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THE SPIRITUALISTS' "GOOD-NIGHT.".

BY HELEN STUART RICHINGS.

Close now thine eyes upon earth's fading light; Thy bark shall guided be through darkest night, For at the helm stands one in raiment bright-Good-night! Good-night! Good night!

Sleep thou secure; 't is but a little while .Till thou shalt ope thine eyes to see them smile-The loved, the "lost," all free from stain or gulle-Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!

E'en as the portals of the glowing West Swing wide, to take the day to peaceful rest-So Death takes thee to some beloved breast-Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!

Then past the harbor bar sail, sail thou on! Thy soul at peace, all fear of dying gone. The night is past-behold! a fairer dawn-Good-night: Good-night! Good night!

* Suggested by "The Christian's Good-night," in the 'Gospel Hymn Book," and may be sung to the same air.-

In the Temples of Egypt.

BY QUÆSTER VITÆ.

[Concluded.]

The original cult of Osiris, Isis and Horus appears to have prevailed mainly during the early Memphic empire and in upper Egypt. But for reasons which are still obscure the great priests of the middle empire, centered in Thebes, presented the old cult under new names, while yet retaining the old when necessary to propitiate such worshipers as preferred the older form. The Divinity became Ammon-Ra, the "concealed one," the power concealed within or behind the sun. The divine motherhood was presented in the form of Nut or Mant, i. e., space, from which all things carried by the Hebrew letters that such meanissued, and was depicted in the form of a woman embracing all space within the curve of her bent limbs, and from whose umbillicus is never revealed to the public. University rays of light issued to earth. Horus was re- students and philologists have no knowledge tained as the child, the son, and soul regen- of its existence, but will never understand the erate.

The various attributes of the Infinite were out it.

forms of Abba, Aima and Microprosopus. 1t of religion. But he died young, leaving only deals with the positive and negative forces carried in vitality, symbolized in the two serpents which surround and arise from the Egyptian winged disk of the soul, and are represented in the crook and flail of Osiris: It recognizes the River of Life, symbolized in the rays issuing from the divine Mother Nut, and in the Aukh, by which the Gods gave life to the kings, or initiates. I have shown elsewhere (see Light of Truth)

that a stela recently discovered at Thebes shows that the Israelites existed as a tribe in Syria, and were there conquered, among oth-ers who had revolted, by Menephtah, at the time that they were supposed to be in captivity in Egypt. The official catalogue of the Gizeh Museum in Cairo states: "The name of the Israelites contained in this stela is the first mention of Hebrew people found in hiero. glyphic inscriptions, and this sole citation in a monument of Menephtah, who has been considered to have been the Pharoah of the exodus, suffices to upset the systems which have been built up on the date of the departure of Moses from Egypt."

The German school of Egyptologists even go the length of considering that the Jews never were captives in Egypt at all. In the face of these facts it would appear that the Old Testament is not an actual historical record, but rather a system of teachings veiled in symbolic form, and hiding within the numerical and cosmical value of the Hebrew letters an esoteric system of teaching, in a somewhat similar manner to that by which the Egyptians hid their spiritual meaning behind personified allegorical forms and legends. But it is only by a knowledge of the cosmic and numerical values ing can be interpreted. This knowledge is in the hands of secret Kabbalistic societies, and meaning and place of the Old Testament with-

represented in the guise of symbolical gods These facts, however, go to show that the and goudesses, who personified qualities, thus secret esoteric system of Israel, contained in constituting the Pantheon, which otherwise the Kabbala, is related to that of Egypt, and would be difficult to comprehend. Each of is probably based on the latter, whether Moses learned it from the Egyptian priests or not. Modern research is gradually discovering This is further confirmed in the fact that the cury, intelligence, etc.) occultism deals with possibility inherent in magical invocations, The use of this system carries inherently egotism, self-exaltation and spiritual pride,

tian trinity of Father, Mother and Son, in the | arna, and to have established a purified form daughters, and though his sons in law reigned after him, they do not appear to have been sufficiently powerful to maintain his reforms, and under the nineteenth dynasty the power of the Theban Ammonites became again renewed. Under the twenty-first dynasty they appear to have declared their independence. and the kingdom became divided into two centres. the kingly power being centred at Tauris. while the priestly one was at Thebes. This division weakened the kingdom, and opened the door to invasion by semetic, or Babylonian kings, who established the twenty-second dynasty. Under these foreign rulers the Ammonites retreated to Etheopia (Nubia), where again they built grand temples in several places, on similar lines to those they were obliged to leave behind in Thebes. It is to be noted that the twenty-fifth dynasty was of Etheopian origin, which fact suggests a probable connection with the exiled Ammonites as its source. These internal struggles between the ecclesiastical and the kingly powers permanently weakened Egypt, and opened the way for its conquest by the Persians, and subsequently by the Greeks under Alexander, followed by the degenerate period of the Etolomies, the ulti mate conquest by Rome, and the fall of Egypt as a nation.

Thus the effect of priestly ambition ruined the country upon which it lived, as was re peated again in later European history in Spain and Italy, and to some extent in France, where the priests endeavored to institute a system of ecclesiastical rule, which was no doubt copied from its old Egyptian prototype. The fall of the Egyptian system is no doubt attributable to their knowledge and use of magical practices, which inevitably tend to tempt toward their application for selfish ends. The magician assumes an attitude of command, of superiority toward the forces he evokes. This must gradually produce a loss of the attitude of reverence and surrender toward the Supreme. The High Priest or Adept be comes exalted and self inflated at the cost of far reduced to appropriate it in the normal true spirituality. The conquest of Greekeys Rome caused Greek philosophers to emigrate to Alexandria, which had been founded by the Persians, and developed under the Greek Ptolemies, who succeeded Alexander. It was favored by the Roman prefects subsequently, and its schools became known as the best in the then civilized world. The Greek philosophy here met the teachings of the Arabians, Chaldees and Persians, while the whole penetrated and modified the old religion of Egypt. From amidst this confusion and conflict the Neo Platonists evolved cated would throw a beam of light through its trains), to cosmic forces, which throws some their beautiful teachings, in which Greek ethics are mixed up with Egyptian magic. Apollonius, Apuleius, Ammonius Sacchas, Plotinus, Porphery, lamblichus followed each other during three or four centuries, which coincided with the period during which the Christian penetrating. Progressive Spiritualism to an system is supposed to have originated. It is Mother Nut (see Brugsh). Each decarnate was great spiritual temptations, however, to the possible that the basis of the Christian system similarly and symbolically represented. The practicing magician, as will be referred to may have evolved from among these various worship of special gods and goddesses was further on, and almost inevitably develops conflicting schools, synthesizing and carrying much of the old teachings forward under new vestures and terms. Whether there ever was a personal Christ, or whether his immaculate conception was of the same symbolic character as that depicted at Luxor; whether his tomb in Palestine is as mythical as that of Osiris at Abydos; whether his resurrection is as the incarnation of deity to the ignorant offer any parallel, including St. Peter's of as emblematic as that of Osiris at Philæ, may be left to be decided by individual researchers for themselves. But, in any case, the identity Aries, hence the ram, or goat, or lamb was pre | holder with reverential awe, even now in its | in the main incidents in the respective legends, as in the basic ideas of the two systems, ly because there was an emergency. All expe-undoubtedly constitutes interesting food for rience forces this conclusion. All agree that The drift of these considerations leads the unbiased investigator to infer that both the Old and the New Testaments must be taken as symbolic representations of hidden esoteric with the names of the various gods, Isis, Na- | ite, while Rome exalted and worshiped power | truths. The Old apparently embodies much and force. But the Egyptian cult was essen. of the ancient Egyptian and Chaldean confound in the course of time that the Ammon- tially religious, and continually presents the ceptions, while the New represents the result not in technical science, philosophy or art, but ite cult was asystem of worship of the Infinite | immortality of the soul as its basic founda- | of the reaction of Greek ethical philosophy as revealed in its manifestations in the stellar | tion. Its temples express the aspiration of | and Persian dualism with the preexisting Egyptian system. The ceremonies of the Catholic Church are full of rites which are based upon ceremonial occultism; their vestments and the symbolism one can walk through Karhaelor Luxor with. thereon are based upon those used in ancient Hermetic (Egyptian) magical rites; even the to the rescue of those waifs. It is this, or it is cross itself comes from the Egyptian Ankh, tained, the wealth and slaves bestowed to them and the "Son of Man," or microprosopus, is one of the symbols used in mystic, occult initiation. Their leading feast days are based to starve to death in a few months. Consistupon astronomical phenomena, and consequently are drawn from preëxisting, i. e., the Egyptian system. It is evident that the law of evolution, which has been recognized as applying in all material There is little doubt that the mystic ceremo- domains of science, must be recognized as apnials sculptured on the walls of the temples plying precedentially in the domain of ideas, as cause always has logical precedence over effects. A valuable work remains for some The kings were initiated into the holy myste- future student to contribute to existing the Greek dynasties) referred to by Petrié in ries by the priests, and made dependent there. knowledge, i. e., the evolution of man's religious conceptions as transmitted through nations and ages. Luxor, Upper Egypt. Formerly the fakirs used to travel about

Consistency.

BY THOMAS H. B. COTTON.

Consistency ever seeks to adjust its subject to the righteous demands of the moment, interpreted by existing conditions of significant bjects. Therefore consistency is Spiritual. ism: therefore Spiritualism is consistency. Moreover, Spiritualism is practical, or it is nothing. Yet it is the Utopia of the wisest dreamer, the goal and acme of all that is good and true. It is to us the perfection toward which all things in the universe are tending. It is progression, from the crudest stage of conscious existence to the greatest degree of advancement of all that is to be. This is consistency. This is Spiritualism. This is the spirit at work.

On yonder ship, speeding across the briny deep, an unfortunate man falls overboard. There stands by an eminent scientist, who is able to describe, to the entire satisfaction of every listener, the latest discoveries concerning the Cathode ray or the most useful application of recent developments in electricity. However, he now stands aghast, and his heart beats in his bosom with tremendous excitement as he watches a brave and sturdy sailor leap over the railing and disappear beneath the wave! A hundred witnesses are watching with bated breath while waiting for the reappearance of the sailor. Will the drowning man come up with him? To the infinite relief of all, the man is saved. That sailor is rewarded by the praises and the gratitude of that happy crowd, far more than gold could ever compensate him. Now what do we behold in this? This is the

very essence of Spiritualism. Here we behold an object lesson in philosophy, in science, in art, which is science applied. We might de fine this work of rescue by some super elegant phrase or high sounding eulogy; but that would only spoil it. It is enough to say that a brave man rescued a comrade from drowning. Philosophically considered, it was preventing premature, or violent death, for all premature death is violent. Scientifically, it was pro-curing oxygen for the lungs of that drowning man before the vital forces within him are too way. Artistically, we are all ready to say of scuer, none deserves the

stinct, that will not permit a human being to suffer if in its power to relieve it. Spirits on the earth plane, if the foregoing is true (and there is no legitimate room for the

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"if"), then we must right about face, and move on at once with the zeal of that sailor, risking our all-our very life, if necessaryeach one working individually all day long, day after day, upon that single principle as the rule of life, "What can I do this day for the relief of the waif? What can I do indithe relief of the wait? What can 1 do indi-vidually? What can 1 do coöperatively? What can I suggest to others, few or many, near or far, in a way that is thoroughly prac-tical, looking to the immediate'as well as the ultimate relief of waifs, wherever found on earth?" Let family circles be formed with this specific purpose in view: relief of waifs in this world as well as in the unseen, for there, as well as here, their name is legion. My friends, while I am writing this, there comes, as it were, a wave of triumph in ad-vance, so plainly do I sense a power carrying everything before it, when this course shall be pursued to the letter. This daily concentra-tion of all Spiritualists throughout the civil-ized world, forever looking to this one end, the relief of the waifs until waifs are found no more: The result of all this daily work, and I will say the tremendous power and wis-dom gained in the circles, will very soon collipse the most sanguine dreams of the most ardent enthusiast. I need not argue this point. All feel it to be true. In these circles mediums will be speedily developed through-out the world. Some of these will be inspira-tional, some will develop the conscious, and some the unconscious trance, according to the temperament of the medium. Each phase will bring to the earnest mortal, longing for guidance, that wisdom which will insure cooperation on the grandest scale of all, resulting in of a world where all is happiness, and waifs have disappeared. Oakland, Cal.

Food for Thought---Rev. T. E. Allen and His Critics.

BY GILES B. STEBBINS.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The articles of Mr. Allen, and the comments and criticisms which followed them in your columns in the last two months of 1897, are significant and valuable. Their bold and frank, yet friendly, comments on each other: their strong protests against certain w and practices held as good by many Spiritual. ists, and the friendly reception of those protests, show an appreciation of that old saying. 'Faithful are the wounds of a friend." Only by such frank speech can we learn to make to morrow better than to day. The different methods in which these able and sincere writers gave their opinions-showing how the philosophic, the critical or the intuitive and spiritual mood was most leading in each mind-were to me an interesting psychological study.

these had stars attributed to them.

that the great priestly caste of Thebes pos- Kabbalistic or Hermetic (a term evolved dursessed very considerable astronomical knowl- ing the Greko-Egyptian, or Ptolmaic dynasedge. Sir Norman Lockyer has recently ties, signifying Thoth, the messenger, Mershown, in his "Dawn of Astronomy," that their temples were so oriental as to act as the relation of sounds (breath, Holy Ghost, telescopes, and were constructed so that the vibrations) to colors, and thereby with the special orb or star to which they were dedi- relation of arbitrary names, or spells (mancentral isle into the holy of holies, and illumi- light on the curious magical words referred to nate the symbolical figure of the god therein in the "Harris Papyrus," and on the rational on a given date. The temple of Denderah, of Ediu. of Philæ had zodiacs painted on their based on a system of the combined use of receilings. At Thebes the months were repre- lated sounds and colors and cosmical relations. sented by human figures surrounding the thus associated with an astronomical system. During the time of the early empire the sun | instead of humility and surrender, which are was in the radiacal mansion of Gemini. Hence the outcome of true spiritual growth. deity was represented in the form of the double Harmachis. During the middle empire the sun the glorious period of the middle empire exhad moved into Taurus. The priests, there- | hibit an imposing magnificence to which the fore, presented the symbol of the bull, Apis, churches or temples of no other country can crowd of mirthful, childish Egyptian people, In the later empire the sun had moved into nac is stupendous still, and imbues the besented at Mendes and elsewhere as the divine ruin. The temples of Rome, as judged by incarnation, and also in the form of the ram-| their ruins, were small in comparison. Even headed God. Had the Egyptian empire lasted | the Acropolis of Athens, though splendid, was | reflection. till the sun moved into Pisces, fishes would, no more esthetic, and fades behind the imposing doubt, have been presented as the symbol of divinity subsequently.

Lockyer shows that stars were associated rather than the religious worship of the Infinthor, Typhon, etc., etc. Probably it may be universe.

rus and the popular tales now being published mendous height, into the dimness of the by Flinders Petrie, show that magic was prac ticed to a considerable extent by the priests. The tomb of Pepi at Sakkarah exhibits a sculptured record of the curing of an obsessed woman by the laying on of hands, or by magnetic passes. A tablet exists showing that a by the kings when returning from their contributary ohief of Bakhten asks Ramesis XII, quering expeditions ended, however, in caus, to send him a magician to cure his daughter. who was obsessed.

As Baedeker points out, it becomes daily more evident that there was a secret system hidden behind the symbols openly presented. and sculptured, and which was revealed only to initiates, including priests and kings. What that knowledge embraced cannot be estimated. But it is probable that the magic "Book of Thoth" (subsequently termed Hermes under his "Popular Tales," and now re-presented by by upon themselves. The initiate was introthe "Tarot," which is included in the hermetic | duced by the officer wearing the costume of system of magic or occultism, and which com | and representing Thoth, the messenger to Amprises zodiacal, stellar and cosmic symbolism, resumes some reflection of this knowledge. The secret lore of Israel, which it is claimed Moses learned from and brought from the Egyptian priests, and resumed in the Kabbala, also comprises cosmic symbolisms and interpretations, and to that extent runs on parallel lines with what modern research is revealing with regard to the Egyptian secret or esoteric system (as Baedeker now terms it), and to that extent confirms such a possibility. | rising ambition for supremacy for a time, and | one more shift of base and land in oblivion .-

The temples erected by these priests during Rome and St. Sophia of Constantinople. Kargrandeur of Karnac. The cult of Greece was imbued with the æsthetic love of beauty

the soul in its efforts to rise upward, as repre-On the other hand, the famous Harris Papy, sented in their columns, which rise to a treshrouded light which veiled their roofs. No out being impressed with reverence and awe. The magnificence to which these temples at ing the priests to aim at attaining temporal as well as spiritual power. A similar struggle arose to that subsequently repeated in the history of the Catholic Church and its popes in Europe, followed by similar results.

> were actually enacted, or personified theatrically by the priests, robed in symbolic attire, mon-Ra as represented by his great high priest, accompanied by Isis, and received the emblems of life, stability, and of power from the god so represented. The subsequent baptism of European kings by popes, on the occasion of | nefarious impostures under the name of Spirfrom this old original.

the Ammonite priests became almost kingly. The Rubbala further retains the old Egyp. removed the capital from Thebesto Tel.el-Am- Light of Truth.

the country "exposing" Spiritualism. Nowa days the worst of them are working their their coronation, was, undoubtedly, copied | itualism. Their object in either case is a single one-money. There 's more money for Under the eighteenth dynasty the power of | them now operating under the cloak of righteousness than there was in pretending to ex-Amenhoteb IV. appears to have crushed their | pose it. In the course of time they will make

more than he. It is Spiritualism, Why? Simply because it is the spirit at work. Moreover, t is the essence of progressive Spiritualism because it is the spirit at work in the normal way

Science is good, philosophy is good, art is good. But the humanity impulse that will not let a comrade suffer when possible to relieve t, stands in magnificent eminence above these is the peak of Teneriffe towers in majesty above the surrounding plain. In this noble act, science, philosophy, art and the humanity impulse, all blend in one of the sublimest de monstrations that ever engaged the attention of man on earth. This humanity impulse that recognizes comradeship in every human being on earth-this with the dominant consistency that will not permit suffering where relief i possible, is the quintessence of Spiritualism. Progressive Spiritualism to one enthusiast means researches into science, broad, deep, other enthusiast means the luminous unfold ment of some grand system of philosophy, disclosing especially the pros and cons., ins and outs, causes and effects, which operate in producing correspondence or harmony between the various spheres of human existence. Spir itualism to another is the effort of the human. spirit to reproduce itself in works of art, Neither of these ideals by itself is sufficient to measure the essence of Spiritualism in its com pleteness. Are all three taken together suffi cient? Consistency forces us to answer in the negative.

In the above illustration, the essence of Spir itualism consisted not in science, philosophy or art, nor in all three combined, though all were included in that superb object-lesson. On the contrary, science, philosophy and art re-mained in the background. Why? Manifestthis is true

Now to make this illustration as practical a possible, let us tell the simple truth, and call this drowning man a human waii; a human waif for our present purpose meaning simply a human being rendered helpless from any cause. In this emergency of the drowning man, consistency declares that the essence of Spiritualism, or the spirit at work, consisted in the simple act of humanity that went straight to the rescue of that waif. Logically we are forced to the inevitable conclusion that in all cases of emergency, where waifs are in danger of premature dissolution that fact alone determines the essence of Spiritualism in the case, namely, that it consists not in science, philosophy or art, technically speaking, but in the simple act of humanity that goes straight nothing.

As every thinking Spiritualist will agree, this age in which we live is one of tremendous emergency, when millions are liable literally ency, therefore, forces us as Spiritualists to declare unequivocally that Spiritualism in this age consists in caring for the waifs till the waifs practically disappear from the earth. This done, and well done-and it is by no means an impossible dream-Spiritualism wil then be what those other enthusiasts have sought in vain to make it, the culmination of all systems of philosophy, science and art, into one grand symphony responding to the music of the spheres.

Our definition of "waif" admits of as many operating to produce the various forms and degrees of helplessness. The typical example is the starving child in some great city. Then come the invalids, the cripples, the blind, deaf, dumb, the aged and infirm, the army of the unemployed seeking work, the so called insane, and the apparently dead, who must not be buried alive.

Now there attaches to all these forms of helplessness the condition of suffering ever present or imminent. This suffering exists in all degrees of severity, the worst phases culminating in premature dissolution on every hand; a persistent, stupendous emergency, which, like the case of the drowning man, bide the scientist and the philosopher apply their energy, the fruits of their wisdom, along with that of the artist, all to be directed straight to the rescue of these waifs, as the result of the spontaneous prompting of the humanity in-

I must quote from my valued friend, William Emmette Coleman of San Francisco-a scholar of wide repute, a critic searching and true, a man of kindly feeling and rare sincerity.

He says:

"I agree with Mr. Allen that it is important hat we study the religious discoveries of the past in connection with the truths already in the world. Spiritualists need more culture anent the various religious systems of the world, including the one by which they are environed. the Christian. Especially, I think, they should know much more about the true character of the Bible, the true history of ancient Judaism, the origin and nature of early Christianity, etc. Spiritualists, and all others, should be well acquainted with the important results attained by what is called the "higher criticism" of the Bible. I am sorry to say that nowhere in spiritualistic literature, or in the lectures of our speakers, have I seen any indication of acquaintance, even in a rudimentary form, of the assured truths of the higher criticism, except in case of Mr. Walter Howell This gentleman, though nearly blind, and unable to read save under great difficulties, and then only a little at a time, has yet secured a fair knowl edge of the general results of the higher criticism; and in his lectures on the spiritual rostrum he introduces matter therefrom derived. whenever pertinent to the subject being dis-This worthy example of Mr. Howell cussed. should be followed by all our writers and speakers.

The lamentable ignorance of Spiritualists generally, regarding the true nature of the Bi-ble writings, their origin, dates, etc., is a reproach to the Cause; and through it great injury is often done to truth and right. Owing to their ignorance and prejudice, many Spiritualists unjustly abuse and vilify the Bible, while others rate it far above its real worth.'

In his high estimate of Walter Howell a personal acquaintance leads me fully to agree. As to the lamentable ignorance of other religions of the real origin of the Bible, and the value of the higher criticism too prevalent among Spiritualists, I wish and hope with him that it may cease. Yet I would suggest that there are hosts of evangelical Christians whose ignorance on these matters is darker than that of Spiritualists.

In the early days of Spiritualism the great beacon light before its leading advocates was the supreme fact of spirit-presence; of light and life from the spirit world. To that they naturally turned their chief attention, with little regard to other religions or to Bible critvariations in detail as there are different causes | icism. That beacon light is still, and ever will be, ours, but the time has fully come to study, in its clear radiance, the great matters to which Mr. Celeman calls our attention. He says truly that Spiritualists, and all others, need more culture, anent the various religious systems of the world, but that nowhere in our literature or lectures has he seen any indication of any acquaintance with "the higher criticism" except in the case of Walter Howell.

Over twenty years ago I put in print "Chapters from the Bible of the Ages." "To the growing multitude of thoughtful men and women who believe that 'the word of God is not bound' by any limitations of book or race or time or religious systems, this compilation from the teachings and inspirations of many

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glass up; the feet of the two vessels were so centuries and peoples is respectfully dedicat-.ed.?

From "Vedic and Buddhist days to our own," its preface says, "selections are madefrom sacred books, and from the great words of naturally inspired men and women. Great care has been taken to quote only from the best authorities,"

No oritio has ever questioned any quotation in this volume of over four hundred pages, of which thousands have been sent out, and of which only a few are left in my house; and no more will ever be published, as the plates are used up.

Of the cessation of the old sledge-hammer style of striking at the Bible, which did good service in its day but is worse than useless now, and the substitution of that impersonal and searching truth as to that collection of books to day which is called the "higher criticism," I have spoken-and a few others have done the same-ably and truly.

Books I have seen from Spiritualists on Bible criticism and cognate topics, in which truth and error were honestly mingled, confusing the mind of the reader and revealing the ignorance of the writer; and others, reliable and valuable. More of the first than the last, I regret to say.

This comment will not, I know, trouble a man so large and true as Mr. Coleman.

The publication in your BANNER of this series of articles surely shows an aim for fewer tares and more and better wheat. Detroit, Mich.

Reminiscences of a Truth-Seeker.

BY DR. THEO. HANSMANN.

It certainly is no praise to the writer that he was already over sixty three years old when he became reluctantly convinced of the truth of Spiritualism. But the facts were so overwhelming that they could not be denied, in spite of his previous training.

Sad it is that the majority of people will not accept, not even investigate, to find a truth that is bound to save nations, doomed, sooner or later, to unavoidable destruction of social institutions.

The masses have intentionally been kept in ignorance of the return of spirits-of departed relatives and friends, near and dear yetand ready to cheer, console and advise. If an-gels came to Patriarchs, if Moses received the ten commandments by spiritual influences, written on slates, certainly the same can occur at this time, under favorable conditions, as the laws of nature were so wisely given by the great universal spirit, whom we call God, that they did not require any improvement or alteration.

People are commencing to realize that stars, invisible to the eye, can be photographedsoon will dawn upon loving hearts the possibility of obtaining the pictures of those dear ones who passed away-and our histories will be embellished with correct likenesses of the most famous men and women of past ages.

What grand possibilities are in store for suffering mankind when truth, the whole truth, is taught. Truth will prevent the stronger from overreaching his weaker brother; and the masses now struggling and suffering, will enjoy life on earth as it was intended by a wise Providence; universal brother-hood will encircle our globe. If we look at the greed cropping out everywhere we come to realize that the story of Dives has not been preached effectively. Who was at last the happier one, Dives or Lazarus?

Since more than thirteen years the writer of

large that their upper rims were probably one-eighth of an inch apart. I requested my friend Schucking to knock the glasses to-gether; he did so three times; we all were delighted to see and hear it done.

One morning, the sunlight streaming into the room, I was sitting with Miss Gaule, in or-dinary conversation. Suddenly her face as-sumed a wonderful change, and a man's voice spoke through her. I never before had seen a transfiguration, hardly could realize it, and was utterly surprised. Several persons controlled her in rapid succession, and if I had had a photographic apparatus I could have ob-tained plotures of them all. They changed her face completely so that it resembled those who had taken possession of her organism.

Each one of those spirit-friends spoke to me in their own characteristic manner, and how the face of the medium could assume the features of people so very different from each other I am unable to understand. If I ever have been wide awake I was so then, certainly not hypnotized. When Miss Gaule came out of her entranced

condition she was utterly dazed, and remained so for perhaps five minutes. I have had simi lar experiences with this medium on several occasions, but never afterwards were the transformations so life like. Washington, D. C.

Banner Correspondence.

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

California. LOS ANGELES. - M: T. Longley writes

Spiritualism in Southern California is doing a grand and instructive work. All along the gathered to enjoy a New England supper given coast, and throughout the inland towns, great interest is manifested by hundreds of intelligent persons in the philosophy and phenomena of our Cause. In Los Angeles several societies hold Sunday services, and their halls are usu-ally well filled with attentive audiences. Among the media doing good work here may be mentioned Mrs. Von Frietag, Mrs. Weeks Wright, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Bal bridge, Dr. Gillette, Mr. Hekley, Mr. Greaux, Mrs. Longley, Mrs. White, while there are oth-ers who also fill their place in adding to the usefulness of the Cause.

The Ladies' Independent Aid Society holds free Sunday evening services, at which Spirit John Pierpont frequently lectures in his char acteristic manner to the acceptance of those

who are hungry for spiritual truths. The Ladies' Independent Aid Society also holds free public meetings each Wedneeday evening. The Society is a benevolent one, and very popular. During the season it has clothed a number of poor children, and accomplished much other charitable work. At a recent dramatic entertainment given by its members nearly thirty dollars were cleared for its treas-ury. In July its Treasurer, Mrs. Gorham, conceived the idea of placing a box upon the table for receiving penny or other money contribu-tions for Christmas. The result was that nearly eighteen dollars was collected. In addition to this, a kindly Spiritualist sent the President, Mrs. Longley, a box of toys, worth about fifteen dollars, and a benevolent lady furnished a large box of candy. On Sunday evening, Dec. 26, a Christmas festival was held by the Ladies' Aid, at which about seventy-five children received gifts of toys, fruit and confectionery, beside articles of clothing donated to those of the poorer families. Many of these little ones were not of spiritualistic families, but from homes where the direct of poverty reigns, and had it not been for this festival they would not have received any token of Christmas cheer. As it was, the season became a bright and happy one to many a little heart through the

efforts of the members of this worthy Society. The Truth Seeker's Society also had a Christ-

and we were indebted to THE BANNER for much valuable information concerning his life and work; We keep THE BANNER on sale at all our

CHICAGO,-Mrs. C. H. Horine, Seo'y, says:

The First Spiritual Society of Chicago, Ill., is being entertained by the efficient ministrations of Mrs. Georgia Cooley, clairvoyant and olairaudient from childhood. As a lecturer Mrs. Cooley is a teacher of spiritual laws that pertain to life in the mortal and spiritual realms. During the three months Mrs. Cooley has been serving this Society she has ever been ready to assist in the Socials, Benefits and Con-ference meeting, basides attanding to her reg. ference meetings, besides attending to her reg-ular lecture work. Her inspirational songs, copyrighted in '94, are largely in public use. We are hoping that she may be with us for some time, and assist in the organization of the State Spiritual Association."

New York.

NEW YORK .- Titus Merritt writes: "Notwithstanding New York City has had quite a list of good mediums, it has had a valuable accession to its list by the arrival of Mrs. N. D.

Miller Wilcox from Los Angeles, Cal. This is the medium whom the late Rev. Samuel Wat-son of Memphis, Tenn., some fifteen years ago had such astounding manifestations through her mediumship as to make a complete convert of burgels to Modern Spiritualism. Mr. E. C. of himself to Modern Spiritualism. Mr. E. C. Leonard and myself attended one of her sé-ances for materialization under good test conditions. I also attended one of her independent slate-writing scances. Both were wholly satisfactory. I am also glad to announce that Fred P. Evans has arrived. Skeptical New Yorkers can have a good opportunity to learn the importance of this movement."

NEW YORK. - B. V. Cushman writes: Wednesday evening, 20th inst., our friends by our newly organized 'Ladies' Aid.' The supper was followed by an entertainment, con supper was followed by an entertainment, con-sisting of singing by Mrs. J. H. Tuttle, Mr. Harry McBride, Miss Marian McBride, plano solos, etc.; recitations by Dr. J. H. Tuttle, Prof. B. R. Throckmorton, Mr. and Mrs. Her-bert Mellish; original poem by Mrs. H. W. Farnsworth, our Vice-President, closing with one of Mrs. Brigham's finest improvesations. In response to many requests we propose to have similar evenings at least once a month.

BROOKLYN.-Belle R. Plum, Sec'y, writes In the absence of the President of the Advance Conference, 1188 Bedford Avenue, Saturday evening, Jan. 15, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, with congregational singing of that old, sweet melody, "Home of the Soul,' after which Mr. Lafumé gave us a few reminiscences, followed by Mr. Simmons in practical application and memories of a long spiritual experience. Bro. Hodges favored us with a beautiful solo, entitled "T is Sweet to be Remembered, followed by Mrs. McCutch-eon, whose theme was 'The Home of the Soul in the Eternal Now,' Mrs. Parklurst spoke of the informe of could train and on proceeding of the influence of early training and environ ments, giving Paine's thought, 'To do good is our religion.' The closing address was by Mr. Deleree, concerning the sixth sense, which brought to the earnest searcher after truth a comfort, with no doubt about the journey's end of life or the unveiling of that future where spirit waits to welcome and to clasp hands with spirit in the light of breaking morn. The services were closed by singing and spiritual aspiration."

BUFFALO .- J. W. Dennis writes: "The N. Y. State Association of Spiritualists has just closed a very successful three days' mass meeting here. The principal speakers and mediums were Mrs. Maggie Waite of Cleve-land, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing of Westfield, N. Y., Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds of Troy, N. Y., W. H. Bach of Lily Dale Camp, N. Y., and Moses

AT SUNSET.

Given Inspirationally Through FLORENCE S. KELLOGO.,

I watched the sunset golden Till the gate was opened wide, Then my soul went softly through To the glory on the other side.

In realms of peace untold I wandered sweetly on-A glad, untrammeled spirit-Freedom, at last, was won.

Oh, soul of mine, he joyous! Rest thou in blissful ease. The past shall be lorgotten,

The pain of life shall cease. Float on like strain of music In twilight far away, Float on like song of birds

In blithsome month of May. Too long hast thou been held In prison walls on earth,

Come now and claim thine own Mid scenes of truer birth.

Yet what is this that holds thee? What binds thee to thy past? Why mayest thou not rest Here in this realm so vast?

What means this sound of palp? Whence comes the darkness drear? Is it in vain, oh! soul of mine, Thou seek+ st to linger here?

A thought of tasks unfinished Takes all thy peace away, The souls uncheered in earth-life Forbid thee here to stay.

In vain doth idle dreamer Stek here a selfish rest; Return and help thy brother In manhood's earnest quest.

Gird on thine armor firmly, No duty may thou shirk, The heights of joy and gladness Are only won through work. Who comes alone knocks vainly At the golden gate of heaven. Go give thyself for others, then May the keys to thee be given.

For only as thou shalt live Faithful to duty below The gates of rest shall open, The flowers of peace shall grow.

As soice of angel speaking I heard the earnest word; The better self within me To fuller life was stirred.

Back from the shining portal, Down through the sunset light, My soul returned to earth To win its way through right. Fay, Russell Co., Kan.

A Tribute to A. E. Tisdale.

BY.F.-FORREST HARDING.

A paper read at the Helping Hand Society Jan. 19, 1898.

Having known Mr. Tisdale for almost a decade of years, I wish to add my humble tribute to so worthy an instructor in the great cause of human unfoldment. It was on the fertile banks of the Penobscot where first we met, where the tints of heaven mingled with the

A Letter from Abby A. Judson.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I am happy to be able to state that the two operations performed on my right eye by Dr. Weeks of New York City; have resulted in perfect success, and that the operation he has performed on the left eye has improved its vision to some extent. All the true sciences unfold to us the undeviating character of the laws of the universe, and happy are we who live in an age when these laws are better understood than ever before.

When the opaque lens has been removed, if there is no other trouble with the eye, colors .. look clearer and more beautiful than before. It was so in my own case. When the impeding lens of the right eye was removed, on the 11th of last November, I exclaimed at the clear blue of the sky. But, though the parts of the eye are clear, the removal of the lens affects the refracting power of the eye, and this is corrected by artificial lenses in the spectacles.

To obtain the best result, this surgeon likes to divide the remaining back casing of the lens a number of weeks after the removal of the lens itself. By two dainty cross-cuts this filmy capsule is divided into four parts, which roll back, leaving a perfectly free access to the rays of light. This is called the secondary operation, and this is what Dr. Weeks has done to the unfortunate left eye, which was operated on elsewhere last May.

In May the tiny wound broke open on the third day; and being allowed to heal without interference, the result was a cystoid scar, which adheres to the iris and impedes its natural function, which is to contract or dilate freely in looking at different objects.

I have been thus particular, for I now come to the sad part of my narration, and tell my sympathizing readers why it is that, though I can now see better than I remember to have ever seen before, it is yet impossible to read. write or sew more than two or three minutes at a time without an irritating pain in the eye that was operated on last May. This cannot now be remedied. The adhering portion of the left iris cannot now be cut away, and I must. bear this thorn in the flesh as best I may.

How wonderful the skill by which the surgeon can prescribe to the optician the exact form of the glasses to be made! A variation of the tenth part of a hair's breadth wrong, and the glass is wrong. And yet far more skill is employed by Nature in many billions of human eyes now used on the earth plane, to say nothing of the eyes of all the animals. And no human skill has ever made an optical instrument equal to the human eye. The utmost man can do is to follow Nature. "Art can obey, but not surpass."

As finite beings, what can we know of God. or Infinite Intelligence? Only by its manifestations in universal law. No more can we ever know than this. To this law do we bow. To this law do we endeavor to conform. When deviating from this law causes pain, to this pain do we submit. Better to suffer pain from

violated law than live in a lawless universe. I am thankful to see again, to walk again with my fellows, seeing like them. But, were it mine to choose, better physical blindness than spiritual blindness! In a subsequent August breezes, and kissed its rocky slopes into latter I hope to be permitted to tell some of a calm repose. Here a weary soul might pause | the spiritual sights, some of the augelic minalong life's journey to catch the echoes from a | istrations, that soothed my pain, and, in spite Brother Hull informs me that he has just closed a year's engagement to occupy the plat-form of the First Spiritualist Church of Buf-humble aspiration to invoke the smiles of the smilesmiles of the smilesmiles of the smilesmi I am living in Aflington, N. J., and may do a little work in this vicinity, with improving health. Mail for me can be addressed here or Worcester, Mass.

these lines has carefully investigated the phe nomena of Spiritualism, well' trained to guard against fraud by so much falsehood and crime surrounding him; he has industriously kept account of his experiences, not tallying always with the narratives of reporters, who seldom were thoroughly qualified to grasp the conclusions to be drawn from the proofs of Spiritualism he had put before them.

To day he will narrate only some experiences he had a few years ago with Miss Mag-gie Gaule of Baltimore, Md., whose fame as a clairvoyant and clairaudient medium had come to his ears.

I heard of Miss Gaule's presence in Washington, D. C., when on my round to visit my pa-tients. I immediately drove to her temporary residence. We never had seen each other be-

residence. We never had seen each other be-fore. She did not ask my name. "Barbara is here," Miss Gaule said. "She brings you flowers." I could not recollect who this Barbara might be. "She says you have done so much for her." I did not know. "Her face is pitted all over-her name is Bar-bara Fechtig." My to me invisible visitor had to done to without haing recognized to depart without being recognized.

Now Miss Gaule described a friend of mine who gave his name as Herrmann. Even a de-tailed description of him failed to reveal my visitor to me.

"His name is Engelhaupt."

I could not recollect. "How many years ago did he know me?" I asked. Miss Gaule listened a moment. Forty-four years ago."

Then I remembered my visiting friend well. I had known him so many years ago. Miss Gaule gave me several more tests of the

presence of my spirit friends, but who Bar-bara was I did not find out till I had returned home. I sat down at my desk, and suddenly I felt as if some one took hold of my neck. Now I recollected that forty years ago, when a stu-dent of medicine at the University in Goettingen, I had a patient, Barbara Fechtig. She had confluent small-pox; and as other students were rather shy of this case, I continued to attend to her. I have even yet copies of the

prescriptions I wrote for her. Mrs. Laura W. Apel was a great friend of Dr. P. S. Schucking, who had published the first paper in the German language advocating Spiritualism. Later, when stranded by this publication, he received a position in the State Department through the efforts of General N. P. Banks, who knew the blessings of Spiritualism, as many others in high positions do, but keep it secret till it is more fashionable. Mrs. Apel could not share the opinions of

her friends in that respect during his lifetime, but when her friend of many years had, without her being aware of his fatal illness, passed

over, she wanted to hear of him if possible. Although at that time not thoroughly convinced of the possibility of spirit photography, I advised her to go to a medium for spirit pho-tography, and there she obtained a picture, which she showed to me triumphantly. The photograph showed her lamented friend, and Dr. J. J. Woodward, the latter one of those physicians who attended President James A. Garfield when he had been shot by Charles Guiteau.

Mrs. Apel had never seen the medium before, and he did not know anything of her acquaintances; the faces on the photograph were probably those of very mediumistic persons, or Mrs. Apel's own hitherto unobserved medium istic constitution had enabled spirits to manifest on this occasion.

It was but natural that henceforth Mrs. Apel became very interested in Spiritualism, and it became the greatest pleasure to her to have Miss Gaule as her guest, when the latter re-ceived those eager to learn of their spirit-

take luncheon with her and Miss Gaule. On one occasion we heard distinct raps on the walls, at our backs. I spied some delicate wine glasses on a tray on a table, perhaps answers to questions are given through the five feet distant from any of us. I turned up mediumship of Mrs. Ashton, whose guides are one of these glasses, and asked the spirit of very instructive, and are in perfect harmony Dr. Schucking if he could rap on this glass, too. Instantly we heard a gentle scraping on the matting, as if a large insect was running over the floor, and then we heard three distinct raps on the glass. Now I turned another

mas tree, at which gifts were received by the members of its Lyceum.

Many of our Eastern Spiritualists are famil-iar with the name of Mrs. Henley, formerly of Kentucky, a good trumpet medium. Mrs. Hen-ley and her family are located in a pleasant home in East Los Angeles, where her son, Mr. John Henley, holds his etherealizing séances, and gives private sittings. Some weeks since Mr. and Mrs. Henley celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage, at which a large number of friends gathered to offer con-gratulations to the still youthful bride and groom. The gifts and floral offerings were

many and beautiful, and the evening's exercises, concluding with a dance, were highly enjoyed by the participants. I notice that Dr. E. D. Babbitt has recently

ssued a new edition of his valuable book 'Religion,' and that it has an addition of great importance and interest, which all thinkers and students will be anxious to peruse, even if they have read the work in its former dress. Dr. Babbitt and his genial wife are fixtures in Los Angeles, they having purchased a handsome house in a beautiful quarter of the city, fronting Westlake Park, and Spiritualism and society here are all the richer for having these genial souls in their midst.

Dr. Cora A. Morse of San Francisco is a brainy worker in the liberal school. She, too, has done and is doing a useful humanitarian work! Dr. Morse is graceful with her pen, and possesses a delightful descriptive style: this is evidenced in her pretty booklet recently issued from the press upon 'Yosemite and its Wonders.'

Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA .-- Charles L. GeFrorer writes: "On Sunday, Jan. 16, the Philadelphia Spiritualist Society held a memorial service in commemoration of the life and work of Mrs. Colby-Luther. Prof. W. M. Lockwood of Chicago delivered an oration before a large and intelligent audience. A beautiful pastel portrait of Mrs. Luther, in a heavy gilt frame, decorated with flowers and silken flags, was upon the platform.

Mrs. May Pepper followed with a short address, relating personal incidents and experiences in connection with some of her work with Mrs. Luther. In the evening the Pro-fessor lectured on "What is Human Conscious-ness?" followed with a scance by Mrs. Pepper. During the month of December this Society was served by F. A. Wiggin, which was his first engagement in Philadelphia. He left us with

many pleasant memories, and we much regret our inability to secure him for another season. Prof. Lockwood's course of six scientific lect ures opened with a larger attendance than we

had dared anticipate. At the annual election of this Society the following officers were elected: President, Hon. Thomas M. Locke; First Vice-President, Samuel Wheeler; Second Vice-President, Chas. A. Hammar; Treasurer, Julia R. Locke; Sec-Retary, Charles L. GeFrorer; Historian, Mary R. Galloway; Advisory Board: Mrs. Joseph M. Hinds, Mrs. Maria Wheeler, Miss Josephine Smith, Mr. Edgar B. Chav, Mr. Adolph Koester.'

Illinois.

CHICAGO .- C. M. Wellington writes: "Our Band of Harmony meets every other Thursday

in Handel Hall. This is the Ladies' Auxiliary to The Church of the Soul, and was presided over by Mrs. Richmond (or rather her beautiful control, Ouina), for many years previous to Mrs. R.'s going to Washington, D. C. We keep

up the meetings. The ladies come in the after-When my time allowed me to do'so, I availed noon. Mediums are invited to be present and myself of the kind invitations of Mrs. Apel to speak. A lunch is served at six o'clock, at which the gentlemen are invited, and in the evening we have a varied program. Generally a paper is read on some spiritual topic, and with those of Mrs. Richmond. Music and occasional recitations lighten up our exercises. and we are spiritually fed and are growing. Nov. 11 we devoted the evening to a tribute and memorial to our brother, James G. Clark, by Treasurer from same."

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Your humble correspondent is speaking, or talking, every Sunday, twice a day, for the regular Buffalo Spiritual Society, which holds meetings in the old A. O. U. W. Hall, on Main street.' ____ V

Massachusetts.

FALL RIVER .- Mrs. Ann-Hibbert writes: "Sunday, Jan. 16, we had with us for the third Sunday this month Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, who gave two grand addresses, taking her subjects, as usual, from the audiences. Our audiences have gained in numbers and intelligence every Sunday since she came. Mrs. Allyn's poems are beyond description. At the close of the evening address she gave several very fine readings from articles placed upon-the table, which were declared correct. Mrs. Allyn has two more Sundays to be with us, and we predict large audiences."

GREENWICH.-Mrs. Juliette Yeaw writes The average attendance at the Independent Liberal Church has been quite in excess of several preceding seasons.

The Christmas festivities were observed, as usual, with large numbers present, despite the extreme cold. The yearly munificence in giving manifested itself in a stately, symmetrical tree, heavily laden with toys and confections for the juveniles, and a table covered with beautiful gifts for the older people.

Dr. George A. Fuller has occupied the platform twice this season, and has each time enthralled his' audience with his scholarly and logica lectures.

Sunday, Jan. 16, Mrs. Holcombe of Springfield delivered a lecture which was universally concelled to be very spiritual and highly in spired. All intervening Sundays have been filled by the writer.

social element and add to the exchequer of the Society."

Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE .- W. C. M. writes: On Dec. 29, 1897, the People's Spiritual Church of this members. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Val. Speed; Vice-President, C. M. Shrader; Correspond-ing Secretary, W. C. Mann: Financial Secre-tary, B. G. Gould; Treasurer, Mrs. Miller Leyisle; Trustees, John Leyisle, Levi Cole, A. N. Ruder, Mr. J. A. Meyera, Mrs. C. Kirch-er; Stewards, F. J. Leinnch, W. T. Jones, Mrs. Emma Hazard, Mrs. W. C. Mann. Hon. George Hernson, Speaker: Mr. J. A. Myers George Hernson, Speaker; Mr. J. A. Myers, Musical Director.

Mrs. Mary Garrett, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been engaged for the month of January Mrs. Garrett is a good medium. She is mak-ing many converts here. We would like to keep her longer, but she has other engagements.

Good mediums who have no engagements for the months of February and March will please address W. C. Mann, Corresponding Secretary of the People's Spiritual Church, 730 W. Walnut street, Louisville, Ky.

District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON.-Occasional Reporter says: Large audiences attended the services of the First Association last Sunday, Mrs. Richmond's discourses were on the following subjects: Morning-The Relation of Adeptism and Phe-nomenal Spiritualism to Spiritual Truth. Evening-The King's Palace, Oriental and Masonic.

The Ladies' Aid hold well-attended meet ings every Friday evening. Supper is served at 6 P. M., and a social meeting follows.

Subject of next afternoon meeting of Ladies Aid, 'Adelaide Proctor and Her Writings.' The Bazaar held recently was a success, four hundred dollars having been already received

beauty, and to catch the sparkling waters that came leaping down the slopes.

Individuals are like hills and mountains of varied degrees of unfoldment, and are but channels or conductors to the spiritual waters of life that come gushing toward us, to invigorate latent flowers in the garden of our men tality. Such a mountain peak and conductor did I recognize in my friend Tisdale. There was that which was spoken through the man, greater than the man. That is genius, that is intellect, that is truth, that is soul power, the kingdom of thought without fences. We build our own enclosures, and draw the circumference to our own circle of being, both in this life and the spirit realm; hence diversity of opinion. The soul is a mirror. It reflects ourselves in nature, and it is our sovereign duty to enlarge that reflective power.

A continuous feast has been the order of Berkeley Hall rostrum. Lockwood dredging the rivers of the débris and driftwood of the centuries; Tisdale an oracle of the temple of thought, pouring forth in thuider tones the wisdom and logic of master minds and savants who have chiseled their names on the temple

of life adown the corridors of time.

Well might we pause by this hillside of life, and quaff at these beautiful rivulets of truth that flow within the scope of our conscious-

Nature is dual, and so is all her parts. Man, her highest expression, is a concentration of all that has preceded; and he who only perceives the form does not perceive the man.

Why do we gather at this time to pay respect to our guest? Is it on account of his great education? No, not at all. He has nev-er had the opportunity to educate himself. But it is due to the fact that his brain can be acted upon, and can be used to voice the opinfilled by the writer. Fortnightly sociables and suppers, some ing (except to the spiritually blind) the fact of times with fine entertainments, keep alive the continued life. A living monument of the truth and a menace to the creed bound and

fettered past. Dead-they are not dead. No discontinuity of the soul of genius, of intellect, of character

and of beauty. Nature can never be twisted. She insists on no misspent energies. Her zeal is ever onward, ever forward, ever smiling at city was organized, with twenty eight charter the agnosticism of men who draw limits unto her methods.

But, says Brother Tisdale, you must widen, widen, widen. I love those noble souls that inspire you. They are not singing psalms or playing jewsharps, but are still delying in the problems of life that confront semi-civilized humanity. They are still seekers after truth in all its forms, and we are students with them, ever willing to listen to their opinions that we when the armor plate of life is broken and

we are released from its shackles, we will meet

them in the temples of philosophy,

- " By the laughing, sparkling fountains In the sylvan groves of wisdom, Where the flowers n'er shall fade;
- But retinions ever shall be Of the poor and the afflicted.
- Yea, where vision is restored In the soul of Mother Nature,

That great, central soul of beink.

May you continue in the great work that devolves upon you by disseminating thought and logic, applying all that is beautiful in the soul f philosophy, poetry, song, art and religion to the living soul of truth; for

" Truth is the summit or being, Justice the application of it.

CONSUMPTION CUBED.

Yours for humanity and for spirituality, ABBY A. JUDSON.

January Magazines.

AMERICAN MONTHLY REVIEW OF REVIEWS. -The opening editorial department of "The Progress of the World" gives a clear and exhaustive New Year's summary of political conditions in both hemispheres at the threshold of 1898. The elaborate article on "The Future of Austria-Hungary," by an Austrian, is by all odds the best account yet given in the English language of the warring forces which threaten to undermine the dual monarchy of Central Europe: Mr. Charles A. Conant gives a cleancut analysis of the present demands for cur-rency reform in the United States; Dr. W. H. Tolman sums up the municipal progress of New York City under Mayor Strong; Lord Brassey's remarkable paper on "The Position of the British Navy," with Assistant Secretary Roosevelt's comments is full of food for thought when, read in connection with the compact digest of the United States Annual Naval Re-port, which follows, and the review of Capt. Mahan's new book; two noteworthy letters of Count Tolstoi on the doctrines of Henry George, one addressed to a German disciple of George, and the other to a Siberian peasant, are also published in this number. The magazine's regular departments of "Current His-tory in Caricature," "Leading Articles of the Month," "Periodicals Reviewed," and "New Books" cover such timely topics as Hawaiian annexation, and the great strike in England. The Review of Reviews Co. (Union Square) New York.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE begins its twelfth year with this number. The frontispiece, by Clinedinst, gives a characteristic scene in a Virginia mansion on the night of a party in the days before the war. It is from Thomas Nelson's serial novel "Red Rock," which opens in this issue. The leading article is Senator Lodge's great historical narrative, "The Story of the Revolution"; Bret Harte, in verse, tells a legend of Circenster, which was burnt by the a legend of Circenster, which was ourne by the Saxons, who ensnared the birds and sent them back to the thatched roofs with firebrands on their wings; Aline Gorren writes about." A French Literary Circle," and describes the iriends of the brothers Goncourt: There are other papers from prominent authors, which with "The Field of Art" make a very interesting issue. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

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NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINE.-Among the important papers in the current issue will be found Arthur T. Hopkin's contribution on "The Old Middlesex Canal," Mary A. Greene's on "Gen. Nathanael Greene," "The Gity of Lawrence, Mass." by George H. Young, and "Boston's Penal Institutions," by William I. Cole, all 'illustrated. There are poems, sto-ries and articles by the following prominent writers: Sarah Piatt, Richard Burton, Lydia Avery Coonley. Herbert, Randall Dora Read Avery Coonley, Herbert Randall, Dora Reed Goodale, Abbie Farwell Brown, Horace Bushnell, F. Spencer Baldwin, and others. The departments are well cared for, making a very in-structive number. Warren F. Kellogg, publisher, 5 Park Square, Boston.

RECEIVED: The Independent Pulpit, J. D. **CONSUMPTION CURED.** An old physiclan, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple regetable remedy for the speedy and per-manent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nerrous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful urative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W.A.NOVES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y.

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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 outline of their method of conducting their Lyceums, as applied to the younger Groups?

GRANDMA.

I've got the dearest Grandma, And I believe that she Thinks there's no other little girl In all the world like me.

It's awful nice to have some one To think the same as you, 'Oause, do n't you know, it makes it seem As if it must be true.

And although I love my mamma, And I'm sure that she loves me, Sometimes there'll be a subject On which we won't agree.

Maybe I feel as if I'd like-A little bit to eat-Not very much, but just a piece Of something nice and sweet.

And mamma'll look at me and say, As she strokes down my curls, "There's naught so good as bread, my dear, For hungry little girls,"

But Gran dma always keeps a jar Of cookies on a shelf; And when I'm hungry she says to me: "There, Dollie, help yourself." A

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Grandmother.

I am sorry for any one who never had a grandmother. Undoubtedly all of us had two female ancestors of the second generation preceding our own. But that does not prove that we all had two grandmothers, nor that we had even one. A grandmother-a real grandmother-is a being unique, pecultar. She must possess certain qualities aside from mere ancestry. She must be one who is remembered as placid, benign and dignified, though folly. She must be loving and of unbounded generosity. I have no doubt that city grandmothers are a worthy race." I don't know. I never had one of that environment. My ideal grandmother lives in the country, as both of mine did. She must be, as both of mine were, a woman who can see a parcel of grandchildren as wild as mustangs race often across her cherished flower beds, perhaps with a pain at her heart, but with a smile on her face. She must be one who sees, with an almost divine patience, that same drove of young mustangs chase each other through the house, leaving a small cartload of dirt from their shoes all over her diningroom carpet and her immaculate kitchen floor. She must, with an outward laugh though with an inward sigh, close every door which those same mustangs invariably leave open. She must, above all things else, have what one of my grandmothers called a "butt'ry" and the other called a "pantry." One evidence of the importance of this is the fact that after all these years I remember so vividly the different nomenclature; almost as clearly, in fact, as I remember the contents of those apartments. Children, particularly boys, used to be, and probably are to-day, voracióus feeders and al-ways hungry. The ideal grandmother must have, in butt'ry or pantry, an unending supply of doughnuts and gingerbread and sugar

If doughnuts and cakes be cut and cooked in marvelous shapes, which a youthful imagina tion is really to accept as representing boys and girls and cats and dogs, so much the better grandmother is she. She must also have a marvelous and, to the youthful mind, an al-most sacred receptacle known as a "store-room," many shelved, and all its many shelves

stout leather straps, over two great wheels. To ride in it was really a misery to me. It might have been comfortable enough for grown people. She preferred it to any other vehicle. But I well remember the everlasting jolt, jolt, jolt of it, as I sat with my poor little legs too short to reach the floor, while my heels played an endless tattoo upon the leather flap that made the front of the seat. Little things? Undoubtedly they are. But they are big enough to blot out for a little while my present cares and anxietles, by putting in front of them a long panorama of happy days, and many gentle thoughts of an old lady, who at midnight on the thirty-first of one December began a new year in a land where there is no night. I am sorry for those who never had a grandmother.

"Waiting."

Really, there is no waiting. The infinite and universal processes have never been known to suspend action. One process may emerge into another process, but the suspension of the infinite life action, even for a moment, cannot be conceived. There can be no waiting in the realm of the Infinite. The processes that form conscious beings have never been known to wait.

But conscious beings when formed have del egated to them a like power, seen in the infinite realm, that makes mind superior to gross-er substances, and gives, as in the infinite universe, the power of control, the power to regulate, the power to be fully automatic, the power to be a complete law unto itself. This conscious power is the same in essence as the power that moves the universe. It differs only in degree. It evolved from it. It was born from it.

Waiting, pertaining to man, is a negative term. It means that the possibilities in the individual may be delayed. It means that the higher, better, truer man may be put off. It means to evolve in the same circle that the fathers did. It means fear, lack of confidence, distrust, less conscious power. Waiting is putting off individual capacities for greater and more stable felicities.—The Marion Enterprise.

Truth.

A deaf and dumb boy was asked, "What is truth?" He stepped to the blackboard and made a straight line.

"And what is falsehood?"

And what is raisenood " And he made a zigzag, crooked line. This was a good answer, was n't it? We hear boys in their play pledging each other to do "the straight thing," meaning, of course, being true and truthful. And when we hear them say that a boy is "crooked," we know they mean that he lies and deceives. A little girl who had tried it paid. "The

A little girl who had tried it said: "The trouble about telling a lie is, that when you have told one you have to tell ever so many more to cover the first one up."-Jennie M. Bingham

The Boston Spiritual Lyceum.

Sunday, Jan. 16, this Lyceum held a very interesting session in Berkeley Hall. "Where is the Heaven, and Heli of Spiritualism?" was the question, and answers were given by Winnie Ireland, Estelle Grauville, Esther M. Botts, Sadie Jackson, Martha Mc-Kenzle, Edith Gerrold, Charlie Hatch, Harry Caird Clarence Dutton, George Hubbard, Willie Sheldon, Jessie Jackson, N. B. Austin, E. B. Packard, F. H: Watson, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Edward W. Hatch, Miss Alice P. Bill, Mr. G. S. Lang, Mr. J. Mansergh, Mrs. A. S. Waterhouse. "Duty" was the topic for the little ones, and five responses were given. After a stirring Grand March, with fifty-five children in line, recitations were given by Little Maud Armstrong, Clarence Dutton, Harry Glimore Greeue, Leslie Woodworth, Stephen Fenneli, Harry Caird and Grace Tarbell; Esther Mabel Botts sang; Mr. Fred H. Watson rendered a plano solo; Mr. Albert P. Blinn made remarks; Mr. J. S. Man-sergh read part of a letter irom Prof. Lockwood; Mre M. A Lang read a noem: Mrs A. S. Waterhouse . Waterhouse. Mrs. M. A. Lang read a poem; Mrs. A. S. Waterhouse made remarks, and the Clerk read a poem from "The Lycenm" of Cleveland, Ohio. Question for Jan. 30: "Does the Trance Condition Weaken, or Otherwise Effect the Will Power of the Medium?"

have always had a generous response in the recita-tions and readings of the Lyceum members, and in-teresting remarks of the audience at large. Our young people hever weary of the march, and nolement Bundays the el ders join the ranks, that the Bunday, Jan. 16, the subject was "Whittler." After Bunday, Jan. 16, the subject was "Whittler." After its consideration all joined in singing "Merry and Happy are We" A short, pathetic, beautiful story, read by Mr. H. W. Smith, closed the exercises.

JULIETTE YEAW.

Salem Lyceum,

Nathan A. Chase, Conductor. The session of the Ly ceum was held Sunday, Jan, 16, at the usual hour, ceum was held Sunday, Jan. 16, at the usual hour, 12:30, in A. O. U. W. Hall, with an attendance of about forty. We had for a subject, "Birds," and it was discussed with much interest. There were reci-tations by several children, including Willie and Ma-bel Neate, Nathan Chase, Annie Oall, Edua Peach, Gussie, Frank and Ward Oall; recitation by Bessie-Chase, aud a reading by Mrs. Gardiner. Our great-est need is something for the small children. There seems to be nothing in the form of a lesson for the leaders to use. I hone this will soon he remediad leaders to use. I hope this will soon be remedied, for it is the main point to have the children carefully instructed in regard to the *true merits* of our beauti-ful faith. MARY L. THOMAS, Seg'y. iul faith. Jan. 16, 1898.

Fall River Lyceum.

Our Lyceum met as usual at 12:30, Sunday, Jan. 16 and was largely attended, and finely conducted by Mr. James Lucas and his sister Alice, who were ably assisted by Mr. Holden. The organ music for be march was very inspiring, and was very much en-foyed by all present. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale at all sessions. MRS. ANN HIBBERT.

The New Bedford School of Progress | the pain in the back-all these-Held a very successful entertainment on New Year's Eve, in which the scholars rendered that dialogue system, and all these are beautywhich appeared in THE BANNER, entitled "Fairy killers, producers of dull, leaden Wishes." It was a surprise to the people; everybody was very well satisfied. RICHARD RIDING, See'y.

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Western News Notes.

titude of the daily press shows a marked difference. Whereas in times past the powerful dailies invariably turned a deaf ear to the claims put forth by exponents of our belief, now they are more tolerant. The Call, a leading morning journal, recently published a supplement composed of forecasts for the coming year by leading recognized mediums of San Francisco. Among the forecasts one that especially attracted notice was of a very remark. able character, made by Mrs. J. J. Whitney. This has called forth considerable comment outside spiritual circles. It dealt with the important mining discoveries in the north, and a few days after its publication it was verified in several particulars, causing much interest

in watching for further developments. Among matters for congratulation during the past year has been the steady growth of the State organization, and its very successful camp meeting at Trestle Glen, Oakland. The Progressive Spiritualists' Association has also been doing good work, and making progress, It holds weekly meetings in the Scottish Hall, Larkin street, where Mrs. Lillie of Boston is delivering a series of lectures, and at which Mrs. from the meetings unable to get into the hall. Whitney gives tests.

This well known medium is causing great interest by her question answering; son

In What Does Woman's Beauty Consist Which So Powerfully Attracts Men?

It is Not the Pretty Face Which Charms but the Bright Eyes, Glowing Cheeks, Vigorous Vitality and Exuberant Spirits. This Hint to Wise Women is Sufficient.

Beauty lies less in the features than in the | face is plump and cheeks red, and my comcondition and expression of the face. The plexion pure."

Mrs. William Bartels, 239 East 87th street, Creator has endowed every woman with beauty, and every woman in good health, who is of New York City, says:

a cheerful nature, is beautiful and comely to look upon. A clear, fresh, wholesome look is the result of the possession of good health, and no woman can be beautiful and attractive without good health. The dull, dead, gnawing pain, the sense of nervousness, weakness, oppression and discouragement, the tired, listless, languid feeling, the shooting pains, the aching head, are symptoms of a disordered complexions, unnatural flushe ings, dark circles under the eyes, black heads, lustreless eyes and and other disfigurements which divest women of their natural gift of beauty. Why be homely when you can be beautiful and attractive? Get good health. and with it those looks and at-SAN FRANCISCO.-W. B. T. writes: Steady and fascinate. It is within your

progress is being made in these parts, and power to do so, for it is within on the whole there seems to be an increased every woman's power to be well and strong, said that I was doing wonderfully, that my eyes interest in Spiritualism. As an indication of and hence look her best, if she will use Dr. were bright, and that I looked well." a change in public opinion regarding the gen- Greene's Nervura to give her strong, vigorous sound and perfect health.

Read what Dr. Greene's Nervura does for others. It will do the same for you. Mrs. Mary Francis Lytle, of 2 Hunter Alley,

Rochester, N.Y., says: "I was very pale and delicate-had no color.

remedy, and now I am well and strong, my by letter.

the First Spiritualist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., and the Woman's Progressive Union for the hospitalities extended, and that we express thanks to the talent that has contributed so much to make our meeting a success; and that we thank the daily press of Buffalo for its extended reports of our meetings and for kindly expressions.

The meeting then closed with a benediction by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.

Our Mass Meeting here has been a grand success in every way, and words fail us in attempting to express ourselves in reference to the unbounded kindness and hospitality of the Buffalo Society, at whose invitation we held our Mass and Trustee Meetings in this beautiful city. Hundreds have been turned away

HERBERT L. WHITNEY, Secretary N. Y. S. A. S.

"Dr. Greene's Nervura made a wonderful improvement in my health, and that dark sallow look left my face. My friends hardly knew me. I have gained in flesh, and am like a different person."

Mrs. C. S. Allen, of 128 Pearl street, Portland, Me., says: "There was hardly any more color in my face and hands than inclialk. Dr. Greene's Nervura made me well, and restored my natural color and complexion." Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, of 236 Hartwell's Avenue, Providence, R. I., says:

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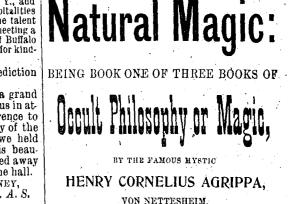
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These are only a few of the thousands upon uine nature of the phenomena claimed by nerves, pure, rich blood, a clear complexion, thousands of women who owe their present Spiritualists, it may be mentioned that the at- and thus restore the energies and vitality of health and strength, and consequently their beauty, vivacity and enjoyment of life to the timely use of Dr. Greene's Nervura, and if the reader is wise she will not hesitate or delay using this really wonderful remedy, this great natural boon to womankind.

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adorned with great disks of flaky, creamy pies,

mince, apple and pumpkin. Whatever may in absolute truth have been her culinary skill, those who can grow to maturer years without preserving an unshakable faith in their grandmother's superiority as a cook over any Brillat-Savarin, have souls fit only for "treason, stratagem and spoil."

I was a fortunate boy, for I had two such grandmothers, and I look back now across the years with keen enjoyment of the recollec-tions of summer holidays at "grandmother's house" in one of the little towns on the New England coast.

That house was always the retreat and asvlum for her own children when they became world-weary, and in the eyes of her grandchildren was little short of Paradise.

The house, the barns, the gardens, the pas-tures and their mistress made a combination of delights that will never be found again on this side of the "shining shore." The big swing that hung from the great oak tree was, during stormy weather, transferred by one of the hired men to a high beam in the barn. From its point of suspension there, we could swing away out through the big door and back again, just missing the edge of the hay loft, almost up to the roof. Seldom, I think, in that blessed precinct, was heard any whine of "What can I do now?"

I well remember, though it was before I was put into knickerbockers, how that grand-mother taught me to knit. She was always knitting. So was the other one, for that mat tar. Two needles were placed in proper posi-tion in my chubby little hands, and I was ini-tiated into the mysteries of "Now, over, so," and "Now, back through, so," with infinite amusement and interest on both sides. I think that during the next few weeks I must have begun more stockings than I have worn out in all the years since that time.

When I was older, and got to studying American history, with what delight I used to sit beside her while she told me how she stood on the hill in what is now Manchester-by-the-Sea, and, with her sister and other townspeo ple, watched the fight between the Chesapeake and the Shannon. Such rides as we used to go; such nutting parties to the mile away pasture; such excursions to the beach; such blackberrying parties to the hillsides, and such blueberrying parties to what was called the "swamp." There was always a wagon-load of us. Sometimes the big hay-wagon, with two horses, was required. Such singing and shouting and laughing I do not believe has been heard since. Many girls picture to themselves what they

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up to their userancess, and have for the past month given forth some strong points upon both the lesson and subject for the day. They are about to start a debate between the group of young ladies and them-selves, giving the former a choice of subject, and we hope it will create an interest that will be felt both in hope it will create an interest that will be red both in and out of the Lyceum, and be the means of adding to our ranks both old and young. We had for a lesson to-day "There is no Death," and for a subject, "What is the greatest piece of mechanism in the world, and why so?" Our enterwould be and do as mothers. Do they ever think what sort of grandmothers they would be? It is something for which to have lived, that away on in the coming years there will be men and women with white and whitening hair, who will look back to the days at "grandmother's" with unalloyed enjoyment, as to some of the happiest days of all their lives. It is something to be able to leave in those minds the picture of a loving, tender, blessed old woman whom they think about as "grandmother." Among my choicest treasures to day is a little package of letters written to me after I had gone out into the world, and worn a beard for so many years that I almost forgot that I was not born with one. The lines of the letters are tended session of the season was held. Subject of the lesson of the day, "Salvation from the Stand-point of Spiritualism," was considered for half an hour. An aduit class, under the leadership of Mr. Wood, President of the First Association, is a promi-nent feature of the school, Mrs. Wheeler Brown also teaches a large class of bright young men and wo-men. Ouing, one of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's guides, is much interested in the school, and is a great favorite with the children. The Washington Lyceum extends fraternal greetings to all schools in this conntry and England. regular and shaky, but "plain as print." They regular and shaky, but "plain as print." They were penned by a woman, who some years be-fore had passed her allotted "threescore years and ten," but who, "by reason of strength," saw more than fourscore. They are signed, "Your loving grandma." To her I was still a boy. The things about which she wrote were the things that interested me as a boy. They interested me then and they interest me pow. interested me then, and they interest me now. They tell of old Buttercup's latest calf; of some new pigs; of the great prospect for apples on a particular tree; of the 'flowers, and the straw-berries and the grapes. In one she tells of hav-ing had old "Tom," her favorite horse, hitched to the old chase, and of driving eighteen miles,

all alone, to see her sister. Oh! that old chaise. It was one of the old fashiened kind, seldom seen now a days. It We have required each scholar in turn to propose a fashioned kind, seldom seen now a days. It We have required each scholar in turn to propose a Resolved, That the Trustees of the New York State was a big hooded body, suspended upon two subject for the next Sunday's consideration, and Association of Spiritualists express hearty thanks to

A. CLARENCE ARMSTRONG, Clerk. 17 Leroy street, Dorchester Station, Boston, Mass.

Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1

Met as usual in Red Men's Hall, Jan. 16, with seventysix members present, and a good audience. The older groups had an interesting lesson upon spiritual growth, and the little groups gave some very good answers to their subject, "Kindness." The march was followed by an instructive entertainment, including recitations by Teresa, Lovett and Frankle Lamont. A poem, "Be Careful What you Say," was read by the Conductor, Mrs. Brown. Her control Lulu then told a story illustrating how an untruth in childhood toid a scory invertating now an untruin in childhood caused fourteen years of unhappiness, and haw un-kind words thoughtlessly spoken cause a great deal of pain. She also proposed that the children save at least a penny a week, that they may make a present to some poor child Christmas. Little Clifford Lamont then pleased the audience with two recitations, after which Clifford and Frankie Lamont beautifully. rendered the Lord's Prayer in song. Little Eddle sang "A Mother's Love," and "Tay Hands"; song, Leo Hanson. There were four new pupils added to the Lyceum to day. Mrs. Brown promised to give a halt hour test searce to the children some Sunday

A Pancake Supper, followed by concert and dance, will be eiven by Mrs. Butler for the benefit of the Ly-ceum, Wednesday evening, Jan. 26. CHARLES B. YEATON, See'y.

Waltham Lyceum.

We had a large attendance Sunday, Jan. 16, and a

Our group of young men, six in number, are waking

up to their usefulness, and have for the past month

tainment consisted of eleven numbers, readings, recitations, piano and mandolin solos, and a song. sea Main street. SEC X of W. C. P. U.

Washington, D. C., Progressive

Lyceum.

The Children's Progressive Lyccum has been thor-

oughly reorganized. Sunday, Jan. 16, the best at

tended session of the season was held. Subject of

this country and England. FRANCIS BAILEY WOODBURY, Conductor.

Greenwich Lyceum.

The exercises of the Greenwich Lyceum during

a very interesting and instructive session.

remarkable tests being given, and the controls generally showing by unmistakable messages the independent character of the tests. This Society will move into another hall next month, having secured a beautiful and commodious one in The Alcazar, where the meetings will continue throughout the winter. Mr. Ryder, President, Mr. Small, Treasurer, and Mr. Roch, Sec'y, are energetic in pushing the work of the Society, and there is a future full of promise

before it. Mention should not be omitted that Mr. J. Lillie does great service at these meetings lead ing the singing, and providing very acceptable solos.

There are many other interesting meetings held throughout the city; among them might be mentioned those of Madam Young, at 605 McAllister street, which are well attended. and of a most interesting character. At the residence of Mr. E. Morse meetings of a So cialist Society are held weekly. These meet ings are of a very high order, and presided over by Mrs. Dr. Janney. Mrs. Dr. Morse also takes a leading interest, and is energetically advancing the young Society. Already it at tracts much notice, the hall being regularly filled to its utmost capacity, and the list of members showing a regular and steady increase.

It may be mentioned that Mrs. Temple, wife of the well-known medium of Chicago, is at present in this city, residing with her mother, and studying for the degree of M. D. A couple of cases entrusted to the lady student have been successfully treated.

Mr. E. K. Earle is away in the Klondike, and there has been no word from him for some Dr. Louis Schlesenger is doing good time. work in Los Angeles, where, from all accounts, he is achieving marked success. Generally speaking, there has been a marked

advance all along the line, and although religious prejudice and public skepticism retard progress, the Gause goes on gaining strength from day to day, and the prospect of the com-ing year indicates continued advancement.

Mass Meeting of New York Spiritual Association.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

[Continued from last week.]

Jan 16. 1898 .- Although the morning hours gave promise of pleasant weather for the day the clouds soon gathered, and we had another fall of snow; but bad weather does not affect Buffalo's citizens, judging by the very large attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Frank Walker, who requested E. W. Sprague to act as Chairman. Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing read a poem and delivered an address. After singing by Mrs. Van Blascom, the session closed with spirit-communications, through Mrs. C. A. Sprague, of Jamestown, all of which were recognized.

Afternoon session opened with President Frank Walker in the chair. Congregational singing. Poem by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing Address, W. Wines Sargent of Brooklyn, Trus tee New York State Association of Spiritual-ists. Solo, "Daddy," (by request), Miss Blanche Fisher, followed by Mrs. C. A. Sprague in a number of spirit messages, all of which were recognized. A special collection was taken up to help pay for the new piano.

The evening meeting opened at 7:30 o'clock with the house packed to the doors, President Frank Walker in the chair. The meeting opened with congregational singing, followed by a poem, "The Beautiful," read by Mrs. Car-rie E. S. Twing, which she made the subject of rie E. S. Twing, which she made the subject of a very interesting address. Our active and successful' organizer, E. W. Sprague, followed with an address on "Spiritualism." Singing, "America." Short address by W. H. Bach. Solo, "Only a Thin Veil Between Us," John Mullen, followed by many successful tests by New Margie Waite. Mrs. Maggie Waite.

Resolution offered by Trustee W. Wines Sargent, of Brooklyn:

The New York State Association of Spiritualists.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: The Board of Trustees of the New York State Association of Spiritualists met at the Spiritual Temple in Buffalo on the morning of Jan. 15, and a large amount of detail work was ac

complished. Charters were granted to the First Society of Spiritualists at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., The Spiritualist Investigating Society, Wellsville, N. Y., The Progressive Spiritualist Society, Hallsport, N. Y., The Advance Spiritual Conference, Brooklyn, N. Y., First Spiritualist Society of Batavia, N. Y. Letters of Ordination were granted to the following applicants: Mrs. Belle R Plum, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy, N. Y.; Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Westfield, N. Y. It was also decided to reengage Mr. and

Mrs. E. W. Sprague as State Missionaries for the month of February. The Board also favors holding a Mass Meeting in different places at least once a month, providing sufficient encouragement is given.

HERBERT L. WHITNEY, Sec'y N. Y. S. A. S.

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Passed to Spirit-Life.

From his home, 67 Seventh street. Springfield, Mass., Dec. 24, 1897, JOSEPH L. SMITH, formerly of Whately, aged 55 years.

Mr. Smith left a wife and son. A few days before he went away he said that he should hear Mr. Emerson next Sunday; Edgar W. Emerson of Manchester, N. H., spoke at the functral exercises to the friends and neighbors Sun at the interfact carcines to the internet and neighbors Shill day noon, Dec. 26; the poem read-"There is no Death"---and the kind and heart-felt words spoken, were a revela-tion to many. The choir of the First Spiritualist Society rendered excellent music.

M. W. LYMAN.

From Miller's Falis, Mass., Jan. 13, 1898, HARBIET N. READ.

READ. She was a veteran Spiritualist and public medium, well known to Spiritualists of New York City and Western States. She was born at Nantucket, Mass., May 9, 1823, her parents being Quakers; and on the first announcement of Modern Spiritualism, the family accepted it as Truth. Her work in the cause speaks for itself; and while her mortal life is closed, she still lives in spirit. DR. E. A. READ.

From his late residence, Carversville, Penn., CHARLES From his late residence, our W. ALLEN, in the 93d year of his age. PHENE H. HALL.

From his earth-home in Austin, Texas, Dec. 21, 1897, MR. JOHN S NORTON, aged 72 years.

JOBN S NORTON. aged 72 years. Mr. Norton was a Spiritualist of more than thirty-five years' standing, and was ever active in its service. He was one of the trustees of the funds left by Mrs. Jane L. Stamps of Brenham, Tex., and he transferred his steward-ship to Miss Annie Martin of Brenham about one year prior to his transition. Mr. Norton was a native of Con-necticut, but spent the greater portion of his life in Texas. He was an honest, upright man, and an honor to the cause of Spiritualism. His body was taken to Bren-ham, and there laid to rest. A devoted wife and two sons survive him. Peace to his memory.

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We trust that Spiritualists everywhere will cooperate heartily with us in the step which has been taken, and that regular subscribers for THE BANNER will make an effort to inorease its circulation. If every one now on our subscription books would make it his or her business to obtain one new subscriber to this paper for 1897, the heretofore high standard of THE BANNER could easily be maintained, the value of its contents and the practicality materially enhanced, and the Cause which this paper has so long defended and upheld greatly strengthened.

Spiritualism and Mediumship.

The BANNER OF LIGHT is the oldest publication in the world devoted to the principles itualism. "Whom the gods destroy they first

all who are proved to be counterfeiters. Spiritualiam is a sacred treasure, and the purest religious truth ever vouchesfed to man. It shall never be prostituted if the BANNER OF LIGHT can prevent it. If those who oppose this policy choose to continue their uplifting (?) work of calumny and abuse they will be the ones to suffer, and not we ourselves. The angels in high heaven have been weeping tears of blood at the iniquities practiced in the name of mediumship. It is time to tack ship, and to begin the work of reform. We shall do our part regardless of all threats of assassination, and shall continue to advocate a pure Spiritu-

at all cost, and to wage sternal warfare against

alism, without prefix or suffix, and shall fearlessly defend every honest, upright medium to the end of earth-life.

Dabit Deus His Quoque Finem!

State organization in Minnesota has been accomplished none too soon. The fraudulent and counterfeit elements have, through inaction, secured a strong foothold in the Northwest, and it will take the united efforts of the friends of true Spiritualism to dislodge them. The old workers feel the necessity of a thorough renovation in the methods of propagandism, and heartily cooperated with the missionaries of the National Association to form an organization that would serve as an instrument of offense and defense in behalf of true Spiritualism.

The work of several pretenders, who have 'records" in other States, had been such as to arouse feelings of deepest indignation and regret on the part of all lovers of truth. Several of these combinations were at work in the large cities in Minnesota, and were enjoying their ill gotten gains to the utmost. One party confessed to a knowledge of one hundred and fourteen trick methods of producing manifestations, and said those victimized would defend the genuineness of her mediumship, even if she told them she had duped them. In one instance, in Montana, an old man was given a sitting, and he had been most completely deceived. He left the medium(?) with eyes suffused with tears of joy, and frame

shaken by emotion too deep for utterance, bechuse of the bogus message he had received. I brought him to time, and received a good

share of his money." This confession was made unblushingly to was conversing. Joined with this party were mediumship, yet loudly protested against the

exposition of all fraud. If a self confessed trickster is upheld or defended by any one claiming to be a public medium, after the exposition is made known, it is safe to conclude that such ones may also be engaged in the same despicable work of defrauding the public. With several instances of this kind-before them, the Spiritualists of Minnesota felt called upon to act in order to save the good name of Spiritualism.

They have formed a State Association to assist them in their work, and one of its first dutics was to defend an houest medium and a true worker from an assault through the law, made by some of the parties referred to above. Error can only triumph for a time; it always retreats from its contests with truth, and such will be the outcome in Minnesota. Imposition, fraud and treachery are no parts of Spir-

A Catholic's Opinion.

Father McGrady of Bellevue, Ky., recently preached an interesting sermon upon the subject of Spiritualiam. He affirmed that excar- oally apply the principle of colleration in olted both saored and profane lilatory to prove is exerting every effort to complete its Temple, his point. His reference to the story of Sam- and to raise the mortgage of \$8,000 that is now uel and the woman of Eudor was decidedly upon its property. The officers of the church apropos, and declared : "If the woman of En- | have extended an Invitation to the Spiritualdor could conjure up a spirit, a nineteenthcentury medium may communicate with the work, by contributing some useful or ornasouls of departed men." Father McGrady mental article to be sold at a Fair to be held also stated that both good and evil spirits had | March 24, 28 and 26 next. If each person inter the power to return to earth, and urged his hearers to glean their knowledge of the future as an offering, it will show their interest in from the divine oracle instead of from the the good work, and prove the efficacy of coopother source.

The doctrine of spirit communion has been affirmed by the most eminent minds in the Catholic Church from the earliest of the Christian conturies. Father McGrady has merely iterated the opinions of Monseignor Capel and other prelates with regard to the matter. Our Catholic friends claim that while spirit-communion is a fact, it should not be taught to the ignorant masses, as they would make bad use of the liberty it would give them. It is considered the special prerogative of the priesthood, to whom is supposed to be committed the custody of all spiritual gifts. Judging by some of the unspiritual acts of many so called Spiritualists, the Catholics have a strong argument in support of their claim that spiritual gifts should not be placed indiscriminately before all classes of people. Indeed, some individuals apparently need the restraining force of a fear of the tortures of hell in the nether world to make them half decent on the earth.

It is a pity that the liberty Spiritualism gives mankind should be mistaken for license, and wrong doing be defended in its name. Through the education of the soul of man in spiritual things will the race become fitted to possess the rich gifts of the spirit. While we do not advocate the deprivation of any mortal of the light of Spiritualism, we yet feel that he should be taught the proper use of that light, before it is placed in his keeping. Ghurchmen have been heard to say that the fear of hell kept them from robbery and mur-The old los," exclaimed the pretender, der. Such men as Spiritualists, with the fear 'could never be convinced that I have de- of hell removed, could not be restrained by ceived him! He was a hard one to reach, but their consciences, and would commit the very crimes they contemplated in secret. It is to be regretted some who claim to be Spiritualists have not ceased their scandalous, slanthe true mediums with whom the pretender derous attacks upon one another through the restraints of conscience. If men's consciences others, who claimed to have other phases of cannot be quickened by Spiritualism, then it will do them no good. Education along spiritual lines of thought is sadly needed by our race.

Massachusetts Spiritualists.

The attention of our readers is respectfully. called to the proposed medical bill published. on the fifth page of this issue. It is a measure that should arouse every Spiritualist in this State to a realization of the danger of the sit. uation. Clairvoyant diagnosis, magnetic healing, mental healing, and all kindred methods of treatment are proscribed by this bill. The Christian Scientists, hydropathists, and botanic physicians will be subject to fine and imprisuseless to beseech the spirit-world to prevent the passage of this drastic bill. Work is needed, and it cannot be begun too soon.

est means the expenditure of money, which

Practical Co-operation.

The First Church of Spiritualists, Buffalo, N. Y., has inaugurated a movement to practiists of the United States to aid them in their ested in Spiritualism will send even one triffe eration.

The Fair will be under the efficient management of Mrs. J. H. R. Matteson and daughter, Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb, whose names are a guarantee to every Spiritualist, of square dealing and integrity of purpose. All articles should be sent directly to them, 248 North Direceipt for the same. Isolated Spiritualists who have no opportunity to attend meetings, hence are not often called upon to contribute for the support of the Cause, can find a most worthy object to which to donate their mites in this Buffalo Fair. Members of Spiritualist societies can easily make up a small box of salable articles without much expense to themselves, by coöperating their efforts, and send their united offerings by express to the Managers of the Fair. We hope all Spiritualists will heed the call of our Buffalo friends, and send their boxes to Mrs. Matteson on or before the first of March. This is coöperation practically applied, and, we trust that every Spiritualist will take an interest in the matter.

A New State Association.

The Spiritualists of Minnesota have organized a strong State Association with an excellent corps of officers. The following is a list of the officers and trustees for the year next of encouragement. ensuing: President, J.S. Maxwell, St. Paul; Vice-President, C. D. Pruden, Minneapolis; Secretary, Joseph P. Whitwell, St. Paul: Treasurer, O. J. Johnson, Minneapolis; Trustees: H. E. Lepper, J. H. McDonald, E. J. Phillips, Frank Shaft, Thomas B. Farmer. These officials represent the best elements in Spiritualism in the North Star State, and are alive to the importance of establishing a higher standard in ethical as well as phenomenal work. Great credit is due Dr. J. N. and Mrs. Ella G. Magoon, missionaries-at-large of the National Spiritualists' Association, for their efficient work in making State organization a success. The new Association will at once charter with the National body as one of its strongest auxiliaries. We congratulate our Minnesota friends, and wish them every success in their good work.

Attention, Mediums, Magnetic Physicians and Spiritualists!

The fight for medical liberty is at hand. Send in your contributions to a common defense fund to the Secretary of the State Spirright, or freedom is lost! The Massachusetts Medical League is strongly fortified behind

Our readers are aware that the pending con- the present unjust medical law and plenty of

In Re Anthony Comstock.

JANUARY 29, 1898.

The New York Journal, Jan. 19, says that Richard K. Fox and Robert W. Urban, proprietor and manager of the notorious Police Ganate apirita visit their earthly friends, and apiritualistic work. That enterprising society zette, were recently arraigned, before United States Commissioner Shields on a charge of sending obscene literature through the mails. They were held in twenty five hundred dollars ball each for examination, These arrests are due to the efforts of Anthony Comstock; and, while his evidence was obtained in a very questionable manner, we believe that the work of Fox and Urban is decidedly injurious to public morals, hence should be restricted. The freedom of the press is a sacred right, but it does not include a license to poison the minds of the people with risque stories and other matter designed to appeal to the lowest elements in human nature. We do not believe in Comstockian methods of reform, and have no confidence whatever in his professions of piety. We believe there is a legitimate method of eradicating evil, and hope that the trial vision street, Buffalo, and they will promptly of Fox and Urban will reveal the means by which it can be accomplished.

Appreciative Words.

"The BANNER OF LIGHT is alive and full of good things. Never since we have known it have we been so thoroughly pleased, and in accord with its editorial policy. Mr. Barrett takes a firm stand for clean, reputable, scien-tific, rational and religious Spiritualism. He has a hard task before him to uphold THE BANNER, and keep it floating, white and spotless to the /breeze, but we are assured that he will be sustained by the earnest and sincere friends of truth on both sides. Frauds and fakes of all descriptions have clung on to the movement, and they do not like the "notice to quit," which they are receiving from indignant and outraged Spiritualists, whose patience and forbearance are exhausted at last. Go ahead, Bro. Barrett, and success to you!"

The above from The Two Worlds, Manchester, Eng., is truly appreciated by the BANNER OF LIGHT and its editor. Many thanks, Bro. Wallis, for your good wishes and kindly words

A Rare Offer.

We respectfully call our readers' attention to our advertisement, in another column, of the sweeping reductions in the price of several excellent works. "Visions of the Beyond." by Herman Snow, "Spirit Invocations," by Allen Putnam, and "A Galaxy of Progressive Poems," by John W. Day, can be obtained for the small sum of twenty-five cents each. These works each sold originally for one dollar, and now the three can be purchased for less than the cost of one. With these works will be sent several pamphlets, filled with choice reading matter, free of cost. This is a rare opportunity to obtain some choice books at extremely low rates, and we hope every Spiritualist will avail himself of it.

The Lyceum Banner.

The Lyceum Banner, London, England, J. J. Morse, editor and publisher, with Miss Florence Morse, associate editor, comes to our table every month filled with excellent reading for children of all ages, from the tot of six itlists' Association at once. Address all com- | years to the child of ninety winters. It should munications to Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch, 74 Syd- be in the home of every Spiritualist, especially ney street, Dorchester Dist., Boston, Mass. where there are children. The energy and onment if this measure becomes a law. It is Now is the time to act! Liberty is in danger enterprise of Mr. and Miss Morse should be of a foe without a conscience! Rally for the sustained and encouraged by all Spiritualists. We wish The Banner every success.

1937 The program presented at the Columbia money. To defeat the machinations of the Theatre for the benefit of the Red Cross Bumust be used in securing testimony, in publish- enemy, work is necessary, and funds must be reau was altered through the eliminations of ing remonstrances, etc. The State Spiritualists' | obtained with which to meet the expenses of | the objectionable elements, and was favorably Association is in a position to do the necessary | the contest. Action, ACTION, ACTION is now | received by a large audience. It now appears demanded. Let us respond as a unit to the that the party who secured the signature of the editor of the BANNER OF LIGHT to an' unqualified endorsement of the program as at first arranged, labored under a misapprehension, hence the misunderstanding, so far as the party was concerned, that arose with regard to the matter, all objectionable features having been added after the paper had passed voted solely to the welfare of the children, in into other hands. The entertainment was a financial success, and netted the Red Cross management a generous sum. Mr. Geo. E. Richardson of the Red Cross Bureau is entitled to much credit for his efforts to relieve the sufferings of the worthy poor of Boston.

of Spiritualism. During forty-one years it has | make mad," and the anger of the fake element endeavored to present a rational exposition of | everywhere betokens the fact that they hear its scientific, philosophical and religious tenets, the rumbling sounds that tell them that the and has succeeded in satisfying thousands of | Juggernaut car of destruction is fast approachpeople that Spiritualism was grounded in the eternal truth. THE BANNER has also declared | nation must go. "Dabit Deus his quoque that mediumship was one of the corner stones | finem!" God will put an end to these things of the spiritual superstructure, and has never also ! faltered in its devotion to those sensitives who have dedicated their lives to the service of the spirit-world. It holds to day that mediumship is a fixed fact in the economy of nature, and the most precious boon ever vouchsafed to a sorrowing world.

Spiritualism is needed by humanity, and it should be given to all who seek its inspiring truths in all its purity and grandeur. THE BANNER declares anew its fealty to that Spiritualism which destroys death, that purifies and ennobles the lives of men, that uplifts the fallen, that prevents others from falling, that opens wider the door to the storehouse of knowledge, that teaches responsibility for every evil deed, that banishes sorrow, and leads to higher heights, and gives a clearer perception of duty to mankind. The mediumship that will assist in the work just outlined will have a loyal friend in this journal, in its editor and all of his associates.

We now venture to present a few facts to the interested public. If it is Spiritualism to engage in slandering our fellow-men, in unmitigated prevarications, and a mental guerilla warfare, then we must declare our opposition to it. If it is Spiritualism to engage in questionable mediumistic practices, and to main tain that fraud and chicanery are as valuable and as much to be welcomed as virtue and truth, then again we declare our opposition to it. If it be Spiritualism to zealously defend all frauds and counterfeiters as mediums, and to threaten the lives of those who dare to expose wrong and outrage, as well as those who earnestly advocate a loyal defense of genuine mediums, then for a third time we decline to be counted in the affirmative.

The above sentences place before the minds of all Spiritualists a condition that exists in far too many places at the present time. Because the present management of the BANNER OF LIGHT has dared to protest against base and ignoble claims set forth in the name of Spiritualism, because it has dared to ask for a thorough house-cleaning from garret to cellar, with plenty of hard soap and good scrubbing brushes, THE BANNER has been made the target of all sorts of abuse and misrepresentation on the part of those who have received a touch of the scrubbing brush. We do not heed gossip, as a rule, nor do we intend to be swerved from the path of duty by threats and falsehood. To those parties who have threatened the under the auspices of the National Spirituallife of the editor because of his stand for true lists' Association, appears in another column Spiritualism and honest mediumship, we say thatsolong as we are able the work of renovation L. V. Richmond, Vice President of the Na- the present appetite of the reading public. mon defense. shall go on. If all who aid and abet those who | tional body. This call has been issued in com- | Novels without references to occult or spiritseek to destroy true Spiritualism through false- pliance with a vote of the trustees of the Na- ual phenomena will not sell, and newspapers hoods, misrepresentations, villifications and other base methods, we say we shall continue to the entire management of said meetings in not up to date, and are not patronized. May defend truth as we see it, and shall present an Mrs. Richmond's hands, and authorized her to the good work go on. honest, upright, clean, wholesome Spiritualism | arrange for and conduct the same. We prein spite of all opposition. If a cause needs to bol- dict that the Chicago meeting will be a grand falsehood, it shows its own weakness. We de | tablishing a strong State Association in Illiclare anew our intent to defend true mediums | nois.

ing. Falsehood, fraud, chicanery and assassi-

The Church and the Poor.

B. O. Flower, in an able article in the January number of New Time, presents some interesting facts with regard to the experiences of attend divine services in the churches of the rich in New York City. Dr. Frank dressed himself as a working-man, in clean but homely | their full duty in this emergency. garments, and sought admission to several of the wealthiest churches in the great metropo-

His experiences at the Broadway Tabernacle may be taken as a type of all churches visited place, a heavy hand was laid upon his shoulder, left the church in disgust.

In the evening Dr. Frank and a reporter churches. The reporter wore a fine silk hat, church at different times, and in every instance the reporter was taken to a splendid seat, while Dr. Frank, being commonly clad, was placed in an obscure and very uncomfort. able position. The reporter lost no time in

taking his place by the side of Dr. Frank. The gentlemen exchanged clothes, then went to another church, where the situation was at once reversed, Dr. Frank getting the comfortable seat and the reporter the uncomfortable one. This story has its lesson for all who will study it in its true light. Wealth hardens the hearts of all who worship at its shrine, and destroys all feelings of affection for mankind. Church-worship to-day consists of toadying to Mammon, and to those whose outward appearance indicates that they are ladies and gentlemen in-waiting in Mammon's court. The law there recognized is the equality of good clothes against the equality of human souls. When will the religion of Humanity be accepted by the race?

Mass Meeting in Chicago.

A call for a grand mass meeting in Chicago, of this issue, over the signature of Mrs. Cora | the Medium," in the Chicago Tribune, indicate tional Spiritualists' Association, who placed | without accounts of 'psychic phenomena are

work as soon as it is equipped with funds. Every magnetic healer, mental healer, spirit- call of duty. ual healer, and all others affected by the proposed bill should contribute to a common de-

fense fund, and place it in the hands of the State Spiritualists' Association for immediate use. It is useless to attempt to defeat this measure with an empty treasury, and it is only right that those who are affected by it should lead in making contributions to the Rev. Henry Frank, D.D., in his attempts to fund for their defense. If they will show a common interest in the matter, the people whom they have benefited will not fail to do

We therefore respectfully suggest that donations to the Medical Liberty Fund be at once sent to the Secretary of the State Spiritualists' Association, with instructions that they are to be used only in behalf of medical freedom by him. An usher told him to go into the in Massachusetts. Don't wait for some one church and find a seat. This he did, but when else to move, but act now. The battle is on, he had established himself in a comfortable our danger is imminent, and our peril extreme. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and and he was imperatively ordered to leave. The | it will not do to pause for one instant in the one who gave the order was very uncivil, and, pending contest. The spirit world will do far removed from a gentleman. Dr. Frank nothing for their friends on earth that the lat-

ter are able to do for themselves. But they will coöperate with all who are anxious to deof the New York World visited a number of fend themselves, and will render efficient aid when it is needed most. SPIRITUALISTS OF a broadcloth suit, and had the appearance of a MASSACHUSETTS, LET US BALLY FOR THE DEman of wealth. He and Dr. Frank entered the FENSE OF OUR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH!

Suicide and Life Insurance.

Through Mr. Justice Harlan, the Supreme Court of the United States has handed down a decision that the relatives of a suicide cannot recover his life insurance unless it can be proved that the deceased party was insane when the deed was committed. This decision street, London, W., is Secretary. Success to is in harmony with the Judicial decisions in other nations, and may prove a restraint upon one class of suicides, who have tried, through heavy insurance, to provide for their wives and children. Sooner or later it will be demonstrated that every suicide was actuated by some power outside of himself, otherwise the deed never would have been done. The decision of the Supreme Court is final, as far as earth life is concerned, but the decision of the Supreme Court of Eternal Truth is higher authority still, and men and nations will yet

be obliged to bow to its mandates.

The stories of spiritual manifestations in the columns of the secular press, such as "The Old Lady of the Hearth," in the Philadelphia American, and the full-page account of "Elfa,

27 Our friend, W. H. Newcomb of Silver tive just now in many spiritualistic circles, ster itself up by threats of assassination and success, and hope it will be the means of es- City, New Mexico, has our thanks for inter- we hope our readers will protect themselves esting papers sent us from his home in the Far from him as they would from the visits of a West.

The Lyceum.

The recent awakening of interest in the Children's Progressive Lyceum through the efforts of the National Spiritualists' Association, has culminated in the establishment of a journal de-Cleveland, O., under the editorial management of Mr. Thomas Clifford, 61 Willowdale street. The new journal is appropriately called The Lyceum, and is issued weekly for fifty cents per year. Mr. Clifford has undertaken a noble work, and we trust that his laudable efforts will arouse all liberalists to a sense of their children. Hudson and Emma Tuttle are regular contributors to The Lyceum, and its editor is wish The Lyceum a full measure of success.

The Junior Spiritualists' Club of Great Britain.

We are in receipt of a tasty pamphlet containing the Constitution of the above named society, and its officers for the year ensuing, Among the honorary Vice Presidents we notice the names of Dr. J. M. Peebles of San Diego, Cal.; Mrs. Carrie P. Pratt of Boston, and the editor of the BANNER OF LIGHT. The objects of the Club shall be the furthering of the social intercourse and literary culture of the younger section of the spiritualistic community. It corresponds to the Young People's Spiritual Institute of the United States, and will do a good work. J. J. Morse is President, and Mr. H. Roden Rumford, 56 Boganston the Club!

A Good Remedy.

Those words can well be spoken of Dr. Mack's Benzoin Emulsion, a remedy for sore throat, loss of voice, bronchitis, incipient consumption, etc. It is for sale at this office, two ounce bottle, 50 cents; four ounce bottle, 75 cents. It will help the most obstinate cases, and is worthy of trial.

19 Mr. T. J. Coolidge comes forward with the first donation to the defense fund for medical freedom in Massachusetts. May one thousand others follow his noble example before the close of the present week. Do n't fail to send the dollars to the Secretary of the State Spiritualist Association at once. Freedom is in danger, and we must rally as one for a com-

The slanderer is the vilest creature that lives upon the earth to day. We have never yet learned why such a being was ever created, nor do we recognize him as a legitimate member of decent society. As he is especially ac-

wild beast.

He who denies the communion of dewill arouse all liberalists to a sense of their duty with regard to his efforts in behalf of the and he who admits it is a Spiritualist.-Tal-

Why does n't Mr. Talmage defend his own seeking to fill its columns with that which will utterances? The above is taken from one of interest, amuse and instruct the children. We his recent sermons, and we venture to say that he would declare he never said it if his attention were to be called to the above sentence. Talmage is a sensational religionist, hence irresponsible for his words and actions.

> E Dr. C. E. Watkins of Ayer was at the Quincy House, Boston, on the 15th inst., on business in connection with his medical practice. The doctor is a busy man, and tries to use his gifts for the benefit of his fellow-men. He is a firm believer in organization, and loyally defends the gospel of coöperation.

> 10 The little book entitled "Key Notes," by Miss Susie Clark, is receiving most favorable notice by the press. It contains gems of thought for every day in the year, and makes a beautiful birthday gift. Indeed we feel that every person would be spiritually benefited by daily reference to the book.

B Beautiful thoughts are immortal perfume, compounded in the laboratory of eternity, and transmitted to us through the atomizer of unremitting effort and unceasing charity.-T. A. Moore.

Movements of Platform Lecturers.

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

Mr. F. H. Roscoe reöpened meetings in B. T. Hall, 128 Westminster street, Providence, R. I., on the 200 inst. He will continue services in B. T. Hall for the next twenty Sundays,

Geo. W. Kates and wife have held a series of successful meetings in Troy, N. Y., Jan. 16, 18, 20, 21 and 23. Mrs. Kates's work as a test medium is highly commende

Frank T. Ripley, lecturer and test medium, will remain in California until spring, and will lecture and give tests anywhere in that State. Address all letters to 199 East Fourth street, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Heo. A. Fuller, M. D., lectures in Bridgeport, Conn., Jan 30; at Greenwich, Mass., Feb. 6; Church of the Spirit, Springfield, Mass., Feb. 13; at South Deerfield, Mass., Feb. 14, and at Worcester, Mass., Feb. 20 and 27. Has dates in May and June that he would like to engage. Address 42, Algorido, Angue Withouther engage. Address 42 Alvarado Avenue, Worcester Mass.

A vew camp meeting is talked of at Silver Lake, near Perry, N. Y., and persons interested will please address J. W. Dennis, 120 Normal Avenue, Buffalo,

W. J. Colville has been lecturing during the pres-W. 3. Corvie has been rectaring ouring the pres-ent week in Wimodaughsis Hali, 1425 New York Avo-bue, Washington. His Sunday lectures in Philadel-phia are still very successful. They are regularly de-livered in Warner Hall, Broad and Wallace streets, at 3 and 7:45 P. M.

The Proposed Medical Bill.

Section 1. The examination for, registration as physicians or surgeons under the provisions of Chapter 458 of the Acts of the year 1894, shall be, in whole or in part, in writing in the English language, and shall be of a scientific and practical character, and sufficiently thorough to test the applicant's fitness to practice medicine. They shall embrace the general subjects of surgery, physiology, pathology, obstetrics and gynecology, practice of medicine, anutomy, and such other subjects as the Board may determine.

Sec. 2. Authority to practice medicine in this Commonwealth under said act, or the several later acts relating thereto, shall be a certificate issued by the Board of Registration in Medicine, and it shall be unlawful for any per-son to practice medicine in any of its branches within the limits of this Commonwealth who has not exhibited and registered in the City or Town Clerk's office of the city or town in which he resides or maintains an office, his authority for practicing medicine, together with his age, address and place of birth; and the person so registering shall subscribe and verify by oath before such clerk an affidavit containing such facts, which, if false, shall subject the affiant to conviction and punishment for perjury.

Sec. 3. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to discriminate against any particular school or system of medicine, or to prohibit service in a case of emergency, or the domestic administration of family remedies; and this act shall not apply to a commissioned medical officer of the United States army, navy or marine hospital service in the discharge of his official dity; nor to a physician or surgeon from another State who is a legal practitioner authorized by a State Examining Board to practice medicine in the State in which he resides when in actual consultation with a legal practitioner of this Commonwealth; nor to a Physician or surgeon residing in another State and practicing medicine therein by authority of a certificate or license received after having passed a satisfactory examination in the several branches of medicine as required by a State Examining Board in the State in which he resides, whose general practice extends into the border towns of this Commonwealth, provided such physician does not open an office nor designate a place in such towns where he may meet patients or receive calls; nor to a physician duly authorized to practice medicine in another State called as the family physician to attend a person temporarily abiding in this Commonwealth.

Sec. 4. Any person who, not being then law fully authorized to practice medicine within this Commonwealth, and so registered accord-ing to the law, shall hold himself out to the public as a practitioner of medicine, whether by appending to his name the title Dr., or M. D., or any other title or designation imply-ing a practitional of medicine. ing a practitioner of medicine, or attempting to practice medicine, in any of its branches. within the limits of this Commonwealth, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred for each offence, or by imprisonment in jail for three months, or both; and in no case where any provision of this law has been violated, shall the person so violating be entitled to receive compensation for services rendered.

Sec. 5. Any person shall be regarded as practicing medicine within the meaning of this act who shall append to his name the letters M. D., or shall assume or advertise the title Dr., or physician, or any other title which shall show or tend to show that the person assuming or advertising the same is a practitioner of medicine, or of any of the branches of medicine, or who shall investigate or diagnose, or offer to investigate or diagnose, any physical or mental ailment or defect of any person with a view to affording relief, as commonly done by a physician or surgeon, or who shall prescribe for or treat a person for the purpose of curing any real or supposed disease, whether by the use of drugs or by the application of any other agency or alleged method of cure or alleviation or prevention of disease, or to operate as a surgeon for the cure or relief of any wound, fracture or boot у 111 jury or deformity, after having received therefor or with the intent of receiving therefor either directly or indirectly, any bonus, gift or compensation.

BY DR. FRED. L. H. WILLIS.

I have read with interest the earnest appeal that has appeared recently in most of our journals from the pen of our energetic and most effoient General Manager, Bro. Frank Walker.

I was greatly surprised to learn from it that any Spiritualists-especially those who have had any business experience whatever-should be blind to the self-evident fact of the imperative need of money to carry on the vast amount of preparatory work absolutely essential to the success of such a demonstration as is contemplated on the occasion of the semi centen-'nial anniversary next June of the advent of Modern Spiritualism.

This necessitates a vast amount of labor and the expenditure of no inconsiderable amount of money for stationery, for the printing of circulars in foreign languages, and for postage, which, every one knows, costs more than double, both on letters and circulars, what it costs for domestic correspondence.

Equally large are the expenses attending the management of other departments of prepara-tory work. This has been succinctly and clear-ly stated by the General Manager in his appeal. It may be that his appeal needs no added word of mine to increase its weight and influence, but nevertheless I cannot resist the strong im-pression I feel to add, without consulting him, my testimony to his as to the urgent need of money, and to beg all who desire at heart the success of this movement, or who sympathize with the ardent desire of the management to make it a grand demonstration of the wide spread power and influence of our beloved Cause, to respond speedily with donations of money in accordance with their means, and thus strengthen and encourage the heart and the hands of our General Manager, who is toil

ing so unselfishly and so energetically, and, as he says, "working day and night." I have yet to learn that one single co-worker with Bro. Walker desires or expects one dollar of compensation for his toil. So far as am concerned, it is purely a labor of love, and I would gladly defray all the expenses attending it; but having been cut off almost wholly from all my sources of income for nearly three

years by the state of my health, it is impossi-ble for me to do so. And Bro. Walker's appeal for contributions towards defraying the necessary expenses of the various departments is simply just, and I cannot believe that the Spiritualists of the country will allow it to pass unheeded. I believe that Spiritualism is about to be subjected to an ordeal more trying than any it has ever yet been called upon to pass through. I have no fears but that it will emerge from it triumphantly and take a higher, nobler and far more influential posi-

tion than it has hitherto occupied, because it will come forth purified, cleansed as by fire from the parasites, that, like ugly blotches or like vampires, have fastened themselves upon it.and fattened from off it.

I see, in the successful accomplishment of this Jubilee just at this juncture of affairs, just on the threshold of this movement against us on the part of the "Antis," one of the most powerful means possible for thwarting their designs, and immensely strengthening our own position, and giving to the world a splendid demonstration of who and what we really are, and what true Spiritualism is; and to that end I add my most urgent appeal to Bro. Walker's, for individual and collective efforts to furnish the management with funds, from the smallest amounts upwards, thus ensuring success.

I have never prayed so heartily for anything and with me prayer is simply earnest desire and with the project as an interpret happen to rouse our Spiritualists out of their condition of apathy and indifference. It may be that our rabid friends, the "Antis," are going to furnish the necessary cyclone.

A Few Words in Belation to Our in all things you see: there are spring, summer, autumn and winter, the germ, the plant, the formational Jubilee. died the savage looked upon the body with fear and awe. Death is change-myslery. Life is change-mystery. The soul is an undying entity. It never came into being, it will never come to an end. Melville C. Smith, the soul,

lives on forever. In his physical expression he was a man of judgment, integrity, courage; no ordinary man anyway, but a man capable of good, great thinking, a philanthropist, a lover of mankind, a lover of justice, of liberty from his earliest years. Eloquent in the cause of Right, fearless in the cause of Justice, a seeker and a worker for the public good.

He has passed; he has gone to the country to which all must go. You, most of you, are get-ting old, and you will soon meet him where the tyrant of the human race has no expression in the social order of that life; where love and beauty bloom you will meet that soul again. It is beautiful. Death is as beautiful as birth; heaven more beautiful than earth; the oys of thought in celestial states transcend the joys of thought in material states. Life is secure. There is no way to vacate life. Nature is stable; it cannot be wrecked, it cannot be destroyed: realizing the permanency and stability of nature, the soul in that na ture is as stable as the rest of the great total ty of existence. We weep to day at the severance of a relationship, at the falling of the curtain, at the end of an epoch. We grieve. You are in the darkness, you are climbing the mountain, you are viewing the coming with hope, the buoyancy of your thought turns you heavenward. It shall not be defeated. That hope shall not be betrayed in the coming time. This brave, sweet soul shall greet you upon another shore. It is not death as you see it,

but change, for man is naturally immortal." The Rev. Mr. Eaton concluded the service by appropriate remarks of encouragement and nope that the soul departed would meet again with those who stayed to mourn; with the trust that this will be so, was a faith in God that he will not leave his children desolate,

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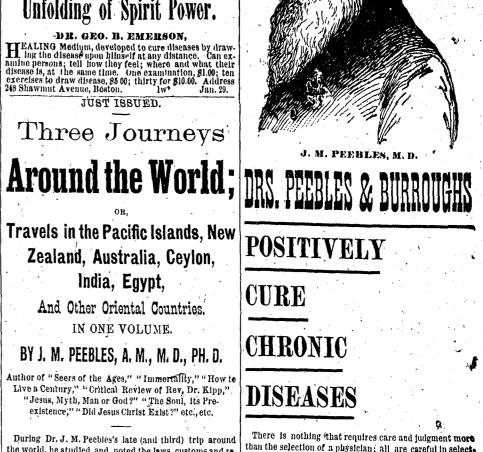
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Death and Funeral Services of Melville C. Smith.

MELVILLE C. SMITH, whose name has stood preëminent as a promoter of rapid transit for New York City during more than a quarter of a century, died of pneumonia at his residence, 14 West 95th street, Jan. 12, 1898, after an illness of one week.

Mr. Smith was born at hitchfield, Herkimer Co., New York, Oct. 8, 1883. He acquired his education in Ontario Co. and at Clinton Liberal Institute of Oneida Co. He subsequently went to Minnesota, where he became an extensive land-owner. At the age of thirty one Mr. Smith was

chosen State sevator in Minnesota. In the year 1865 he returned to New York City and opened a real estate office on Broadway, in company with his brother, Delano D. Smith. He became impressed with the great necessity for the more adequate facilities for the trade, travel and commerce of the city. He was elected a director of the New York Pier and Warehouse Co., and very soon thereafter devoted his energies almost entirely to perfecting and popularizing an underground plan for Broadway, substantially the same as that since advocated by the rapid transit commission.

In 1868 he had introduced in the Legislature a Bill for an Arcade Underground Road for Broadway, in which he had the active support of such men as Governor A. D. Cornell, Peter Cooper, Commodore Vanderbilt, John A. Griswold, and a host of others influential in their day. Not until the year 1886 did he succeed in getting a charter from the Legislature, whick included the right for a four-track road under Broadway. At that time, among others, were associated with him ex President Chester A. Arthur, Cornelius N. Bliss, William Windham, Alfred M. Hoyt, Henry Sandford, George S. Coe, Jerome Fassler and Benjamin F. Dunning. Capital was secured to construct the road, contracts were made, and, when all was in readiness, the Court of Appeals declared the Act unconstitutional. After all legal rights to construct the underground road were obliterated, Mr. Smith still worked for the project, endeavoring to aid the Rapid Transit Commissioners in its consummation. Mr. Smith very early in life began to take a great interest in Modern Spiritualism. His mind was of the logical and purely analytical type. He soon perceived that the old theological systems of the world had no echo in his soul, and that he looked out upon life with

wonder and aspiration for that truth and light which the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism brought to him. He was long interested, and was one of the best friends the late Nettie Maynard ever had. He investigated the phe-nomena with care and patience. He was broad and generous in his judgments, and at one time was a Trustee of the First Society of Spiritual ists of New York City; up to the time of his death was a donator to the Society, and was one of the main forces which led to the Soci-ety engaging the services of J. Clegg Wright for the permanent speaker. He was a broad and generous friend, and gave largely of his substance to support the spiritual cause.

The funeral services were held at Dr. Eaton's church, Forty-Sixth street and Fifth Avenue, at 2 P. M. on Saturday, Jan. 15. The pall-bear ers were Senator E. B. Thomas, Senator J. F. Pierce, Hon. John Cummins, Eugene J. McEn-roe, Judge McCoom, E. W. Austin, W. P. May-nard, ex-Postmaster, White Plains, and B. F.

Carpenter. The body of the church was well filled by the friends of the family and the Spiritualists

of New York City. Dr. Eaton opened the services, and the choir 'There is Only a Thin Veil Between Us. sang "There is Only a Thin Ven Between Us. Mr. Beals, an old friend of Mr. Smith, made appropriate personal remarks, giving interest-ing personal reminscences of Mr. Smith's early life. He was followed by Mr. J. Clegg Wright, speaker for the First Society of Spiritualists, who, in the entranced state, spoke on "Immortality," in substance as follows:

"Man is naturally immortal. The phenome-ha of nature come and go-change is marked

PORTLAND.-M. A. Brackett writes: In spite of the very disagreeable storm, a good audience greeted Mrs. Nellie F. Burbeck, at Orient

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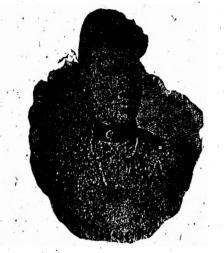
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Spirit Invocation. Divine Spirit, we ask thee to draw nigh unto us all this morning, to give strength to the weak, light to those who are in darkness, and to lead us all in wisdom's ways. We need thy assistance in all things, for we realize the strength of the spirit, and feel the great responsibilities resting upon us all. May thy influence purify our spoken or unspoken thoughts, and teach us to realize that they leave their imprint upon our souls.

We ask for knowledge that we may do the right, and move on in the straight pathway that leadeth to righteousness. We thank thee for the knowledge of eternal life, that death has been conquered, and that we can rise superior to the environments of the physical form. We ask thy blessing upon every instrument used by our spirit-friends to give their messages of love that all may know of immortality. We ask the blessings upon those who are laboring for the elevation of humanity; may strength be given them to do their work; may knowledge be their guide in all the affairs that if I could hold the medium and say what of life. May each communicating spirit be ably to voice his own thoughts, and thereby prove his individuality, and thy name shall have the glory and praises evermore. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES.

Amos Adams.

Good morning. I have been very much interested while I have been listening many, many times to the various influences that control this medium at various times. While I feel a stranger in one sense, as far as location is concerned. I am not a stranger to the BAN-NER OF LIGHT and its wonderful works, because while in the body it was a great consolation to me, although I was from the far Southern States, or in other words from the Pacific coast.

Although not in spirit life so very long, I felt I would like to send out a few words of encouragement, not only to my co workers and those you, dear mother, watching every day and that are laboring for the welfare of humanity, every hour until you have completed your bered generally as Carrie, as they used to call but also my home and my surroundings. I was earthly mission and your usefulness is over, me. I have yet father and mother, Rachel Spiritualist in life, and I was a Spiritualist then you shall hear the spirit say "Come," in death, for what was good for me to live by and when you come you will not dread that delighted by the influence I drew from this room | dear ones that will welcome you here in the other evening, and our friend Dr. Peebles | spirit; your dear mother, father, children and was made glad by the cooperating of friend- friends will be the first ones to welcome you ship and the expression of gratitude. I was well acquainted with him in earth-life: there are many times while we are in earth-life that there areithings that come up that may change our personal opinion, as when we get to spiritlife we can observe things different. I am still active, assisting and helping my friends, and try and bring myself as a benefit to all, although I have to work perhaps more inconveniently, because it is not so easy to get the organism that we can control, but when we do the best we can that is all that is necessary, and I wish them to know in Oakland. Cal., that I have been here, and I am trying to come to those that have not yetgot the knowledge or the light that death does not end all, neither does death separate the loving hearts, because love can never die; that always survives the physical, and depends more on the spiritual. I wish also to be remembered especially at the camp meeting, where I had such an interest. I was one of the veterans, as the word might be expressed, in the spiritual cause, for I labored for it a great many years, and it brought a blessing to me; and say to them, I met the dear loved ones on the spirit side, and they are with me this morning. Just say that Amos Adamsis here this morning, and wishes to send greetings to all old friends, and I shall be remembered in many places through my large association both from a business standpoint, and from my connection as President of the Oakland Camp Association of Lake Merritt, at Oakland, Cal.

ings to his friends, and thought that this would give them more consolation than say. thing he knew of. William Doten.

Good-morning. It has been a long time since I tried to reach a spiritual medium to send forth any communication to the loved ones of earth, for I have been out of the body a great many years. Years ago I had those

that were very much interested in the investigation of spirit-control, but most of my loved ones are in spirit life: very few are left on earth life; yet there are those that I wish to speak to, for I know the material brain can be changed by the fact of circumstances in life, and I feel that they know that the spirit speaks to them; but they have closed the door of their hearts to recognition, and to day, as we my ears. are approaching a season of the year when all memories are revived, both the sad and the pleasant ones, the mortal brain is constantly striving to make others happy and to know

what Christmas means. It means to the world light, that the star of the east has dawned and brought to this planet progress and individual happiness to those who seek for it, and, as I approach the earthly plane this morning, I am attracted here by the shadows of circumstances through physical illness, and I am anxious to reach the dear loved ones. I care not to call any names because they will be well known in your present city and also in Cambridge, where I feel I am not forgotten, although laid away a great many years. My own home, where I separated from the body, was in Vermont, and 1 thought that through your valuable columns I might be able to bring them to realize that the spirit lives.

Agnes is with me in spirit this morning, and so is Mary, and my companion is also with me. and it is her sister and my own sister that I am anxious to reach in earth-life, that they may know we have not forgotten them, that we are still trying to do what we can under the existing circumstances, and just say that William Doten is here, and I think that those that this is intended for will understand why it is given as I have said.

Susan B. Dalton.

Well, I want to come in this morning, and it is awful hard work for me to speak individually. I have come through other mediums, but the guides always spoke for me, and so I did not need to come in contact with the medium's mind: but they told me this morning to reach mother and father that are yet in earth-life. I want also to reach a sister and Father and mother do n't know much about it but I feel if I can come and say a word it will help me to make them understand\me better. for I am oftentimes by mother's side. I too, have been away from earth-life for quite a number of years. I passed away on Christmas morning, and that is why, when the anniversary of my birth comes around, it always brings back memories and the number of years counted, and they wonder who will be the next to be called home, and mother often-

times wonders if we will all meet again.

Sometimes I feel that she thinks we will, and then other times she don't seem to be certain of it. so I want to say to her this morning, Yes, we will meet again. I am only waiting for was good for me to die by, and I was more than dark river of death, because it is your own ing to mention; but we all join in sending the over the threshold. I am glad of this privilege this morning, for I have sought for it a long time, and I promised Aunt Ida that I would come some time, if I ever could control the medium here, because she used to say if I could come through the BANNER OF LIGHT Message Department I could reach so many more, and convince them better than coming through her, for she is mediumistic, and is conscious of the spirits around her. So just say that Susan B. Dalton is here. My earthly home, when I passed away, was in New York City, and mother and father are now, I think, in Connecticut; so there has been many changes.

My husband's name is John, and I want him to know that I realize what his physical conwe shall be together; and we shall then under-stand, and make others understand, spirit denose, but that Justin Hungerford diotated demonstration, for we can both manifest together. My name is Emma Dyer.

Robecca L. Brown.

Well, I think this is just beautiful to have the consciousness that when we return to earth-life there are so many, many things, that look familiar, and while I was not conscious, while in the body that the spirit could return to earth life, and I thought there was no forgiveness, yet the saying was: "While the lamp holds out to burn, the greatest sinner may return," and that passage always runs in

While in earth life I was very active, and had so many duties to perform, and so many cares to take up my time, that I had very little time to go to church or belong to' any church, and so when sickness overtook my body, for. the disease was called dropsy, I was a great sufferer. During my sickness my friends were very anxious that I should make some confession or the acknowledgement of some religious sect, so that when I would pass beyond I would have something to introduce me to heaven, and when the doctor said I must die, I dreaded it, for I did not know what to do; and when the minister came in these were the words he kept repeating: "While the lamp holds out to burn, the greatest sinner may return," and it seemed to give me light, yet not, confidence; but when I got out of the body, and was separated from the material, I awoke in a much more beautiful place than I thought was

possible, for the lamp was still burning, and the sinner could still return. I find 1 have been able to minister unto others as I had ministered before, and I found that the God that I worshiped was a just God, and he assisted me in ministering to those who could not help themselves; and that is my mission this morning. I wish to repeat this, because, to those that this is intended for, I wish to give the same consolation that it gave me.

seeing that they have not a long while to stay on the earth-plane, and will soon join me in spirit. I want you to know that the lamp still holds out to burn, and I wish them to know, also, that death is not that dark, desolate, cold, clammy condition that has been pictured. Heaven is the condition of your own heart; and those who are honest to the world are not asked over here what church they belong I wanted to, I might try and do it, and I want to, or whether they belong to any; it is, what good we have done in the world, and if the world has been better for our living in it. aunt that are interested in mediumship. These are the questions that are mostly asked as we approach our spiritual sphere, or those are the questions that concern us many times

when we approach our spiritual home. I am glad this morning to be able to come in here and speak these words; and so, as I understand it now. I was more of a Spiritualist than anything else, although I did not know what Spiritualism meant, and I will just say

to them all, believers or disbelievers, that I am here this morning. The time is not far distant when you, too, will say so.

Just say that Rebecca L. Brown is here this morning, and I will not be forgotten, although years have lapsed since I passed away from Concord, N. H. I will also be remembered in Portsmouth, where I labored many years as a nurse, and will be remem-

say that if Mrs. O. had lived all her lifetime by his side, she could not have given a better representation of his mannerisms in writing

Yours fraternally, HENRY H. WANNER. 03 Gled Hill Avenue, Everett, Mass.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The REV. FOSTER HENDRY'S message in the Nov. 18 BANNER was probably from an acquaintance and fellow-colleague of mine in Brown University, Providence, R. I., filty years or more ago. He then spelled his name "Foster Henry," without the "d." He graduated in 1845, attended the Newton Theological Insti-10 133, accented the Newton Theological Insti-tution, and subsequently served as a Baptist pastor and minister in Tyringham, Mass., 1852-57; Pawtuxet, R. I., 1807-61; Danvers-port, Mass., 1861-66; Newport, N. H., 1866-72; North Bennington, Vt., 1872-80; Cavendish, Vt., 1880-85; Hinsdale, N. H., 1885-86, and died in (lavandish Vt., April 2, 1898 in Cavendish, Vt., April 3, 1886. The message is characteristic of him in its matter and range of thought, and in its mildness, sim plicity and style of expression, I have no suffi cient reason to doubt that it was given or prompted by Foster Henry, whom I well knew fifty years ago. ifty years ago. ALFRED E. GILES. 265 Fairmount Ave., Hyde Park, Mass., } Nov. 16, 4897.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

My attention has been called to a message purporting to come from EBEN WEBBER, in your issue of April 17, 1897. I was well acquainted with him. We were playmates together, and what he says is as correct as the multiplication table. I like the Message Department, for several of my old friends have made themselves known through its columns. Yours very truly, B. F. JOHNSON. Gardiner, Dec. 27, 1897.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The friends in this vicinity recognize the messages from MRS. HARRIET MILLER, of Paw Paw, Mich., DR. FARNSWORTH, of Saginaw, Mich., and MRS. MARION RICE, of Kalamazoo, Mich., published in recent issues of THE BAN-NER, as substantially outsets named were well known here. Name for Truth, L. S. BURDICK. NER, as substantially correct. The parties

Yours for Truth, Texas, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Conant :

I wish to tell you of my great joy when I found in the Message Department of the BAN. NER OF LIGHT a communication from my sister, MABEL EDNA BIGELOW, who passed away April 4, 1893.... It seemed as if Mabel had been visiting somewhere for a long time, and that we had had a nice letter from her.... I shall always look upon you as a true friend. I am ABBIE BIGELOW. Aurora, Neb.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The message of RICHARD S. Cook, published in your columns Sept. 4, 1897, I recognize as from my brother. There are some portions of it in reference to his wife and daughter that I do not perfectly understand, which I would like explained. He passed over at my house, and the communication is characteristic of him. MRS. L. J. FULLER, McMinville, Oregon.

Fo the Editor of the Banner of Light:

In THE BANNER of Oct. 23 there was a message from my husband, HEMAN SNOW: I cannot find language to express how happy I was on reading the message. I have been a Spiritualist for years, and I have n't the shadow of a doubt but that our dear friends can communicate with us when a chance is offered them. The message from my husband was clear in every detail. Thanking you very much for publishing the message, I remain, Respectfully yours,

Cotuit. Mass. MRS. BETSEY SNOW.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Enowledge it, and firmly believe that it is our dear father. We thank him, the kind me-dium, and all connected, for his kind and joy-ing words, and remembrands, for he has kepthis promise, and returned to us through his paper of old, the BANNEN OF LIGHT, a welcome vis-itor in his home. We hope that the stricken and sorrowing ones on this side of the river may have the comfort and allower that we may have the comfort and pleasure that we derive from these messages, and knowledge that our dear ones do llos, and can return to us. Mus. J. G. TUTTLE.

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William Wells.

Well, I, too, am thankful for this privilege this morning, but I have not traveled so far as the former spirit, for my home was right here in Chelsea. I will be well known in Boston, although I have been out of the body some time.

I was also interested in Spiritualism a little bit before I passed out of the body, but I do n't know whether most of my people would consider me a Spiritualist or not, because one may feel that there is something in it and yet not make themselves pronounced, but I am anxious this morning to identify myself here and to make our friends at home realize that truly spirits can return; that father has not left them; that I have been with them in earth year comes around conditions and circumand in spirit, trying to assist them all I can. stances will change with those who have not I see there has recently been shadows, and got the light. I make this statement so that other things have come up that have caused sometime they can look back and remember

a great deal of worriment; and I thought as | what I say. my son often gets THE BANNER, and so many of my friends and neighbors also take it, I I would be able to reach them through your in the suburbs, especially in Dorchester. I columns better than in any other way, I wish them all to know that I am with them do not want to say anything public through heart and hand, and will do my level best to the press, but merely to identify myself and demonstrate to the world that the spirit does let them know I have been conscious of the survive the body, and is conscious many times conditions and changes that have been sur- of what the mortal does. rounding them. Tam in sympathy with them all.

here this morning and wishes to send greet. I hat I can hear what he says.

Emma Dyer.

I am very glad to have this privilege this morning, and as I come into this place I don't

feel a stranger to it; I have been here many times before. Although I never manifested directly through your paper, I feel that I have been present in spirit many times. I have been asked why I do not manifest through the paper, for I have those who thoroughly believe in spirit-return, and I have those who do not. I have my companion and my boys still in earth-life, whom I love very dearly. I like liberal medicine, and against the encroachto give them all the opportunities I can to ments of allopathic bigotry and class legislaprove spirit power, yet there are those who still prove spirit power, yet there are those who still no, he "is not forgotten," and I am glad to have day's paper (Dec. 11), I notice one from my doubt it, and I presume will do so until the him say "I still have an interest in progress friend. JOSEPH C. LINDERY This spirit is spirit touches their own spirit, and their eyes behold things as they are; but I wish to come, because there are more purposes than one to be accomplished.

It is very beautiful to control a medium, and

express the gratitude and happiness of your self in the spirit-world, and to picture us all meeting again; but sometimes we can look back on earth-life, and we see those who have smiles upon their faces, appearing happy and contented; and yet their heart is not contented. I know so well what that means, for my

own life was made up a good deal so; it is the sunshine we carry in our own spirit that makes others happy around us. I know that in earthlife as we make others happy so we are happy. I know this message will not be published until after the holidays are over, yet the thought is with me, and I will say to them, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, feeling that before another

I shall be well known right here in town, for I am perfectly familiar here in Boston and I have come this morning at the request of

one who is near and dear to me, for he has

Just say if they will seek me in private I asked many times why I do not manifest appeared a message given through the medican communicate, and that William Wells is through THE BANNER, and I am here to prove umship of Mrs. J. K. D. Conant, from JUSTIN

and Fred, and so many that it would take longer time than can be given me this morn-Christmas greeting.

Messages to be Published.

Dec. 24.--William H. Prince; Edward Lewis; Nathaniel Greeley; John O.is; Annie W. Clark; Rev. Edmond W. Wil-

Son. Dec. 31.-George Koch; George Collins; Annie Alberti; Lois Burpee; Matthew Bryant; Eveline Palne. Jan. 7.-James Kennedy; Charles A. Mansfield; Louise N. Wilson; Mary Ann Burns; Allee S. Ingraham; Mary Nieton; Mary Ann Burns; Allee S. Ingraham; Mary N, Wilson; Mary Ann Bennis; Dr. Alvah Griffin; Mary E. Dickey. Jan, H.--Mary Ann Bennis; Dr. Alvah Griffin; Mary E. Pierce; John Davis; Clara A. Peet; Jane W. Creigan. Jan, 21.--deannette C. Noyes; William Matthew Wilson; Isaac Ballou; Jesse N. Murphy; Randolph S. Cowin; Liz-zle Boardman.

Verifications of Spirit Messages.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

It gives me great pleasure to not only verify the message of JABEZ P. DAKE in your issue of Oct. 23, but also to corroborate its truth/ulness as to its marked individuality, etc. In

deed it speaks well for Mrs. Conant's medium ship, as it does for all those large-hearted individuals who' conduct this noble exponent of truth, giving an opportunity for the exalted inhabitants of the higher life to communicate with those they still love who sojourn on this geons of his day, and was the author of many medical works. He was a true gentlemen in every sense of the word, a noble defender of tion he was ever outspoken and defiant. No and the advancement of life through all channels from which it falls"; also, "I am more conscious to day of the wonderful power magnetic healing is.... I wish to reach a nephew. I am with him in his work." I am very, very thankful for his kind words of cheer

l take this opportunity to thank all the many friends and mediums who helped to make the "outing" of myself and wife this summer, in New England, so enjoyable. Our sojourn of seven weeks in Onset, with the three weeks in Boston and vioinity, was most delightful. DUMONT C. DAKE.

Continental Hotel, New York City.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

In THE BANNER of Nov. 12 I read in the Mes sage Department a communication from THOM-AS L. LORING (am not sure about the L. being correct) who says he died in Portland, Me., by an accident, which is true. Mr. Loring was a druggist in that city for many years. Some years ago in the Spring a violent storm of snow and rain occurred, causing many of the branch es to break and fail upon the sidewalk, making it very dangerous for pedestrians. It was one of these branches which struck Mr. Loring just as he was going into his house in the even-ing aiter leaving his store. I have forgotten whether he was killed instantly or not; at any rate, he lived only a short time. The "Doctor, as he was called, had a very large acquaint-ance; and was the most interesting conversationalist I ever met, and old Portlanders will always remember what a treat it was to be in his company, listening to his witty sayings. On the whole, the communication is a most remarkble one, it being so much like him. AN OLD PORTLANDER. Center Moriches, N. Y., L. I.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

In an issue of THE BANNER, some time since,

A copy of the BANNER OF LIGHT cently handed to me, and the first message I saw was headed by my mother's name, MARY A. STOWE. I read the message, and can say that it is characteristic of her on the earthside, and I know she is with us in spirit, and hope to hear from her again through your pa-ner. Yours truly, G. L. STOWE,

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I find in THE BANNER of Nov. 13 a message from Rev. FOSTER HENDRY, who says his home was in Hinsdale, N. H.; the name should have been Foster Henry, who removed from Cavendish, Vt., to Hinsdale to live with his daughter. He preached some years for the Baptist denomination in that place. I knew Mr. Henry and one of his brothers well. His brother resided within two miles of me, whose golden wedding I attended. He has since passed to a better world. His life was strictly upright, but no doubt he was pleasantly surprised to find the truth of spirit return a ver-itable fact. "Yours respectfully. MRS. S. A. JESMER DOWNS.

Springfield, Vt., Dec. 11, 1897.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I am much interested in the message of ELLEN L. ANNIS, published in the issue of Dec. 11. I was somewhat acquainted with the when those they sent love who solvent on this bet. It. I was somewhat acquainced with the isoverth rate world. My dear uncle was better hady in life, and feel that the message is very known in America, as works in Europe, as J. P. characteristic of her. It will cheer her fambake, M. D., L.L. D. He was one of the most distinguished homeopathic physicians and sursuperannuated Methodist minister. MRS. E. F. BROCKLEBANK.

Canandaioua, N. Y.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Among your "Individual Messages," in tofriend, JOSEPH C. LINDSEY. This spirit is reported as saying that while in earth-life he "did not acknowledge or express the idea of Spiritualism, or claim to be a Spiritualist." Here is a great mistake I was intimately acquainted with the Mr. Lindsley in question, he being a near neighbor of mine, with whom was in frequent communication. We had many interviews together on the subject of Spiritualism. He was outspoken in his helief. and was proud of having been an early and constant worker in the Cause. from the time of the Fox girls' rappings. He was a sub scriber to your paper, and had a good spiritual library. There must be a mistake somewhere. Dec. 12 .- Since writing you yesterday, concerning the message of my friend, Joseph C. Lindsley, I desire to report to you that in my usual Sunday morning séance with my family, Mr. Lindsley said:

"I will say a few words in regard to the message, or communication, given by me through the mediumship of Mrs. Conant of Boston, and printed in the BANNEB OF LIGHT of Dec. 11. The medium became slightly mixed in the first part of my communication. She saw, or sensed, the opposition felt by my own people in earth-life, when she reported me as saying: 'I did not acknowledge or express the idea of Spiritualiam, or claim to be a Spiritualist.' This accounts for the mistake. The rest of the communication was correct." LUDLOW PATTEN. Orange, N. J.

Please publish the statement that the com munication from CHARLES REEVES, who passed away several years ago near Greenport, L. I., was true in every particular, and gave great satisfaction to his many friends. W. C. BUCKINGHAM.

Peconic, Suffolk Co., L. I., N. Y.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I should like to say a few words concerning umship of Mrs. J. K. D. Conant, from JUSTIN a message given in your paper of Oct. 9, from HUNGEBFORD of Appleton, Wis. I wish to B. F PORTER. We, his children, are glad to ac

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

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that some day, at the resurrection morn, we sion: "De Mortuis nil nisi bonum."

might meet again. I lost interest in my busihess, and began to grow careless and indifferent, when one day I chanced to pass a hall where it was announced that a lecture would be given that night by a Spiritualist. It

brought to my mind a promise that my dear

friend had jokingly made one day, that if she died first, and could come back, as Spiritual-ists claim, she would use this Latin expres-I did not attend the lecture, but the next

day visited one or two mediums, with little suc-

cess. However, I was anxious to know if the dead could come back, so did not mind the set-

dead could come back, so did not mind the set-back I met with on several occasions. I was urged to visit a medium, by name Mrs. Mc-Cann; I did so with gratifying success. She described the person accurately, but could not get the name and the promise. I began to be hopeful, and attended the meetings, bought

the papers that were on sale, and became deep-ly interested. Another visit to Mrs. McCann

proved to be a disappointment as the lady was

III. She, however, advised me to visit Mrs.

Maggie Waite; who had lately arrived in the

city. I called, and found quite a number waiting to see her. On the walls of the waitingroom were quite a number of credentials, and

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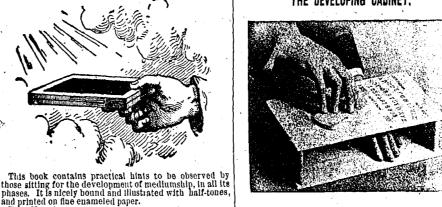
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Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont Street. - The Ladies' Lyceum Union meets every Wednesday afternoon and even ing; supper at 6% P.M. Mrs. M.A. Brown, President; Mrs Abbie Thompson, Secretary.

Appleton Hall, 9% Appleton Street-Paine Memo-ral Building, side entrance.-The Gospel of Spirit Return Boolety, Minnie M. Soule, Pastor, will hold services every Bunday at 2% and 7% P. M.

The First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society meets every Friday afternoon and evening-supper at 6 F.M.-at 941 Tremont street. Mrs. Mattie E. A. Allbe, President. Carrie L. Hatch, Sec'y, 74 Sydney street, Dordester.

The Ladies' Spiritualistic Industrial Society meets at Daight Hall, 814 Tremont street every Thursday afternoon and evening; supper at 6. Mrs. M. A. Brown, President; Miss C. M. Manning, Secretary.

Trestuent; miss 0. m. manning, Secretary. The Veteran Spiritualists' Union holds meetings the third Thursday of each month in Dwight Hall, 514 Tre-mont street, at 74 p. M. All are invited. Eben Cobb, Presi-dent; Mrs. J. S. Soper, Clerk, 9 Bosworth street, Boston.

aent; Mrs. J. S. Soper, Clerk, 9 Bosworth street, Boston. Eagle Hall, 616 Washington Street.-Meetings at 11, 2/5 and 7/5 Sundays. Dr. W. H. Amerige, Conductor. Hiawatha Hall, 241 Tremont Street (near Ellot street).-Meetings Sundays at 11 A. M., 2/5 and 7/5 P. M., also Wednesdays at 225 P. M., for speaking, tests and readings Edwin H. Tuttle, Leader.

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Gran'd Army Hall, 573 Massachuseits Avenue, Gambridgeport.-Sundays, 11 A. M., 2% and 7% P. M. Mrs. L. J. Akerman, Conductor. Temple of Honor Hall, 591 Massachusetts Avenue.-The Pro-gressive Thought Society holds meetings every Sunday, morning, afternoon and evening. The Cambridge Spiritual Industrial Society holds meet-ings the second and fourth Wednesday in each month, in Cambridge Lower Hall, 531 Massachusetts Avenue. Mrs. J. S. Soper, President; Mrs. L. E. Keith, Secretary. The Band of Harmony conducts noblic meetings at

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BOSTON SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, BERKELEY HALL-J. B. Hatch, Jr., Sec'y writes: Notwithstanding the bad weather, a good sized audience was in attendance Sunday morning, Jan. 23.

Mr. F. A. Wiggin never gave better read-ings, and Mr. A. E. Tisdale gave one of his best addresses. Mr. Watson opened the meet-ing with piano music, and was followed with good singing by the Ladies' Schubert Quartet. As Mr. Wiggin was obliged to catch his train for Haverhill, where he was to speak in the afternoon, he gave his readings first, and gave a large number, much to the satisfaction of the audience. After another song by the Quartet, Mr. Tisdale gave his address, speak-ing forty five minutes. The Quartet closed the services with a selection. In the evening there was a large audience Mr. A. E. Tisdale was the speaker, and Mr. Edgar W. Emerson gave dollineations. Next Sunday will be Mr. Tisdale's last Sun day this season. He will speak in the morn ing, afternoon and evening. Next month Mr. Oscar Edgerly will be the

Mrs. Nettie Holt Harding, Mr. H. D. Barrett and Mr. Forrest Harding. Readings by Miss Lucette Webster; a fine banjo solo by Charles Davis, accompanied on piano by Master Rupert Davis. Mr. Dean Clarke read an original Mr. Clark read many articles, and gave satis-faction; Mrs. Ackerman, with "Serita," closed poem. Rupert Davis gave a fine vocal selection. Mr. Tisdale, guest of the evening, closed

with eloquent remarks. Next Wednesday evening we will have a Klondike Party, and Mr. F. A. Wiggin will give readings. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale at the hall.

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Jan. 23, the circles at 10 and 11 were quite well attended, with very satisfactory results. Mag-netic and massage treatments to the sick free at the 10 o'clock circle. The speaking, tests and readings at afternoon and evening sessions were of a very high order, and evening sessions were of a very high order, and all fully recog-nized. The following mediums took part throughout the day: Mrs. J. W. Kenyon, Mrs. E. D. Butler, Mrs. A. Forester, Mrs. M. Ratzel, Mrs. C. C. Weston, Mrs. T. Fox, Mrs. J. A. Woods, Mr. W. Martin, Mr. A. L. Blackden, Mr. Marston, Mr. Amerige; Miss Annie Ratzel a fine recitation a fine recitation. Grand Indian Peace Council will be held

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THE LADIES' SPIRITUALISTIC INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY-C. M. Manning, Sec'y, writes-met at Dwight Hall, Thursday, Jan. 20, afternoon and evening. Business meeting called at 5:30 by the President, Mrs. M. A. Brown: Supper at 6:30. The evening was devoted to the Veterans.

Next Thursday, Jan. 27, will be the usual monthly dance. All are cordially invited.

HOME ROSTRUM, 21 SOLEY STREET, CHARLES TOWN -"E. A. S." writes: Sunday, Jan. 23, the meeting opened with song service; invocation and remarks by the Chairman, followed by tests and readings by Mrs. Woodbury, Mr. Hersey, Mrs. Dr. Bell and the Chairman.

Good audiences. Good mediums expected next Sunday.

MEETINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

LYNN.-T. H. B. James writes: The Arthur Hodges Spiritual Society had fine audiences Sunday, Jan. 23. At 2:30 P. M., Mrs. M. K. Hamill led the singing and presided at the piano. The following mediums and presided at the piano. The following mediums and speakers took part throughout the day: Mrs. D. E. Mat-son, Dr. A. E. Warren, O. R. Follingren, Mrs. Lizzie D. Butler, Geo. L. Baker, Mrs. Alice M. Liefavour, Mrs. E. C. Herrick; diagnosis and Margaretic treatment he Market Quick Market magnetic treatment by Mrs. Annie Quaid, Mrs. E. C. Herrick and Drs. Pierce and Warren. 7:30, piano solos by Mrs. K. Mettler Went-worth, under inspiration; Mrs. Caleb Prentiss,

Mrs. L. A. Prentiss. Next Sunday, at 2:80, tests, diagnosis, healing the sick, by many good mediums, assisted by Prof. Kenyon and wife. At 7:30 Prof. Ken-yon will lecture, and Mrs. Kenyon will give tests and messages.

Cadet Hall-Lynn Spiritualists' Association, J. M. Kelty, President.-Mrs. A. A. Averill, Sec'y, writes: Sunday, Jan. 23, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds was with us, and gave most eloquent addresses and very satisfactory tests and mes sages. Mrs. Reynolds is a great favorite with Lynn people. Mr. and Mrs. Kelty sang "They. are Calling us over the Sea" very beautifully. Next Sunday we have Mrs. Abbie N. Burn-

ham of Malden.

with readings. Our next Indian Peace Council will, be held on Friday evening, Feb. 11. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale at door.

BROCKTON-People's Progressive Spiritual Association, 54 Main street.-George S. Hutchinson, Seo'y, writes: Sunday evening, Jan. 16, F. A. Wiggin occupied the rostrum, and, after devoting half an hour to a very instructive lecture, gave some of the most remarkable tests ever listened to in our hall. Sunday, Jan. 23, Mrs. Sadie L. Hand of Lowell delivered an interesting lecture the first of the evening, then devoted an hour to giving spirit-messages. Mrs. Hand has a very pleasant manner of addressing an audience, and her messages were all recognized. She will be with us again Feb. 27.

Next Sunday Mr. H. D. Barrett will be our speaker.

FALL RIVER .- Mrs. Ann Hibbert, President, writes: Sunday, Jan. 23, we had two very interesting meetings. Mrs. Allyn was our speaker. She gave two excellent discourses from subjects taken from the audiences. Next Sunday closes her engagement with us for the present.

Our rostrum will be occupied during the month of February by the following speakers: Sunday, the 6th, Mrs. Lizzie B. Butler of Lynn, test medium; 13th, Mr. J. S. Scarlett of Cambridge, test medium; 20th, 27th, Mr. A. E. Tis dale, the blind medium.

MALDEN. - A correspondent writes: The

Malden Progressive Spiritualists met at Templars' Hall at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M., Sunday, Jan. 23. The subject, "Where shall we look for the Errors that have come into the Ranks of Spiritualism?" was considered by the president, and character readings were given by Mrs. Clara L. Fagan.

Mediums and advocates of Progressive Spir-itualism are cordially invited to the plaform. The BANNER OF LIGHT is for sale at the hall.

WALTHAM.-S. writes: In the absence of both speaker and president, the vice-president, Mrs. Kimball, most ably assisted by Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Drew, all members of our union, conducted the service. Many thanks are due our kind sisters for their help in time of need. Our circle of Wednesday was largely attended, fifty-nine being present. Mrs. Ken-yon gave tests. Mrs. Trask, from Kendal Green, a young speaker who used to meet with us, gave an excellent address. Next Sun-day we have Mrs. Robertson.

SPRINGFIELD .- M. W. Lyman writes: Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly of Newburyport continues his ministrations with the First Spiritualist Society, and the people will regret to part with him Feb. 1, when he leaves to commence work again in Boston, being engaged to lect-ure in Berkeley Hall during February. The Lyceum numbers are steadily increasing, and the Ladies' Aid Hall is taxed to its full capaci-ty to accommodate those who attend their Thursday sociables.

HAVERHILL, - Otto Henckler writes that notwithstanding the disagreeable weather. large audiences attended the services Sunday, The lectures were very instructive, and were followed by spirit-communications in Mr. Wiggin's usual convincing manner.

Mr. J. H. Altemus closed both meetings with spirit delineations, which were readily recog-

nized in every instance. On Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, Mr. Alte-mus gave a scance for the behefit of the Soci-oty, at the home of the President, Mrs. E. F. Kurth. It was a decided success in every

way. Thursday evening, Jan. 27, the members of the Union will give a fancy dress reception.

BROOKLYN. - A. Bishop Wellstood, Sec'y, writes: The Fraternity of Divine Communion held its regular Sunday evening service at Arlington Hall, Sunday, Jan. 23, Mrs. L. J. Weller presiding. Congregational singing. Bi-ble reading by the pastor, Ira Moore Courlis, with a very fine musical program, consisting of vocal solos and duets, and violin solos by Prof. Whitelaw, then an address by the me dium, and the usual test scance.

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The semi-monthly musicale was held at the Lortie Parlors on Friday evening, Jan. 21. The program consisted of a contralto solo, very finely rendered by Mrs. E. Heeg; violin solo, Prof. Lortie; recitation, Miss Sophie Denike, then some faucy dancing by Miss Flor-ence and Eva Stodder. The audience enjoyed the dancing the rest of the evening, with ice cream and cake. The affair was voted a grand success.

BROOKLYN,-A correspondent writes: The Fraternity Society is to institute a series of exchanges, beginning with Sunday evening, Jan. 30, at which time Mrs. L. A. Olmstead will be in Newark for the evening, and Mr. H. C. Dorn will take Mrs. Olmstead's place on the Fraternity platform, 869 Bedford Avenue. Mrs. Annie R. Palmer, the famous elocution-ist, and Mr. W. F. Palmer, correspondent and inspirational reader of the Fraternity, intend to accompany the parts to accompany the party.



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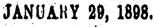
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FIRST SOCIETY OF SPIBITUALISTS .- "The Tuxedo," Madison Avenue and 59th street .--M. J. Fitz-Maurice, Secretary, writes: Jan. 123 Prof. J. Clegg Wright occupied the platform at the morning and evening sessions, and replied to the questions propounded in his usual pro-found fashion. In the afternoon Miss Maggie Gaule gave many wonderful evidences of spirit return, that were thoroughly appreciated by the large audience present. Miss Gaule will be with us again next Sun-

day, and during February we expect Mrs. May S. Pepper to interest our audiences with her remarkable mediumship.

NEW YORK.

YONKERS. - J. A. Robinson writes: The members of the Yonkers Spiritualist Society held their usual weekly meeting Friday evening, Jan. 21, President Andrews in the chair. After the usual singing and readings the society voted to transmit immediately to the treasurer of the Jubilee Fund the amount subscribed. Secretary Merritt made some re-marks on "Materialization and Slate-writing," exhibiting several slates covered with writing in different colors, obtained through the mediumship of Mr. Fred Evans.

Mrs. N. Brigham is expected next week, and Mrs. M. D. Miller-Wilcox, materializing me-dium, on Sunday, 30th inst.

CONNECTICUT.

NORWICH.-Mrs. J. A. Chapman, Sec'y, says: Miss Lizzie Harlow of Haydenville, Mass., is doing excellent work for the First Spiritual Union of Norwich, Ct., speaking under inspiration in the afternoon. She gives good philosophical discourses. In the evening Miss Harlow speaks in an entranced condition, in an-swer to questions presented by the audience. This phase of Miss Harlow's public work is of an attractive character, her audiences having increased gradually every Sunday evening since her engagement opened. Next Sunday afternoon the exercises will be in honor of Thomas Paine.

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COMMERCIAL HALL, Mrs. Wilkinson, President .- A correspondent writes: Sunday morning. Jan. 23, notwithstanding the stormy weather, a large audience attended the developing circle. There was speaking, and tests by several good mediums. Mr. Davis recited a poem. Miss Sally Jones gave good tests. Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Lewis, Dr. Hall and Mr. J. C. Ible were present and assisted. The afternoon session began with a half-hour

song service, reading and invocation by the chaplain. Mr. Lamont gave the opening address. Solo by Mrs. Rosie Wilson, after which readings were given by Mrs. Nutter and sev eral other good mediums; singing by the audi ence, "Rejoice and be Glad," following which Dr. A.sTripp gave a number of five psycho metric readings. All were recognized. Some grand thoughts were expressed by the Spirit Mrs. Colby-Luther through the mediumship of Mrs. Wilkinson.

Evening session opened with the usual re-ligious service. Mr. Fuller gave a short address. Singing by Mrs. Wilson and audience. Excellent readings and tests by Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Kenyon, Mrs. Nutter, Mrs. Wilkinson and Madam Carbee, who gave several fine astrological readings.

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THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST LADIES' AID SO-OIETY-Carrie L. Hatch, Sec'y, writes-met at 241 Tremont street, Friday, Jan. 21. Meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Allbe. The evening was devoted to mediums. Allbe. The evening was devoted to mediums. Those taking part were: Mrs. Alice Water-house, Mrs. Shackley, Mrs. M. A. Chandler, Mrs. Hattie C. Mason, Mrs. Caird, Mrs. Kate Stiles Mr. J. Frank Baxter, Mr. H. D. Barrett and Mr. A. P. Blinn. The musical selections were given by Mrs. Eva Cassell, Miss Lilla Fay, Mr. C. W. Sullivan, Mr. J. Frank Baxter, and Edward and Charlie Hatch. This was one of the hest sections we have head this year. of the best sessions we have had this year. Next Friday at 3:30 P. M. we will hold a pub-

lic circle; in the evening we will have a Whist Party. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale at this hall.

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At 8 o'clock whist was in order. We had a large party, and some very pretty prizes were given.

Next Wednesday we hold the Pancake Supper and Dance in the evening in Red Men's Hall. There will be prizes offered for the best lady and gentleman dancer. All are welcome.

THE NELPING HAND SOCIETY, a correspondent writes, met Wednesday, Jan. 19, with Mrs. Hatch, Jr., president, in the chair. The speaker of the Boston Spiritual Temple, Mr. A. E. Tisdale, was given a reception in the evening. Brief remarks were made by Mr. E. recommended for everything, but will be found offer appearing. L. Allen, Mrs. Kate Stiles, J. Frank Baxter, just what is needed in cases of kidney and genuineness.

BRIGHTON .- D. H. Hall, President, writes: Friday evening, Jan. 21, the controls of Mr. J. S. Scarlet and Mrs. J. Seymour gave tests and readings to those assembled at the weekly meeting of the Spiritual Progress Society.

Mr. Scarlet's lecture was one of advanced thought and was fully appreciated. Societies in want of a good, reliable speaker and medium can do no better than to secure Brother Scarlet. Mrs. Seymour's control, "Humming Bird," has captured the minds of our Society. "Humming Straight Arrow" gave a number of readings, all recognized. Jan. 28 will be an evening with "Violet,"

Mrs. Millan.

SALEM-FIRST SPIRITUALISTS' SOCIETY-A. O. U. W. Hall, Manning Block.-N. B. P. writes: Mrs. Nettie Holt-Harding, of East Somerville, occupied our platform at both meetings, Sunday. Jan. 23, and her discourses were very good, and the tests given were correct in nearly every instance. She did better than ever before. Sunday, Jan. 30, Mrs. Nettie Holt Harding will again be the speaker and medium; this will be her last engagement with our society this season.

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SPRINGFIELD. - H. A. Budington writes: The meetings of the Church of the Spirit continue to be of special interest and attract many of the brightest minds in this city. Dr. Hidden delivered his popular lecture Sunday evening, "The Man Wonderful and the House Beautiful." Eloquent and instructive, he held the attention of the audience to the finish. Next Sunday Dr. Hidden will speak twice, the subjects being "Over the Threshold" and 'The Wonders of Hypnotism."

CAMBRIDGEPORT-G. A. R. Hall, 573 Massachusetts Avenue.-Mrs. L. J. Ackerman, Leader, writes: Sunday, Jan. 23, we had with us, morning and afternoon, Mr. D. S. Clark, Mr. Scarlet (speaker), Mr. Hall of Brighton, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Banks. In the evening, very fine attendance and

good talent; the usual opening exercises, fol-lowed by a recitation by Mrs. May Leavitt; chosen, and received the closest attention.

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Friday, circle at Mrs. Jones's, 55 Pleasant street. Bradford. Mr. Wiggin will again be with us next Sunday.

WAREFIELD.-Geo. T. Lamont writes: We had Mrs. Hattie C. Mason with us Sunday evening, Jan. 23. Her subject, "Let there be gave evidence of a high inspiration. Light. Her tests were excellent, and brought glad ness to a number of inquirers. Let there be light.

WINCHESTER.-W. H. Borden writes: Regular meeting held at Good Templars' Hall Sunday, Jan. 23. Mrs. U. H. Tracy of Boston gave many tests and evidences of spirit return.

MEETINGS IN BROOKLYN.

The Woman's Progressive Union holds meetings every Sunday atternoon at 3, and evening at 8 o'clock; Ly-ceum at 2 o'clock; social meetings every Thursday at 8 o'clock; supper at 6%, at the hall, Walsh's Academy, 423 Classon Avenue, between Lexington Avenue and Quincy street. Mrs. E. F. Kurth, President.

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BROOKLYN,-Mrs. L. L. Smith, Sec'y, writes On Sunday, Jan. 23, the regular services of the Woman's Progressive Union were held at 423 Classon Avenue. Mr. George Deleree ad dressed the afternoon meeting, and in the evening Mr. I. R. Sanford gave a short lecture. The remarks of both speakers were well

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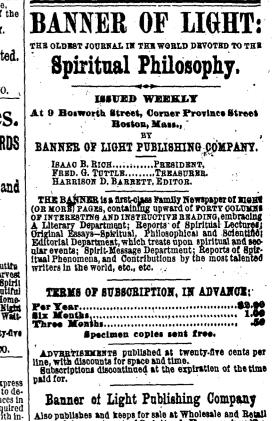
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