles, was filled by Mrs. Nettie Holt Harding. She made some fine allusions to him as a man of excellent reputation and character, and said that he would be missed by many, not Spiritualists altogether, for he had many friends outside the ranks.

Subjects: in the afternoon, "Down Through the Valley of Life there shall be Truth"; evening, "From Shadow Land how much Better They Are." She spoke beautifully on both subjects, in her very eloquent and convincing way.

\_April 25 Mrs, May S. Pepper of Providence,

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BRIGHTON .- D. H. Hall, Conductor, writes Sunday evening, April 18, Mrs. Greengrove M. Chapman gave a very interesting lecture on "The Resurrections" At the close of the lecture she answered mental questions with perfect satisfaction, and gave readings. Mrs. Chapman's work as an honest medium is attracting to our meetings a respectable class of believers and investigators, and goes to prove that a settled speaker and medium can accom-

plish the best results.

Sunday evening, April 25, 363 Washington street, at 7:30, speaking and phenomena.

G. A. R. HALL, 573 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, CAMBRIDGEPORT. - A correspondent writes: Patriotic Spiritual Meetings Sunday. Morning circle at 11 A. M. We had a large attendance, and it was filled with spirit power. Many were controlled. Afternoon and evening sessions Clark, Katie Butler; recitation, Mr. Hardy. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale.

Worcester. - Mrs. D. M. Lowe, Sec'y, writes: Sunday, April 11, our platform was occupied by Mrs. May S. Pepper, who was greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences.

April 18 Mr. Oscar A. Edgerley was our speaker, and will also be with us next Sunday. The Women's Auxiliary will meet on Thursday afternoon and evening, April 22, with Mrs. Mary Wicks, 81 John street.

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FITCHBURG.-Dr. C. L. Fox. President, says: The First Spiritualist Society observed Easter Sunday with appropriate services. Pythian Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity to hear the speakers and test mediums—Mr. Wood of Boston, Mrs. Sherwin of Lynn and Miss L. E. Smith of Fitchburg. The musical selections were finely rendered by Miss Maude Whalley. mandolin soloist, Miss DeCosta, cornetist, and Mrs. Dr. Whalley, organist and accompanist. The hall was finely decorated with flowers

WALTHAM .- Mrs. M. L. Sanger writes: April 18 our speaker was Mrs. Effie Webster of Lynn. The short address she gave us was so full of mannerisms that many in the audience recognized the controlling spirit, and when he said he had only been gone a few weeks, we felt certain that Mr. Joseph D. Stiles was with us. His advice to us was most excellent; he said organize by all means. Her tests were also very

Tuesday evening the Lyceum children will give an entertainment; both old and young have worked hard to make it a success. Next Sunday we have Miss Josephine Web

FALL RIVER.—John J. Connolly, Sec'y, says: Prof. George Burdett of New Bedford, an oldtime medium, now in his seventy-eighth year, lectured and gave tests for our society afternoon and evening, April 18.

The lectures were listened to with rapt attention by all present. After the lectures the professor gave numerous tests, which were all recognized without a single exception. There would be a constant demand for the Professor's services as a platform speaker if his abilities were more generally known.

Next Sunday, April 25, C. Fannie Allyn will be with us for the third time during the season. Standing-room will be the rule. Will J. Clegg Wright kindly send me his address?

HAVERHILL.-"O. H." writes that large audiences listened attentively to interesting lectures by Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn last Sunday. Dr. C. L. Willis followed with excellent readings. A developing circle was formed last Thursday. a large number being in attendance, who will meet regularly every Thursday at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday, April 27, the Union will give an

Oyster Supper. Cake and coffee will also be served, to be followed with a social dance. A sale of tancy articles will be held during the Sunday, April 25, the popular young medium

of Lowell, Miss Blanche Brainard.

THE CAMBRIDGE SPIRITUAL INDUSTRIAL Society, M. A. Sawyer, Sec'y, writes, held its meeting Friday, April 9. The speaker, Mrs. Nettie Holt Harding, was interesting, and well received, Mr. Harding, cornetist, assisting. The next regular meeting will be held in Cambridge Lower Hall. Friday, April 23, Mrs. Kate R. Stiles will lecture and give psychometric experiments. Good music. Supper served at six o'clock. Public invited.

WAKEFIELD.-James G. Hunt writes: Sunday, April 18, Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, of Onset, was with us again, taking the place of Mrs, Charlotte Butterman, who has not yet recovered sufficiently to take the platform. Mrs. Thompson's lectures, tests and delineations were all of the very best.

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Walter Wellington Currier entered spirit-life April 18, at half-past ten, from the home of J. M. Davis, 213 Groveland street, Haverhill, Mass., at the age of seventy-three years.

In compliance with his wish, I enclose a copy of instructions to be observed at his funeral, to be held Wednesday, April 21, at 2:30 P. M. CHARLES H. BRADLEY.

LAST RITES.

My heartful and earnest request is that when the day arrives to lay my body in its last rest ing place beside my companions at Hilldale, that there should be no funeral in the common acceptation of the term. There shall be no praying, no singing, no preaching, no speech making, no reading of the Bible or burial selec tions. All personal friends are to be welcomed to the house, and may engage in general con verse, and in honest criticism of my past life and its earthly termination.

My honest belief is that matter and force are both eternal; and as I am composed of matter and force I also am eternal. And I fully bewere well attended. Mediums who took part during day: Mrs. L. J. Akerman opened with prayer: Mr. Nickols, invocation; Mr. D. S. evidence of this fact, consequently I feel that I am to join the great majority of kindred and friends who have preceded me to the realm of continued and everlasting progress.

With love and kind greeting to every human being, I would bid you all adieu until we meet

beyond the river. (Signed) WALTER W. CURRIER.
And I'desire Mr. C. H. Bradley to take full charge, and see that the above is strictly ad-WALTER W. CURRIER.

hered to.

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

Mr. J. Frank Baxter, lecturer and medium, having

changed his residence, his permanent address here-after is 46 Tudor street, Chelsea, Mass. Mrs. Glading and Mr. Moorey will be at "Single Tax Hall," Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, on the even-

ing of April 26. Mrs. J. W. Kenyon lectured and gave tests in Malden the 5th just., in Salem the 11th, and Lynn the 12th. She has open dates. Address Waverley, Mass.

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823 Washington street, Boston. Mrs. Julia E. Davis gave tests in Providence, April 11; Sayville, 13; Chelsea, 18. Will be in Lynn 25. Open dates in May. Address 49 Dickinson street, Somerville, Mass.

F. A. Wiggin of Boston, Mass., concludes his engagement with the First Society of Washington on the 25th inst. He is to speak for the Berkeley Hall Society, Boston, the Sundays of May; Saturday evening, May 1, for the Psychical Research Club, Lowell; May 20, at Hillsboro Bridge, N. H. Societies destring his services for week-evenings during May, address in care of BANNER OF LIGHT.

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SPIRIT-MESSAGES.

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MRS. JENNIE K. D. CONANT.

Report of Séance held March 26, 1897. [Printed in advance by special request of Chairman of Message Department.1 Spirit Invocation.

Father divine, as our highest conception of Deity we approach thee this morning; we approach thee in love, and try to place ourselves in such relationship that we may be worthy of thy divine teachings. We learn, as the springtime is now approaching, and nature, is taking on its nev birth and bringing forth its buds of experience, a wonder ful lesson. As we approach the various spheres of life, and pass through different experiences, realizing new opportunities, seeking for light, for consciousness that thoughts are like buds upon the great tree of life, the tree of knowledge of good and evil, we are reminded that we are approaching the anniversary of Spiritualism. While we have watched the bud as it blossomed from the tree of ignorance, it has grown healthfully, and has brought forth much fruit, and has helped us to expand the brain and search more diligent ly the laws of light and humanity. When we look back over the history of this planet, we find the spirit predomi nating and felt is if comes in contact with matter; but we feel this morning as we approach the earth-sphere the need of puiting new life into our voins, new energy to stir those who have lain still, satisfied that their friends can returnsatisfied because some one has been instrumental in giving them a communication that has proved to them that the spirit liveth, and that there is a life continuous.

Oh! draw near unto all, and as they celebrate the fortyninth year of Modern Spiritaalism, may all realize that they are not children; that after forty nine years of expe rience they are supposed to be developed and matured to reason; that the time has come for us all to cooperate, mortal and immortal, to make the coming year a year truly to be remembered by all.

Oh! spirit of love, draw hear us this morning; open the eyes of the weak, strengthen the spirit to penetrate more deeply and more accurately the true laws of spirit control. Oh, as we have entered the Circle-Room this iporning, the golden gates are wide open, and those who have passed the experience that they called death, and have become conscious of the new birth, are walting to nd forth their thoughts and love-messages on the wings of love. Let each one celebrate, come closely, and be near one to the other, and thy name shall be praised now and forever. Amen.

#### INDIVIDÚAL MESSAGES.

#### , William Palmer.

Well, Mr. Chairman, it is sometimes harder for us to control the material brain than I think the mortal has any conception of, and of course if we are reasonable we shall know it is harder to control another brain than our own faculties, but as our good friend was giving that invocation this morning, and he speaks of the Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, my mind was thrown back to many years a to when Spiritualism was then new as far as the mortals understood, and to the anxious few that had become conscious that the spirit could manifest and work for the elevation of humanity. My good wife and companion on earthlife is with me, for we worked together in mortal, and how many times I have walked miles and miles perhaps to be instrumental in helping some poor soul to realize, their loved ones were around them.

Well can I remember the excitement that it made when it was reported that a paper would be published demonstrating spirit return, and how curious the multitude would look on the loving messages that were established in the BANNER OF LIGHT, and remember how hard it was to struggle through the darkness and superstition, we were truly budding like the trees in the springtime.

It seemed almost-impossible for your paper to exist under the conditions, but the good spirits that controlled the instrument that filled the chair that this instrument now fills gave assurance to the editor, Mr. Colby, and its manager, Mr Berry, and a few that were auxious to see it progress, and yet how many times have we as mortals shook in our boots not knowing what the consequence would be, but I am glad to day to be one to be identified with you here this morning, and I come to congratulate you on the progress that Spiritualism has made, and the BANNER OF LIGHT has been instrumental in scattering the seeds by the highways and byways.

Forty years have lapsed, and yet it was said at that time it could not live a month; forty years have passed, and we are still progressing, and in more demand to day than ever before. Now, Mr. President, I do not wish to monopolize too much of your time, but I wish to be remembered in Elmira, N. Y., and many other places in the surrounding country, where we on your time, Mr. Chairman, so I will say goodhave labored together. I am still interested in my co workers, and I have seen many who have joined us in spirit life; there are many with us this morning who can be witnesses to what I am saying. We have seen others rise up and fill our places, and we wish them God speed. We hope that all will blend in harmony, sympathy and good-will. I suppose I might as well try to make the

in legislation and demonstrations. We wish to say that we join you all in the upme to name all. I wish this to go as our Easter

mung County, N. Y.

#### Capt. William Suipes.

Weil, I suppose, my friend, it is well to introduce ourselves when we make an appearance in a new party, and I am Capt. William Snipes, and you will find my home a good wave Virginia, but I have got a good many relatives and friends around about here, and I should like to be remembered, although I have been out of the body quite a long while, and of course during these changes and conditions there has been many changes. There are those that have joined me since I passed on to spirit-life. I would like to say also, that I have still an interest in progression, and I would like to see the world grow better.

I like to see advancement, and I hope that selfishness is somewhat departing, but it do n't seem to me that we get entirely free of it. I was also for Spiritualism and for advanced learn more and study more, and I desire to that after the voyage of life was over and I had | cess, and hope all will assist you. entered into the harbor of peace, and had received the greetings of those who had gone on before, it was a happy greeting, for it was a good deal to be remembered, but I have been interested of late especially in my own family, for there are those that have not been very well, also have been troubled by the depression in-trade, and sometimes they wish the spirit was around them and able to assist and help them, yet they don't seem to be able to thoroughly comprehend the reasonable side, that all things come out well.

I am not much of a hand to make a long speech, and hence it is hard work for me to condense my ideas this morning operating through this instrument, but I would like to send words of encouragement to all, and especially those that I shall be remembered by, for I feel that there are many yet in earth-life that I am not forgotten by, and I wish to say that wherever I can, and wherever I have an opportunity to make myself known to the dear ones of earth life, I will, and say that I am piloting you on to the spirit land, where all sorrows and shadows are over, and that is where we will explain things that we cannot do to day. I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this privilege, and say that my companion and all loved ones are with me this morning, and would like to. voice their sentiments also, but as time will not permit they will try it some other time. You will locate me at Staunton, Va. Thank you. I will now bid you good by.

#### Justin W. Hungerford.

Well, Mr. Chairman, since you are putting names down, you might as well put my name more distinctly; but I can remember how down. It is Justin W. Hungerford, and this morning seems to be a sort of veterans' morning, for it seems that all who have operated this morning seem to have been familiar with the past conditions; and I, too, might say | and now the spirit can talk with you, and can I was interested, and I remember well when manifest in so many ways; yet there are this Message Department was first brought together and established for the communications of spirits and the work that it had been destined to do. I think I was pretty well not seem to comprehend; but we are now conadvanced in years before I passed out of the scious that it is the awakening of the spirit body, and I have also been gone some time, that has caused it, and that is why we wish to although I don't know as I can give you the unite with you this morning in sending forth exact year, but I should judge from experience our thoughts and cooperating with you so that I must be here from sixteen to seventeen all will come out to advantage, and you will years, and I know that through those last understand the laws that govern matter, years in spirit-life I have watched the progress | Thank you very kindly. My name is Robert of life, and it has been wonderful. It has been really astonishing to see how it has been brought forth, and how much more popular it is to day than it used to be; but we can see them seeking silently, going privately, and many are seeking sweet communion with the dear ones, who are gone, that the soul has not the moral courage to say, "I am a Spiritualist"; yet I do not think it is necessary to speak of belief, for we make a mistake, for there are so many beliefs, and circumstances and conditions oftentimes change our conception of the belief, hence it is well for us, instead of passing our ideas on belief, to pass it on knowledge; we want the facts; we want to understand natural laws.

You mortals that are still struggling through the environments of ignorance, if you would stop to study the natural laws of things, and study your own spirit, understand your own self, and compréhend what the faculties within you mean, and how to be used, and not abused. I feel during my experience in earth that I'tried to be useful, I tried to understand things the best I knew how, and I know when a man or woman does the best they know how it is all that can be expected from them, but I do n't feel this morning that I have come back merely to give somebody a test; I have not returned to gratify some idle chriosity; I have not come back to satisfy some person that it is mesthe ideal me, but I wish to be identified with a consciousness that the spirit lives, and can return. I have that experience, and because I have it I wish to send it to those in earth-life, so that others when they approach the step to be taken between the river of those left and the spirit-we will not call it deathfor when I was living in the body I was satisfied that when the boatman called me the dear loved ones would be waiting for me on the, spirit side, and I wish to say to all, be of good cheer, many things are not yet explained, but to those that are near and dear to me by the tie of relationship and memory, although you may not believe that grandpa has returned, you may not believe it, it is me just the same. I want to say that there are others with me this morning, and I do not wish to intrude too much by, and may God bless each one, is our desire this morning.

My home, my friend, was in Appleton, Wis., where I think I shall be remembered in years

#### Andrew Vickery.

And one more thing: I wish to thank this pro- best of this opportunity, and you can put me gressive age. The idea of organizing now will down as Andrew Vickery, and my home as Autake a new interest, so as to be identified as a burn, Me. I, too, have been out of the body people, as a power, and realize our rights both many years. I have oftentimes watched the progress of things, and been around your circle-room as in years gone by; I was quite well building and growth of humanity and every along in years-nearly eighty-before I passed step of progress. I do not wish to speak of any on to spirit life, and I had a vast experience in one individually, for it seems impossible for earth-life. I had many who were closely attached to me, but there were many who had gone on greeting, and to say that, while we have been | before. It is only when we commence to lose disrobed of mortal faculties of recognition, we our friends we ask, Where are they? It was are still with you, and will love and guide and the death of my dear mother that caused me encourage you in our feeble way, as we did to seek out Spiritualism, to understand where words I would like to be identified this morning

dent, that William Palmer is here this morn- agein. It was a great comfort to me in the lating, and says he sends greetings to all. I left ter days of my life, because I could see, with the body in what we call the Big Flats of Che- [inner-eyes, that I should have consolution; that they were around, watching for me to finish my work; and then, when they called me home, I was ready to go.

I was glad that I had seen so much and understood the little I did, for truly when we get to the spirit world we often wish we had understood more; but this morning I wish to from here, because I went out of the body in | come back and thank the good angel friends of the mortal. I hope all will cooperate and benefit, for truly it is the most beautiful religion that ever came to the souls of men.

> I wish to be remembered by all. I hope I am not forgotten, for once in a while only have I had an opportunity of manifesting to those whom I have met before, and they have often wondered why I have not made myself known more through the Banner of Light. I wish to say to them all that I have been interested, just the same, and wish them to know I am waiting for them; and if I can assist them in any way I shall be more than pleased to do so.

I don't feel like sending too long a commuideas, and I am still feeling that I wish to nication this morning, because there are so many waiting to come in. I am thankful for help my fellow men, and I wish them to know this little crumb. Good by. I wish you suc-

#### Robert Rutherford.

Well, friend, it seems time is going, and time is precious; but I felt, as the good chairman said this morning that I might follow next, that my soul was too full for expression, for I would like to come in contact with the dear ones once more. It seems good to have the privilege, and especially when we hover around you so many times when you really do n't seem to be conscious that we are with you; and this morning there has been so much said on the advancement that mortal has made, and I too, feel satisfied with what has been done. I have more on the spirit-side than on the mortal, and there are so many of us together that it seems now like home, and there are those I still have an interest in-especially the one who has not been physically well lately—and I wish to strengthen all and encourage all. I feel as if I shall be remembered in Roch

ester, N. Y., as I remained there many years and was familiar with many people-mostly business people-and I should like to say that , too, have enjoyed the progress of Spiritualism, for well do I remember when the Rochester rappings came, and how great the excitement was at that time, and how we used to enjoy the communications that were oftentimes sent to us through THE BANNER and through all the other sources, for we were then anxious to test the power. Why, fellow men, to-day it is nothing to get a spirit-communication, for the spirit is much more familiar with the chemical laws that manifest through matter, and they can make you understand things many hours we used to sit for one tiny little knock, one letter, and as they were spelled alphabetically, how patiently we would wait for every one and every sentence that we got: doubts, and there are times when it seems the more plain the spirit comes, the more they try to demonstrate to the mortal ones, they do Rutherford.

#### Lorena French.

Well, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the male element of our circle predominates this morning, and I just said to the Chairman. were they all going to send their thoughts, and wondered if I could have a word also, because I too am a veteran, as the word might be expressed, for so many long years have I listened to the voice of the spirit. My physical body was a long while ailing, and it seems almost as though my earthly garments were not strong enough to hold the progressive spirit, and yet I wanted more assistance when I became conscious that the spirit could help me, help me both physically and spiritually, and I know they prolonged my earthly career, and I tried to keep back the pain, and make myself as comfortable as it was possible. I know also that they had assisted me wonderfully, and I did not realize it half so much as I have since I have been in spirit-life, and I feel this morn ing in coming back after all these many years -for I too lived until I was seventy-one years old, and I have seen my large family grow up, and I have seen many of them pass on to the spirit-life, also had them join me since I came to the spirit—that I had many blessings while in my earthly career, for there was nothing left undone. To-day I have worked with them, and I return through your Message Department this morning to see if I can assist, and start up a little bit more confidence, start up a little more encouragement, and let them know that grandma has not left them, that I am still interested in the welfare of children and grandchildren.

I am also interested in humanity at large, and as my own family are mostly on the spiritside, yet I have got so many of my children yet in earth-life, it seemed that I was mother and grandmother to so many, not all tied by the laws of relationship, but I feel I used to extend a hand of sympathy to all. I want to send glad tidings of immortal joy, and say to them as the Easter morning seems to be approaching, and we can see the emblem of the destroyer called death, and can say as one of old, conquered death and the grave, so have we rested triumphantly, and can say truly in our hearts to day, "Oh grave, where is thy victory? Oh death, where is thy sting?" And I wish all to remember that I have not come this morning merely to wake up an interest, so that those that will recognize it will think and know that I have done what they wanted me to do, for your paper goes many ways and in many families. I want to say also, that those in Vermont will remember me and my dear companion, and my husband's name was Spencer, and my own name was Lorena French, and I wish them to know that there are so many around us this morning, but as the time is limited we will not approach too much into personality, but if they will give us an opportunity we will try to assist them more. I lived in Gaysville,

#### N. W. Bonney.

Well, Mr. President, I only want to say a few while in the earth-life. Just say, Mr. Presi- the soul is, and as to whether we should meet as another who has recognized THE BANNER

since its first publication, and has understood much in connection with the surroundings of life, and the knowledge that Spiritualism gives | comfort and consolation to the soul which nothing else does. I feel that I would like to send forth a few words to those who may yet remember me, for truly time changes the conwhen we are out of the body to keep present with the time. It is hard sometimes to realize that it hangs heavy around mortal shoulders, it goes so quick and rapidly in spirit.

I sometimes wish I could give my experience as I have found it in spirit, although in life we have not always spent our time diligently. When I look over my earth life it don't seem possible that this old BANNER has waved over our country forty years. I can remember when I sent in my first subscription, and I always looked out that it was paid, for THE BANNER was my Bible, and it gave me so much courage! I used to say that when I went on to spirit-life what a beautiful thing it would be if I could come in and take control in the circle and see how the spirit could manifest; but I find after coming into the spirit realm that there are many things we feel we would do, just the same as we did in earth life. We sometimes think we will do a thing, and afterward we find conditions are not always right.

I have not been a stranger to your Banner circles, but I have been a stranger to many of the instruments, for it has been almost impossible for me to control the ways of those I come in contact with, and that is the reason you don't hear from me more often, but this morning I have been assisted here through the great power that has been raised from the old coworkers, as we wish to bring forth new encouragement, and draw the line between the times when we first started, and the progress that we are making to day, and I wish to say to all, work faithfully, work honestly, and you will know that the spirit can cooperate with me, that is as far as relationship goes, but I am interested in my brothers and sisters of humanity.

You can put me down as N. W. Bonney, Hill City, Ténn.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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W. J. COLVILLE.

QUES - [By A. A. Cate, Haverbill, Mass.] How would you treat a case of stammering? Kindly answer through the columns of The Banner.

Ans.-Stammering, or any impediment in speech where there is no directly organic difficulty with any of the vocal organs, is invariably due to some abnormal condition of the nervous system; and as mental suggestion is invariably of the highest use in conquering nervous difficulties, we should strongly advise making suggestion to the child or adult, whichever it may be, to the effect that he or she is perfectly able to command the entire faculty of speech, and to give full and easy expression to thought in language.

With children the most aggravated cases of stuttering are often due to painful self consciousness coupled with positive fear of meeting strangers, hearing certain seemingly harmless subjects discussed, and sometimes with no greater cause for alarm than the mere mention in ordinary conversation of the names of certain persons who, for some unexplained cause, have suggested something formidable to the afflicted patient.

should be made orally in all such cases, though where personal contact between healer and patient is not feasible a strongly worded letter may answer the purpose.

On no account place reliance on any of the many much-vaunted but actually useless mechanical cures, such as putting pebbles under ditions much, and it is hard for us sometimes the tongue, uttering a single vowel before articulating a sentence, etc., etc. All such socalled remedies are too superficial to afford radical or permanent relief, though sometimes they are of a little immediate benefit.

To call attention to the stammering itself is worse than useless, as it increases the embarrassment of the afflicted person. Simply ignore the unpleasant phenomenon, but quietly and firmly suggest to the patient that he can use his vocal organs as well as you can use yours.

It stands to reason, of course, that only temporary good can result from even the wisest use of suggestion unless the suggestor succeeds in strengthening the will and self confidence of the patient, for, as stammering is brought on by purely hysterical conditionsand hysteria is first a mental, then a nervous, and finally a physical disorder-no cure can be permanent that does not go to the root of the malady, and destroy that root. -

The lesser good can often be accomplished prior to the greater; therefore temporary benefit can be looked upon as a clue to the ultimate securance of finally complete liberation from so distressing a limitation. Speech is preëminently a human power; therefore any defect in speech is clearly due to some unusual lack of mental control over the bodily system.

Those foolish persons, who, while seeking to afford relief, call renewed and increased attention to an ailment necessarily defeat their own ends, as they increase the very thought about self and its limitations, which is usually the prime cause of any vocal impediment. If at any special time it is particularly necessary you. I have most of my friends in spirit with that the stammerer should not stammer, you are quite justified in saying, firmly though gently, either aloud or in silence, "You are able to speak perfectly," or "You will now perfectly recite your piece," or whatever suggestion expresses exactly what you wish to aid in bringing about.

Remember always-and we are speaking to everybody everywhere, who wishes to practice mental suggestion beneficially-you must feel that you are going with, never without, and certainly never against the will of your patient. In a case of stammering it should prove particularly easy for you to take the right mental attitude.

Address the individual as one whois working with you to rise superior to a limitation you are unitedly bound to surmount, and if you persist faithfully and quietly you will soon see evidences of success.

Should you discover, in your diagnosis of a case, that any special fear or habit-increases the stammering, then affirm positively but serenely that your ratient is henceforth free from the oppression of the fear or the thralldom of the labit. Such in general outline have we found to be the best method for conquering even long-standing and obstinate cases of stammering, which are always greatly aggravated by fear, anger or fatigue.

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#### in Memoriam.

Passed to the Higher Life, from Bolton; Mass., Sunday morning, April 4, Mrs. Julia A. Woodbury,

aged 63 years. Mrs. Woodbury was the mother of Francis B. Woodbury, Secretary of the National Association of Spiritualists, and Frederick A., a younger son, who had always remained in the home, a tender relation of mutual care and dependence existing between mother and son; while the elder brother, in his distant home and in the many cares of his busy life, kept in loving touch with and helpful ministry to the in-mates of his childhood's home. Unexpectedly came the silent messenger; an attack of "la gripp short duration, suddenly assuming a fatal form

On the eye of preparation for the great Anniversary Mass Meeting in Washington came the summous home, to our Secretary, who, with characteristic faithfulness, attended to all the minut'æ of his work ere starting the sad journey eastward to the love brother anxiously awaiting his coming. The funeral took place from the home, Thursday,

April 8, at 2 P. M., and was conducted with much manimity of feeling by Rev. W. J. Leonard and the A large number of relatives, friends and neighbors

A large number of relatives, friends and neighbors assembled, and there was manifest a peculiarly sympathetic atmosphere, as though each sensed a personal loss; for the quiet little woman had been born, married and experienced the new birth under the same sheltering roof, and her lile in her home and in the community had been the embodiment of all the sweet amenities of life.

The many floral efferings were exquisite and beautifully arranged. Her son's thought oil love had garlanded the low sewing chair with fi wers, and fair blossoms rested on the work basket, where all remained as "mether" had left it, with "Frank's" last letters among the things with which her hands had wrought love's last labor. wrought love's last labor. "Crape on the door" gave place to flowers, elicit-ing from the pastor, Mr. Leon erd, words of approval,

is he considered the trappings of mourning out of pace on such occasions, and inconsistent with the heroic, noble life ended in the mortal. Mrs. Woodbury was a firm believer in the revela-

tions of Spiritualism, and received her first proof rom our lately arisen brother, Joseph Stiles.

Many friends followed her body to its resting place among the graves of her kindred, and after a brief prayer of committal, with chastened hearts, yet triumphant with the knowledge of immortality, her loved ones turned to the home her life had sanctified and where, we pray, her spirit presence shall be as "healing balm" to her youngest born, and from whence her treed spirit, with quickened powers, shall speed to that other home, to bless and strengthen

Suggestion can, and rehenever practicables companion.

Julierre Veau

# Best. Rest. Test There are two kinds of sarsaparilla: The best - and the

rest. The trouble is they look alike. And when the rest dress like the best who's to tell them apart? Well, "the tree" is known by its fruit." That's an old test and a safe one. And the taller the tree the deeper the root. That's another test. What's the root, -the record of these sarsaparillas? The one with the deepest root is Ayer's. The one with the richest. fruit; that, too, is Ayer's. Ayer's Sarsaparilla has a record of half a century of cures; a record of many medals and awardsculminating in the medal of the Chicago World's Fair, which, admitting Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best shut its doors against the rest. That was greater honor than the medal, to be the only: Sarsaparilla admitted as an exhibit at the World's Fair. If you want to get the best sarsaparilla of your druggist, here's an infallible rule: Ask for the best and you'll get Ayer's. Ask for Ayer's and you'll get the best.

#### The 49th Anniversary. [Continued from second page.] .

Spiritualism was celebrated by the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia, in Warner's Music Hall, Broad and Wallace streets, on Sunday, April 4th. The president, Capt. F. J. Keffer, presided at all the principal meetings in his usual kindly manner. The lecturers were W. J. Colville and Mrs. M. E. Williams, of New York. Mrs. E. L. Haslam acted as leader of the choir, Prof. J. W. Caume ably presided at the organ.

The exercises of the day opened at 9:30 A. M.

The exercises of the day opened at 9:30 A. M. with a conference, at which C. H. Barry acted as chairman. The regular morning exercises commenced at 10:30 A. M. with singing, "Joy to the world," by the choir and congregation. The lecture was by W. J. Colville on "Spiritualism, Past, Present and Future," after which a fine selection by the choir was ably rendered. The services concluded with an inspirational poem by W. J Colville and the singing of a new doxology by the entire audience. At 1 P. M. another conference was held, with

Mr. Wm. Ahles as chairman.

At 2 P. M. Mrs. Lillian Reid Heasley and the Lyceum gave a brief exhibition of their work. At 2:30 P. M. an anniversary hymn was sung followed by an address by Mrs. M. E. Williams. Another selection by the choir was introductory to an address by W. J. Colville. Music followed by Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Caume. After the poem a fine musical treat was given by the orchestrion.

At 6:30 P. M. the third conference was held,

Mr. Barry again acting as chairman.
At 7:30 P. M. music by Prof. and Mrs. Caume, followed by addresses by Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Mrs. Williams and W. J. Colville, interspersed with fine music. Spirit messages through Mrs. Williams brought the day's exercises to a close.

The attendance was good in the morning,

still larger in the afternoon and fully up to the seating capacity of the spacious hall in the evening.

Many of the oldest Spiritualists in Philadel-

phia and neighborhood were in attendance at one or other of the sessions, among the most venerable of whom appeared the stately figure of Col. Kase, who has already celebrated his

82d birthday.

During the morning exercises Mr. Tisdale (the blind speaker), who is engaged by another Association in Philadelphia, sang a very touching song, accompanied by Mr. Locke, President of the Society for which he is now lectur-

ing.
The decorations of the rostrum were sumptuous in the extreme, and reflected great credit on the faithful corps of workers, who spared neither time, money nor effort to render the hall beautiful in the eyes of the many hundred visitors who flocked to it from before ten in the morning till after ten at night.

Though many Anniversaries have been successful in Philadelphia, that of the present season has excelled all preceding ones. The collections were very generous, several five dollar bills appearing in the baskets at the morning session alone.

#### Baltimore Anniversary Notes.

Baltimore, Md., has no record of having any Anniversary celebration of Modern Spiritual-

tiome, and the program for the morning, as well as that of the evening, was happily ter-minated by its good pastor, Mrs. Rachel Wal-cott, who paid a glowing tribute to the progress and claims of Spiritualism.

In the evening, Mr. Woodbury, Secretary of the National Spiritualist Association, delivered an elaborate address. Mrs. Wheeler Brown made a neat speech, and favored the audience with the medinmistic rendition of piano solos. Mrs. Richard Wahle and her son, Robert, rendered several solos finely. Miss Gertie Gauss, as usual, was quite pleasing, and is a success as an elocutionist. Instrumental music was furnished by Miss Roberta Rusk,

Masters Gray and Zipp.

The First Spiritual Temple (Religio Philosophical Society) conducted its Anniversary commemoration at Sutro's Hall, on March 30, Mr. Edwin W. Wright presiding. Mrs. Ra-chel Walcott cheerfully cooperated with the Society.

After music, singing and an invocation by Mrs. Walcott, Mr. F. A. Wiggin then addressed the audience on that which should and might be attainable by Spiritualists as a body, and uplift Spiritualism to that high standard of a better and improved humanity. After some fine singing by Mr. Maxham, Mr. Wiggin again followed with giving tests. He was quick, concise and startling, and had the full attention of an excellent and intelligent audience. Prof. Joseph K. Hoffman, a cornetist of repfite, as well as others, contributed finely toward the Society's successful efforts. Mrs. Walcott was presented with one of the handsomest of bouquets. Thus ended that evening's program, well gotten up and well exe-

On the afternoon and evening of March 31, the Third Spiritual Church held its Anniversary at Pythian Hall, Mr. Charles W. Stanglen, President. The program for both occa-sions was profuse with musical and literary talent. The evening service was excellent in all respects, and the roomy hall was full. On the platform were various speakers and mediums; identified in the good work here. The Anniversary address was made by Brother

This Society was fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Maggie Waite, of California (now 121 Buhl Block, Detroit, Mich.), for March, and thus Baltimoreans had an opportunity of hearing this famed and fine test medium. It is to be regretted that the Anniversary celebration terminated her stay in our midst. The floral display at all of the meetings was fine. CHESAPEAKE.

> Written for the Banner of Light. MY REQUIEM: JOSEPH D. STILES.

Dear old comrade, I bring green laurel leaves, The same as ages gone in storied lands. The sons of Helias wreathed around the brows Of those they loved with gentle, tender hands: 'T were meet that one who toiled through a long life To garner sunbeams-dry the mourners' tears-Should wear a crown whose lustre never fades,

But shines on brighter after lapse of years. What ho! there, sentry, guarding spirit realms, A pilgrim waiting stands without the gate; Make clean the temple, bid the vestal maids Bring him white robes; methinks a fitting mate

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Content we wait till our paths cross once more, For out on Life's strange, wondrous, boundless sea, Fair summer winds may fill your sails and waft Your life bark o'er long billows back to me. Our Father guides the helm through many devious

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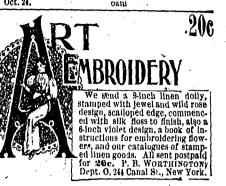
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The Veteran Spiritualists' Union meets the first Wednesday of each month at Gould Hall, No. 3 Roylston Place, and at No. 7 Park Square, the third Thursday, at 1:30 P.M. C. C. Shaw, Presider 2 9 Bedford street; Wm. H. Banks, Clerk, Boston, P. O. Box 2,681.

The Spiritualistic Industrial Society meets at 7, Park Square every Thursday afternoon and evening; supper at 6: Mrs. M. A. Brown, President; Miss C.M. Manning, Secretary. Arlington Hall, corner Dover and Washington

Stracts.—The Ladies' Lyceum Union meets every Wednesday afternoon and evening; supper at 6½ P. M. Mrs. M, A. Brown, President; Mrs. Abbie Thompson, Secretary. Harmony Hall, 724 Washington Street.—The Band of Harmony Meetings. Sunday 11 A. M., 2½ and 7½ P. M., Thesdays 2½ P. M. Mrs. K. E. Paruell, President.

Hiawatha Hall, 241 Tremout Street (Bur Ellot Street).—Meetings Sundays at 11 a. m., 2½ and 1½ f. m., also Thursdays at 2½ f. m., for speaking, tests and readings. Edwin H. Tuttle, Leader.

. Commercial Hall, 694 Washington Street, cor-ner of Kacciand.—Meetings every Thursday, 2%, P. M. N. P. Smith, Chairman.

The Boston Psychic Conference and Facts Meetings, every Sun lay evening, at the Woman's Journal Parlors, 3 Park street. L. L. Whitiock, President. America Hall.—Meetings Sunday morning, afternoon and evening. Eben Cobb, Chairman.

The Home Restrum.—Spiritualist meetings will be beld every Sunday and Thursday evening at 1½ o'clock. Dr. E. M. Banders, President, 21 Soley street, Charlestown. Good Templare Hall-I Johnson Acenue, Charlestown Dist,—Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Friday afternoons. Mrs. E. J. Peak, Chairman.

Brighton.—The Occult Phenomena Society holds meetings-ewery Sunday at 7½ P. M., at Mora Parlors. Room 10, 365 Washington street. D. H. Hall and Mrs. G. M. Chapman, Conductors.

Chelien. - Spiritual meetings every Sunday evening at 1% at 206 Broadway. Charles H. Heavner, Chalrman. Grand Army Hall, 573 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridgeport.—Sundays, 11 A. M., 2½ and 1½ P. M. Mrs. L. J. Akerman, Conductor.

The Ladies' Spiritual Industrial Society meets the second and fourth Fridays, at 631 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge Lover Hall, Cambridgeport. Mrs. M. M. Nich-ds, President.

Owing to the great increase of meetings in Boston, THE BANNER—in defense of the rights of its readers outside of Massachusetts—is reluctantly compelled to aunounce that reports of gervices held on Sunday only can be noticed in these columns hereafter—though an exception will be made in the case of Societies which hold only week-evening meetings.

Our directory of Boston meetings will, however, be continged as hereofore.

BOSTON SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, BERKELEY ample work to do at each meeting.

HALL.—J. B. Hatch, Jr., Sec'y, writes April 18:

If the Boston Spiritual Temple had advertised Little Eddie, giving one of the thirst entertain ments rendered this winter. Frankie Lamont BOSTON SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, BERKELEY igram of Laster musics it would not have had a larger audience than the one that gathered this morning to listen to the lecturer, Hon. H. D. Barrett, every seat being taken. Late comers were obliged to stand in the rear of the hall. The meeting opened with congregational singing, after which Vice-Presi dent Allen introduced Mr. Barrett, who read a poem entitled "It is not True." Mr. Fred Watson followed with a very fine piano solo, which was well received. [Mr.Barrett's lecture, owing to want of space, will be printed in next issue l

At the close of his address Mr. Barrett was obliged to arise and acknowledge the grand ovation given him.

After a piano solo by Mr. Watson, Mr. Allen introduced Mrs. Florence White, who, after short remarks, gave a great many delineations that were recognized. This was the first appearance of this medium on our platform, and a stranger to most of the audience, although well known throughout the country.

In the evening our hall was again well filled. The meeting was opened with a duet by the Sisters Walfenthin, accompanied at the piano by Miss Georgiana Watson. After a poem by Mr. Barrett, and another duet by the Sisters Vallenthin, Mr. Barrett took for his subject. Who are the Brave?" and delivered a grand address. During the delivery of this address the speaker was warmly applauded

Remember that Sunday next will be the last opportunity to hear Mr. Barrett this season. Everybody should hear this eloquent speaker in his last lecture.

Mr. Barrett was followed, as in the morning, by Mrs. Florence White, who gave a great many messages from the spirit-world to friends

in the earth-life. During the month of May Mr. F. A. Wiggin will be the speaker and medium. Remember that the BANNER OF LIGHT is

always for sale at this hall. You should read this paper if you wish to get all the news among the Spiritualist societies throughout the country.

The Helping Hand Society-Mrs. A. A. Eldridge, Sec'y, writes-met as usual at 3 Boylston Place, April 14, with Mrs. C. L. Hatch, President. Meeting opened with a piano solo by Miss Cassell. Mrs. Caird, writing and rapping medium, gave some fine tests. Mr. J. B. Hatch, Sen., made brief remarks. We hope to have him with us often.

April 28 a reception will be tendered to Hon. H. D. Barrett, present speaker of Berkeley Hall Society, also editor BANNER OF LIGHT.

THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST LADIES' AID SO CIETY-Carrie L. Hatch, Sec'y, writes-met Friday, April 16, at 241 Tremont street, with Mrs. Mattie Allbe, President, in the chair.

The entertainment in the evening opened with singing by Miss Amanda Bailey, accom-panied by Miss Eva Cassell, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing was with us, and spoke briefly and eloquently, referred to Lake Helen Camp Meeting in a pleasing way. Mrs. Jennie K. D. Conant gave this Society a benefit. She spoke briefly, and gave very satisfactory demonstration of spirit return. We take this opportunity to publicly thank Mrs. Conant for her kindness to our Society.

Next Friday we expected Mr. C. L. Walker would be with us to give his illustrative views; the entertainment of Mr. Walker's has been postponed until the first Friday evening in May.

Next Friday evening Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing will give this Society a benefit, and we invite all to be present.

COMMERCIAL HALL-Mrs. Wilkinson, Presi dent .- A correspondent writes: Sunday morn ing, April 18, services began with spiritual songs. The Tyler quartet sang throughout the morning; the speakers and mediums gave tests and messages, which were very enjoya-

Afternoon service began in the usual way Andrus E. Titus gave the opening address; also read a beautiful poem. The colored singers discoursed sweet music from time to time.

The following mediums took part: Mr. W. Roilins, Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Peak, Prof. Hilling, Mrs. Nutter, Mrs. Forrester, Mrs. Mabel Itham, Mrs. Ballou, Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Wilkinson. The tests and readings were all of a remarkable nature and fully understood.

Evening service opened with singing by the Tyler Troubadours. Andrus E. Titus was the the first speaker; his subject, the immortality of the soul, was well handled. Mrs. M. Knowles gave several very fine readings. Mr. Bartlett's tests were very correct. Duet by Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, after which Mrs. I. E. Downing, Mrs. Nutter and Mrs. Wilkinson gave tests and readings.

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HOLLIS HALL SPIRITUAL SOCIETY-Elizabeth B. Coombs, President.—A correspondent prites: Sunday, April 18, morning circle opened with a goodly number, Mrs. Ratzel in charge, Was very fortunate to have Mrs. Kenyon with us the entire morning, also Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Fish, and other fine mediums. At 2:30 Song Service. Special Easter music afternoon and night, the hall being very prettily decorated by Bro. Pierce. Dr. Huot, Mr. Marsden, Mrs. Kenyon, Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Robiuson, Mr. and

lowing fine mediums gave most wonderful tests: Mr. Quint, Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Dr. Bell, Mr. Ratzel, Mrs. Dickey, Mrs, Woodbury, Dr. A collection of Angles and Section 1988.

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A collection of \$3.23 was taken up for the Veteran Spiritualists' Home, and, we hope to do a great deal to help them this coming season. BANNER OF LIGHT here always.

HIAWATHA HALL.—A correspondent writes Sunday, April 18, the morning circle was a good one. Tests were given by Mrs. C. H. Clarke, Mrs. A. Woodbury, E. H. Tuttle. At 2:30, opening remarks by E. M. Sanders. Mrs. M. E. Pierce also gave remarks and personal readings; Mrs. M. Knowles, Mrs. Woodbury, E. H. Tuttle, recognized tests and readings. At 7:30, Mrs. I E. Downing, invocation and appropriate Easter remarks, also clear, correct

tests; song, by H. Leslie.

Mrs. W. S. Butler spoke to the point, and in her remarks urged all to seek aright, and gain from the spirit forces more of the spiritual and less of the material; Mrs. Pierce spoke of the necessity of all realizing their own responsi-bility, with charity to all; songs, by Little Helen Gale, Mrs. E. R. Brown, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. F. Gough, Mr. Tuttle, fine tests and readings; Mr. Tuttle answered mental questions, Musical selections throughout the day by H.

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ELYSIAN HALL ASSOCIATES, a correspondent ELYSIAN HALL ASSOCIATES, a correspondent Christian Evolution Society of Brooklyn, adwrites, held three very instructive sessions on dressed the meeting, followed with violin Sanday. Our meetings are growing in the ters.

ber, and our meetings are very faithful. We had tests from the following at 11: invocation; Mrs. E. F. Kurth, President of the Woman's Mrs. Gilliland. Mrs. Mellen, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brogressive Union, made some pertinent remarks, also Mrs. Smith of Boston, and Mrs. Turnak and several others were Sanday. Our meetings are growing in numcontrolled for the first time.

At 2:45, remarks, Mrs. Gilliland and Mrs. Mellen, on the resurrection, tests, Mrs. Millan, Dr. Saunders, Mr. Quimby, Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Goff.

At 7:45, remarks on Soul Life, Mrs. Gilli-land; Our Example, by Mr. Scarlet; tests, Mrs. Millan, Mr. Tracy, Mrs. Gilliland, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Hersey, Mrs. West, Mrs. Knee-

Mrs. Gilliland's control celebrates second year of work April 27. A welcome to all her BANNER OF LIGHT always on hand.

THE LADIES' LYCEUM UNION-Abbie F. Thompson, Sec'y, writes-met in Arlington Hall, Wednesday afternoon and evening, April Hall, Wednesday afternoon and evening, April through our esteemed speaker and medium, 14. Business meeting called at 5, President Mrs. A. M. Glading, whose sympathetic utter-Mrs. M. A. Brown in the chair. Although the ances seemed to touch every heart, as intense season is drawing to a close, yet the ladies find

recited, Sadie Falconer sang, Leo Hanson gave a recitation, Little Eddie sang his best, Little Alice Sweet sang, Helen Higgins, piano solo, Ruth Gilliland, recitation, Little Clifford Lamont, Jr., rendered two fine pieces. This closed the entertainment. The hall was cleared, and the little ones danced until 10:30.

Next Wednesday will be our regular whist night. All are welcome. Supper, 6:30. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale.

AMERICA HALL .- A correspondent writes: The glorious morning on Sunday last brought together a grand circle. Many strangers paid us a visit, and the occasion was one of true spirit

A meeting of unusual interest in the afternoon, the following able talent taking part: Eben Cobb, C. E. Elliot, Mrs. M. M. Reed, Mr. C. W. Quimby, Mrs. A. P. McKenna, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. A. Forrester, Mrs. E. J. Peak, Madam Baker gave some five astrological readings. Mrs. M. Witham and Mr. and Mrs. Tyler rendered some choice music; also Mrs. M. Rockwell and Mr. L. Huxley.

Mr. Cobb opened the evening meeting with a highly interesting talk, illustrated by many beautiful stereopticon views. The following mediums took part during the evening: Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Forrester, Mrs. M. Witham, Mrs. Knowles, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Heath, Mr. F. Rol-

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THE LADIES' SPIRITUALISTIC INDUSTRIAL Society-C. M. Manning, Sec'y, writes-met at Park Square Hall, Thursday, April 15, afternoon and evening. Business meeting called at 5:30 by the President, Mrs. M. A. Brown.

Evening meeting called at eight o'clock by Mr. Shaw, Chairman of the Veterans' Union, followed by singing by Miss Florindini; remarks by Jennie K. D. Conant, Mrs. Kenyon, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Clark, Dr. Heath, Prof. Tuttle, Mr. E. Cobb and Dr. Lowe. Prof. Perkins favored us with a song, and Prof. Watson with a piano solo.

Next Thursday, April 22, will be the usual monthly dance, and the last one of the season.

GOOD TEMPLARS' HALL, 1 JOHNSON AVE., CHARLESTOWN DIST. - F. W. Peak writes: Sunday, April 18, meeting opened with song service by Mr. Jones, assisted by Miss Rogers; invocation by Conductor, Mrs. E. J. Peak; inspirational remarks were offered by Mrs. C. H. Clark; followed by very interesting tests by Mr. Quimby, Mr. T. Jackson and Mrs. Peak. Next Sunday, Mr. Rollins of Salem will be with us, as well as other gifted talent.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE -E. H. Dunham writes: Attendance and interest are on the increase at the Church of the Spirit, in Champlin Hall, the discourses of Mrs. H. L. Russegue giving abundant food for intelligent thought and study. The morning discourse last Sunday was upon "Hypnotic Power, and its Influence upon Human Life," the speaker taking for her text "Thy will, not mine, be done."

The subject for the evening, "If a Man Die, Shall he Live Again?" although a well-worn heme, was attractively demonstrated in the affirmative by the controlling intelligence.

Next Saturday evening Mrs. Russegue will hold a reception at the house of Mr. and Mrs.

K. W. Whittemore, No. 60 Chapin Avenue. All who are interested in the higher spiritual development are cordially invited to meet her.

PROVIDENCE. - Joseph Cooper, Sec'y, writes: The Providence Spiritualist Association, which holds its meetings in Columbia Hall, Weybosset street, had for its speaker in the afternoon Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock, who, after reading the poem Easter Day, addressed the audience on "The Significance of Easter to Spiritualists at Large," making a most able discourse, and being applauded time after time.

Mrs. Whitlook is a good and noble speaker, sending forth with might-the glorious light of Spiritualism to the hearts and homes of those

Mrs. May S. Popper conducted the evening service, taking for her aubject, Spiritual Typi-cal Easter of the Christian Church, which she handled in a very able and pleasing manner, after which Mrs. Pepper gave an unusual number of tests in the good old quaint and pleas-ing manner. The hall was crowded to the

doors.

We hope the spirit world will spare such speakers and mediums to work for our Cause for a long time to come.

#### MEETINGS IN BROOKLYN.

The Progressive Spiritual Association, Amplion Theatre Building, Redford Avenue, opposite South Tenth street. Meetings Sunday evenings, 8 o'clock. Good speakers and mediums. Mrs. M. Evans, President.

The Advance Spiritual Conference meets every Saturday evening in Single Tax Hall, 1188 Bedford Avenue, Good speakers and mediums always in attendance. See 8 free. All welcome Herbert L. Whitney Chairman; Mrs.

The Woman's Progressive Union holds meetings every Sunday afternoon and evening, at 1 and 80'clock. Social meetings every Briday evening at 80'clock, at the hall, \$77 Franklin Avenue, Small's Parlors, near Greene Avenue. Mrs. E. F. Kurth, President.

The Church of the New Spiritual Dispensation meets Sundays at 3 P. M. at Single Tax Rooms, 188 Budford Avenue. A. H. Dailey, President. Mrs. F. M. Holmes pre-

Mediums' Frogressive Meetings.—Sundays, 3 P. M. Arlington Lodge Room, Gates Avenue, corner Nostrand Avenue. Mrs. E. A. Cutting, Manager. The Fraternity of Divine Communion holds meetings at 497 Franklin Avenue, every Sunday at 7% P. M. Jackson Hall, 515 Fulton Street.—Mrs. L. A. Olm-tead holds a Spiritual Class every Wednesday evening at 6'clbck.

BROOKLYN.-F. M. Holmes, Sec'y, writes: The Advance Spiritual Conference held its anniversary meeting at 1188 Bedford avenue, Saturday evening, April 17, 1897, Mr. H. L. Whitney in the chair.

Dr. J. C. Wyman gave the opening address, touching upon the success and progress of this and all other spiritual associations interested in the redemption of humanity. After his closing remarks Mr. H. L. Whitney gave a reading, "The Wagabonds," a descriptive picture of his trip to Syracuse, and the wonder-ful harmony that prevailed among the work-ers at the State convention. Sixty-four delegates of one mind is something quite unusual among Spiritualists, and leads one and all to look forward and welcome the day when Spir itualism shall take its place upon the inde structible rock of truth; because knowledge born of phenomena will and must secure a

resting place.
W. W. Sargent, a delegate also from the quartet (two selections) by the Midhardt Sis

McCutcheon, of Brooklyn. The Midhardt Sisters again favored us, after which Mrs. F. M. Helmes, Sec'y, referred to the old workers who had dropped out of the rank and file of active work, to return again with renewed strength, greater wisdom, holier aspirations, and a better understanding of what spiritual baptism ready means.

Conference closed with Payne's song, "Home, Sweet Home."

BROOKLYN - Samuel D. Greene' writes: At the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Woman's Progressive meeting of Brooklyn (this being Easter day, as held by the several churches), a grand and eloquent discourse on the true spiritual idea of the Resurrection was voiced

interest was manifested.

Tests were afterwards iven and joyfully recognized. The text of the discourse was, "Oh! Death, where is thy Sting? oh! Grave, where is thy Victory?"

In the evening a large audience was present, and a very fine address was given, the subject being "Shall we Rest in the Old Law of Faith, or Shall we Build Higher Ideals through Reason?" Mr. Forman followed with some very

pointed tests./ Our esteemed President, Mrs. Kurth, stated that the meetings would be held at Walsh's Academy on the first of May, where more ample and better accommodations will be provided. There is a growing, deep-seated interest in our Cause, and Spiritualism in Brooklyn is commanding respectful attention, as is evident by the many meetings held for its onward march to the rallying truths of eternal progres-

BROOKLYN.—Charles A. Mattel writes: The Society at Arlington Hall, corner Gates and Nostrand Avenues, has been reorganized and re christened with the name of Arlington Spiritual Society, and will be represented in the National State Association. Meetings, afternoon and evening, show an increase in attend-

Mrs. E. C. Farnham in the chair, meeting opened by singing and invocation; Mrs. Tapley and Mrs. Olmstead made remarks and gave tests, also W. Wines Sargent, Herbert Whitney, J. C. Metcalf, Walter D. S. Hayward. The principal topic was "Organization, and the Benefits Derived Thereform"

Derived Therefrom."

Mr. J. C. Metcalf was our delegate at the Convention at Syracuse.

BROOKLYN.-A correspondent writes. The Christian Evolution Society, Howard Ave. and Madison street, held its Sunday evening services as usual. After singing, Miss M. Terry rendered an invocation.

Mr. W. W. Sargent read a poem, "An Easter "after which he remarked on his visit to the State Convention at Syracuser Miss Terry addressed on the subject, "Resurrection in the Light of Spiritual Unfoldment." Singing. Walter Hayward, one of our esteemed coworkers, gave a short address on "The Glad Tidings of Immortality." Closing with a poem, "Twilight Hour," followed with tests that were interesting and correct.

Owing to the interest manifested in the cause, Mr. Sargent has concluded to deliver a course of lectures, Sunday morning, 10:30 A.M., at 1099 Bedford Ave.

BROOKLYN. - J. A. Robinson writes: The regular meeting was held at Mrs. Plum's parlors, No. 630 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, Easter Sunday evening, more than the usual attendance being present; friends from Morrisania and Harlem were well repaid for their long trip. It was a spiritual meeting in every sense of the

After singing, and a select reading by Mrs Plum, we were favored with a few words and tests by Mrs. Chapman of New York, sweet musical renderings by the Masters Plum on their auto-harps, and tests and communica-tions by Mr John Moorey.

After a reading by your correspondent, and communications through Mrs. Plum, a general discussion, followed by words of wisdom from one of Mr. Moorey's guides, brought this very satisfactory gathering to a close.

BROOKLYN.-W. F. Palmer, Sec'y, writes: The Easter service, April 18, at Fraternity Hall, was beautiful and impressive. Everything seemed in harmony with the occasion, and peace and good-will reigned supreme.

The song service was unusually sweet and impressive. It was followed by a beautiful and touching, invocation by Dr. J. Russell

Taber, our speaker of the evening.

President Barber introduced Dr. Taber to the audience, whose subject was "The Significance of Music in the Universe," and those present expressed appreciation and pleasure to an enthusiastic degree. We hope to have Dr. Taber with us again in a few weeks.

Mrs. L. A. Olmstead gave an inspirational talk, followed by a number of recognized tests.
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THE FRATERNITY OF DIVINE COMMUNIONits first Easter services, Sunday evening, April

18th, at 497 Franklin Aye., Brooklyn, N. Y. The parlors were crowded, and much interest manifested. A fine musical programme was rendered by Prof. Wright, planist, assisted by Master Wm King, a phenomenally skillful violinist, of only twelve years of age. congregational singing was hearty and well sustained. Miss Helen Davidge gave two exceptionally good recitations, which, with the musical selections, were enthusiastically ap plauded. Dr. Wyman made a brief address upon "The Resurrection and the Spiritual Body." Bro. Ira Moore Courlis, the test medium of our Fraternity, proved beyond the shadow of a doubt the truth of spirit-return and identification, while the messages given were of a high order, both of instruction and consolation.

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and grander attainments by each and all.

The anniversary number of the BANNER OF
LIGHT won enthusiastic econiums from every one, nearly fifty copies having been disposed of. Our meetings are growing in numbers and interest, and are composed of the most intelligent and progressive people of Brooklyn. Holdest skeptics and investigators welcomed.

#### MEETINGS IN NEW YORK

The First Society of Spiritualists holds its meet ugs at the Berkeley Lyceum, 44th street, between 5th and th Avenues, where the RANNER OF LIGHT can be had: Services Sundays II A.M. and S.P. M. Afternoon meetings for facts and phenomena at 3.

The New York Spiritual Temple holds its meetings at Adelphi Hall, 520 street, near 7th avenue, on every Sanday—afternoon meetings at 3, for facts and phenomena. H. C. Underhill, Sec'y.

The Spiritual and Ethical Society holds meetings at Adelphi Hall, Broadway and 52d street. Sundays at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Speaker, Mrs. Helen T. Brigham. Meetings in Yonkers, N. Y.—Yonkers Spiritualist Society holds its meetings in the Colleggof Music Hall, 14 Gettys Square, every, Friday evening at b.—Alfred Andrews, President; Titus Merritt, Secretary.

NEW YORK.-M. J. Fitz Maurice, Sec'y, says: The dramatic and musical entertainment, held in Adelphi Hall on Saturday evening 10th inst., added another to the list of successes by the Ladies' Aid Society during the present season.

After a few preliminary remarks by Mr. Wm. Robyns the curtain rose, and the first number -a vocal solo-was exquisitely rendered by Mrs. E. Y. Harris. Miss Mabel Gormley fol lowed with a humorous recitation, and was succeeded by Mme. Ianthe Vignier, of the New York School of Expression, who recited Tennyson's "Mermaid," supplementing it by a classical dance full of grace and beauty. Miss Davra Norris, a dainty little vision in blue, their favored the audience with a violin solo, which delighted every one.

The fifth number was a portrayal of the

flower scene, from "Ingomar," by Miss Marguerite Ziemer. Mr. R. L. Myers then sang "Good-bye, Sweet Day," with great expression, giving for an encore a comic song and dance, that put the audience in high good humor to greet the "Old Hoosier and His Fid dle," a character sketch by Warren G. Richards, enthusiastically received, and responded

to by another impersonation. The eighth number was a recitation, full o power and sentiment, by Mr. Lawrence Buck ley. Miss Elsie Martens closed the first portion of the program by singing two little French songs. Miss Martens generously sang again, this time a darkey melody, marvelously well done. Mrs. J. D. Parslow as accompanist and Mr. Emile La Croix as master of ceremonies were worthy of unqualified praise in

their respective rôles. The entertainment finished with the presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robyns of their clever little act, "The Counsel for the Decrease."

Ice cream was served while, the floor was being cleared, after which dancing was kept up until the near approach of Sunday. To our good professional friends, who spared neither time nor effort to ensure the success

of this affair, we tender our warmest thanks in

unstinted measure. BERKELEY LYCEUM. M. J. Fitz Maurice, Sec'y, writes: J. Clegg Wright spoke in the morning, April 18, upon "The Origin of Religions," touching briefly each form of worship in turn—a most remarkable and instructive discourse, attentively listened to by a large

audience, The afternoon assemblage was given a talk upon "Mediumship; Its Uses and Abuses," by Mr. Wright, after which Dr. William Franks devoted quite a time to psychometric readings—nearly all recognized. Mrs. William Robyns then favored us with two recitations, liberally applauded, and Mr. Myers sang a solo in his usual expressive manner.

At the evening service Mr. Wright discussed questions supplied by the audience, to the satisfaction of all, leaving but one regret, that his stay with us is so nearly at an end—but one Sunday more, at present, in which to listen to his magnificent inspiration. Yet we shall welcome him again to this platform in September, when he will commence a long engagement with the seciety.

#### NEW YORK.

BUFFALO. -S. H. Wortman says: The month of March was to the First Spiritual Society of Buffalo a month of spiritual feasting. Mrs. Abbiele. Sheets of Grand Ledge, Mich., ministered to us in spiritual things. She was to many of us unknown as a speaker. There was none of that ostentatious manner about her which one often sees on the rostrum, and she had not spoken five minutes before she had won her way into our esteem and sympathies. The general verdict was when she finished her engagement, "I wish she was to stay with us a year." Prof. W. M. Lockwood is with us for April. I wish there were ten thousand such speakers advocating our Cause all over the world, then indeed could we Spiritualists give a reason for the "faith" (knowledge) that is

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COLUMBUS.—Buckeye writes: Mr. J. Frank Baxter continues his ministrations for the First Church to great acceptance. Regardless of the storm, Sunday, April 11, he had good Dr. John C. Wyman, Chairman, writes - held i morning attendance, and in the evening a very large audience. The meetings were considered grand, and the scance after the evening lecture rarely excelled, if ever, in the city. While immortality is the constant theme of Spiritualists, and Spiritualism's Easter is perpetual, yet Sunday, April 18, was to be especially observed by pointed service, decorations and music.

#### J. C. F. Grumbine's Engagements for '97-'98.

Mr. Grumbine will be in Brooklyn, N. Y. (Woman's Progressive Union), September; Norwich, Conn. (Dedication of the Temple), October; First Spiritual Temple, Boston, November; December and possibly January, St. Louis, Mo.; Febuary, Chicago; March, Berkeley Hall Society, Boston; April (possibly Boston), but open for societies in the east; May, Brooklyn, N. Y. While in Boston in November, the Sun-day mornings and evenings are open to any society in the city, or in reachable distance out of town, at very reasonable terms. In Sept., 197, Mr. Grumbine will give a special course of eight lectures on Psychometry and Clairvoy-ance at Mr. Colville's School of Psychology.

Tickets for the course will be ready in July and August, and will be on sale at the College.

Mr. Grumbine cannot come least to the campa owing to western engagements. Those, how ever, who wish their percentage given in spiritual zifts, and wish to develop in Psychometry, Clairvoyance, Inspiration, can send a stamped and addressed envelope to him, 7820 Hawthorne Ave. (Station P), Chicago. The series on Psychopathy will be ready in September, while those who wish the new book on "Clairvoyauce, A System of Teaching, concerning its Nature, Law and Unfoldment," with twelve experiments, can send five dollars (\$5.00), and the book will be for warded, post paid, to England, Canada and the old world in general.

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