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To sit in the Throne of the Infinite Mind, To command by the power of Love, and to find The God in one's self and in humanity all, To be true to self, to do good to all, Is the mark of the high calling.

To be Lord of Lords and King of Kings, That the reign of peace and harmony brings; To control one's self, to no image bow, . And to live in the eternal now, Is the mark of the high calling.

To be the world's Truth and Light; To see by that clear, spiritual sight That knows only the real, the true, the pure, The good that does forever endure, Is the mark of the high calling. L. PERDITA CHENEY.

A Conspiracy and its Results.

BY WM. FOSTER, JR.

The medical practice laws which now blot the statute books of most of the States, are the outcome of a conspiracy entered upon nearly thirty years ago. The conspirators were Allo pathic practitioners, bitter and malignant opponents of all medication outside of their school. They arrogantly styled themselves Regulars, assuming to be the possessors of all medical knowledge, all skill, all ability to diagnose dis ease. They seemed to imagine that the sheepskin called a diploma made them ubiquitous, per se, investing them with remedial powers, whether they had common sense or not, or a well balanced judgment. There was a magic charm in this sheepskin, with its dead language (Latin) certification, which covered all deficiencies, and sealed their qualifications. The people were in a measure hypnotised by the glamour these fellows threw over themselves by the use of a* nomenclature in an unknown tongue, thereby veiling their practice in mystery, also passing off ignorance as knowledge. These fellows succeeded in entrenching themselves quite strongly in the public estimation, though they could not altogether kill the root and herb practice of our grandmothers. It lingered many years, gradually being discarded as new generations came forward. Finally the people began to distrust the Regulars, and their poison drug medication. THOMSONIANISM, At length Samuel Thomson, unlearned in books, but a close student of nature, a deep inquirer and a sharp observer, formulated a medical practice based on vegetable remedies, entirely discarding the mineral poisons of the popular school. His neighborhood practice. and its results, became noised abroad, when he began to have calls from a distance. His success was great; sometimes when treating epidemics, he far outdistanced his Allopathic competitors, saving scores where they saved one. Violent opposition developed; his life was frequently threatened, and at last he was arrested on a charge of murder, indicted, tried and acquitted. When arrested he was put in a jail reeking with filth, and alive with ver min, all modes of annoyance being resorted to at the instigation of the doctors, Allopaths all, in hopes that he could be driven from the field. But he courageously maintained his ground, extended a knowledge of the herbal practice and its accessory steaming, which was a part of a course of medicine. The reformed practice was aided by the formation of "Friendly Botanic Societies" in all parts of the country, which gave great impetus to the nascent reform. Samuel Thomson was the grand pioneer in the war against the century-nursed and world; cursing poisonous drug medication, fitly described by Dr. Rush of Pennsylvania University, who said, when addressing the medical students: "I am incessantly led to make apology for the instability of the theories and practice of physic. Dissections daily convince us of our tions, only having space to make a practical ignorance of disease. and cause us to blush at our prescriptions. What mischief have we not done under the belief of false facts and false theories? We have assisted in multiplying diseases; we have done more; we have in creased their fatality. Other practitioners, equally eminent with Dr. Rush, denounced the allopathic practice tioned; neither has the Legislature. There is in as decided a manner. They indirectly stimulated the reform element rife in the country, giving the new practice, Thomsonianism, a that when a man enters the "social state" he intellectual development-of the fact of the prestige, leading to active measures to push on gives up a portion of his natural rights. This gradual unfolding and growth of the human medical reform. Cincinnati and Philadelphia became reform centres. Schools were estab- oppression and injustice. I am ailing. I go to the deep, broad truths which only those of lished, developing into the eclectic and physio- a man whom I know possesses remarkable riper years could comprehend. medical systems, discarding poisons, relying | healing powers. He lays his hands upon me; solely on botanic remedies. LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE. The regulars, or sheepskin fraternity, became alarmed at the inroads of the new schools, especially when homeopathy and hydropathy entered the field. So far as I know. the first public suggestion of legislative inter- | ject the healer to the pains and penalties of a | hands of boys and girls from which it was ference with the practice of medicine, to weed penal statute. He has done no wrong, a good out unorthodox practitioners, was made by rather; a good to me, a good to the commu-Dr. Camegzs, in the preface to his translation nity by returning me to the activities of life. not understand what they were reading, and here. Nor is this strange, since special pains from the French, of "History of Medicine," by Dr. P. V. Renouard of Paris. He had much gone to a clairvoyant, or eclectic, or other pressing, either by look, or manner or into say about quacks and charlatans, essentially practitioner, who might have prescribed a tonation of voice, the feelings and thoughts in the vein of allopathic trumpeters, now-a physical remedy, a decoction of roots and of the authors as exhibited in the composidays, seeking to secure restrictive, monopo- herbs. No wrong would have been committed tions before them. Lindley Murray's Gramlistic legislation. For years the inroads of the either to the community or myself. The law botapic and other schools caused much anxiety | which makes such medical services a crime is | was then in vogue, and the lads and lassies among the old school, who were constantly a gross usurpation, inexcusable from any point were encouraged to begin its study, which asking, "What shall we do to be saved?" Al- of view. No sensible man can justify such | many did, with no other result than learning, lopathy was being invaded from all sides; the legislation. Indeed, I never heard an attempt leaven of medical reform was yearly becoming to do so by any layman. The Allopaths whom nothing in the end of the real idiom and conmore powerful, the people more distrustful I have heard before committees of the Legislaand heretical. So a conspiracy was hatched ture advocating restrictive legislation, never to secure the necessary restrictive legislation. | yet made an argument. It was a rodomontade | have been to too great an extent but imita-

ing the movement a general one, lest there with honied words for the interests of the ly, in establishing curriculum of study, we

should be a rebellion by the people. It was decided to operate cautiously, experiment on a single State. Rhode Island was selected, and some twenty, five years ago a restrictive bill was introduced in the Legisla- tombstones in our myriad cemeteries had the lature, but defeated when it came to a vote." The conspirators were quiet three or four least a very large percentage would bear this years, when they had another bill introduced, inscription: KILLED BY THE DOCTORS. which was defeated. A third bill was hatched in due time, which was squelched like the others. Finally in 1895 the conspirators were successful. At no time did any petitions come from the people, nor did they appear before. committees in advocacy of restriction Another fact showing the animus of the M. D. restrictionists was this: every bill, ex-

cept the last, shut out the homeopaths, designingly intending that no one except an allopath should be allowed to practice in the State. At the final trial unorthodox practitioners were to be recognized if they had a diploma from a reputable medical institution; but the decision as to reputation was in the hands of the Board of Health, practically Dr. Swartz, the Secretary.

THE SELFISHNESS OF ALLOPATHY.

At the outset, therefore, it will be seen that the allopathic practitioners intended to outlaw all other schools, and be, before the law, the only persons having a right to practice. It was dollars and cents with these conspirators. because, if they could drive the others out of practice, then their fee table could be increased and incomes largely enhanced.

The poison drug prescribers are well organized. They have national, State, county and city organizations. If a given policy is pro posed, it is not a difficult matter to line up the craft and move in unison. They can lobby and bully like the politicians when they have a scheme under way before a legislature. Al ready they are threatening to seek still more stringent legislation. Under the laws of several of the States, practitioners who use no drugs or other medicaments, when arraigned. have been discharged, judges and juries declaring that no offence had been committed. Hence the threat for severe stringent restrict ive legislation, by having a law wherein there shall be a specific examination of all classes of practitioners, thus putting it in the power of Boards of Health to make a clean sweep of all unorthodox practitioners Let, the people be wary and watch the legislatures this winter, to see that the M. D. Philistines do not compass their ends. Furthermore, make a fight against the restrictive laws as they stand; furthermore, at the next elections, be sure as to the position of candidates; if one has the mark of the allopathic beast, vote against him. The encroachments of despotism need to be met at the very outset.

dear people, an effort to protect them from incompetency and extortion. Incompetency! What is the record of Allopathy? a record of ever his tastes or bent of mind, or the busimisjudgings, malpractice and death. If the exact truth cut into them, seven tenths, at | with the same branches of learning. Few if

The subject is by no means exhausted, but I have taken possibly too much space already. An incident, however, I will relate: Mr. Casey Tyler, now a resident of Centreville, R. I., in his younger days resided in Moosup Valley. near the border line of the State. He was sick. The family physician was baffled; the case lingered for weeks, and a consultation was held. Six M. D.s, all Regulars, orthodox outside and in. met, and after consultation, decided unanimously the patient had consumption, and could not live six weeks. When the conclave dissolved and separated Mr. Tyler made up his mind that his time had not come, and he would make another trial for life. He sent to Plainfield, a few miles away in Connecticut, for Dr. Burgess. He had a large practice, and was

quite noted in the region about. He was independent, and rough in speech, caring no more for the iron-clad ru'es of his profession than he did for the ceremonies of the Mahometan religion. He came, sat by the patient and chatted awbile. His first remark was: They say you have consumption, and can't live six weeks, do they? --- ,fools. You don't need medicine, but every morning go to the well, breathe long and deep, bathe your breast, neck and face in cold water, and you'll come out all right." As he was leaving, his parting blessing was: "Tyler, if you want to live keep out of the hands of the ---- fools." Mr. Tyler did so, and now enjoys a green old age. Ab uno disce; one example is a key to the whole matter, especially if it is one of an infinite series. Providence, R, I.

Past and Present.

It would not do to be too aggressive, by mak- | of slander, vituperation and lies, intermingled | tions of those of the Old Country, and especialhave patterned after them, requiring as a condition of graduation, that every pupil, whatness to which he is adapted and which he intends to follow, shall make himself familiar any studies were made elective. The same coat must fit every back. Little heed was paid to the wise saying of Agesilaus, King of Sparta, who, when asked what things he thought most proper for boys to learn, replied: "Those which they ought to practice when they come to he men.'

It is a matter of congratulation that we are getting out of those old ruts-that at last common sense is overriding this old custom, and that more and more freedom of choice as to studies is given those who enter our schools ments of learning, especially in the professions, law, medicine and religion, it is easy to see how these deep-rooted principles of our nature, pride of opinion, force of habit and fashion, veneration for the antiquated, etc., have held sway all adown the ages, fixing men's opinions, ing the new.

tardy improvements have come in the theory of crime, in ways of ferreting out criminals, in the law, in the character and severity of the punishment adjudged their due. We need not go back many centuries to reach a time when crime was not recognized as an offence against society at large, when the prevailing opinion was that the criminal was only responsible to could plunge his haud into boiling oil, if he in all the voices of nature, and should be read could walk with bare feet over red hot iron, if | ily and gladly accepted as true. he could place to his lips and tongue glowing embers, and escape all injury thereby, his innocence was proved. In the case of murder it was believed that if the murderer was brought near the body of his victim, the blood would ooze afresh from his gaping wounds. A method then in common use for the purpose of extorting confession from the accused, or to make a reluctant witness testify to what the judges thought he ought, was to subject him to the pain of the wheel, rack, comb with sharp teeth, etc. And by what slow processes the medical protession has come to reach its present advanced position! Starting out with the superstitious theory which ascribed all disease to the influence of evil spirits or the displeasure of the gods, it has fought its way along, hindered at every step by those influences which have always been found arrayed against all true progress and reform. Under the idea, prevalent at one time, that all disease is traceable to humors located in the blood, to what sweating and purging our poor humanity wes ist and hold sway, and the right men are at the | dent; and among the benefits of bleeding, as error, injustice and wrong be rampant, and blood and left the pure and good. The older physicians of the present day can well remember the time when the doctor "ne'er forgot his calomel," when this article was regarded vent. Crime is a wrong, either against the gogues, then things go terribly awry, and great as of prime importance as a therapeutic agent when given so as to affect the glands of the mouth, and produce spitting and drewling. What a sight for a painter some of these cases presented! But it was all for the good of the patient, I suppose, who was told by the wellextent are rife to day, to the past, and to ideas meaning and perhaps tender hearted doctor

But Faith, fanatic Faith, once wedded fast To some dear idol, hugs it to the last.'

The entire infallibility of the Scripturestheir inspiration so as to preclude the possibility of all errors, verbal or otherwise-the literal interpretation of the Mosaic account of the creation of the world, and of Adam and Eve-the fall of our first parents, and the consequent corruption and total. depravity of the human race, and their exposure to the pains of an eternal hell, have been taught and believed for centuries by large numbers of the human family. John Calvin maintained that God in his sovereign will, and for his own glory, elected one part of the race to everlasting life, and abandoned the other to eternal death; that man, by original transgression, lost the power of free will except to do evil: that it is only by divine grace that freedom to do good is recovered, and that this grace is only bestowed with a view to graduation. In all the depart- on the elect, and that not in consequence of the foreknowledge of God, but of His absolute decree before the world was made.

Jonathan Edwards was the most characteristic preacher of the Calvinistic school of the eighteenth century. He said, in his famous sermon on "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry stamping their lives, creating a dislike for in- God": "The God that holds you over a pit of novation-a hesitation and slowness in adopt- hell, much as one holds a spider or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is Take, if you please, the legal profession, or dreadfully provoked; his wrath toward you the history of jurisprudence, and note how burns like fire; he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else but to be cast into the fire; he is of purer eyes than to bear to have you in methods of trying those suspected of violating his sight; you are ten thousand times as abominable in his eyes as the most hateful and venomous serpent is in yours."

As from our present standpoint we contemplate these doctrines, they seem harsh and cruel, doing injustice both to God and His creatures; and when brought to the test of the injured party, his relatives or immediate | reason, independent thought and the teachings friends, when many crimes were rated at a of natural religion, they seem wanting in the fixed price, to be paid to the person or persons | element of truth; and it is surely no wonder injured. Not far in the past, and perhaps in some | that they have been modified, and have meascountries to day, in order to fasten crime upon | urably lost their hold on thinking men. God's the guilty party, those suspected were sub- thoughts are surely and indelibly written on jected to various ordeals, and the result was the rocks as well as in His Book-they shine accepted as conclusive.' For instance: if he out in the starry heavens, and are proclaimed

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.

Every medical practice law now in force contravenes the fundamental principles of just governments, is an entering wedge to the exercise of unlimited arbitrary power, is a nest egg, from which may be hatched laws which are the quintessence of despotism. The function of law is to conserve justice. For this purpose tribunals are established, with the machinery of courts, provided with executory officers, judges and jurors. They cognize civil and criminal matters as they may come before them. The legislature formulates a code of laws which is the basis for the actions of the courts. But there is a limitation of the law making power. It must not transcend the Constitution, neither may it transcend that higher law, existent in the nature of things, which is acconcomitant right, running parallel with the personal rights of the individual,

which cannot be invaded without doing a wrong-just what government is bound to pre and shouts of selfish, unscrupulous dema-State or community as a whole, or against an individual. I cannot elaborate in illustraapplication.

I start with this fundamental point: that any man has a right to do as he pleases, pro vided his doing does not invade the rights of a fellow unit. He has no right to invade the domain covered by the higher law before mena figment, born of the times, where an immense sea of ignorance existed, which declares he manipulates my body, or certain parts which

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The slaves of custom and established mode, With pack-horse constancy we keep the road, Crooked or straight, through quags or thorny dells True to the jingle of our leader's bells."

Man is a queer animal. And in calling him u animal no disrespect is meant him, nor do I wish it thrown in my face that I am an evolutionist, and believe that the race descended or ascended from the ape.

The idea which just now is uppermost in my mind, and which the above quotation more than suggests, is that men naturally venerate the antiquated, and hold on with great tenac ity to what has come down from the past, the thoughts. creeds and customs which are gray with years; and that these are likely to enter into their beliefs, make up their environments and control their lives; and furthermore that almost everywhere is found among men a willingness, if not a passion for following leaders, -blindly and slavishly often-with too little thought as to their real worthiness, the reasonableness of their opinions, the character of ends they propose to reach.

It is easy to understand how this disposition when correct opinions and good influences exfront; but let the reverse be the case-let false teachers have the ear of the populace, and the air be full of the noisy declamations damage ensues.

In the matter of schools and education in our own country, and especially in New England, it is easy to trace many of the false notions and practices which have existed, and to some and influences brought by the Puritan Fathers | that he would feel ever so much better by and from the Old World. In the school books present standpoint, there seemed to be a com plete forgetfulness or ignoring of the laws of has been the cause of much mal legislation, mind, and the incapacity of the young to grasp

Prominent among the reading books of the common schools of New England near the are very sensibly affected. He relieves me; he beginning of the present century, was the cures me. I remunerate him, paying much English Reader, made up for the most part less than would be charged by an M. D. drug of learned disquisitions by able English au and poison dispenser. Where is the wrong in thors, upon dignified and somewhat abstruse this matter, especially one which should sub-subjects; and this book was placed in the expected they would learn the art of reading well, when as a matter of fact, they could The case would have been no different if I had were therefore disqualified from properly exmar, a dark treatise upon a difficult subject. parrot-like, to repeat words, and knowing struction of the English language. Our high schools, seminaries and colleges

by. No cold water was allowed a fever paplaced in the hands of pupils, and in methods | tient in those days, which was indeed a recontinued and patient suffering by the people -not, however, without making stubborn resistance-these barbarisms are numbered among the things that were. The use of anæsthetics as a preventive of suffering, now so common and satisfactory, has met with considerable opposition from those who profess to believe that it is an interference with the

plan of Divine Providence, and in direct conflict with the teachings of Scripture.

But nowhere do we find more tenacious clinging to the past, more reluctance to abandon the old and accept the new, than in the clerical profession and in the domain of theology, just as though change and improvement might be expected in everything else and on every other line, but none need be looked for have always been taken to impress early childhood with religious thought, so that with time and development have come more and more attachment to what was learned from the lips of those to whom has come the training of the young. And then again there is an air of mystery about this instruction, which has helped to make it attractive, and give permanency to the impressions it has made.

... "Oh! the lover may Distrust that look which steals his soul away-The cabe may cease to think that it can play With heaven's rainbow; alchemists may doubt The shining gold their crucible gives out;

- New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth; They must upward still, and onward, who would
- keep abreast of Truth;
- Lo, before us gleam her camp fires! we ourselves must Pilgrims be.
- Launch our Mayflower, and steer boldly through the desperate winter sea.
- Nor attempt the Future's portal with the Past's blood rusted key."

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Work in the Spirit-World.

BY HENRY FORBES.

A recent number of London Light contains an address delivered before the London Spiritualist Alliance by Mr. Thos. Atwood, an earnest English Spiritualist. The title of the address is "My Work in the Spirit-World."

Mr. Atwood's interest in Spiritualism was awakened hardly two years ago; but during that time his mediumship has been developed the work in which they are engaged, and the subjected! The practice of blood letting found | in various ways-he is accompanied by raps at its origin in this theory, and for centuries was all times, and receives many messages by means so common as to constitute quite a part of of inspirational writing. It is interesting to or habit of our natures may sometimes work | the physician's work. Indeed, it was so popu- | note that his belief was brought about largely to our advantage, and that it is likely to do so | lar as a remedial agent that it was resorted to | through the perusal of Judze Edmonds's "Spiron almost all occasions of sickness or acci- itual Tracts," a small book of the early days, filled with convincing narratives and wise was claimed, was that it took away the bad comments which make it a fine missionary work even to day. "The result of my study of that book," he says, "was that I found Spiritualism, as defined therein, was simply my own Unitarian faith, plus communication with the unseen." A large addition, surely, constituting a broad gulf of separation which comparatively few Unitarians, alas! are able to cross. The "Work in the Spirit-World," in which our newly initiated brother is now engaged, consists in spreading the gospel of Eternal Progression among ignorant and undeveloped spirits who are brought to him by his spirit band for that purpose. This he was urged to do by the invisible intelligences controlling of teaching long years ago, as viewed from our | finement of cruelty. But at last, after long- | him. "On a certain Saturday night in November, 1896," he states, "I received the message that was the signal for the commencement of my new departure. I was simply told to address on the morrow spirits that were brought to me for help. I obeyed, little dreaming of the magnitude of the task I was attempting.'

> Sunday afternoon he has set apart for this purpose. In his room, no other mortal being present, he holds a formal service, opening it by a short address of welcome to his unseen congregation, which is followed by the recital of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," or some other familiar hymn. Then one of his dontrols utters a prayer, after which he invariably reads the two hymns beginning,

" I cannot always trace the way

And,

Where thou, Almighty One, dost move, But I can always, always say, That God is love."

"God is love; his mercy brightens All the path in which we rove: Bliss he wakes, and woe he lightens; God is wisdom, God is love."

The reading finished. "I then 'give an address in as simple terms as possible," says Mr. Atwood in describing his extraordinary service. 'taking some well known passage of the Bible as my text, such as, 'I will arise and go to my Father '; 'Be strong, and quit yourselves like men '-and women, (for I am always particu-

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lar to address the female as well as the male); [apiritual laws hold complete sway, they will "The kingdom of beaven is within you"; "God | find fully as vigorous as a January blast, or is a spirit, and they that worship him,' etc.; | the most potent drug. The literature of Spiritualism abounds in sad . God shall wipe away all tears from their oyes'; 'flis meroy endureth forever.' These are a revelations of the deplorable conditions of sample half dozen. My one object is to im- apirits who have neglected to fit themselves press upon my hearers the fact that they have | for a spiritual existence; it also contains much within them the spark of divine life, however byidence in demonstration of the fact that feeble, and that it rests with them to develop mortals have it in their power to greatly asthis by prayer, aspiration, will power-by any sist the unprepared ones, dwelling in the means they like, even if only a feeble wish,' "outer darkness," to overcome their spiritual weakness, and propare themselves for the ac-

Mr. Atwood's experiences during what with great propriety may be termed his rivival serunspiritualized spirits are much nearer earth vices are exceedingly interesting, and also constitute an instructive revelation of certain after-death conditions. "After the address," he continues, "I sit quietly for a time, make constantly to uplift humanity, both embodied myself thoroughly receptive, and allow any and disembodied, have, therefore, to make control that likes to come and speak through me. Sometimes I carry on a conversation with a control. A friend has explained to me that this was done by the control extending only to one hemisphere of the brain, the other remaining normal.... Frequently bright spirits diums, who are used for that purpose, are use me for prayer; more frequently unhappy ones do the same; and the most touching incidents sometimes take place." The following are some of the experiences 'tecounted by him:

, "A husband and wife-the first praying for help, then the wife joining in with, 'and help me. too.'

A very despairing female spirit, who thought reality and importance of her work," wrote she was quite lost, and without hope. Her visit was followed by a vision, showing me heavy weights pressing on spirits, and leading | live in absolute want than not to do it." me to pray that they might be raised by the expansion of light in those that were under them.

A spirit in great darkness, fearing that he personal experience has led me to believe that would never see the light; he could see a it is hardly possible to exaggerate its imporpassing one now and then, but not for him. tance. The truths of Spiritualism are needed He then seemed to realize that he must de velop the light within him, and made an earngent need of its light is far greater in the est prayer for help to do so. Then a prayer from a bright spirit, who referred to the many praying for help, and asked for a blessing on them. This spirit shook me warmly by the hand.

Twice on one occasion I was led to pray for those who were praying for themselves, and felt I was taken to lower depths, where still greater effort must be made.

For two weeks in succession I had a spirit | The world of disembodied spirits is a mindpresent who groveled on the floor and refused help, saying he was too foul to be helped; herefused to shake hands with me. The third time he came I succeeded in inducing him to do so, and a voice said: 'He will progress now.'

One came who had the horrors-a very, very unpleasant experience for me, and a very rare one, too. But he got quiet before he left me, and prayed for help.

Another was pursued by the demon of avarice. I had a vision of his prison-house, which was in semi darkness through the blinds being down.

One of the most remarkable experiences ing spirits may lead the poor prisoners out on was my getting into the conditions and feel-* to the broad highways of Truth and Love. ing the agony of the awakening soul. The oppression was simply awful, and lasted for hours. It followed me to our evening service, proof that man was born for immortality; and where it gradually left me, as the singing and speaking drew my attention to outside influences.

sion among those who, though out of the flesh, These narratives are particularly interestare still lingering in the darkness of ignoing to me, because they serve to confirm the

Seek, and ye Shall Find.

BY DR. FRED L. H. WILLIS.

I remember away back in my childhood one of my early reading lessons that made a strong impression upon my mind. It was the story of an old man who, as he lay dying, called his some to him, and said to them: "All the treasures that I possess lie buried in yonder field." He died without designating in what particular locality the treasure lay.

Then the sons went out, and thoroughly plowed the field in its every part, but could find no treasure. So they decided to plant it that year, and the result was a very abundant crop.

But they could not abandon the idea of finding their father's buried treasure. So after they had harvested their crop they overturned the field again, plowing this time more deeply than before in search of the buried riches of their father; but again were they disappointed, and again they sowed and reaped an abundant harvest.

Finally, after several years had passed, it dawned upon the elder brother's mind what his father meant by the buried treasure, and calling his brothers, he said to them: "At last I have discovered the mystery of our father's buried riches. Ever since he died we have dug over that field to find his treasures. We have failed to find what we so earnestly sought, but we have found instead, as the reward of our diligent labor, strength and health of body. and every year we have received a goodly in-

come from our land, and I believe that these And Mrs. Loucks's earnestness was justifiaare the only treasures that our father referred ble; the importance of the work is worthy of to as buried in that field." any sacrifice involved in its prosecution. My

This is the story that has lingered in my memory through the long years that have passed since I first read it.

Is it not ever thus? Does not success ever follow earnest, diligent search, even though it come not in the way we anticipate? Is it not especially so in the search for truth? Seek. and ye shall find.

When ye shall seek for me with all your hear ye shall find me, is ever the voice of truth, and the rich reward for this diligent search is the health and strength of soul that results.

bers, also, are waiting in dreary monotony All around us is a priceless harvest of wealth for the sounding of the "last trump" to sumthat awaits only our earnest effort to become mon them to the fateful "judgment seat." our eternal possession. The world of nature, the world of humanity, life with all its trials world, in which the power of fixed notions beand perplexities, its griefs and sorrows, its comes strong beyond mortal appreciation, burdens beneath which many of us are pressed though its possibilities are illustrated in the down under the waters of adversity until they hallucinations of the hypnotic state. Any overwhelm us, all contain hidden treasures fixed habit of thought becomes a prison-house waiting to flow into the coffers of the seeking to the spirit; and if the thought is essentially soul. contrary to spiritual truth, a prison which the

The beautiful laws of spirit all reveal themselves to the earnest seeker. When times of trial, of danger, of loneliness and suffering come to us, then we ask for spiritual life, spiritual strength, and, if the cry comes from the very soul, it is never unheard, never unresponded to. By the very law of our nature the wish brings its answer, the seeker finds.

We may have to pass through strange and devious paths to find our good, but if we are earnest in our desire for it we are surely led to it. Nothing is more necessary to every human soul than truth: seeking, it is found. Nothing is more needed than love; seeking, it comes. Yea, every necessity of our nature obeys this law of seeking.

We firmly believe that there is a protecting loving, infinite power in the universe, which fits to every need its supply: It clothes the lily of the field, and is the tender providence that cares for the tiny sparrow. But we do not for a moment suppose that all the men and women who are seeking wealth and popularity and amusement and pleasure, are to find all their wishes fulfilled, because in seeking these things they are not coming under the laws of their higher being; they are not seeking that which the diviner part of their nature craves. But we do believe that every individual who seeks for good for its noblest sake, for truth because the soul craves it as its only true sustenance, will surely find. The trouble is, we do not really seek; we do not with our whole soul earnestly aspire. We recall the case of Muller, the philanthropic Englishman, whose generous heart was touched with pity for the poverty-stricken, ignorant orphans. He was poor himself. He knew not where to turn for money, and was absolutely without influence or credit; but there burned in his soul this earnest, intense desire, and he sought its accomplishment in only one way. He never asked a human being for a dollar. He sought only by the prayer of faith, and the listening angels heard, and they helped this man to immense sums of money; and costly buildings were erected and provided with every necessity and every comfort, and thousands of miserable unfortunates were lifted from misery and degradation, and put in the way of becoming good, true and useful men and women. There is no other rational explanation of the remarkable phenomena attending this man than that the ministering angels heard his earnest appeals for help, and, through their influence, set forces to work that brought to him all that he needed for the accomplishment of his earnest purpose. But can we for a moment suppose that if he had prayed for gold for the gratification of his own selfish purposes, his coffers would have been filled? John Murray, the father of Universalism, when in doubt and perplexity as to what course to pursue, earnestly sought for spiritual guid ance, and seeking he ever found. In the most direct manner the spirit volce whispered in his ear the directions he sought, and this spirit-guidance never failed him in the many seasons of trial that came to him in his efforts to promulgate his gospel of God's love instead of his hate. Channing, the Saint of Unitarianism, sought spiritual strength and guidance most earnestly, and it never failed him; and through it his frail, feeble body was made to serve him as well as if he had possessed the strength of a giant. There is no human being but what can prove the truth of this affirmation of old: 'Seek, and ye shall find." Not the selfish good, which can be but transitory, but the real, the true, the abiding good. It sometimes seems as if the destiny of the keeping, so that its pathway was wholly obedient to the beautiful laws of good. Sure am I that no man or woman who earnestly seeks to lead a noble, pure, true life, need ever doubt for a moment the power that will lead unto it. Let us for a moment consider the life of Him bility of the gospel narrative, let us for the instability of the peely acknowledged by the moment admit that such a life was lived in fathers during the first four centuries of the

Palestine, and is true in its essential features. | ohuroh, which proves the Testament a con-

What a complete failure it must have seemed to him! Cut off in the midst of it, allowed only three years of apiritual power in public work, full of longing to do, and to serve and bless. What a day must that day of orucifixion have been to him! Is it any wonder that he should have oried-"My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me!" not for its physical pain, but for its bitter spiritual disappointment. And yet not a hundred years elapsed before the whole earth was alive to the gifts of the spirit manifested by him, and his death became a triumphant hope to thousands. Truly he was able to fulfill his desire. and open the gates of heaven to mortal view.

It is said that on a certain occasion He declared that whole legions of angels could come to deliver Him. But they did not, for if they had, His life had been a failure. So it is with many of us. We feel as if failures were attending our wishes. But we can rest assured that if those wishes are wise and noble, if we are seeking through them good, and good only, then we have but to wait a little, and we shall

behold their triumph and realize their answer. Ah! Spiritualists, if we are striving to bring the bright gifts of heaven closer to earth, if we are diligently laboring to comfort the afflicted, if we are earnestly seeking to make weary, restless souls know of peace and rest, and bring gifts of strength and beauty to those who. need them, then we shall succeed, for success is sure to follow, through the action of a law as immutable as any law of the universe. Finding follows seeking, when the impulse to the seeking is noble, good and true.

Oh! that we might all earnestly seek to bestow blessings upon every soul that comes within the radius of our influence, even though we can do it only in the simplest ways, through kind words, sympathetic feelings, encouraging smiles. This leaves no room for envious or jealous feelings, for barsh criticisms or petty slanders and backbitings.

The result of this seeking will surely be the placing ourselves in a condition to receive the highest, holiest blessings of the angel world.

Written for the Banner of Light.	
THE POET'S WORK.	
BY STEPHEN H. BARNSDALE.	
Oh! poet's work! Oh! mission grand, Sublimely fair and beautiful, Your work is to uplift mankind— Increase the riches of the soul,	
Say, shall your mission over cease? Not while an earthly ill endures,	

Nor while man's in progression's read, And distant good him onward lures.

Oh! work so mighty, loving, pure! To your high aim be always true: Then shall men ever reverence you For all the wondrous good you do,

The History of the First Century,

BY PROF. J. R. BUCHANAN,

The pungent remarks of W. E. Coleman on the relations of Spiritualism and Christianity express my own views; but 1 might add that I would not object to uniting Spiritualism I would not object to uniting Spiritualism I do not accept them as guides or authori-with Christianity as fast as possible, for it ties in religion, but as illustrations of the poswould be much like uniting fire with coal oil, sibilities of a higher standard of ethics than and Christianity, like coal-oil, would blaze high and vanish forever. But it will be very fect religion should be, I'was delighted to find difficult to bring Christianity in contact with among the followers of Jesus so near an ap the fire of truth. Of course I speak of what proach to a perfect standard. is called Christianity to-day.

lenned fraud,

I cannot permit these Paganized fictions to be attributed without protest to Jesus and the Apostles, who have had the misfortune to be concealed by traudulent legends. The wild legends concerning Buddha and Mahomet, concerning Moses and the Egyptian hosts drowned in the Red Sea, or the fictitious exploits of Moses, are not believed by historians, any more than the legend of Mrs. Lot standing on the shore of the Dead Sea. But these legends do not conceal the historic existence of Buddha, Moses and Mahomet, nor can we quote such legends as their true history; and it would be equally unjust to quote the Roman legends concerning Jesus published A. D. 170, as a state ment of his principles.

These legends were not accepted by the early Christians of Palestine, who recognized Jesus simply as a man and a great religious teacher. They were brought out by Pagan priests at Rome, assuming the name of Christian about a hundred years after the death of the Apostles to whom they were attributed, and their historic value is equal to that of the story of boiling St. John in oil, without being able to kill. him. The book was brought out at the time when the church of the Papacy which assumed the name of Christian did not deny or object to being considered essentially Pagan, as it really was; for it has not a single important characteristic which had not been current among ancient nations thousands of years'before the age of Jesus and the Apostles, though disguised by their names.

When we give the church the name of Christian we give it an honorable title to conceal its true character. The Asiatic Christians knew nothing in the early centuries of the Paganized church at Rome.

That Roman church, of which the Protestant is a younger brother, was forced upon mankind by the sword, aided by the greatest combination of priestly knaves, historic liars and forgers that the world has ever known. Their greatest leader, ST. AUGUSTINE, whom modern theologians reverence, and who recommended the burning of heretics, said in one of his discourses that in Ethiopia when preaching he saw many men and women without heads who had two great eyes in their breasts, and people "who had but one eye in their forepeople heads." Mendacity like this was common in the first centuries, as the best historians affirm. The New Testament, originated in this great conclave of impostors, is therefore unfit to be used as evidence of anything in the first century. I know by the most thorough investigations, too extensive to be introduced here, that the pretended scripture of these Roman knaves, which establishes the fictitious creeds of the Roman church, the aim of which was

universal despotism, is as great a libel upon the early Christians of Palestine as upon any intelligible conception of a Deity.

Christianity of the first century was substantially the same spiritual doctrine accepted now by the most enlightened Spiritualists. It had the same spiritual phenomena, healing and spiritual communications in the church, but of course had not the philosophy or the science of modern times. The Roman church was the very opposite of the Apostolic, and while the Roman church has been the greatest curse ever inflicted upon mankind, the church of the Apostles was and is in full sympathy with all the doctrines that enlight-ened Spiritualists cherish to day. But while we have the advantage in intelli-

gence, they had greatly the advantage in their zeal, their active heroism and absolute conse cration to duty. If Paul and Peter, James and John, could return to earth, they would probably force the Apostate church to surrender and start a revival of justice and humanity which would ultimately overturn all the des potisms under which humanity has groaned. In my next volume I shall show what ancient Spiritualism would do if it could be revived, as it burned in the souls of the Apostles, until it perished in their martyrdom.

the world has ever seen in any church. After finding in the constitution of man what a per-

experiences that have come to a little circle of which it is my privilege to be a member. For several years this circle has been holding regular meetings for the purpose of doing the same sort of work so graphically described in Mr. Atwood's address. Our experiences, also, correspond very closely with those that have come to him; and we have been led to the work in much the same way as he has been.

When our medium began to display ability in that direction, we sat for her development; but we had no idea at the time what was the purpose of the invisible intelligences working so powerfully upon her. Gradually were their designs made clear to us, until at last we found ourselves, but not until after much urging, delivering formal addresses to what sometimes seemed to be nothing more than empty air, though at other times our medium's active clairvoyance enabled her to see that we were surrounded by a host of listeners, comprising all sorts and conditions of men and women.

In this way the fact that the hand of Death does not lead into a realm where all truth is made clear and every mystery revealed, has been very solemnly impressed upon us. The awful ignorance and consequent wretchedness of multitudes of unembodied souls is a subject almost too appalling to dwell upon. Ignorance is Nature's one unpardonable sin! "Infinite pity, yet also infinite rigor of law: it is thus Nature is made." This truth has been very thoroughly impressed upon the consciousness of mortal man by the sefere lessons of experience; but he has still to learn -and often in the same stern way-that the supremacy of law follows him into spiritrealms.

For the past half century Spiritualists have been proclaiming the supremacy of "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," yet but few have had the courage to follow the logic of that fact to its legitimate conclusion. If Law reigns supreme in the Beyond, what must be the condition of multitudes of spirits passing into it not only at the present time, but also throughout the centuries?

Spiritualistic writers and lecturers expatiate upon the indescribable glories of the "Summer Land," filled with peace, and joy, and beauty exceeding mortal conception-the abode of ripened souls. A lovely and truthful picture, and one that cannot be too often held up to the gaze of poor, sordid, frenzied humanity. But this picture has an obverse side, which should also be shown occasionally. In the world are many who, as Swedenborg said, "compare themselves to brutes, and think they shall die as brutes, and thus rush fearlessly into wickedness." There are many also who carry with them into the after life wrong notions regarding it-notions so fixedly rooted in their minds that their growth into Divine Truth, upon which the true spiritual life rests, is retarded for long and dreary periods. To all such, Spiritualism comes with an ominous warning.

No sane man would venture to sit on his front porch during a January blizzard clad in the apparel of midsummer without anticipating that serious consequences would befall him; nor would he swallow a deadly drug, expecting to escape the natural consequences, And yet men who consider that they are guided by the dictates of "common sense" are exposing themselves to the consequences en- so you can perfectly understand your condition. He tailed by the violation of moral and spiritual will cure you with his wonderful strengthening and law which, when they enter the realm where invigorating medicines.

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utterly insensible to the subtile influences of

refined spirits. The higher powers, who labor

use of material man in their work among

This fact that mortals possess the means to

aid disembodied spirits is one of which many

Spiritualists are but dimly aware. Even me-

sometimes ignorant of the fact. There are

others who do realize it; and a few who have

devoted their gifts to the work. Among these

was Mrs. Anna D. Loucks of California, whose

extraordinary experiences are recorded in Her-

man Snow's very instructive work, "Visions

of the Beyond," published by Colby & Rich in

1877. "So deeply was she impressed with the

Mr. Snow regarding Mrs. Loucks, "that she

most earnestly declared that she had rather

badly enough on this side of life, but the ur-

That one abominable fiction of orthodox

theology, that no progress is possible after

death, is holding myriads of souls in black

clouds of despair, which only the strong mag-

netism of earth can penetrate: Large num-

Higher Powers find it difficult to enter. The

human voice, proclaiming the hope of deliv-

erance to spirits thus imprisoned within the

walls of their false notions and fixed ideas,

brings not only knowledge, but also inconceiv-

able comfort and strength, and in that way

makes an opening through which the minister-

The mission of Modern Spiritualism is thus a

twofold one. It comes to earth bringing

at the same time it uses the forces of material

man to spread the gospel of unending progres-

lower regions of the spirit-world.

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A LEAF FROM MY SCRAP-BOOK.*

BY HON. JOSEPH BARRETT.

Life is the journey of a day, We cannot linger by the way. At early dawn the orient sky, With blushing beauty, greets the eye. The giant mountains, dark and bold, Put on a can of burgished gold Put on a cap of burnished gold. Earth lays Night's sable robes aside; In flow'ry dress she looks a bride. O'er distant realms, with stealthy tread, Night, with her somber train, has fled: vhile Phœbus, with triumphant car, Has spread his glorious beams afar.

From morning dawn to noonday chime Time's busy fingers mark the time; From noon unto the evening gray Day's fleeting hours quick pass away, Some p wer beyond our nortal ken Gives birth and being unto men₁ That power is God, the Great First Cause, Who governs all things by his laws. Man's being dawns as dawns the morn; On earth another soul is born. Thus man awakes from dreamless light; His morn is cheered by love and light A mother's love, with kisses sweet, Her infast child doth kindly greet. A fountain, ne'er unsealed before. Is opened by love's matchless power Not Moses' rod, in days of yore, Unsealed a fountain half so pure. With softest robes to keep it warm, With angel's arms to guard from harm. With richest food to feed the poor Dependent child, a hounteous store. 'T is thus life's morn, with goodness crowned, Smiles on God's children all around. Parent, this child God gave to thee train for immortality. He hath entrusted to thy care A priceless gem of beauty rare. Train up this child in wisdom's way; Teach it God's precepts to obey; Thus it will prove a blessing here, Well fitted for a higher sphere. Childhood and youth, as in a trance, Pass quickly in life's mystic dance. Man's noontide sun, in blaze of day, Hath reached its zenith on its way. Now mind and body, in their prime, Upon the pinnacle of time, Enchanted, view the landscape o'er; Earth's hidden mines of wealth explore: Seek wisdom from earth's aucleut lore; Your mind with love and goodness store. With useless cares and needless strife Waste not the golden sands of life. The earth rolls on her trackless way To give her children night and day, Obedient to God's high behest, The day for labor, night for rest. Adown the Western hills we tread With weary steps to evening's shade. Night, peerless night, with ebon throne, With dewy sandals, starry crown, In silence reigns; earth's weary race Now sweetly sleeps in her embrace. Hail, beauteous night: Thy shades reveal God's matchless power. An azure field All sown with stars. They surely are Revolving worlds. This earth 's a star. As night succeeds life's transient day, As input success in a strained day, And man from earth shall pass away, The spirit-world will ope to view Heaven's priceless treasures, rich and new. Through death's dark shadows is the way To realm's of light, to endless day. Then fear not, man; this is the road That leads to heaven, to bliss, to GOD.

* This poem was written about thirty years ago, and went the rounds of the secular press in New England. It is republished by special request. Its author has been in spirit-life eighteen years.

For Weak Men with Nervous Debility.

Weak men suffering from nervous debility, weak. ened powers and exhausted vigor can now take new hope. Dr. Greene, 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mase., the most successful specialist in curing this class of diseases, (flers to give free consultation by letter to all weakened, vigorless and nerve-exhausted men. Write him immediately. He will explain your case him on this subject, for I have investigated the church history very carefully, with advantages which no one else has enjoyed, with patience, fidelity and a profound sense of responsibility, and I regret that Mr. Coleman, in discussing this subject, should treat the New Testament of the Roman Bible as a historical document competent to show the character and history of Jesus and his disciples, and make them responsible for the church originated not at Jerusalem, but Rome, and all the false theology, false moral principles and fictitious legends of the New Testament. Mr. Coleman weakens our common position

by this course, and gives to the so-called Christian Church a dignity and honor to which it is not entitled.

The Roman Scriptures are not a history. They are simply a priestly fraud. They bear upon their face palpable evidences of forgery to a critical observer. Their ludicrous fictions-such as feeding more than five thousand with five loaves and two fishes, and picking up twelve baskets full of remnants; the devil carrying Jesus through the air to the top of a mountain, although he was a God and lreator of the world; and the dead bodies umping out of their graves to run through lerusalem when he was crucified-show the restament to be a priestly fiction intended for the ignorant, and as reliable as Baron Munchausen; and hence the Encyclopædia Britannica and the most intelligent theolo gians admit that its Gospels are anonymous, no one knowing when they were written or who wrote them.

Mr. Coleman recommends Sunderland's book on the Bible, and I agree with him in recommending it as superior to Chadwick's, though it is a very incomplete statement of the historic truth. Mr Sunderland does not endorse the Gospels and their pretended authorship, but treats them as an impossible compilation or set of "mosaics," prepared by unknown compilers at unknown times, while he accepts nearly all attributed to St. Paul, showing that the "higher criticism" is not very high.

But Judge Waite's investigations, more thorough than those of the theologians, prove conclusively that the New Testament has no claims to a historic character, and that it originated anonymously from the authorities of the Catholic Church (long after it had been established without any Bible) by priestly au-

thority. In "Primitive Christianity," I have shown concisely that it is an impudent fraud, and I do not believe any orthodox clergyman would be willing to discuss the question with me. The fraud was denounced while in progress of preparation, by Celsus and others, and it was unknown to Justin Martyr, as he was not in the ring.

The purpose of this fraud after the Roman church had been established by the priests without a Bible was to show that its horrible doctrines and ecclesiastic despotism were based upon the history and treachery of Jesus and the Apostles, who, with all the primitive Christians, had been dead about a hundred years before the Testament appeared

These doctrines were first introduced by the Epistles attributed to Paul, which were the sole Scriptural foundation of the church, and the only documents of which theologians can speak positively. But I shall show in my secuniverse held each individual soul in its special ond volume that seventy per cent. of all the beaning, so that its national was wholly obedi- so called Epistles of Paul are forgeries, as well as a large portion of the Gospels, and the pur pose of these forgeries was to introduce the doctrines of Paganism instead of the doctrines of the Christianity recognized, at Jerusalem and in Asia in the first century, which correctly represented Jesus. The demonstration that the church was founded on the principles of who is said to have uttered the words that sug- Paganism, though disguised as Christianity in gested the theme of our article. Whatever we name, is too conclusive to be debated by any may individually think concerning the relia. bility of the gospel narrative, let us for the not denied but opening when I found it to be true. It was

I do not accept their ideas of the personality of the Deity, but that is rather a philosophic Although I have great respect for Mr. Cole than a practical question; yet I can say, from man's historical learning, I must differ with a careful study, that the ethical principles taught by Jesus, freed from the Roman for geries and follies, are the most perfect that the world has ever known, and that the same principles will be continually repeated now to those who commune with the higher spheres. I was called to this investigation by the direct

appeals of ancient spirits. They have been with me continually, giving all possible assistance, revealing matters of which I had no knowledge whatever, and expressing their gratitude for my aid in vindicating the truth so long concealed by false history. They welcome Modern Spiritualism as a revival of the Spiritualism of the first century, though not yet fully developed into a pure and earnest reigion, as it was at its origin, which is older than the origin of the church.

The fictions of the church have given us a counterfeit Jesus, and if we tolerate its fraudulent Bible, we justify fully the skepticism of those who rightfully refuse to believe that any such being ever existed. He is an impossible being, compounded of ferocity, vengeance and love; a fanatical lunatic, who promised to come back in the clouds to the people he ad dressed, and send them generally to hell, as well as the numberless millions in their graves. The apostles in Jerusalem were not credulous fools; they were fully equal to Sr. Paul in sagacity and force of character. If he had told them they could pray a mountain into the sea, blast a fig tree by a word, handle serpents and drink deadly poisons with impunity, he would not have had a single follower, and would never have been heard of outside of Palestine. It is important, therefore, that Spiritualists should understand the fraudulent origin of the Bible, and in meeting their orthodox opponents be fully able to show the blind credulity of orthodoxy and its destitution of real religion. A vigorous campaign of this character would paralyze the church, and compel its members to unite with Spiritualists in the search for truth. For such a campaign I have furnished the necessary historical information.

The great future of progress for humanity, which lies before us, depends for its early approach upon the destruction of the power of the church, which was born at Rome, in the midst of every social infamy as described by Tacitus and Josephus, with despotism embod ied in the Pauline forgeries as its leading aim, and sectarian faith without moral conduct as the road to salvation. Its devotion to kings and aristocracies, to the African slave trade as long as possible, and the persecution of science and liberty, and its present hostility to every radical reform and to all communion with heaven, make it our duty to conquer it by refuting its false history and its Bible of interpolation and forgery.

The personal existence and career of Jesus, hough well established by history, is an unmportant matter in comparison with the relief of mankind from his fictitious history and the deadly superstitions that have been asso-ciated with his name. San José, Cal.

New York.

ROCHESTER.-G. W. Kates writes: "Durng the absence of Mrs. Kates and self, the platform of the First Spiritual Church has been ably filled by E. J. Bowtell. We feel very grateful to him for his excellent lectures, and heartily hope that New York State societies will keep him actively employed. Bro. Bowtell will be glad to accept engagements where there is an interest in the Young People's Spiritual Institute. The Y. P. S. I. of Rochester held a social

and tableau entertainment Friday evening, Jan. 28.

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LITTLE ARM-CHAIR.

Nobody sits in the little arm-chair; It stands in a corner dim ; But a white haired mother gazing there, And yearningly thinking of him Bees through the dust of long ago The bloom of her boy's sweet face, As he rocks so merrily to and fro, With a laugh that cheers the place.

Sometimes he holds a book in his hand, Sometimes his little school siste, And the lesson is hard to understand And the figures hard to mate; But she sees the nod of his father's head, So proud of his litt'e son, And she hears the word so often said, No fear for our little one."

They were wonderful days, the dear, sweet days When a child with sunny hair Was hers to scold, to kiss and to praise At her knee in the little chair. She lost him back in the busy years When the great world caught the man, And he strode away past hopes and fears To bis place in the battle's van.

But now and then in a wistful dream, Like a picture out of date, She sees a head with a golden gleam Bent over a pencil and slate; And she lives again the happy day, The day of her young life's spring, When the small arm chair stood just in the way, The centre of everything. -New York World.

What is Your Boy Reading?

A recent issue of the News gives an account of aseventeen-year old boy dying in prison from wounds received while trying to rob a stage. His accomplice, a boy of sixteen, in the same prison, is serving a five-year term, and refuses to give his name or that of his companion, stating that their mothers are respectable women, and that it would break their hearts to learn the sad end of their boys. This boy states that they were reared together, and had good moth-ers, but were ruined by reading dime novels. Every dime that they could get was spent for novels of robbery and wild deeds. These they read till their desire became so strong for such a life that they could control themselves no longer. So they left home, and finally turned up in the Nation; but were caught in their

first attempt. Hence their untimely end. This causes me to ask: Father, mother, do you know what your boy is reading? Boys are going to read, and, whether good or bad, this reading will leave its impress on the mind.

Had these mothers been as careful of the mental training of their children as mothers generally are of the physical welfare of the same, no doubt both would have been at home now, good, obedient boys. But, oh! the long and dreary days, the sad and sleepless nights, these mothers will spend, looking and praying for the return of their wandering boys! Yet one is sleeping in a prison cell; the other in a criminal's grave.

Fathers, 1 beg of you to go home and look over your book shelf. You will find from one to five political papers, and occasionally a re ligious paper. There are also books which your mature mind can comprehend, but which are as Greek to your son; and you ease your conscience by saying: "I have good books in my library." But what are they worth to your boy? You are able to spend from twenty to thirty dollars yearly for tobacco, and from five to fifty dollars for whiskey ; yet what have you bought for your boy to read

l find many fathers with good farms, barns, stock, and some of them with money in bank : yet in all their house I cannot find one dozen books suitable for a boy to read.

Our books are our silent teachers, and, like

heater, see that it is rinsed in boiling water. and not wiped before the water to douche the wound is poured into it. This precaution is necessary to insure cleanliness, as the surgeon understands cleanliness-namely, a condition in which the bothersome microscopic gorms that cause suppuration and other evils cannot live,

Sterilize the fingers in hot water, and then press the edges of the wound together, bring, an outrage upon personal right is silently per-ing about a perfect union, and when every mitted it is construed as an invitation to perparticle of oozing has stopped, dry the wound and paint the injured surface with a coating of flexible collodion, which should be applied with a fine camel's hair brush. A small bottle costs but a few cents, and, if kept wrapped in dark blue paper and stoppered with rubber, will last a long time. Assist the first coating to dry by gently blowing upon it, and as soon as it is dry apply another coat, and if the wound be a large one, a third one. Cover with a bandage of thin woollen material in preference to cotton, as the woollen is more porous, and, being elastic, fits better.

When Bobby comes screaming with a poor little palm all cut and scratched by a fall on the street, with gravel clinging to the inflamed and maimed surface, the domestic surgeon has a labor of patience as well as one of love and mercy upon her hands. Hold Bobby's hand over a basin, and rinse it with a long contin-ued douche of water, prepared as outlined above for washing a cut. Those bits of gravel or splinters that refuse to be washed out must be helped out gently with a needle. Sterilize this first by passing it through an alcohol flame or boiling water, and do not rub the fingers over it before it touches the wound. When the bruised and scratched and cut surface is quite clean, cover with a little carbolized vaseline, that may be had cheaply of any druggist, and over it lay a piece of old linen. yery soft, or a layer of lint, and a cover of gutta percha tissue, similar to that used by dentists for dams in filling teeth. It costs but little, and is very useful in dressing wounds, as it protects the clothing from a moist dressing and retains the moisture for the benefit of the injury. Wax paper, or any light-wei ht, water proof material can be used in place of the gutta percha. Do not tie a bandage on with thread. Use elastic yarn, or, better still sew it on with a few long stitches.-Bazar.

Hints to Housekeepers.

Soak black calico in salt and water before

washing, and so prevent its fading.

Buy ten cents' worth of soap in bars, and having dissolved it in hot water, wash in the suds thus made any soiled white summer shawls. All the spots will disappear, and, if carefully pressed, they will be equal to new. Cashmere, and other woolen materials, may be treated in the same manner.

Old feather beds, if left on a grass plot dur-ing a summer shower, and allowed to get thoroughly wet, will, when dry and beaten, seem fresh and new again. A bad headache is often the result of ill-fit

ting or improper spectacles. A clean, well-aired and well-managed house,

results in good-natured inmates. In dusting, carefully take up the dust on a cloth, and shake it out of the windows. Do not flirt it from one piece of furniture to another, and call it dusting.

If you have to sew all day, change your seat occasionally, and so obtain rest. Bathing the face and hands will also stimulate and refresh. When very tired lie on the back, allowing

every muscle to relax, letting the hands go any way they will, and keep the eyes closed. The eyes should be bathed every night in

cold water just before retiring, and they will better work the following day. Oil stains may be removed from wall paper by applying for four hours pipe clay powdered and mixed with water to the thickness of cream.

the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was rather small. Bubject for discussion, "Kindness," Reditations, singing, etc., and the session closed with the march. N. B. P.

-----B" Original Riddles or Charades from young people of all ages will be gladly received. Ad-dress this Department, BANNER OF LIGHT.

Darkest Georgia Like Darkest England.

A WORKINGMAN'S APPEAL TO HIS FELLOWS.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light

Usurpation seems to have entered upon a new stage, and to have become bolder. When mitted, it is construed as an invitation to perpetrate another. We are reaping the harvest in the American States. Obnoxious legislation is the rule, and constitutional safeguards seem to be of less importance than door mats. The pretext of authority is, of course, "police power." When that is put forward, every personal 'right is thrown down and trodden under foot. And except a limitation be found there is no such thing existing as personal liberty. The black population had the full enjoyment of this luxury from 1620 till 1863, and

now the whites are taking their turn. It has been held that individuals had the right to refuse to be vaccinated. To be sure the liberty is taken sometimes to put them in quarantine, lest they infect with smallpox those who are "fully protected by vaccination"; and children are arbitrarily excluded from schools, and sometimes arrested afterward for being truants. Georgia goes farther, and imposes fine and imprisonment. It is done by city ordinance, and the outrage enforced judicially.

One may argue this as a matter of principle, but laws are not made from principles. Their chief end, it sometimes seems to me, is to convert innocent acts into technical crime, and to furnish employment for lawyers, as numerous and rapacious as the frogs and locusts that constituted the rlagues of Egypt.

I enclose a circular which has been put forth by a citizen of Columbus, and addressed to the laboring people of the United States. It tells its own story. There is apathy in this matter which ought to be broken down. If the power exists to enforce the inflicting of disease by vaccinators, there is no assurance that we are safe from "culture virus" from old horses, mad-dog virus, syphilitic poisoning as a "protection," or any other fad or whim of half fledged ductors to make a living on the credulity of the public.

Mr. Morris has attempted a hero's part, and I, for one, wish him the most abundant suc cess. It is, emphatically, a conflict of Liberty and Right against a form of vilest slavery.

ALEXANDER WILDER.

IS LIBERTY BUT A NAME?

COLUMBUS, GA, Nov. 29, 1897. To the Laboring People of the United States: The City Council of Columbus, Ga., passed an ordinance providing for compulsory vaccination, and declared that every person from two years of age up, failing to be vaccinated, should be fined one hundred dollars, or imprisonment for thirty days.

I refused to be vaccinated, because I did not wish to be vaccinated, as I had to labor for my family, and further, it was an infringe-ment upon my personal liberty which I then and now feel that no tribunal had a constitutional right to infringe upon, much less upon

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reports:

Nervura blood and nerve remedy among the bilitating disease. sick.

ing. She was also afflicted with dyspepsia. "I am pleased to say that all reports that now.

have come to my knowledge have been highly GEO. S. WILSON,

of Columbia."

is momentarily projected from your own inte rior being. That is the Monist way of looking at it. The Spiritualist way is quite different. The Spiritualist says: "I see my deceased father, because he really exists individually outside of me; and I see him by using the eyes of my spiritual body, which can sense the vi brations of the more ethereal mode of exist ence which is his, since he passed out of his fleshly body." That is the way in which I regard these spiritual phenomena. They prove to me that spiritual beings exist, just as seeing a man go by the house proves to me that he exsts, and that he did go by the house.

More enthusiastic still is the report of Miriam F. Witherspoon, General Secretary of the Associated Charities of Worcester, Mass. (35 Pearl street), regarding the great value, as a medicine, of Dr. Greene's Nervura and its marvelous powers to cure disease and restore health to the people. She says :

"In my work as General Secretary of Charities in Worcester, I have distributed Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy among the needy poor and sick, and it has been received with thankfulness and great joy. One poor woman said she had been trying to save money enough to buy a bottle, and when she found I was to give her one her joy and gratitude were great.

"In all cases the results have been as we hope for, building up the feeble, nervous, overworked and underfed people who have in general no helper. As far as my experience goes it has been a real blessing.

M. F. WITHERSPOON,

Gen'l Sec'y Associated Charities." In these days when so many ordinary prepa-Nervura blood and nerve remedy among the rations are advertised, it is a real beneficence to the weak, weary, nerve-shattered, tired and worn outsick and suffering, to know positively, Charities concerning this wonderful medicine and to be shown beyond any doubt or question, and the marvelous cures it is everywhere ef- that this one grand remedy, Dr. Greene's Nervura; does surely and certainly cure the sick; Mr. Geo. S. Wilson, General Secretary of As- that it is the best remedy possible to take. sociated Charities of Washington and the Dis- either if one is only a little out of order, nervtrict of Columbia, and the best known man ous and run down, or if suffering from more in the country in the field of charitable work, serious affections like nervous prostration, low blood and vitality, rheumatism, paralysis, "In our work of the Associated Charities of stomach troubles, liver and kidney complaint. Washington, we have dispensed Dr. Greene's female weakness or other weakening and de-

In these reports of the Associated Charities "It has been gladly received, and with very is abundant; roof that Dr. Greene's Nervura gratifying results. In one case especially of does cure the people, that it makes those who nervous debility the report is very encourage use it strong and well, and that it will cure you if you will take it. Don't fail to try it

Remember that in all cases you can consult Dr. Greene, 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass., the Gen'l Sec'y Associated Charities of the District | noted and successful physician, absolutely free of charge, personally or by letter.

Lake Pleasant, Mass.

One who has never, visited this camp ground in winter can have no idea of its beauties when covered with snow and ice. Jan. 24-26 will be remembered when making up my catalogue of happy days.

There are twenty-one cottages occupied this winter, about double the usual number. Among those here are Postmaster Henry and Mr. Leon Henry, A. O. Carey, D. Hilliard, Mr. lammon, and their families, and Mrs son on the highlands. Mr. Edward Conant and wife, Mrs. Dewitt, Mrs. Adams and son, Mr. Gurney, Mr. Pasco and others. The ice houses have some of them been filled with fine ice, about fourteen inches thick. The butchers, bakers and grocers do not forget the people. Two trains each way on the Fitchburg railroad stop; the electrics run to Millers' Falls and Greenfield, and the postoffice is open as The town of Montague will be called usual. upon to open a road from the west gate to the bridge. The people seem contented and happy as they await the twenty fifth annual camp meeting, which, owing to several reasons, will probably be much more largely attended than usual. M. W. LYMAN, 4

favorable.

the leaven that the woman hid in three measures of meal till all was leavened, or like the seed that would silently grow (but we know not how), these books are leaving their imprescion upon the minds of the boys. If I should go to many fathers to day and

tell them that their boys are around some gaming table, or preparing with some desperate characters to commit robbery, they would start at the idea; yet these same boys are hav-ing those impressions as indelibly stamped upon their minds by the books that they are reading as though such were real.

All families interested in training children should take from one to two good moral pa pers, and encourage their children in writing for the same. This is an age of book-making-few that are good and many that are bad; and if parents would be careful to select from twenty to thirty good books a year for their boys and girls to read, such would give the mind something to think of, and the tongue something to talk about; and these children would be taught lessons of wisdom, intelligence, virtue and purity. In a course of ten years such teaching would make men and women of learning and usefulness, keep them out of meanness, and cost far less than fathers often pay to get their boys out of some dirty scrape.

Fathers and mothers, let us look well to these things. What are you doing for the moral training of your children? How many of you ever think of buying a good book for your boy to read? Do you not know that God has intrusted these children to your keeping for a while, and will some day make a reckon ing as to the moral training of the same? Then do n't forget to ask yourself each night as you retire: "What has my boy been read-ing to day, and what impression has it made upon his mind?" -J. D. Tant.

Amateur Surgery at Home.

First and foremost in point of frequency is the scratch. One of the simplest remedies is to bathe the afflicted part in spirit of camphor, a bottle of which should be always on hand. Do not soil the contents of the bottle by dipping even the cleanest fingers in it each time it is opened. Instead, pour a few drops upon a piece of clean old linen, and gently moisten the scratched surface of the skin. The first mop entary sting will pass off at once. Repeat the camphor bath once or oftener according to the nature of the wounded surface.

A drop or two of spirit of camphor dropped into a half-glass of cold water and taken, will often dislodge a headache that comes from a disordered stomach. A few drops of camphor poured upon a handkerchief, and held to the nose, will frequently dissipate a headache more efficaciously than many of the patent remedies, and is far safer than to swallow drugs unless they are administered by one's physician.

From scratches to cuts. If any cut bleeds profusely in jets or spurts of bright red blood, tie something tightly above or below the wound, to bring the ligature between the cut and the heart, and meantime send for a physician; a cut artery, which is what this state of affairs indicates, is not within the province of the amateur to treat. In the case also of an extensive cut, or a painfully deep and jagged one, a surgeon's services should be asked for at once. But the common slight cut, such as Young America, and very often the house mother herself, suffer frequently, serious as it may be, if not treated properly, can be very well taken care of at home with a minimum of discomfort.

First allow the wound to stop bleeding. leed applications will control profuse bleeding; so will holding the hand, if that be the injured member, above the head. If the cut is on one of the lower extremities, lie down and elevate the foot. The flowing of the blood is an ex-cellent provision of nature for washing the wound clean. As soon as the flow is controlled, hold the wound over a basin and pour over it slowly from a pitcher water as hot as can be borne by the skin: this water should have been boiled and allowed to cool off in the same vessel to the using temperature. No matter how careful a housekeeper has washed

Wear a clean apron when ironing or bedmaking.

The ingratitude of the human race toward the animals upon which it so much depends, finds good illustration in the fact that the amous black charger of General Boulanger is now being driven in a cab, the former charger of Marshal Caurobert is now used in the production of serum, and the war horse of General Gallifet is "daily the subject of scientific experiment." This we learn from a London paper.-N. E. Anti-Vivisection Monthly.

The Boston Spiritual Lyceum,

Sunday afternoon, Jan. 23, had a fair attendance of children considering the stormy weather. "Where should we look for the errors that have come into our ranks?" was the topic for discussion, and while some thought that we should look only for the good and true, letting the errors pass unnoticed, the majority took an opposite view, and claimed that the errors should be looked after and eradicated just as much

as the weeds in our gardens; that it had too long been the failing of Sp rituality to neelect the errors and the fakes and trauds that come forward in the name of Spiritualism, and the result was an Anti-Spiritualists' organization, to magnify and bring before the world the little errors we had neglected. Mr. F. H. Watson rendered a piano solo, after which came the Grand March, with our new song. Then followed the usual music and recitations, after which Mr Magner; of the Young People's Progressive Union Ol New Bedford, made brief iemarks. Question for Feb 6: "Is it leasonable to suppose Question for Feb 6: "Is it leasonable to suppose that an uneducated spirit or spirit-child would give

good business advice?" A. CLARENCE ARMSTRONG, Clerk. 17 Leroy street, Dorchester Station, Boston, Mass.

Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1. Although the weather was extremely stormy Sunday, Jan. 23, there were thirty-eight members of the Lyceum present, and about one-third as many visitors. The Lyceum was opened with the usual exercises by Superintendent M. A. Brown. The group of little ones each had good answers to their subject, "Politeness," followed by the march. Then the usual entertain-Mrs. Wm. S. Butler gave the children many beauti-

ful thoughts. She stated that she would always stand ful thoughts. She stated that she would always stand by the Lyceum, even though Mr. Milligan and herself were the only ones there. She strongly urged all to unite their efforts and work in earnest, then the spirits would help; but we could not d anything alone; even the children must give all the help they can. Mrs. Wheeler was then called upon. After stating how well repaid she fait for the trouble of coming, her control title Rutteroum. Cana spirit

control, Little Butt-rcup, came and pleaded with the little ones to do all the good they could, even though it he but a smile and a pleasant word, for by so doing they would be good examples to others, thereby mak-ing their playmates good like themselves.

CHARLIS B. YEATON, Sec'y.

Greenwich Lyceum.

The inclemency of the weather did not prevent a good attendance at the Lyceum.

As an experiment, I asked the members of the Lyceum the preceding Sunday to read, recite or express some sentiment, which, embodied in life, would make the world better. Almost every member responded in such an appropriate manner that the result was like some rare mosaic, all parts blending in perfect harmony.

So interested were the young people there was a unanimous vote to adopt the same plan another Sun-day. JULIETTE YEAW.

Fall River Lyceum.

Our Lyceum was well attended Sunday, Jan. 23. Our sister, Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, gave some very good advice to the children on the same line of thought as yourself. She agrees with your work exactly. MRS. ANN HIBBERT.

Salem Lyceum,

the pitcher which receives the water from the | in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Sunday, Jan. 23. Owing t | you see your deceased father, it is because he

a child.

I was arraigned before the recorder of the city of Columbus, Ga., was sentenced by said recorder to imprisonment in common jail of Muscogee county for thirty days or pay a fine of one hundred dollars, and I was thereby forced to be imprisoned. I carried my case before the Superior Court of said county of Muscogee. This Court ruled against me, and I was again imprisoned until my counsel could sue out a Writ of Error to the Supreme Court of the State, and said case will now be heard before the Supreme Court.

I do not love imprisonment; it is repulsive to me, as it is to every honest man, and I have resisted this species of oppression for myself and my countrymen.

I have employed able and competent counsel to represent my cause, which is not only the cause of myself, but the cause of every other American citizen that loves liberty. Compulsory vaccination is an infringement upon personal liberty, and in violation of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my purpose, should the Supreme Court of the State rule against me, to carry this case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and there have it determined by that high tribunal whether Liberty is but a Name.

To do this it necessarily incurs expense, and

I am poor and ill able to bear it. I labor in the cotton mills of the city of Co lumbus, and for the liberty of myself and my countrymen I am contending. And I appeal to all lovers of liberty to come to my aid in this great legal battle for liberty and the rights of freemen, and let us have it judicially deter mined if liberty exists only in name in these United States. You and I know that it takes money to reach this high tribunal, and have this great constitutional right adjudicated. To that end I pray that you make such contributions that you feel that you are willing to contribute to see that liberty shall prevail, not only in name but in fact.

All contributions will reach the proper place and be properly used that are forwarded to Mr. F. M. Payne, Foreman of Card Room of Swift Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ga. This battle for liberty I shall wage to its last test, and I appeal to you, my fellow workmen to rally to my assistance in this battle for personal liberty of the American people. I am Faithfully yours, G. W. MORRIS. Faithfully yours,

A Letter from Abby A. Judson,

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

It has been remarked that if there were no eyes to see, light would not exist; if there eyes to see, light would not exist; if there authors, with Editorial Notes, make a very in-were no ears to hear, then no sound; in other words, light and sound are only effects of vi-155 East Twenty fifth street, New York City. bration on certain nerves of the body. While this may be true, it is impossible for us not to accept the testimony of our own senses; and on this testimony we believe that the sun, stars, sentient beings on the earth-plane, flowers, music and human voices do exist. They exist to you and me because we see and hear tokens on which we found our belief. It is uses these organs in order thus to know of a physical universe.

In like manner, the soul within, the real being, believes in the existence of a spiritual universe; because phenomena are presented to the inner eye and the inner ear that are the tokens of its existence. If these tokens are accepted as evidence regarding the material universe, it is surely fair to accept them in regard to the spiritual universe. To be sure, they are only phenomena in either case. As such, they give us belief, but not knowledge. When it comes to really knowing, the only thing that a finite being can really know is his own mental existence. "I think, therefore I am.

. The philosophic and high-minded editor of The Monist says that all beings who have ever Nathan H. Chase, Conductor, met at the usual time | existed, exist within each one of us; and when

Last November, when I lay in the hospital with both eyes closely bandaged, and wonder-ing what would be the result of the operation, I saw my father come in at the door. His face looked anxious, but as I thus realized that he was there to help me, a great wave of encour agement rolled over my soul.

The great danger after the removal of a cataractous lens is lest the patients tear off the bandages, to relieve the itching and the irk-someness caused by lying flat so long. Unruly patients sometimes do this, and the best intentioned patient might do it when asleep. Rubbing the eye would break open the tiny wound, and perhaps make the operation inef fectual forever.

On the eighth night after the lens was removed, I had a terrifying dream. A dead girl would get up and walk close to my side, upstairs, downstairs, and everywhere. I screamed for aid, but none came, for all were terrified and had fled. The fright awoke me, and I found that my right hand had pushed aside the mask and the bandages, and was just at the partly healed eye. 1 replaced the bandages and mask, and put my hand under the bedclothes.

I lay wondering why I should have so dreadful a dream. Suddenly I realized that the dream woke me and saved my eye. Some good spirit, I thought, took that means of arousing me. Instantly there stood my father, his face not anxious this time, but calm, glorified, triumphant. It may be that some undeveloped spirit tot control of my hand, and thought to prevent my future usefulness by ruining the wounded tye. Paul says truly: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against princi palities, against powers, against spiritual wick-edness in high places." But I had no fear after that, for I knew that my father would be a match for them.

Yours for humanity and for spirituality, ABBY A. JUDSON. Worcester, Mass., or Arlington, N. J.

Late January Magazines.

MCCLURE'S .- The opening paper is by Norman Hapgood, on "Boutet de Monvel-a Painter of Children," with reproductions of drawings and paintings by Boutet de Monvel. Cy Warman writes of "An American at Karlsbad." Herbert E. Hamblen, in "The Life of a Railroad Man," gives the experiences and adventures of a brakeman. Robert Barr gives a character sketch of "Samuel L. Clemens, 'Mark Twain.'" The usual instalment of the serial, "Rupert of Hentzau," by Anthony Hope, stories and poems by other prominent

MIND contains a paper on "Philosophy and Psychology of the Jains," by Virchand R. Gandi; "A Psychic Law in Student Work' is written of by Floyd B. Wilson; "How We Make Our Environment" (IV.) is a very inter-esting paper by Charles Brodie Patterson, as also is "Heredity—True and False," by M. E. Carter; "What is Mediumship?" is by W. J. Colville; "The Microbe as a Blessing" is a common-sense paper by John Fuerry Welgen. contributed of the serial, "A Daughter of Love," by Julian Hawthorne. Editorial De-partment closes an instructive number. The Alliance Publishing Co., 19 and 21 West Thirty-

the usual standard, with contributions from the pens of the following writers: Rufus E. Moore, Rev. Hervey Frank, Barnetta Brown; Annie L. Muzzey, Charlotte Emma Woods, Joseph S. Rogers, C. H. A. Bjerregaard, H. E. Orcutt, Rosa G. Abbott and Laurana W. Sheldon. The Departments are replete with topics of interest. The Metaphysical Publishing Co., 503 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Passed to Spirit-Life.

From the residence of Mr. Ford, in Willimantic, Ct., on the evening of Jan. 17, MRS. JANE KINGSLEY, aged 68 years and 5'months.

and 5 months. Mrs. Kingsley was the widow of Mr. Turner Kingsley of Willimantic, who with her only daughter passed from earth several years ago. Mrs. Kingsley leaves one son, a resident of Willimantic, and two sisters—Mrs. Abner Dunbar Loring and Mrs. Potter. The funeral was from the residence of Mr. Ford, and was private, owing to serious illness of Mr. Ford, and was con-ducted by the writer. So our numbers are being depleted, and who will take their vacant places to finish the work so well begun by them? well begun by them?

From Willimantic, Ct., Dec. 27, 1897, MR. ABNER DUN-BAR LORING, aged 85 years.

BAB LORING, aged 85 years. Mr. Loring had been ill for several months, and was ready for the coming of the "White Angel" to bear him away. He made arrangements for his funeral and business as if preparing for removal to another city. Mrs. Loring follows his directions with scrupulous fidelity, being in full sym-pathy with his opinions. Mr. Loring had long ago accept-ed Spiritualism, and possessed good psychic powers. His funeral was from his home, and was largely attended by friends and neighbors, many of whom had not been fa-miliar with Spiritualism. The writer officiated. HELE, RUSSANG, SUBSANG, SUBSA

HELEN L. P. RUSSEGUE.

From Clackamas, Oregon, Jan. 11, 1898, MISS ANNIE PHIL

From Clackamas, Oregon, Jan. 11, 1898, MISS ANNIE PHIL-LIFS, daughter of W. and C. M. Phillips, aged 36 years. Miss Phillips, by her devotion, gentleness, sincerity and good deeds, endeared herself to all who know her, Spirit-ualist and Christian alike. During all her long fillness sho was the most patient and uncomplaining of sufferers. Up to a few hours before her transition her thoughtfulness and anxiety for the comfort of others was touching. All that love, good nursing and money could do, was done to restore her health, but to be avail. We know she will find new fields for the more perfect realization of cherished hopes and fondest dreams, reaping the richest harvest of joy and happiness she so well earned here. Her physical presence will be sadly missed in the home, but they all have the sweet consolation that only Spiritualism can give. The funeral exercises were held in the Congregational Church, which was crowded with relatives and friends. The Spiritual Lyceum exercises were conducted at the grave by Mrs. Mulard of Clackamas; the little girls recited, and each laid a spray of myrite upon the casket. LitLIEM MILLER MILTH.

From Newburyport, Mass., Tuesday, Jan. 25, MRS. LUCY

From Newburyport, Mass., Tuesday, Jan. 25, MRS. LUCY A. EDGERLN, aged 63 years and 8 days. Mrs. Edgerly was a director of the First Spiritualist 80-ciety of Newburyport, and a well-known, earnest Spirit-nalist of many years' standing, Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes de-livered the first Spiritualist lecture to which she listened after she became interested in the subject. She is the mother of our well known speaker and test medium, Os-car A. Edgerly, who has the deepest sympathy of his many friends at this time. The funer A services, held Thursday, Jan. 23, were conducted by Mrs. N. J. Willis, of Cam-bridgeport, and Rev. S. C. Bean, of Newburyport.

From Allegheny, Pa., Jan. 5, MISS MAY RAOKHAM, In the 18th year of her age.

Miss Rackham is mourned by all who knew her. Sunday morning, Jan. 9, four days after the spirit left the body, is returned again through the mediumship of Wallace Kep-win and delivered a heautiful love message to her father and mother, who are stanch Spiritualists, and members of the Scienced Science of Allachar and mother, who are statute operations, the Spiritual Society of Allegheny. JAMES M. PERT, Sec'y.

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not the eye that sees, it is not the ear that hears, it is the soul within, the real being that uses these organs in order thus to know of a

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Michigan Spiritualists.

The Spiritualists of Michigan will hold their Mid-winter Convention in Withington Guard Hall, Jackson, Mich., Feb. 11, 12 and 18, Giles B. Stebbins, Dr. A. B. Spinney, Mrs. Martha E. Root, President Michigan State Spiritualist Association, Mrs. Anns L. Robinson, Mrs. Marion Carpenter, Mrs. Nellie Baade, Hon. D. P. Dewey, C. O. Jenison, Mrs. Evs P. Hopkins, et als., will be present, and take part in the exercises. These mid-winter conventions have al + ays been popular in Michigan, and in Jackson in particular. This one will be no exception, and our Michigan friends will enjoy themselves to the attermost at their conclave next week.

15 The February number of Mind, John Emery McLean, editor, is unusually interesting and instructive. Its topics are all up to date, and are presented by some of the brightto another millionaire churchman, Ephraim est minds of the period. The names of Dr. Alexander Wilder, Russell Pemberton and James U. Spence are well known to Spiritualists, also Julian Hawthorne and other contributors. The Editorial Department is exceptionally able, and is vigorously conducted. Mind fills an important niche in the literature of the day, and is worthy of generous patronage on the

> By Don't forget that the fight for medical freedom is upon us. Your contributions to a defense fund to be used in battling for your rights will prove your loyalty to the cause of freedom, right and justice. The editor of the BANNER OF LIGHT will cheerfully receipt for all contributions, and will return the same to the donors in case they are not needed. The outlook betokens a great struggle. We must meet our oppoaents point by point, therefore our work must be begun'at once. Let us hear from all.

K A handsomely-bound copy of W. H. Bach's latest work, "Big Bible Stories." has adox to churchmen and freethinkers alike. | been received. It is a work that has a mission, Why was it necessary for Mr. Hitchcock and | and it should be widely read. The author has Mr. Taber to even seem to be other than what taken great pains to verify all statements they really were? The clergyman who offi- made in the work, and has exposed many of ciated at Mr. Hitchcock's funeral pronounced the fallacles of the Bible in a very effectual him one of the shining lights of the church, manner. Mr. Bach's facts and figures are unwhile his most intimate friends knew nothing answerable, while the arguments are thorof his interest in heterodox matters. It is oughly logical and absolutely irrefutable. It nothing less than hypocrisy to do as the is for sale at this office; cloth, 50 cents; paper,

KF H. L. R. Rogers of Washington, D. C., has our sincere thanks for a copy of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's discourse from the subject, tlemen. If they were agnostics, the cause of |"The Spiritual Estimate for the New Year for Free Thought should have had their undivided | the Nations," delivered Jan. 2 in Washington. support. Double-dealing may be good church It should be widely read, and its warnings ethics, but it does not appeal to us as having heeded by every patriot. We learn that even the slightest excuse for existence among, Mr. Rogers purposes publishing Mrs. Richmen. These two men have dealt the Christian | mond's lectures for the benefit of the interest-Church a terrible blow, from which it cannot ed public. All orders should be sent to his adrecover. Even their double lives have made dress, 453 G street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mortals, all unconsciously to themselves. are building their homes in spirit-life every moment of the day. What ill shaped, ugly dwellings some of them will find when they enter the higher life! Every unkind thought. The Massachusetts State Spiritualist Associ every ignoble deed, every crue, wish, every un-

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The Order of the Crown.

A new society bearing the above euphonious title has recently been organized by a fe zens of this Republic, who evidently feel a deep contempt for their native land. No person can become a member of this most exclusive order unless he can prove himself to be a lineal descendant of some royal family in the Old World. It is doubtful whether a descendant of the aristocracy of Europe would be admitted to this select circle of Olympian Joze's progeny, even if a thousand thousand times removed from him. The Order of the Crown is organized neither for literary nor charitable purposes. It is simply for social enjoyment, with probably a liberal amount of mutual admiration thrown in. Its members no doubt consider themselves the "swellest of the swell" element in America's dear four hundred social magnates, and evidently possess the ne plus ultra of human assurance. Possibly they may go so far as to claim that the substance of their corporeal forms is composed of purer atoms of matter than can be found in those of their democratic, hence plebeian countrymen. It is a wonder that these "exclusively exclusive" ones do not suggest short, every physician outside of three schools that one of the planets be given them by Al mighty God for their abode, where they can be forever removed from possible contact and contamination with the commonality of earth. This new order presents a problem of interest to the thoughtful student of sociology. The tendency in certain societary circles to wor ship at the throne of royalty, and to toady to the so-called nobility (?) or aristocracy of Europe, is too marked to be laughed at or denied. This order purposes holding up the absurd notion that those of royal lineage have superior claims upon the things of this life, hence are SPIRITUAL HEALERS, COME FORWARD WITH entitled to prerogatives not enjoyed by all mankind. It is an attempt to fasten royalty you when you try to help yourselves. and aristocracy upon the minds of the members, with the hope of being able to lead in a movement whose ultimate object is to secure a monarchical form of Government for the United States. Even now plutocracy is the dominant power in American politics, and all legislation is being shaped to the end that the privileged classes may become more strongly entrenched behind their fortresses of wealth. During the past thirty years nearly or quite two hundred million dollars have been expended by American parents in purchasing European husbands for their daughters, whom they had taught to despise the sturdy yeomanry of America. The experiences of Clara Ward and Nellie Grant may be extreme, but they certainly would have fared no worse had they married respectable sons of America. W. W. Astor has expatriated himself, and taken the larger portion of his great wealth to England. The above facts indicate that plutocracy feels safer under monarchy than it does under a republican government. If such an order as this can find members, it proves that kingcraft, monarchy and royalty are considered within the range of possibilities in America today. Indeed, how far removed is this nation from monarchy at this time? The United States Senate is filled with corporation attorneys. millionaires, railroad and cattle kings. The House of Representatives is dominated by the will of one man, and a President of the United States has publicly declared that "The best form of Government is that under which the rich are secure and the poor content." With | lenged the attention of the wise men of the | ful son. But it may be the means of inducing these facts before us, it becomes evident that world, and to Hydesville and Rochester should the members of the congregation to do a little come to earth to lighten the burdens of all of the perfect freedom which belongs such a society as the Order of the Crown pos- every Spiritualist go on this fiftieth anniver. I independent thinking, and lead them to a field | grief-stricken children of men.

senses more than ordinary significance. Its eary of the birth of his religion, to lay his offer. of thought over which no such devil as the ist, in view of the signs that are everywhere apparent.

Spiritualism has a work to do in connection with this matter. It should induce its followers to exalt patriotism above party fealty, and lead them to east their ballots for principle, and not for partisan ends. It should teach them that the initiative and referendum are the reforms through whose mediumship the rule of the oligarchy can be overthrown, plutooracy vangulahed, and the reins of Government again placed in the hands of the people. It should also teach them that the only aristoc-

racy worthy of consideration is character, and the only wealth worth gaining is honesty and integrity. It ought to emphasize the fact that the crown of purity, and the royalty of goodness, are more to be desired than the emoluments of fame and the luxuries of wealth. Is so poor as to be unable to give a triffetoward Spiritualism can and will do this work when its followers recognize the fact of human brotherhood, and live for the good of others, instead of selfishly seeking to overreach their fellow men. Then they can prove that the contury. Order of the Crown has no part in the ethics

peers of any class of thinkers of modern times, and reveals a beautiful panorama of spiritual look upon the changing history of the past five decades. The golden Jubilee is upon us. Spiritualists of America, our duty is clear. We ought to coöperate our efforts to make it a grand success. Spiritualism has done much for us as a people, and it now asks us to do something for it in return. Let us heed the call of duty by laying upon its altar our tributes of devotion. Let us each and all send the General Manager,

Mr. Frank Walker, a contribution that will prove our interest in our religion. The voice of duty should be obeyed, and no Spiritualist making this celebration the success its importance demands it should be. Spiritualists of America, this is our Jubilee! Let us work to gether, and make it the glory of the nineteentlf

A Sad Case.

Swindling seems to be the order of the day in certain circles. Amongst the Spiritualists we find those who, earnestly desiring the gift of mediumship, easily fall prey to those sharpers who claim to have mediumship to sell. One of the saddest cases we have ever known came to our attention a short time since. It remark from many so-called Spiritualists, so typifies many similar experiences, and will

A young seamstress, a natural medium from childhood, earning a few dollars each week for the support of herself and loved ones, wished to improve her mind by a course of reading and study that would give her the highest possible spiritual illumination. Two pretenders, chancing to meet this young lady, led her to believe that by joining a secret society, of which they were the special representatives, she would obtain what she sought. It would give her a knowledge of occultism, and bring to her a band of guides who would make of her a worthy spiritual teacher.

The young lady was told that the initiation join the "society."(?) Through extra toil for several weeks, she succeeded in saving the money required. When she sought to join the society, she was told the fee was fifty dollars. which must be paid ere she could become a member. She declined to go on, but every inducement was held out to her, and she was again persuaded to go ahead. Another long period of work ensued, and she tried once more. Still she did not have money enough to enable her to join this wonderful secret order that was to do so much for her.

portion of the fee in dressmaking, and a contract was made accordingly. In work and money our young friend put about fifty-five or sixty dollars into the hands of the sharpers who were leading her on. She was then "initlated;" (?) by means of a few vertical passes. a cal acts. The young girl now began to look up

the record of those who had led her on. She

sooial influence may be exerted to the extent ing of thankfulness upon the altar of truth. preacher's has ever traveled. If the loss of that the Congress of the nation would find it This anniversary is fraught with rich and holy the shurch results in the removal of the convenient to pass laws that will yet further memories of the past. It recalls the heroes preacher, it will redound to the good of the circumscribe the freedom of our people. It is and heroines who tolled so faithfully fifty community. By the way, how many Spirituuseless to protest that no such conditions ex- years ago that Spiritualiam might bless the aliste are there who would have been frightcoming generations. It places before the peo ened at the appearance of the devil? Very ple of to-day a galaxy of minds who stand the few; yet some of them would have swallowed the "appearance" (?) as a "most wonderful test of spirit-power," and considered the progress and development to all who will but preacher's son as a most excellent medium! The preacher's devil and fraudulent manifestations go well together.

Another Churchman an Agnostic.

Our Christian friends had not had time to recover from the shock given them by the late agnostic millionaire, Henry M. Taber, through his vigorous denunciations of religion, when they were again deeply wounded by the revelations made by the Truth-Seeker, with regard Eaton Hitchcock, who entered spirit life Jan. 13. Mr. Hitchcock was a regular attendant at the First Presbyterian Church, was a liberal contributor to its expenses, and owned a fine pew. He also contributed generously to the Methodist Church.

It now appears that he was the financial backer of the Truth Seeker, and did much to part of all progressive thinkers. sustain the American Secular Union and Free Thought Federation, He assisted Putnam, Washburn and Remsburg in their missionary labors in behalf of Free Thought. Mr. Hitchcock was president of the Truth-Seeker Publishing Company for fifteen years, and sent out thousands of books at his own expense to all quarters of the globe. With one hand he gave liberally to a church in whose doctrines he pretended to take an interest, while with the other he upheld the most radical Free Thought movement, whose avowed object is to destroy the church he was seemingly trying to befriend 1

This dual mental life presents a strange partwo men to whom we have referred have 25 cents. done for many years. Their outward sup fee was fifteen dollars, and was persuaded to port has led others to voluntarily become mental slaves, through the pernicious exam ple set them by these philanthropic gen-

it more severe, because of the palpable failure of the church to satisfy their intellects. In-One of the conspirators now agreed to take | tellectual honesty is a crying need to day.

The Anniversary in Boston.

ation will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary holy desire will be found in the ill-matched of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism on a | boards, broken windows and unsound timbers grand scale in the form of a two days' Mass | in the spiritual house they have builded by Meeting in the Bijou Theatre, March 30 and their own efforts here. 31 prox. Invitations to take part in the exerises will be sent to every Spiritualist society or organization of whatever description in Massachusetts. It is to be a State celebration, hence all will be welcome, and made to feel that it is of and for and by the people. At a recent meeting of the Committee of Arrangements it was decided that the program our friends to remember these facts when they should be announced at least two weeks before the celebration takes place. The famous Schu bert Quartet will furnish the vocal music for the "glorious 31st," while the well known pianist, Fred H. Watson, is also to take can be arrested for fleering a farmer out of part. Among those who are to take part in the exercises as speakers and mediums may be mentioned Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, Presi dent of the Massachusetts State Spiritualist Association, Mr. F. A. Wiggin, Mrs. May S. Pepper, Mrs. Nettie Holt-Harding, Mr. A. P. Blinn, and Mrs. Carrie F. Loring. Other names will be announced from week to week, and the entire program will be placed before our readtions of our nation in search of new victims to | ers at least two weeks before the great cele bration takes place. Don't forget the place nor the occasion: Bijou Theatre, March 30, 31, and the Fiftieth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. It is expected that admission will be free to all sessions. All Spiritualists should plan to attend this mammoth gathering. RT"A wounded bird will flutter." This thought comes to mind as the news of the suit that one J. D. Hagaman, Sec'y of the National Anti Spiritualistic Association, has brought against the National Spiritualists' Association for defamation of character. Sec'y Hagaman deems himself damaged to the amount of \$100,-000, and has decided to call the officers of the National Spiritualists' Association into court to see if he cannot recover that sum as a balm to his wounded feelings. "He will be met point eloquent as he painted the arch-fiend in vivid by point in the Federal courts, and the public will be correctly informed as to the cause of the "fluttering" on his part. ET The Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown, whose name and "fame" became world-wide through a scandal in San Francisco about two years ago, now acknowledges that he lied at his trial in that rushed wildly for the door. Men, women and | city, and confesses that he has "sinned." He has endeavored to secure reinstatement in the ministry, but now says he will step down and out. [throughout the country in his great loss. Our Christian friends will please take notice that the ex-Rev. is not a Spiritualist. His confession is late in coming, but the truth of the charges against him was well known to many from the first.

of humanity.

Medical Legislation. The expected has happened. We published the proposed Medical Bill in full in our columns last week, hoping to awaken our Massa chusetts Spiritualists to a sense of their dan-

hackneyed in its nature as to be offensive to serve, we hope, to put our people on guard all progressive minds, viz.: "The spirit-world against imposition in the future. is all powerful, and will exert such an influ ence upon the legislators that they will unanimously refuse to pass the bill." There we have it-the spirit-world is asked and expected to become the lackey of lazy, ignorant mortals who ought to do a little work for themselves!

This making of the spirit-world a scapegoat for mortals is criminal. Every magnetic physician, in fact every Spiritualist who expects the angel-hosts to defeat the proposed bill. will find himself mistaken. The spirits will do nothing for mortals that they are able to do for themselves. If those who wish their spirit friends to do this work for them were the only ones to suffer, we would not object to the passage of the bill. A few months in

might cause just a little light to flash across their minds and reveal to them the fact of their own stupendous selfishness and folly. But the great mass of human beings would be the sufferers from this iniquitous measure if it becomes a law; therefore, every person who has a heart to feel for his fellow-men should vigorously oppose the pending bill. LIGHT declares that it will do its part to con-

prison and a heavy fine of five hundred dollars

tinue the battle until medical freedom is won. But it cannot do the work alone. Through a cooperation of all forces opposed to the measure, the bill can be defeated: But inertia and indifference will never win the day. It will take work and money, with which to cope successfully with the strongly fortified hosts who are laboring to secure the enactment of this pious closing of the eyes, and other nonsensi-

very restrictive measure. We are willing to do all in

ger. We have succeeded in calling forth a

make a strong fight against the bill. Those who wish to donate to the defense fund can send their contributions to this office, where they will be promptly receipted for, and sa oredly applied to the purposes for which they were given. The officers of the State Spiritualist Association feel that this plan will meet with the approval of a majority of those who wish to assist in defeating the drastic measure now before our Legislature. We,

therefore, appeal to all who desire to aid the cause of freedom, to send their contributions to a common defense fund, to this office at once. Money is needed to defray the cost of printing, advertising, postage, attorney's fees, and other legitimate expenses connected with this great contest.

There should be no delay in this matter, nor should those who are opposed to the bill divide their forces through jealousy or personal feeling. The proposed bill puts every clairvoyant, every magnetic healer, every mental healer, every botanic physician-in -upon the proscribed list.

The saying "God helps those who help themselves" can be applied to Spiritualists as well as to others. The angels will help those who help themselves! We have received pledges for-nearly fifty dollars, but it will take many times that amount to make a successful contest. The Massachusette Medical League has plenty of money and powerful political influence. Its power is a formidable one, but it can be broken if Spiritualists and Liberalists do their duty. CLAIRVOYANT, MAGNETIC AND YOUR DONATIONS. Your patients will help

The Rochester Jubilee.

The Spiritualists of America should realize that only five months are to elapse ere the great Jubilee at Rochester, N. Y., will be opened. It is the event in the history of Modern Spiritualism, and every man, woman and child connected with the spiritual movement should take a personal interest in this grand celebration. Fifty years ago the world was thousands, and made brighter and smoother its effects upon all classes of people.

During the fifty years of its history Spiritualism has moved steadily forward, and added revelation after revelation of truth to the moral. A preacher who believes in a personal thought of the world. It has given a scientific | devil, and a people who would swallow any religion and a religious science, a philosophical religion and a religious philosophy to the being, without questioning, deserved the obworld, and has made demonstration the key- | ject-lesson they have received. It is also fitstone to the great archway of human thought. | ting that it should be the preacher's son who It has lightened the pathway to the tomb, and exposed the fallacy of the devil argument in thrown the halo of immortal joy over every such a forcible manner. No one knows better soul that has journeyed heavenward under its | the shallowness of the average preacher's re-

sorrow, pleasure for pain. fitting that the golden Jubilee of its advent | tration of the fact. should be elaborately celebrated at the place of its birth. It was at Hydesville and Roches

found she had been swindled most outrageous ly. There was not, and never had been, any such society as she had been urged to join, in this country or in Europe.

She tried to secure a warrant for the arrest of the swindlers, but Judge Adams declined to issue one, on the ground that she ought to have known better than to have believed that she could gain in spiritual power, or otherwise improve herself, by means of any such society. Green goods men are liable to arrest for obtaining money under false pretenses. Reed four thousand five hundred dollars, but a poor working-girl has no redress for her loss, because she ought to have known that she could gain nothing at the hands of those who swin-

died her! It may be good law, but it is certainly far from being the ethics of truth and right. It is a distinction without a difference. These swindlers are about to visit other secplunder. They hailed from France originally, and have no end of aliases at their command. Their names are of but little moment, yet we venture to warn our readers against a man and a woman whose Boston names were Pa lides, who are engaged in selling spiritual gifts through a secret occult society, and through hypnotism. Look out for them, for the law affords little or no protection from their nefa rious practices.

A Sermon Too Aptly Illustrated.

A clergyman in Bourbon, Indiana, recently preached a remarkable sermon upon the subject, "His Satanic Majesty." It was an inspiring (?) theme, and the preacher waxed colors. At the climax of the description, a being, dressed to represent a devil with large head and switching tail, walked up the aisle, blowing smoke from its nostrils, and saying in sepulchral tones: "I am the devil, and I want all of you."

The au lience was stricken with terror, and children were hurled to the floor, and trampled upon in their haste to get out of the church. blessed with a new revelation of truth from | The stove was upset, and the building burned the higher life through the advent of Spiritu- | to the ground. It now appears that the minalism. Its coming gladdened the hearts of ister's son, knowing the subject of his father's sermon, had determined to personate the the pathway of unborn generations through devil, which he did, evidently to his full satisfaction.

The above story, gleaned from the columns of a Western newspaper, conveys its own and all statements made concerning such a inspiration. It has given life for death, joy for ligious pretensions than do the members of his own household; but it is not often that For these, and manifold other blessings, it is | the public is treated to such a realistic illus

We deplore the injuries received by the mem bers, and the loss of property that followed ter that the famous spirit knockings chal. the grand denouement by the preacher's hope-

Rev. B. Q. Denham of Kansas City, Mo., is out in advocacy of the doctrines of Edward Bellamy, in behalf of Nationalism. The income tax, single tax and the nationalization of railways, coal mines and telegraph systems, he thinks, will be stepping stones to the desired end. It is said that his congregation. composed of wealthy people largely, heartily endorse his views. The world moves.

For our every kind thought, our every noble deed and our every effort to be good and do good, the world will always be the better. True Spiritualism teaches us to think kind thoughts, to perform noble acts, thereby enabling us to do good to our fellow men. Let us therefore seek the highest spiritual light that the angel-world can give.

Welcome, thrice welcome are those who

ble for the non-appearance of much of THE BANNER'S correspondence this week. We cannot control the elements, nor are we able, as yet, to receive communications through the mediumship of the Mahatmas, hence request find their letters are not published in this issue.

KF At the earnest invitation of Rev. A. N. Foster, pastor of the Second Universalist church, Lynn., the editor of the BANNER OF LIGHT will speak in that church on Sunday evening, Feb. 27. The subject will be "The Message of Spiritualism." This topic was selected by Rev. Mr. Foster himself, as one that was worthy of a place in his series of Sunday evening reform lectures.

Remember that the Massachusetts Medical League is armed with funds with which its members hope to secure the passage of the most iniquitous bill ever introduced in behalf of medical monopoly. This is a contest of three classes against the masses. We shall stand by the people, and fight for equal rights for all, with special privileges to none. Read. er, on which side are you?

EF A copy of No. 2, Vol. 11. of The Free Man, an excellent monthly journal, devoted to the study of the philosophy of life and science of health, is before us, C. W. Close, 124 Birch street, Bangor, Me., editor and publisher. It is full of good things, and should be liberally patronized.

10 Life and Death are the twin Angels of Immortality. So closely are they united that no one can tell which is the truest friend to man. The rosy-lipped angel of Life reveals the wondrous beauties of the mortal world, while the resplendent angel of Death reveals the mysteries of the world of spirit.

D Our esteemed friend, Oscar A. Edgerly, has been called to part with the physical presence of his beloved mother, Lucy A. Edgerly, who entered spirit life last week. Mr. Edgerly has the deepest sympathy of his many friends

EP Our good friend, John Eggleston Darling, has our sincere thanks for the several valuable clippings from the secular press he has so kindly sent us. Bro. Darling keeps in touch with the liberal thought of the day along all lines.

We learn that our esteemed friend, Zenas T. Haines, of Maine, heartily endorses our recent editorial on the subject of prayer. We thank our good friend for his kind words.

12 Lyceums everywhere, get " The Golden Echoes." Its new and beautiful songs will please you and others when you hear and learn them. Fifty copies only \$5.50.

SF One feather from the snowy wing of the ever-soaring bird of Truth is worth an entire life spent in searching for it to the one who finds it.

10" "Our grave clothes cling to us. They are our errors in which we have been edu-cated-our false beliefs, our prejudices, resentments and regrets-everything which in any way seems to bind us or to limit our sense truth."-Charles B. Newcomb.

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Frand and the Antis.

BY INVESTIGATOR.

I am not a Spiritualist, but an investigator, and as such I have for a few months past attended the services held in Commercial Hall, Mrs. A. Wilkinson, pastor, and I am very much interested. I also buy there THE BANNER, which I read with pleasure, then send it to a friend in New Hampshire. Having lately heard and read a good deal about fraudulent mediums and the Anti-Spiritualist Association, I thought to write my views on the matter; whether they are correct or not I leave to wellinformed Spiritualists to decide, and especially to you, Mr. Editor, to pass judgment on them and teach me better.

As to fraudulent mediums, no condemnation can be too severe of persons who for a few dollars will deceive sincere and earnest seekers of the truth; but while this state of things is to be deplored and remedied, let us not forget that if Jesus of Nazareth had one fraud among his twelve disciples, how many might we have among the hundreds of thousands of believers. Hypocrisy, the highest homage which vice pays to virtue, cannot flaunt its colors for long, and surely with the influence of the good and exalted spirits helping our efforts, we shall ultimately reduce the fraud to a minimum, if we do not crush it altogether.

As to the bad and vicious mediums, I think that we are to a certain extent responsible for their existence. Here is a person in whom the animal predominates; if such a one is surrounded by congenial spirits, he will seek only the gratification of the animal desires, and if such a one goes to a medium on purely material business, it will follow that the medium. if particularly sensitive, will be influenced more or less by the conditions surrounding the visitor, and may thus, temporarily at least, be controlled by wicked spirits, and, if so, would not be altogether to blame. To remedy this, I would urge all good spiritual persons, especially mediums, to put forth their hands and open their hearts so as to work lovingly with them until they are brought to a higher plane, always remembering the words of Paul: "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed, lest he fall."

As to the "Antis," there is to my mind a great deal too much of silly talk about them, as if we were afraid. They will investigate and expose the character of the mediums from their birth, but, they forget that two can play at that game, and the character of some of their ministers, deacons and Sunday School superintendents, if exposed to the same scrutiny, might prove to be rather smirched, even without the X-ray light. I know a pious (?) man, who was Sunday school superintendent of a large Baptist church, not a hundred miles from Boston, who used to loan money on chattel mortgages, and charged only five per cent. a month. That is following the Golden Rule with a vengeance; and if that is morality, may God save us from such! How many good (? churchmen own houses and derive a saintly (?) income by renting them for grog shops, gambling-hells and brothels?

It is also said that they have money to burn, and that they will work with the Legislatures of the different States to make laws for our undoing; to my mind that is all bosh. 1 am a foreigner by birth; but when I became an files of the Spiritualistic papers of the present American citizen, I understood the mode of and past are wanted. passing laws, and so I say that to enact such laws the legislators would have to be venal; while some, doubtless, are to be bought, yet | er department during the Jubilee. We also they are so few as to be powerless. But even wish single copies of all papers to place on supposing that our solons on Beacon Hill should enact such a law, how long would it lege of turning these files over to the National take Governor Wolcott to veto it? But even Spiritualists' Association to add to their libraadmitting that our "Antis" should succeed in ry. If desired, we will return them; but we winning in one or two States, there stands above all that immortal document, "The Constitution of the United States," and upholding tion. It is easy to say we have so many jourit the Supreme Court, who would soon declare such laws unconstitutional. No, friends, the dark ages are past with the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; the sun of the twentieth century is even now appearing, and that is why the owls, who love darkness because their deeds are evil, shriek, but they can never stop the glorious sunlight of truth from dispelling the darkness of priestcraft, though in their numbers they may for an hour overshadow it. What did the crusade against Free Masonry amount to? It more than doubled its members, and so it shall be with Spiritualism. With Spiritualism. We know that our opponents will move, not heaven, it is too high for them, but earth and the hell in their hearts to injure us, to crush us, but never can they succeed, for no earthly power can overcome the spiritual forces op the bill during the succeed for the spiritual forces op the bill during the succeed for the spiritual forces op the bill during the spiritual forces op the bill during the spiritual forces op posed to it. But while we are assured of ultimate success, still we have a duty to perform: we must organize, so as to be ready to strike a decisive blow when the right time comes. -We must also watch with great care so as to guard not only against our open enemies, but also against the secret foes within our ranks. We must also cheerfully and liberally furnish the sinews of war.

Lilwaukee Mentions.

Worth Remembering.

The Unity Society is fortunate in having a hall that is not tainted with heterogenous abominations to react upon sensitives, and poison inspiration. Ethical Culture Hallwhere we meet every Sunday evening-is occupled in the morning by the Ethical Culture Soclety, where Prof. Duncan dispenses the choicest sentiments in a scholarly and remarkably eloquent manner. Every discourse is a moral and intellectual feast. Many Spiritual-ists attend his meetings, and occasionally one of the Hthlash meetings, into a constitual meet of the Ethloals ventures into a spiritual meeting in the evening. Thus far our audiences

have been better than I anticipated, both in numbers and quality. Last Sunday evening we had on exhibition the picture of Mrs. Judge Cothran of Buffalo, executed through the agency of the Campbell Brothers, in one hour, is reported in the Progressive Thinker,] and all the time in the light, with witnesses watching the shades as they grew on the canvas before their eyes! As this is reported, there seems to be no room for a resonable doubt, and before such demonstrations scoffing critics must be dumb, or confess their ignorance. There were people in the au dience who knew Mrs. Cothran, and prononneed the picture a correct likeness. I also had two pictures taken under equally reliable conditions, in presence of the Bangs Sisters, of which more anon. For these I can vouch in the most confident manner, for I was a witness, and I know there was no deception prac-ticed, for none was possible. We had them on exhibition two Sunday evenings, and they at-

tracted much attention and interest. A pleasant evening at the home of J. S. Bigler, 351 Oakland Avenue, brought to my notice some striking phases of incipient mediumship. For a considerable time Mrs. Bigler had a strange phenomenon with her hands. They seemed to constantly emit a liquid coloring matter that stained all she touched. Immediately after washing thoroughly with soap, and rinsing, the towel on which she wiped her hands would be covered with a reddish or pluk stain that could not be removed. I saw several of these towels, that have been thoroughly washed since the stain appeared; but they are stained yet. This peculiarity has for the pres-ent disappeared; but she finds almost everything she handles in a way to tarnish, or scribbles with crayon, turns into human faces, not of a high order of art, but altogether too artistic to be accident. I saw hundreds of these faces arranged in groups, circles, and interblended in curious ways, which she assured me came without any plan, purpose or effort, or even knowledge of them, until she saw them finished. This may mean a good deal in time. Mr. Roberts has a liberal following, and seems

to give very good satisfaction, and is regarded as honest, which means a good deal in these days of romance and adventure.

There is a strong element of agnostic liber-alism in Milwaukee, and they have chosen Mrs. Dr. Severance to deliver the English address at the coming celebration of the birth of Thom-as Paine. I understand another will be given in German, as the League has many German supporters.

am very happy in the home of J. C. Bump, 210 Mason street, and it is gold to be here. Jan. 22. 1898. LYMAN C. HOWE. Jan. 22, 1898.

Attention, Spiritualists!

LILY DALE, N.Y., Jan. 25, 1898. To the Spiritualist Papers of the World :

Ere this you have become aware of the fact that we have an Art Department in connection with the Jubilee Celebration at Rochester, N. Y., June 1 to 8, 1898, and in it we desire to present all that will tend to show the growth of Spiritualistic thought, phenomena and literature. While it is not fully determined whether the literature will be handled by this

We therefore call upon every Spiritualistic

The spiritual fact of life only is true; the mortal and human phases of existence are fic titious, and continue only so long as man's mind is human. The two orestions depicted in Genesis represent man from a spiritual and from a material standpoint. The figures are allegorical. Adam represents degenerated man hiding from God-a recluse, stripped of his spirituality. Jesua represents man as the son of God, possessed of His divinity. God repu-diates the Adam with the words "Dust thou

The Adam is the mortal sense of man, the mortal sense of yourself. The Adam was sub-ordinated to all things, while the Christ over came all things. Both of these depictions are mentalities of the individual mind; that is, Adam is your sense of yourself from a material standpoint, and Jesus is your sense of yourself from a spiritual standpoint; he is victor over all. It depends upon the poise of man's mind when he will be liberated from fleshly thralldom. Death is not the liberator of man's soul, but he is transformed into the image of God by the renewal of his mind, by eliminating from his consciousness the Adam sense of him self, and cultivating the Christ nature, until he becomes the Christ, There is no connecting link between the human and the divine. They are opposites. Man can never gain spirituality from a mortal hypothesis; he must know him-self as spiritual now, then he will be upon a spiritual basis that will admit of a spiritual

conclusion. Man cannot lose the spiritual sense of himself, and the delineation existing to each mind which we nominally call Jesus, is our spiritual self objective, because we fail to make it sub jective. The Jesus will ever be phantastic, until we see Him in substance as ourselves. REV. FRANCIS EDGAR MASON.

Mass Meeting of the National Spiritualists' Association.

I hereby call a Mass Meeting in the interests of the National Spiri'ualists' Association, to be held in Handell Hall, 40 Randolph street, in the city of Chicago, Feb. 22, 23 and 24.

All preliminary communications should be addressed to me, care National Spiritualis's' Association, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C. Speakers and mediums who can be present will please communicate with me at the above address. CORA L. V. RICHMOND, Vice President N. S. A.

RF Dr. Julia Crafts Smith is now so far

recovered from her long illness (as will be seen by her advertisement in another column) to again see her patients. Her many friends will be glad to hear of her recovery. Dr. Smith is ligions of nations and peoples, giving special attention to a worker for humanity.

Florida, when called the "Land of Flowers," was appropriately named, and for one who has never seen it, and wishes to reach there in ease and comfort, let him take the CLYDE LINE, as it is the only direct line, and those contemplating a trip, and wanting any literature or in formation, write to the Clvde Line, 201 Washington street, Boston, Mass., or 5 Bowling Green, New York, N. Y.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Dr. F. L. H. Willis may be addressed at 243 Alexander street, Rochester, N. Y. Jan.1.

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PAINT TALKS. BOONOMY OF PAINTING.

ECORORY OF FAIRTING. Owners of buildings should realize that it pays to use paint. A building of even a fence costs money, and repairs are expensive. The only way to preserve material in build-ings is to protect them with paint. The weather and the sum these exert their seatured we induces only upon the cheap, easily renewable covering As with the exterior, so with the interior: paint is cheap. Clean, cheerin and easily renewable; while wall-paper, with its decaying paste and its crumbiling, deletorious col-ora, is a disease breeding. microbe harboring, dirty make-shift. Paint, when dirty, can be washed; and when, siter hong service, renewal is desired, a fresh coating makes it new, sweet and bright.

shift. Paint, when dirty, can be wasned; aim whon, size: long service, renewal is desired, a fresh coating makes it new, sweet and bright. - But in selecting paints, the buyer should know what to avoid; for paints which are not durable, and which have pol-onona properties, should certainly not be used upon dwelling houses. It is well known among paint manufacturers that the basis of the best paints in use is oxide of zinc, or zinc white. Thousands of toma of excellent white paints are sold yearly under the title of "lend," which contain no lead except in the name on the label. They are popular with property owners kecause of their durability, and with deslers be-cause of their oppinarity. Why, then, are they called "lead-paints" instead of "zinc paints "? The story is a long one, but it is sufficient to point out the fact that the manufac-turers of lead have spent a fortune advertising white lead, and the manufacturers of combination paints have found it profitable to reap the benefits of this advertising by calling every white paint i lead." Pure lead, however, begins to undergo chemical change from the moment if leaves the 'rush, and change continues and the moment for lead."

Pure lead, however, hegins to undergo chemical change from the moment it leaves the brush, and change continues rapidly until it has crumbled from the painted surface. In the course of this decay it is washed off from roofs, houses and fences into the drinking water, and is dusted off doors, hase-boards and window frames into the air of living rooms, to produce a thousand forms of mysterious aliments—the symptoms of chronic lead-poisoning. Zinc-white is not poisonous. Paints made with it do not crumble from the surface to which they are applied, and the chief objection painters have against it is that it lasts too long.

the chief objection painters have against it is that it ias too long. The property-owner should, therefore, keep his property well painted; but he should be sure that pure lead is not used in the painting. It may be accepted as an axiom that, all things being equal, the less lead and the more zinc there is in a paint, the better and the safer the paint. Feb. 5 STANTON DUDLEY.

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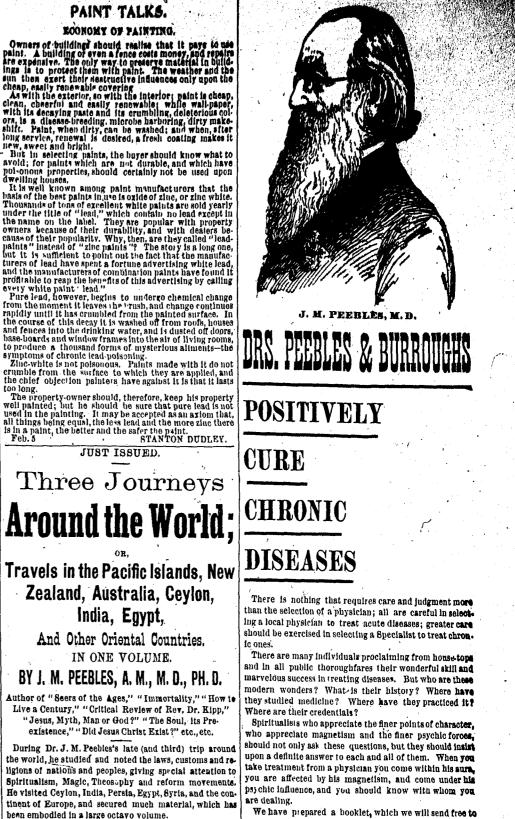
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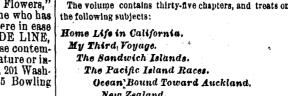
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LILY DALE, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1898. To the Officials of Spiritualist Camp-Meetings: At the Jubilee in Rochester, N. Y., June 1-8, 1898, we wish to show what our camp meetings have done in the past few years.

To enable us to do this, I wish to secure from the managers of the camp meetings pictures of their grounds, auditoriums, or places of meeting, groups and views of the grounds, cottages.

The Jubilee will be held before the camps open, and many visitors will attend camps. Therefore the better showing camp officials make at the Jubilee the more chance they will have of attracting attendance to their camp. It is, therefore, of great importance for all to be properly represented.

Mr. J. P. Hearn, who has been official photographer of Cassadaga Camp for many years, is arranging plans for a stereopticon exhibit of the camp-meetings that will be given in one of the halls at Rochester during the Jubilee. Camps should correspond with him in regard to a representation in that display. Now, camp meeting (fficials, do n't wait un-

til June 1, but let me hear from you at once. I cannot write to each of you personally for the pictures, neither can the papers spare me the space to call for them each week. Do not wait, but when you read this sit right down and write me, and let us get a good display. I have no favoritism to show in this matter, but if you do not supply me with the pictures I can-not show them. Send them along. This is for the National Jubilee

paper, this paper to be exhibited in the prop.

believe it will be to the advantage of every paper to have a representation in the headquarters of the National Spiritualists' Associaals devoted to Spiritualism, but it does not carry the weight that the paper itself on ex-hibition will carry. I make this call in the interest of the Jubilee

celebration under the auspices of the National Spiritualists' Association. If you have any files of papers, kindly let me hear from you. W. H. BACH, Manager, Lily Dale, N. Y.

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

J. C. F. Grumbine closed his engagement with the Self-Culture Society of St. Louis, Sunday, Jan. 30. Mr. Grumbine's classes closed on Thursday, Jan. 27, tablished. In Florida, at Lake Helen, Mr. Grumbine appears on Feb. 13, and continues through the month upili Feb. 27, when he returns to Boston. He will hold classes in psychometry and clairvoyance and divine science while at the camp, and lecture en route Estward wherever a desire is manifest. Ad-dress 7820 Hawthorn avenue, Station P, Chicago. The last three Sundays of April are open to any Eastern society.

E. J. Bowtell, Binghamton, N. Y., has been ap-pointed special organizer of the Y. P. S. I. Societies in New York and Pennsylvania are urged to secure his lielp to lecture and organize local Institutes. Organizers in every State are wanted. Address G. W. Kates, 234 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. A. E. Sheets of Michigan writes of her intention to 'tart, Jau. 31, for Lake Helen, Fla, Camp. She will remain a day in Cincinnati. Her correspond ents will address her at Lake Helen until the close of her engagement, March 20.

Mrs. A. L. Pennell, 191 South Second street. New Bedford, Mass., inspirational and platform test med-um, and one of the old pioneers in the spiritual ranks, offers her services free to any Spyritualist society that is not able functially to engage mediums for their Sunday services. (Only traveling expenses asked.)

P. S.-This offer is good until the first of May, 1898. George H. Brooks closed a successful engagement Jan. 30 at South Bend, Ind. The Children's Lyceum Jan. 30 at South Bend, Ind. The Culture is Lyceum is doing a good work, and gave a very enjoyable en-tertaiument Jan. 27. Mr. Brooks goes to Waterloo, Iowa, for the months of February and March. and may be addressed there for week-evening lectures in that vicinity. Address George H. Brooks, 418 Mul berry street, Waterloo, Iowa.

Edgar W. Emerson has the following engagements for February: Brockton, Mass., Feb. 6; Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 13, 20, 27.

Dr. Juliet H. Severance is located in Milwaukee for the present. Her health is much improved, so she proposes to again lecture on the various reforms in-cluded in Spiritualism. She gave the English oration at the Paine celebration in Milwaukee. Address her at 661 Milwaukee street, Milwaukee, Wis.

W. J. Colville's course of twelve lectures delivered in Washington at Wimodaughsis Hall, New York avenue, near Fiteenth street, drew very large and sympathetic audiences. The course was given in six days and divided into two sets of six lectures each, the first set being given in the alternoons, and the other at 8 P. M. A large list of subjects was embraced by the course of the world discourse and so urgat other at 8 P. M. A large list of subjects was embraced in the course of the varied discourses, and so great was the interest as the lessons proceeded, that on the closing day, Saturday, Jan. 29, the seating capac-ity was quite inadequate to accommodate all who at-tended. As the lecturer was definitely booked for other places, he could not respond to the urgent call for another course of instruction immediately, but horas to strange for this at no wary distant date. We hopes to arrange for this at no very distant date. W. J. Colville lectures in Philadelphia at Warner Hall, Broad and Wallace streets, every Sunday at 3 and 7:45 p. M. During the present week, Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, inclusive, he is lecturing in Hartford, Ct. New York and Brooklyn friends are respectfully informed that W. J. Colville resumes his work in New Century Hall, 609 Fifth Avenue, New York, oh Monday, Feb. National Jubilee W. H. BACH, Manager, Lily Dale, N. Y. 17, at 8 and 8 P. M., and at 497 Franklin Avenue, Brook-lyn, Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 2:30 and 8 P. M.

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Drs. Peebles & Burroughs, Indianapolis, Ind.: Dear Doctors-I received your diagnosis of my case. I must say that it is perfective correct. Very truly yours, ALFRED SCHROY, Dec. 27, 1897. Abington, Ind,

Dri. Peubles & Burroughs, Indianapolis, Ind. : Dri. Peoples & Burrougus, Luthanapous, Lut.. Dear Birs-Your diagnosis of my case is correct in every respect. SARAH WILSON, Gaylord, Mich.

Drs. Peebles & Burroughs, Indianapolis, Ind.: Dear Shs I received your diagnosis of my case, and you told me better how I foit than I could have done myself, and I want to take your treatment, Yours truly, MRS. AMBROSE DENNIS, Jan. 5, 1898. Middleport, O.

Drs. Peebles & Burroughs, Indianapolis, Ind.: My Dear Doctors—In my opinion your diagnosis is very correct. My brother was very much surprised, and said you described his symptoms far better than he could have done. CHARLOTTE J. WAITE, Centralia, III. Dec. 27, 1897.

Drs. Peebles & Burroughs, Indianapolis, Ind.; Kind Doctors-I think it has been about two months since I wrote you last, and during that time I have been feeling better than I have for the past ten years; so well that I almost forget at times that I have over been sick. Yours truly, MRS. OLIVE STICKNEY, Dec. 24, 1897.

Drs. Peebles & Burroughs, Indianapolis, Ind.: Dear Doctors-As my month has expired, will write to in-form you of my condition, and as I am feeling so well I think I do not need any more medicines-I have not felt better jor years. I thank you very much for what you have done for me. Yours truly, Lynia BLAOK, Dec. 28, 1897. -0-

Drs. Peebles & Burroughs, Indianapolis, Ind.: --Dear Sirs-1 hardly know how to express my feelings toward you for the good you have done me. I am better now than I have been for eleven years. I shall not need any more medicine, as I am now all right. Yours truly, MARY A. OAKLEY, Dec. 31, 1857. New Castle, Col.

Drs. Peebles & Burroughs, Indianapolis, Ind.: Dear Sirs-I am feeling weil. I gained uw nty two pounds In three weeks after I began to take your, treatment. I feel

like a different person, and am well Yours truly, Jan. 2, 1898. MRS. F. A. TONEY, Bolse, Idaho

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SPIRIT Message Department.

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SPIRIT-MESSAGES, GIVEN THROUGH THE THANCE MEDIUMSHIP OF

MRS. JENNIE K. D. CONANT.

Report of Séance held Dec. 24, 1897. Spirit Invocation.

Spirit Divine, we thank thee for the many blessings that bave been bestowed upon us, and that we are privileged to open our circle this morning for communication with those who have passed through the change called death. We realize more than ever that life has corquered death and the grave, and at this glad Christmas-tide we feet that the sun of light and progress is shining in the heavens. Its clear light in the East is leading the shepherds of the plain and all of the children of men out of the darkness of error into the realms of the spirit, where they find consolation for their souls. May we realize how great a privilege it is to make others happy, not only by tokens of respect but by true spiritual blessings from the other life. May we be instrumental in aiding all who are sick in body and in mind, through the revelations of the spirit. We thank thee for the blessings that have been ours during the year now gove forever. Guide and direct us as thou seeth best. Give us knowledge and wisdom, and thy name shall have the praise now and evermore. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES.

Captain W. H. Prince.

Good morning. Well, it seems a little strange for me-as the world would call, a stranger to you all-to come here the first one this morning; but I find myself many times lingering still in earth life's surrounding, being attracted to those that I love and those that love me

I was interested in shipping and also in foreign affairs, and I liked to see harmony prevailing in all sections. I am anxious to reach those who come in contact with the persons 1 was interested in; and I think, although time has elapsed, I am not absolutely forgotten. Christmas is now approaching, and there are so many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-so many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from those old cus-ting so long to see if I could not control and the many past memories from the spirit bits of the parts of th those who were near and dear to me, and also

reception from the dear companion, mother there was nothing that gave me more pleasure also through his works, for by their works ye and consolation in the late years of my life than shall know them; and I flud that expression the feeling that I was conscious of the loved | used here, as my brothers and sisters get toones' presenco-for they sustained me and up gether, and it is beautiful to know that the held me. I am glad this morning to come back through your valuable paper.

I see many changes have come since leaving the body, but remember all is for the best. I could have if they would all realize and think they are bound, and that man or woman will chology open out a world of conscious thought wish to send greetings to every true Spiritual of them for what they have done. We will ist and every true Liberalist, and say there is find many more blessings and will realize only one Christ, and that Christ is to be true | more progress. to thyself, true to your own spirit; be honest

practice it, and take it into their every-day life.

Just say that Nathaniel Greeley is here this morning, and you will find my home in Waden, Erie County, Pa. 1 died from the old homestead, and it stands to-day.

John Otis.

Good morning. It is sad to part from loving friends, and sad to separate from sweet memories. Death always brings sadness, but I think it leaves a deeper impression upon the memory when it comes suddenly and unexpectedly. This Christmas seems dark in my household, and their hearts are not comforted nor are they reconciled by the removing of father from the body. I have been troubled in spirit, for I have been anxious to lift the veil that separates us, and show to the dear ones in earth how thin that veil is, and how often times I stood by the back of a chair of roy dear wife, also my boys and girl. I have heard them ask so many questions, if this had been done or that had been done. God knows how much good is done by the letters you send out from those in spirit to those in earth-life, for although many times they do not believe it can be done, it is that which speaks within that gives comfort. They are wondering what they can do for father now, and then they say, "Father is gone, Christmas will be no Christmas without him"; yet I desire to send this, for I feel some one will see it, and show it to them, and I wish them to know that I am not gone. I know I left things somewhat unsettled, for I passed out of the body very suddenly by being, thrown from my carriage, and was badly injured, and through the effects of the injury I passed beyond earth-sphere. My wife is not well now, and I am anxious to comfort her, and make her feel that by and by we will meet again, and we will know each other better.

I shall be remembered in Lynn, Mass., although I have not been out of the body very long, and I want my shipmates and friends to remember me, and also my Grand Army brothers that I took such an interest in. to remember that John Qtis sends greetings from the spirit land to all, and he will try and assist all as far as lies in his power, and so, my boys and girl, be careful, foilow out the dictation of the spirit, and you will find that all will be well.

send a message of love to those in earth-life, friends both in the East and in the West, and I shall be remembered especially in Staten | I want to come to those who were with me in own relatives. I have those who took a great interest in Spiritualism, and I have other friends, like the questioner is not astray in seeking enevery one else, who have no use for it, and yet I have been watching these messages for so long, as they go out and oftentimes fall into the hands of even those who do not understand it; and it seems to touch their hearts, what about it. I say to all, have love for all. and malice for none; peace on ear h and goodwill to man; for when we speak of Spiritualism, some seem to draw their shoulders to gether. I did not understand much about it while in earth-life, but I sought so many channels, and I have been anxious to reach so many friends, that I have to day become confused. I wish to convince others that we can hold an influence over those in earth-life, and I do n't feel capable of sending a long message that Annie W. Clark is here. My husband's have been thinking what I could bring to lived and where changes have come to him: but say to him, all is well, as the spirit looks at it; time will work out many things, and they will see that God is stronger and that God doeth all things well. I will also be remembered in Portland, Me., where my patrons the cause of the occurrence, it has never been | lived, and just say that I have met father and thoroughly established; and I might say here, | many of the loved ones in spirit, and they are with me here this morning and join in sending their greetings and blessings to all. Father says he does n't think he is forgotten in Portit; that is, those that are nearest and dearest. | land, Me., because his name was John Griffin.

world has been better because we have lived in it, and for every scul, independent of whatever church or religious society, you

Say to the loved ones I have left in earthto your own convictions, and you will find that life, God bless you; the spirit will lead you all will be well, because the truth is like the and awake you to more glory, more happiness rare gems we sometimes have to dig deep to and more contentment, and it will be univer find, but to those who will seek for the truth, sal. So, friend, I feel I am not able to give a the gem of spirituality, and live by it, and sermon, neither shall I try to, but I want to be identified in the world of spirit. We can life, they will find consolation in all walks of | identify ourselves in the world of flesh. You can put me down as Rev. Edmond W. Wilson,

and my home in Salem, Mass., where I shall be well known, and in many other places, but there especially.

Messages to be Published.

Dec. 31.-George Koch; George Collins; Annie Alberti; Lois Burpee; Matthew Bryant; Evelue Palne. Jan. 7.-Jamos Kennedy; Charles A. Mansfield; Louise N. Wilson; Mary Ann Burns; Alice S. Ingraham; Mary Dickey. Dickey. Jan. 14.—Mary Ann Bemis; Dr. Alvah Griffin; Mary E. Pierce; John Davis; Clara A. Peet; Jane W. Creigan. Jan. 21.—Jeannette C. Noyes; William Matthew Wilson; Isaac Ballou; Jesse N. Murphy; Randolph S Cowin; Liz-de Roardman. zie Boardman. Jan. 28.-Dr. H. B. Storer; Matilda M. English; Robert Clark; Mrs. Steve Shepard; Mary Ann Burns; George Benzie Boardman

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W. J. COLVILLE.

Christ was born, and he died to conquer | champlon mental treatment for every malady | barn claims may be floating in the atmosphere and father and brothers in spirit life; but death and the grave, so that we may conquer which is in its very nature an expression of to possess mediums, and to deceive the public interior bondage or contraction.

Preedom within will result in freedom without, just as inward bondage results in outward slavery Let any strong, fearless man or woman, who is really desirous of helping human ity, set to work and emanolpate sufferers from assuredly receive assistance from and act in rance. If nasal catarrh has defied medicine, and practiced to-day." then it is one of those maladies which spirit. ual healing will destroy.

Letter from Mrs. Longley.

Charles Dawbarn and His Theory of Conscious Thought Enlities-Psychical Vibrations from Poetic Minds.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

In THE BANNER of Aug. 14 appeared an able article on "The Creative Power of Thought," by my esteemed friend, Charles Dawbarn. This article is somewhat in the line of a former production from the same able pen, which was published in the Progres-BANNER OF LIGHT. Because I did so, Brother perhaps shocked at the assertion that many of | dividualized entities. the so-called spirit visitants to earth are but 'thought-created " entities.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am neither startled nor shocked at such an assertion or theory. It is wholly in line with the claims of theosophy that the communications and manifestations are but the expressions of the floating shells of those intelligences, which-the shells-will presently become dissipated into the atmosphere, and leave no trail behind them, while the true entity may have disappeared, at the death of the body, into far-away realms, or become reïncarnated, or caught up into Nirvana.

Such a theory is in direct opposition to the thought entities are created that live in the was that of a soldier in German uniform atmosphere and entrance mediums, claiming mounted on a horse. She declared that it was counsel, consolation and instruction to us according to our needs, or as floating shells, playing upon our credulity at will, while the reach, we ought to know it, even if by this deceived in our search for truth, by shells reliance upon our spiritual perceptions, our horsie." mediums, and our spiritualistic teachers or

their guides. In attempting to decide which is error and which is truth, "confusion becomes worse confounded," and we are left hopelessly stranded in the ditch of perplex-

But we should not be blinded by credulity Creative Power of Thought," and never subject-or psychic-by mortals or pirits, may

by flielr olaims and powers.

Psychometry and psychology open out wonderful fields of study to the investigating mind, and no doubt a careful scrutiny of them will explain much that puzzles one in his exporionces with mediums and spiritualistic phothe scoret, subtle, mental chains in which nomena. But neither psychometry nor psyentities or personalities, that show human coöperation with wise spiritual intelligences. qualities, profane or sacred, good, bad or in-Educated physicians do not necessarily stand | different, such as Bro. Dawbarn mentioned in as high in the esteem of the spiritual world as his article in the Progressive Thinker of June they do in the regard of the people on earth, 12, and which he calls "striking proofs of these who too often blindly submit to learned igno- laws of nature upon spirit return as believed

That materializations as witnessed in our séances are created thought forms we can understand, just as is every work of art or mechanics in the world to-day, but they can only show. intelligence, and respond consciously to the same when there is personal spirit behind them, or operating upon them. Dr. Charcot's photograph was a thought form, but it served its purpose in becoming visible to the lady. When the doctor withdrew his thought and intelligence from it, it merely continued to exist to the sight of the patient as a picture. There was no conscious entity about it. But Mr. Dawbarn says if Dr. Charcot's thought-picture be accepted as a fact, then multiple personalality follows as a matter of course. By no sive Thinker of June 12, which dealt with means, since the thought picture is but the "Conscious Thought Entities," to which I re- | senseless, inanimate creation of Dr. Charcot's sponded at length in a recent number of the | mind, lacking the indwelling active principle of consciousness and of intelligence that makes Dawbarn concludes that I was startled and | up the personality, multiple or singular, of in-

Psychology may be exercised by decarnated spirits upon mortals or spirits, as well as by mortals upon each other. An interesting case in point occurs to me. A little spirit entity calling herself "Nannie Gibson," has become a member of my band. She is but four years seemingly made by decarnated intelligences old, an individuality that is unmistakable; all who know her-and they are many intelligent people-can attest to that. A little over a year ago, Mr. Longley, Dr. Becher and myself were sitting in the gloaming of a Sabbath day, when Nannie entranced me, and voiced the thoughts of spirit-visitors. At last she told us that "Mitter Co'by (Luther Colby) and Mitter Cadwell (Prof. Cadwell) had come together," and

mentioned what they had to say. Presently teachings and claims of Spiritualism. If the little one began to describe a scene. It to be our fathers and mothers, and giving a spirit, a friend and relative of Dr. Becher. The gentleman was puzzled; part of the description he could understand, part not. Pretty soon Naunie - who has grown wiser, and real ego is far removed from our ken and | leafned to talk much plainer since then-cried out: "They're fooling me. Mitter Cadwell is knowledge the death knell to Spiritualism is | makin' Nannie see the picture, 'tause I see sounded in our ears. If we are constantly | Mitter Co'by laugh and wink at Mitter Cadwell. It's only a picture. Nannie do n't like and thought creations, then we can place no | it; do n't want to see horsie when there is no

I believe that spirits often psychologize mediums to see and describe forms and incidents that appear real to them-the mediums-but that is a very different matter from mediums being controlled by thought-entities and floating shells, claiming to be Daisy, and Nannie, and somebody else who once had an earth nor by false lights. Truth exists and must be form, and in manifesting active intelligence had for the diligent seeking. Had Friend and power. Imperfections of mediumship, de-Dawbarn written his latest article on "The | ceiving spirits, psychometry, psychology of the



toms, etc., that I felt this morning that 1 should like to send a Christmas greeting, that | for 1 have those who need the spirits' assist they might realize the, body has been laid | ance and comfort, and yet it is hard someaside, but the spirit is still conscious in the times to make them understand it. I have existence beyond the so called death.

Island, N.Y., and also in Portland, Me., where | life, the dear companion of my heart and my I have friends and relatives. I knew something of Spiritualism, and I have those who are somewhat interested and those who are not. I will not call any names this morning; but to those who wish to come closer to me in spirit, and give me an opportunity in private, I will do my level best to prove to them that I do live beyond the grave; and you can put me down as Captain William H. Prince. I am and they are wondering how and where and thankful for this privilege, and I will bid you a good-morning; and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Edward Lewis.

Well, I doubted very much that I could re turn to the earth sphere again, but it is pleasant to think we can, and as the old saving is. "Birds of a feather flock together," and being also interested through the water. I felt I could have more strength after hearing the Captain speak than I could, perhaps, before; and while a stranger to your circle room I am not a stranger in your city. I was well known in Boston and the surrounding towns, especially in Gloucester, where my family was, or that was where I left them.

As the Christmas season is approaching, I them that would give them more joy than a letter from me, because there was a little mystery about my death. They have had a good many assumptions, because they found my boat, and knew I was in the water, but as to that there was no fault to place on any one in particular, but a little of my own carelessness. Sometime I will be able to tell them all about I want all my friends in Salem and Peabody,

and all the surrounding towns, to know that Edward Lewis is here this morning, and sends Christmas greeting to all who will remember him. I was in the prime of life, and ought to have lived a good many years more, but God doeth all things well. I have met many of | we are preparing for true spiritual counsel my old friends and relatives in spirit, and they | from the lips of inspiration we find the touch are with me this morning.

Nathaniel Greeley.

I have been interested so many times while listening to the various spirits that try to man- | throwing off the old frail physical body and ifest through this channel.

How many anxious souls there are still waiting here day after day to meet their loved ones. | this morning like rejoicing and thanking God How many there are seeking knowledge and for this privilege, that he has inspired the do not know how to find it; others seek, and souls of many in various ways, to instruct and because they don't find just what they are to educate and to lift humanity. There are seeking, get discouraged and give it up. Some | many forms of religion, there are many methtime has elapsed since I passed out of the body. and although the last of my own family, I feel that I have left those connected with it who | minister, and will be remembered in Salem, will be interested to listen and read a letter from father and mother. I have both boys | Old North Church; but I want to say to all, and girls in earth-life, each one trying to work | my work is not done, and there are many adout his own existence, each one fighting the vantages I have to day that I did not have in battle of life. Although I was well advanced the body, and there are many more avenues cine. It is quite right for people to employ before I passed out of the body-I was over | we can work through than we could in the en- | any means they deem helpful, but some are eighty years old-I feel that I have never lost vironments of earth life, and there is much certain that mental measures are the only interest in the world I left. I had a beautiful | yet to be done to purify the soul.

Rev. Edmond W. Wilson.

Well. I will try in my feeble way to send out. a few words of consolation to poor suffering humanity. My life was spent in trying to give spiritual consolation unto others, and when of the spirit many times unknown, and not

understood. I have been very much interested here this morning, and I was very much exhausted after watching progress, and trying to comprehend the full value of the spirit-teachings. I feel ods, but they all seem to be upward and onward. While in the body I was a Unitarian where I spent the best part of my life in the

sands. Will you please ask your guides if anything can be done for suffering humanity in this direction? If you can obtain such a formula, you will confer an everlasting benefit on the human race. This is a question of great moment, and I trust you will give it your earnest consideration.

Ans - We are not by any means prepared to say that some educated physician who has passed to spirit life may not give the information desired, as far as it is possible to give it:

but honesty compels us to say that, though lightenment from the spiritual world, a fundamental error is involved in the root idea concerning the disorder mentioned. Nasal catarrh is frequently cured by mental treatment -cured so radically that it does not return, provided the patient does not relapse into old errors of living.

Smoke-balls, snuffs and all sorts of material nostrums have been paraded before the public of the United States for many years, and without affording any permanent relief, because the disease cannot be uprooted or evict ed by merely palliative means, which attack symptoms, but fail to reach the cause.

Breathing exercises are often of real value. because nasal catarrh is largely due to very oftentimes be able to read their thoughts; but imperfect ventilation of the air chambers in the body, and, though it appears that breath this morning, for I think sometimes a few ing is only a physical, it is in reality a spiritwords go just as far as a long sermon; and I | ual and mental act. Practice free, fearless would just like to say to you this morning thinking. Pronounce yourself at liberty to draw upon the universe, as you will to draw name was Fred C., and he is a physician. He upon it; then take a full inhalation of air; inis well known in Ashland, Minn., where we sist upon filling the lungs and breathing out through the nostrils, keeping the lips resolutely closed.

> If you will persist in such an exercise for at at least a few minutes every morning, before you begin your day's work and every evening before you get into bed, you will soon be able to note a great improvement in your condition. Nasal catarrh is greatly aggravated by a repressed utterance. Scientific lessons in vocal culture, both for singing and speaking, with free delivery, are of great value, but all the exercises imaginable can do but little unless you determine to emancipate yourself from

the cramping beliefs and prejudices which sway the multitude. Mental suggestion is of supreme value, because it is an appeal to the sufferer to take up a new line of thought, and cut loose mentally from the old habits of belief and action.

Americans pride themselves greatly on their liberties, but, take them as a whole, they are a greatly-enslaved people, because they hold each other in bondage. The frame of mind which idolizes custom" and blindly adopts fashions, and is always inquiring as to what other people think and what neighbors will say, is a mental condition which generates and sustains the disorders to which the American people are peculiarly subject. It is hypocrisy for people who know better to cater to the views and prejudices of the ignorant, but this is done every day, therefore there is boss rule in many places. As we have had actual experience with many notable cases of the total cure of catarrh by mental treatment, and we have never known it cured in any other way, we should be less or other than honest did we hold out promises or hones of recovery through a spiritually-revealed meditruly effective ones. We uncompromisingly

"creative power of thought," and I know recorded in pictures and scenes and sounds upon the atmosphere in which they are created and expressed, so that a sensitive coming in contact with the place may behold the scenes, hear the sounds, and reveal them to us as they were first created.

A house may be haunted by the scenes and in bygone years, and night after night the blows of the criminal, the screams and groans of the victim may be heard with other sounds horrible deed; may be repeated to the vision of any number of psychics who may enter the house. Nature has registered these sights and sounds by her subtle science of photography and of phonography, and stored them up for future use. But, while this is an interesting study, and one that psychometry opens out to us with unerring force, I cannot see how it proves the existence of conscious, willful, planning, thinking thought entities that have no spirit ego back of them. The psychometric repetition of the murder, or of some other it does not give information, data, facts, counsel and instruction outside of and apart from that special event with which it deals.

I can believe that Monsieur Charcot created a thought form in photography of himself upon the seemingly blank paper that his patient held, and that she saw his picture upon it. But the thought form was merely a picture, it had neither intelligence nor activity. It was not a "conscious entity" as Mr. Daw

penned his former one on "Conscious Thought | all play a part in producing much that puzzles Entities," 1 would have read it with interest | and perplexes investigators who are satisfied and without criticism, for I can understand | the mediums with whom they sit are honest, and concede its claims. My experience with | but who know what they receive is not wholly psychometry teaches me something of the reliable, without at all accounting for the same on the ground that the decarnated ego that our thoughts, words and deeds may be | left half a dozen more or less conscious entities behind him, each of which possesses some degree of his intelligence and consciousness, but more of which are the real ego, and yet all of whom may play upon our hopes, fears, loves and credulity at will.

I have no special criticism to make of Bro. Dawbarn's latest article, "The Creative Power sounds of a murder which occurred within it | of Thought," for it is full of interesting and suggestive matter for consideration. I only question his theory of "multiple personality," and his former assertion, that conscious entithat were actually made at the time of that | ties, not human egos, play such an important, or any part in the work or failures of modern mediumship. But I will not linger upon this subject, to the weariness of my readers.

Last winter I was engaged by the month by a gentleman in the East to sit daily to receive whatever the members of a certain band of spirits had to transmit to him through my organism. These productions came in the form of sketches, essays, poems and stories. One day I received my quota of matter, as usual. Among those who presented themevent in the past, only reveals what occurred; | selves was an intelligence claiming to be the poet, Browning. He gave me a contribution to my sitting, for my employer, and also for myself; a poem, entitled "Madelaine Vaille." that will appear in a future issue of THE

> Was it Browning, or only his thought entity, or was it some masquerading spirit, who gave me the sad, pathetic lines? Who can tell1 Greeting to our friends.

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Consistency.

BY THOMAS II. B. COTTON. [Concluded from last week.]

In the degree in which we, as Spiritualists, recognize the fact of the true essence of Spiritualism, to wit: the instinctive sense of absolute comradeship wherever a human being is found, in that degree is it also becoming manifest that Spiritualists, as a body, will soon be forced to begin in earnest to take an account of stock; to measure the sum total of their material wealth, with a view to a practical demonstration of the possibility of physical existence on this earth as Spiritualists. Itake occasion to tell you right now the sconer this is done the hetter. We need no revelation from the higher heavens to make this plain. The fact stares us directly in the face. What has been held heretofore as a mere Utopian dream, and kept conveniently out of sight on account of the irksomeness of a little common sense thinking, has now developed into a mighty incubus of coming fact, which, whether welcome or not, is a stupendous necessity that knows no opposing law.

If we are wise, we will accept the situation without unnecessary delay. We will begin to practice, on a gigantic scale, the only theory of true civilization the world has ever seen. We need not colonize all in one place or territory; but we do need to know first whether we our selves are Spiritualists in very spirit and truth; also when we are dealing with Spiritualists, whether near or far away. Moreover, being a Spiritualist in fact (as well as in name)|must be a guaranty of protection. The axe of persecution is being laid at the root of the tree. Not the loud, demonstrative type of persecution carried on by the "Antis," but that which lurks in the deadly silence of universal enmity, the essence of which is a compound of superstition, hypocrisy and envy.

While the gold test may not be the only criterion by which the Spiritualist is to be recognized, yet it stands supreme over all others. The Spiritualist of yesterday may have been in possession of vast material wealth. To day that wealth hangs trembling in the balance. To morrow sees it blessing those comrades who have long stood in need of its benefits. Yesterday that millionaire "Spiritualist" was blind; to-day he sees; to morrow he divides. Yesterday he was asleep; to day he is awake; to morrow sees him wheeling into line. Yesterday he was still under the spell of undevelopment, to wit, the influence of aristocratic swagger, which caused him to forget his duty; which blinded his eyes to the plainest of all plain truths; and thus he was walking in literal darkness. He did not see that the freezing of this waif, or the starving of that one, were due to his own crime-the crime of neglect. To day this spell is removed. He realizes that the suffering of that waif, while yet in his power to give relief, would be suicidal to himself in the most emphatic sense of all. Yes terday he was a Spiritualist in name; to-day he is such in fact. Such is the test of Spiritualism and Spiritualists henceforth. And whether one's wealth is on a large or small scale, the principle is the same. Such, indeed, has ever been the test, but hidden hitherto from many eves.

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Elysian Hall, 620 Washington Street.-Sunday, 11 A.M., 3 and 74 P.M.; Tuesday, social, at 8 P.M.; Wednes-day, 3 P.M.; Thursday, 3 aud 8 P.M.; Friday, 3 P.M. Mrs. Gilliand, Conductor.

Commercial Hall, 604 Washington Street.-Meetings Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 3 P. M. Sandays at 11, 3% and 7%. Mrs. M. A. Wilkinson, President.

Hollis Hall, 789 Washington Street.-Meetings overy Sunday morning, alternoon and evening. Eben Cobb, Chairman.

Good Templars Hall-1 Johnson Avenue, Charlestopen Dist.-Bunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Fri-day afternoons. Mrs. E. J. Peak, Chairman.

J. K. D. Conant's Test Circles every Friday P. M. 12%, in her rooms, BANNER OF LIGHT Building, 8% Bosworth street.

The Home Rostrum, 21 Soley Street, Charlestown.-Meetings Tuesday, Thursday and Bunday evenings, 1%. Dr. Waiter H. Rollins, Conductor. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale.

Arcade Hail, No. 7 Park Square, 7% P. M. Supday, Mrs. Florence White.

Brighton.-The Spiritual Progress Society holds meet-ings every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, at 32 Foster street. D. H. Hall, President.

Grand Army Hall, 578 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridgeport.-Sundays, 11 A. M., 2% and 7% P. M. Mrs. L. J. Akerman, Oonductor. 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 Wudnesday in each month, in Cambridge Lower Hall, 631 Massachusetts Avenue. Mrs. J. S. Soper, President; Mrs. L. E. Keith, Secretary. The Royal & Harmony conducts subble meetings at

The Band of Harmony conducts public meetings at Unity Hall, Studio Building, Davis Square, West Somer-ville, each Sunday, at 7½.

Progressive Spiritunlists' Society holds services at Templars Hall, Balley's Building, Pleasant street, Malden, overy Sunday at 11 A. M. and S.V. M. Mr. J. R. Snow, Pros-ident; Mrs. Rehecca Morton, Sec'y.

BOSTON SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, BERKELEY HALL.-J. B. Hatch, Jr., Sec'y, writes: Sun day, Jan. 30, the usual audience was in attendance this morning to listen to the last morning lecture to be given before this Society this season by Mr. A. E, Tisdale. It was also the last opportunity to listen to the readings given by the controls of Mr. F. A. Wiggin until Sunday, March 27, when he will appear at three sessions, it being the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Modern Spiritualism by this Society. Mr. Watson opened the meet ing this morning with excellent music, and was followed with selections by the Ladies' Schubert Quartet. Mr. Wiggin, being introduced, gave a large number of readings. Mr. Wiggin is sure of a warm welcome on his re turn to this city, when he will be with this Society two months. The Quartet's next se lection was "The Lord's Prayer," after which Mr. Tisdale gave an able address, entitled The Secrets of the Powers Applied to Gov ernments and Nations.' The Quartet closed the meeting with C. P. Longley's popular song, "Open those Pearly Gates." This Quartet has made a success of Mr. Longley's music. The songs sung by them are for sale at the BANNER OF LIGHT office. In the evening Mr. A. E. Tisdale gave his last lecture of the season for this Society before a good sized audience. Mr. Watson and the Schubert Quartet furnished the music. On Sunday next, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly will be the speaker and test medium, closing his services with delinea-tions. This will be Mr. Edgerly's first en gagement with this Society. Give him a royal welcome; he is an excellent speaker and a good medium.

ing Jan. 30, developing circle at 10:30. Meet, ing was very inferesting. The speaking, reading and tests in the alternoon and evening were excellent. The following mediums took Mrs. Cutter, Mrs. Wrs. Lewis, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Cutter, Mrs. Woodbury, Mrs. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles, Mrs. Stratton, Mr. Jack-son, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Ibel, Mr. Cowan and Mr. Stedman, Meeting closed promptly at 9:15 A. Miss C. L. Joy, planist. i BANNER OF LIGHT for sale at the door,

THE LADIES' LYCEUM UNION-Mrs. Abbie F. Thompson writes-met in Dwight Hall Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 26. Business meeting called at 5:30. Supper announced at sharp 6 30, and as it was a "pan cake " suppor, given by Mrs. Wm. S. Butler, the hall was filled with friends long hefore supper was announced. When the bell rang, one hundred and fifteen sat down to the first tables. We had to re-set the tables for the patient peoule who could not get seats at the first tables. There was plenty of home-cooked food, with "pap-cakes" in abundance, so no one went away dissatisfied.

After supper the friends went up-stairs, where Mrs. Butler gave a grand concert and where Mrs. Butter gave a grand concert and dance. The ball was packed, with standing room at a discount. The program consisted of piano solo, Miss Ida Josephine Green; Dance, Little Sadie Falconer; Song, Miss Louise Horner: Umbrella dance, Miss Justine MoNaughton; Coon Dance, Miss Jessie Gerrish; Reading, Miss Marguerite A. Curtis; Song, Miss Mabel Waite; Dance, Little Lilian Goldstein; Duet, Sadie Falconer and Lilian Brennan; "Something to Amuse," Little Ma el Patterson; Boston's popular favorite, Little Eddie. This concluded the concert, and it was a grand success, as all of Mrs. Butler's entertainments are.

At ten o'clock sharp the grand march was in order, headed by Mrs. Wm. S. Butler and Mr. Weigel.

There were three prizes given at the supper, Mrs. Jacobs taking the first; also four prizes for the best dancers, Walter Hayes and Miss Grace Dudley taking the young gentlemen's and young ladies' prize, Justine McNaughton and Little Maud taking the children's prizes for the best dancers.

The party broke up at twelve o'clock, all having enjoyed a most delightful evening; and financially it was a great success, netting to the Children's Progressive Lyceum a neat sum, sufficient for running expenses the re-

mainder of the season. Next Wednesday will be devoted to spiritual exercises. All good mediums are cordially invited to be present and assist us. Supper at :30.

Don't forget Feb. 9 is Children's night. Tickets now on sale. BANNER OF LIGHT ON sale.

HOLLIS HALL, 789 Washington street. - A correspondent writes: We had a large gathering at our developing circle, Sunday morning, Jan. 30. Fine speaking, tests and poetry by the mediums present. Dr. F. K. Brown and Mrs. Jennie Collins assisted in development. At the afternoon and evening sessions instructive remarks, poems, as well as most ex-cellent tests, were delivered by the following: Eben Cobb, Charles Elliott, Mrs. A. Forester, Mrs. A. Howe, Dr. Huot, Mr. H. Reed, Mr. George Cutter, Madam Baker, Mrs. Maggie J. Butler, Mr. Warner. Mr. Webster. The Tyler Troupe rendered some of their best music

during the day. BANNER OF LIGHT on sale.

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THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST LADIES' AID SO-Jan. 28, the President, Mrs. Mattie Allbe, in the sion. We had a very interesting on hair.

study. The language was graphlo, poetlo and ohaste. Dr. Hidden is gifted in the use of language, and his rhotoric scintiliates with bril-liant passages of fine oratory. His delivery is easy and attractive.

MALDEN .- Mrs. Rebecca Morton, Sec'y, says: The Mulden Progressive Spiritualists met at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M., Sunday, Jan. 30, at Templars' Hall. At the morning session the subject "Does the Trance Condition Weaken or Otherwise Affect the Will Power of the Me-dium?" Messrs, Parker, Davidson, Emery, Messrs, Parker, Davidson, Emery, Snow, and others, took part in the discussion, and all agreed that the will power of a medium is influenced, but not necessarily weakened. At the alternoon session the President read Miss Doten's poem "The Reformers," and a true history of Thomas Paine; followed by Mrs. Mary E. Thompson on the same subject, closing with psychometric readings by Mrs. Clara L. Fagan.

SALEM-FIRST SPIRITUALISTS' SOCIETY-A. East Somerville occupied our platform for the last time this season. She is a very fine speak a séance once a month. O. U. W. Hail, Manuing Block.-N. B. P. writes: er, and has given perfect satisfaction during her engagement. Her tests have been excel-

Sunday, Feb. 6, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds of Troy, N. Y. She is an excellent platform speaker, and is liked very much by the societies where she has had engagements. She is known as the voice test medium. In giving these tests she turns her back to the audience, and from the sound of the voice locates the person and gives the test.

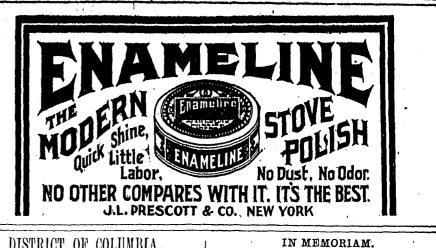
NEW YORK.

YONKERS.-J. A. Robinson writes: Presi-dent Andrews was in the chair Friday, Jan. 28, and after a few appropriate introductory remarks, and singing by the congregation, our friend, Mrs. N. Brigham of New York, was presented, and held the audience in wrapt at-tention for over one bour, her address being most instructive and beautiful in its prose and verse, touching upon the progress of the "world" in thought "from the old to the new," and of the portion of ignorance and prejudice yet remaining, and the work of Spiritualism and its votaries. The message "from a friend just passed away," in verse, was impressive. After hearty singing and benediction the meet-ing was dismissed in the usual manner.

NORTH HANNIBAL. - Mrs. P. C. Williams writes: Spiritualism in the city of Oswego, N. Y., and vicinity, has received a new impetus from the well-directed power and enthusiasm of our State missionaries, Mr. and Mrs E. W. Sprague of Jamestown, N. Y. They visited Oswego during the week ending Jan. 22, and there organized a society of twenty members. From there they went to the village of Hannibal, eleven miles from Oswego, where another society was formed of twenty-five members, who reside in the village and town. Meetings were held in different localities, and the earnestness of our brother, with the help of his efficient co-worker, created an enthusiasm never

cient co-worker, created an enthusiasm never equalled in this community. They will probably visit Ogdensburg, Water-town and other northern towns during the month of February. They have an engage-ment for the months of March and April in Philadelphia, Pa., where they will doubtless be warmly welcomed by old friends.

These workers are deserving of encourage. ment, not only in a spiritual but a financial THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST LADIES AID SO-OIETY-Carrie L. Hatch, Sec'y, writes-held its regular meeting at 241 Tremont street, Friday, them in their noble and self sacrificing mis-

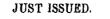


DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WASHINGTON.-Occasional Reporter writes: WASHINGTON.-Occasional Reporter writes: Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond addressed two large and representative audiences Sunday, Jan. 30. The First Association here is entirely free from debt, and is doing an excellent work. If has a paid membership now of one hundred persons, new additions being made each week. Mrs. Richmond's New Year's discourse is in great demand. Two hundred were disposed of at services last Sunday. Miss Margaret Gaule is conducting the weekly meeting for phenom-ena for the Society, P. L. O. A. Keeler giving a séance once a month. The members of the Ladies' Aid Society, re-alizing that the National Spiritualists' Associ-ation will need money to carry on its work, re-alizing that the National Spiritualists' Associ-ation will need money to carry on its work, re-alizing that the National Spiritualists' Associ-ation will need money to carry on its work, re-alizing that the Ladies the table of the second t

ation will need money to carry on its work, es pecially from this time to Jubilee week, unanimously voted to immediately pay its subscrip tion of \$25 to the general fund of the National Association at the last Friday's meeting. I.u. oretia Mott was the subject considered at the afternoon gathering, and "Capt. Gould's Last Latter to THE BANNER" the evening subject

The ladies served the largest attended din-ner of the season. The meeting was held at Mrs. C. Chapman's, 110 C street, S. E.



A CASE OF OF THE

Body of a Medium. INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION BY COUNT ALEXANDER AKSAKOF.

Scientist, Philosopher, and Literateur, Ba Prime Minister of Russia.

Translated from the French by TRACY GOULD, LL. B., Counsellor at Law, Member of the New York Bar.

The well-known scholarship of Count Aksakof, and the ains taking study he has given to the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism, warrant the statement that this this latest work, will be an epoch making book. He gives, in plain terms, the results of his personal investigations under the most absolute test conditions possible, proving conclusively the verity of psychic manifestations. Count Aksakof never goes into print unless he has something to say. In the present instance he has found much of moment to say; he has said it well, and his translator has given his English and American friends an opportunity to enjoy the distinguished statesman scholar's richest and ripest thought.'

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MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. Adelphi Hall .- The Spiritual and Ethical Society holds

From Saratoga, N. Y., Jan. 24, HARRIET E., wife of Tim-

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othy Harrington, aged 75 years.

MEETINGS IN BROOKLYN.

The Woman's Progressive Union holds meetings every Sunday afternoon at 3, and evening at 8 o'clock; Ly-ceum at 2 o'clock; social meetings every Thursday at 8 o'clock; supper at 6½, at the hall, Walsh's Academy, 429 Classon Avenue, between Loxington Avenue and Quincy street. Mrs. E. F. Kurth, President.

street. Mrs. E. K. Kurth, President.
The Advance Spiritual Conference meets every Saturday evening in Single Tax Hail, 1188 Bedford Avenne, Good speakers and mediums always in attendance. Seats free. All welcome, Herbert L. Whitney, Chairman; Mrs. Belle R. Plum, Vice President and Secretary.
Fraternity Hall, 868 Bedford Avenue, near Myrtle Avenue.-Meetings Sanday at 8 r.M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Mrs. L. A. Oinstead, Medium. Speakers and lect-urers regularly provided.

urers requiarly provided. The Frateraity of Divine Communion, dedicated to "Spiritual Truits" on the "Christ Principle," holds its meetings at Arilington Hall, corner of Gafes and Nostrand Avenues, every Sunday at 14 P. M. Mrs. L. J. Weiler, Presi-dent. Ira M. Courlis, Medium. Meeting of Associate Spiritual Missionaries every Sunday, at 3 P. M., at Evolutionits office, 1999 Bedford Avenue. Thought, philosophy and fact form our volunteer workers. W. Wines Sargent, Conductor. A Bedictor Philosophy and fact form our volunteer workers. Wines Sargent, Conductor.

A Beligio-Philosophical Conference will be held at 497 Franklin Avenue every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. F. M. Helmes will preside.

o'clock. mrs. F. M. Holmes will preside. Jackson Hall, 515 Fulton Street.-Mrs. L. A. Olm-stead holds a Spiritual Class every Wednesday at 8 p. M. 680 Myrtle Avenae.-Mrs. B. R. Plum conducts a meeting every Sunday at 3 and 8 p. M.

MEETINGS IN CHICAGO.

First Society of Spiritual Unity meets at Irwin Hall, corner of West Madison and South Paulina streets, entrance 107 South Paulina street. Services every Sunday II A.M., 2% and 7% P.M. Mrs. Mary C. Lyman, speaker, Harmonial Circle, HI South Paulina street, every Wednes-day & P.W. day, 8 P. M.

The First Spiritual Temple Society meets at 7324 Hawthorn Avenue (Auburn Park), every Sunday evening at 7% o'clock. J. O. F. Grumbine is the permaneut speaker. The School in Metaphysics, Psychometry, Olairvoyance, In-spiration and Psychopathy, meets at the same place during the week. Friends in Auburn Park, Englewood, Eggleston and in the city, as well as strangers, are cordially welcomed.

MEETINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

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The First Association of Spiritualists (founded 1852) meets at Warner Music Hall, Broad and Wallace Streets. President, Capt. F. J. Koffer; Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader; Sciercetary, Frank H. Morrill, Services at 24 and 14 P. M. Young People's Meeting, 1/4 P. M.

atzy and 'y r. M. Young Feople's Meeting, 13 P.M. The Philadelphia Spiritualist Society meets at Handel and Haydu Hall, 8th and Spring-Garden streets, every Sunday at 2% and 7%. Lycenum at 2%. Scance every Friday evening. President, Hon. Thomas M. Locke; Vice-President, Samuel Wheeler; Treasurer, Julia H. Locke; Secretary, Chas. L. GeFrorer, 1825 S. 15th street.

The BANNER OF LIGHT is always for sale at this hall.

COMMERCIAL HALL, Mrs. Wilkinson, President .- A correspondent writes: Sunday morning session, Jan. 30, opened with the usual spiritual exercises; developing circle was con ducted by Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Alexander, Dr. Hall and Mr. Ibel; Mr. Davis recited a poem; Mrs. Kimball and other mediums gave tests; remarks by Mr. Cowan, Mr. Leighton and others.

Afternoon session opened with song service, led by Mrs. Shelton: Mr. Thompson, a short address, also recited a poem; Mr. Badger, remarks; singing by the audience; followed by readings from Mrs. Nutter, Mrs. Putuam, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Moody; Mrs. Adams of Wal tham gave tests, also sang under control; Masfor Rupert Davis sang very sweetly; Mrs. Wilkinson gave delineations, which were all recognized.

Evening service began with the usual re ligious exercises. After singing, Mr. Lamont opened the meeting with some grand thoughts relative to the nearness of God to his children Madame Carbee, astrological readings; Mr. A. F. Tripp, readings and tests, all correct; Sadie Falconer and Leo Hanson both sang; Mrs. Moody, tests.

BANNER OF LIGHT for sale on Thursdays and Sundays. Indian Peace Council on Monday evening,

Feb. 7, in Pilgrim Hall, at 7:30.

THE HELPING HAND SOCIETY-Mrs. A. A. Eldridge, Sec'y, writes-met at 3 Boylston Place well received. The exercises were enlivened Wednesday, Jan. 26. Business meeting called at 4:30 by the President, Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch. Meeting opened with a violin solo by Master Charlie Hatch; remarks by Mrs. Alice Water-house; musical selections by Mr. Fred Watson, Mrs. Hanaford and Mrs. Alice Crawford. The remainder of the evening was occupied by Mr. Wiggin, who gave a fine address and re markable tests. This Society will be entertained by the chil-

dren of the Boston Spiritual Lyceum Wednes-day, Feb. 2. Wednesday, Feb. 23, there will be a sale and country store.

THE LADIES' SPIRITUALISTIC INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY-C. M. Manning, Sec'y, writes-met at Dwight Hall, afternoon and evening. Business meeting called at 5:30 by the President, Mrs. M. A. Brown. The evening was devoted to dancing, and very much enjoyed by all

present. Next Thursday, Feb. 3, there will be a special supper and entertainment. Supper at 6:30 evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

afternoon, many mediums being present, and we thank all the mediums that helped to make it a success. The evening was devoted to a social Whist

MEETINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

LYNN.-T. H. B. James writes: The Arthur Hodges Spiritual Society held services as usual Sunday, Jan. 30, with the largest houses of the season. Mrs. M. K. Hamill presided at the season. Mrs. M. K. Hamil presided at the piano, and led the singing. Prof. J. W. Ken-yon read a poem on "Nobility," then gave an able address, which received well merited ap plause. Tests were given by Mesdames Ken-yon, Sherwin, Lefavour, Matson, Herrick, Hare, and others. Magnetic treatments and discusses by Mesdames Quaid Harrick Dusdiagnoses by Mesdames Quaid, Herrick, Drs. Furbush, Pierce, Bodrean, and others. At 7:30 Prof. Kenyon read a fine poem on "True Beauty," and gave a masterly lecture on "Time to Eternity." Mrs J. W. Kenyon gave many recognized tests and readings. Next Sunday Prof. J. W. Kenyon and wife

will be with us again at 2:30 and 7:30. Last Wednesday evening we had a grand In-dian Peace Council, with a large house.

Cadet Hall-Lynn Spiritualists' Association, J. M. Kelty, President.-Mrs. A. A. Averill, Sec'y, writes: On Sunday, Jan. 30, we had the pleasure of listening to two very interesting and instructive discourses from Mrs. Abbie

N. Burnham, of Malden. Next Sunday Miss Blanche Brainard, of Lowell, will be with us; she is well known as a first class test medium. Thomas's orchestra will be present and furnish music. Supper will be served in the hall, followed by a social circle.

THE CAMBRIDGE SPIRITUAL INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY-Mrs. L. E. Keith, Sec'y, writesheld its regular meeting in Cambridge Lower Hall. Wednesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 26, the President, Mrs. Soper, in the chair. Business meeting called to order at 4:30 Supper was served as usual from 6:15 to 7 o'clock. The exercises of the evening were opened with congregational singing, followed by the Ladies' Schubert Quartet, of Boston, which which was rapturously received and encored. These ladies must be heard to be appreciated; their singing is grand and spiritual, and suited to all occasions; their repertoire is so extensive they can fill engagements for tuneral, concert or wedding. Then followed a well rendered recitation by Miss Frances Parker, of Malden, which was received with applause, and as an Miller was recited a poem by Robert Buchanan. Miss Parker is a teacher of elocution. The Quartet rendered several selections, which were interspersed with recitations by Miss Flossie Sanborn, of Som. rville, and Miss Etta Willie of Cambridge both readers being en-Willis, of Cambridge, both readers being en-cored. Mrs. N. J. Willis gave an inspirational

address, the subject being well chosen and by the fine plano playing of Miss Ada Came, and closed at 9:30 P. M. Next meeting will be held Feb. 9, when Mr.

Albert T. Blinu, of Boston, will lecture. Mr. Blinn is a stranger to a Cambridge audience, therefore we trust there will be a full house to greet him.

BRIGHTON.-D. H. Hall, President, writes: Mrs. M. C. Millan and "Violet" were with the Spiritual Progress Society last Friday evening, Jan. 28. "Violet's" work was fully appreciated by one of the largest audiences yet assembled at 32 Foster street, her tests and readings being very remarkable for their correctness and clearness to be understood.

Friday evening, Feb. 4, will be an evening with "Autumn Leaf" (Mrs. S. C. Cunningham).
A good time may be expected. Meetings at 8. Mrs. J. Seymour, pianist.

SPRINGFIELD.-H. A. Budington writes: Dresent.Next Thursday, Feb. 3, there will be a special
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WASHINGTON

SEATTLE.-Wm. H. Moyer writes: The act-ive Spiritualists of Seattle, after many vicissitudes, have once more gathered together, and have now organized a society known as the Church of the Soul.

This time the good people have rallied about Mrs. Esther Thomas, one of the foremost inspirational speakers in the State, and met at her home on the evening of Jan. 12, organized under the above name, and elected Mrs. Esther Thomas as pastor of the church for one year. For the present meetings will be held as now, at Pettis Hall, on First Avenue, near Madison street. At the preliminary meeting Dr. Casti-day presided, and W. H. Moyer acted as Sec retary. It was determined that the officers of the church should be a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

It was further decided that the society should be ultimately incorporated with the National Spiritualists' Association. In the election of officers, Dr. G. Castiday was elected President, Mrs. L. Risley, Secretary, and W. H. Moyer, Treasurer, all to serve for one year from the date of their election. The charter members of the society are as follows: Mrs. Flora Van Alstine, Mrs. F. V. Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Monroe, Dr. Castiday, J. P. Britz, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collins, Mrs. C. U. Sweeney, Mrs. Anna Ferguson, Mrs. Hirber, Mrs. L. Risley, S. H. Killduff, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Carlisle and W. H. Moyer.

The society will hold a business meeting once each month, and the monthly dues of the members will be twenty five cents each.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE. - David F. Buffinton, Sec'y, writes: Sunday, Jan. 30, we had the pleasure of listening to Edgar W. Emerson, who spoke of principle, and referred to Thomas Paine as a shining example of the same; he then gave tests, which were all recognized. Next Sunday, Feb. 6, we shall have with us

A. E. Tisdale of Boston, Mass. BANNER OF LIGHT, and other spiritual pa-pers, for sale at the halk

A Tribute Due to an Honest Man---A Spiritualist.

In a late issue of the BANNER OF LIGHT the death of Augustus Holman of Winsted, Conn., was recorded, sixty-seven years old. He was not an old man, but had been more or less troubled with heart disease, and the day of his death he went to the shop in his usual health, when he suddenly fell to the ground dead; he was carried home, and the surprise was great to his wife and friends.

Mr. Holman was foremap of a large business -scythe making-and was highly respected by all his fellow-workers. Quiet and unassuming, he was a man who could be depended upon at all times.

For many years he has been a steady camper at Lake Pleasant, Mass., spending one or two weeks there, where he enjoyed all the exercises

Mr. Holman was no sham in Spiritualism, no more than anywhere else. He was honest here, as everywhere. He had a conviction that he had communications from his wife and daugh ter gone on before; he had no doubts; he was incerely convinced, and no matter what others thought, his mind was made up to this one

thing. He thought a good deal of Mrs. Nellie J. T. Brigham, who had attended the funerals of both his wife and his daughter Jenny, and now she has fulfilled his wish by attending his own

He never forced his Spiritualism on people, making himself obnoxious by so doing, but he had charity for others, and let them think as they pleased, as he claimed that liberty for himself. We hope he has found the company over there as warm and as welcome as he did

A friend and neighbor, M. A. PARSONS.

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