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Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

This anniversary was held under the ausnices of the leading Spiritualist so-cieties of Chicago, and was celebrated at Hooley's Theatre, where, for the year just passed, the First Spiritualist Society of Chicago have heard the mar velous and matchless truths which have fallen from the lips of their beloved pas-tor, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, whose words upon this occasion are fully set forth in connection herewith.

This anniversary service was such that could only be properly understood by feeling it. Words can, at best, but faintly convey an idea of "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," Hence we will only endeavor to speak of some features which the tongue can paint, though feebly. The aggregate of quickened mind was wonderfully manifest and fairly eclipsed any and all other spiritual assemblages of the century in point of power, while mingled with the ripening and fullness of age were the children and youth of the Spiritualist Sabbath-

Time gave its sombre to the aged to keep.

Youth spent its dewy flush on others Life left its footprints lightly marked

or deep, Soul made the whole assemblage young and fair.

What a beautiful inspiration these dear little ones and their youthful companions lent to the occasion. Great souls in little bodies breathing their pure, simple truths upon the tablets of the young human hearts. Nor did the large, intelligent audience fail to appre-ciate the influence exerted by the young worshipers who had buried the cross and were daily walking hand in hand with God.

I studied the majestic scene around, ine from every point I could. I searched the faces of the audience as I had done at many orthodox services, but I failed to notice here, as there the look of unon-cern, the look of path, of pride, of envy of inattention; all wore the serenity of newestal satisfaction. peaceful satisfaction. They were probably nearer to God in true communion than ever before. The spirit was worshiping while the man looked on. Evil ural was spiritualized and the spirit became as naturalized as it could.

Everything done was well done, and if those who contributed to the grand success of the meeting were not born to the occasion, then the occasion was created for them. A person might attend some religious meetings for years and at the end of the regular series he might be as uncertain about possessing a soul as he was the first day he attended; but if such a person really wants to settle the question of soulship, a very few visits to Spiritualist meetings will determine to his own satisfaction whether he has anything in him worthy of salvation.

school, which prepared the heart for the ever age. reception of the inspired invocation of Mrs. Richmond, the power of which set the mind in condition to appreciate the great truths uttered thereafter. Dr. Edwards, of the North Side So-

his remarks upon the age and progress this as the forty-seventh Christmas commemorating the birth of that Spirit-

Following the Doctor came Mrs. E. N. Warne, of the Psyche Club. The inspiration of her thoughts delighted and blessed every soul present, as the grand realities of future Spiritualism impressed

memorable occasion three most artistically rendered solos. We cant sing ourselves, but it seems that our soul knows

how it ought to be done.

The Rev. G. V. Cordingly, of the Prostanza of an impromptu poem into the Erasmus, and the brilliant coterie of sciousness" in the human brain. With fascinated minds of the audience. The subject was submitted by a stranger, the church of Rome had porhaps forual Rappings." Mr. Cordingly rapped the place of the old night, or any new cellar and find hid away all the thoughts.

They go down real that pertains to humanity.

They go down real that pertains to humanity. spiritual religion into the stranger friend than all the orthodox rappings he had ever heard.

able and interesting testimony of some that we think right; that we know what of the practical results of modern Spirit- we are saying; that the truth is not a

Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless, of the Forest Avenue Society, charmed her audience by her enthusiastic defense of spiritual truth and her fervent advocacy of

Mr. J. R. Francis, our worthy editor,

paid his respects to those pulpit appendages who refuse to respect us. By the the world. What other fruitage could or whether they have arrived at it in all of Spiritualism were taken out of expenditure of much time and more there be of that which teaches that there the supreme silence of Christian Science, human life to-day the inspiration of his money, Mr. Francis has been able to is no death; that there is constant comreach some interesting moral statistics, tabulated on the orthodox plan. He has is no end to the unfoldment of man?

the demonstrated that as a class the Spiritdemonstrated that as a class the Spiritualists are the most moral and God-like people on earth to-day, and that crimes committed by them were exceptionally exaltation of an idea cannot be understand what all this they will worth-living in.

The divine certainty which spiritualists are human, and the hope from a pand only represented one-tenth of simulated; that persons who are proper and only represented one-tenth of simulated; that persons who are proper to even to the unfoldment of man?

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THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY



THE HOUSE AT HYDESVILLE, N. Y., WHERE MODERN SPIRITUALISM ORIGINATED.

ceived points on the development and future of modern Spiritualism. Then followed an address by

CORA L. V. RICHMOND.

Dear children, beloved co-workers, friends:-All pastors are our own: all make it the possession of all. The first blessing of the day came friends:—All pastors are our own; all with the hymn sung by the Sabbath teachers of truth are our own, of what-

was sent to reform those nations which ness of man. had turned to idolatry instead of to the divine principles of Brahma; as Zorothemselves upon every listener.

Mrs. M. A. Fallis, Mrs Frankie Cole aster was sent to reform Persia when and Miss Hallie Schaubal added to the idolatry took the place of the ancient it has compelled a restatement of science. altars; as Christ, with His spiritual Mark this: You can hardly take up a gifts and His disciples, were sent to re-form Judea, which had turned away thing about hypnotism. Hypnotism was from the prophets, seers and those en-scoffed at until it was found a convenient that makes it valuable to-day. That no longer are people groping in darkness, though all of light is not theirs.

The one fact that Brother Francis stated-by the way, if Brother Francis modern Spiritualism and its future work. was not an editor, what a cplendid munion with the loved ones, that there

If you should bottle up the sunshine a little while there would be only a few this morning that Spiritualism was older than he. Spiritualism is older than Old Father Time himself. There never was a time when souls had existence should take away all religious thought ciety, was particularly entertaining in that Spiritualism was not; there never and inspiration, and then limit it only to was a time when spirits came to earth that a few, there would be no extended unof Modern Spiritualism, and looked upon | Spiritualism was not; there never was a foldment of the race toward the light. voice from the upper air breathing of Little children are soon to be all prophtruth and hope to the human family that ets, all seers, all endowed with the gifts it was not Spiritualism. But Spiritual- of the spirit. Then the gifts of the ism, in its modern acceptance, is a great spirits will not be ascribed to "sub-conreformation, the spiritual reformation of sciousness? or "super-consciousness," but the nineteenth century. As Buddha to the spiritual exaltation and conscious

The reformation of Spiritualism has

rare, and only represented one-tenth of simulated; that persons who are prone nineteenth century means, ism has brought; unsealing the grave, agone, dwelling upon the intensified joy ing to the extent of not being able to much-discussed 'new woman' shall one per cent, when aggregated with the to degeneracy do not love to advocate. Having compelled a re-statement of setting aside the tomb and inviting you of those redeemed in glory, contemcrimes of ministers of the gospel and church members, which includes ninetynine and nine-tenths per cent.

The presence and communion of spirits science with reference to the dynamical to the slopes of the Spirit-land, that are plating the never-ending agonizes of the spirit-land

the garb of angels in which to serve reference to the boundlessness of the larger must include the less. compelled the taking away of the bar- and that eternity itself is but the conriers of time and death, and the admit-tinuous unfoldment of the soul of hutance into daily thought of the com- manity! One of our esteemed speakers said persons who could bask in its light; if munion with the realm of spirit—having

experience. Spiritualism will find its advocates in every place and position. Dr. Thomas spoke more eloquently on Spiritualism, perhaps, a Sunday or two ago than we could to our people about the dead, to the time that Henry Ward Beecher alone saved the cause of Spiritualism Clergymen are absorbing, unconsciously appeared to settle the contest, and takor consciously, the light of Spiritualism ing the doctor in control soon had him tlan Church from returning to its pracin their sermons.

We went over to the Sunset Club the other day to tell them that the coming handsome and generous contribution was must have its time and order in the woman had already arrived, and we are collected for the National Society of going to Washington the coming week Spiritualists at Washington City. to tell them that the coming religion is already here, and has come to stay in fellowship! Such baptismal spiritual the National Association of Spiritualists. blessing seldom has it been for an audi-When people are speaking of that ence to receive, and, as in beginning, which is to be the ideal human race, we repeat, it could be felt but it cannot they do not know that the ideal which be told. To the writer there came this they make in their daily lives is the real thought: Truly, the woman has been prophecy, as the coming woman has here in the flesh all along, but she is The Rev. G. V. Cordingly, of the Prodowed with spiritual gifts, to worship discovery with which to explain away, prophecy, as the coming woman has gressive Society, was controlled by a remarkable power and Poe-rd stanza after the reformation in the century that gave cellar and discovered there a "sub-contended to be there from the first So the tended to be there from the first. So the is she to whom man owes his material coming race will illustrate in man and life and to her seems largely the power women this spirit which makes all to lead his soul into the spiritual birth things in the sight of heaven sacred and from whence cometh not decay. The

more material religion out of and more springtime to take the place of the win- that a person ever had; that will explain terested in it is not physiology, physio ter, Spiritualism is here, and we are why you can read other's lives. But nology, pathology or any other ology, here to rejoice. It does not make so they do not explain how to get upstairs but it is the whole human family. Spiritualism ad ever heard.

much difference what we talk about as and tell what is coming. The Theoso: Itualism compels man to find that which Mr. Gurney, of Englewood, bore value that we are here; that we feel right; phists explain that; they tell us it is is salvation every day, every hour; not that we think right; that we know what "super-consciousness" or super-mun alone to be saved on Sunday, but a sal-we are saying; that the truth is not a dane, which after all, may be in the vation that redeems and saves the world ualism, and convinced his hearers of his supposition, nor a hope, nor even a subsincerity and knowledge of spiritual truth.

supposition, nor a hope, nor even a subsincerity and knowledge of spiritual that makes it valuable to-day. That no comes in the sub-consciousness will living saves from intemperance, vice, only explain the past, but the present anger, cruelty and crime; saves from the and the future belong to that super-con- worship of Mammon; saves from the insciousness, and there is the spirit realm. ordinate love of self; saves the human Of course it does not make the slight- race so that the spirit may have no need est difference to us by what stairway of salvation hereafter, and makes the preacher he would make—should be the people arrive at a knowledge of spiritual stamp of the divine religion, which is outgrowth of the only basis of truth in truth, or through what door they enter, communion of spirits in both realms. If in the super-consciousness of Theosophy, song would be taken from the poet; the who, just recovering from serious illor even by the subterraneous passage of theme that is within from the musician; ness, still very weak physically, seemed

made some very telling and well-re- | that there may be adventurers wearing | mind; a re-statement of theology with | time are still in eternity, since the | that while Spiritualism had not rooted Mammon—this is no more than the spirit realm instead of its limitations; world has always witnessed. But the constantly increasing tide of human ting the interpretations of all people and thought is toward that which is best all ages, as the life omnipotent and increasing the constantly increasing tide of human is best all ages, as the life omnipotent and increasing the constantly increasing tide of human is best all ages, as the life omnipotent and increasing the constantly increasing tide of human is best all ages, as the life omnipotent and increasing the constantly increasing tide of human is best all ages, as the life omnipotent and increasing the constantly increasing tide of human is best all ages, as the life omnipotent and increasing the constantly increasing tide of human is best all pain and poverty from human life, and relieve all by knowing that life is ever onward and upward unto eternity, "Spiritualism." said the speaker, "is

> munion with the realm of spirit—having done-all this, it will more and more open this divine realm of human thought and ciety of Spiritualists of Chicago, whose remarks were especially felicitous. Josh day teaching the same dark creeds, Billings and Artemus Ward had an apeventually degenerating into the cruel Billings and Artemus Ward had an apparently friendly contest for the possession of Dr. DeWolf, and considering the struggle the doctor got along finely up talking dollars out of pockets that rarely saw the light. The result was that a Spiritualism was progression, which

coming and she is here in the spirit. It real that pertains to humanity. unutterable splendor of the occasion it is the human race that we are inexcuses the feebleness of this recital. THEOPHILUS.

LILY DALE

Celebrates the Forty-Seventh Anniversary.

Lyman C. Howe and Clara Watson the Speakers.

"Why We Jubilate," was the chosen theme, ably and eloquently presented by the speaker of the morning, LYMAN C. HOWE,

ness, still very weak physically, seemed through each utterance, and purposes law, his captured audience. A brief synopsis law, "Spiritualists are accused of quarrel-

out the letter of this old barbarism from

woman, radiated from her to man; thus To-day its voice is heard in literature. translating religion anew.

"Had the movement or cause beer crushed in its infancy, as its enemies sought to do, the church would be totortures practiced in her past history. "The interposing vigilance of heaven

and faithful, watchful ones of earth had tice of the Dark Ages. The lesson of

higher evolution of all things.
"The divinity in man must be cultivated. During the Dark Ages this divine spark in human nature had not been awakened and aroused, hence the gloomy results. Man is immortal through natural inheritance, and requires no miraculous salvation.

The relation of man and woman, as equal parts of the perfect whole, was beautifully portrayed in poetic word-Continuing, he said: "Synonymous

with the raps at Rochester came the and ennobling. inauguration of the woman's suffrage "Not original". movement; the great ocean of eternity having set its tide this way, affecting all, and attracting some of the inest the needs, hearing the cry, and knowing minds of the age. "Spiritualism's greatest lessons are

claimed to be a new doctrine, having lives forever. To prove this effectually been taught by Jesus of old, it had been has been and is now the work of modburied in oblivion for eighteen hundred orn Spiritualism, and it is in the world vears, and was only of late being resurto-day, whether the world wills it or not, rected. Even among Spiritualists but a "Innocent blood has never been shed to small portion comprehended and lived propagate its cause. It meets the wants up to its principles. Blighted and and needs of humanity: is broad as the thwarted as had grown the Tree of universe; removes all terror of physical Spiritualism, manifest as were its an- death, and will prove the evangelizer of gularities, jealous as were some of its the human race." mediums, who had not outgrown old nature.
"Christians and mental scientists pre-

this is not the mission of Spiritualism. It came to make peace, and, like some

people, can never have peace until fought for.

"Still the conflict has gone on with progress clearly shown, under the educating influence of which the whole array of orthodox churches have slowly yielded, until to-day not one in a thousand ho-lieves in the infallibility of the Bible, while ninety-nine per cent of their ministers are what the church forty years ago denounced as heretics and infidels, and seventy-five per cent of the members really believe in the teachings of

modern Spiritualism.

"Thus even death, accepted in the beautiful knowledge that has come to the world through the channels of Spiritualism, is no longer a 'King of Spiritualism, is no Terror,' no longer an enemy, but a glorious and lovely transformation from the physical to the spiritual realm." In the afternoon,

MRS. CLARA WATSON,

of Jamestown, N. Y., a lady deservedly attaining popularity and fame, occupied the platform, handling in a masterly manner the following topics:

"What Is Spiritualism?"

"From Whence Came It?"

"What Does It Amount to?"
"What Good Has It Accomplished in

the World?" "Spiritualism has," said this lady, "awakened an almost universal demand

for knowledge and investigation of spiritual things. It does not present arguments, but claims, recognizing the fact that all systems of religion have at least some little truth underlying them. "The popular, fashionable religion of

the present day rears expensive temples in which to worship. Spiritualism does not do this, but grows and flourishes under the broad, universal, blue dome of heaven. All the world of nature is her temple, grand, glorious and en-"Spiritualists, not being exempt from

taxation, amount to as much as other citizens in the building of nonsectarian schools, public buildings, hospitals, orphans and soldiers homes, insule asylums, poorhouses and jails, patronitying the latter far less than any class of people; and when Spiritualism has ith bued the world with its principles there will be no need of prisons, for their child dren will be rightly born, and crime up

"Already Spiritualism has plished a mighty and potent good, sending its workers into the field of politics. into all avenues of active reform; boldly, bravely, and fearlessly attacking the popular evils of our social life and pub-

ic system. "While the Christian churches were with marked deliberation considering the temperance question, Spiritualism was publicly advocating it. It has always advocated equal suffrage, recognizing from the beginning woman's equality with man. It has even battled

against capital punishment, that blot the spirit that there was not a pulpit in upon the fair escutcheon of every State. "While battling with foes on every side, Spiritualism has accomplished "Spiritualism." said the speaker, "is vast good, not alone cropping out into a woman's movement, a light born of words, but blossoming into noble deeds.

> poetry, philosophy, and song. "It is in the world, battling for the right; embracing all classes of people, requiring neither conversion nor change of heart, it invites all to come and learn the truth.

> well as the cultured and intelligent, and while now presenting a sort of medley. all shall in time know the right and l live it. "Spiritualism is to some a religion; to

"In its circle it embraces the lowly as

some a science; to some a philosophy; while to others, it embraces all. "We know that to us it is progression

here and now, an acceptation of the truth, past, present and future; perfect freedom of thought, speech and action; freedom to do right, to be true, to live our highest ideal of truth, regardless of the world's opinion. "It is all of being, past, present and

future. "The mission of Spiritualism is not to individualize saviors, but to save indi-

viduals, and while not a religion in the popular acceptation of the word, it is nevertheless a religion, grand, uplifting "Not originating, as its opponents

claim, in the minds of mortals, but coming from the Spirit-world, which, seeing the inability of science and religion to answer these questions and satisfy these charity, love, forgiveness—looking upon soul's longings, came to the rescue, until the frailty of human nature in the broad light of charity, believing all will ultimmortal, it is drowned in the thousand mately prove good. While this was not voices which affirm they know the soul

The modus operandi for raising conditions, these were not its fruits, but necessary funds with which to secure the very imperfect outgrowths of human speakers and meet other expenses. was a public dinner and supper, present about as large an area of failures as sons of the camp, who, judging from do Spiritualists, for nothing escapes the satisfactory results, are perfecting themselves in the culinary department themselves in the culinary department. against the dawning day when the

THE ANNIVERSARY.

The Mission of Spiritualism. A Lecture Delivered at Hammond, Ind.

BY J. C. UNDERHILL, Commemoration of the Forty Seventh Anniversary,

ence in conflict with the forces opposed had to know the disposition, traits, hab- of his labors? its, methods of defence and attack, and everything else that was knowable about all the lower animals that lived near him, besides being obliged to know all

Mr. Scribner holds that civilization, especially within the last fifty years, has discontinued the demand upon brain work, nor even the kind of work he will nor is pampered luxury. do. He therefore has no use for his manual laborers, salesclerks, and of all who are under the iron systems of present employment, must deteriorate, first in complexity, and then in capacity.

The Chicago Tribune questions nearer a true reali-whether this is a correct way of looking of thought and life. at the subject, and sets forth the opinion that the merely manual laborers are far from constituting the great mass of humanity, and all the rest have to think, and think hard. With them the problem of maintaining existence is a highly complicated one, and it taxes all their mental energies to achieve a satisfactory solution. Life is still a battle. The average human being may not have to fight and prayer—furnishes an example of with wild beasts, or fear bodily death at the hands of the next man he meets, but he can only gain at the cost of being continually on the alert, or keep what he has got by being vigilant. In both cases he must be prepared to meet new competition with others who successfully assert their right to survive. Even for the merely mechanical toilers it cannot be truthfully alleged that they have no use for their brains. It requires thought to avoid accident, loss of posiesteem among his fellows by outraging their common sense of propriety. The merest toiler owes duties to the family institution which the savage did not dream of, duties to the law that reto avoid trouble, and often he owes duty to a church which puts him on a far higher plane of thought than could be attained in the savage state. Looking ity, but—of false spirituality run mad. at all these requirements for mental exertion, one well may doubt the conclureal occasion to doubt that the average highest ideals.

man has to be vastly improved by the lt has been thought and taught by mental status and capacity.

isted. The conditions are different, yet effect. far more exacting in their demands, in our vaunted high civilization, than in any lower savage or semi-savage state.

Did anyone ever hear of a savage or barbarian committing suicide because now a matter of all too common occur-

news in the daily press. To be sure, the wants and necessities. of the savage are few and easily satisfied; but civilization has vastly enlarged and multiplied man's wants and necessities as a member of civilized society. He cannot subsist, nor continue to exist, in modern civilized society, maintaining

And modern civilization, on its present economic basis—with its combines, trusts, syndicates, corporate monopolies. aggrandizing the means of civilized existence—isdrawing the reins still tighter and making the means of civilized life more precarious to the masses. Goods are cheap-provisions are cheap-but if the workingman can get neither work

wilts flowing from our system of civiliza- a system of industrial activities that getting a hall.

Should not industrial relations and activities be so adjusted that there will be a fair and equitable opportunity for every man and woman to secure the means to enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?" They are far from that condition now, it is plain, and there is no use in asserting the contrary. is no use in asserting the contrary. minds are most in conjunction with Men and women out of work—unable to higher, superior intelligences unseenfind it—too high-minded to beg, too give us proplietic knowledge of the comnoble and virtuous to steal-driven to religious development of man are worthy of deepest thought and study.

The question is considered in part by the Hon. G. Hilton Scribner in Downless in Surely our civilization is soriely lacking in some most vital civil elements it needs to be civilized.

It is the belief of many that

Science, who essays to explain the large of civilization without religion. May it cranial capacities of the oldest-known not more justly be claimed that happings state every man had to think for equitable economic conditions, by which age state every man had to think for equitable economic conditions, by which himself or yield up his separate exist, all have fair opportunities, none are favored at the expense of others or of to him. He was compelled to employ to the public, and each receives, as nearly the utmost the powers of his mind. He as may be approximated, the full results

OUR CIVILIZATION NEEDS SPIRITUAL-IZATION.

There is much to be said of the grand about trees, shrubs, and other members development of modern science, of the of the vegetable kingdom that were of expansion of brain power and capacity, use to him in acquiring a subsistence. the improvements in educational pro He was obliged to be quick in observacesses, and the consequent improvement tion, instant in decision, and speedy in in the mental statue of man. These, are execution. He could not depend wholly upon his experience in one emergency to guide him in another which was not when rightly used. But science and like it. He had to depend on the re- brain power and education may be harsources of his mind instead of acting like nessed into the service of low, avaricious the armed animals, which repeat the greed and selfish propensities—and same tactics continually and depend on right here is the failure of our civilizacelerity and force. And the demand for tion to-day, to meet the higher dethis mind work must have been answered mands of humanity. Our civilization as by increased size as well as complexity it is breeds greed, grasping avarice, mammon-worship—rather than a proper harmonious relation between self-love and altruism.

Now, it seems clear that an equitable activity. The division of labor and the introduction of automatic machinery have made automatons of men. The artisan of to-day feeds a machine, knows and lines of thought and action among how to feed only that one, and is not re- men, and so give freer play and aid to quired to think, much less to do emer- the development of the spiritual side of gency thinking. He is not permitted to man's nature. Grasping greed nor priguard himself against enemies, may not vation tends to spirituality; the weary decide for himself the hours he shall grind of toil to escape starvation is not work, the wages for which he shall conducive to true spiritual unfoldment,

A sentimental longing for Heaven, to brain, not as much as was necessary for escape the miseries of poverty, and the the plantation slave. The brains of the anxieties incident to a life of grinding, precarious toil, is not true spirituality, nor tends thereto; and the millionaire in his cushioned pew listening to pious cant clothed in sonorous rhetoric, is no nearer a true realization of spirituality

FALSE SPIRITUALITY RUN MAD.

Neither Dives nor Lazarus furnishes an example of the highest and best spirituality, nor of the conditions most favorable to its development. A St. Simon Stylites—sainted because of his egregious superstition and folly-spending weary years in bowings, genuflections religious idiocy rather than spirituality.

It is not needful that one shall be an anchorite, and betake himself to a solitary life in a hut or cave, away from the company of his fellowmen, meditating in solitude; the spirituality so developed is selfish and lacks important elements of manly qualities that can only be cultivated in social life and in work-

ing amongst and for humanity.

A Saint Rose of Lima, subjecting her body to self-inflicted tortures of various kinds, is an example of a false or pseudolic Church has encouraged during centuries past: it is not a spirituality consonant with health of body and mind, but is the result of false religious education. Hers was an abnormal developquire the use of intelligent information ment of veneration shading into darkest churchly superstition. as these, fostered by the church, are Hunted in books, and asked in prayer simply instances-not of true spiritual-

NATURE OF TRUE SPIRITUALITY.

True spirituality dwells in and is culsion that even the merely mechanical tivated by the mind of him who-living toiler of to-day is sheering off towards a among his fellows, following the avocalower order of brain capacity, while for tions of social life, bearing life's social the majority of civilized human beings and civil duties as a member of societythe tendency must be decidedly in the does his work with pureness of thought other direction. The student of natural and motive—seeking to benefit and up-science is working towards an expansion lift humanity. Walking with his feet of brain power and capacity, the num- upon the earth, fulfilling in all earnestber of students is being increased at a ness his earthly duties as a man among rapid rate, and the educational processes men, his head may dwell among the themselves are undergoing improve-stars of heaven in the purity and spiritment in the important particular that ual radiance of his thoughts and ideals. they now are intended to help people to His is a spirituality full of life and health think instead of merely memorizing -a spirituality to which the anchorite statements heard from the lips of the in his cave, or the cloistered monk or teacher or read from the textbook. We nun, never attained nor can attain. It may expect that some individuals will is the spirituality of a pure, true, nordeteriorate, but neither is there any mal manhood, ever reaching after its

processes of civilization from his present some that poverty is favorable to spirituality, and the reputed words of Jesus: The Tribune might have stated the "Blessed be ye poor," have been quoted case still more strongly. The struggle to prove that poverty is a blessing tendfor existence is harder under our mod- ing to produce spiritual meetness for a ern civilized conditions than under any heavenly state. Ministers of the gospel savage or barbarous state that ever ex- have written and preached to the same

A STANDARD OF PERFECTION. But it remains true that the harmonious development of a full-rounded manhood is the true standard of perfection of inability to find means of supplying ituality engendered of poverty is a sickof any part of man's nature; and a spirlooking to him for support? Yet this is ly, an unhealthy development, skin to the false and distorted spirituality rence; it has become a common item of developed in monasteries and convents by monks and nuns. It is an abnormal growth, springing from abnormal conditions, and not the full, true and vigorous tracing from the tiny rap at that time normal growth of a sound, normal spiritual element of the soul, such as can only variety of mediumship that is on all develop in harmonious conjunction with the other vital elements of a true and

noble manhood. Thus, it will be seen, a just and equita- ter fitted for work. the personal status, the dress, the domiof the savage. It is outside the limits from the carking care and stress that of possibility, and is not to be thought of. now burdens the masses, by giving the assurance that none shall fail of means The Spiritual Endeavor Society. to live in comfort—such a system will tend best of all to the culture and derun on the lines of money-greed, and velopment of all the higher and better attributes of humanity-including not only brains and brain-power, but also

> the highest sense. MISSION OF SPIRITUALISM.

CIVILIZATION NEEDS TO BE CIVILIZED. development of highest sputtuality, as

ing glory toward which the divine spirit in man is ever guiding humanity.

Spiritualism, in its true and better side, takes hold on man's higher selfhood, to uplift, refine, purify and spirit ualize. The civilization that will har monize with ethics, right, truth, and with man's higher and spiritual nature will be and must be the foster-child of Spiritualism; and this is the civilization that will develop in greatest perfection both brains and spirituality.

Spiritualism, spiritual influence, turning the minds of people in the direction of spiritual things, and away from earthy greed, must have a vast curative and ransforming power.

Spiritualism, bringing the two worlds into visible conjunction—presenting the Spirit-life to earthly vision—bringing the mortal and the immortal into conscious rapport, must tend to enlarge the spiritual outlook of mankind, increase the range and intensity of spiritual thought, and by so much lessen the in-tensity of the thought and power of the earthly, the sensual, the gross; and thus the revelation of the light of Spiritualism will powerfully tend to the renewal of the minds of men, and the transformation of the ruling principle of human hearts, and of social systems, from selfish greed to the high plane of pure spiritual ethics., Thus will social systems, industrial economics and ethics e harmonized—high ideals actualized in society; man freed from the chains of poverty and privation, Spirituality will be developed in the highest, and earth blended in a divinely spiritualized humanity. Such is, the mission of Spiritualism.

THE SPIRITS' GREETING - OUR EASTER DAY.

We bring you joyful greetings, friends From homes across the way: We bridge the stream of death with flowers, Their lives were nursed in spirit bowers.

We blend our loves and lives with ours On this our Easter day. Your hearts were crushed 'neath sor-

row's hand, Your souls to anguish stirred; Your eyes were dimmed, your stifled

Was a moan for light, mixed with des your loved had gone—you knew not

where, Until the "raps" were heard. A rap no human hand had made! So strange, so weird a thing! Who knew its meaning? Ah, who could

Whether the omen were good or ill-A saint from heaven or fiend from hell? Who could the answer bring?

Bapping, rapping, until at last.
The humble Christians prayed: 'Why come these demons unto our home?

Tell us, O God, what we have done To be thus blessed, or evil-doomed? O, let this power be stayed."

Rapping, rapping, until at last A child in her simple way (Not dreaming the Spirit-world so With mingled feelings of joy and fear Said: "Mamma, 'Split-foot' can see and hear;

It knows just what I sav."

The grandest truths of many an age For which men sought, meanwhile, Such cases Denounced by priests, foretold by seers, Have been proclaimed from the angel-

sphere Through lips of a little child: The tiny raps; they met with scorn, But never once suppressed.

They proved the dream of a thousand years, Confirming the visions of ancient seers And sent their music through mortal spheres-

Humanity was blest. Faith, no longer a wanderer blind, Is groping with bandaged eyes; She walks triumphant the star-gemmed

"Knowledge is power;" it leads her forth; She fears no evil, and welcomes death

As the gate to Paradise.

Rapping, rapping, your loved ones come Along the paths of time, We would strengthen your feet in the weary march,

would lead you on toward the shining arch. Where the grander work shall be found

And our spirit lives entwine. Rejoice! be glad, our mortal friends; Your tide of grief we stay:

The stones from sepulchres are rolled, The light is coming to the world. Let truth's white banner be unfurled On this, our Easter Day. MATTIE E. HULL.

Ciyde (Ohio) Anniversary. The forty-seventh anniversary of the Rochester rappings was held at Memorial Church, Sunday evening, March 31, Marguerite St. Omer going back and up to the present, with the great sides, enlightening the world, and adding new converts to its truth. We hope to organize here this month and be bet-

FRANCES A. TUTTLE.

S. Drake writes of the Spiritual Endeavor Society celebrating the Fortyseventh Anniversary of Spiritualism, at the residence of Mrs. Sarah E. Bromonly brains and brain-power, but also morality, and true divine spirituality in highest cares inspirational discourse by the guides of crammed Mrs. S. E. Bromwell, some beautifu tests were given and recognized. Petite It would seem to be the mission of Annie Anderson rendered several senor money, what good does cheap goods de him? And many become despondent, hopeless—and take a short cut from for the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of sorted the audience with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actualization in human life and ence with a contract of the actual ence with a contra present civilized ills by the civilized in societary economics, of the better sented with a beautiful bouquet by little methods of crime or suicide. In societary economics, of the better sented with a beautiful bouquet by little methods of crime or suicide.

tion as it is outworked in modern so shall fulfill the high ethical demands 1848—ANNIVERSARY POEM—1895. Then let us raise our standard high ciety, we are justly entitled to affirm nate in the healthful, complete, normal. The wheels of time have prought around. And vow, while we its foss defy, And vow, while we its foes defy, It never shall be furled! The wheels of time have brought around

For freedom, truth, and righteousness

Our hearts with joyous song.

BOTH WORLDS' GRAND JUBILEE!

On Sunday, March 31st, exercises com

memorative of the Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism were held by the First Spiritualist Society of

the South Side, at Unity Hall, No. 77

Thirty-first street. Beautiful flowers in

profusion, tastefully arranged by loving

hands, graced the walls and rostrum of

the hall. Although the weather was dis-

agreeable without, it did not in the least

large and appreciative audiences pres-

ent, and gathered to listen to the grand

In the morning at 11 o'clock there was

held a reception and conference meet

ing, which was made an occasion for so-

cial good feeling and congratulation by

the many members and others assem-

The afternoon services at 3:30 found a

meetings of our society for the past six

months. She was followed by Mrs. Edith

E. R. Nickless, of California, who gave the anniversary address. This noted speaker, as usual, handled her theme,

eloquent manner, and received the well-

merited applause of the audience. Fol-

lowing her came a short programme, a

duet by the Langle Sisters, recitation

by Miss Florence Lamburn, a member of this society and a rising pupil in the

art of expression. Next in order came

the installation service, when Mrs. E. R.

and the Langle Sisters, vocalists.

Altogether it was an event which will

long be remembered by all its partici-

The Anniversary at Baltimore, Md

decorated with potted plants, etc., and

medals was next in order. Master Ed-

ward McClennem, son of one of our city

councilmne, was presented with a solid gold affair, suitably engraved. Next in

order came one for Miss Edna Lapple

followed by one for Miss Mary Rockel

shall have her again for October.

down a storm of applause.

Miss Maggie. You all know her. After

ing tests, all of which were recognized.

by her daughter, Miss F. Pearl Bryton,

storm, a repeat being absolutely neces-

sary in order to satisfy the people-

favored us with a selection, which was

duly appreciated. Miss F. Pearl Bryton

again favored us with a very difficult

plano selection. Miss Edna Lappe, Miss

To THE EDITOR-Please inform your read-

readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. T.A. Slocum, M.O., 183 Pearl St., New York.

who is an accomplished musician.

and last, but not least, one for little

of the stage.

tunate one.s

G. W. EICHELBERGER.

exercises

DR. DEAN CLARKE.

The evel-welcome day,
When first we begreed a way was found.
To talk with slift to passed away.
We count the years as ferry seven Let each do all he can; And trusting God the whole to bless— Bless each his fellow-man. In time's puccasing lapse, Then strike your harps, ye angel choirs, And join each earthly throng, To chant the theme that now inspires

heaven. Through strange, mysterious raps. With thankful hearts once more we meet Upon the shores of time, Let heaven and earth their love display With speech and song the day to great For truth that makes all free, And makes its glorious "Dawning Day"

Which brought this light sublime. Events more grand have oft coonred.

As viewed by human sight,

Than those strange raps at Hydesville heard,

On that eventful night. But no event on hist'ry's page

That more important seems, this age At the Forty-Seventh Anni-Compares with that which gilds this age With heaven's refulgent beams. Nsy, e'en the light of Bethl'em's star Will pale in coming years, Eclipsed by this through "Gates Agar"

Which now on earth appears Far brighter than the "Star of Hone" Dawned this great sun of truth, Vhich leaves no shade through which

to grope. To find immortal youth.

Those signal sounds that then were heard Arinounced a mighty power, and a green without, it did not in the least Which came to give God's Living Word; dampen the ardor and pleasure of the Adapted to this hour. Those tiny raps had import great

Of mighty things to come,...Of world-wide change in church and state, To country, and to home. They ushered in an era grand

For freedom, truth, and right, Which shall prevail in every land Upheld by God's own might.

The hosts of heaven then came once As in the ancient days, The spirit on all flesh to pour

In many forms and ways. They bore the seals of God's decree Discourse with men to hold, And spake with His authority As angels did of old.

They were the promised comforters Returned from spheres above, Truth's authorized interpreters And almoners of love.

They came to preach a gospel new-Glad tidings to all men, And peace on earth, once more renew, Good will to bring again.

They came to do God's will on earth As It is done in heaven, To teach mankind the precious worth Of life that here is given.

They came to bring the bread of life To feed our hungry hearts, To banish want, and woo, and strife, And teach diviner arts.

They came to comfort those who mourn And wipe away their tears, To bind up hearts with anguish torn, And banish all their fears. They came to set the people free

From every yoke that binds, Or holds in threal the liberty Of bodies, souls, or minds. They dame to heal the sick once more

To cure the halt and blind, And all the spirit gifts of yore Restore to bless mankind. They came to prove there is no death,

But 'tis a second birth When mortals yield their vital breath And leave their mother earth; That soul and spirit rise above

10 realms Where all shall meet the friends they And dwell with them for ave. They came to teach us of the spheres

Where they as spirits dwell, Where every grade of soul appears And finds a heaven or hell. They also taught that heaven and hell

Conditions are of mind-That he who does each duty well No future helb will find;

But he who lives a selfish life-- A slave to lust and neif. Will enter spheres with sorrow rife-A hell within himself! They came to teach progression's plan,

Which works without a flaw, To elevate the race of man. Through evolution's law: That it continues through the spheres

Uplifting every soul, Until no stain of sin appears Nor evil gains control: But, most of all, they came to teach

Our duties here below, "". That we must practice what we presel And good on all bestow. Belief they tell us will not save

From retribution just ... A soul that is a willing slave To evil thoughts and lust. But we must work salvation out

By duties well performed. From sinful lives must turn about And be in thought reformed. Through education we must rise,

To gain the higher light, And e'er aspiring to be wise Must work with all our might: For every blessing that we crave

We must by effort earn. And when our souls we seek to save "We must from evil turn, No martyr's blood nor "saving grace" Atones for human sin, a

But love and truth redeem the race And make them pure within. Such was in part the mission grand For which the angels came, Proclaiming truth in every land

In God's most holy name. O'er all the earth the news has gone And millions now rejoice, That though their friends are spirit-born They hear their "still, small voice." No more we weep in blind despair,

Uncertain of their fate, We know they've found a world more fair Than was their earthly state. We know they're neither dead nor

damned. Nor waiting for their doomcrammed

Is now an empty room. The revelations they have brought ers that I have a positive remedy for the Have changed the old belief. above named disease. By its timely use and horrid creeds that once were taugh thousands of hopeless cases have been per-Have come to final grief. manently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your

The grave has now its vict'ry lost nernous of crime or suicide.

In view of the many sad and dire rein the soul's outlook and onlook toward getting so large that they think of soon For souls, no longer tempest tost. The glorious tidings bring.

That Tired Feeling

is a certain indication of impure and im-povariabled blood. If your blood could ing and itching would drive her nearly always be rich and pure, full of the red corpuscles upon which its vitality depends, you would never be weak, or

Nervous i Bolls, pimples, scrofula, sait rheum, would never trouble you. But our mode of living, shut in all winter in poorly ventilated homes and shope, depletes the blood and there is loss of appetite, and weakness. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the standard remedy for this condition. It purifies, vitalizes and enriches the blood, overcomes that tired feeling, builds up the nerves and gives perfect health. Read this:

"Our daughter, Blanche, when four years of age had a humor break out on her hands and face, which our physician pronounced ecsems. If the cold air reached her face or hands they would swell up, look almost purple, and headed blisters would form and break, ing and itching would drive her nearly wild. Unless we incased her little hands she would tear patches of skin from her face and hands. We tried many doctors and many remedies and at last gave the case up as hopeless, But our daughter Core tried Hood's Sersa parilla, to cure a scrofulous lump near the left breast which caused her much pain and after taking 4 bottles it disappeared. Blanche, who is now sleven, had spent seven years of suffering, so I concluded to give her Hood's Sarsaparills. She took 5 bottles and her face is smooth and soft as a baby's, the color of a rose petal. Her hands are soft and white, where four months ago they were blue and red and calloused nearly like leather. I cannot express my gratitude by pen or mouth. It seems a miracle and our friends are surprised." Mrs. Arwa L. Clark, 401 E. 4th St., Duluth, Mins.

HOOD'S Sarsaparilla

N. B. Be sure to get Hood's and only Hood's.

Mabel Gauss and Mr. Albert Wahle sisted of lyceum in the morning and lec The afternoon services at 3:30 found a each in turn rendered selections. Finally ture in the evening, the front of the large throng filling every part of the we came to the end of the programme, stage was filled with hot-house plants house. The exercises opened by an in-vocation by Mrs. Ada Foye, who has so dancing followed until after midnight. ably and successfully conducted the I forgot to mention that Mrs. White Atthe lyceum the children entertained lock and Miss Maggie Gaule each re- a large audience of older people who ceived a handsome bouquet. Taken altogether, our anniversary was a decided the past year, under the care and guidsuccess, financially, socially, etc. Many ance of Mrs. Anna L. Robinson. speaker, as usual, handled her theme, were in attendance who had never at-"The Birth of Spiritualism," in a most tended a Spiritualistic anniversary, and members, and a good work is being done were agreeably surprised and pleased. D. FEAST, Vice-Pres.

Elgin, Illinois, Anniversary.

I send a brief account of our anniversarv exercises here in Elgin. We are slowly but surely winning our way in Nickless, in a very impressive and feel-ing manner, conferred the rite of ordi-even to being recognized by the local nation on Mrs. Ada Foye, who will for papers, which refused to publish our the coming year officiate as pastor of notice when we first came, but now they this society, an honor worthily bestowed appear in the religious columns Saturon one of the ablest, sincerest and most day and in the Monday comments on gifted mediums that the Spirit-world the various Sunday services held throughhas selected to transmit their loving out the city. Our anniversary exercises messages and communications to friends | were varied. I acted as general manager on this side of life. Mrs. Foye accepted for that evening. Hon. Geo. S. Bowen, the charge in a few heartfelt re- ex-mayor of Elgin, gave the address of marks, after which she gave one of her the evening. Lawyer John Brown, L. grand test seances. Many were the Juckett and myself followed in brief reastounding tests she gave of the pres- marks suitable to the occasion. Miss ence of the spirit, through her wonderful | Shoemaker sang a beautiful solo; Miss powers of clairvoyance, clairaudience May Merritt, organist, closed the exer-

and writing. The evening meeting, at class with a fine instrumental piece.
7:30, was a fitting close of a grand anniversary. Mrs. Foye gave an address and other primitive tests; in their crudents an immense audience, and was follows they demonstrated the difference lowed by Mr. John Slater, platform test between now, and forty-seven years ago; medium, whose name is known through-out the world, wherever Spiritualism has an abiding-place, as one of its brightest and best representatives. He gave some wonderful tests in his way, which were enthusiastically received and carried

between now, and forty-seven years ago; so superfor are the trance and inspira-tional phases that we seldom think of resorting to the slow process of table-tipping and raps.

The evening was very stormy and dis-agreeable, but a fine audience gathered

conviction to the minds of his hearers. to cheer us with their smiling apprecia-The exercises closed with a musical and literary programme, participated in by Miss Lamburn, the Cox Brothers of Englewood, guitar and mandolin soloists, table: Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brown, Mr. Langle Sisters, vocalists in the following and several others of which was held at the residence of Mrs. Fred Schmidt. An address of welcome was delivered by the president, followed by a literary and the Langle Sisters, vocalists. Juckett, Mrs. Hirsch and several others musical programme, which was well whose names have escaped my memory.

The Querist Club, before whom I gave an address Sunday afternoon, March 24, attended our evening service in a body. This club is composed of a number of bright, intelligent ladies, who are brave ing and refreshments followed, and all To the Editor:-On the evening of enough to investigate whatever they March 28th, the Religio-Philosophical choose to, regardless of social prejudices society of this citylcelebrated the Fortyseventh Anniversary of modern Spirit-

ualism, in Dushane Post Hall, with a Tuesday, April 2.

good audience. The hall was nicely Spiritual investigation is on the increase here, but it is not a good field for two splendid bouquets adorned the front fraud; the friends have been so misled by these gentry in the past that now The programme was an excellent one strictly test conditions are insisted upon, and called forth praise. After the Silver yet the friends are friends to all true Chain recitation, the presentation of mediums and will give them a warm welcome when passing.

SADIE C. SCOVELL.

Anniversary at St. Louis, Mo. TO THE EDITOR: -Exercises commembrative of the Forty-Seventh Anniver-Bessie Schott. The recipients were sary of Modern Spiritualism were held taken totally by surprise, as they were yesterday in Howard's hall; which was yesterday in Howard's hall; which was not aware that they were to be the for- filled to overflowing. Beautiful flowers and potted plauts were attractively ar-After a selection by Mrs. Wahle, Mrs. ranged by loving hands, and an instruc-Ida P. A. Whitlock, of Boston, our pres- tive and highly interesting lecture was ent speaker, made the anniversary ad- given by Mr. F. A. Wiggin, together dress in her usual style and vigor. Too with choice solos and inspiring music by much cannot be said in the favor of Mrs. Mr. Maxham and the choir. This morn Whitlock. She has been with us since ing's Globe-Democrat printed the lec-February 1, and during that time has ture in its entirety. It is very gratifycertainly worked hard to advance the ing to note the change of attitude toward cause in our city. Sunday, March 31, Spiritualism by the secular press. Spirterminates her engagement for the pres- itualism is no longer a theory, but an ent. We tried to re-engage her for acknowledged fact. Let every believer April, but were unable to, on account of her other engagements. However, we banner, whereon is inscribed Truth and Progress, at the forefront. Our spiritspeaker. It is useless for me to praise work.

It is the duty of every Spiritualist to a short address she gave a few convinc- assist them, and no one can afford to deny himself of the truths and general The mere mention of her name called information contained in their columns. Many of the prominent dailies which Mrs. Whitlock, our speaker, favored have hitherto striven to hinder our was the rendition of a poem on "Light" us with a solo, accompanied on the piano progress are now inclined to give us a and the singing of a song in the French After a recitation by Miss Gertie morning. Keep its light shining with Gauss—which took the audience by undimmed brilliancy till it shall illumine the pathway of all, to the other ine the pathway of all, to the other poem entitled "Anniversary of modern shore, where progressive spirituality Spiritualism;" Miss Gracie Bingham re-Prof. J. K. Hoffman, our cornetist, shall advance throughout the endless ages of eternity. Max.

> Anniversary at Port Huron, Mich. The Forty-seventh Anniversary of

Modern Spiritualism was duly celebrated by the First Spiritual Society of Port Huron, Mich. On Friday evening, March 29, the society met at their lecture hall, for a social time, including supper and dancing, which was heartily enjoyed by the hundred or more who participated in the festivities. The hall was hung with the dear old

stars and stripes, reminding one that they still guard that boon of all boons, freedom of speech.

For the Sunday exercises, which con- son.

came to note the progress made during

for the little ones. At an early hour in the evening the hall was filled to overflowing, by people anxious to listen to our favorite lecturer

Mrs. Anna L. Robinson.
What higher praise can be given than to say that she did ample justice to the grand occasion, which she certainly did, holding the entire attention of the audience as she reviewed the work accomplished since the first tiny raps at Hydesville, to the present time.
The lecture was followed by greet-

ings from spirits to their old time friends still here, and promising that the good cause should grow more rapidly the coming year. A reporter for the local paper was

present and made a favorable and lengthy report of the lecture. C. H. HUBBARD, Sec'y.

The Anniversary at Springfields Illinois.

A meeting was called of the Spiritualists of this city, to perfect an organiza-tion, called the First Society of United Spiritualists of Springfield, Illinois. The following officers were elected for the

first year: Mr. Jacob Morgan, president; Mr. Henry Hammond, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Hooker, secretary, and Mrs. Fred.

Schmidt, treasurer. Also on the evening of April 1st, an rendered; and concluding with wellchosen remarks on the subject of the anniversary by Mrs. Henry Hammond. The spacious parlors were tastefully decorated with filles and roses. Danc-

had a royal good time. We hold regular meetings at Wood-men's hall, 214 S. Sixth street, every Sunday evening, which are well attended, under the leadership of Mrs. Hammond as our speaker, and to which the public are cordially invited.

Anniversary at Rochester, N. Y.

MRS. HARRY HOOKER.

I enclose a clipping from one of our leading local dailies, which, as it is concise, perhaps is as good a report to publish as any. Another of our dailies published a two-column article, so it begins to look as if the night of Spiritualism in Rochester is near its end. I have been speaking here again for the last three months. Mr. S. H. Barnsdale has charge of the meetings and the attendance and attention is good. I would like engagements for the month of May, or a part of the month, anywhere within fifty miles of this place.

MRS. M. B. BINGHAM.

ANNIVERSARY OF SPIRITUALISM.

The Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism was celebrated by a largely-attended meeting at the rooms of the society in the Durand building, No 58 West Main street, last evening. The exercises consisted of Spiritualistic tests by Dr. George West, and short speeches and recitations, The principal feature of the evening was a lecture Miss Maggie Gaule was our next ual papers are doing a grand and noble by Mrs. M. B. Bingham, and it was followed by the audience with the closest attention. R. D. Jones, the law librarian, who has been connected with the Spiritualistic movement for forty-six years, related some of his experiences. An interesting feature of the occasion fair hearing. Never before has the star language, with which the singer is said to be unacquainted,, by Miss Taylor,

while in a trance condition. S. H. Barnsdale recited an original cited effectively a poem, written by her mother; Mrs. Burtis, an aged member of the society, read a short paper; A. S. Clackner made a speech on the general subject of Spiritualism. Miss Lillie Summers recited "Borderland," a poem

appropriate to the occasion.
S. H. Barnsdale reported the local society to be in a healthy condition, free from debt, and growing in membership. The tests of Dr. West were of the customary kind, and well calculated to puzzle the skeptic on matters of Spiritualistic phenomena.-Rochester Demo-

He that thinks he can afford to be negligent is not far from being poor.-John-

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Anniversary Exercises There.

TO THE EDITOR: On Sunday, March 31, the Spiritual Conference Association of this city celebrated the forty-seventh year of modern Spiritualism with a grand entertainment: Old Handel and Hayden hall was gaily decorated with flags, palms and cut flowers, in profusion. President Thomas M. Locke, one sion. President Thomas M. Locke, one that the manufacture of the morning address was by Mr. A. J. Champion, and was most profound, the appearant in this

As far as this society is concerned, we have been pushing nobly to the front. Spiritualistic literature to be had for a small outlay—mentioning, of course, inception as an organization, it has presented the best class of speakers to the the leading journals. public; the audiences have grown steadily, and an increased interest has manifested itself. The Saturday even vin and Mr. Bush. The addresses were manifested itself. The Saturday evening seances by the speakers have been successful, and are the initial step, with us, to settle the vexed question of separating the phenomena from the philos

ophy.
With the help of the Ladies! Aid Society, whose weekly meetings are well attended, we have been able to meet successfully all problems of a financial

Aquarius evidently holds Spiritualism in favor, so he hied himself to other climes, with the result that no better the people who came.

The exercises opened at 2 o'clock, with a violin solo by Miss Emma Kerwieder, followed by a celebration the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Anshymn composed by C. Fannie Allyn, the speaker of the day; vocal solos by Miss Bell Dixon, who rendered "Non E ver and Cherben ins Ave Marie," in a manner that the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Anshymn composed by C. Fannie Allyn, the speaker of the day; vocal solos by Miss Bell Dixon, who rendered "Non E ver and Cherben ins Ave Marie," in a manner that the related benefit applied. ner that evoked hearty applause. Master Paul Buny sang, "Don't Drink, My Boy, To-Night," and Miss Nettie Hank-ing the adverse reports against the

the ability of the speaker in this class of the cabinet. work to a marked degree. She has There were fully forty people in the since gone from our midst, leaving front parlor, the names and addresses many good impressions; and may she of all were taken-each being willing to live long to labor and uphold the cause testify in favor of the medium, for the

sonference. Mr. Rohan opened with a back and forth. Ten appeared in the very forcible address, and explained how we have to fight the evil of obsession and the attacks of evil and Jesultical spirits, that aim to drag us down | did not enter the cabinet until a materiand hold us to the plane where they can alized guide came and led him in. The direct us, and create dissension in our

He was followed by Prof. Finkleston, Dr. McElray and others. Ex-President Samuel Wheeler gave a recitation; Mr. B. B. Hill, the staunch worker and friend to all worthy mediums, gave an interesting account of some of his experiences; Prof. Henry O. Skinner, temptation to resort to tricks? Grand Magea of Pennsylvania, State

numbers, too numerous to mention.

gave the last address and wound up the by a goodly number of people. Mrs. pervices with a poem and benediction. Amidon followed the lecture with tests which he did in his usual forcible style, So far, it is the greatest day we have given by the aid of her well-known guide and winning for himself the hearty aphad; all who came were pleased, and many congratulations attended our every two weeks, with helpful results.

Mr. Theodore E. Price, of New York lectures for us in April, and Mrs. Luther comes again in May. For the next season we have engaged Mrs. Helen Stuart-Richings for October and November; Oscar Edgerly for December: Mrs. Colby-Luther for January and February, and Prof. W. M. Lockwood for March. CHARLES L. G. FRORER.

THE ANNIVERSARY.

The Wentworth Association.

The Wentworth Association of Spirit uslists in Paulding county, Ohio, held their anniversary meeting Sunday, the 31st of March. We gave it out for an anniversary meeting, not knowing who the speakers would be for the occasion, the speakers would be for the occasion, and the speakers would be for the occasion, and the speakers would be for the occasion, and the speakers would be speakers would be for the occasion, and the speakers would be speakers with the speakers would be speakers would be speakers with the speakers would be speakers with the speakers would be s or whether we should have any or not. The result was that there was a very gift of speech and knowledge, whose an original poem and a few remarks, address on the occasion would do credit with benediction, on the Forty-seventh to any speaker. Mr. Dunakin was de- Anniversary. veloped as a medium at the circles held best workers for the spiritual cause.

B. Champion, our secretary, said he soul-inspiring music. saw lights around the stand while Mr. Dunakin was speaking. He explained Mrs. Harvey for throwing open her the meaning of the lights, and was spacious rooms for the occasion. listened to with great interest.

We then made some arrangements for our twenty-sixth annual grove-meeting, The Anniversary at Flint, Mich. which will come off next August. We then dismissed, to meet again in four ALBERT WENTWORTH, Vice-president, Hicksville, Ohio.

Lawrence, Kansas.

The forty-seventh anniversary of

p. m., Mrs. A. L. Lull lectured, subjects Warren, which was a very pretty sight, the Ladies' Aid. He is the Artemus

light shined."—Isaiah, ix., 2. places. After the control was again played.

MICHIGAN.

Report of the Celebration at Lansing. The First National Association of

The Spiritualists of the Capital City held meetings in commemoration of the

of the old guard of the movement in this the speaker going beyond the anticipacity, fills the chair acceptably, and if we had a few more workers of his stamp in word carried conviction of the truth of Philadelphia, Spiritualism here would his argument. He closed with an earn-Philadelphia, Spiritualism here would his argument. He closed with an earnbe far in advance of its present chaotic condition.

word carried conviction of the truth of and Brother Steinberg, was made wish she were holding public seances resplendent with beauty. On the front every night. Last Sunday was the condition. ums and an effort for the distribution of ums and an effort for the distribution of literature, emphasizing the amount of Spiritualistic literature to be had for a small outlay—mentioning of course lent beauty to the already had such a celebration in our city. In

The evening service was opened by all pronounced good; certain it is that they were so good that if we would all live up to the teachings in the next year we would note great changes before another anniversary, for

"If each to each be all he can, A very God to man is man."

Since the announcement that the writer desired opportunity of work on the platform, a few have had courage enough to give a beginner a hearing. I spoke for the Lansing society one Sunday could have been wished for, and in day in December. February 3d, in December. the hall could hardly hold troit, by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, before the society over which Mrs. Carpenter is installed as the

inson, a fair young lady of twelve sum-mers, rendered "Rock Me to Sleep, in justice, do other than say through Mother," and the piano and violin duet your widely-read paper (if you will perby Prof. Bacon and Mr. B. F. Halde- mit me) that the seance I attended preman was duly appreciated. Mrs. Allyn answered questions taken a point where to doubt the actual apfrom the audience. Her explanation pearance of spirit forms would be absurd. of fortune-telling from the theological It was a test seance in this way: The standpoint was a stunner, and showed cabinet arranged in the double doors how the theologian told all about the between two parlors; a lamp and a large doings of God, in the past, present and coal stove, the light in the back parlor, future; and that our mediums in their in which about a dozen people were prophecies had never once reached the seated, among them Dr. J. D. Kergan, height of divination, or forecasting of at whose home Prunella Jennette Sherevents, that has been practiced in the man of the Detroit Tribune attends a name of the God of Christianity. The seance by courtesy and then holds it up questions, all ably answered, were too to ridicule. The front parlor was light-numerous to mention here, and showed ed by the slide-light operated on from

There were fully forty people in the forms appeared in both parlors at the From 5 to 7 o'clock was given to a same time, as we ascertained by talking back parlor, fifteen in the front parlor. Most were recognized. As many as three forms were seen at once. The medium cabinet was surrounded by sitters, with no possible way for confederates, not-

withstanding all reports to the contrary. Whatever Lee Vere Johnson may have done in the past, or may do in the future, the work of that seance proved ing that power in such abundance, what

EFFIE F. JOSSELYN.

The Anniversary at Maquoketa. Iowa.

The Spiritual Society of Maquoketa celebrated the Forty-seventh Anniversary of Spiritualism at the home of Mrs. J. M. Harvey, March 30 and 31. Singminds of his hearers the importance of ing and recitations by the little folks, paying more attention to the philosophy and a bountiful supper for all present. occupied the time Saturday afternoon and evening. It was a success socially, and was enjoyed by a large number of

liberal thinkers. The meeting Sunday evening was Ladies' Aid Society, was served in the called to order by the president, who upper hall, and many availed themannounced the object of our coming together. The double parlors were well needs of the physical man. A large aufilled with eager listeners, to hear our dience in the evening listened to a lecdelivered and highly appreciated by all. The lecture was followed with a poem

gentle touch upon their instruments After Mr. Dunakin was through, R. brought forth the sweetest strains of

The Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was observed in this city, March 30 and 31. The ladies of the Helping Hand Society gave one of their famous suppers on the 30th, which was largely attended, after which a musical and literary programme was rendered by members of modern Spiritualism was celebrated the Young People's Investigating Club. here Sunday, March 31, by appropriate Professor P. O. Hudson, of Bay City, exercises. The con-In the morning a conference meeting clusion of the programme was the mock was held at A. O. U. W. hall. At 2:30 wedding of Tom Thumb and Lavina mention Brother Waite, as lecturer of

ject: "A great light hath shined upon followed by Freddie Draper and Etta them that sit in darkness, upon those Mae Wilson, then bride and groom Jennie that sit in the shadow of death bath the Davis and Harry Brotherton took their

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Spiritualists.

The First National Association of

a gold watch as a token of their love.

who spoke as only she can, keeping the Long before the time for commencing close attention of all. The enthusiasm the hall was packed, showing the interand applause testified to the acceptability of her most appropriate remarks.

With lovely music, under the direction entitled; "Open those pearly gates of Brother Alternus, the morning services with a solo of Brother Alternus, the morning services with a solo light," written by C. Payson Longley:

Two p. m. commenced the afternoon session, which was full of the and good full soprano, Miss McCue, then readings talks by our local talent and others, the by Dr. Burgers, which were very corfollowing making short addresses, all rect. The Doctor is a fine psychomappropriate and interesting: Mr. F. U. etrist. Another solo, entitled "Only a Worley, Mr. Edson, Mrs. Luther, Mr. thin veil between us." was beautifully

The closing meeting of the day, 7:30 fulihn presiding at the piano and Burnham with duets on the violin, and the Misses Burt with duets on the piano, Mrs. Luther made an appeal for funds United States, which resulted in receiving nearly \$300. Mrs. Luther stated that Brother Theodore J. Mayer would duplicate the total amount of the evening collection, which resulted in receiving \$126.96, which Brother Mayer made equals as test mediums. It was a bright, joyous day. Several telegrams of congratulation were sent and received.

GOFF A. HALL,

MILWAUKEE, WIS. The Anniversary Exercises There.

Spiritualism in the Cream City is on a veritable boom-University Society (which is really the First Society under a new name) celebrated the Forty-sevhis great power as a medium, and hav- enth Anniversary in fine style, and in spite of the elements which combined against them the meetings were a pro-Previous to this, in Detroit, he had nounced success. Friday evening was " and was t

in the commodious and pleasant home Brother Ripley being severely indis-It was near 9 o'clock when Mrs. Allyn of Mr. Chester Cabot, and was enjoyed posed, Will C. Hodge was called upon to give the address of the morning, "Sunshine." These meetings are held plause of his hearers. The session closed with readings by Emma J. Nutt.

In the afternoon nearly every seat in the hall was taken. The meeting was opened by Professor Severance, the noted psychometrist and all-around reformer. He gave a very interesting account of experiences in the early days of Spiritualism, and impressed upon the paying more attention to the philosophy and the necessity of making our Spiritualism practical. Tests were given by Brothers Ripley and Metcalf, which closed a very interesting session.

A bountiful lunch, prepared by the selves of the opportunity to satisfy the ture by Brother Ripley, which was followed by a test seance by his guides.

The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers, potted plants, mottoes, etc.. among which was conspicuously

Clinton Camp-meeting. Unity Society, afternoon. brought forth the sweetest strains of soul-inspiring music.

The society returns sincere thanks to Mrs. Harvey for throwing open her spacious rooms for the occasion.

MARCUS LITTELL, Pres.

Cinton Camp-meeting. Unity Society, thoroughly organized with new and efficient officers, with Brother Biegler as president, and assisted by the Ladies' giving us a very graphic description of his life, and history of the development of his life, and history of the development of his life, and history of his mediums to the plating Spiritualism before the public in a manner which shall command the for over an hour describing spirits the militage of Spiritualism. intelligent audiences are a criterion, the Much of this is due to the efficient la-It has been said:

"That a little nonsense now and then Is relished by the wisest men."

Ward of Unity Society, and his fun and

When the scalp is atrophied or shiny-

Bacramento, Gal.

TO THE EDITOR:-We regret to say that we have no working society here, but have had to be contented with our home circles, until some speaker or me-dium came along and held public services. We have now in our midst one Forty-seventh Anniversary, giving a Spiritualists, of Washington, celebrated of the best mediums, Mrs. Maggie Waite, supper and musicale on Saturday eventhe Forty-seventh anniversary of mod- of San Epanelsco. She is with us, holdern Spiritualism Sunday, March 31, in ing seances every Sunday, and Wednest the most enthusiastic manner. The day evenings, in one of the largest halls beautiful Metzerott hall, our regular in the city, to crowded houses. She is a place of meeting, was most artistically lady of the presence, very attractive decorated. The platform, under the and congenial, so much so that when skilled hands of Florist Brother Gude you once come in contact with her you handsome platform.

It was an all-day service, commencing at 10 a. m. by the lyceum with appropriate exercises, closing by Sister Gillowers to decorate her hall for the occupent, in a few beautiful words, present loading. A floral piece reading "Forty-log the appropriate Miss Berths Julian" has present loading. ing the organist, Miss Bertha Julihn, seventh Anniversary," was hung across a gold watch as a token of their love. the hall, while the desks and stands At 11:30 their regular morning services opened by singing, remarks by the president, Milan C. Edson, who spoke with palms, intermingled with ivy and of the rise and advance of Spiritualism; smilax; in fact, you were walking on and he in turn was followed by that vet flowers, there was such a shundance—eran in the cause, Mrs. A. H. Luther, it just had the appearance of fairy tand.

> ices were such as are not soon to be for then an invocation by Mrs. Waite, followed with violin, piano and banjo solos, recitations, songs by the wondersession, which was full of life and good ful soprano, Miss McCue, then readings

> Woodbury, Miss Simmons, Mrs. Gilbert, rendered, then Mrs. Waite commented Mrs. Melling, Miss Gaule and Mrs. her seame, giving some of the most Jacques. The afternoon meeting, under wonderful tests ever given in our city. the management of our musical director, Judging from her work here, she stands Brother Altemus, was a grand success. without an equal in her mediumship; her earnest, magnetic manner, and the to 10:30 p. m., was replete with grand positiveness of the tests given, leave no addresses by President Edson and Mrs. room for doubt. Names, relationship, Luther, singing by Miss Madden, Miss incidents, and descriptions, without one Hempstone and Mr. Altemus, Miss single mistake—the Spiritualists were pleased, the skeptics were dumbfounded Burr with his flute, Masters by the accuracy of her tests; in fact, she Emil C. Christiani, Jr., and Julius O. carried the entire audience with her; on all sides you could hear the words: "Wonderful!" "Best we ever heard." Everybody enjoyed it. It is a grand the National Association of the feature of her work. She not only ited States, which resulted in received raws growds, but makes converts nearly \$300. Mrs. Luther stated wherever she goes. At the close of the services Mrs. Waite was presented with a handsome basket of flowers. In closing, I feel like thanking Mr.

> Longley for the beautiful songs he has \$253.92. The closing exercises were composed, which are a feature in Mrs. tests by Miss Maggie Gaule, of Balti- Waite's seances, and of whom I obmore, and Homer J. Altemus, of this tained a copy. I think they ought to be city, who have no superiors and few in every Spiritualist's family, in conjunction with THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. MRS. EMILY BOWERS.

SUMMERLAND, CALIFORNIA.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

Both societies celebrated at their halls respectively the Forty-seventh Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, and a truly good time it proved. The weather being fine both Saturday and Sunday, a large a fine speaker. The musical part of the number of people from near and far took programme was opened by a song by advantage thereof, and came to the P.O. Hudson, of Bay City, Mich. feast.

At Liberty hall the celebration opened on Saturday morning and continued Temple No. 1, Order of the Magi— been placed in the strictest test condiwhich, by the way, is becoming a detions. with fine results, by men not to be
tided success here—gave the finishing imposed upon.

Torong was, in Devoit, ne nad developed, ne nad success. Triday evening was through the two days and evenings, and Hudson sang several songs. In the afternoon Prof. White delivered a fine treesting speeches, and a happy reunion success. The evening was throughly leading to the light fantastic." and was thoroughly leading to the light fantastic was the light fantastic." and was thoroughly leading to the light fantastic was the light fantastic was the light fantastic." and was the light fantastic was t Sunday morning, continued through the address. The evening was the climax; day and evening concluding the celetided success here—gave the finishing imposed upon.

Stopping at Williamston to speak on March 17, I met Mrs. R. Amidon. She was a clear and lucid explanation of the subject discussed.

The evening service opened with a plano, and violin solo; address by Mrs. J. W. voice, violin and plano, by Mrs. J. W. voice, violin and plano, by Mrs. J. W. Yocum, Miss Kerwieder, and Prof. Barron; and other literary and musical single and evening concluding the celebration of proving the metring and evening concluding the celebration of the standard was opened by congregational singling, conducted by Prof. Hudson, and found spirit child proving tests from the higher planes of soul freedom. Yocum, Miss Kerwieder, and Prof. Barron; and other literary and musical single, concluding the celebration Monday evening with a grand day and evening, concluding the celebration Monday evening with a grand masquerade. Taking it all in all, it was same home with this medium, and found plano, by Mrs. J. W. Surveything to prove honesty, nothing to prove therwise, receiving tests from March 17, I met Mrs. R. Amidon. She had spent ten days in Bay City in the forty-seven-year-old spirit child prove the meeting was opened by congregational singling, conducted by Prof. Hudson, and evening with a grand masquerade. Taking it all in all, it was same home with this medium, and found spirit child prove the meeting was opened by congregational singling, conducted by Prof. Hudson, as well-written attraction the forty-seven-year-old spirit child prove the meeting was opened by congregational singling, conducted by Prof. A. B. Sever-and the forty-seven-year-old spirit child prove the hills was packed to the doors. The meeting was opened by congregational singling, conducted by Prof. A. B. Sever-and entering was opened by congregational singling, conducted by Prof. A. B. Sever-and entering was opened by congregational singling conducted by Prof. A. B. Sever-and entering was opened by congregational singling conducted by Prof. A. B. Sever-and entering was ope

the day (Sunday) at both halls-Liberty that the Doctor is one of the finest hall in the morning and Library hall in speakers on the rostrum. the afternoon-which she and her controls carried out to the extent that on tion of modern Spiritualism at Flint, every hand it is admitted that Summer- which will long be remembered. land has never been presented with a better pentecostal spiritual feast than The Anniversary at Minneapolis, the angels served out to the people

through her organism on that day. Mrs. Cooley is a fine platform test | We had a grand celebration of the medium, and excellent circle medium, forty-seventh anniversary at our hall, and a first-class trance and inspirational which was crowded to the doors. Adspeaker; to meet with and hear her is dresses were made by Dr. and Mrs. to be made better and happier: and it Aspinwall, Prof. F. N. Foster, who also would be well for spiritual societies to took a spirit picture before the public extend a Macedonian call to her to come audience, Mrs. Benjamin, Mrs. Davis, over and feed them.

fill an engagement at Stockton, this of age, who spoke grandly, and gave State, through the month of May; and some excellent tests, as did also the in Oregon, her native State, through others mentioned above. The floral the month of June from there she exdecorations were said by many to be the THE PEOPLE'S SPIRITUAL ALLIANCE, pects to go to the camp in the State of finest they had ever seen, and they were of which Mrs. H. S. Lake is pastor, M. E. T. land, Oregon.

Mich.

The Paw Paw Valley Spiritual Association held its first annual meeting at appreciative audience. We had good by Mrs. J. P. Wright, and remarks by music, and F. D. Dunakin, the president of our society, came impressed with the and others. Mrs. A. H. White gave us ing at Gram's hall, where Brother forty-seventh anniversary of Spiritualan original poem and a few remarks, with benediction, on the Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism. Rapids, and Mrs. E. C. Woodruff, of the Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism. South Haven, being the speakers. The ern Spiritualism on the evening of the The programme was interspersed with that this closes his engagement at that place, but are pleased Doctor gave us a very good lecture 20th of March, by giving an exception-In our neighborhood. He is sent for to music on the mandolin and guitar by to know that he will not take his departation, and again Sunday ally fine literary and musical entertainattend camp-meetings, and is among the Mr. and Mrs. F. Huntington, whose ture from the city until the opening of morning, and Mrs. Woodruff Sunday ment at Plummer's Hall, in this city.

in a manner which shall command the for over an hour describing spirits the religion of Spiritualism. They were respect of the people; and if large and present, until it seemed that the two Miss Myrta E. V. Coldren, Mrs. Julia worlds had met, and well we might say Steward and Charles W. Steward. These success of Unity Society is assured, there was only a thin veil between us. mediums have been under almost con-The Doctor is a wonderful sensitive: it tinual investigation by the members of bors of George H. Brooks, their former seems to me that he lives more—if such the society for more than a year, and in speaker, who labored faithfully to put a thing were possible—in the Spiritthe society in its present condition, and world than he does in this. He is an their moral characters have been found the society in its present condition, and world than he does in this. He is an their moral characters have been found der 15 years. The one entitled "Russia," of whom we hear nothing but praise, honest, earnest worker for the cause of to be without reproach. Our society is written by Master Victor Snape being Spiritualism and truth, and is doing a growing rapidly. vast amount of good. By his pleasant manner and congenial way, he has won the admiration of the people in this vicinity.

The following are the officers of our

society for the ensuing year: B. O'Dell, In the evening Mrs. L. A. Mabee delivered the anniversary address. Sublivered the anniversary address and the

places. After the ceremony the march hair; in all other cases, Halls Hair Remonstrated h

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

Anniversary Exercises There.

The First Spiritual Union of San Jose elebrated the Forty-Seventh Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in an allday meeting on March 24th, at their hall on San Fernando and Third streets. From 10 till 11 a. m. lyceum exercises, and address to the children by Brother

At 11 the hall was well-filled at the regular meeting of Investigators' Circle, many mediums being present. Subjects talked on by Brothers Simp-

son and Dart, and Sisters Bicknell and Bigelow: "Our Anniversary," and "Visiting the Sick." Sister Cowell gave an invocation, and Sister Woodhams, of Santa Clara, uttered some excellent The chairman announced that a lunch

or dinner had been prepared by a committee of ladies and would be served at 12:30 o'clock to all who wished to partake, free, and all were invited to remain the entire day. At 2 o'clock the members of the society retired to the parlors and held their annual election, which resulted as follows: W. L. Stephens, president; E. Pomeroy, viceresident; W. D. J. Hambly, secretary; Mrs. M. E. Barker, treasurer; Jos. Murray, R. F. Young, H. A. Crawford, trus-

Adjourned to the assembly-room, where a fine program, musical and literary, was rendered by youths and adults most appreciative listeners. Mrs. Downer Stone gave an improvised poem on a subject chosen by the audience; Mrs. Cowell, of Oakland, gave a few tests, after which the meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m.

The evening exercises were opened by an overture: piano, Mrs. Frost: cornet, Wm. McMeekin. This was followed with remarks by Wm. Vinter, past president of the society. An excellent programme was listened to with delight, and the climax was reached when Mrs. Cowell, in a few well-chosen words, presented Brother Wm. Vinter with a beautiful watch-chain in token of her appreciation of the many courtesies extended to her by one who has been at the head of the society ever since it had an existence.

An elegant gold spiritual badge to wear on the chain was presented to him by the lady members, and a very nice muffler by the male members of the society, little Ollie Frost making the presentation speech in a charming, child-like manner. Responded to by Brother Vinter. Mrs. Cowell then gave tests until 10:30 o'clock, when the large audidience dispersed, seeming to feel satisfied that the anniversary day and doings had been a pronounced success and one long to be remembered.
MRS. H. L. BIGELOW.

Flint, Michigan.

The forty-seventh anniversary modern Spiritualism was appropriately observed, opening with a grand supper by the Helping Hand Society, on Saturday evening the 3d, concluding with a musical and literary programme, in which several fine musical selections, poems, etc., were rendered.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. E. H. Densmore, the president of the society, who is an eminent worker and

On Sunday morning a very interesting conference meeting took place, in which every one said something, and Prof.

Thus ended the forty-seventh celebra-

Minn.

We had a grand celebration of the Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Westfall and Master Mrs. Cooley leaves in a few days to Roberts, a young colored lad. 14 years Washington, Her address for some all taken from our own home. We felt held two meetings, afternoon and eventime will be No. 268 Fourth street Portvery much gratified to hear the kind ing, in Memorial Hall, Miss May Ames and pleasant words spoken of them and our work. It was a grand success, and The Anniversary at Paw Paw, many eyes were opened to the truth, and many hearts made glad to know "there sembled friends. is no death-what seems so is transi-S. N. ASPINWALL.

Denver, Colorado.

To THE EDITOR:-The John Cum-The attendance equaled the capacity of

Lincoln, Nebraska. On Sunday evening, March 31st, our

society celebrated the Forty-Seventh Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, cilia Neison; treasurer; J. D. Sherman, ous recitations by the children. A neat programme was carried out, and a large and appreciative and sense was in attendance. Everything passed off pleastendance. Everything passed off pleas-

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THE ANNIVERSARY.

Celebration of the Rochester Rappings, in Cleveland, O.

While the different Spiritualistic societies failed in the attempt to hold a uion celebration, as at first proposed, Anniversary day was generally and successfully observed throughout the city by the various societies. The weather was propitious, and the rapid transit of the street railways enabled the friends to fly around to the various places of meeting.

MORNING SESSION.

The only morning meeting was held in Weisgerber's Hall, under the auspices of the Children's Progressive Lyceum, Conductor B. F. Bellows presiding over the conference.

After a fine overture from the lyceum orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Samuel Russell, Jr., the chairman requested Mr. Thomas Lees to start the ball rolling, which he did by first alluding to the physical absence of Mr. Samuel Russell. Sr., and paying a brief tribute to one of the most earnest and oldest workers in the lycoum, recently passed to the higher life.

Mr. Lees then gave a short history of the origin of Anniversary day, which was established at the fourth national convention of Spiritualists held in this city in 1867, through the mediumship of Mr. James Lawrence, father of the wellknown detective of this city. Mr. Lees also spoke of the growth of Spiritualism since that time.

Brief speeches eulogistic of the cause of Spiritualism were made by Mrs. Mary Moss, N. B. Dixon, conductor of the West Side Lyceum; D. S. Critchley, Thomas A. Black, George Ingham, Arthur I. King, Mrs. J. C. Saxton and Mr. Frederick Hayes, president of the Progressive Thinker's Society. Orches-

tional speaker, singer and test medium. The address was warmly received by the large audience present, and after a very pretty song of Mr. Beals' own composing, short addresses followed from Thomas A. Black, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Frink, N. B. Dixon, L. A. Launderville, J. N. Magoon, M. D., and M. F. Sutherland, vice-

president of the society. Mr. Thomas Lees gave his "Spiritualistic Alphabet," bringing in the names of the most prominent speakers and mediums on the spiritual rostrum.

Owing to the lateness of the hour after the many speeches, Mr. Beals thought best not to detain the audience long by giving his usual psychometric tests. Though this was a great disappointment all. to the audience, the meeting was voted

presiding. A pretty feature of the occasion was the offering of potted and cut flowers to the spirits, by many of the as-Miss Ames opened the proceedings

vocal and instrumental music. After which Mrs. Lake spoke of the floral offerings, and then gave a very clear Denver City, and Mrs. Baade, which exposition of many of the phases of Spiritualism, which she said was a relig-cerned. ion; but not more so than the flowers and plants, or the earth itself. Mrs. Lake Miss Porter and others; a solo by Miss gave spirit messages to the donors of the Porter was rendered in such a manner

Progress of Spiritualism," touching entitled "Where is Heaven." briefly on the earlier history of the move ment, and then addressed herself chiefly to elaborating the cardinal features and teachings held by Spiritualists.

THE EVENING SESSION AT WEISGERB ER'S HALL

was a literary and musicale by the Chil dren's Progressive Lyceum, in which many of the most talented children took part. Prize essays were read by Miss Mabel McCaslin, written by scholars undeclared the best, won the prize-a silby Mrs. Hopkins, the guardian to Master Snape.

A banquet and ball under the auspices saly. Thos. Lees.

lew, proves that the mind is weak or treat to our people this coming winter makes it so. - Cowper.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Forty-Seventh Anniversary There.

The Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism was remembered and duly celebrated on the 31st of March by Rochester Spiritualists. The meet-was held in the Durand building, where regular Sunday meetings are held by the Spiritualists' society. Steven H. Barnsdale presided, and made the opening speech, closing by reading an orig-

inal poem. The next speaker was Mr. A. S. Clockner, who spoke of the commencement of the manifestations at Hydesville, and of the coming of the young mediums to Rochester. He detailed the persistency of the spirits for a public investigation. resulting in the noted "Corinthian Hall" investigation. He investigated the rappings soon after the Fox girls removed to Rochester, and he said he knew of but two other persons now living in Rochester who investigated the subject in the earlier days of the manifestation. His statements were new to many in the audience and excited much interest.

Mrs. Mary B. Bingham, the regular speaker of the Rochester Society of Spiritualists, then gave a carefully prepared address treating of the philosophy of Spiritualism and its importance to the world.

Several other persons made brief remarks, and there were recitations by two young ladies. The exercises were interspersed by music under the direction of Heber Eaton. REPORTER.

The Anniversary at South Haven Michigan.

The Forty-seventh Anniversary of the birth of modern Spiritualism was celebrated by the Progressive Spiritual Association of this place, March 31st, with appropriate exercises: music by the orchestra, speaking, etc., being the order of the day.

The exercises were opened with a

speech by S. G. Sheffer, upon th "First Ten Years of Spiritualism," showing the wonderful revolution of thought, the unfoldment and progression of the mental and spiritual forces of the human soul in all branches of scientific research; after which the beautiful "Jubilate," was rendered by the same speaker. The subject of the peculiar beliefs and

customs of the orthodox churches of fifty vears ago, compared with those of to-day and with Spiritualism, was well handled by Mr. Levi Wood, Spiritualism not suffering by the comparison.

The "Philosophy of Evil," by A. C.

Woodruff, was a scholarly address, both pleasing and instructive. An intermission of two hours followed, during which time a banquet was

served which was something, as the Hoosier Poet says, "both the spirit and the stomach understand." During the afternoon we were enter-tained with an address by the Hon. A. S. Dyckman, and with tests by Mrs.

Levi Wood, who is a good psychome-We were somewhat dissappointed by the indisposition of our regular speaker, M. F. Hammond, which prevented his attendance, still, a very pleasant and instructive time was enjoyed by

Although we have been a chartered society only six months, we are doing nicely and have several new members. making in all a total of thirty-eight belonging to our society. MRS. NELLIE SPAULDING.

The Anniversary at Detroit, Mich.

Anniversary exercises were celebrated at Hanna's hall, March 31st, in a very appropriate manner, by the First Spiritual Philosophical Society, with an apwith an address, which was followed by propriate address by Nellie S. Baade, regular speaker of the society.
Tests were given by Mr. Hoosier, of

> seemed perfectly satisfactory to all con-The best of music was furnished by

as to win golden laurels for her. Mrs. At the evening session Mrs. Lake Hoosier also received hearty applause spoke upon "The Birth, Meaning, and for the manner in which she sang a song Altogether the meeting was a decided: success in every way. The hall was not decorated: the money for such purposes

was used in behalf of God's poor. But

the spirits came and manifested their presence and we believe much good was accomplished. NELLIE S. BAADE.

Anniversary at Buffalo, N. Y. On Sunday, March 31st, the Unity Society of Spiritualists celebrated the Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism. The weather was all that could be wished: the attendance good. ver Spiritualistic emblem or badge, The rostrum was handsomely decorated offered by Mrs. Effic Moss, and presented with potted plants and a large banner announcing the Forty-seventh Anni-versary. We are a young society and are making good progress. Mrs. H. of the C. P. L., held on Tuesday even- Van Buskirk acted as chairman in tho ing, April 2, closed the successful cele-absence of J. W. Dennis, who was conation of the Forty-seventh, Anniver- fined to his home by illness. Mrs. Myra F. Paine occupied the rostrum and gave a very edifying and instructive lecture. To dally much with subjects mean and We are making arrangements to give

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REMITTANCES.

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The Forty-Seventh Anniversary.

We devote our paper this week to the Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism, crowding out all items, It illustrates in a compact form the wonderful interest of Spiritualists in this day, and will attract the attention of thoughtful minds everywhere.

The Anniversary in Chicago.

As bad as the weather was on Sunday to say;

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The facts of my narrative happened them, but as the acevening, March 31, Kremer's hall, 574 in order were a solo by Mr. Palmer, the embellishment. president of the Society of Students of Nature, meeting at that place, his voice one of my boon companions was a capbeing accompanied by the guitar; trio, rendering the song Juanita, accompanied by piano and violin; instrumential solution in the German Army, called Serguis Hofmann. It is not often that one finds a lover of the mystical and occult pirational song, by Mrs. Lindsay, the was one, it was Captain Sergius Hofplanist for the society; solo, with violin mann. At that time I was myself an in-

This musical festival was interspersed with remarks from several sympathizers with Spiritualism, some of the speakers with Spiritualism, some of the speakers being from other communities, and by tests from Mr. M. Hoffman. The children of the lyceum also gave recitations two of them rendering the song, "The Little Red Schoolhouse," to the tune of Araby's Daughter, also called Old Oaken Bucket.

The children were furnished with National flags and marched in lyceum

platform was decorated with magnificent bouquet of large white lilies of the candidum species, mostly con-tributed by Miss Tillie English, a member of the lyceum just entering her teens; the whole overtopped by the great sunflower, star-spangled banner, so dear to every lover of spiritual lib-

Indianapolis, Ind.

The Indianapolis Association of Spiritualists celebrated the anniversary of modern Spiritualism at G. A. R. hall haps this practice of operating mentally with a musical and literary programme, on Saturday evening, and Sunday, March 30, 31. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms and foliage plants of various kinds, while around and about the platform and hall were many tokens of kindly remembrances in the shape of cut flowers, designs and potted plants, in memory of the loved ones. was very complete, and was greatly appreciated by the large audience present, wife's tastes were more for society and who encored heartly each number of gaiety. the month, read an original poem, very appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. close of the evening's exercises.

singer, orator and medium he is certainly most wonderfully gifted. The discourses delivered were extremely interesting and instructive, and he held well to the subjects in hand, charming all by his eloquence and his clear and high degree both mental and psychic gifts, presenting both philosophy and henomena of rare excellence, and the skeptic, the inquiring mind, as well as the oldtime Spiritualist, will do well to hear his practical elucidation of the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualsm and kindred subjects. No one can hear this gentleman without being benefited, as they are brought face to face with truth in a clear and concise manner, showing him to be a thorough investigator, scholar and student. B. T. SCHMID.

Anniversary at Pittsburg, Kansas. The Spiritualist Society of Pittsburg, Kansas, celebrated the Forty-seventh Anniversary, commencing with a social Occasionally I corresponded on matters Saturday evening at the residence of B. L. Abel, at which short talks pertaining to Spiritualism were made and Hofmann and wife got on well together a nice lunch served. Sunday afternoon. the 31st, public services were held, at I replied that except that on the which appropriate music was rendered mental plane their tastes did not altoa song and recited, and George H. Walser, of Liberal, Mo., delivered a fine address. Other members read selections knowledge went. In reply, the Baroness pertaining to the event. At the evening session select readings and music were a feature, and W. E. Bonney, of have been commenced. Dr. A. M. Mora noble work for the cause in this city. A. SPIRITUALIST.

Anniversary at Vicksburg, Mich. the reports of the various anniversary felt some shadow settling upon its spirmeetings, you may say for the First its. Being then asked to give some post brought this letter addressed to her seekers after truth.

Spiritual Association of Vicksburg that proof that it was really his self commuland forwarded on here from our home. I think there is a we had our first annual meeting at C. E. Robinson's, March 31st, and elected the Miss Arnold's hand for five minutes. following-officers: C. E. Robinson, pres- Miss Arnold indignantly repudiated the er, and have money in our treasury, and the cause is growing.
C. E. DENT.

THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE SOUL OF MAN.

Body.

Armitage avenue, Chicago, was filled to just as I have stated them, but as the acoverflowing to witness the beautiful ex-ercises devised and conducted by Mrs.

M. Summers. After the opening hymn
that the chief actor would not like to ercises devised and conducted by Mrs. and as many of the incidents are such M. Summers. After the opening hymn that the chief actor would not like to was sung by the audience she addressed the conducted by Mrs. and as many of the incidents are such no idea of his being in Heidelberg. "I feed on the letter just received. So I cause of truth, Dr. Benton, I consented to address with that the chief actor would not like to am stationed at Mainz," he said. "My wife and I have been staying here for a symptomic property of the consented that the chief actor would not like to will be a more actional to the consented that the chief actor would not like to will be a more actional to the consented that the chief actor would not like to will be a more actional to the consented that the chief actor would not like to will be a more actional to the consented that the chief actor would not like to will be a more actional to the consented that the chief actor would not like to will be a more actional to the consented that the chief actor would not like to will be a more actional to the consented that the chief actor would not like to am stationed at Mainz," he said. "My wife and I have been staying here for a symptomic property and the consented that the chief actor would not like to a more actional to the consented that the chief actor would not like to a more actional to the consented that the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actional than the chief actor would not like to a more actor would not like to a more actor would not like to a m an invocation to the omnipresent power, as having happened to him, I have been and then delivered an address on the compelled to alter all names and locali-"History of Modern Spiritualism." Then | ties, but narrate the facts without any

When I was studying at Heidelberg, tal trio, guitar and two mandolins; in- among the military, but if ever there vestigator into mesmerism and Spiritualism, and my experience in these subjects had led me to take a great interest duckling takes to water. He was also a practicing his power of mental com-mand and the effect of his gaze. He was fond of trying to make some young brother officer find his beer nauseous by suggesting the idea mentally, but not verbally; he would make, in a similar way, some friend in a crowded party feel uncomfortable and leave the room: even in church he would try to make a preacher stammer and lose connection of thought, in the streets an errand-boy stop his whistling, or a policeman cross the road. I mention these facts, as permay have given his other self also greater powers of impressing its ideas on another's consciousness.

My friend had been married some few years when I first met him. His wife had a fortune of her own, and so they lived in very comfortable style for a Ger-man officer. His wife was not much interested in the occult, consequently he The musical and literary programme did not reveal this side of his character so much to her as he did to me. His

One day I made the acquaintance of he said to me. Stiles, who had been our speaker during an American lady, the Baroness von Ritter, and her sister, Miss Arnold. These ladies being interested in Spiritualism Steelman-Mitchell gave tests at the and discovering it to be also my hobby, asked me to come every Sunday after-The month of April finds us with that noon and sit quietly with them to see genial gentleman, Frank Baxter, of if we could not develop some spiritual Chelsea, Mass., a most talented and gifts amongst ourselves. The gift that gifted medium. Last Sunday was his came to Miss Arnold was automatic first appearance in our city and upon writing. First with the help of a plan-our platform, and a large and intelligent chette, afterwards with simply a penaudience was present to greet him. As cil in her hand, she would write messages purporting to come from the world

of departed spirits.

As I was often talking of my friend Captain Hofmann, they asked me to bring him some day. Accordingly, one Sunday afternoon I brought him and inlogical reasoning. He combines in a troduced him, and we had a seance together, which ended in an interesting talk on astrology and palmistry which the Captain practiced amongst his other studies. Finally, the Captain gave Miss Arnold an example of his art by delineating her character and fate from her

> hand. Shortly afterwards, the Captain was ordered out on service at the Cameroons, and as the station was notorious for fevers he left his wife behind him in Germany. He saw no more of the Baroness and her sister, who also shortly afterwards left Heidelberg and went to reside in Switzerland. In course of time I also left and went to my pro-

fessional duties in England. More than a year had passed away spiritual with the Baroness. One day I was asked in a letter whether Captain or whether they had had any quarrel by an excellent choir, the children sang gether agree; I had always found them good comrades to each other, and that no quarrel had taken place so far as my informed me of the reason of her question. She and her sister, in their home in Switzerland, were sitting together to Cherryvale, Kansas, read a very able, get automatic writings from spirits, an intelligence that had not yet permarison, who has been lecturing since Jan- nently separated from his earthly body, uary 13th for the society, is so logical had communicated with them by this and convincing that the bitterest enemeans. He affirmed that he was still mies to the truth cannot get around his living in his body, but that he was very ing to them. When asked why he was at a letter before him. unhappy, he replied that he would shortly

only occasion he had met her.'

affirming that the same fate was hang- in Africa that girl and my wife had been ing over him, and apparently finding together and gone off on a tour with a some consolation in thus relieving the theatrical company, and each had lived Its Wonderful Possibilities outer world seemed to point to the truth is the blow, and I had not a suspicion of of the statement. Captain Hofmann, I heard from friends of his, had returned, and was living very peaceably and quietly with his wife. Six months or so had not a suspicton of it."

Then I told the Captain how it was his fate, and how his spirit had known of it, and a year and a half ago had told us of passed since his return when at Chair. passed since his return, when at Christist its impending. He was amazed to hear mas-time I went to spend a holiday at this. "All that I have felt," he said, "Is Heidelberg to look up some old friends a sort of vague unrest."
and to refer to some books in the library

Just then the post b It illustrates some startling facts with which Spiritualists should be familiar. Should be familiar. The Count goes on to say:

The facts of my narrative happened just as I have stated them, but as the actors of the little drama are all still living that I should meet you soon, and a suddent which some out into that we knew of and spoke of from with the way of and spoke of from

got communications signed by my name entreating them to make my personal acquaintance, saying they could give me my address and introduce me.

'Out of curiosity they did so, not giv-

found the three ladies very congenial it, and this is what I found in it; read people, and I got intimate with them at it." continued to write through the hand of written in a big, firm handwriting: into my brain which he did not wish to SEPHARIEL." give utterance to in words. "My spirit wrote through her hands begging them mann, "and flung the bottles in shortly like a thunder-clap, and that if my outer self did not get a warning and my own." sympathy in time, it would lose its rea-

see where the blow is to come from." In return, I told him about his spirit upon reporters. having communicated also through my

ings. My wife is going on to-morrow, alive in our midst. to spend her Christmas with her parents The above illustrates one of the

to receive it." I found madame and the Captain very genial and jovial. There seemed to be no misunderstanding as yet between them. We laughed and chatted, and have lunch together on Christmas Day, if you have nothing better to do," he suggested as we both shook hands. "We shall both be lonely bachelors, and I may

go to the gardens together," I replied. friend, expecting to find his fancy about many people there. the blow falling on him suddenly on a found him sitting with his elbows on a tests

burden of his mind; but nothing in the as the wife of one of the actors. There

Just then the post brought a letter, AN ARTICLE READ AND COMMENTED ON there. It was a week before Christmas, "It is from Adela's mother," he said SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

This article is contributed by Count Ernst von Leben to the "Theosophist," It illustrates some startling facts with which Spiritualists should be formulated by Count which Spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which Spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which Spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which Spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which Spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which Spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which Spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which Spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which the spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which the spiritualists should be formulated by Count that I should meet you soon, and a sudden which the spiritualists should be spiritualists. IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FORTY- and I was absorbed in my books in the reverently. He showed me what it said.

six months ago from Africa, but I had he protested. I felt that he wanted to

thought I, has not come off.

When we had settled down over our beer, he began to tell me the following extraordinary experiences.

He had discovered, he said, that his spirit double was in the habit of wandering about and making communications to living persons. I smiled. He has heard from my friends, I thought, but, to my surprise, he continued:

"There are some people who live in a something was that he could command my services if I could help him in any sweet communion with those departed who are ever ready to aid us with words of cheer. Let us, then, my friends, for a few moments look back, not only for our own satisfaction, but also for an answer to the often-repeated question of the skeptics: 'What have you gained by those spiritual manifestations and revelutions.' "There are some people who live in a something was the matter with him. castle down the Rhine, a widow lady and He had shut himself up in his room and two daughters, whose names I had never had hardly touched a morsel of food, but

fact that his great-grandfather had been an occultist. As a boy he had found some occult books belonging to this relative stand of the daughters and the daughters and the daughters and the daughters. I found him in his room. "I am all' right now," he said. "I have had a less thanks a few months after my return from Afan occultist. As a boy he had found some occult books belonging to this relative stowed away in his father's librative stowed away in his father's librative stowed away in his father's libratica, instead of the usual angel inspiring ry, and he had taken to the subject as a the hand of the girl Adela, there came a I came to the conclusion that the best duckling takes to water. He was also a communication from a new spirit sign-solution out of the difficulty was to take powerful mesmerist and was continually ing himself 'Sephariel.' That, you my own life. I could thus save bringing practicing his power of mental com-know, is a spirit that I am often in com-a public disgrace on my wife. Besides: munication with. This spirit ordered what have I to live for? My dearestthe mother to make the acquaintance of friends are all in the Spirit-world. I a certain incarnated person called Captain Sergius Hofmann, as there were divorce," he added, with his significant gaze again, "I could not ask a young in his presence. As they had never and happy girl to marry one whose heard of me, they did not know what to honor had been publicly dragged in the do. But on subsequent evenings they dirt. So I determined I would go out and buy a strong dose of chloral at two chemists' shops, and come home and drink them. I went out in the evening a great deal of help, and if they would and purchased them, and when I came write to Countess W——she would give home I found a letter had arrived by post in my absence, and, as my landlady had placed it on my candlestick, I took ing the Countess the exact reasons why it up to my bedroom. It was from Adela. they asked her to give them my ad- For a long time I hesitated to open it. they asked her to give them my ad- For a long time I hesitated to open it. dress. She did so, and I was informed When a resolute man has made up his by letter of the communications and re- mind to any one course of action, he uested to come down to the castle for a does not like subjecting his mind to anything that is likely to make it irresolute visit of a few days. thing that is likely to make it irresolute "I went down there full of curiosity. I again. At last I was impelled to open

once—as if we had known one another in ages gone by. You know the feeling, following has just been written through the said to me. "We had some very high me. I do not know quite what it means, and mystical teachings through Sephar- but I am ordered to send it to you with-iel, and I left. But after I left my spirit out delay." On an enclosed slip was "As Adela. There is some sort of affinity soon as you receive this, go out without between the soul of that girl and me, hesitating and fling that pernicious stuff you understand," said Sergius, looking which you have in your pocket into the at me full with his steady gaze for a few gutter of the street, and remember that seconds as if wishing to implant an idea you have to live for a definite purpose,

"Well, I went out," said Captain Hofto continue my acquaintance, saying street, and now I am contented. I feel that a great blow would fall on me like a soldier who has been ordered to stay at his post, and that my life is not

Here my narrative must end. son and do some rash act. The blow is friend, the Captain, applied for a distory," said the Captain, "but I cannot the case being undefended and kept

For some years I have seen nothing friend Miss Arnold, prophesying trouble of my friend. So I do not know whether going to befall him, but I thought it dis- he has been having any more such marof my friend. So I do not know whether reet not to mention anything about a velous experiences, but, with regard to the story which I have just narrated, I "Now you must come along and see must once more remind my readers that my wife," said the Captain, gaily, "she it is not one drawn from imagination, will be delighted to see you, and will but one which has really happened in make some afternoon tea in your honor. the drama of the very life that humanity We are only passing through Heidel- is now enacting on this terrestrial sphere berg, and staying a few days in lodg- of ours, and the actors of which are still course by one of Mr. Page's controls, in believe the time will come when the united permanently, we are sure of a

in Dresden, but I am going to stay here grandest truths in existence, one to by test for mine. I cannot get leave long which Spiritualists generally should dium. enough. Besides," he added, in a low pay more attention, for it shows the voice, "if this blow is to come to me on possibilities of the human soul. That sung by all, Mrs. Lester's control, "Top Christmas Eve, I may as well be alone all spirits who communicate with us are sey, trated in Hofmann's case. There is a wide field here for exploration.

Association of Spiritualists, at Thomas' "Amen!" and said it looked at one time verse circumstances. The spirit of a hall, on Twenty fourth street, by two as if the Spirit-world was going to be woman comes to me." He then went on want cheering," he added, significantly, hall, on Twenty-fourth street, by two as if the Spirit-world was going to be woman comes to me." He then went on giving us a description of how the tiny meetings, in the afternoon and evening, populated all by females, but now there woman's appearance. "I should judge little raps first made themselves heard woman's appearance. "I should judge little raps first made themselves heard woman's appearance." matters. The Pittsburg society is growing nicely, and quite an interest is being awakened since the public meetings

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particular date to be all nonsense. But ing, recitations, trance speaking, and good-bye. by local mediums; also a paper desk, and with his head leaning on his read by Mr. Thurston, giving a history argument. He has done and is doing unhappy, and found some comfort in talk- hands, and staring crushed and stolidly of Spiritualism. Everything passed off Go Where Mother Dwells," by Mrs. E. in a very happy manner. The stidiences Howes. All expressed themselves highly came forward and claimed the knife. "The blow has come," he said, "and were attentive, being of the most re- pleased, hoping to meet again, with the be divorced from his wife on account of through this letter I have discovered spectable and intelligent of our popular expectation of organizing a permanent reply.

some actions of hers: that his outer self that my wife has been false to me while tion. They seemed to take great interest, society auxiliary to the Christian Spirit-To the Editor:—As you may give was not aware of this fact, but only dimly less away on service. I was writing to in what was said and done. Many were used the reports of the various anniversary less than the reports of the various anniversary less than the reports of the various anniversary less than the rest spiritualists and others barnest spiritualists and o

nicating, he replied that he had held I knew the handwriting well. It was work for an intelligent, capable and Howes. from my wife's greatest school-girl earnest organizer. There is good ma-friend. She often wrote and my wife terial here and plenty of it, but it needs no harm in opening her letter, reading the direction I have indicated. I think that he most needed was a good cathar-her news, and enclosing it in the one I the help would be well received and tic, meaning, of course, such a medicine

The Forty-Seventh Anniversary at Peoria, III.

> exercises were a success. A great many were kept away on account of the weather, but we have every indication that the people are hungry for our spiritual knowledge. A great many came several miles through the mud and rain. thus showing their interest in the

> There is some talk of the erection of spiritual temple here this summer, but t depends largely upon the construction of a proposed street car line near the place. A plan of the temple has already been sketched, and when completed will seat about two hundred people. .

> Instead of our regular programme in

It was a time long to be remembered by

he spoke as follows:
"By the request of our co-worker in the

cause of truth. Dr. Benton, I consented few days; you must come in and see her presently." The unpleasant affair, then, thought I, has not come off.

| With the seed of the seed

> We have gained knowledge of the immortality of the soul—the continuity of life. How so. When the tiny rap came, and all along down to the present time, skeptics have said: 'Electricity,' 'human magnetism,' but whence all this intelligence? You cannot see the air you breathe, yet it is full of vitalizing life. A human body weighing 150 pounds before death weighs the same after, but it has lost something that cannot be weighed or measured; something has gone out of that body; there is no action, no intelligence left in it; it is dead.

"But,my friends, that intelligent spirit force that once animated and expersed itself through that body has gone out into another condition of life, and messages from the departed prove it so. There is no religion to-day, outside of Spiritualism, that demonstrates the immortality of the soul. But faith in the dead and musty traditions of the past is fast giving way to the light of a clearer

Many beautiful thoughts were ex by our speaker, but time and pressed space will not permit me to mention them all.

Some tests were given which were ully recognized, thus proving our claims that Spiritualism is the only reigion on earth to-day that demonstrates the immortality of the soul, basing its chilosophy upon science. Regular spiritual services will be continued at Benton Ridge, 400 Buckner avenue, every Sunday at 2 p. m., until further notice. DR. C. T. H. BENTON.

BOLIVAR, N. Y.

This being the Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism, friends God, to Thee," followed by a reading ualism. from the pen of Mabel Aber, entitled "Pope 'Sweet Bye and Bye.'

brought us together. This was followed pletely forgotten as are the gods of Olymby tests from his wife, who is a fine me- pus, when all men will say: 'The world After tests, while a song was being

came with her wit and cheerful then I took my leave. "Come and let us The Anniversary at Ogden, Utah, "Praise de Lord," and when one brother The anniversary of the forty-seventh medium expressed himself confident of year of modern Spiritualism was cele-spirit return and a life after death of brated at Ogden by the members of the the physical, she responded a hearty The entertainment consisted of sing- adding "her testimony" she bade us all contemplating making some important

This was followed by a spiritual song entitled "Father, Forgive Me, for I Shall

Time went on. The spirit of the Cap- was writing to my wife. In that letter I would bring its own reward in good as Ayers Cathartic Pills, every dose tain came again, each time persisting in discovered that when I had been away works.

CHAS. BLACKWELL being effective. CHAS. BLACKWELL. | being effective.

THE ANNIVERSARY.

Minnesota.

Mr. Edgerly Is the Leading Star.

The St. Paul Spiritual Alliance, on Sunday, March 31, celebrated the Forty-seventh Anniversary of the advent of modern Spiritualism and the Sixth Anfuneral," began the medium. "The form niversary of the founding of the local alliance. The celebration was held in alliance. The celebration was held in of a young lady eighteen to twenty years Odd Fellows' hall, corner of Fifth and of age comes to me. She was evidently Wabashaw streets, and continued fond of music. She indicates that she throughout the day, from 11 o'clock in had so much to live for. But she is the morning until after 10 at night, the happy. The spirit of an old gentleman the morning, a circle was indulged in, and our departed loved ones shared our carnest endeavors.

The afternoon service was truly an experience meeting, a goodly number of perience meeting, a goodly number of meeting and home talent being present.

The afternoon service was truly an experience meeting, a goodly number of attended, the hall being packed. At this convice Occar A Edgerly of New the morning unth alter 10 at night, the hall at 6 comes to me," He then proceeded to give a close description of the gentleman. Continuing, he said:

"He is evidently some one you looked to for advice in the past. You are continuing and the morning unth alter 10 at night, the hall at 6 comes to me," He then proceeded to give a close description of the gentleman. Continuing, he said:

"He is evidently some one you looked to for advice in the past. You are continuing and the morning unth alter 10 at night, the proceeded to give a close description of the gentleman. this service Oscar A. Edgerly, of New-templating some material change, and buryport, Mass., one of the leading he indicates that you had better go slow. Spiritual mediums and lecturers in the country, delivered a lecture, and the denly." service ended with a test circle. The stage was elegantly decorated with nized the reading. flowers and plants.

The evening service was the most interesting to the skeptic. Mr. Edgerly Anniversary Exercises at Belfast, delivered another lecture, at the conclusion of which he gave a few test readings that would certainly, to say the least, excite the speculative phil-

way of man's profiting by the spirit life. There always was a communication between the spiritual and the mundane. but never until 1848 were the conditions such as to enable man to reap the highspiritual. Spiritualism has awakened the mind to naturalism, and that is what Spiritualism is. Naturalism could never reach the masses through any other medium. The few bold, independent thinkers who had in the past championed the cause of naturalism were martyred. Spiritualism may not recognize the existence of a personal God, but it breaks viled Spiritualism are mentally blind.

"As a result of the teachings of Spiritgetting together and revising a creedwiping out hell entirely. Spiritualism many of them, while believing in the philosophy, are too cowardly to declare would have shared the fate of the fifty thousand witches put to death in en-lightened England less than five hundred years ago-the fate of the hundreds of creatures put to death for like offenses in our own New England less than three hundred years ago.

"Spiritualism answers the question of the ages-when man dies does he live again? Spiritualism says he never dies. Fulton was laughed at when he declared his belief that the power of steam could tion. Morse was laughed at when he N. Y., were engaged for the occasion. declared his faith in the possibility of sending a message beneath the waters afternoon. when he declared it possible for one in the close were all pronounced correct. The Anniversary Exercises There. when he declared it possible for one individual to bring another completely
under his control, as we now see done jewel. The house was well filled, and by what we call hypnotic influence, all enjoyed the services very much. were invited to the pleasant home of forced to accept as true to-morrow what and took for his subject "The Certainty Mrs. H. J. Curtis, the meeting being they reject as false to-day. Thus it is of Two Worlds and the Proof of Comcalled to order by singing "Nearer, My and will be with those who revile Spirit- munication Between Them."

'Angel Whispers," read by Mrs. Estelle laid claim to the power to communicate preciative. F. Howes; then all joined in singing with saints, but denied that laymen had such power. Spiritualism knows no lay-Shining Shore," sung by Mrs. Howes, we live is due to the teachings of such The meeting was a grand success in assisted by the Misses Agnes and Alice men. We don't want men to be without every particular. Evans. Another selection was read by religion, but we want them to be without Mr. Sprague has been engaged for Miss Alice Evans, entitled "Thoughts;" scarecrows—we don't want them driven the month of April, and with the united followed by a very appropriate dis-by a devil with a hell behind him. I efforts of the two societies, which have commemoration of the occasion which Jehovah of the Bible will be as com- revival of spiritual matters in Erie.

is my country; to do good my religion." A Mr. Dow, of Duluth, followed Mr. Edgerly in a short talk at the evening service, and then the latter proceeded not completely detached from their words of wisdom and merriment, and, to give a few test readings. In response mortal body, is evidently true, as illus, as is her usual custom, she would not be to a request, a number of those in the content until she held what she called audience sent up to the platform various "a class-meeting," and each one had to things taken from their persons—one a give their testimony for the cause of pocketknife, another a watch, and so on. Picking up a pocketknife, Mr. Edgerly,

keeping his eyes closed, said: 'The person who owns this knife is of very stubborn disposition-not so much by nature as from the influence of ading as to bring smiles to our faces; then knife. It seems as if the person has been change. She indicates that it is best for you to make the change.

"Do you recognize whose spirit it is?" concluded Mr. Edgerly, as a young man "Yes; she is my mother," was the

post brought this letter addressed to her seekers after truth.

tiss, Mrs. E. H. Evans, Misses Alice ness evidently takes him away a great and forwarded on here from our home. I think there is a large field here for and Agness Evans and Mrs. Estelle F. deal." He then went on to describe minutely three spirits, which he said Mr. Underwood, etc.; the whole passing Henry Ward Beecher once informed a and another of a little child. "I am in-Henry ward Beecher once informed a and another of a little child. "I am informed a lan like diphtheria. She wants to make known that she is happy, and that you should not mourn for her. In the home the mischlef they do.-Rochefoucauld

where these spirits associated is a lauy suffering from some disease, but she is a little better. I am informed that no To the Editor:—Our anniversary It Is Observed at St. Paul, ery. I said the person who owns that being I had a moment ago is stubborn, knife I had a moment ago is stubborn, but the person who owns this watch is more so. He can neither be coaxed nor driven. Do you recognize what I have told you?" he asked the man who stepped forward to take the watch.

"I do," he replied.

The last article picked up was a gen-"I see a picture of a tleman's ring. is laid out ready for burial. The spirit

The owner of the ring said he recog-

Maine.

The Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism was fittingly celebrated by the members of the Spiritual osophy of the intelligent skeptic whose and Liberal Union and their friends at only motive was to find an explanation of the outward manifestations. Mr. o'clock p. m. Mrs. M. J. Wentworth, of Edgerly spoke in part as follows:

Knox, one of the best inspirational "Forty-seven years ago modern Spirit-ualism had its advent, and the com-dress. Her subject: "Spiritualism as memoration of that event is the com- a factor in Moral and Spiritual unfoldmemoration of one of the greatest events ment," was clearly proven by her guides. in history. Selfishness has stood in the She said in part: "As we question: Do our friends still live, and has Spiritualism been of practical utility in answering that important question to our entire satisfaction? We are ready to respond, it has. What is the influence of Spiritest results from a surrender to the ualism in the moral world? What has Spiritualism done in the past? The moulding influence it has had in the past is beyond conception. Angels communicated with mortals from the time of the earliest history of man's creation.

We would point you to a people who were enslaved in the past. This people (the Israelites) sank down in hopeless bondage. Was there a power that down prejudice and bigotry and gives could release them? We are happy to liberty of thought. Those who have repoint you to a deliverer which came point you to a deliverer which came through Spiritualism—through the brain of Moses. Spiritualism stands as ualism we witness a Presbyterian synod a warden at the door, saying 'A new revelation I bring thee.' What are the doing away with the idea that hell is truths revealed to us to-day from the paved with infant skulls, and finally Spirit-world? Jesus received truth in the same way that we must to-day. claims its devotees by the millions, but Spiritualism becomes the factor to lift

our souls into immortality.

No mere outline can do justice to themselves Spiritualists. The advent of this most admirable address. Papers Spiritualism was the attraction of the were read by president A. Stevens, Mrs. attention of three little children to three A. E. Clark and Miss A. A. Hicks. Very peculiar sounds that emanated from no excellent poems were rendered by Mrs. material source. Had these three chil- Benson, and Mrs. Staples. The music dren lived three hundred years ago they was good, the audience appreciative, the collection generous, and each felt that an uplift and inspiration had been MISS A. A. HICKS.

> The Anniversary at Erie, Pa. The two societies of this city united their forces, and celebrated the anniversary of modern Spiritualism with appropriate exercises, on Sunday, March 31.

Mrs. Inez Agnew, of Waterford, Pa., be utilized for the purpose of naviga- and E. W. Sprague, of Jamestown, Mrs. Agnew was the speaker of the of the ocean. Mesmer was laughed at and the psychometric readings given at

These things teach us that men are At 7:30 Mr. Sprague was introduced.

The lecture was one of Mr. Sprague's "Popes, cardinals and bishops always best efforts, and the audience ap-

The hall was filled to overflowing, and when Mr. Sprague came on to give tests Then Mrs. Howes' control, Pensacola, men. Hypatia taught something akin there was perfect quiet, and good conmade a few remarks and assisted in to Spiritualism, but she was torn limb ditions. Mr. Sprague was entranced by helping two Indian controls, who con- from limb in the vestibule of a church. E. V. Wilson, who held the audience to fall on Christmas Eve. There is my vorce, and in course of time obtained it, versed together through their mediums. Bruno followed the example, and was for three-fourths of an hour, giving Mr. Page and Mr. Richard on; after reduced to ashes. Voltaire taught free- many clairvoyant descriptions, names of from the papers by judicious expenditure which a Mrs. Johnson, medium, allowed dom of religious thought, and was perdeparted ones, and communications from upon reporters.

which a Mrs. Johnson, medium, allowed dom of religious thought, and was perdeparted ones, and communications from secuted. Voltaire and Volney and Tom them, sometimes in the form of a poem. was a stranger to us all but wished to Paine, through the medium of the mod- He told of incidents and accidents in express his pleasure to come in so har- orn printing press, have done more for the lives of some, and diagnosed the monious a gathering, promising to come humanity in one year than Christianity disease of one lady. These readings again at some future time. This was did in eighteen hundred years. The were given to strangers, and were in followed by a vocal piece entitled "The liberality of the government under which nearly every case pronounced correct.

CLARK W. COLE.

Anniversary at Baldwinsville.N.Y.

The First Progressive Spiritual Society of Baldwinsville, N. Y., met at President B. V. Walker's residence, on the 31st of March, to observe the Fortyseventh Anniversary of modern Spirit-

We received from the higher life. through the mediumship of Mrs. Albert Clough, of this place-who is eightythree years of age-a fine discourse on the day and events of the Rochester knockings, which thrilled the heart of every one present. Also a communica-She in their humble home. We hope with each succeeding year to be better qualified and prepared to bring this grand truth to the understanding of the people whose ignorance makes them blind to the positive fact of spirit communica-ALICE EGGLESTON.

Springfield, Mo.

The anniversary was duly celebrated at Springfield, Mo.; exercises consisting of addresses by Prof. J. M. Allen, with original poems by Mr. C. E. Boyden and Dr. Daily, editor of The Interliner: recitation by Miss Shimmon, address by

Few men are so clever as to know all

OBSESSION A SEQUENCE TO LEGAL MURDER.

BY JOHN K. HALLOWELL.

THOUGHTFUL ESSAY

For Spiritualists to Consider.

Dedicated to the Cause of Truth.

On the Forty-Seventh Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

George H. Painter, in his last words from the gallows, said: "Gentlemen, I see some friends here to-day, some good friends. Oh, God forgive them! friends. On, food forgive them: A or less degree, of each and every one see me die—it hurts me. Gentlemen. who has a hand in these legal murders. if you are gentlemen, who could look at an execution—an execution! There are The brotherhood of humanity has taught better things.'

Most of you have read of the bungling barbarity with which that man was murdered, and shrank with horror at the recital. Hundreds of thousands of mothers felt their souls shrink within them, as the wild thought flashed through their minds, "What if that was my boy?" and audibly questioned, how

can such crimes do any good?
They do not do good. They cannot do good in the very nature of the act. It is a continual object-lesson to every young person who may read the nause that the present basis of society is ever

An ancient law of a peculiar people is often quoted in justification of such acts, because it is found recorded in a book that is erroneously called the "Word of God," and which record is denied as such by the very people to whom such ancient laws were attributed

When murder is individually commit ted, it is in anger, in fear, for gain or under the frenzy of insanity, whether it is the murder of a fellowman, or the insane act of the suicide. For each and every one of these acts, we can make some excuse, based upon a knowledge of the individual who commits the crime, giving possible cause either from heredity, mediumistic organization, or physical environment; or, it may be all of these combined. But the law punishes all of these as one.
But what shall be the punishment of

an attorney who bends every talent of his brain and will power that he may succeed in having a fellow-man murdered; that he may be looked up to as a monument of success in his profession, by other short-sighted men?

What shall be the punishment of the jury, which, having heard the evidence, condemns a fellow-man to be murdered. instead of leaning to the side of mercy. as they have a legal and moral right to do? What shall be the punishment of It is the most frightful, the most unforthe judge, who under a barbaric law givable of all crimes, because it is the causes a fellow-man to be murdered, when that same law allows this judge to

act, and allows his fellow-man to be crimes murdered? Last, but not by any means least, what shall be the punishment of ist, or that others like me, knowing citizens, who, having the right by their | what we do of spirits and Spirit-life, cry votes to have these barbaric laws rem- out against and condemn all such laws. edied, fail to do so, and shift the respon- no matter where found, no matter what sibility upon the servants of the law, the source, as an infamous blasphemy when it is their duty to save life wher- upon the Creator of man? ever and whenever they can. Failing in this duty they allow legal murders to

escape? I tell you not one. Each and the murderers, and voice their cry, every one shall be individually punished "Stay thy hand, it is murder, and as in accordance with their degree of guilt. murderers you will be punished!" Eternity is a long time. God's justice PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN. is absolute. Even the sheriff and his Then there is another class, and in deputies shall not go free, though he truth they are the most culpable of all, and they are the least criminal of them for it is due to their false and hypocrit-

ask? It is a strange thing that such a class is the Protestant Christian clergyquestion should be asked. thing that you do not answer your own

of body, spirit and soul. Body, we can all readily define as matter in form. Spirit, we are beginning to learn, is the essence of matter, retaining the animated form. But the soul or conscience. -ah! define what that is and its possibilities, and I will tell you all about during a murder trial, and protests God: or, define God for me, so that I against these cold-blooded, vengeful to overflowing with gratitude, he asks will know, and I will tell you all about acts? Not one was ever known to do so. the soul.

We, as Spiritualists know for a positive fact, that as individual human beings we continue into another state of existence, where all the conditions are relatively as natural to us as human beings there as we find them in this life.

But, being freed from the grosser elements that make up the body, our sensations, both mental and spiritual, or the soul part of us in its reasonings of conscience, is far, far more intense; and therein lies, in reality, the basis of punishment.

A STARTLING FACT.

No other man will punish us so severely as we will punish ourselves for any wrong act committed in earth-life, when our conscience is awakened to the enormities of crimes we have committed against our fellow-men.

No other power, I can assure you, will punish so severely as we will punish oursalves, because it is the essence of God within us that condemns.

LEGAL MURDERS. Just imagine one who has been the

Governor of the State, and who has refused to exercise his right of clemency, ing headlines, describing a legal execupassing into the conditions of Spirit-life; tion: "Jerked to Jesus," were the and as he tries to get near some spirit words, in bold-faced type. A shock of friend, that friend turns slowly and sor- horror, as though sacrilege had been rowfully away. Then the Governor's committed, went throughout the length conscience says to him, in a voice of and breadth of the land; but it was the agony, "It is because I am a murderer!" best piece of work the Chicago Times tion of a prisoner has been followed by men to thinking. It placed before them

wife who has gone on before him to the this land at these executions. beautiful home other friends have pre- My friends, how much longer are

his coming—just imagine that judge ness, moral and spiritual cowardice, you coming to her with the stain of murder are daily being punished, and the hidden from her or any one else? No, in- you will have to atone for. deed, it never can be. He cannot hide CONDITION OF ONE! THUS MURDERED. it from himself, and his conscience pro-claims it aloud. Under the agony of shame, misery and self-condemnation, he sinks to lower conditions in Spirit-because they die. That is one of the

o be with. There he will remain in these spirital and mental depths of self-degradation until a way is found for him to atone, by the saving of life, and the bettering of the lives of others.

The same shall be the fate, in greater

There is absolutely no escape. God's laws in all these conditions are inexorable; and what God's laws really are, each man's conscience tells him truly, while he is in a mortal state of existence; and that conscience or essence of God is his own prosecuting attorney, jury, judge, and all else that is condemnatory, after he passes from this mortal state of

There is no forgiveness, there is no reprieve, there is really no mercy; because you cannot forgive yourself, until, under conditions that seem terrible to contemplate, you have earned the right to forgive yourself.

When that hour comes, as it may and ating details as spread before them in what is misnamed a newspaper, showing soul comes forth chastened and purified, and you feel that you have learned a esson of good to yourself and others.

At this stage you may think all will be well, and so it is; but there is one hing that never can be well; and that is the unmerited suffering you have brought upon your nearest and dearest friends who love you, and who sympathize with you.

In putting a burden on them of all this. you have ostracised yourself from their loving surroundings, and given to them a pain and horror that, while it is in time outgrown, you are never, never the same to them, nor they to you, for memory is ever present in each and every one; and while all things may be orgiven, all things cannot be forgotten.

Such, in brief, is the punishment many in this land are daily bringing upon themselves. Such is the punishment many thousands have brought on themselves in the past, and are now undergo-

There is no escape; each human being has a soul, each consequently has a conscience, and never in this life, nor any condition that follows it, can you run away from yourselves. Remember, oh, remember this, never

can you run away from yourself! Whatever your official position in earth-life, never let your soul be stained with the legal murder of a fellow-man.

most cold-blooded. If the law and society say kill, you are citizens. rightfully punish and still to escape the the one to teach society better. You

Can you wonder that I, as a Spiritual-

With each man legally murdered, we who are sensitives feel the shrinking horror of those in Spirit-life, as they Do you think any one of these shall look forward to the self-punishment of

ical teachings that these barbarisms How shall they be punished, do you have not been remedied long ago. That A stranger men. They profess to teach from a commandment: "Thou shalt not kill," query within yourselves. which they assert was a direct com-Man is really a triune being, made up mand, imprinted in a miraculous manmands they pretend to interpret, to live

A DAMNABLE MOCKERY.

On the other hand, they come sneaking in afterwards, when they have a one of these things occur; on the conpoor prisoner cornered, and try to make him think, by professing to believe in a deception. He finds from the very last was murdered in a most cruel manner centuries ago, by a profession of faith (whatever that is) that in another condition of life, to which he is about to be ushered, a murderer murdered, he is forgiven everything; a soul "white as When we have been lied to cheated, snow," heavenward bound, "washed in robbed, or willfully deceived in any the blood of the lamb."

the courts open wide the doors of the jail: they feel that their crime is condoned, and the burden removed from them. teaches the condemned one; that his profession of forgiveness is a lie, an accursed lie. Shall such teachers escape? [tell you no, ten thousand times no!

JERKED TO JESUS. Some years ago, a leading newspaper in the city of Chicago came out in glar-Imagine the judge, whose condemna- and Wilbur F. Storey ever did. It set the act of execution, passing into Spirit- in terse words the hideous mockery and life; and, as he hastens to meet the dear farce that was being enacted throughout

on his soul. Do you think it can be longer you delay the greater the burden

ife than those of the loved ones he hoped because they die. That is one of the and willfully deceived beside. positive axioms taught by modern Just put yourselves in his place, men-Spiritism. Daily and hourly is it proved tally. Remember what your nature is to be true. There is not a medium or without the provocation that has been

God-given truth. mitted a murder: forced from out of his session he has it. mortal form by the cold-blooded acts of life in the mortal state of existence.

It is true that he first did such a deed, but that fact cannot ever make the second, more cold-blooded act, right or excusable. The murdered murderer has gone through the earthly court trials, before a selected jury of his peers, and listened to all the evidence that is brought forward at great cost to all is gone through with.

This money cost is but a small part of

the real burden upon you as citizens.

Pending the trial, the utmost pubtails of the crime; the contradictory are committed by them through their statements of medical experts, and influence upon those in mortal life. other paid witnesses, until gradually This is the terrible cost, and the burthe crime of murder is made so familiar den you as citizens are laying upon yourit is a matter of gossip and talk among them during their recesses and play hours.

This is and will be a more terrible cost to you than the money, as you will learn one day, after you pass to the con-ditions of Spirit-life. There is nothing miliar with crime.

citizens, that our Bridewells and short-

CRIMINAL BREEDING-PLACES. That first offenders are here herded

with older and more depraved offenders. That a hardening process of education goes on in these jails, to such an extent that, instead of contrition, repentance and reform being the result of this confinement, those released come out schooled for greater, more daring and more frightful crimes. This is an accepted and acknowledged fact.

for the Bridewell, and an ever-increastoo, is part of our punishment as

are the one to help hasten the day for his clerical ghostly adviser, the last ditions and actions of the man who rearising from false teachings.

I tell you, my friends, there never was a murderer yet but that he was an arrant coward in his heart. I care not what the form of his crime, it was the result of downright cowardice. coward, until he is helped to know better, is always hunting for revenge from real or fancied wrongs. Such is the character that we now follow into the conditions of Spirit-life.

RECEPTION IN SPIRIT-LIFE. Is he met there by bright-winged, white-robed, radiant-faced, joyful seraphims and cherubims? Does a Christ

his right hand?" Does a Virgin Mary kneel before him, and bathe his feet with her tears, and wipe them dry with her lovely, flowing tresses? Is he given bright raiment, and furnished with a commandment: "Thou shalt not kill," harp, golden-stringed, and attuned to which they assert was a direct comsing the praises of him who created all up to as an example for the people. But way, for it brought to him the salvation where is the Protestant Christian cler- of an eternal, joyful day? Is he so upgyman that goes into a court-room lifted by his reception into the Chrisof his God forgiveness for all of those who persecuted and injured him?

Well, no. I am quite sure that not better in earth-life, that he has been lied to and willfully deceived.

My friends, how do you and I naturally feel when we have been deceived in the ordinary affairs of mortal life: When we have been lied to cheated. Do we at once go to the way? What a damnable mockery! To this offender and hold out one hand, no courts open wide the doors of the and say: "My brother, I am glad you did these things to me: they have been a lesson of joy and happiness, for which The clergyman knows in his I thank you. At the very next opporheart that all of this is a lie that he tunity, oblige me by repeating the

I do not think we do this; at least I do not, whatever the rest of you may do. On the contrary, I am quite apt to mutter: "Damn you! Just wait until I have a chance to get even with you," and. coward-like, I keep that thought hidden within myself, waiting the chance to strike. It is true all this may wear off in time, and never be acted upon; or I may revenge myself, if chance opens the door for revenge, and be heartily sick and ashamed of the act alterwards but the first thought is there, even if it is a coward's thought. I acknowledge this frankly. It may be different with each one of you. I am not your judge.

THE OLD OLD STORY.

sent the other cheek, with a request dividually acted upon by individuals in everything clear and complete in adfor similar treatment. Well, I do not another and more intense condition of vance. believe in that teaching at all. It is life, is getting to be recognized as such carrying submission quite a long ways a material fact, that in the last few farther than I have ever found God has years so called psychic research sociedone. I feel quite sure that if Dr. ties have sprung up among the people. Harper would investigate that particularly of all countries upon the face of the lar tale, it would turn out to be a myth earth, for the investigation of phenomor an error in translation, the same as ena. Thus far, to their great surprises some of the others of those old tales they have merely proved that the phethat have been related for so long as the nomenal facts claimed by Spiritualist, truth.

tended man to be either a fool or a

Now, if you and I feel this way, as to the little annoyances that come to us in daily life, how is it with this murdered murderer? This spirit of a fellow-man who has been robbed of that which he

Spiritualist of any experience in the given to him, and you can understand world but knows that statement is a that revenge is his first thought upon all of his kind in earth-life. Revenge that Just imagine the condition of the is deep and dire. Through the spirit spirit of a man who has himself com- laws of psychology, in the form of ob-

To his surprise he finds he is still himhis fellow-men. They have robbed him self, unchanged. To his surprise he of the one thing that God gave to him finds that he is still within the elements which they cannot replace, and that is of the conditions of mortal life. To his surprise he has consciousness and memory more intensified than he ever sensed them before. As he reviews his own past, the horrors shown him by his own conscience make him for a time an irresponsible, murderous maniac. He is quickly imbued with a knowledge of the spiritual laws of psychology. He finds that somehow he can get near to those of the taxpayers. Even if he has openly in mortal life. That somehow he can confessed, or was caught red-handed in influence them to act at times as he feels the act, all of this farce of a costly trial and acts himself; and with the cowardly cunning of such natures, he watches his opportunity, and commits murder again and again by influencing others to do it.

So this goes on and more murderers licity is given, in column after column are added to that condition of spirit life: of our papers, to all the sickening de- and more murders and horrible crimes

to the minds of our school children that selves, by your supineness and apathy. Thus it has been throughout the past So it is now, and directly accounts for the unaccountable crimes that our pa pers daily record.

The real cure is in your hands, as cit izen voters, and only in yours. This cure we are determined in spirit so degrading as making the young fa- life to bring about; if we cannot do it in one way we will in another. What we

It is held now by the better class of cannot accomplish upon a basis of justice we may through fear. Heretofore the direct action of these pirit murderers has been through the depraced and vicious of earth-life in

most instances There are still higher

prosecutors.

LAWS OF SPIRIT PSYCHOLOGY that can control these murderers, and

awaits each one of his prosecutors. It comes we will kill him. Come on. ing class of murderous criminals. This is we who know that must bear the bur- Why, it has been as much as I could do, goods. To obtain this division, and that

What shall be the punishment of the laws to be expunged from Governor of a State, who, having a legal right to commute a death sentence, and you legal right to commute a death sentence, a life for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. Spirit-life, psychologized for the time last may be of real and lasting to one of life-imprisonment, refuses to a life for a life." What barbarism! What laws to be expunged from mortal he has aught to do with but the fused to commute the sentence, and you will have an object-lesson that, fearful will have an object-lesson that, fearful course, you know that you are medium-last may be of real and lasting to influence you in this way?"

At these hidden meetings the principal sentence, and you show that you are medium-last may be of real and lasting to course, you know that you are medium-last may be of real and lasting to course, you know that you are medium-last may be of real and lasting to course, you know that you are medium-last may be of real and lasting to course, you know that you are medium-last may be of real and lasting to course, you know that you are medium-last may be of real and lasting to course, you know that you are medium-last may be of real and lasting to course, you in this tire is some spirit way?"

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STARTLING INCIDENTS.

In this way you may be forced to protect yourselves as human beings in social life, if you will not in any other way. If you want a stronger illustration than I have yet given, and in which you will realize that the higher psychological law, of which I have given a hint, is now actually beginning to be enforced; remember the fate of Jones the Hangman," of Melbourne, Australia. He held the office ten years and carried out come and take him by the hand and fifteen executions. In the early part of "Welcome, my brother; come to the year 1894 he committed suicide, my Father's house, and sit with me on claiming the "spirits of the victims" had combined to annoy him.

We hold the sheriff or hangman the least guilty of all. So let all others be warned; these legal murders must be

stopped Still later, in France, Valliant, a things, the Father of all that is good? dreadful crime is guillotined, and on ner upon a tablet of stone by their Does he look back on his martyrdom in the 24th of June, 1894, the Italian Sanpersonal God or Jehovah. These com- earth-life, and lift up his voice in praise tos is obsessed and assassinates Sadie and thanksgiving that such was the Francois Carnot, president of that republic. Is not this paying a high price for society's wrongs? And the end is

not vet. In the second trial of Prendergast the jury refused to find what was a selfevident fact to every thinking citizen, and passed him on to be murdered upon the scaffold. Two days before his execution Steineke, one of the jurors, committed suicide, and that is but the commencement of the punishment for those vicarious atonement, the saving power mortal moment, when he has no chance men. Three days after his execution, of a man whom their own record states to know the truth, and change for the the keeper and prisoners of the Chicago jail were terrorized because Prendergast's ghost walks the corridors of that

From this hour such shall be the result of all legal murders. The spirits of those executed shall be at the side of those who acted against them, and they be felt. This shall from now on continue until capital punishment is expunged from the statutes of every State in these United States.

Repealing all laws for capital punish ment is the only method of correcting this crime against those who are so un fortunate as to commit the first murder. Confine them for life at labor, do anything that will protect society, except murder these criminals.

PART II.

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"That is good. I will go for him my-That thoughts are things, is each day as part of the teachings pertaining to modern Spiritualism.

That "men are moved as pawns upon the chess board in the hands of master players, and know not the one who may hour appointed for the meeting, when guide each act," was one of the first lest the spirit would be dealt with, to go by cutton, the most homicidal maniac of sons taught to me by one of the most myself and receive by impression a the five, under most sensational and advanced spirits whom I have met. knowledge of who and what the spirit tragic conditions, took his own life. There is an old story that some of you That mankind throughout all of the was; and I would write out fully all that That was the man who threw the bomb. may have heard, about a man who past, and in the present, are living un- was to be said and done at the meeting. The sequel to all this came to the sur-

during the last half century are true. I do not believe the Creator ever in- Now the best minds of these societies are engaged in trying to learn or discover the natural law under which such phenomena occur. Well, as the law exists, they will eventually find it, because man has the right to know. A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

In order that I may present to your minds that which I distinctly wish to, that I may enlist your sympathetic thoughts in a little work in which I hope you will be interested. I must first relate to you a personal experience:

Some years ago I was in one of the larger cities of the State of Missouri, visiting and stopping with a friend, a physician by profession. This doctor, like myself, was a Spiritualist; he, like myself, had had many evidences, personally, of the truth of so-called spirit roturn. Between the time of this visit. and having seen this friend before. I had deliberately opened the way for the development of the more sensitive parts of my organization. In other words, I was developing as a medium. I had already had some very curious experiences, and about these and the deductions I made therefrom, the doctor and I had many earnest evening talks. Some of my deductions he earnestly and neartily endorsed; others he did not hestate to ridicule

Stopping at this physician's house was young man, who formerly lived in Baltimore. His principal reason for being there was due to the fact that all his other friends had turned their backs upon him, so the doctor was befriending him. He was very much that kind of a man, always ready to help the under

This young man had run through the equivalent of two fortunes, and when he had money was known among his associates as a "good fellow." That was his worst fault.

I noticed that this young man, when he had something to say or to ask, but right. did not quite know how to get at it. sick call or some other business. Then this young man came to me and said: "Professor, I have been listening to

what you and the doctor have been talking about, and I want to ask you something, or to tell you something."

"All right," I said, "go ahead."

"Now, doctor thinks I drink a good deal; but I do not. There are times that year, others can gut against whom this spirit murder, and what might but was thus prevented.

when I go down town, that to save my soul, to save my life, I cannot get by a to Baltimore.'

have to doctor, and I just felt that I must of past generations of social and political talk to you. But for God's sake, do not conditions of the people and countries of tell anyone else. They may laugh at Europe.

duty to help you, after what you have short residence obtain all the rights of told me, if I can find the way."

could help me," he said, "and I have women are still denied the ballot.
been watching for a chance to speak to To these men freedom of speech soon moody; soon arose from his chair and left me

I had already made arrangements to they began to prepare for action. leave town for four or five days, and the ln the meantime they grew into next morning I went.

member of an anarchistic society, for a ever present with me. I could think of meetings it was boasted bombs were house.

> talk, and what I felt I must do. Instead of ridiculing me as I expected him to, people on earth, murder is meant as an he impulsively grasped my hands, saying: "If there is anything in the world you can do for that young fellow, for God's sake, do it!"

"Well," I said, "tomorrow is Sunday, of the things I have been telling you in a few of your friends tomorrow evengast's ghost walks the corridors of that ing and be sure to ask our mutual friend killed, many more were wounded. building, and is seen by several different the Colonel, because I have also told whole of the people of the city of (him as I have you about these things, but say not a word to this young man.

"All right, I will do it." "Now," I added, "I want a clairvoyant present who can see the spirit that and the result of the trials was that shall be helped to be strong enough to is now held for tomorrow's meeting. I five men were condemned to death. am finely impressional, but am not clairvoyant or clairaudient, so I use in these am impressed with." "I do not know any reliable one I can

and we will get him to allow Antelope, the Cheyenne Indian Chief, to entrance him, and he can describe the spirit. This may be better than the clairvoy-

self.

Heretofore, when I had any of this kind of work to do, I was able before the their teachings in the past.

After my talk with the doctor, I went into a room by myself for the purpose. To my surprise and mortification I could not get one thing. All regarding this spirit and this young man was an absolute blank. Try as I would, not one thought came in reference as to what would be said, or to whom it should be said. As the evening approached I felt worse than the schoolboy whose class hour comes and whose lessons are not learned. I was worse than the boy because I had not received my book from which I was to learn my lesson. I al

most wanted to get away because I feared a flat failure, and that I would be subject to consequent ridicule. The evening came and so did the invited guests. The trance medium was present, so was the young man. As the first step I asked that Antelope

might control his medium. When this was done and Antelope had identified himself, I asked for a description of the spirit who was now held by the young man's side. He gave a distinct, accurate description of someone, but who no one present seemed to recognize. Springing to my feet with the inspiration fully upon me, the following words in part were used, as near as I can re member, after an invocation: 'Your name and who you are I know

But on this man's soul you are a blot. A coward and murderer are you, Striving the same with this man to do You have been in Spirit-life some years Still unchanged from revengeful fears Until now to you has come at last

not

The time to learn another life-task. To lose your past vile strength, for sooth Ah! I know, you are John Wilkes Booth It is you who seized upon Guiteau, Felled Garfield with a coward's blow. In this man you would such thoughts in-

still, Hoping through him another to kill.'

The rest of what was said described his present condition, his chance of re form in the future, and the order to remove him by those spirits whose business it is to do such work.

After Antelope had described the go ing of this spirit, two of my little audience spoke up, and said the description by Antelope had been most vivid and accurate, for they personally knew J. present, paid earnest attention to our Wilkes Booth in earth-life; and as soon alks, and I was strongly impressed that as I uttered the name they knew I was

Men do not change just because they One evening the doctor was away on a die, and Booth went into Spirit-life with a mentality charged with murder and revenge, a special mania for murdering presidents; and as this occurred in 1884 just before the presidential election of that year, others can guess as well as I against whom this spirit was plotting murder, and what might have happened,

Now, then, in past years in the city of saloon. I have to go in, and I order Chicago there were formed small orbrandy and drink it, but I do not get ganizations of men who met in upper the taste of it, nor any effect from it. halls, back rooms, and such like places, we will open the doors for them to Then, too, every once in a while, I can where they would not attract attention, reach the ones who were the murderous feel some one or something come up and to discuss what they claimed were the say just in my ear, 'Come on, let us go wrongs of the people. They tried to Remember the fate of every man who back to Baltimore. We'll go now and feel that they were, as a class, in right-humanity that all kinds of murder will prosecuted Guiteau and you will have a drink; then we will take the ful opposition to all civil authority, and be eliminated from among us. Until I tell you, the murder-trial columns of that is done as a preliminary step, such the daily papers are the kindergarten lessons to the young, that pave the way in this city of Chicago, a worse fate for the Bridewell and an ever-increase. divided that was held of this world's too, is part of our punishment as den of giving these warnings,

George H. Painter has been hanged,

From such, and out of the hands of From this on watch the mental con
last two weeks and taking the first train was advocated that it would be right to that is LIFE. murder a few of the so-called capitalists,

pal speakers were men who came from Well! I don't know anything about foreign countries, and who may be

me, and I could not bear it."

It is one of the crying shames of this
"Do not be afraid," I earnestly reday and age in these United States, that It is one of the crying shames of this plied, "I will not laugh at you. It is my such men can come here, and after a American citizenship, when our Ameri-"That is just what I thought, that you can born, American educated, noble

you. I want to tell-" Here I felt a became license of speech. As no attenspirit crowd in between us. He stopped tion was paid to license of speech, they talking, became sullen, morose, and became bolder and began to threaten. Their threats not calling down upon them the so-called "minions of the law,

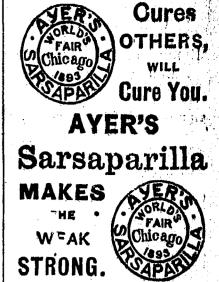
This conversation occurred on a rooms and other hidden places would no Thursday evening. But while away longer hold them. They began to ap-what had been told me, and the condi-pear in open-air meetings and still they tion of this young man, seemed to be were not molested. At these open-ai nothing else. It interfered with what being made for use, and at these meet-I wanted to do myself so much, that by ings the teachings were such as to in-Saturday I returned to the doctor's cite riot, arson and murder. At these meetings and in their processions, the Finding him alone, I told him of this red flag of the commune was flaunted; and wherever that shows among any llustrative argument.

But the time came when they went a step too far in what was said and done At one of the open-air meetings, in the city—the place is now marked by a monand this is just one of the chances in ument—a platoon of police was sent with which some proof can be given of some orders to disperse the crowd assembled. Here an act was committed that caused about, that you have felt inclined to rid- the whole world to cry out with horror. icule. So, if agreeable to you, just ask By some one a bomb was thrown. It exploded, some of the policemen were The whole of the people of the city of Chicago went from a condition of careless security and indifference to the extreme of unreasoning fear and revenge. Arrests were made in every direction

Now, it has been said since, by mem bers of these societies, and others who cases some other medium who is, and in affiliated with them, that they were althat way get a corroboration of what I lowed to proceed thus far because the authorities then in office were afraid benefit of our subscribers. No one else that they would lose their votes; and can have it unless they pay \$1.50 for it. get on such short notice," said the that owing to some political changes soon to occur, the attempt was to

> other direction. among those men; and among those with the 'hidden self.' condemned to death the feeling would be very strong that they had been betrayed and sacrificed for the benefit of those who had winked at what had been

On the day before the one set for exepared for her in Spirit-life, and where these things to continue? It rests with taught that when you were slapped der and in certain psychological con- As this was, in a sense, to be a test case. Sace when, on the evening of Oct. 28th, By M. L. Sherman and Win. F. Lyon. A book replacement of course I was quite anxious to have 1893, anarchist Lings murdered Mayor with spiritual truths. Price \$1.00.



Carter H. Harrison in the privacy of his own home, using Patrick Eugene J. Prendergast as the medium, through, whom the act was committed under the spirit laws of obsession.

THOUGHTS ARE THINGS. Thoughts are things, and I now ask

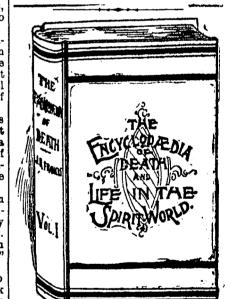
you with me to reach out in thought, bringing such influence to bear as we may, if you can feel it a right thing to do, to any poor man that is lying in any jail in this country in a murderer's cell awaiting his execution; to reach out in thoughts of pity and compassion, that he in turn may not be murdered; because the chances are that he is as much the victim of pre-natal conditions, subsequent environment and psychological conditions, which he knew not of and could not control, as Mayor Harrison was the victim of the assassin's bullet or Carnot the victim of the knife of Santos. One part of this work, which is particularly and peculiarly my own, is already done. Neither anarchist Lingg, nor a Valliant, will ever commit murder again from now on through all eternity. So I say that the poor men in the jails are to be pitied and helped, as well as the extending of sympathetic thoughts to the ones who have been murdered and their living kindred and friends.

I ask this of you, not that they may be set free and go unpunished; that would be a folly and wrong of itself; they should be, and they must be punished; but I ask it that they may not be murdered.

Under these psychological laws that men are just beginning to get glimpses of, murder begets murder. Whether it arises from thebattle field, the gallows, in the height of passion, or of the suicide; each one passes into the condi-tions of Spirit-life with that stamped upon his mentality and spirit, which has its effect upon those in earth-life, as such spirits come in contact with individuals in mortal life, and more murders are the legitimate result.

When this is wholly and rightfully realized, then one of the first steps of a civilized people will be to stop all forms of legal murder, and after that step, it will be possible to so work and educate be eliminated from among us. Until Carnot will continue to occur.

Society has every right to protect it-



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A. W. Moore, a noted journalist, says: "I was delighted beyond measure to "Well," I said, "you have a patient made to suppress these meetings, that receive a copy of your Encyclopedia of who is a trance medium; have him here political capital might be made in an Death, and Life in the Spirit-world. It appears to be a remarkable volume, and Be this as it may, such thoughts would one that will open the eyes of the world have a certain influence and effect to many sublime truths in connection

> Joseph Beals, so prominently known in connection with the Lake Pleasant Camp-meeting, says: "I have read The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit-world, with great interest, and feel that it is a book well calculated to do missionary work. It ought to have a large circulation."

COSPEL OF NATURE.

ON THE WING.

Items for the Anniversary Edition of The Progressive Thinker.

THE OUTLOOK FOR SPIRITUALISM-SOMETIMES NECESSARY TO TELL PLAIN TRUTHS-THE CAUSE IN BOS-TON-E. A. TISDALE-A DISCUSSION WITH A LUTHERAN MINISTER.

TO THE EDITOR:-While spinning toward Chicago at the rate of forty miles an hour, I will try to jot down a few thoughts for your thousands of readers. As Moses sent out spies to "spy out the goodly land," so, at the close of the old spiritual year, I have been taking views, retrospective and no time of the history of the world for prospective. I need hardly refer to the an honest man to be out of jail. retrospection; any of us can look back upon the past. The all-important question is, what of the future? "Watch- into a brief treatment of Christianity. man, what of the night?"

To me, the outlook for Spiritualism never before seemed so brilliant. People seem to be settling down to the conviction that Spiritualism is a great philosophy; a grand religion; a glorious life; what I mean by that is, commonsense people are getting over the idea that Spiritualism is a kind of variety show which has come merely to excite. for the time being, the wonder of seekers after the unexplainable.

As we enter upon the new year, I feel "swear off." as they say; or, more properly, to enter the year with certain vows. Among these, one of the very first is to work earnestly to elevate the standard of Spiritualism. We are, or should be, "the light of the world;" why

"let our light shine?" The work of all those who go forth as sheep among the wolves is my work; my duty is to help them do their work; to give them an encouraging thought and word on every possible occasion.
When I use my influence against them in any way I am putting my "chock" on the wrong side of the wheel of reogress; in that case, I am doing mere against the truth than any dozen enemies could do. I am sowing thorns in the path of and greatest resolve is to try to refrain from speaking evil of any one. No matter what others may do, unless in cases where it may be necessary to expose a villain within or outside of our ranks, I am injuring my own spirituality by indulging in innuendos about others. There may be places where, in order to save the cause, it may be necessary to tell some very plain truths: but, for one, I will try to always do even that in a spirit of charity. If I err, let it be on he side of mercy, even to the one who has done wrong. Yes, I am fully resolved to try to go farther than that: I will embrace every opportunity to do good to those who have wronged me; in this way I may help others to be better men and women, and will surely help myself toward the goal every Spiritualshould try to reach. If there are any poor, misguided souls who deem it their duty to traduce me and my workto assist the cause by slandering its workers, that does not change my rela-tion to the world or to myself. Whatever others may do, I can never afford to be anything else than a gentleman.

tongues.
Well, as Nahum's chariots (see

again and again.

Anyone can be a gentleman or lady,

adverse circumstances. How

The effort to keep

1. from eighteen to twenty-five hundred | time. tried to jam themselves into a hall the seating capacity of which was only brought into the aisles, and every available place was filled; the ante-rooms accommodate.

I attended and participated in the days. meetings of "The Ladies' Aid," held on had an immense audience.

There were many good speakers at Dr. H. B. Storer, Mrs. M. T. Longley, and the blind speaker, Mr. E. A. Tis-While speaking of Brother Tisinto the West. He has spoken so long comes to her mother. in New England that he feels that a change would be beneficial to him and

ing something. and evening. She is good. I doubt are engaged to conduct a series of meetwhether there is any better test medium | ings at Watseka, Ill. in the field than she is. The singing, the violin music, the recitations-in fact, everything, was excellent. Reporters

papers, all of which gave favorable reports.

I had no time to take a synopsis of

any discourse, not even of my own. The reporter got extremely wild be-

tongue, and once with my pen; but in to let them have some to supply their each instance those who arrested me immediate demands. I have letters each instance those who arrested me immediate demands. came out, as Pat did in his light with the bear, second best.

Here is the Herald's report:

W. H. Banks, who occupied the chair, introduced Mr. Hull at about the middle of an entertaining programme. Mr. Hull's subject was the mission of Spiritualism, in connection with which he made use of the passage from Matthew: 'Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." He opened his discourse with the statement that he had been twice in jail for telling the truth. (Laughter.)
Then he gave the story of Thoreau, who
lived in Massachusetts, spent most of his time in prison on account of non-payment of taxes and was credited with the

Mr. Hull got his hearers, into a very good humor over this, and then went Christianity had eclipsed what went before it, but there was a grander and a broader dispensation which had come to take the place even of Christianity, the better features of which, however, would be retained in the new faith.

The speaker's remarks were to the effect that the expression of the inspiration which was given to little Palestine in the Bible was inadequate to satisfy the religious longings of the people of this great country. There was a different and a much more enlightened civilization now than existed in the time of the events related in the Bible.

The exhortation of Moses as to keeping holy the Sabbath day did not apply to the people of the nineteenth century when it was impossible to close up the great institutions of the world on Sunlay. The speaker also said that the great newspapers of Boston-mentioning them by name—were wanted in the homes, were demanded by the present

conditions of life. Spiritualism. No religion on earth to- medium, is first class. I have had her day, he said, had such a hold upon the seven Sundays, and she has filled the popular heart as had Spiritualism, bill each time. G. V. Cordingly, of St. Nothing had a place in the estimation Louis, Mo., is engaged for the month of the people which did not recognize of April. Harmony prevails with us, one whom I should assist. So my first some form of Spiritualism. Books of and not in ten years has there been stories and of poems with Spiritualism left out were for the most part uncared for. The ministers of theology, in order to prevent the people from going to Spiritualistic meetings, were preaching more and more liberal sermons every day. They were falling over one another in the endeavor to get away from those old doctrines which had been the foundation of the church. Everywhere they heard the cry that Protestantism and orthodoxy are going down, so that, to retain their congregations, the churches were compelled to keep away as much as possible from orthodoxy.

Speaking of Spiritualism upon the stage, Mr. Hull said he was wicked enough to go to the theatres once in a while, and he was free to confess that' he had obtained better lessons in the theatre than he ever got in the church. (Applause.)

The hardest work of the whole month was on Sunday night; after going to meeting Sunday morning completely tired out from my work Saturday in Boston, and Saturday night in Providence, and remaining in the hall all day, when the tide sets in that way and and preaching morning and evening, everything goes smoothly; what we all then to feel compelled to take hold of hands, used me up so that I feared that many of my readers will unite with me I would not be able to get to my room. in trying this experiment? Even though But I got there and was able to get up ton medium, was unable to be present, we meet many temptations, and break before six o'clock Monday, and write our resolution again and again, we will letters, pack my trunk and grips and reeive more than twenty callers, and get this resolution will help us, and it may off on the three o'clock train. Now I and feel comparatively rested.

I went to Hardwick, Vermont, and Nahum ii:4). are "raging in the spoke twice to large and interested audiences. They wished, and so did I, speed toward my home city, and I think that I could have stayed longer, but the the work done in dear old Boston, thing was out of the question. They are and other New England cities and vil- trying, with great hopes of success, to lages, during the past month of the old raise a fund to employ me to make a lages, during the past month of the old spiritual year, an inexpressible wave of regular campaign of the State during belief. These raps were the alphabet the month of June. I have given them of Spiritualism. This new belief, of Our audiences and the interest in the refusal of all except the first Sunday Berkeley hall continued to increase in a in June, for a few days. If they do not geometrical ratio: the last day, March take it, others are waiting to take that

Miss Cushman, the musical medium, who has so long been an invalid, was at hundred. Extra seats were several of the Boston meetings; she was present all day at the anniversary. Rheumatism has drawn her hands out of were crowded, and, I understand, hun-shape, but her mind and her spirit are dreds came up and peeped in, and as clear as a bell. I am informed that turned away, to see if they could get even the tortures that she has suffored into some of the numerous Spiritualist have not injured her mediumship in the meetings in the city. The meeting at least. She gave me her card, and I Mr. Avers' Spiritual Temple, I under-would like to let the readers of THE stand, was as large as ours at Odd Fel- PROGRESSIVE THINKER know where lows' hall. Besides that, there were a she is, but, unfortunately, I have two dozen other meetings, nearly all of vests and the card happened to get into which were as large as the halls could the pocket of the one which is in my trunk, and I will not see it for a few

Mrs. Hull is still nursing her poor old, Friday and Saturday previous to my last dying-or rather, rising-mother. As Sunday in Boston; besides that, I went the old lady draws near the gates of the a telegram or a cablegram; but how to Providence on Saturday night and hereafter she seems to make a mother of Mattie. This is hard, very hard on Mattie in her present enfeebled condithe Berkeley, or rather, at the Odd tion; but there is nothing in the world Fellows' hall meeting, all of whom were the poor old lady would not have done warmly received. Among them were for her children, and Mattie feels it a pleasure to sacrifice everything for the comfort of her mother. She has agreed to labor with me during the next sixty dale, I will say he terribly wants to get days, but she will not unless a change

Our engagements for April are at Columbus, Ohio; on the 26th I am to hold to the cause. He wants to see the a discussion with a very able Lutheran West: indeed, he would give a million minister. In May I am to speak in Day dollars, if he had it, to see anything. He ton. On the 20th to the 24th I am to dewents to labor in the West, and if the bate with Rev. Mr. Treat, in Muncie. West knew him, it would want him. He Ind. I have numerous calls for weeks scholarly and logical, and no one can day work during April and May, but no listen to his inspirations without learn- definite engagements as yet. I presume it will be as usual, all will put it off un-Miss Pepper, of Providence, was til the last days and then all want the there, and gave tests in the afternoon same time. June 1 and 2 Mrs. Hull and I

While in Boston I had more calls for Sunday work than there are Sundays in the year. Indeed, I believe my time is were there from all the leading daily all taken until June, 1896, except December and two Sundays in January.

"How does my Encyclopædia go?" for an honest man to keep out of jail—them another hundred as soon as I get onstrations of his powers. Every one Cole, in a flute and organ solo. The gramme was presented, and all passed that many a better man than I had home. In fact, I wanted an extra dozen seemed to feel that they had enjoyed a writer gave numerous tests. Flowers off with such eclat that frequent annibeen there, but I had been fortunate to to deliver to those to whom they were rare treat both with our spiritual and and flags in profusion gave the hall a versaries would be enjoyable and profit-keep out of jail thus far, though I had promised, and I went to the Banner material friends, and we hope as a so beautiful appearance. A large audience able. Mr. and Mrs. Kates are filling a been twice arrested for telling the truth. office to borrow them, but before I could ciety we may enjoy many more such assembled, and enjoyed the exercises long-needed want in Denver. I told the truth once too often with my make my errand known they asked me anniversaries."

enough praising it to fill a whole page of The Progressive Thinker. One lady writes: 'I had expected a wonderful book, but not such a book as I have read. I had not read more than twenty pages until I thought it the greatest book I had ever seen; the wonder grew to the close. When I had inished it I could dill the total could only say, 'o-o-o-O!' I have loaned it to a minister, and amanxiously awaiting his opinion." A lawyer said to me: "I wish I was as rich as Rockefeller; I'd see that every minister in America had a copy of that book." Of course, these

praises of this, my youngest child, make me feel good. Spiritualism is on; it is getting a momentum that nothing except jealousy and backbiting within our own ranks can stop: Stand at the helm, Brother Fran-Keep THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER loaded to the muzzle with grape and canister. You can nover realize the good you are doing unless you could make an occasional excursion among the isolated Spiritualists. There are thousands that never get any preaching, only what is done through the Spiritualist press. It is impossible for us who see books which you are inaugurating is one of the best helps that has ever come to

poor and lonely Spiritualists. Now, as we enter the forty-eighth year of this new dispensation. let us all try o make the cause more our cause than has ever been in the past. More anon. Moses Hull.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y. The Anniversary Day There.

TO THE EDITOR: -I send you herewith clippings from the most prominent paper of our city. It is very mild in its report, but very fair. Our anniversary was a success in every way. Miss Georgia Mr. Hull then devoted his attention to Reynolds, of Lansingburgh, N. Y., test more interest manifested with us. DR. W. B. MILLS.

> REPORT FROM THE SARATOGA DAILY. The Forty-seventh Anniversary of the institution of modern Spiritualism was not permitted to pass unrecognized by the First Society of Spiritualists at Sara-

> toga Springs.
> The event was commemorated by two services yesterday in the court of appeals room in the town hall. There was plenty of good music at both meetings. The local advocates of Spiritualism were present in force and they listened attentively to the eulogy of A. S. Pease, wherein Spiritualism was pronounced to be the outcome, the purification of

> Christianity.
> Dr. W. B. Mills, the president of the society, presided. The long desk was fringed with potted palms, interspersed with bouquets of roses. The decorations were by the women of the society.

At both the morning and evening programmes tests were given by Miss Georgiana Reynolds, of Lansingburgh, and by Mrs. Elmer Elsworth, a local medium. Many present said they recognized the departed spirits by the description want is to preserve our equanimity and shake not less than one thousand given by the mediums. One or two transmitted through the mediums.

In the evening Dr. Mills called upon A S. Pease to speak. Mr. Pease contrastsomeone from our slanderous am spinning through the Buckeye State, tro-telegraph in fifty years, and spoke of ed the marvelous growth of the electhe great extent to which electricity had been applied to the transmission of information. From his personal acquaintance with Prof. Morse, Mr. Pease described the beginning of telegraphy. He then told how, forty-seven years ago, the tiny raps heard in the city of Rochof Spiritualism. This new belief, of course, met with violent opposition, as do all reformatory measures that conflict with established notions. The first opposition came from the church. Spiritualism was indirectly opposed to the embodiment of its theology and thought. Ridicule was freely used against the new belief, as it always is when a great truth comes to bless the world. Men lost positions in professional and social life through their adherency to Spiritualism. Science also opposed Spiritualism, for science is persistently in pursuit of facts. Mr. Pease did not believe in Spiritualism from what he had been told, or or from hearsay, but from demonstrations and manifestations he had seen with his natural eyes. He had seen forms and faces as familiar as those before him, and heard the voices of departed friends. It is wonderful that through the agency of electricity we can receive

much more gratifying it should be when this message comes from a friend or relative in the other world. Spiritualism is a communication between time and eternity.

In the evening the following musical programme was rendered; Anthem-"Consider the Lilies,"choir. Song—"Say Au Revoir, but Not Good Bye," Mervin Sanford.

Anthem-"Hark, What Means These Holy Voices." choir. Solo-"Speak, Love," Madame Ran-

dall. Selections by the choir.

Black Patti.' The programme closed with tests by Dr. Mills.

Battle Creek, Michigan.

TO THE EDITOR:-The First Society of Spiritualists celebrated the Forty seventh Anniversary of Spiritualism, in Liberty hall, Sunday the 31st.

A pleasant, harmonious meeting was participated in by a large and attentive of modern Spiritualism at Bricklayers audience. Good lectures were listened to, both afternoon and evening, from Mr. Beilhart and Mr. Bailey, residents of Well, I had one hundred of them ex- our city. Grand tests were given by

FROM BOSTON

The Anniversary There, and Other Items of Interest.

Sunday, the 31st of March, was celebrated by all the Spiritual societies, it in an appropriate manner. Saturday being the Forty-seventh Analyticsary of evening we held a social with literary the advent of modern Spiritualism; and musical features. All of the particular health and the social with literary the social with literary the social with literary the social with literary and musical features. Berkley hall was the principal gathering, which was quite fully attended at its three sessions. The principal speak lin, autoharp and organ trio; recitation by Miss Alice Bach; "The religion of Lowell's Poems," by Mrs. H. S. Potter; cultural hall. The secular press gave humorous reading, W. H. Bach; mandovery full and respectable notices of the doings at each of these places. I was gramme had been rendered, the floor itualists Union. Thursday the Ladies' not present at these gatherings. I pretra tuned up and dancing began. This the Spiritual Temple, under the aust was interrupted about 10:30, while the pices of Mr. Ayers, who has been giv. pices of Mr. Ayers, who has been giv-ing them for the past four months, to very large audiences. I am always interested in the phenomena, especially when I know they are genuine, and I know that when they are under his management; and besides his prestige and talk with Spiritualists every day to as a high-toned, generous man, all are appreciate your work. The era of cheap able to see for themselves that they are what they claim to be the work of intelligences that are departed spirits. This was emphatically so when Mr. Keeler was the medium, and he has been so every Sunday for three months, and were given under tost conditions, which taught the large audience that had learned that important fact, as by their interest in them they must have done so, they were prepared to see other phases not quite so unmistakable to new nvestigators as those given by Mr. Keeler. So, for the last month, these temple seances are for full-form materializations, and the mediums have been Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Stansmry. 'As every one knows, the phase' s hardly as well adapted for a large authey have been well received by over at the present time they would soon 2,000 at each seance, and are uncommonly good under such conditions, and the large audience-room of the temple, seating 2,000, has been crowded full every time, and was so on this occasion, when given by the Chicago clergymen. Msr. Bliss was the medium in the forenoon and Mrs. Stansbury in the even-

The forms that appeared through the medium of Mrs. Bliss were, as usual, of marked different sizes; every one could see it could not be the medium masquerading, and it was absoluely certain by the arrangement that the cabinet was empty-no one in it but the medium-and being conspicuously situated on the platform, no one could enter it without observation. About nineteen or twenty forms appeared. The most remarkable one was the well-known form of Phillips Brooks, late bishop of Trinity church. He is a physically large man, and was recognized by all who knew him, and was, of course, the sensation of the seance as somewhat noted and popular personality in this city. The form of the bishop appeared in a

surplice. He was taller than Mr. Avers and Mr. Avers is more than a head taller than Mrs. Bliss, and the bishop was a much stouter and heavier man than the average, so probably this was Mr. Brooks; and it led Mr. Ayers to say to this large audience these words: "That, I suppose, is the medium masquerading." The remark was applauded querading." The remark was applauded all over the house, and was a hit for the skeptics, some of whom have said: These forms are the medium masquerading." But as a general thing the people who attend these seances are interested and come often, and seem to think they are what they claim to be. I often stop after the seance is over to hear the comments made by groups who linger also for information. I would not be surprised if this apparition of Mr. Brooks made some comments, as the message from him did that came through Mr. Keeler a few Bundays ago. Mrs. Stansbury in the evening produced many forms of various sizes. One came, and Mr. Ayers said to me: "Mr. Wetherbee, that was your daughter." I had noticed when it came that it pointed to myself and wife. I could not recognize her as she appeared as an adult, for she left us in 1856, when a child of 6 years—almost forty years ago -and her departure was the means of my becoming a Spiritualist, and I feel sure we shall know each other there. A form materialized on the platform outside of the cabinet; it looked at first ike a piece of white wool about the size

of one's hand on the carpet, which enlarged slowly upward and in width until it was as tall as a person would be, and did not appear to be a human form un-til it was five feet high, when it became a female figure full of life and motion, and after moving about for a little while it retired into the cabinet. The whole operation of this was so interesting that it was loudly applauded all over the house. I was very near, so I could see distinctly that this materialization was wholly outside of the cabinet and was certainly no illusion, and I think that would be the testimony of every one who saw it. It was certainly a very interesting phenomenon. watched it very closely, and consider it a very perfect materialization of a

I think Mr. Avers is doing a great deal of goods in giving these free seances to the public, inviting all investigators to come and witness these manifestations; and his remarks on the subject, from time to time, are well worth noting, as he is a man of wide experience, having been thirty years a The solos by Madame Randall were close observer and knows that he will especially fine. Her singing is like that others to know it also; and certainly he others to know it also; and certainly he is giving many a grand opportunity; not a faith or a hope, like the churches, but a knowledge-and that is what every thoughtful person wants. JOHN WETHERBEE.

Chicago (Ill.) Anniversary. The People's Home and Illinois State Spiritualists' Association celebrated the advent of the forty-seventh anniversary

hall, 93 South Peoria street, Sunday evening, March 31. G. L. S. Jenifer presided; Rev. W. H. Blair gave an excellent opening address; pressed to Boston, and then I could not our local mediums, enlivened with fine Dr. White and Mrs. De Wolf spoke infill more than half the calls for it. A inspirational music from the Smith terestingly; Mrs. Frankie Cole, Mrs. fore he got as far as to my last speech. large invoice of them was sent to the Quartette.

He reports me as having said I had been Banner of Light, and they could not suptwice in jail. I did say that it was hard ply near all their orders. I am to send is in poor health, did not give any demired.

Alice Higgins, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. sion, and the tests by Mrs. Kates are al-Mueller sang and gave recitations; ways appropriate and accurate on all octavities in jail. I did say that it was hard ply near all their orders. I am to send is in poor health, did not give any demired.

Prof. LeRoy VanHorn, assisted by Mrs. casions. An excellent musical pro-

DELLA PLATT. with satisfaction, G. G. W. VAN HORN.

ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA, Celebrates the Forty-Seventh Au-

niversary.

The Spiritualists of Aberdeen celeorated the Forty-seventh Anniversary humorous reading, W. H. Bach; mandowiches and doughnuts to about a hun-Sweet Home," was reached.

a good attendance at our meetings.
At the afternoon service Mr. H. H. Potter gave a short address on "Spiritualism in Literature," in which he showed the underlying vein of, first, materialism, and then Spiritualism, throughout all literature, from Plato and Socrates to the present time. His the intelligence manifested was by de- address was welcomed and warmly apparted spirits; and when investigators plauded. Mr. Potter is one of the foremost lawyers of this section, a pronounced Spiritualist, and Mrs. Potter is

Sunday opened with clouds and rain,

but notwithstanding the weather we had

a trance and writing medium.

He was followed by D. Leach, who gave his experiences in Spiritualism, particularly his earliest knowledge. During the latter part of his discourse he was taken in charge by a spirit control who voiced some very appropriate sentiments, informing the assembly that it was useless to attempt to ignore ience as some other phases are; but Spiritualism—if they did not learn of it have to. Mr. Brockway then read some extracts from one of Savage's sermons on Spiritualism. I followed him with a short talk on the ideas of the future

In the evening a good attendance again greeted us, and the address of the evning, "The history of Modern Spiritualism," was listened to very closely. We went home thoroughly satisfied with our anniversary.

We were not the only ones who paid our respects to Spiritualism, as the Methodist presiding elder gave a characteristic orthodox sermon on the subject, but so far we have not learned of any "backsliders" from the Spiritualist ranks. We are "stirring the animals up," and nowhere in town does a gathering take place that the subject is not discussed. Our ranks are being added to, and as we have some of the best people of the town among our number, we sel that we have something to be thank-W. H. BACH. ful for.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Forty-Seventh Anniversary There

are still rejoicing in the great "outpour-ing of the spirit" on the 31st of March, The platform at the hall of t a real Pentecostal season, resulting in great good to the cause and a most generous collection for the National Spiritualists' Association, one generous gentleman duplicating dollar for dollar all cises were devoted to the lyceum's regthat was collected at the Sunday evening | ular session. Mrs. Baker, the conductor meeting. The result was most encourag- of the lyceum, had arranged a special ing, placing over \$300 in the treasury of programme for the occasion. This the National Spiritualists' Association lyceum has a good attendance, and

from that meeting. tional Spiritualists' Association, this dress, and selections were rendered by week, is interesting to all Spiritualists. the various scholars. Miss Alice Of course it is a business meeting and Thorner, of Marblehead, and Miss no outsiders are admitted, but the pro- Mabel Whipple gave select recitations. ceedings are such as all can be interested. In fact, the whole programme reflected in, as they mark the progress and work great credit upon the participants. of the association. There is no doubt of week (interesting to masculine minds), in them. to attend to the offices of the National Association.

happy and tolerably well, although familiar spiritual hymns, led by the President Barrett shows the traces of choir. The music on this occasion dehis recent serious illness, further aug- serves especial mention. The chief both morning and evening. One of the mented by a present attack of the singer was Miss Amanda Balley, who, "grippe." We hope the genial air of though over sixty years of age, sings Washington and a needed rest will re-

store him. Mrs. Richmond looks better than her and brings tears to their eyes. riends dared anticipate she would, knowing how ill she has been much of the winter, but her rallying power is great with the forces that are behind her. She finds a quiet home while here with Miss Johnson, the sculptor, and has her limited time between sessions of the board taken up with social engage- given by members of the lyceum.

ments. L. V. Moulton comes from Michigan with Brother Barrett, for whom he has ists' Association, and was heartly apmanifested a brother's friendship and plauded, showing that the Salem society more than a brother's care in the last

B. B. Hill, of Philadelphia, comes to the meeting full of interest and wellcontrolled enthusiasm for the work, careful, judicious and earnest.

encouraging to Washingtonians as well as visitors, and the active, energetic work of the secretary of the association, Francis B. Woodbury, is a source of congratulation to all. Mr. Woodbury's services to the association are supple- Spiritualism to the world was to rob mented by the brightness and womanly death of its terror, and to bring the grace of his wife, who presides over the nome of the National Association.

pervades the members of the board and teachings. the spirit of their work, we predict even greater work in the future. Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, adds to the interest of the occasion by her special report of mission-

ary work recently performed. Long live the National Spiritualists' Association.

Denver, Colorado.

G. W. Kates and wife, as regular speakers and mediums for the Union Spiritualists of Denver, held anniversary exercises in Odd Fellows' Hall, Sunday afternoon and evening, March 31st. The lecturers were appropriate to the occa-

THE ANNIVERSARY.

Exercises in Boston and Salem.

It never having been my privilege to attend anniversary exercises in the vi-cinity of Boston, I looked forward with Boston, and continuing throughout the week, it was a continual source of wonderment to me to see the interest manyceum had an entertainment at Horti- vocal selection by Mrs. F. H. Leach; ifested at the various societies in Boston. Wednesday night I participated in the celebration of the Veteran Spir-itualists' Union. Thursday the Ladles' urday evening the beautiful hall at 241 Tremont street was occupied by the Ladies' Aid Society, being the oldest or-ganization of the kind in the country. dred and twenty people, after which it All Boston seemed bound to do honor to this festive day. Ayer's Temple was when 11:30, with its attendant "Home, crowded also, as were many of the crowded also, as were many of the smaller halls. On Saturday afternoon we held a special meeting at 724 Washington street to discuss various things of interest to mediums, and all interested in the welfare of Spiritualism. The secular papers said that not less than 10,000 people were assembled to do honor to the anniversary of modern given the society. Spiritualism.

Being engaged at Salem, Mass., I was not able to participate in the exercises in Boston, with the exception of Berkeley hall. It was an occasion to be remembered. A most magnificent hall, testify to their interest in Spiritualism. Faces beaming with enthusiasm were turned to greet the speakers on that momentous occasion. It will long remain as a pleasant picture for memory to gaze upon. In the name of the National Spiritualists' Association, I greeted those assembled, and made a few remarks upon the necessity of Spiritualists standing for their rights, and urged upon them the importance of making a public protest against the unjust laws which were about to be passed in the State of Massachusetts.

Others will write you of that magnificent gathering, but as I was obliged to leave, owing to having an engagement with the First Society in Salem, Mass., cannot say more

THE ANNIVERSARY IN SALEM, MASS. Could those who were instrumental in putting to death the mediums of 1692, ward the co-operative work of the spirhave looked upon the scene of to-day, it must have affected them deeply. Across the street from where the Spiritualists celebrated their anniversary is a tablet again in May and June. which marks the spot where the socalled witches of old were tried and condemned. What a coincidence! Never before since I have been interested in Spiritualism did it come upon me with such force as did the message that came to me that day, when I stood upon the rostrum in that historic city. We who are now the workers, can have no conception of the trials that the early mediums have had to undergo, and it behooves us all to stand by those whose We who are residents of Washington ministrations serve to lift the veil that

The platform at the hall of the First Society of Spiritualists was decorated with beautiful palms and the American flag. Also choice bouquets adorned the speaker's desk. The morning exermuch interest is manifested by the The meeting of the board of the Na- scholars. Mrs. Baker made a short ad-

At the close of the programme by the the zeal, efficiency and earnestness of lyoeum, the exercises took the form of a workers that come hundreds of miles at fact meeting, wherein all took part, and their own expense, in local election gave the reason for the faith that was gramme which was a credit alike to

Between the afternoon and evening services was held a song service. This The members of the board are looking consisted of congregational singing of captivates the hearts of her audience,

The evening exercises opened with congregational singing. Miss Mabel Whipple rendered "The Last Hymn," Miss Alice Thorner recited "Destiny, Miss Susan Bailey rendered "Through the Lines,' and as an encore gave the "Serenade." Other recitations were

A letter of greeting was read from the secretary of the National Spiritualappreciates the work of that body.

The address of the evening by the writer consisted in a review of the history of Spiritualism, tracing its source, not from the birth of modern Spiritualism, but from the days of old, when me-The genial face of Mr. Edson is always diums were held to be oracles, and protected as such. Spiritualism was shown by analogy to be the natural religion of the world, and was claimed to be the foundation of all systems of religion now extant. The message of people into one common brotherhood. ome of the National Association. The purpose of it is to broaden and Judging from the atmosphere that unfold the lives of those who profess its

> At the close of the address the speaker was presented with a choice bouquet of The Anniversary at Liberal, Mo. flowers The hall was well filled all day and

evening, and as was voiced in the greeting from Washington, "Salem has progressed from burning mediums to protecting them." I wish to say for the officers, members and visitors that one can always be sure of receiving the best conditions for their work when they visit the Salem society. The anniversary exercises closed with a benediction by Mrs. Baker, and all departed, feeling that they had participated in a most successful occasion. MRS. M. E. CADWALLADER.

Anniversary Report.

Chicago opened exercises at 3 p. m., even. with our worthy president, Mrs. Water-man, in the chair. The hall was well decorated with beautiful cut flowers in decorated was and not-plants tests. with our worthy president, Mrs. Waterdecorated vases, and pot-plants taste- vests.

fully arranged, which were furnished by our assistant secretary, Mrs. Gunther. The afternoon exercises were very interesting, consisting of tests; poems, readings and promiscuous exercises, by our gifted speaker, Mr. Cordingly, who held the audience so spellbound they forgot the lateness of the hour to such an extent that when the closing came and dinner was announced, and musical features. All of the participants were firm Spiriutalists, and our programme consisted of mandour programme cons ures were enjoyed to their fullest ex-tent, intermingled with wit and humor.

The dinner having been disposed of, ill seemed eager for the spiritual feast which they knew was sure to follow, with Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond as principal speaker, assisted by our coming spokesman, Frederic Cushman, and our tried and true spiritual soldier, G. V. Cordingly,

The evening exercises opened prompt-y at 8 o'clock, with Mrs. Waterman in the chair. The opening song was sung by Mr. King, entitled "The prayer of Tosti;" followed by an invocation by Mrs. Richmond. The first exercise of the evening was a recitation by Miss Elnora Parsons, entitled, "The Calf Path," which was rendered with that perfection of a trained elocutionst, a sample of which she has many times

This was followed by a song from Mr. King, entitled, "Twelve Months Ago To-night."

The first speaker of the evening was Mr. Cushman, of Colorado Springs, our speaker for April. His opening remarks decorated as only those who were inter- were eulogistic of Mr. Cordingly, which ested in proclaiming to the world their love of Spiritualism could decorate it, and crowded with people assembled to few in the churches, before the advent of modern Spiritualism, as now understood, was experienced in the home of John Wesley, and will again be asserted in the churches and be given its proper place among other "Revelations."

Mr. Cushman's few remarks proved him to be an able expounder of the spiritual philosophy, and the right man in the right place. He was followed by an inspirational song by Mrs. Gage, after which, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond took the floor and held the audience spellbound for three-quarters of an hour, the report of which was taken verbatim, and needs no comment from me. Sirfice it to say that this society joins in their thanks and extends their kindest regards to her and the society which she represents, for her timely remarks and historic address, and will gladly co-operate with them at any time to foritual socies in Chicago so well begun by The First Society.

I. D. GUEST.

THE ANNIVERSARY.

First Association of Spiritualists, Philadelphia, Pa.

It Gives Due Honor to the Day.

Willing hands stimulated to action by loving hearts rendered the hall of the irst Association of Spiritualists a scene of beauty on the occasion of the Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism. The rostrum was adorned with potted palms, choice cut flowers and evergreens. Three arches of evergreens were erected in front of the rostrum with the effect of converting it into a bower of beauty. The walls were hung with bunting and evergreens. Standing out in bold relief was to be seen the pride of the Spiritualists, "Old Glory" testifying to the loyalty of Spiritualists to their country.

The exercises commenced at 9:30 a. m. with a conference with Mr. Read chairman, and continued throughout the day. In the afternoon the Children's Progressive Lyceum presented a special both teachers and scholars. The musical numbers rendered during the day were the choicest, and worthy of the highest commendation.

Mr. J. C. Steinmetz, the president of the association, delivered an address special features of the day was the address and spirit messages given by Mr. Harlow Davis of New York.

It has been said that if one were to judge of the interest manifested in Spiritualism by the interest manifested on anniversary day, it would seem that all Philadelphians were Spiritualists, for every hall was crowded. Philadelphia has one thing to be proud of. Those who are Spiritualists are not ashamed of the fact, and though they may not feel it incumbent upon them to attend the meetings every Sunday, still they come out with flying colors to celebrate the Anniversary of modern Spiritualism. The officers and members of the First Association have every reason to be proud of their part in showing to the world, that the thirty-first of March is one of the landmarks in the history of the world. During the day a letter of congratulation was read from the National Spiritualists' Association, also from Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, vice-president of the association, who was unable to be present owing to her engagements in the East.

The reading of the letter of greeting from the secretary of the National Spiritualists' Association was received with applause, testifying to the loyalty of the First Association of Spiritualists to the National Association.

CORRESPONDENT.

The Spiritualists of Liberal, Mo., celebrated the forty-seventh anniversary of modern Spiritualism at their half. March 31, by an all-days' meeting, beginning with conference at 10 a. m. At noon a table was set nearly the whole length of the hall, on which was placed a sumptuous repast, to which all did justice, there being several tables full. Meetings were held at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., the exercises consisting of short speeches, essays and recitations, interspersed with instrumental music and songs. The hall was beautifully decorated with pictures, evergreens, plants and flowers. The attendance was good. filling the hall, and at night many went The Propressive Spiritual Society of away, there not being standing-room The best of order and harmony A. L. ANDREWS, Sec.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN NEW YORK.

THE ANNIVERSARY.

A Splendid Time in New

THE FIRST SOCIETY DULY CELEBRATES THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

advent of modern Spiritualism was celebrated at Carnegie Music Hall on Sunday afternoon, March 31st. The speak ers' desk was trimmed with flowers and the platform was decorated with ferns and palms. On the platform were a number of well-known and prominent Spiritualists. The large hall was packed, many standing during the exercises, which lasted from two to six o'clock. Quite a number who came, finding every place occupied, were obliged to go away.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT NEWTON. Mr. Henry J. Newton, president of the

society, in the chair, opened the exercises by requesting the audience to join in singing "Home of the Soul." After which he made introductory remarks as

It has many times been said that nature provides in a general way for her offspring: that as we develop, unanticipated wants are continually coming to be known. In the revolution of this planet upon its axis we are compelled to divide eternity into fractions, and we get certain things a certain distance from another thing, and we call these distances time. In this way we have minutes, hours, days and nights, and in the earth's revolution around the sun a year, and all of our experiences take place in this time, and we grow old. Experience is the developing agency which nature provides, and it is on this line that all advance is made. The years come and go and become centuries, and from that to hundreds of centuries and there is no such thing to an intelligent mind as one time being the same as another time. It is perpetual and eternal change from lower to higher conditions, and man, through these processes, develops, and he realizes his needs in the ratio of his intellectual development, and when he becomes conscious of some great need, his intellect has developed to a point which will enable him to find it in nature's great storehouse. This is a truth recorded in history all along the development of the

Whatever anyone may say, it is a fact all the same, that science assails all forms of antiquated religions with a resistless hand. Science knows no God, no religion. With such a foe fearfully on the offensive, bereft of every weapon of defense, religion was being destroyed. Through all history this conflict has been going on, and something was absolutely necessary to supply the need created, and according to the law introduced, that nature always provides for her offspring, something must be found in her laboratory that would answer this great cry for light to dispel the dark-

celebrate the Forty-seventh Anniversary of modern Spiritualism, for it was forty-seven years ago to-day that intellirent communication was established between this and the unseen world.

Following the address Mr. Robert De-Legn Myers sang "Open the Gates." REMARKS BY MR. WRIGHT.

Mr. J. Clegg Wright spoke in part as

Spiritualism is the product of the mental energy of the spiritual world. Spiritual beings live in nature. The boundaries of the universe cannot be found. The limitations of science cannot be known. , Life and its possibilities are endless. Spiritualism comes in an era peculiar to certain states in the intellectual development of man. When man intellectually is feeble he stands in need of superstition; superstition will be the product of feeble intellectual power and small experience. The civilization of the human race is a product of slow growth, and attending its development there have been systems of superstition. When philosophy failed to solve the problems of existence, faith stepped in, theology was born-a makeshift-to fill the gap until knowledge should come, until the reign of inspirational power: Man becomes only a correct interpreter of the Spirit-world when his natural power has attained a certain sensitive condition, and the development of a certain quality or capacity. Only a few among the inhabitants of the world sustain a useful relativity to the conscious action of powerful spirits. The hero in all ages, the big man in all times, the makers of philosophy and political revolutionists have almost always been the children of inspiration. The great steps in progress have been achieved by the inspiration of the individual. The flux of nations, the rise and fall of empires, the coming and the going of great ideals of liberty and progress, these have been in perfect rhythmical harmony with the powers of an inspiration from the realms of mind and thought. The conservative instinct is the obstructing unlistic democrat says to Tammany, get in any following, can claim that our instinct of the race. Sometimes that conservative instinct has been strong conservative instinct of the race. and has shackled and destroyed liberty, the liberty of intellectual progress. If Christianity had never become the dominating religion of the Roman world the magnificent civilization of the Greeks would not have been destroyed. When would not have been destroyed. When the ideal says it will be better, and nature says I and with truth, because better underthe image was broken, when the ideal says it will be better, and nature says I and with truth, because better undertrust destroyed. There is a stood; more beautiful, because its been referred to this afternoon, that time for injustice to die. There is plenty

Under the magnificent intellectual sentences of Lord Bacon, old metaphys- brilliant brain that ever lived. ical speculation was rolled back and the From one extreme to another the human in the wounded, and the states of Europe were too small to contain the constitution of man, and I will name it women, to think for ourselves, and to wind any piace within earsnot of any piace within the would criticise; and hypothetically, as rise and sing "Nearer My God to Thee."

Spiritualism bids us be free men and beautiful, descriptive and compendious, to be unobjectionable, I consider that the world does not women, to think for ourselves, and to who shall say that the world does not summary, or synopsis, as the fullest, cises closing with an exhibition, by Mrs.

the mind of man.

spirit of reorganization, and out of the Roman Catholic religion—the best religion in the world for ignorant people-Romanism in instilling a power into the human mind started in the minds of independent men and women a revolution which ended in patriotism. Patriotism found no room in the homes of Europe, but had to extend itself under the ban of malignant persecution. The foundations of the American spirit of liberty were made in the revolution within, The Forty-seventh Anniversary of the and against the iron bands of a metaphysical philosophy and the powers of a little more than a pound for a pound

The spirit of New England was Puritanical; it was an extreme development, but it is nearly dead now, and it is well but it is nearly dead now, and it is well she is a man now, for she can vote. If for mankind that it is so. On one side in the revolution came the Quakers; and new power, woe be to the head of the william Penn of Pennsylvania. Had busehold. A new adjustment of things will come after a while: the dust will we must hold ourselves strictly account-Pennsylvania escaped, Quakerism would will come after a while; the dust will have been buried under a snowdrift of settle, and you will put the frame into the closet, and we shall get on all right to reach it. Our ideal must be formulated after all. human progress. You can never make a grand intellectual development where the mind is debarred from the cultivation of the beautiful. It is in the cultivation of the beautiful, and in the extension of art studies; it is in the multi-plication of books of thought; in the enlargement of the human mind from which the great new book directs its rise in knowledge and life. But it is fritted away by the imitators of art. It is bringing the imagination of the artist to work on the divine forms of nature. When the poet nature sings something from Paradise Lost; when the human heart becomes the subject of the poet's illustration, it is then that liberty has come to stop on the face of the earth, nevermore to die. When the human intellect and imagination can chain the powers of creation to illustrate the constitution of human nature, kings must pass away, aristocrats shall not rule, 365 of these days are required to make and democracy shall be born. Then modern Spiritualism, which is the highest expression of the god of liberty, shall reign triumphant. It has no prince, and the child in the log cabin may be illuminated in a higher degree than the child born in the palace.

The prince and the peasant shall rub shoulder to shoulder on a philosophy of equality in that place of nature just out there where the Spirit-world is. When the king dies he becomes an ordinary man. When the Pope of Rome ceaseth to breathe he is just like an ordinary fellow. Holiness belongs to no man. All men come to the same end, and are the products of the same effects in this mighty universe, so that the epoch has come—the epoch of patriotism has come. It did its work: it destroyed the bigots in the churches. It brought into fashion deal furniture, but clung to the spinningwheel and the spade; and yet they lifted the world, for it requires these sombre men to do it. These instruments of the epoch passed away, and there came a stranger here, a stranger to the ways of America, and his name was Thomas Paine. He approached the shores of America, and in America his intellect gad an opportunity. The dir was bad h France. The priests had made it so. in France. There were bad priests in France one hundred and twenty years ago, and he could not breathe there. The New World, the country of the

Indians, this country of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, this Spiritualism. What did it mean when it came forty-seven years ago, when Benjamin Franklin was there trying to find that of this kind Spiritualism has make a rap as in the days gone by. He had been trying to bring electricity from the clouds; he was trying to make a rap, and I think I was there, and a rap was made? What did it mean? It meant that a conscious personality, an ntellectuality of a higher grade of unoldment could exist and work independent of brains, of cultivation. It developed the fact, namely, that conscious capability is identified with cellular brain states, and that the measure of an organized power will be the measure of its function, and without brain there can be no thought. He dared contradiction. Philosophy had nothing to say, and theology was paralyzed. There can be no sensation without a brain; there can be no perception without a development, and there can be no conscious, creating, intelligent power. Theology was paralyzed. It was only a question of ages for it to die, to be killed.

Where there is a question there must be an answer. What is an intelligent rap? An intelligent force without a brain, an intelligent conscious power. It bridges the chasm between the material and the spiritual. Spiritualism is built on the plane of science and on the plane of philosophy. Science is here, men are here, Spiritualism is here, the rap has

come, and Moses must go.

I will not detain you but a few minutes longer. The intellectual life of the human race is but in its morning. China must go because she cannot fight. Liberty and intellectual development come by inspiration, and the man that cannot scratch must die. A hard law, but it is the salvation of the world. Happiness will kill you. It is hunger in the child that makes it eat and grow. You grow. Appetite, intellectual appetite, gives vigor to the race.

I like the atmosphere of the intellectual life of America. It lets the Tammany man live for a time until he of the physical for support, recreation shows his incompetency, and the spirita little more room. How happy this world would be if the bigots were all in heaven! They will get there! We will try to help them get there. A man naturally of small force, a man whose mind cannot see far, had better die. Nature power which is found in the uniformity of time to develop character, plenty of the action of the phenomena of natime to do good work. The little boy ture, becomes the captivating power to who sells you a Sunday paper will shine in the galaxy, some day, of intellectual life in the Spirit-world with the most

We are going on, the curtains are demonstration of truth became the ideal rising, though prejudices are around us, for the salvation of the human race. It yet there comes something else into the is easy to start the fires of revolution, beautiful constitution of man, and that tom, especially in public conveyances, or but not so easy to extinguish them, is love. Love and reason come to bind



philanthropy. I will call it disinterested, benevolent justice, something that gives an inch for an inch. Humanity, though selfish, is getting more kindly; so kind, now that a woman has appeared, and she is a man now, for she can vote. If after all.

Liberty grows slowly. Intellectual development spreads its power slowly, like the giant tree of the forest. The scientific man is coming, and he will bring Spiritualism with him, a child of beauty, a child of freedom, and the burdened soul shall live and know the loved ones that have gone before.

ADDRESS BY MRS. MILTON RATHBUN, When modern Spiritualism, fortyanticipations for the life beyond the end wise one attracted to us to do us good. of our earthly pilgrimage; a truer fosfollow the space of time of earthly to us in greater eloquence, with more count, having exchanged faith for knowledge and hope for certainty, and a finer, nobler conception of truth as it Phinney, a Denton, a Brittan, a Wheeler, appeals to our higher conception of truth as it Phinney, a Denton, a Brittan, a Wheeler, appeals to our higher constituted being the context of the cont following gained in so short a time, but tions, if we weigh and accept the good also has in its ranks the brightest minds, they bring to us, we cannot fail to bethe keenest intellects and the richest in come spiritually progressive. To us spirituality. The reasons why this is so each anniversary day will be the red-

among us), one must do a certain amount ing to the glad reunion with those gone of thinking and a little reasoning; must on before, and welcome the boatman accept something new and startling; who will bear us to the farther shore of must step out of the old rut upon a new the river called death. highway, and however they lolter by Then let us resolve to push forward the woodside, they are at an advantage more earnestly, more vigorously, and compared with those who are deaf, dumb welcome all opportunities to apply and blind in orthodoxy. Then, if we the golden rule. When modern Spirit-leave out this class of indifferent ones, ualism can say one year from to-day, I and look at the earnest, honest, intelli- am forty-eight years old, may we have gent truthsceker, who knows whereof realized to a greater degree the rare Indians, this country of George Washness.

We, as Spiritualists, claim that Spiritnalism is the child of nature that has
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firm and loyal; ready at all times to give patient hearing and consideration to

> and untoward conditions. It is well to-day to consider our blessings, opportunities and duties. Have we fully realized that we are at liberty to exercise the functions of our mind in every-realm of thought and research? That we can, even in caring for our souls, seek to know all that can be dis- mortal covered concerning our future in the enough to have their significance interworld of spirit? That we may confidence in the preted. the mysteries, gain knowledge and learn tolerance is not to be lightly estirial pleasures or cares of the daily home home life, society, and so forth. In fact, while in this sphere we must live in it and be of it; but we should not do so at the expense of the great weight of responsibility attached to our lives when we have found this enlightening power which Spiritualism imparts to its fol-

lowers. Defined by Spiritualism, a well-reg ulated life means the modes of living which develop the inner nature or spiritual being to the degree that it doming or neglecting the proper demands and usefulness. How few among us, or

lives are well regulated! Spiritualism has so many times been "exposed," "exploded," or "exterminated," according to the bugle blasts of its enemies, that it is amusing and gratifying to note their discomfiture when it serenely marches to the front time after time, each time stronger, more raditeachings have found greater acceptance with a deeper meaning; more popular, because the vast number of courageous adherents have given backbone to their weaker, but well-intentioned brothers and sisters who are daring to stand erect and speak the words, "Spiritualism, medium, or seance," in the ordinary tone of conversation, rather than whisper them as formerly was their cusin any place within earshot of any other



KATIE FOX.

work out our own salvation with fear and trembling." We are by its philosophy and teachings deprived of the vica-rious atonement, and must save ourselves. We cannot east off the burden lated and based upon principles which will bear the tests of truth, reason and common sense; in other words, we can-hot "live in the clouds," but must closely ally all departments of our daily walk in life,

In looking over the past and considering the present, we have great cause for rejoicing, and no cause for anxiety or fear for the prosperity of this cause which is enshrined in our hearts. The seven years ago, rapped in the humble future will bring to us a brighter outhome of the Fox family to arrest the look, and as each anniversary day comes attention of humanity, no one would around we shall have grown more spir-have predicted that within a half cen-tury that event would be commemorated charitable, more just, more wise, more in this way all over America and in truthful, more honest, more earnest, foreign lands. To-day we join with more sympathetic, more logical, more millions in glad rejoicings that we have reasonable and more purified soul and found and accepted this light, which body, if we but listen to and apply the leads us daily into a greater measure of wise counsels of those who have solved strength; a sweeter realization of possitiles in unfoldment and accomplishment; a larger sense of our responsibilities, our duties and our privileges; a child, a brother, a sister; or it may be surer foundation for our hopes and fond from a guardian spirit, a guide, or some anticipations for the life heaved the and wise one attracted to us to do us good

tering of the principles upon which our heard in elequence and logic from our standard of right living is based; a various platforms, but are now silenced brighter outlook for the eternities to in earthly sounds, will continue to come appeals to our higher or spiritual being. a Wilson, Mrs. Banks, and many other Modern Spiritualism, although not of our bright lights who have bowed to fifty years old, can justly claim that its the mandate "Come up higher." If we adherents not only outnumber any other listen and obey their advice and direcare obvious. In order to be the most letter day of each year, and if we reach common-place, indifferent, apathetic the valley of old age, where the shadows Spiritualist (I am sorry to be obliged to lengthen, and the sun's rays fall aslant, admit that we have some of this class we shall tread cheerfully the way lead-

Following the address Mr. Huyler gave a piano solo, and Mr. Edgar W. Emerson gave platform tests. Mr. Myers myriads living up to their principles, or sang "She's My Sweetheart." Then striving to do so, despite environments followed an able

ADDRESS BY LUTHER R. MARSH. This grand old globe will continue to

its orbit and on March 31 every pursue year bring the anniversary of the auspicious time when the Spirit-world was able, through physical signs, to attract number and brightness. Every year, mortal attention, and hold it long every month, every week, varied the

dently ignore or cross that bridge called lt was a day of days. Thousands of hold the luminous floods that fill the "the mystery of Godliness," and unravel years had aped away before the world arch and enlighten the soul. The little was prepared for the great event. The that what we sow we shall also reap, old eras passed in silence. No token which Lord Brougham saw arising in and with what measure we mete, it shall came from the world of mystery. Men the West, is already spreading over the be measured to us again? To be free to looked beyond this life into the future, continents. His prophecy is rapidly fulthink is indeed a great beau. think is indeed a great boon. The op- and saw nothing. All was blank. Anportunity to clothe our thoughts, to give gelic appearances, portrayed in Sacred expression and to hold aloft the banner Writ, did not, as they should, open the door. Faith was the only hold we had.

the eve become accustomed to the divine ing course. effulgence, as the rising sun pours its radiance first on the hilltops, then ualism really is—its full significance—

the light.



Who deny the convincing evment of Religious at the late Chicago It is by his conduct, and not by his the Exposition, which has no fellow in all ories, that he will gravitate to his place. the past? Convocations of the products Belief may influence his life here. If, of nature and of the material industries as he is taught, he believes that his of nature and of the material industries as he is taught, he believes that his of all people, it is true, had been witnessed in recent times in London in its connection with the dissolution of Paris, in New York; in old and populous cities. It was thought such gatherings could only be held where generations and centuries had perfected the atleast and centuries had perfected the lived here, why, then, all the motives atleast and centuries had perfected the late can influence human action are at density to receive its force; and all the resources. But now the western wilds have been invaded. In a boyhood city on the "unsalted sea" a thousand miles from the Atlantic coast, far, far inland — where sixty-five years and thar work to induce nim to saun evil and other forces are subject to their necessary conditions; and that the earth must develop in advance of those conditions, and when it was sufficiently developed, the combined evil and other forces are subject to their necessary conditions; and that the earth must develop in advance of those conditions, and when it was sufficiently developed, arts, and wealth had concentrated its work to induce him to shun evil and only ten families outside the fort—a city so in the past, if it is not so in the preshas sprung up as by the magic of Aladent, it should be so in the future. That

could propel heavy machinery, or weave may be pellucid as the air, but his conthe slender metallic thread; that could duct selfish and sinful. ift the mighty triphammer, speed the and magnitude. The marble talked and

the canvas breathed.

Now, all this and more, much more, so much more that the former achieve- are confined to lower states. It is well- to note. ment cannot be mentioned in comparileave these physical works below. We elements, go to their own place and to great social, spiritual feast was the son. We rise to a higher plane. use them, but ascend above them. admire, and wonder at what man hath and the high to the high. Like seeks done with the unbending and obstinate materials of nature.

But we see that there is another and a It cannot be darkened, or dimmed, or worn away. It is life everlasting. It is that dome down from them to us. the dawn of that eternity we hail and soleum, no mourning, no fear, no separation.

Yes, truly, it is so. It is so, indeed. The sky is rifted. Down, through the windows of Heaven there pours celestial light. It increases with every year. At first, some half century ago, it seemed uncertain and glimmering. Many doubted whether it was visible at all. glamor. Soon the rays increased in every month, every week, varied the light, till now there is no mortal but may, if he will, lift his eyelids and hecloud, no larger than a man's hand,

filling. To commemorate the tangible announcement to mankind of this knowledge; to mingle our thoughts concernmated. Our blessings and our opportuing on the state of the same and manifold, it hundred and forty-eight years, and men to teach those who, as yet; have not, or follows that our duties and responsibility were still holding on to the skirts of will not, learn this truth, have we left titles are grave, important and urgent.

Talth. No man, could say, "I know;" our homes—scattered as they are—and one does not do well to set aside these only "I believe." Will the mystery of duties and responsibilities for the mate—the world ever be solved? Was Faith by the salted sea, to testify what we the only lamp to light our passage over know and to consecrate ourselves anew life, business, or in the world at large. the mythical and mystical river, dark to the spread of the Gospel of Immortal-Tis true that we must toil, must give and sullen? If light shall ever come, ity. Immortality! Well may we pause heed to the necessities and demands of where will it strike? Will it be in Ar- to think what immortality means; the menia, on the Garden's site? Willit be fact—the greatest that human comprein Persia, on the blue gulf, where lived hension can take in-that one is to conthe first creations, of the race? Will it tinue his conscious identity, "world be along the lotus-bordered Nile, where without end." Every man wants to be civilization was far advanced before the himself; and to be nobody else. No mat-Garden was planted? Perhaps the hills ter how humble his condition, he would -Tabor or Hermon, or the not change and become another person. plains of Esqraelon, Bethlehem-Ephrata Have you ever known an individual who will be the scene! Nay, not so. There is a land beyond the seas, laying either hand upon an ocean, stretching from polar ices to the hut current of the guil, to exist and become another. Every one inates and guides the physical, making with bullioned mountains, and embrace is fond of his own proprium. Unless, all things subservient, but never ignor, ing every clime, which has been ap-when the spirit leaves the body it conpointed for the demonstration. Aye, tinues its own existence, retaining the not only so, but in our beloved Empire same consciousness and the same quali-State, in its western granary, there shall come—not in the earthquake rend- own identity, and be somebody else. It ing, not in the thunders of heaven, but would not be itself. This would be gently—so gently as to be scarcely au- equivalent to a change from one being dible, the first tender tokens of spirit to another. One soul would go out and presence. And so it was. There and another would come in. But, however then was the curtain rolled up that had men might choose, exchange is impossiever obscured the sight of men. The ble. The man is ever to be and continue world was dazed, and would not believe. the same man, for good or for evil, for It would not behold the sight. Incre- weal or for woe, till Time shall be no dulity was everywhere. Gradually must more, and Eternity pursue its everlast-If one would know what Spirit-

> touches and overspreads the plains, and let him study-not merely peruse, but finally glows throughout and warms the world. Many yet shade their eyes and lits "Presentation," in twenty pages, to hide away. By and by all will come into the World's Parliament of Religions, in the Fox girls. Before reading it she the light October, 1893, as given by the guides of Now, what shall the natal day be named? Shall we call it "The Advent Day of Spiritualism? Shall it be the Work," recently published. I stand by at the anniversary meeting.
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> After the reading of the poem the control of t Let some artist in nomen gestion which, from my standpoint, I president requested the audience to

most condensed, comprehensive and ac- Beach, of a picture in water colors, of nature, philosophy, effect, purposes, accomplishment, end and aim, that has ever been produced. There is no crankiness in it; no airing of individual hob-bies. Every word is golden. Without angelic aid it could not have been written, It should be printed by itself, in most attractive form, and spread worldwide, that every one may have it constantly in sight.

The true use of spiritual philosophy or religion, is to teach, not a theory, but a practice; not a there belief, but a

ality does not conform to the belief. He may believe that the upper spheres are happy beyond description, and the lowest ones all darkness and despair; but the evolution of the subjects treated were, who almost think they are but the rethat will not prevent his home in the the evolution or development of universal dence furnished by the World's Parlia- lowest, if his life here fits him for those. nessed in recent times in London, in its connection with the body, and that these forces cannot assert their power -where, sixty-five years ago, there were embrace our faith. If it has not been din, and thither, from all nations, centered all that art could do and all that oply, our religion, teaches—to influence human conduct for the best. We cannot rejoice in our knowledge if it does terial advances only, or mainly. They not make us better. Better to be igtold what man has done with the un- norant and live good lives than to be yielding products of nature. They were learned and lead evil ones. A man's accomplishments in the domain of phys- head may be an encyclopædia, while his cal things. Combinations of power that heart is a nest of evils. His intellect I would rise to a higher conception

arts of grace, infinitesimal in delicacy, knowledge. It must necessarily follow and masses of ore stupendous in weight and magnitude. The marble talked and who have been long in Spirits it. who have been long in Spirit-life, and risen to higher spheres, must be able to give a larger knowledge than those who authenticated that spirits, on entering the new state, disrobed of the corporeal congenial company: the low to the low. like, both as to condition and association. Thus it follows that contradictory messages may be received by different nigher world. We call the nations of mediums: and yet the communicating the earth together on the plane of Spir-spirits tell what they see and all they ituality. These former deeds shall die. know. A message from the seventh The wood, however curiously wrought, sphere may well be regarded as more will decay, or wear away. The iron comprehensive, reliable and useful than fabrics and steel enginery will corrode; one from the first or second; for, while the teeth of time, constantly plying the upper angels may descend through through ages on ages, will devour deli-the spheres below them, the spirits of cate tissues and the most ponderous ma- the lower spheres cannot ascend above chinery. But the plane to which we their own, nor their vision penetrate, rise is permanence itself. It is the reany more than we here can see into the gion of spirit. It is above moth and rust. spheres above us. We get our information of those spheres from the spirits Mortals are apt to think that every

best condition advanced, by the mere and Prof. A. B. Severance; each service Some-most, indeed-thought it a mere assurance that spirits can return and followed with a test seance, by a number communicate with men living on the of mediums of this city.
earth-plane; but that we should strive During the services t after, and only be content with, messages from the best and the highest; and bury, viz.: "Fraternal greeting from this privilege inestimable will depend the National Spiritualists' Association," upon our own condition and aspiration, as well as that of the medium consulted, applause from the many well-wishers And now what need we do, as taught for the success of the National Spiritualby spirit messages, to gain the true life? We need not struggle, we need not fight, we need not call on our muscles for help; nor can we be aided by our biceps or extensors. We do not require to wrinkle lilies, and other flowers, whose fragrance the brow in effort to think. We need filled the air, and with the sweet music, perform no tasks, nor lacerate the body with flagellations, nor starve the stomach, nor fill the soul with fear or anxiety. No St. Simeon Stylites wins a brighter crown for standing through thrice ten years, in hungers, thirsts, fevers and pangs, "baked in the sunshine," or beard tagged with icy fringes," on his The future looks bright for this society, tall and narrow pillar. Better a cush- which is now entering the fourth month oned divan, or an easy chair, which of its existence. We would be pleased permits mental concentration, than a to hear from some of the prominent ough and nettled seat, that distracts teachers of the philosophy, and mehe thought by physical uneasiness. diums who have an open month for the Suffering, or capacity of endurance, is next winter season, stating terms and not the test, nor does spiritual power particulars. Address Dr. C. F. Ray, come through penance. Our Father akes no pleasure in the corporeal sufferng of his children. He is a spirit, and The Anniversary at Moravia, N. Y. to be worshiped in spirit and truth. All we need is to assume and keep the proper spirit attitude: a state of passive receptivity to spirit influx; to banish, or ambition, and let love reign supreme. Open our souls and let the heavenly visitants freely come. Throw open wide the windows, and roll back the folding me almost exhausted. The friends indoors. Lift high the gates of the soul and let the King of Glory in. Be calm, be undisturbed, be quiet, be still. "Wait, wait, I say, on the Lord." All around are divine influences like an enfolding atmosphere. Angelic forms,

Mrs. Henry J. Newton read a poem to

visible to some sensitives, with messages

from above, are in the air about us.

Give them a chance. It is in the sweet-

ness of perfect repose that they can best

perform their mission. Gently touch the

rudder and turn the prow of thought

aright. Thus can man grow, expand.

advance, just as the flowers grow, as the

roses bloom, as the lily unfurls.

curate exposition of Spiritualism, its her mother, which she said was pronature, philosophy, effect, purposes, acduced through Dr. Henry Rogers in

Anniversary at West Grove, Ind. I attempt to make a volunteer report of the celebration of the Forty-sevent Anniversary of the advent of modern Spiritualism, at West Grove hall, Sunday, March 31st, 1895. When I entered the hall I found it most gorgeously decorated with wreaths and vases of flowers. and also a picture of the residence of the

but a practice; not a mere belief, but a life. If it merely veneers a life with a belief, it is dead. Useless indeed it all is, if it does not enter the life. The life that tells. A man may believe that he is an archangel—and there are some who almost think they are—but the renature, and the immutability of natura's forces, called laws-such as elective affinity, attraction of gravitation, attraction of cohesion, chemical affinity and without the proper conditions or prepdensity to receive its force; and all the through the combined spirit-force, and imal life appeared; the higher development at present being man, and when man became sufficiently acquainted with nature's forces and the laws of life, the spiritual forces were ready and waiting for his acceptance; and when the Fox Sisters became sufficiently wise to ask question, an intelligent answer was the result, and it electrified the world with hope and investigation in an incredibly short time after March 31, 1848.

The subject of how the advent of modern Spiritualism found mankind in dread regarding their eternal doom, and how the after-life is viewed at the present as gems that sparkle in their tremulous cate with men. The value of spirit a glorious boon of happiness for all; and setting; laces that reveal a beauty more messages, after the simple fact of its that the extent of that happiness deexquisite than they; shawls that Persian possibility, must depend upon the charfingers have wrought upon for years; acter of the spirit and its source of acter of the spirit and its source of and accept that happiness, therefore we

> comments on them; also remarks made on matters of local interest not necessary

The ladies furnished us a sumptuous dinner-more than we could eat; but the

The afternoon session was conducted in harmony with that of the morning; and, take it altogether, we feel that we had a splendid time, and all enjoyed the occasion, and we were all benefited by

our own home efforts. WILLIAM ALLEN.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

The Unity Spiritualist Society, 216 Grand avenue, celebrated the forty-seventh anniversary of modern Spiritualism, beginning on the evening of the 29th with an entertainment; recitations by children and members of the society; welcome. Has it really dawned? Aye, indeed! That is what we are here to commust be accepted as true; and this is the all rendered in a graceful manner, from memorate. We have heard the clarion occasion of great contrariety of view 8 to 10 p. m., after which the many notes of chanticleers that announce it among Spiritualists on many vital ques-We have descried the purpling streaks tions. For instance, while no spirit in "tripped the light fantastic," under the in the East which prophesy that coming the lower spheres has ever seen Jesus, care of Prof. Severance, until 12 o'clock. life which will know no grave, no man the Christ, as the spirit of a man among The orchestra was under the direction them, yet none in those spheres can send of Prof. Alb. Shaw. Ice cream and heir vision up to see him as he is. That cake was served in the cafe by the knowledge can only come from the loft- Ladies' Aid Society.

iest range; and yet the declarations of the lower spirits are accepted and put forth by many as absolute truth. The March 31, the hall was crowded all day; lesson is—and a most important one it three services were held, with addresses is—that our duty is not ended, nor our by Frank T. Ripley, Will C. Hodge

> During the services the secretary received a telegram from Secretary Woodists' Association.

The lecture-hall was beautifully decorated with mottoes and sunflowers, and the rostrum was filled with palms, calls under the direction of Prof. Lowe, seemed to give an inspiration to the place, and bring the audience into harmonic blending with the Angel-world.

Mr. Ripley's tests were excellent. A number of Spiritualists from surrounding cities spent a happy day with us. secretary. 415 Chestnut street.

Sunday morning found me taking an early train for the purpose of helping the good friends at Moravia celebrate the Forty-seventh Anniversary. At an gnore, selfishness, hatred, envy, strife, early hour in the day they began to congregate at Mr. Schoonmaker's.

The flow of soul, and woman's art to tempt the appetite of mortal, seemed to visible gave abundant proof of their presence and enjoyment, and late in the evening, when farewells were said, wa parted with the hope and invitation to meet at the same place next year. S. A. WALTER,

Auburn, New York.

Saturday afternoon and evening the riends met at the home of Mr. James Van Valkingburg, to celebrate the Forty-seventh Anniversary of our cause. After regaling themselves at the wellspread board for the physical man, the spiritual feast was partaken of, which was dispensed by and through those present. Invocation by the guides of the writer of this; singing by Mrs. Hester Reynolds and R. N. Hudson; address by your informant's guides: experiences

S. A. WALTER

were given in which Mr. Reynolds and

others took a prominent part.

Forty-Seventh Anniversary Celebrated in Boston.

ADDRESSES BY DL. H. B. STORER those who have passed out. She is con-AND MOSES HULL—THE HISTORY sidered one of the best in her line. She speaks a jargon, supposedly English, OF CONVERSIONS AND REMARKABLE GROWTH OF SPIRITUALISM RELATED. dialect. The messages she "reached

The ball-room of Odd Fellows' hall out" applied, apparently, in each case was crowded to its utmost seating and most aptly. She is very bright and standing capacity, vesterday morning, quick in her sallies, and is never at a standing capacity, yesterday morning, loss for a reply to an unbeliever. She kept the audience in roars of laughter, afternoon and evening. The occasion was the celebration by the Boston Spiritual Temple of the forty-seventh but unfortunately, more than once some were moved to tears by the messages anniversary of the founding of modern she delivered to them from their Spiritualism.

braves" and "squaws."

pierced the gloom

Superstition's doom;

so-called holy robes.

to middle age,

In the evening Mr. Hull talked on the

ANNIVERSARY POEM.

secuting probes, And truth has crushed the error of the

And has made a mighty record upon our

history's page.
The world that once was shrouded in

That once could see no entrance to a life

That once was ruled by muscle, and

Has been lighted by the angels of peace

'Tis the forty-seventh birthday of this

Ring out your loud hosannas to the loved

'Twas born not in a manger-

This growing little stranger-

But in innocence of childhood found its

To the world in darkness clad-

To the world insanely mad-

'Tis now a truth in science,

We search the briny deep,

And in that we place reliance

or solution of the problems of the earth;

And the starry heaven's sweep

To eatch each tiny planet at its birth.

We span the earth with steel,

And we place it all on wheel;

We send our thoughts by wire,

lighting power;

land.

every hand.

of God-

sun.

soul.

earth:

true:

And never, never tire

We found a life immortal;

We found the shining portal,

Our science has discovered

That spirits always hovered,

Our science has come blessing

A life that was distressing,

A fear that we'd be jammed

ir science gives the fear a killing prod

And the people need not fear it,

As all are parts in person of the whole;

That death was always bringing,

and gives eternal progress to each soul.

It gives the sobbing mother

Religion ever gave a mourning one;

It says-instead of burning-

That her child will be returning-

Instead of gloom and sorrow-light and

With the ones who used to love us,

The hope that not another

It fills the clouds above us

Tis science that imbues us

Then let us hail the power

Oh, let us sound the praises

Oh, let us band together,

Beyond the limit-tether

o tell us a new era has begun.

'Tis an era of devotion,

To the Spirit-world for phases

With a spirit that will use us

To bring upon the earth a brighter day.

That will make the monarchs cower

And cause the earth to tremble—pole to

for returning to the earth the living

That so closely links the two great

Of the spirits that come rapping

And will set the world in motion,

And will shatter false religions of the

Who have given our philosophy its birth.

Who first started our religion to unfold.

Through mild and stormy weather,

Let us pull and nush together,

To make our lives most useful, good and

In love that God will but be pleased to

Ever working hand in hand

Let's wait not till to-morrow

To lighten others' trouble-

good and grand:

more divine?

father brightly smile.

to lessen for a while.

glorious land.

To wipe away a sorrow, But now be up and doing what we can

E'en tho' our troubles double-

To lift the load from off our fellow-man.

Be brothers and be sisters, a family

Be noble men and women, to bless this

They have brought to science clear

All hail, those little martyrs-

Those reformation-starters-

New wisdom from the sphere

Where wisdom is eternally unrolled;

Oh, let us mingle cheers

Let us all united stand,

For those plucky pioneers,

worlds in one; Let us ever mind the tapping

house of clay:

Into hades and be damned;

It tells us God is spirit

It robs us of the stinging

And the doorway to the great eternal

darkness and in gloom-

God that had no love-

child of truth and right

the widely-opened door.

gleam of spirit-light.

beyond the tomb-

from homes above,

Mrs. M. T. Longley, M. D., made the invocation, and pronounced the benediction at the morning ceremonies. The audience was welcomed by President Wm. H. Banks. The leading numbers on the morning programme were a talk by Dr. H. B. Storer, the venerable president of the Censor Bay Grove Association and of the Veteran Spiritualist Association, and an address by Moses Hull, president of the Chicago Spiritualists' Temple.

Dr. Storer was introduced by the president, and related the history of his onversion to Spiritualism as follows:

"The calendar indicates that we have made forty-seven stops on the spiritual highway, but the calendar does not indicate the progress made in public opinion since the dawn of modern Spiritualism. I have been a Spiritualist for The little babe of Hydesville has come forty-five years, and the joy and blessings of my life I attribute to this source. BEGAN BY DENYING.

"I began, as ignorance usually begins by denying the manifestations. My friend, an editor of a country journal, had been down to Eliken Pheips, and published the wonderful manifestations said to have happened there. I sent out word to him that I would not attempt to build up my journal on the basis of sensational stories. He came in to see me, and I saw that he was thoroughly convinced of the seances. At his invitation I went down to Stratford and called upon Dr. Phelps. The family had all left the house that day, for needed rest. 'Yesterday morning,' said Dr. Phelps,
'I heard something in the front room. I
went and looked. There the piano was being pushed from where it usually stood to where it now rests, and a piece of music came up and rested on the stand.'

"I looked at the doctor. He had been a Congregational minister, and was the picture of a reverend and reliable man. 'My house has been full of brother ministers and lawyers belonging to the family. They have been confounded, and no evidence of anything but spirit work has been discovered.' I asked him if any medium could be found to give some more evidence. He mentioned Miss Brook, a girl of 13, at Bridgeport. I went down there at From the clouds we take our brightest truth of evolution, in both small and once, and was invited to join the circle at her home in the evening. The circle began to ask silent questions, and though the raps came, we were all ig- Of improving and advancing every hour norant, except the questioner, as to the responses. By-and-by it came my turn. asked if there was any spirit that would communicate with me. At once the table was govered with raps.

WIFE SPELLED HER NAME:

"My first wife spelled out her maiden name, and how long she had been in the spirit-less than two years. And then came a message spelling her baby's name. Facts followed facts, then my future mediumship was predicted, which after two years came true, and has been with me ever since."

r. Hull spoke at length on the original and history of Spiritualism, and its status in the present day. He detailed at length the effect of Spiritualism on all other religions, and quoted Roman Catholic authorities as saying that the manifestations of the little Fox sisters were responsible for the conversion of 9,000,000 people to spiritualistic beliefs. He also told of the progress made by the thirty-six camp-meeting sessions held during the past season.

The speaker of the afternoon was Professor A. E. Tisdale, the blind orator of the Washington branch. He spoke forty-five minutes, with intense rapidity, telling how Spiritualism really dated back to the days of Grecian gods. He arraigned in a bitter invective all sciences, philosophies and religions, from the birth of Christ down to date. He said they had fallen, and were bound to fall, and when all religions, and the Bible, had disappeared, Spiritualism would then step in, to solve the personal equation, and preserve the doctrine of

individualism. SIGNIFICANCE IN FORTY-SEVEN.

Mrs. M. T. Longley spoke of the significance of the number 47. She said forty-seven years is a large piece out of the life of a human being, but it is only then that he or she begins to realize the stern purposes and realities of life. She went on to draw pathetic in-

stances of the great consolation to be found in Spiritualism, especially as revealed in the evidence brought through mediums, from table rappings to spirit forms, all of which, she maintained, was scientific evidence of immortality and actual life in the great beyond.

"Living in the hopes raised by these expectations, human beings learn to conduct themselves rationally and beautifully in daily life." Reviewing the work of Spiritualists in the last fortyseven years, she prophesied, before the completion of the half century, the erection and maintenance of hospitals and

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homes conducted for and by Spirit- Have we anything reforming in the ism has indeed grown to be respectable, Anniversary at Milwankee, Wis. The greatest success of the afternoon

was achieved by Mrs. May S. Pepper, the life we claim to live. who was set down on the programme for delineations. She is one of that class Does our religion teach us of an immortal sphere, And leave as unimportant just how to of test mediums who profess to be continually in the presence of the spirits of live down here?

with a mixture of negro and Indian

beyond the mystic wall-Teachers, workers, leave the earth—the

cause can never fall. Those grand old men, and women, too-

those hardy pioneers,
Who worked so long with us on earth,
still aid us with their cheers. mission of spirit in the world .- Boston Their forms are gone back to the clay; we miss them at our side;

But as their silent voices cheer, we know they have not died. We know the cause they so much loved Contributed by Dr. T. Wilkins is right, and they are still Our leaders in the battle there, and

Forty-seven years ago a new light fighting with a will.

Most glorious cause! All hail to thee, Of midnight ages past, and sealed old upon this natal day! All hail to each old veteran now tri-Forty-seven years of strife and per-'umphant o'er the clay!

THE ANNIVERSARY

Of Spiritualism as Observed by Port Huron Believers.

SOCIETY HALL FILLED WITH INTER-ESTED LISTENERS TO MRS. ROBIN-SON'S ADDRESS ON THEIR RELIGION.

The anniversary exercises of the Spiritualist, Society, Port Huron, Mich., on Sunday, at Society hall, drew out large audiences both morning and evening. That the world is gladly hailing—this At the lyceum in the morning the programme included recitations by the young people of the society, interspersed ones gone before, with both vocal and instrumental music. For the knowledge of the soul-land and Mrs. Robinson, pastor of the society, also gave a brief address under inspira-

Mr. Jas. H. White called the evening meeting to order and made a brief mention of the facts of the early discovery of Spiritualistic manifestations by the Fox girls, at Hydesville, New York, in 1848. O'er a triune God of spirit and of clay.

Mrs. Robinson read a poem as an introduction to the address of the evening and, at the close of the reading offered a touching prayer for the coming of the right and a righteousness of truth.

Under her customary control, Mrs. Robinson said: "What a wonderful peo-ple we are! We are proving the great great things. Spiritualism is one of the greatest manifestations the world has ever known. The number who have become its followers demonstrate this fact. Spiritualism either is truth or is a stupendous fraud. The human race has been given, from time to time, all the manifestations within its comprehension. "Spiritualism is not to be judged by the fact that the poor are among its followers. The father of the Fox girls was a blacksmith. The father of Jesus was a

hough unseen, around the earth on carpenter. The Fox girls were children, but Christ said 'a little child shall lead them.' The children heard rappings With a never-ceasing fear—the wrath and were led to ask what they meant. Is it a spirit?' was the question, and the answer was and always is 'Yes.' Science cannot do away with these testimonies. "Good fortune came later to these girls

and it was found that they could not bear prosperity as well as they did adversity They acknowledged that a part of the rappings were made by their cracking joints. But they answered questions beyond the comprehension of these children. An honest and intelligent answer of even a toe joint is to be courted. Their work was ascribed to the devil. Spiritualism was born to live. We shall no longer walk alone, but the day is with us when angels both in this world and in another know of every tear which falls, which is better for us than a promise of a harp and a crown. We want the touch of loving fingers in preference And have passed beyond the prison- to these. 'Home, Sweet Home,' is better than 'Holy, Holy.' Spiritualism is a reigion of to-day. It offers more than a ope of a future life. Under the old religions no echo came back from the hores of death. Men want to know of the home over there; of hearts, and not a city with golden gates. Spiritualism brought light, brighter and better, and our loved ones came back to tell us that there shall be compensation for every tear which falls. We need more of blessing and less of cursing. Spiritualism gives a hand to lift up men instead of casting them down; to take them up from an evil environment which they build around them. Every man is a part of God, and some day every soul shall know only right and truth. The shadows are here and not in that land to which our loved ones are gone. The tribulations of this life are necessary, and we can even now be thankful for the tears which fall, for in the other land there is a compensating smile for all our tears. It takes deep sorrow to bring the | That comes to make us mortals freegrandest and best that is in us to the That lifts us from the mists of doubt surface. There is then joy when a tortured spirit is set free by death. Trials A light that shines on every face

are our discipline, and we shall be glad | To bless with joy the human race. in the other world that they came to us to teach us. We must draw from all these facts the lesson that we must live better lives. We do not need preparation for death, but for life. The locality of heaven is not of consequence—it is what we are. We ask 'How are you?' not 'Where are you?' and there is a great Divides the darkness from the light, deal in it. This should be the burden While all mankind has learned to know of our questions when we meet our loved | The treasures that it doth bestow. ones in spirit communion. The mother And down the course of coming time comes not to tell of temples, but of love: Its music floats in sweetest rhymenot of mystery, but with the offer to lead us. A mother can not sing in heaven if her child is in a place of torment. Her effort will be to bring her child back to goodness and right-and she makes no effort without hope—some day she shall lead home her child. We have no right to make those near to us morbid, but we must help them instead. Spiritualism came to teach us these things. There is a less number of materialists in the world to-day than forty-seven years ago. Can we not grow from selfnood, out of The truth will be proven by all investi-Bloom out in nature's garden, a flower reach is Walson of malice will not

reach us. We know no sect, no creed,

but do know that God is love, and that

ideas that we give,

and has bravely withstood investigation.

To the Editor:—We have had a
We first should learn to heed them in It always courts honest and vigorous in glovious anniversary. The celebration vestigation. The man converted to the opened on Friday evening with a grand religion of Spiritualism is converted for time and eternity. As Spiritualists we must walk close to the line of right and truth, casting out all the hypocrisy and sunday morning at 10:30 services comercies comercies and least by San Diego. California.

Dr. C. E. Watkins is the only one who can disgnose evil of life and keeping ourselves pure maned with a spiritual content. Our science now informs us that all are evil of life and keeping ourselves pure menced with singing, followed by a of one whole,

> she believed to be present. Jas. Has-lett, Mrs. Brown, A. V. Whiting, Harv-ey McAlpine, Mrs. Williams, "Auntie" clark, Mr. Harrington, Mrs, Melsel, Clark, Mr. Harrington, Mrs, Melsel, Mrs. Carlord Mrs. Sook, and Dupry; anniversary, address, guides of Frank T. Ripley; test Mrs. Carlord Mrs. Sook, and Dupry; anniversary, address, guides of Frank T. Ripley; test Mrs. Gaylord, Mr. Saph and a number seances, Frank T. Ripley: hymn, choir:

with flags, plants and flowers. The au- were great—roses, lilies, palms, plants, dience of the evening packed the hall, flags. All, came together to make it a

THE MAIDENS OF THE DAWNING LIGHT.

Oh, rustic little martyrs for the truth! Whose earthly eyes so oft were dimmed with tears While on your cheeks the blush and

bloom of youth Was yet unsoiled by unborn struggling years: Long years of suffering, years of holy

joys, Years of defeats and years of victories; Years of sweet singing and of brawling ference, where all the old pioneers bore noise. Despair-but ever angel messages.

The memory of your mortal lives comes back; Poor little girls! Why was the world

so rough? Of balm you brought there ever was a lack-

Telling the story of immortal life,
The hungry world went crazy-mad to which consisted of recitations, songs, Telling the story of immortal life,

Accuse, defile, hunt, mob, make venomed strife. Humble and poor as Christ was-kindly,

It seems so strange the thistle, hatred grew. To whip your tender backs, with great Because you builded better than you

knew. But that is over. You have disappeared From conflicts and from suffering, and to-day charged with impurities and has lost the From God's high country, we, your righness and vitality which in a healthy

friends, endeared this way. Welcome, oh, heavenly sisters! See the

light Your youthful fingers kindled! How it spreads, Lighting up places where were sin and night. Whitening souls and shaping princely

beads. Lo! far it spreads! Beyond the rolling Vast congregations celebrate the day Your questionings unlocked death's mysteries: And hailed the angels, who had come your way. EMMA ROOD TUTTLE.

RECOLLECTIONS ON THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

As the day is softly fading Into evening's twilight hour, And the mosning wind's deep pleading Fills my heart with silent power, On the backward track I wander O'er the journey of the past, And I sadly muse and ponder On my life's days fleeting fast.

And the dear ones come and greet me Faces lit with warmth and love, That, by the solemn mystery-Death, now in homes above Seem as fresh and warm-hearted-As memory's tears will rise-

As the days when last we parted, And my heart was full of sighs. Past the golden gates of sunset, Now in rapture there appears Those in childhood's days I met. Past the milestone track of years. Friend with friend are the greetings

On beyond the unknown sea, And familiar are the meetings That my vision brings to me. And my heart is no more dreary As the winds moan and blow, For the vision leaves me cheery,

And a voice soft and low Whispers from the Land of Light: "Through the golden gates ajar, Friends are waiting to invite

You across the mystic bar." BISHOP A. BEALS.

THE JOYFUL DAY.

The day of joy and peace appears-The light and hope of all the years; 'Tis like a day of jubilee

And spreads the glory-beams about— We long had dwelt in darkness drear, And groaned neath loads of doubt and

But now rejoice in love and peace To bless this day that gave release; This joyful day, so fair and bright,

Its dawning fills the golden skies, And anthems in its honor rise.

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Whose grief seems loth to smother, or gathers in every weak child of our race.

and honest. Only in this way can we poem and invocation by Frank T. Ripley; bring ourselves to a position where we singing, solo soprano, by Mrs. Least: an postpones the soul;

That law intended each to grow, expand, unfold and bloom, Infused a life within each germ and gave expanding-room.

Though one by one the veterans pass

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and honest. Only in this way can we poem and invocation by Frank T. Ripley; singing, solo soprano, by Mrs. Least: an address by Will C. Hodge; tests, by Mrs. Nutt; benediction, by Frank T. Ripley. Frank T. Ripley: tenor solo, Prof. Lowery; address, Prof. Severance; hymn, congregation; tests, Frank T. Ripley. She believed to be present. Jas. Has Evening at 7:45—Solo, Prof. Lowery: of children were among the names benediction, Frank T. Ripley. Our hall given. The hall was beautifully decorated day on the 31st. The floral decorations

PORTLAND, OREGON.

The Anniversary Exercises There.

The First Spiritual Society of Portland, Oregon, celebrated the Forty-seventh Anniversary by an all-day meeting, beginning at 11 a. m. with conwitness to the power, truth and blessedness of Spiritualism. Mrs. C. A. Dean read a poem received expressly for the occasion from the Spirit-world, through

her own mediumship.

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> and an address by Henry Addis. All seemed happy to meet, but sorry mart. MAUD THOMPSON. to part.

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