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Truth wears no mash, bows at no human shrine, seeks ueither place nor applause; she only asks a bearing.

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For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. The Encampment of Death. AN IMPROVISATION. BT MRS. CORA L. V. DANIELS. [Given at the close of a locture in Washington, December, 1865.] The autumn sunsets all are gono. The autumu leaves have one by one Fallen so silently; Their bright hues deck the earth no more, And thro' the sunset's golden door No crimson cloudlets fly.

> The earth's full bosom, brown and bare, Receives each blast of wintry air. Cheerless, silent and cold: Low down the Southern sky, the sun Sits like a king whose race is run, Deserted, lonely, old.

Old Boreas, with trampet shrill. Stations his guards upon each hill, And ruleth far and near : While Death, his ally, hold and strong, Extends his lines the value along. And lof his tents appear.

O'er every city, hamlet, town, ...... i i i i i i i i His ravages are spread; He strikes the proud and lowly down Enrols them with the dead ; All join the cold and allent throng, And to his comp they march ; While Winter chants a dirgo-like song, They pass the viewless arch

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Before which stands a sentinel, Pale, cold and noiscless is his tread; Ills visage grim ye know full well, And his solemn voice ye dread; Forever walking to and fro," With footstops measured, still and slow, He says, "All yo who onter here Shall come back accormore, For Death, our Commander, is usar, Enter the silent door."

There is a camp of Death Outside each city's gates; Aud one with fey breath Buside the entrance waits. The and, funcreal train. With sable plumes and pall, Doth follow once again The Conquerer of all. Make room, make room," the guard doth say, "For every hour and ev'ry day,

The King, with ky spear and crown, Sweeps them down, sweeps them dowu!"

The mother brings her rosy boy, So pale and lifeless now, Her only life, her light, her With death-damps on his brow. In her deep agony she cries, "Olve back my child once more !" "Who passeth here," the guard replice, "Returns not to time's shore." And the mother in her silent woe. Woarily treads the earth bolow.

#### In snowy flocks and lowing herds-For winter, death and woo, were gone, The dead no more were left alone!

The churchyard bloom'd with hues of life, The Sentinel had fled away; The loved ones from their homes above Scattered the starry flowers of May. No more the weeping mother means, No more the gray-hair'd sire repines. The sche of these silver tones. Which with eternity combines, Is heard : and the enamor'd air Is fill'd with sound of unseen wings. The thoughts of beings pure and rare, Like waters from those crystal springs, Fall on the earth and bathe each soul, In fountains which forever roll From God's ctornal goal !

Spirit of Life and Death divine, From whose bright soul all love doth shine, Among thy ranks of fadeless youth. Among the armies of thy truth, Unrol the souls of all; The world thy mandates will not spurn; The stars, thy campfires, ayo shall burn; Each planet is a golden urn, Wherein thy gems shall fall; And thy Encampment still shall be The Universe-Eternity |

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# SOUL IN SEARCH OF GOD.

TWO INSPIRATIONAL DISCOURSES BY THE SPIRIT OF A BOSTON MINISTER, DELIVERED THROUGH MISS EMMA HARDINGE, IN SANSOM STREET HALL, PHILA-

Second Lecture Delivored Sunday Evening, April 19th, 1863.

#### THE SPHERES. INVOCATION.

Ob. Father! Lord of life and source of being, we rest, we trust in Thee. Behold us here assembled, seeking for light, searching for wisdom, asking for the revelation of Thy word, eternal truth. Accept this hour, which we dedicate to Thee, and in return for our hearts' devotion, king of light, and fount of inspiration, oh, strengthen our faltering purposes for good, and guide our steps aright. Illuminate our counsels and give us ever "Light, more light."

Again the guardian spirits of your speaker resign her to the control of an individual soul; once more shall the yeil which hid his struggles from the eye of mortal man be drawn; once more we'll trace the footprints of a pilgrim soul in search of God.

I saw the world dying for the lack of that sume reformer's blessing, but both jostled against each other on life's blindfold pathway, and never met, or meeting, never understood cach other. The reformer perished of the world's ingratitude, and the world rejected its saviour as fanatic.

And still my wandering thought returned to center on my own life struggle. At first, the pitcous sense of weariness for what was past, dispersed my faculties, and scattered the one great purpose of my life into atomic fragments but soon they gravitated back again, until the one soul center gathered, formed, and filled my living being, with such gigantic prominence, that I was my old identity sgain, and bursting the bands of death-sleep, my soul sprang up, and poured out from my quivering ilps, like floods of living waters, "My Father ! oh. my Father, which art in Heaven, am I not near to Thee?" The last thought of my carth life, was the first of my spirit's waking. "God, still God," was the concentred word in which my individuality was represented. Not the passage of time's smallest sand grain clapsed, ere the answer came, in the realization of a presence I felt about me. It was not Him, the Infinite, for a finite form was near me. Sometimes it glimmered as a point of fire, a diamond spark almost invisible; and now, it loomed out in gigantic shape, whose vast proportions no eyes like mine could measure; but whether in its infinite size or littleness, I knew it was a living angel, in whose form was incarnated truth. As I looked upon the inconceivable brightness of this being, and felt the support of his mighty arm around me, every shade or memory of earth weakness vanished, and I felt the strength of truth, and the glory of immortality, thrilling throughout my radiant. newborn soul. Quickly answering my unspoken prayer the angel said, "Thou may'st not enter yet into thy rest, it is not thine to take, or mine to give, at least, until thon hast carned it ; come first with me to earth, until thy mission there is all fulfiled, no place elsewhere is for thee."

Hitherto he had stood in a misty silvery light, which enclosed us, and seemed to draw a vell of sunbeams all around. Truth's angel moved, and the shadowy indistinctness vanished, and instantly I stood within my carth form's own death chamber. Around my lifeless clay were weeping those dear loved ones who yet remained on earth. I heard their sobs, marked their falling tears, saw the thin hairs stirred on the marble forchead of the dead by sighs uphcaved above it. Strangely I gazed upon the broken bowl from which the waters of my life had been poured out. But, lo! I gazed upon my semblance, not myself. No more the silver earth cord tugged at my throbbing heart : 'twos loosed' broken snapped in twain forever! Oh, I was glad 'twas so! But why did my dear ones weep, and look on the fading shadow, when the living essence was beside them ? I cast my arms about my own heart's love; she heeded me not. I called her name; the heavy air of earth stirred not with my spirit's breathings. She could not hear me then. The angel met my look of grief, replying : "You have taught them to look for the soul within the form of clay; have you taught them to commune with the enfranchised spirit ? or have you not denied its possibility? 'Tis harder to unlearn the lessons of habit and preludice, than to receive the simple truth. They know but little of you, except as the tenant of your empty mansion ; marvel not that there they still look for you." A pang of remorse shot through my soul, as I remembered how my whole life had been spent, groping for spirit in the ontward world of forms. "In searching for the soul of the universe in the fragments of man-made images," continued the angel, "thou hast taught these mourners to know only the character and attributes of soul, through its shadowy instrument, the body. They search for thee, as thou hast searched for God. Both look in vain afar, whilst the object sought is close beside them." They could not see me, then, with mortal eyes, through spirit's shining veil ; but I was near them, saw and heard them, knew I held them in my clasp of love and Influence, knew the discipline of sorrow soon would rend the yell that masked their eyes, so turned away in resignation, to wait my angel's bldding. Again the shining misty air enclosed us. Through its undulating folds, I saw a spark of fire, first like a glowworm's lamp, then growing to a star, a sparkling planet, then looming up in solemn majesty before my eyes, my own beloved carth. As forms at last stood out in my spirit's steady gaze, the gemlike planet glowed with all its various beauties. Oh, how fair, how wonderful and lovely my earth looked then ! The rainbow hues of gardens, the verdant meadows, the purple hillside, and the glittering crests of mountains, all, all were a glorious, many colored garment, earth's bridal robe, put on to meet the rejoleing bridegroom, Sun. There lay, outstretched, the vast expanse of occan, heaving its waves of light, and tossing its foamy billows like the folds of some glittering serpent. How dazzling shone the sun upon the leebergs, the Alphue peaks, and everlasting snow clad mountain tops, until they looked like embattled, many tinted citles, made of jewels; and far down In the forest depths, and plercing the valley's thick shade, went slanding sunbeams, writing everlasting light in darkness, like God's own word, the two edged sword of truth ; " or like His mercy rather,' spake the angel; " which careth for the least and lowest, as for the largest of his works." It was true, for I saw the very air was full of microcosmic worlds, all bright and wonderful, and each one in its place, all full of life, and seeming blest and

forms of rejolcing life, my gaze soared upward | through the rushing air, fastening at last upon the shining scroll of the firmament. As nature's grand arcana was thus outrolled before me, I saw how the wings of the wind king bore on their vast black pinions pestilence and mlasma, sweeping the earth laden with impure exhalations from a thousand deaths, as it rushed along its surface.

I suw the rain drops fall like manna on the thirsty earth, while flower cups opened their perfumed lips to catch this wine of Heaven, and green Nature spread her lap in thankful gratitude to share the fcast. I beheld, in mid air, God's wondrous laboratory, where rain, and snow, and hall and rushing winds, were manufactured out of vapor, by the preslding chemist, Sun. I saw the use and meaning of each star beam and moon ray, for all combining in the crucible of air, outwrought the colors of the flowers. and precious stones, the alternating changes of times, and tides, and seasons. I saw, too, that whilst the secthing cauldron of the elements, in deep and awful stillness did its work, and poured out in beneficent tides its floods of life and blessing, the unconscious living creatures whom it nourished, murmured and writhed and supplicated the All Sustainer to change His laws, and break up the glory of His scheme Divine, to please their blindfold passions. I saw the forefated and eternal laws still roll on, and the over new and beautiful, spring like a Phoenix from the arms of corruption and decay. Far over earth I looked, until my admiring gaze fell on the interminable lines and meshes of galvanism, whose life currents, streaming through earth and water, rock and tree and flower, vibrated through each atom, the restless cause of motion, but all, at last, knit up in the strong, the wonderful, the unfathomable "wheel within a wheel," which lives in velied and awful majesty within the arctic and antarctic circles. I saw the gleaming lamps of these palaces of megnetism shoot forth in radiant Northern lights, streaming auroras and wildly flashing meteors. Following their flery track, I saw them leave, behind faint threads of silver light, which gradually multiplied to such prodigious number, that the glittering air seemed crossed and lined with webs of living fire, enclosing our planet in its woof, and stretching its telegraphic lines on every side, to sister worlds and kindred satellites, until the whole system swam in space, one vast concentred universe of worlds.

The glorious vision seemed to fill my brain with light, until my being seemed all eye, and space was dismantled of its robes of cloud and atmosphere, and gave up to my piercing gaze, the height, depth and breadth, of countless firmaments, studded with star worlds. Sometimes they rose in towering mountain walls, in which each stone was a sun, cemented thick with satellites. Sometimes a blazing wheel leapt up in ether, whirling around the illimitable center, every spoke ten thousand million orbs, the rim eternal firmaments, thick set with stars. Along vast milky ways, my telescopic glance discerned the print of God's eternal footsteps, set in star dust, for every grain along this spangled highway was a sun, itself a solar center, to the throng of sparkling systems, which the depths profound contained. Far, far beyond the shining belt which girdled round Orion away in distant skies, where never the beams of Pleaides could reach, my vision stretched away. Long had bright Sirius paled behind my cycbeam, the great and lesser Bears seemed left in eternity's oblivion, and wandering comets that had traveled millions of ages to reach our young earth's orbit, were all forgotten in the mighty far away my eye had reached, and still and still came more; on, on they trooped, these skics and firmaments and systems, double and triple suns, and many colored rainbows, to which the dimly remembered arch of my mortal sky seemed but a painted toy. Amidst the dance of worlds that spun around me, amidst the awful crashing of creation's wheels, booming forth thunder peals of mighty joy bells, whilst chiming spheres boomed in my cars the anthem of eternity, and I, a speck less than a metcor's ray, stood in the midst of this Infinity. I felt that I was blindly staring in the eyes of God; that with vain, presumptuous glance of dust I had rent His vell eternal, and lest I should be lost, lost in the mad career of these. His subject worlds, "Back, back !" I cried ; "Oh, back with me to earth. I cannot live, and look upon Ills majesty unveiled. My finite eyes can gaze no more on lits infinity." I was a spirit ; yo are mortals. What a spirit looks on, feels in gazing, comprehends in soul, can never be translated in human speech ; 'twas enough that, my first lesson ended, I stood again in the silver shroud of mist on which my panting soul reclined, upborne in Truth's angel arms, and that I thought-oh, God ! such thoughts of deep humility, and shame, and pity, that I and my fellow men should prate of llim, as Brahma, Vishnu, Ostris, Allah ; should match Ills awful power with angry men, and petty passions; should open and shut the gates of this His starry temple, with inuttered words and tinkling bells, and bits of bread and sprinklings; and oh, fantastic poor presumptious mortals | pretend to speak in His dread voice, and curse and bless each other in our rage or ignorance, and say, "Thus saith the Lord !" The best 1 now could murmur was, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Then, once more turning to my angel guide, I said: "Show me no more, god of the telescope, nor let me feel the sting of shame, when measuring the paitry mimie thoughts of men, on one poor spark of star life, with His plan throughout creation. Carry me, (if, indeed, my soul can bear thus much of knowledge,) to where my little globe, or life upon it,

first began; I can bear no more of God, than belongs to man." "The infinitely small," he said, "is adapted to thy now childlike spirit. Dost thou perceive how all you stretching firmament of fire worlds subsides at last, yet still connects itself in the faint glimmer of the moonbeam, patterned in reflected stars upon earth's waters? See the lamp of yon twinkling fire-fly; 'tis light, still light, of the same kind, and shining through the same law, by which the outstretched chain of worlds through all eternity doth shine. Look deeper yet, for God is everywhere."

I obeyed, and found my eyes attracted to a little humble daisy. As I gazed within its white and golden cup, the flower shrank away, contracted, closed its petals, then its bud like head was lost in the slendor stein ; this, too, retreated, lower, lower yet, until it pierced the earth, and was lost beneath It, in a still contracting root, which soon shrank to a seed, and the seed to atoms. These were bat microscopic dust, but bore the stamp of ages of transmutation. Now they were a substance haif earth, half vegetable; now they were the fleshy leaves of some old parasite, that clung on rocks and through a thousand years appeared and disappeared, in rude rock moss and lichen. Then I traced them purely mineral; anon they sunk into the depth of ancient seas, and lay for countless ages changing there, to be upheaved at last, as dry land, and the sea's deposit in some volcanic island. Back rolled the canvass of time's endless panorama, and I saw these atoms all uncondensed, part of the flery vapor that trailed its burning locks in the comet's orbit, ere our earth was yet a globe. I saw the shining tresses of the spectral star, once gleaming round the sun a blazing belt. I saw that belt burst from the central mass, thrown off by centrifugal force from the great sun heart. Far in the waste of worlds, from which my dazzled soul had already been in mercy withdrawn, back to its own littleness, I knew some giant orb still turned upon -Its axis, from out whose gravitating arms our sun had sprong, and with it came my daisy; and in its humble petals, when I asked creation's birth, I read in God, its Maker's own handwriting : "Forever and forever !" "This knowledge is too vast for me," I murmured ; "I can no more measure the ages of infinity, than I can compass the breadth of eternity. Tell me no more of this; show me alone His ways."

Again my pitying angel, veiling my aching eyes from the awful skies, pointed down to the humble gospel of the daisy. "Scorn it not," he pleaded ; "if infinity was engaged in its production, the laws of eternity may be traced in its destiny." Fasteng my glance upon this little goldlike we almighty lexicon, I perceived a single dewdrop trembling upon its center. My eye, now microscopic, beheld within that dewdrop, myriads of strange creatures, rioting with life; it was, in brief, a world of various shapes and forms and ornamented patterns. Some were beautiful, adorned with curious stripes and variable colors, wonderful in infinitessimal radiations, and admirable mechanism; others, prodigious in their ugliness, but all most admirably formed for life and varied action. Each fed upon its own peculiar aliment, in which my daisy played most numerous parts. Conducted by the liquid world in which they lived, I saw some live upon the air that stirred the flower; some on its yellow center, some on its pure white circumference ; some inhaled and lived upon the tiny particles, which made its fragrant breath ; some on its sap; each life had varied points compounded in it. and each of these was life and aliment to one of the inhabitants of the dewdrop, all differed, and all died ; and in their death their crystal forms became deposit on the flower, and crusted it over with the shining polish that gave its surface character and beauty; and thus the nourisher was fed, and by the law of divine compensation, the daisy lived to feed the insect, the insect died to feed the flower. The wind came sweeping low along the ground; the daisy's feeble stem could not resist it, the slender life thread snapped, and threw my little gospel on the earth; a crawling worm approached, it drank the flower's perfume, fed upon its beauty-another metamorphosis! I saw the blossom, as food, become the grub, the dewdrop world within, and the flower was now a portion of it. A young child now drew near; it stooped, and looked with quick intelligence upon the worm, gathered it up with care, spread out a leafy bed for its repose, and left it carefully concealed from sun and shade to die. Marvelling what use the child could see, where I, the man, beheld nought but a worm, I watched the creature spin its winding sheet, and lot before my eves grew up a pale golden tomb, in which the dead worm lay enclosed; a glittering ball of silk spun from a heart of soil; a sunlike spirit woven out of clay. Again the child approached, carefully unwound the threads of slik like supple sunbeams, tied it up in skeins, then tendering it with other knots spun from grub hearts, flower leaves, and aufmulculie worlds, to those who best knew how to prize them, the little one received the guerdon, on which herself and hungry poor ones fed that night, In plenty and gratitude. To whom ? the slik worm, daisy, animalcula dewdrop, or Ilin, the Maker of them all? He knoweth best. I knew it was His handiwork. "Follow thy gospel farther yet," my angel cried. I looked, and saw the shining thread in which I knew my daisy, steeped in crimson dye, then woven by busy hands and whirring looms, into a gorgeous fabrie; next it shono in the merchant's tempting warehouse; then it grow beneath the seamstress' fingers, into the folds of a lady's dainty robe.

The gray-haired sire a daughter hath, As fair as Spring's first flower, Who cheers his dark and lonely path, And tints life's closing hour With rosy hues; but Death's cold hand Touches her cheek, and lip, and form, Binds her pure brow with his cold band, And silences her pulses warm. " My child, my blossom, my life's star. Come lack to me ouce more!" "Nay." saith the guard, "she sleeps afar, Nor ever, thro' Death's door. Return the loved ones of your soul-Oblivion's waves between you roll !

" The ' Camp of Death' is wherease'er Tumbstones and churchyards stand; Cold sepatchres his temples are-He ruleth every land; The muchle column is his pride. The little graves ranged side by side, The slight couch of the cold bride. All tell of his command !

" Tho' ye may plead, he heedeth not --The' ye may weep, 'ils all in vain Your prayers and tears, he answers not. He smileth at the mother's pain, For who e'er passeth Death's dark door Cometh no more-ab, nevermore !"

The flowers faile above the graves, The leaves all fall in Autumn's breath-There is no hund which over saves Fond hopes and blooms from certain death.

But seel The Winter speeds away. Another warrier now appears, Bandai'd with plumes of living day! Three words of sail despair he hears. And with a voice joyous and clear, Shouts gladly, " Life, not Death, is here! Lot from the trees the green bude spring, And in their boughs the wild birds aing From wintry graves the flowers bloom, And life is borne above the tomb-Death is no monster of despair, But a crown'd angel, wondrous fair, 19 Who southes your habes and flowers to rest Upon fond Nature's loving breast, And sprouds a snowy sheet above, That they may blossom into love."

Thus Death, transform'd to life, now sped Over each bill and plain ; The earth's fair become thritted again With Flora's magic tread; · And from each sparkling rill,

And from each vernal hill, And from the mondow's green, A thousand joys were scon, In flowers, and trees, and warbling birds,

" And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and brake in places the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire, a still, small voice."

I believe that every new-born soul realizes an experience peculiar to itself, growing out of its own particular state, and that though the generalities of birth into spirit life are governed by one universal and all prevailing law, its specialities are so individualized as to present in each case some varicty; and thus for me (unlike the recorded experiences of spirits generally) there was no upspringing into life and consciousness from the cold embrace of mortality.

I slept the sleep of death. Life's conflict passed ; my tired soul lay down beneath the memory of its burden, an unstrung harp, whose music all had died in the last tremendous crash of parting life. The gladiatorial fight was done, but victory and death were one and equal. Long, long I lay, the blessed stillness of a death trance hushing my sobbing spirit. At length came memory, like a new day's dawning, stealing on me with its forms, and things, and scenes of long ago. Earth life in phantom procession passed in solemn, long review before me, and so clearly the shadows of my acts, words and thoughts, revealed themselves, that each motive stamped itself in noonday light upon my mind and about them all loomed up in gigantic fulness, chains of causation. My earthly pilgrimage, in clear analysis, stood out before me, the recording angel of my book of life; but amidst the trespass and mistake, which human sonis must weave into the woof of destiny to make the night and day's experience complete, the one great struggle of my soul was ever prominent, an index finger pointing as the cause to all my life's effects.

From the deep quiet of the dream land in which I seemed to lay, I looked back with pity for myself, on the dark tempestuous sca in which my barque had tossed. For ought I had done amiss 1 knew no remorse; for folly now made evident, I felt no rogret ; but for the agony of fruitless effort, the wear and tear of other struggliby minds, the hard cold pressure of an unthinking world, that rudely heaped up sorrow on all, where they might have stepped aside a very little way and spared it, oh, I was sorry for the suffering self I had been ! heartsick for the unconscious pligrims who must follow me.

I am now quite confident from this review alone, that man's worst crimes are children of fulse conditions. Bometimes across the torper of my state, would steal the wish that man but knew the many wrongs he did in ignorance; the wretchedness his want of heed indicted. I saw reformers laboring to bless the world with some specially directed effort; | blessing. From the earth teening with countless

Little they deemed, who gazed admiringly upon the form of beauty, how much of loveliness was due to the lustrous shrine which decked that form, still less that the attractive grace that floated round it, was outwrought by the labor of an humble worm : but I knew this, and even the daisy's part in the pageant, and traced its teaching form in the pattern of the silken woof. Time came, when the lustre of the robe grew dim, and then it hung in reflected splendor on the humble attendant of the queen of fashion. Fading faster yet, another and another, and still humbler satellite, flaunted its wasting finery, till thread by thread the dying garmont parted, and here and there left only fluttering rags to tell the tale of its past grandeur and decay. But still around one poor sad scrap, my spirit vision clung, until I saw it snatched from off a foul heap of corruption, festering by the door of poverty and filth, and consigned to the wallet of the street rag picker. Upon his back, this human mushroom of the squalid haunts of beggary, bore my daisy, thus transmuted, amidst a thousand other shreds and patches, each one the torn banner of some momentous history in the past. Each rag had lived and walked with pride and beauty, rank and place, and privilege; each was replete with deep heart histories, fond memories, triumph and shame, guilt and remorse, honor and human weal and woe; and now In the darkness of the beggar's bag, they lay like the ashes of the mighty dead in earth, a grim and mocking comment on the transitory worth of human pride and greatness. But what if the form was dust and ashes now ? the spirit of the pageant still survived, and I still traced it, and clung with loving interest to its poor, solled page, until its hour of resurrection came-and come it did, in the grinding press, which mashed the rags to pulp, then spread them out to dry, then drew them forth in pure white sheets from beneath the furnace heat and iron press, then sent them hither, thither, bound and folded, employing countless hands to smooth and cut, and bind and fold; and then the sheets lay waiting till the hand of genius directing the heavy printing press upon it, engraved on the very spot where clairvoyant eye could still trace out the long drawn

gospel of the daisy, the awful name of "God." I asked for wisdom, and could all the carth's political economists equal this scheme of use, commencing in infinite littleness, and tracing the round of death and resurrection in so many varied forms, as this poor daisy flower revealed itself in, ending too, not here, but passing on through countless transmutations, through the ages of eternity? I asked for love, and saw amazed how many latent energies of mind had been called forth from slumbering mind, till poverty's sharp tooth ate in its way to the reservoirs of genius, and converted crawling worms and fluttering rags to instruments of industry and wages, bread and progress. I asked for power, and shrank aghast before the blinding dance of worlds, but to behold the selfsame laws that set them spinning in their mighty endless pathway, quivering through these microscopic worlds and writing hemispheres upon the dewdrops; but though the light of intellect shone forth in burning gospels from all things and provoked the acknowledgment of lips and heart, "He doeth all things well," I still thought of the poor and miserable, sorrowfully, and questioned my angel yet more of their destiny. "Look on their extremest woe," he answered, "then judge for thyself."

I beheld a white-faced child, with precocious care and crime stamped on its tiny features, go forth from the jail, its birthplace, to the world, to beg or steal, or starve, as occasion willed it. The child instructed in both the former as a trade, and shrinking with natural loathing from the latter, begged, and was thrust in prison as a vagrant; stole, and was whipped and punished as a thief. Thus taught to hate the world that spoiled the only trade he knew, he grew from childhood into manhood, society's true Ishmaelite. Born in a prison, cradled in the gutter, taught from the vocabulary of oaths, fed upon scraps, and cheered only by the dread forgetfulness of drink, who could marvel to see the last scene of all played out upon the gallows tree ? but before my sinking soul had time to mourn his fate, my eyes fell upon some upturned faces in the vast assemblage that witnessed his last earth struggle. One of these, a great highsouled reformer, looked on, then turned to search the cause of crime, the hungry one in his garret and the drunkard in his cellar, and crying to mankind-"feed the hungry and reform the drunkard," struck at the root of the dreadful system by which our gallows are fed. Another founded almshouses for the poor, another schools, another better systems of labor, another better teachings, another showed the ignorant the awful curse of Moses realized, how the sinful father visited his sins on future generations. The physiologist plead for mercy in the name of inherited and sinning tendencies and bodies. The philanthropist charged, and justly, the burden of man's sins upon society, its ignorance, injustice, cruelty and folly; each found a gospel in that lifeless, swinging form, and the world's reformers made that tragedy a text for blessing, in countless generations of the future, and for himself, that sin-stained wretched soul. "Oh, weep no more !" the pitying angel cried, "His mercy that sustains the falling sparrow will surely be sufficient for one hapless soul! Fear not, he lives forever in a better world ; lessons of virtue, and opportunities to practice it, will yield for every seedling spirit soil for its growth, and in the rolling ages all will be well hereafter." If even the very lowest criminal is His, and in His care, if in the circles of cternity (though not alas on earth,) each prodigal may arise and go to Him, his Father, what more had I to ask or sorrow for in man? Nought there remained for me but worship and adoration. Habits of earthly synagogue religion still pressed upon my spirit, and I longed to bend my knee before some sacrod shrine, where with heart and voice I could proclaim my soul's acknowledgment of God. But when I thought again of the starry firmaments I had traversed to find the outer courts of His universal temple, how mocking seemed the thought of seeking Him in atoms heaped up by the finite hands of man! Could be who filled infinity be only found n walls made or styled sacred by his own weak creatures? The instrument pretending to polish itself fit for the Maker's use! I thought of the history which creation, the sun, his satellites, the planetary system, comets, and nebulæ, all had taught me of Him; thought of the old stone book which millions of ages had overlaid with time's scriptures in the rocks of earth ; remembered my daisy living on forever, and then marveiled who dare in the turning of a few years sandgrains, write finite man's opinions in a book, a thing of Ume springing into life in a day and in a day forgotten or obliterated, and dare to say, "thus did God speak and never more or less. Whose denicth this let him consume by the wrath of God in endless fire and torment everlastingly." "Alas! I .know not how to worship Him," I murmured, "Earth knows not the way, how could she teach her child?" "Look once again upon thy planet," spoke the angel. I did, but ere I bent myself to Windsor.

learn another lesson, I strove to attune my struggling heart to prayer, and then it was that I remembered life's tempests, and how they all were past; great passion's carthquakes; how, all hushed to rest, the wild wild winds of aspiration, striving intellect, and unsiaked thirst for light, all over now, and instead there spoke "a still, small voice." It said, "Thy prayer is known and answered ere 'tis offered. Worship need I none, but 'feed my sheep.' Prayer will nought avail, but keep my commandments, study my laws, and heed them, and thus thou wilt worship me."

Back to the earth I sped, where still God's starving sheep were wandering. I saw an unsheltered houseless beggar, struggling in the tempest's blast. Myself a spirit could not touch nor sid the form of matter, but dropping tears of sympathy upon a loving woman's head, their warm magnetic rays lodged in her heart, and opened wide its fount of teuder pity to the wanderer, and fed and clothed and sheltered him for me, who sough her out, and God who bade me.

I gazed upon the dreadful battlefield; vast heaps of slain were there, and many a wandering spirit wildly seeking out his rest. To these I joyfully became a guide and ministering spirit-but one poor dying helpiess creature still lay untended on the awful plain of death. Amidst the groans of pain that rung out on every side in piteous chorus, his pleading cry for "water!" met my ear, and speeding on until I saw a passing stranger, I touched with spirit hand his arm, and strove to lead him back to the suffering soldier. But he was "a Levite," and passed by on the other side. Remembering how God ever waited for the ring of the divine metal in human hearts, I too waited long and strove but vainly many another Levite to impress. At length he came, "the good Samaritan," and moved by the unseen ministry 'tis given the dwellers of the unscen world to exercise, he followed what or who he knew not, until his loving arm was thrown around the dying soldier and his form lay pillowed on his breast. Watching the precious draught the fainting lips received, I heard the still small voice within me say to him the actor and me the inspirator of the deed, "Inasmuch as thou hast done it unto the least of these, thou hast done it unto me."

Rejoicing in the glorious privilege that spirit life imparts, to be His minister to suffering ones on earth, and by those laws eternal that unite spirit and matter in the ties of sweetest sympathy and bonds of magnetic union, I asked commission to go again to earth and preach of the God I had found : to bring strength to the weak in the knowledge of their spirit Father; comfort to the afflicted in the assurance of His unfailing love; warning to the guilty in the demonstration of his stern, immutable, but most just laws, and the ever following consequence of right and wrong in compensation or inevitable retribution, if not here, unfailingly hereafter. To this request the world of spirit voices answered me in strong sweet chorus. "They cannot hear the angel's song, or heed his voice; they cannot see his form of air, or feel his clasp; but some there are who stand within the boundaries of both worlds., Seck one of these, and make her voice the instrument of thine." I've done so, friends, and in these tones you hear the history of my spirit's pilgrimage in search of God and heaven.

Our Father, oh our Father Thou art in heaven, for thou art heaven, and we in Thee, art with Thee. Hallowed forever be Thy sacred name, for it is love and light eternal. Thy kingdom come in knowledge of Thy wisdom. Thy will be done, for is it not truth and mercy? Give us our daily bread no mor, e unless we've strength to bear it. Forgive our trespass only as we mercy show another. Our heart's dark promptings guard us from, and save us in our weakness, for oh Thou art most glorious, and strong and wise and loving, and age on age repeats Thy name forever and ever!

> For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. The Bright Home Far Away.

#### Letter to the Editor of the Journal. A Misnonier-Astounding facts, conceded by J. B. Clifton-The Logical Inferences.

BROTHER JONES :-- I have been a reader of your JOURNAL from its first number, and it appears to me that there is a great discrepancy between the title of the paper, and the leading articles in its columns. Have I Seen deceived in appearances? If I have not been, who has been at fault? Dld the spirit which suggested the design for the heading of the JOURNAL, through Mr. James, force to utterance words which do not express his ideas, or did the scribe who acted as amanuensis for that spirit. incorrectly catch the intonations of Mr. James' voice, and hence he penned the wrong words? Or does the discrepancy alluded to arise on the part of the writers whose communications have appeared in the columns of your paper, through disregard or by misinterpreting the words which the spirit gave?

It has appeared to me that the leading articles which have filled your columns have expressed the sentiments and been impregnated with more of the spirit of the writers for the partizan political press, than the spirit of devotees of the higher law.

I turn from the reading of the communications mentioned, to the title of your vehicle of thought, and there see in large letters, RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHI-CAL JOURNAL, and the verdict of the powers of my intellectual nature anavoidably is—the purpose of the spirit that suggested the heading is not carried out in the communications of the writers who occupy the JOURNAL'S pages. The paper was dedicated by its founders to the *elucidation* of God-principles. Bold declarations and popular political treatises unsupported by any understood immutable law or God-principle here trench upon ground consecrated to diviner purposes.

I would not be too positive in my position, but I would state that it appears to me, that, in order for the name of your beautiful periodical to correspond with the tone and character of its leading articles, the word POLITICO should be substituted for the word RELIGIO. Have I drawn a wrong conclusion, Brother Jones? But enough of this at this time.

Here is an extract from J. B. Clifton's communication found on the eighth page of the JOURNAL of the 27th of January, to which I will add a few words by way of comment. In commenting on a statement made by Robert Dale Owen, relative to amending the Constitution of the so-called United States, Mr. Clifton says : "But what surprises the writer (Mr. C.,) is, that a progressive mind like Robert Dale Owen, should not see that we (the governing power of the said States,) have been working for four years, (from necessity it is true,) entircly outside of the Constitution, and that it is virtually death, and it is not, even to-day, now that peace is declared, of any use to our worthy President as a guide or rule of action, and he is left to grope his way along, trusting alone to his own honesty of purpose to carry out the work of reconstruction. This is not a recent state of things, for, from the first inception of the rebellion, the United States had no right, under the Constitution, to coerce. It had no right to convey troops across another State. It had no right to use the public funds, with which to arm the people; in fact, it had no right to do anything but to lay quiet and be what it has become, a dead letter. Nor was it ever anything else, as any one who will read Gen. Washington's letters to the Virginia Legislature, will see that Washington himself looked upon it as a kind of compromise or make-shift a thing on trial, the best that could be done."

The conclusion at which Mr. Clifton arrives, and the advice which he gives in his article, is, let us throw away, altogether, the old Constitution which our fathers made, and make a new one; let us have a more centralized government, *de facto*, than was that under the old Constitution, now a dead letter. I will copy no further, at this time, from Mr. Clifton's monarchical effusion and astounding concessions.

The points to which I desire to now call your

they nover received an equivalent for. It is not hard to anticipate the answers which every liberty loving man would give. But I will drop this subject lest I too shall infringe the rule which should govern under the hending of your paper—lest I too should introduce politics into the JOURNAL, thereby trespassing upon grounds dedicated to higher and nobler purposes. Yours fraternally,

ANTI-MONARCHIST. January, 1866.

ED. NOTE.--We have no desire to enter the arena with our brother in defence of J. B. Clifton, as we trust he is abandantly able to defend himself, as are all other correspondents of the RELIGIO-PHILO-BOPHICAL JOURNAL. We by no means endorse his philosophy or mode of reasoning by publishing his articles.

We have before said that we are not responsible for the views of our correspondents, an assertion which we repeat, and we would add that our editorial corps is somewhat numerous and no one writer assumes to be answerable for what others may write.

Mr. Jones does take the responsibility of allowing all phases of supposed truth to have a hearing, not in a spirit of unkindness, but of brotherly love. He believes that any theory which will not stand the test of careful investigation, ought not to be imposed upon the free born minds of the present age. Our brother seems to take exceptions to our allowing articles partaking of a political character, a publication in the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOUR-NAL. We differ with him, if that be his opinion. The very name we have assumed implies that we believe in and advocate a philosophical phase of religion. A religion that will not only stand the test of science and philosophy, but our highest conceptions of truth, in governmental matters, as well as every day life. We believe in living out our religion, and we know of nothing more potent for universal happiness than a form of government which recognizes the equality of men and women.

In saying this we do not espouse the arguments of any of our contributors nor do we presume to intimate that "Anti-Monarchist" would not, in the fullest extent, carry out in his theory of government, principles which would be for the highest good of mankind. Our columns are equally open to him as well as to other able correspondents. We know him to be such, and are pleased at the frank expression of his views.

What we have said is in our own justification. We always consider ourselves equal to that task. Correspondents whose views are attacked will take care of themselves without our assistance.

We should not have felt called upon to make these remarks had not we been attacked, as well as our correspondents.

#### Letter from Laporte, Indiana.

DEAR EDITORS :-- Please allow me to communicate the good news to your numerous readers, through the columns of your much esteemed and valuable paper, that we have a Newton and a Bryant in Laporte. Doctors S. A. Thomas and S. B. Collins, who are healing mediums, and possess great magnetic healing powers, \*-e astonishing our citizens in this place and vicinity, with their wonderful success in treating all kinds of diseases that mankind are afflicted with, by the laying on of hands. Many persons who have been troubled for years with various kinds of chronic diseases, and were pronounced incurable by the common faculty, have been immediately restored. The deaf are made to hear, the blind to see, the lame to walk the earth erect, the decaying consumptive, the stiffened rheumatic, all alike are again gay, gallant, and possess the vigor of youth, feeling as though they had commenced life anew; that the iron bands of discase were broken, and the captive set free from the jaws of death. Although this mode of practice was instituted over eighteen hundred years ago by the example set by our Saviour, yet it has been and received with much enthusiasm. It seemed good again to see the old hero looking as well and energetic as ever. No one can deny that Washing ton and Baltimore, if not the nation, owe they present existence to him; but an ungrateful country will not do him justice in his lifetime, This events Council Back

This evening General Banks is addressing the same and other auditors, from the same place, on the same subject. In spirit and feeling his speed was dry and husky, compared to the former, but it was logical, scholastic and statesmanlike, evincing much caution on questions now before Congress, of which he is an able and active member. He spoke of establishing military schools for sons of solden and sailors; regretted that our armies had not prsued the war a little farther, and till no enemies war left to hate and oppose the union of the States on principles of justice. He hoped all soldiers and sailors would unite their protests and resolution against reinstating rebels, who are still enemies, is the domicile of the nation, etc.

He was warmly applauded at the close, but not as General Butler was on his description of Les and Davis, in the fates they deserve, instead of those they get. Just before General Banks closed, 8em. tor Wilson of Massachusetts came in, and no sooner had the former taken his seat than the calls for the latter left him no chance for an excuse, and as a speech they would have, a speech they got from him that thrilled every heart and awakened the warmest feelings of enthusiasm. He was sure the who had survived the terrible conflict in which their noble comrades fell, would never consent to take these rebels, still reeking with vengeance and stained with the blood of their companions, into the legislative and judicial councils of the nation He thought we might forgive, but could not forget. If we forgave, and allowed them to retire with lis, it was all that mercy could require of us, without taking the enemies of our country again into the councils.

The business of the League being closed with the evening exercises, it adjourned, after effecting a national organization, very much the same as that of the Spiritualists, with provision for annual meeting. Some twenty-two States were represented; but al the great speeches which I heard were by Massshusetts men; their President was from Massachsetts, and Butler, Banks and Wilson; but the noble and patriotic old Bay State deserves all the honor she gets in every field of labor, for devotion to principle. WARREN CHASE.

Washington, D. C., January 24, 1866.

#### For the Beligio-Philosophical Journal. B. D. Goodwin to the Ortginal "Lord Dusdreary," or Humbug on Spiritualism.

I have noticed what purports to be a letter written by Mr. E. A. Sothern, for the purpose of exposing the villany of E. A. Stuart as a trickster.

The author, in writing to a Glasgow paper says: "The actor named Stuart is now better known as 'the actor named Sothern,' and was only induced as resume his correct name by James Wallack of this city."

Now, my "Lord Dundreary," I am not at all surprised at seeing such a confession from Mr. Sothern (Stuart,) as I too have followed the prejudiced of my "illustrious predecessors" when less experienced than at the present time. In 1854, I, with my family, boarded on Tenth street, when Mr. Stuart or Sothern, crept in under the cognomen of an artist, but as soon as his true character was known I left, and the house was broken up. So my Lord, I presume you will remember your table companion. Although often amused and disgusted with your pomposity and loquacity, I am pleased to say I or mine never had unpleasant words with you. I then looked upon you as a trifling hairbrained fellow, not worthy of confidence, although I had never known your tricks as a mountebank, before reading the letter referred to.

I am no advocate of necromancy, jugglery or freelove; but a defender of truth and justice. Your foolish letter is not alone an insult to all thinking men and women, but proves clearly that you are just the humbug which you say you were while trying to deceive your friends and visitors during two years in our city; and I would conclude a fast young man, if I believe all you state as to your "evening scances invariably winding up with a jolly little supper at your own expense," which you state was not "alone an expensive, but extensive sell." "Wicked servant, out of thine own mouth will I condemn thee." Intelligent people who read your letter will readily know where to place you. You have in "later days evidently given yourself up to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, having your conscience seared with a hot iron." You have departed from the faith, and given yourself us reprobate mind. Judas did the same, Morgan, the anti-Mason, H. Melville Fay, Fox, and many other well known mediums have acted as deceivers and denied spirit existence, some of whom have since returned to their senses. The magicians in the days of Moses and Christ just acted as you and other jugglers do in the present day, practicing tricks and deceit upon simple minded people, and "would, # possible, deceive the very elect themselves." You concave mirrors, dark lanterns, with other paraphernalia are not at all necessary to convince med the truth of spirit power. I have the abiding knowledge within that it is true we live forever. But if you know more than I, and can truly explain all about Spiritualism or account for what is done through the Davenport and Eddy Brothers, is it not your duty as an honest man to explain their trick to the world? I will give you or any other man one thousand dollars if you can explain the phenomena to me. You say you practiced it for the fun of deceiving intelligent men of your acquaintance-not for pay. If it is not a pecuniary advantage, why do you refuse to explain the way you deceived the people? Why not atone for your acknowledged past misconduct by now disclosing to your dupes how "you were more than a match for all other mediums."

To MY BROTHER ALDION: I often dream of the dear old home, And the bleased joys we knew, Where the grass sprang soft, and the flowers bloomed bright, And night dropped her purest dew; Where the cherries grew, and the wild grape curled All over the apple tree, And the tail old chestnut scattered its fruit For Argie, and you, and me.

#### How long it seems, as my eyes turn back,

Bcanning the memoried years,
Which have been to me like a fragmant wreath
Sprinkled with burning tears—
A blossoming wreath I have loved to wear,
And I love to think of now,
Though the flowers have paled and the circlet dropped
To ashes upon my brow.

Twere an oft-told tale, if I should speak Of the bitter grief which fell On hearts which quivered, but would not break---Ah, I remember it well It brings the teare--I had rather smile---Facing the breaking day; So let us talk for a little while Of the bright home far away.

Waiting for us in that hidden home, Clasped by the daintiest vines, Which wreath and bloom 'neath the bending dome, Olobing their luscious vines; Waiting for us where the asphodels Swing on their siender atoms; Where, soft as pearls, are the lily-bells Centarod with opal gems;

Are three pure souls from the dear old home, Who love and cherish us yet, Who cheer and beckon us while we roam In the marshes low and wet. Fadel haunting dreams of the vanished times— Forms that are dead to-day. Ring! spirit-fingers, far-sounding chimes, In the bright home far away.

THE RISE OF NEWSPAPERS.—The Boston Post furnishes some interesting facts in regard to the rise and carly progress of newspapers. In James I,'s day, in England, news was occasionally circulated in small pamphlets. The carliest one preserved in the British Museum, entitled News out of Holland, is of the date of 1619, and printed by N. Newbury; and there are others of the date of 1620, 1621, 1622. In 1622 these quarto issues were converted into a regular weekly issue, entitled, News of the Present Week, edited by Nathaniel Butler—and this was the first weekly newspaper printed in England. In Charles I.'s day these news pamphlets multiplied greatly. In 1622 the Ningdom's Intelligencer was commenced in London, which contained a greater variety of matter than had been customary. In a few years the advertisement feature began. It was not until Queen Anne's time, in 1700, that the Londoners had the luxury of a daily journal—The Daily (*burnt.* Scotland had a newspaper is 1653; Ireland in 1641; Germany in 1612; the American colonics in 1704. The earliest country that had them is supposed to be Italy.

Roman tombs, more than 1,500 years old, containing cinerary urns and fragments of pottery, have been exhumed close to Queen Victoria's palace, at Windsor.

attention, are some of the logical sequences of Mr. C.'s article, and of the facts conceded by him. His article admits the fact that the late war against the people of the Confederate States was carried on by the people of the Northern States without any constitutional guaranty; hence it was illegally prosecuted; that the using of the money of the people of the United States for the prosecution of that war was unconstitutional; and that the government of the so called United States, is acting without any constitutional authority in what it is now doing in the way of reconstruction, or in forming the new government. If the facts of this case really are as conceded by Mr. C., is not our condition, as a people, an alarming one? If true, then on this Continent either freedom is among the things that were and will forever remain unknown, practically, else there is an issue to be tried in the future by the American people, the effects of which, when tried, will be far more direful than have been the effects witnessed in the fratricidal war of the past four years.

Permit the mind to glance over some of the questions which will be debated by bloody strife when the issue is being tried; the constitutionality of the war; the right to take and expend the people's money without their lawful consent, and for an unlawful purpose, too; the right of government to involve in debt the people of the present generation without consultational authority; its right to impose taxes to pay debts illegally contracted; the right of the majority of any given community to coeree the minority, however small that minority may be, to sustain its dictum; and the right of one generation to bind and burden with indebtedness another, or succeeding one.

It is not difficult to see who will be parties to this issue when brought on, how arranged, and some of the arguments that will be used. On the one side will be the government, and the power behind the throne-the bondholders, the money lenders, and the commercial fraternity, backed by all the political and spiritual demagogues of the land, with their demoralized negative subjects; arrayed against these will be the peoplo-the tax payers and philanthropists, all enlightened lovers of right and justice-all who are obedient to the law of God in man. These will bring forward in support of their position what Mr. C. says is a dead letter-the old Constitution which the fathers made-they will hold up to the view of the world, illumined by the light of the law of heaven, the charter of their individual creation; they will bring forward as testimony in their favor this very article of Mr. C.'s, and thousands more like it, which are being spread upon the pages of the public prints all over the land; and they will call upon Mr. C., and all who have expressed sentiments akin to his, for what he and they have to say why they should not resist the injustice and the excessive burden of unjust taxation. In short, they will ask why the people should not be permitted to rule themselves, enjoy the fruits of their own labors, and not be taxed to pay for that which

the prevailing ignorance of this earth's inhabitants regarding the spirit and spirit power.

but very little practiced since that time, owing to

It is a philosophical law of Nature, that black does not reflect but absorbs the rays of light; so with human ignorance—its demon darkness of the deepest dye reflects no rays of light and wisdom, hence comprehends no progressive truths, however sublime. Drugs have ever been looked upon as indispensably necessary, but true knowledge and wisdom will eventually sweep them into the earth from whence they came.

There has been no trance speaking here for a long time, nevertheless Spiritualism is still living and if not spreading by lecture influence, it is from necessity. Members of different branches of religious faith, first become deeply afflicted with disease, and after resorting to every available source for assistance, as a last resort, apply to some healing medium for help, hence their first impression of spirit presence, of spirit power and belief-How great and good, how noble it is to heal the alck.

"God healeth all with his abounding love and mercy, and to imitate Him is indeed Godlike." Seek high and study God for His greatness and goodness, because He is the source of our existence. Study the spirit, because it is the ever living and immortal part of man. Study the physical system, because of its immediate connection with the spirit, and upon its development depends our earthly happiness.

Messrs. Thomas and Collins Intend visiting the different towns and cities East and West during the coming season, to give the afflicted ones an opportunity of being healed at home, without being subject to traveling expenses.

Yours fraternally, A. S. GILSON. Laporte, Indiana, January 30, 1866.

#### Letter from Warren Chase.

DEAR JOURNAL:--Last evening Major General Butler made an eloquent and forcible speech, in the hall of Representatives, before the National Union League of Soldiers and Sailors, on the results of the war and dutics of the government. He showed clearly the duty of our government to equalize, as far as possible, the rewards for service to those who entered the army carly, and before bounties were grunted, and suggested the public lands, as a means of rewarding all the soldiers; and if what we have prove insufficient, let us distribute the Southern lands which he claims have been forfeited.

He made it clear that the rebels, by entering into the rebellion, had risked everything, even life, which by treason they forfeited, if beaten; and as they were beaten, they lost all, and hence only the loyal part of the Southern people have any rights, even to life, unless pardoned. He gave a glowing picture of Gen. R. E. Lee's history and course, and held up his present position as a teacher of our young men in their duties to God and their country, and in all that is required to constitute true and loyal manhood, a president of a college to sign his notorious name to the graduating papers of students. His speech was listened to with great interest, Poor man, you are my brother, a child of God, "but fourfold more the child of hell," in your present condition. I pray for your resurrection and life everlasting; do not give yourself up to lies and hypocrisy, but try to be true to your own beingthen you will deal truthfully with your fellow mas, and not before.

Spiritualism does not wholly consist in showing hands and faces, tying with ropes, or playing music; but in a life essence which vibrates through every chord of refined humanity—which is the Holy Ghost within us.

You admirer of "Shakspeare, Garrick and sorred things," read your letter over again, and let it be s mirror in which to see yourself as others see you; you will then say, wretched man that I am, why deceive myself in trying to deceive others?

Your true friend, R. D. GOODWIN, Chairman of the Religio Pohtical Association, 814 Broadway, N. Y.

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For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. Detroit Observatory, Ann Arbor, Mich. BY MRS. HARVET A. JONES. Down through the night, its lighthouse gleam Shince on the waves of Huron's stream; Up from their depths it flames, below

I can see to-night, though far away," The scene I loved best at the close of day, As the weeks and months of exile wane Till my Prairie State is my home again.

Those hills with ice-clasped crowns of snow.

Night o'er the busy town, and night Veiling the college walls from sight ; Each student's home fills with murmurs low, of the present, years coming, and the long ago.

Ann Arbor town, your homes will hear That story repeated, from year to year, While hope, ambition and learning, draw Votaries of Science, Medicine and Law.

Still from your heights gleams that light afar, Still points its keen vision to planet and star, With its guardian genius still tracks the plain Where sweeps the comet's resplendent train.

In years to come, I shall yet look out, In memory's watch, as the hills about Grow gray in the twilight, and like a dream, That light shines up from Huron's stream.

Sycamore, Ill.

#### **Educational Reform Movement.**

AT CROSBY'S HALL, ON SUNDAY, JAN. 28711. The friends of the Educational Reform convened pursuant to adjournment, clected Warwick Martin, Chairman, and O. S. Poston, Secretary.

The committee appointed at the last meeting, reported as follows :

REPORT.

The undersigned committee, appointed at the adjourned meeting of the friends of Educational Reform to report the programme of business proper for the further action of said meeting, respectfully report :

That they recommend that a committee be appointed to inquire and suggest what modifications of discipline, instructions, etc., will be most beneficial in the present common school district system.

That another committee be appointed to consider and report some plan for the organization of a selfsustaining system of education, combining with instruction, agricultural and mechanical occupations, so as to ensure the most perfect development of the physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual nature of man. And further, that said committee inquire and report some suitable locality for establishing said Industrial college.

IRA PORTER,			
T. W. TATLOR,			
MRS. J. S. FULLER,			
MRS. S. C. LOOMIS,			
O.S. POSTON.			

This report was read and adopted, and Messrs, O. S. Poston, Moses Leavitt, Linus and Mrs. J. S. Fuller, and Mrs. S. C. Loomis, were appointed members of the first named committee.

Messrs. Ira Porter, T. W. Taylor, O. S. Poston, Tallmadge, and T. Tilley were appointed upon the last named committee.

After which, the meeting was occupied with sundry desultory remarks upon education, habits of life, etc., of which the Secretary has no full report except of the remarks of Mrs. S. C. Loomis upon the use of tobacco, which were substantially as follows:

Mrs. Loomis remarked in answer to Mr. Martin; that she considered it the privilege of all persons to enjoy themselves in their own way, promising that they do not intrude upon the rights of others. And there is not a person who makes use of tobacco, either in chewing or smoking, but who does intrude upon the rights of others. The smoker fills the air with a disgusting, loathsome, deleterious the Educational Reform Union by subscribing to the following articles:

We mutually and reciprocally pledge ourselves to each other, that we will endeavor to "do unto others as we would have others do unto us;" that we will patiently and candidly investigate all questions we are called upon to decide, and that we will form and express our opinions according to the truth as it shall appear to us; and that we will encourage and sustain all our associates in the same practice. Knowing that every member of human society should each bear his part of the labors neces. sary to human comfort, we will seek to train ourselves and those whose education is committed to our charge, into an appreciation and performance of that duty; and for the purpose of making those labors as light as possible for all, we will study, practice and teach a wise economy in the use of labor products; and that we will make the welfare and happiness of humanity the chief end and aim of all our efforts.

The committee also recommends that the foregoing shall be broadly circulated in all parts of these United States; and that all those who are willing to do so be invited to sign the same, and forward their names to the Secretary of a parent society, composed of such as shall sign the same in the city of Chleago.

Your committee is convinced that appropriate labor, study, recreation and rest, are the proper employments of humanity from childhood to old age; that society is a necessity to human development; that a true system of education requires that fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers, childhood and youth be engaged together, day by day through life, in such vocations as are needed to supply the necessities of life and also in the pursuit of knowledge, so that all may be perpetually learning of those who are able to teach them, and as perpetually instructing those whom they can teach; that for the purpose of promoting these ends the members of the Educational Reform Union, or so many of them as have it in their power to do so, are recommended to incorporate themselves into joint stock companies, and that such seek settlements in close proximity to each other, so that they can combine for the purpose of economizing the expenses of living, and to better aid each other in carrying into practical effect processes for the perfect development of themselves and those committed to their care.

We therefore respectfully recommend the purchase of a tract of land of several hundred acres in some locality where a community of small farmers, fruit growers, manufacturers and mechanics can find remunerative business and a pleasant home, and the subdivision of the tract so selected into parts to be sold to individuals for stores, mechanic shops, manufactories, small farms, etc. Other parts to be held by the community for a unitary home, and for all public buildings, ornamental grounds, and to be used by pupils of the Union who are not able to purchase land which they would like to till.

We recommend, as the most economical and laborsaving mode of living, a Unitary home, made as nearly fireproof as possible, constructed upon the most approved principles of modern architecture, heated by hot air, hot mater, or steam, so as to obviate the necessity of keeping fires in each apartment, and to be provided with all public rooms demanded by the objects of the association. This home is to be provided with every facility for doing the washing and cooking for the entire household as cheaply as possible, with an ample dining hall, containing numerous tables, so that those of kindred tastes and habits may select their table companions, and be conveniently supplied with such food as they shall demand. This unitary home should be under the supervision of a Steward employed by the Trustees of the company, said steward to be paid for his services by the inmates of the home, who are to receive their board upon the restaurant principles, each consumer being charged with the full cost of his food, and his proportionate share of all expenses incident to the complete management of the home. The Steward should also have charge of all the lands and personal property held by the company, managing the same solely or by the aid of others under the control of the President and Trustees of the Association.

physical needs, and that instead of welcoming, as all should, the labor necessary for their supply, great multitudes are seeking to shirk that labor upon their fellows, and to live in case and luxury upon the products of the toil of others. Hence despotism, demogoguism, force and fraud, war and slavery; hence the necessity of that great army of regulators of human society, governors, legislators, judges, sheriffs, policemen, jailors, hangmen, priests, lawyers, and the whole race who dress well, live high, and occupy commanding positions as the monitors and moral guardians of society.

In addition to this enormous army of drones who fill all the land, we have an inordinate army of commercial men, all actuated by the same motives. Watch them as they go up to the Board of Trade every day by hundreds. See how much of power, of human energy, of human craft, of educated corruption, is represented by that great body of men. whose standing and position in society is an object of envy and desire to many outside of their charmed circle, and who are striving at some future time to enter it. Go to the commercial colleges and you will find in this city regiments of young men, the most aspiring and ambitious of all the surrounding country, who are here acquainting themselves with all the formulas of non producing commerce, so that they can hereafter figure on 'Change, and thimble rig the producing classes out of the products of their honest toil.

Some of these commercial men have a net income of a million and a half a year, and many of this city have reported for the last two years \$150,000 income cach. These incomes enable them to build palaces, drive coaches, keep servants, and indulge in every kind of sensuality and vice. There are, however, amongst them a very respectable number noted for their virtues; who are professed followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, "who had not where to lay his head." These content themselves with living "in style," a sober and Godlike life, upon Union Park or Wabash avenue. Some of their wives and daughters, however, vie with the women of the town in sweeping the streets with long skirts of silk or satin.

This city of extravagance, of pride, pomp and luxury, of palaces and hovels, of costly houses for God, and cheap, wretched huts for humanity, with its hundred tall steeples, and its five thousand low groggeries, is an outgrowth of our systems of education and the present condition of society will be as perpetual as the educational causes which have produced it.

With these convictions we see no way of improving the existing state of society, except by a system of education designed to teach every member that it is his or her duty and interest to produce, if possible, every commodity which he or she shall use, or a fair equivalent for it. When this moral obligation shall be fully recognized and faithfully discharged, then it will be discovered that many of our essential wants cannot be gratified, as they now are, by individual means and for private and exclusive use. To gratify these wants combinations will be necessary. These will be formed. Hence closer unions and a higher civilization; hence the necessity of that hightoned sense of justice which is necessarv to inspire mutual confidence, and which can never prevail until the moral sentiment shall receive a better education, and have better educators than society now supplies.

In surveying the history of our civilization, your committee discovers that heretofore the human race have been indebted to superstition, to despotism or to fraud, for nearly every extraordinary production of human achievement which has adorned our planet, especially in the department of architecture. No man oan build a palace by his own labor; therefore no man should have one for the private use of himself or of his household. But palaces may be built by the combined efforts of numbers; that will give to the builders convenient and perpetual homes for themselves and their heirs forever inalienably, except by the free action of such as may choose to sell out their interests. The present conditions of society will be im-

proved. Better systems of education will do the work. Nothing else can. Changes must be sought. Progressive minds must see where we are; where we would be, and how we shall get there. They must mark out the path and open it up. In God's good time the civilized world will travel it and bless the pioneers who discovered-pointed it out, and with appalling but resolute and glorious labor made it a fitting highway for the nations. Your committee is unanimously in favor of entering at once upon that course of life "which shall best secure distributive justice, connect intelligence with labor-secure the utmost economy desirable in the use of labor products;" and by mutual aid, encouragement and example; convert this terrestrial life into an orderly and well kept school, from which its pupils may, at the appointed time, be honorably transferred into the higher schools of celestial life.

men have discovered this much to be dreaded scheme of darkness.\*

Are you wise? Then pity the ignorant, instruct the erring, raise the fallen, rescue the mercies of heaven from their misdirected channels, until one eternal day of light and harmony shall burst ROBERT HARS. upon your earth ! · Spiritualism.

#### From our Regular New Orleans Colored Correspondent, P. B. Randolph-No. 8. A LATTER DAY SERMON.

Text: "Old times," Place, Chicago. Time, A. D. 2866.

This morning, my hearers, I intend to discourse concerning events that happened just 1000 years ago, viz .: in 1866, long before the people of this continent had conquered the world, and before the foundation of the grand omniarchy. The people of those barbarous times lived to the astounding age of over forty years, and grew to the astonishing weight of over one hundred pounds, and if we are to believe ancient records, many of them were of gigantic stature, exceeding five feet in height. But these things were owing to the habits of the people and the roughness of the climate. In those savage days the only light the earth had was from the solar body and the first moon; while now we have four of the latter, and two magnificent boreal suns -one at either pole. On a recent occasion, on my return from the third moon, where I had gone botanizing, I stopped my car over Sobomia, formerly called Nu Warlenes, and visited the museum there, which contains a large number of the most wonderful relics of the remote days of 1866. Stepping into the library and picture gallery, I soon satisfied myself not only that the barbarians of that day were ignorant of VOLOSTATIC locomotion, or will-impelled machinery, but that they actually employed beasts to carry them from place to place. There were several sorts of animals, now extinct, kept for that purpose, one of which was called a Norse, and another a Nass. The first went on four legs, the latter on two. The first was dumb, but the latter had the power of speech, which it received from one Baalam, and besides being employed to carry burdens, was also used as a lecturer and Sabbath orator and thinker for the people, who fed it on pap, and led it out frequently into pretty little stalls, called Pull-Pits, where it capered and curveted about in the most surprising manner, performing the most astonishing feats, to the huge delight of its numerous spectators.

Although the creature was not large, especially about the heart and brain region, yet its gullet was prodigious, for it would frequently strain at a gnat, and then swallow half a dozen camels, whole, and even raw; and the creature has been known to take down at one gulp, an entire whale, with a fisherman named John R. or Jonah; then to show off its fine points, would gobble up an ark or two; slay a thousand men with the jaw-bone of one of its own species, and top off with Mary McDaniel or Mag-Dallen, seven devils, a herd of swine, a lamb, lots of fire, and any amount of sulphur! It was a strange beast, but a very costly one, as it would cat any amount of gilded oats-as much as it could get. It had very large ears, and was remarkable for the promptitude with which it would listen to "calls" at so much oats a year-gilded, of course. My hearers, there were many strange things and strange habits, customs and animals in the barbarous age of which I am speaking-1866.

Among other curious facts was this: the greater part of the people were blind-they were also deaf, for they had eyes, yet saw not; ears, but heard not.

For instance; people often went on long pilgrimages in search of husbands and wives; they went courting as they called it, and in nine cases in ten made the most grotesque blunders in their marital selections; for it not seldom happened that a man married a woman 100 years older than himself, and vice versa-that is to say, an eighteenth century man, so far as development was concerned, would find himself mated with a woman fully up to the highest

black man who had rights a white man respected; another of the man whom people believed to be religious without his telling of it, of a preacher who cared less for dollars than souls; another of two pretty women who loved each other; a model of the "harp of a thousand strings," on which many strange tunes were played in ye olden time; for instance, the "Hell-fire gallop," "The Judgment-day Polka," the "Regeneration Quadrille," "The Baptistical Promenade," and other awful funny tunes, now-alas ! played out.

After a brief stroll through the Muscum, I sallied out to hear the news, but on the way came across a queer contrivance called a Lo.co-mo-tive, a machine that actually went with hot water, and used to go at the snail pace of only a hundred miles an hour! The people must have been very gross in those days, for now all we have to do is to step . into one of our diamond-mounted Will-cars, and with a mere wish it rises and goes through the air at the rate of anywhere you like in five minutes. Accordingly I took it into my head to take a trip to Zenobia, formerly called Sahara, and which history says was once a barren waste, but which is now the garden of the world. While there I saw the grave of one Adam, formerly reputed to have been the father of all mankind, a notion that time has corrected, for we all know that that individual was a shoemaker at Damascus; that his fame arose from the sign over his door-A d a m Strong, shoemaker; but the A having been placed a good way from the d, the sign read A dam Strong shoemaker, and of course he grew rich and famous; got to be called the father of all shoemakers, and finally of all mankind.

Another historical error has recently been corrected. It used to be believed that one David killed a giant named Goliah with a stone slung at him. Such was not the case, for we now know that David was an innkecper; that he mixed a sling for the giant, wherewith Goliah got slewed. So much for history.

I also passed over the valley of Hinnom, the original Gehenna or hell of old. How strange that people ever should have seriously entertained such a disgusting belief! for we of this age fully know that eternal damnation is eternal-nonsense. Amen.

The region of Syria is a storied section. Yonder is Joppa of old, whence sailed a hero named Jonah. famous for the size of his gourds, and for having swallowed a whale-said whale, Jonah and the gourd having in turn been swallowed by the men of 1866 -raw! On the left I beheld the place where the first speaking medium gave tongue-Baalam's companion, when he saw the angel in the way! There, ahead of us, is the famous Jordan, reputed to have been a very hard road to travel; while yonder stood a little hill said to have been once a man's wife, thus transformed for disobedience; a story to be taken with many grains of salt.

My hearers, I will discourse again on the barbarous ages: but at present I want to join a party in an excursion to the planet Jupiter. I expect to remain three days, and shall be at my post next Sunday; meanwhile I advise you to change your linen and be as good as possible, till I get back. I will thank Brother Oscar to step over to Japan to get my umbrella, and uncle Edward will favor me by looking in at my grotto under the Pacific Ocean, as I have a couple of pet whales there that need instruction, for only animals go to school nowadays-our children being born educated, because they are born right. So mote it be.

New Orleans, Jan. 15th, 1866.

#### For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. Sarah Haviland and Martha Grinder.

Sarah Haviland, goaded to desperation by a crushing sense of want, and to arrest the persistent growth of the beastly propensities inherited from their father, murders her three children. Mrs. Haviland is known as a Spiritualist, and forthwith Spiritualism is arraigned as a criminal, and declared answerable for the threefold murder.

narcotic, culminating in nicotine, one of the most virulent of poisons; while his person is imbued constantly with the offensive emanations of tobacco smoke, annoying and disgusting every lover of temperance and purity whom he passes in the street, and especially those who are obliged to sit next him in a street car.

The man who chews tobacco is constantly spitting a filthy liquid, in the house, or on the street, in the car, lecture room, or church. He is disgusting and painfully disagreeable to those who sit near him; and his teeth and lips are stained with the filthy weed. His whole person becomes permeated by the disgusting poison. A man considers himself insulted to be called a slave, but every man who thinks he cannot live without tobacco, is its veriest slare. Cleanliness of person is the duty of all, not only as requisite to the enjoyment of health, but that we need not offend those with whom we associste; but cleanliness and tobacco in any form have not the least affinity. If those who use tobacco realized the injury they were inflicting upon their wives and children, and its disgusting effects upon society, their own consciousness would induce them to abandon it; and if they realized its poisonous effect upon themselves and the slow suicide they were surely committing, they would break off at once from their present disgusting habits. The pure atmosphere would no longer be filled with the disgusting emanations of tobacco, and health and cheerfulness would exchange places with disease and crime. A step would thus be taken in the right direction to secure the moral progress of the world.

Sunday, February 4th. Meeting appointed Mr. Thirds Chairman, and O. 8. Poston, Secretary.

O. S. Poston, in behalf of the committee to suggest improvements in our common school system of education, presented a somewhat elaborate report against corporeal punishment, and suggested various reforms in teaching.

The following motion was flually made and carried; that this committee have further time to report, and that it be instructed to inquire whether there is or is not adequate instruction in our common schools in the department of morals; and if not, what further or different instruction is needed.

The committee upon Industrial Education, through Irs Porter, its Chairman, reported progress and presented the result of its labors thus far, for the consideration of the meeting, and for the suggestion of such amendments as the meeting might propose.

The following report being then read, it was moved that it be printed in the RELIGIO.PHILO-SOPHICAL JOURNAL, and laid upon the table for future discussion and action.

#### REPORT.

Your committee respectfully recommends the organization of a society to be called the Educational Reform Union, and that any person, male or

The company should be invested with the power of levying a just and equitable tax upon the person and property of each member of the company to defray the cost of teachers, supply library, or such other instrumentalitics of education as a majority of the company shall decide necessary for the highest good of the whole.

When the company proposed shall be duly organized, your committee expect there will be found in the country numbers of persons learned in the Natural Sciences, who are qualified to become teachers, who will be anxious to connect themselves with this important movement, who will purchase homes in the institution, identify themselves with it for life, and will thenceforward be at the same time, students, teachers and laborers, illustrating by precept and example the great truth that labor and study may be so combined in daily alternation as to secure the highest form of human development, and the largest conceivable sum of human happiness.

Your committee, on looking abroad upon the present systems of education, thinks that it clearly discovers that the processes of these systems have a tendency to produce the exact social conditions that we behold around us. Some members of society have a surfeiting and most mischievous abundance of worldly goods, producing pride, luxury and extravagance, tending to corrupt the youth who are educated under its influence with false ideas of human duty and destiny, imbuing them with supreme homage for wealth, and a sovereign contempt for useful labor and useful laborers, and filled with the hope of gaining an inheritance by losing an ancestor, and being thereby absolved from the necessity of all useful employment, except so much as is necessary to make the capital inherited an instrument of usury, speculation and fraud.

In the common parlance of society he has a very good education who is well learned in books. although he knows nothing of any one mode of useful industry, and is therefore utterly disqualified for obtaining an honest living; while on the contrary, he who can perform well his part in many departments of useful industry is spoken of as having no education or a poor education. We have need to revolutionize these ideas, and these forms of expression. We need less of books, more of practical knowledge-habits of thought and of close observa. tion, rather than the habit of taking at secondhand the recorded observations of authors; but above all things, our youth should not be separated while their habits are forming, from those practical labors upon which all humanity is dependent for a supply of its daily wants.

Your committee also discovers that it is a manifest design of that Supreme Intelligence which decreed man's existence, that he should be urged

#### Spirit Communications.-No. 3.

DEAR DOCTOR: Absolute evil, per se, is necessarily the entire absence of all good, and cannot exist in a universe recognizing the omniscience of its Creator, whose essential identity is goodness and love; for if we could conceive of a place or condition in which evil in this sense exists, then we could conceive of one where goodness was not present, aud of course, where there was no God. Evil, then, can only be mudirected good, and all misdirection implies the absence of wisdom, or an undeveloped condition. It therefore follows that in every condition where wisdom is wanting, comparative evil must exist. Good being misdirected by its recipients, from a want of wisdom, produces misery instead of that happiness for which it was designed.

Take a few examples from your own earth sphere. See the golden waving grain, the juicy apple, the lusclous grape. Can you mistake the object of Infinite goodness in such gifts? What has been the result of their perverted uses? Let the withered intellect, the crushed parental hopes, the widow's sighs, and the tears of orphans be the answer.

Again, Iufinite Wisdom, to soften the disappoint. ment and instability of mundane enjoyments, by raising the hopes of the soul to lasting felicity beyond the grave, gave through chosen mediums a revelation of immortality, in an age when man's undeveloped condition created a necessity for types and shadows, figures and allegory.

Ignorance in the past has misdirected even this mercy, and converted it into a source of fire, faggot and sword, to those whose spiritual convictions happened to be at variance with the dogmas of its self-constituted expounders. And even now, in the light and development of the nineteenth century, ignorant arrogance assuming the robe of priestly sanctity, claims to be the Omnipotent's keeper, and thunders forth the anathemas of a man-made Orthodoxy against all revelations which have not paid the license of pew-rent.

The silver shrines of the Goddess Diana constitute

growth of the nineteenth century; the consequence of which was, that neither one of them saw a day's happiness from the altar to the grave.

In these days, as you all know, everybody instinctively knows his or her mate; and such a thing as quarreling, or badly organized children, is a thing unheard of. So of course there is no such thing as vice, crime, bloodshed, anger, war, adultery, or wrong in the universal world.

Another curious thing of those early days was. that a man's worth was decided not by his own merits, but depended solely on two things-the number of little bits of paper, called bank notes, that he owned, or its equivalent in gold or silverthe identical metals whereof our pots and kettles are made now, and with which many of our streets are paved; and secondly, the color of his skin. In those days there were two widely different human complexions (both unknown at present, for we are all concrete people in these days, with beautiful olive tinted complexion)-the white and the black : and if a man was known to have descended from parents of the latter race, no matter what might have been his personal worth, no matter if he had talents that would have adorned an angel, he was doomed to a living death, from his entry till his exit from the world. Indeed one of these races-which can easily be guessed-held the other in bondage, until some of our friends from Summer Land raised a war by inciting one Davis Jefferson to rebel in behalf of human liberty. He was a medium, and did his work remarkably well, at the expense of a few tons of gold and a half million of mortal lives, after which the black race became free, and gradually went out of existence, about the time that the Chinese, Tartars, Indians, lawyers, ministers and other queer sorts of people, retired from business and the world. At my recent visit to Nu Warlenes I stepped into the National Museum and saw many curious relics of the olden days of 1866. On one shelf was an old book which historians tell us created more disturbance than any one thing under the sun, for the people called it the Bybul, and believed it to have been the word of the Great Supreme, when in fact it was mainly written by a society of ancient savans, known as the Venerable Brotherhood of Old Fogies; at whose sessions a great philosopher named Barr Num was president-the same man who wrote the famous treatise, "AD-FEJEB UMMER-MADUM - ET WOOLET-HORSE - UT-HOW-ARE-YOU GREENEY-AND-UM."

On another shelf was a specimen of the "mirey clay," from a bog over which convicts had to pass, on their road to a place called "Der Kingdom Kum." There was the shell, very hard, of an ancient animal of the love-feast genus; a portrait of a hero who, when he got his "chops" slapped, turned the other for a like salutation ; a piece of the Rock of Ages; the tongue of an old lady named Mrs. Grundy, fourteen inches long and hung in the middle; the effigy of the man who, when a thief stole his coat, gave him his cloak also; a painting, a landscape, of the course of true love that actually ran smooth; female, old or young, may become a member of | into physical and mental activity by an army of | the spectacle through which the reverend gentle- | statue of an honest alderman; portrait of the

Martha Grinder, with no wrongs to redress, and no apparent motive of gain to subserve, under the most aggravated evidences of criminality, and under guise of no palliating circumstances, institutes a system of wholesale poisoning. Mrs. Grinder is a Mcthodist. Whoever thought of holding the Methodist church responsible for the crime? He that would suggest it, is not worthy the name of Spiritualist. Why was not that "Modern Borgia" acquitted, and an effigy personating Methodism hung in her stead? Can those immaculates of the press and pulpit who have been loud-mouthed and clamorous for the conviction of Spiritualism answer?

I shall not rifle the Methodist creed in search of evidence by which to challenge the church for the crime or folly of its members. I do ask, in the name of consistency, what is there in the simple faith that "This mortal shall put on immortality," that "that which was sown in corruption shall be raised in corruption," that "if a man die he shall live again," that the stream of death is bridged by God's eternal love, and that the sainted dead-the guardian angels of the living-may pass over, carrying messages of good news and great joy-what is there in this simple, happy faith to stimulate its believers to crime?

"But hold," you say! "it is not the criminal's faith, but the fact that the spirits recommended the crime, that condemns Spiritualism !"

But you do not believe that the spirits did so, do you? Then you believe in spirit existence and spirit communion; and consequently you are a Spiritualist, and the ghostly instigator of the crime in question is as much a member of your family as of mine!

"But I do not believe in spirits, I believe it is all the work of the devil."

Oh, you do! Whose system of faith does his holiness adorn? The Spiritualist's? Not a bit of it ! Indeed, that is about the only faith that gives His Excellency the cold shoulder. Then who are they who admit him into their household of faith? Catholics? Yes! Methodists? Yes! Sectarians of any other denomination? Yes, sectarians of all denominations! In short, to detract from the importance of his Satanic Majesty; to disbelieve that he is almost omnipotent, that he is continually "going about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour," to doubt that he was the accomplice of Mrs. Haviland, the confederate of Mrs. Grinder, and the original instigator of every crime; to deny all this is reckoned a heresy only second to that of Atheism, and is accepted as conclusive evidence of the depravity of the heart, and is regarded as apostacy from the true faith.

Is the Church, the Episcopal church, responsible for all the mischief committed on earth, just because it believes in the existence of a mischiefmaker? If crime has been committed, does that prove that no criminal exists ? Those two unfortunate culprits belong to the human family; does that prove that there is no human race? Truly our accusors are purchasing the approbation of the ignorant at the

cost of appearing ridiculous in the eyes of a wiser generation.

Finally, we would sum it all up by asking whether the devotees of a common faith are responsible collectively for the isolated act of a single member? We would reply, this depends upon whether the moral code commonly accepted by such devotces is calculated in its nature to induce such act.

I. T. LLOTD. Bourbon, Ind., January 25, 1866.

#### Letter from New York.

New YORK, Jan. 23, 1866. DEAR JOURNAL: Bro. A. T. Foss, of New Hampshire, addressed us last Sunday morning and evening. It is no lie to call him the "War horse" of Spiritnalism. He gives it to old theology in prime style. He had an intelligent and appreciative audience at the "Temple of Truth," notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather; he is alive to the truth and all who hear him cannot help but know the fact. We want more men of the same stamp in the field when superstition must fall as "Dagan before the ark." "The blind leaders of the blind" will, under his preaching, be influenced to open their eyes in time to see where they are going to. May God and his holy spirits bless the man. Yours for truth, R. D. GOODWIN.

# Letter from S. Underhill, M. D.

Editors of the Religio-Philosophical Journal : When, some time ago, I sent you a few lines, I intended them as introductory to some future communications. As every one will write best on what he has most experience in, I shall be governed by this rale. It would be saying too much, perhaps, should I affirm that almost every discovery in science has been assailed by the most learned, and generally scouted as absurd and ridiculous, and always proved to be logically impossible. I wish to make a few trite remarks on this plane of the learned minds of the day.

The first thought is, "If there was such truth. our forefathers, our learned college professors, would have known it long ago." Next to this they think they perceive that the pretended fact is contrary to the laws of nature, and they brace themselves with the persuasion that it ill becomes them to "stoop to investigate" such absurdities. What can be more unreasonable than the facts of mesmerism to a learned man, who is reading or hearing of them for the first time? Is it not more reasonable that the speaker or writer is deceived, or lies, than that such wonders are true? I think so. But what is reason? And how few can answer the question? We mean in all such cases that we recollect no analogous facts. We forget, in all such cases, that in chemistry every new experiment is a step in the dark. And when we have a result, we cannot always see the philosophy of it. Who in first examining nitre, would expect nitric acid and potash as the result of analysis? Such fact must demonstrate itself. The only law by which to get facts, truths, and results. is experiment.

My experiments have been with the imponderables. What vast credit has been accorded to Van Riechenbach on his announcement of od force or odylic light as perceived by the clairvoyant? Science has limited the imponderables to light, fire and electricity. Electricity in galvanism and terrestrial magnetism are said to be modifications of electricity. Animal life and vegetable life are claimed by some to be modifications of electricity, etc., etc. I claim for each a distinct clemental existence. They resemble each other, say you? So do copper and gold, so do tin and zinc, but resemblance in many particulars does not prove identity. I venture the prophecy that time will develop the fact, that there are as many imponderable substances as there are of ponderable substances. Will it seem strange should I suggest that every ponderable substance evolves imponderable matter? But vital substances secrete and eliminate each, imponderables peculiar to the organization. This elimination contains all the characteristics of the body giving it off. From the unhealthy it gives sickly and often contagious emanations. from the healthy are given off spontaneously healthful and healing emanations, and when directed by a powerful will is the most natural healing power in the world, and the most powerful. When the mind gets fully bathed in the doctrine of the imponderables, it will find it easy to grasp the idea of the spiritual. To enlarge upon this sublect. then allow me to say that is an imponderable that like the magnetism from a magnet which lessens not the quantity by giving off. May not, then, the virus in various animals and vegetables be imponderable? I think that even yeast is an imponderable. You don't see the leaven. You do not see the virus of the rattlesnake. You only see the menstruum in which it exists. Observe the magnetism, the yeast, the fire, the virus of small pox, and of every poison, perhaps, lessens not its force by infecting parts adjacent to the part where the virus is inserted. The wonders in homeopathy must rest solely on the truth of this doctrine of imponderables. My friend Laroy Sunderland would never have advocated in his Pathelsm the idea that the will might act without actual contact with the person acted upon. A candle can throw its light 192,000 miles in a second or at that rate. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." It can throw its streams or rays fully equal to a tallow candle. I hope to continue this subject.

shot eyes which we meet as they come reeling out of almost every grocery and saloon, at every corner of the street, having had the idea of an eleventh hour conversion indelibly impressed upon their vouthful minds.

My visit to the Lunatic Asylum on Blackwell's Island, where persons bewailed the loss of their souls, told too plainly the direful effects of such a theory. There were also pitiable cases traceable to the unholy marriage relation, which has given man the ownership and power over his defenceless wife, prostrating her nervous system by yielding to his requirements and commands, for is it not written, "Wives submit yourselves unto your husbands." If she does not willingly submit, he feels that

power is invested in him to cause submission. But I forbear dwelling longer upon this sad subject.

Six millions of dollars are expended annually in this city to allevlate the sufferings of the poor or for benevolent purposes, and yet the law which gives a man license to traffic in that beverage which causes so much crime and misery, is upheld by the people. The result is there are thirty thousand homeless children in New York city.

Hasten the time, oh angels of the spheres, and angels of earth, when righteousness shall triumph over wrong, and the world rejoice in the power of F. A. LOGAN. truth.

New York, January 16, 1866.

#### Extracts from Letters. 1.

DEAR EDITOR :- I received with pleasure the first number of your new JOURNAL, and can only wish you Godspeed in the great and good work of spreading before the people the truths and blessings of this new religion. I feel sure success will crown your efforts. I trust California will do her part in sustaining this JOURNAL, and in disseminating good thoughts among those who are famishing for the bread of life. MRS. E. FALES.

San Francisco, Nov. 25, 1805.

DEAR EDITOR :- Many thanks for the copies of the JOURNAL sent me at Burns, Wis., in place of the Progressive Age. \* \*

I met many on my route who promised to subscribe for the JOURNAL, if they liked it, after seeing a copy. So these were just in time, and I have mailed them to their respective destinations, and hope to realize a handsome profit on the investment. In the shape of subscribers for your valuable paper, so that the truths I love, which are so luminous in its pages, may be widely disseminated. I like the name of your JOURNAL. I find that the great need of our age, is a religion based upon philosophy, or rather a religion in harmony with philosophy.

The word Spiritualism, though significant to us Spiritualists of all truth, yet fails to convey to the masses, and even some advanced thinkers, the true idea so important to a proper understanding of the nature of God, material and spiritual combined, and consequently our relation to each other, through Him. Orthodoxy and Materialism have so long been arrayed against each other, that the Christian world have come to consider spirit and matter as antagonistic, and for this reason do I hail the title RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL, with unfeigned gladness. \* \* \* I lectured once in Plainview, and twice at Pawseelim, twice at Wabashaw, and twice at Minneska. In each of these places I found warm friends of humanity. Sister Coles, of Pawseellm, said, "This is what I have been praying for these ten years." Her brother, Mr. John Cantleld, of Cook's Valley, was a faithful co-laborer, taking a deep interest in financial matters. Dr. Brooks, of Minneska, and Bro. Sargent, of Plainview, (the father of Dr. J. Sargent, Sparta, Wis.,) with Bros. Townsend. Allen, Howard, and many of the dear sisters and brothers of Wabashaw, and other places, I found true to the wants of humanity. There is a move in the direction of organization, and I hope ere long to see a flourishing society, under the name of the Wabashaw County (Minn.) RELIGIO-PHILO-SOPHICAL SOCIETY, where a free platform, a broad charity, and an enlightened philosophy, and pure religion, may be set on a hill, so as to give light to the good people of this young but prosperous and wealthy State, and lead many others to follow their xample. I trust this big hugbear, organization. will be found yet to be like everything else around us, very good, when made good use of. Associated effort is now necessary, if we would have our children rightly educated. We also need it for financial purposes, and especially for humanitarian efforts of many kinds. Our work is but just begun. We pull down, only to build up more true and beautiful forms. And without union of effort, it will be a long time before we shall hall the day. When our laws, our politics, our judiciary, and our religion, shall be the offspring of a beneficent Deity, rather than of an angry God.

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#### Free Agency.

Any agent or agency must have been made so by a power above him, or it; and in regard to man, he must be accountable to his principal, viz. : the power which appointed or made him such, and if accountable, is not free.

It is the duty of an agent to do what his principal authorizes and directs him to do. Would it not be an impeachment of divine wisdom and goodness to appoint agents to do his own work, or to do that which he must know they would not do, and could not do? 1. 21

The moment agency is assumed to be free, that moment agency is destroyed-it ceases to exist, it is then independence. Besides, the Almighty cannot withhold his government of the universe and all things in it; and If he could, how weak and absurd it would be to relinquish his wise and perfect government and transfer it to frall humanity, which he must foreknow would totally fail, and go the downward road to inevitable destruction.

At the creation of all things, laws were made for the government of things and beings in all respects, and those laws must always remain under all circumstances, inflexible and unalterable, as long as the subjects of those laws are in existence.

So long then, as man lives under compulsory laws, that enforce their own penalties, he cannot be free. Another consideration is, that in all cases of agency, so far as we know, if the agent proves unfaithful or incompetent, the loss, if any, is generally suffered by the principal; and sometimes, more or less, by principal and agent both. Therefore, if the appointment of agency by the Almighty result disastrously, where shall we look for the wisdom of the appointment? What reason can be shown why the Almighty should impart free agency to man in any stage of his existence? Why delegate any power to man, that from his supreme government of all things, should be exercised by himself? And for what purpose is it assumed that this power was given? The answer, assumed again, is to enable man to work out his own salvation. Salvation from what? From the effects of "Adam's fall." A circumstance that never happened. Such a mistake in the management of the Almighty in the outset of his creation, is too degrading to be entertained. The Almighty could not have delegated this power, if he had not possessed it himself. Why not exercise it himself, instead of giving it to feeble, erring man ? Since then there was never any cause or reason for either giving or exercising any such power, it never was and never could have been given. The very words contradict each other, if allowed their true legitimato meaning, viz. :

by for his own glory he hath forcordained whatsoever comes to pass."

Q. Has "Adam's fall " come to pass? Has the crucifixion of Jeaus Christ come to pass?

"Adam's fail " is a circumstance that never happencd. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ an event that did happen, and as the Scriptures declare, "by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God." Acts 2 : 23.

Agency may involve or incur accountability, but "free agency," never. There can be no such thing or condition as "free agency" in the literal meaning of the term. Its fabricated and religious sectarian meaning may be construed to be very different. It is a maxim in law, "Nam qui facit per alium, facit per se." He who does an act by another does it by himself. That is, makes the act his own. Who made man a free agent ?

If man is a free agent in his acts in relation to his future condition and destiny, how can the Almighty in reason and justice punish him for any acts under such agency, having made him such free agent? If such agency were given, knowing the consequences, where could be the advantage of it, and where would lie the weakness of conferring it?

Some of the consequences of this absurd agency are, that it produces a mutual and harmonious action between the Lord and the Devil, the Lord sentencing the agent, the sinner, to endless punishment, and the devil carrying that sentence into execution, thus producing the relative connection between them of judicial action on the one part, and of executive action on the other part !

#### **Omnipotence.**

The highest, the most transcendent power in the knowledge or belief of man, is the power he intends to worship, the power he calls God. The highest power really, positively known by man, is the power that controls and governs all things in existence. The laws which belong to, are inherent in, and govern all things in existence, are that power.

All else is matter of conjecture, inference and belief, except the prevalent conviction and conclusion that there must be an intelligence as the Author of all things.

The great question is, what is the origin and cause of those laws, as the existence of laws admits and proves the existence of the lawmaker. Who or what is that lawmaker? All else is matter of belief, even when founded upon the best exercise of man's highest intellectual capacities and powers, not having acquired an absolute and positive knowledge of the existence of a Person or Being, as the first cause or author of all existence, that, evidently, being beyond his ability of comprehension.

"But human nature, while it is surrounded by human conditions, ever seeks to comprehend Deity through human conditions, and to measure Him by those conditions alone. You can only understand as much of Delty as is revealed to you through human conditions. Now then be content with the Deity of human life."

It is pleasent to recall the kindly words and friendly greetings with which from time to time we have been met. Encouraging words have an especial value to carnest workers in the vineyards of reform. What are known as the substantial rewards on this earth of ours, are not for reformers, and it is, perhaps, well that it is so. The prizes for which they strive, are not of this world ; at least it would seem to be so, for they but rarely obtain any such, and they daily prove that man does not live by bread along.

Among the vices which have been charged to their account by their enemies, we do not remember to have over seen gluttony included, and a drunken Spiritualist would be as great an anomaly as an unholy bishop. These pet vices they leave to the cleigy and their unfortunate followers, who are much more easily convinced, by crample, of the comfort to be derived from a temperate use of brandy, than by precept, of the efficacy of the sacrament of baptism.

There are hours, doubtless, in the history of all reformers, when the social allenation to which their faith in human progress subjects them, is very hard to bear, and they yearn for that full communion with their kind, which their vocation interrupts. And it is not strange that occasionally some brother or sister who has run well for a season, should grow weary of a race so arduous, in which the goal is not always clearly discernible, and return, as the Apostic has it, to the beggarly elements of the world. Nay, when we consider the sacrifices they must make for the cause they love, we marvel much that such lapses are not more frequent than they are. The pioneer of the grand army of progress must be made of stern stuff ; able to endure buffetings oft, reproaches oft, scoffings many, and all hardness as a good soldier should. But the signs around us indicate a radical change In public opinion. And we are sanguine enough to believe that the time is not far distant when it will be quite possible for a man or woman to be a conscientious Spiritualist without any danger of social ostracism. One of the most suggestive of these signs has been the hearty reception the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL has met with from many to whom we looked for cold indifference, if not positive aversion. During its brief existence it has had so many kind words said of it, and so many warm greetings, that we have sometimes feared that the popularity which is more dangerous than persecution, was coming upon Spiritualism before it had attained sufficient strength to resist the insidious destroyer. Even sectarianism seems to have lost some of its bitterness, for the notices by religious journals have been neither as denunciatory nor as biting as we had expected. One exception, indeed, there was to this rule of mildness, and that was probably owing to the fact that it was not the organ of a sect but of the church. And to make his effort worthy of his constituency, the writer evidently thought that he must concentrate as much acerbity as possible in his attack on the "modern necromancy." When we read this article we felt sad-sad to think how low this once powerful organization had sank, when it had to rely upon so unwise a defender, for the article in question, although ostensibly an attack, is really a defence. How great is the descent from Puley and Butler to the dilettanti who criticises only the dress of a thought, leaving the thought untouched. A decline so abrupt can be explained only in one way. And we laid the paper aside, sensible that this was but another addition to the rapidly multiplying ovidences that the talent of the age no longer enters the ministry of the church. And the places of the intellectual giants who crected the mighty works which stemmed the fide of free thought for centuries, are now filled by weaklings, who, unable to grasp the thoughts of the time in which they live, yent their impotent fury in diatribes that would be unworthy of a disappointed

Were we disposed to follow the example of the Reverend gentleman, we need be at no loss for materials, for every issue of his paper is marked by a want of charity and a sectarian bigotry which simply is disgraceful in the ninctcenth cen. tury. But such articles, we are well assured, are unprofitable and would be altogether unworthy a place in our columns. We are as little disposed to imitate him in his criticisms, as in his religion, which savors more of Judaism than of Christianity. Not one word would we write to ridicale the church with which this gentleman is connected, for well we know that within its pale are to be found many of the most illustrious men and purest wo. men of our age. And thousands of good Spiritu. alists, who, while their souls fully respond to the

angel ministry by which our time is so peculiarly distinguished, still cling to the faith in which their youth was nurtured and their adolescence confirmed. And we should regret it very much, if, in our passing allusion to this matter, we have given utterance to any sentiment at variance with the brondest charity and love for humanity."

Meantime, wherever we turn our gaze the signs are abundant that a great change is taking place in the opinions of men. And the great truths which free thought has dug from beneath the accumulated debris of bygone ages are leavening their lives and making the face of our common humanity fairer to look upon. And Spiritualism, the beautiful genius of the New Dispensation, is going abroad among the nations, with healing on its wings.

#### Woman's Rights.

A great many women have plead for their rights, and a great many are yet pleading. How long they will ask before they get them, the Lord alone knows. It is presumable, however, that a majority of the gender masculine would allow them all they ask to-morrow, were they to ask in carnest and with determination. We are for woman's rights, out and out. We believe that she should do just as she pleases, without let or hindrance.

In all carnestness, ladies - pardon, shall we say women?-why don't you set yourselves about getting your rights ? Were you to play tyrant, as you say we men do, compelling us to betray ourselves as you say we do you, how long do you suppose we would stand it? No, there would be secession in less than a week!

Look at yourselves. You wear long skirts, and heaven only knows what else makes up your " form divine." We stronger men, dressed for action, and expecting todo some rough work in the world, find you ready bound for the sacrifice. What can you expect? The wonder is that you are not treated worse! And when we hear you talk about your rights, how you want to keep store, send ships to sea, run locomotives, and emigrate among the giant pines of California with a seven pound axe on your shoulders, how can we help smiling? It is not intended as an insult at all, but your fair images arise before our fancy as they would look after a week of such adventures. Not that we dislike your trying your hand at them all.

On the contrary, we should be happy to aid you in any strike you please to make. If you want to emigrate and exercise squatter sovereignty in the western forests, or run a steam plow on the prairies, why go in, we are with you. Even to voting, we are yours, and wish you success in routing the vagabonds who somehow clude our masculine vigilance and get into office, by back ways, as rats do into corn cribs. We are for your voting-in fuct your presence would add a charm to the ballot box unknown before.

We believe in strong minded women, and we once thought these were about setting an example, and were starting on the right track, by inaugurating a dress reform. With shame do we write it, how many have remained steadfast? Did we brutes of men compel you to throw aside a good working costume for one utterly unfit for anything else but to play fine lady in ? You say custom, public opinion! Who makes public opinion? If you are in earnest, take your rights, and cast public opinion at the narrow souls governed by it ! Make custom !

Women's rights and men's rights are all one and the same. Each individual should work and act after the dictates of his or her own organization. One question : do you not obtain all the rights the majority of you demand? If two-thirds of the women of America demanded the privilege of voting, do you suppose another election would pass without finding them swarming at the ballot box? You know just as well as we do, that if you were not allowed so to do, just two-thirds of all the houses in the land would be hot places for MENkind l As mothers, the entire moulding of the rising generation is in your hands. Your sons are growing into just such men as your influence determines. On you depends whether they regard woman as a toy, or a being with the love of an angel and wisdom of a sage. If taught to regard you as a weak and dependent creature; to cater to the whims of fashionable sisters; to worship a milliner's lay figure for a wifehow can you expect them to consider you as an equal? When we get married, we mean to carry into practice some favorite theories; we do not anticipate trouble, because we intend to let Betsy Ann do just as she is a mind to. By the way we recommend this course to all husbands, and it is a fine illustration of what we said about women's getting their rights if they would only claim them. You can dam the Mississippl's mighty flood ; you can chain the billows of the angry ocean, you can fetter the forked bolts of heaven, but you cannot turn a woman from her determined way one single jot. Let her go then as she pleases, and preserve your honor by a compliance in which "discretion is the better part of valor." Betsy is bent on long skirts, and we are going to let her wear them. By help of pages, dress elevators, skirt supporters and heaven knows what, she certainly will look divine. Jemima, sallying into the woods with a scren pound axe may be the picture of health and strength -we have no objection to her "coming sparking" us Sunday evening. All we ask is the privilege, if she asks difficult questions, of "asking pa," and a personal veto. We men admire beauty, and women know it. This ridicule of feminine costume is all a sham. Suppose fashion runs into absurdity sometimes, who can deny that its primary ideal is beauty of form ? If Betsey's hat isn't bigger than our thumb nall and of the same shape, she wears a thick veil, and that alone is better protection for her dear head than our "stove pipe" is for ours, and a great deal more graceful. For our part the less a womau's head has on except curls-Betsey's hair curls beautifully-the better. We like a rose behind the car -she, Botsy, wears one.

# Signs of Progress.

Yours for the cause, S. UNDERHILL, M. D. Peru, Illinois.

#### Letter from F. A. Logan.

DEAR JOURNAL :- Thou comest to me laden with divine inspiration, expressed in prose and rhyme, beautiful, outflowing from the deep interior souls of many of the world's earnest workers.

The efforts put forth to ameliorate the condition of earth's suffering children by such minds, will bring about an era of brotherly love and concord vibrating throughout the beating heart of nations until the social evils of to-day shall be numbered with the things that were. But how much selfishness, monopoly, inharmony, misery and want must be brought into close proximity to be overcome by charity, peace and plenty, before an equilibrium can be established or a utilitarian basis founded whereon a more spiritual structure or social equality shall be reared.

To this end the Children's Progressive Lyceum would unfold into beautiful proportions the infantile mind, not by pruning knives or the lash, but simply furnishing genial soil for its growth.

Let Spiritualists everywhere organize, sustain and encourage these Lyccums, and angel influences will attend, and the great " All Father," the living principle of goodness, will crown their efforts.

The Lyccum of this city, under the guidance of Mary F. Davis is in a flourishing condition, contrasting vividiy with the bloated forms and blood

For this day you, dear JOURNAL, are laboring, and I too will take my staff and travel on, "till I a better world do view."

8. M. BECK. Yours truly, Rochester, Olmstead Co., Minn., Jan. 29, 1866.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 20th, 1806.

DEAR JOURNAL :-- I take great pleasure in informing you that the Spiritualists of this city have organized a Society, and have got it into working order. They have engaged Mrs. Allen for the first Sunday in February, and Mr. Peebles for April. Here is a list of the officers chosen :

President-Dr. Samuel Gilbert; Vice Presidents-J. E. Merriman, Judge W. M. Hunter; Treasurer-Wm. Bides ; Corresponding Secretary-Dr. F. Y. Carr ; Recording Secretary-A. H. Morrill ; Janutor-W. H. Miller.

We want reliable test mediums here : if you will send some here they will do well in Memphis. If any will come to Memphis, and write to me, previously, I will engage good rooms for them. I feel that there is a mighty work to be done, and that each and every Spiritualist should put their shoulders to the wheel to help on the good cause. I have a presentiment that in the next five years we will have manifestations stronger than any that have yet transpired.' We need them much: we want men and women to be true to themselves, to lav aside the artificial follies of the present day. My dear JOURNAL, I hope that the holy angels will help you in your good work.

I remain yours truly, THOMAS COOKS. Address T. Cooke, box 802, Memphis, Tennessee.

A CURIOUS FACT.—The finest orange trees in Europe, in the superb collection at Dresden, were brought as ballast in the shape of mere blocks of timber, without roots or branches, in the hold of a German vessel, and found their way to Suxony. Some curious gardener, anxious to know what plant furnished this new wood, planted them, but unfor-tunately inistook the upper end for the lower, and thus actually turned the poor mutilated tree upside down. Yet, in spite of this early mutilation, the long sea-voyage and its subsequent cruel treatment, they have grown and hourished beyond all other o, ange trees on the confinent,—De Vare.

Real stuffed birds and gold and green insects adorn the white lace dresses, in Paris.

Free, without and above control. Agency, a thing or subject of control.

Agent, a thing, subject or being, to control and be controled.

Finally, to conclude all further argument or examination of the subject, there never was, and never could have been any cause, necessity or occasion to give to man the power of free agency so much talked about and relled upon.

If the Almighty has any control of such agent can such agent be free? If the Almighty makes an agent for any purpose, is not such being then the agent of the Almighty, and is it not the office and duty of an agent to do the will of his principal; and if the principal exercises a will in the case, then is the agent free?

Notwithstanding the delegation of this "free agency" of will and power, does it not impose such accountability that if the power delegated is not exercised as intended, viz.; to obtain salvation, that the Almighty is not only justified, but bound by his promises, to "execute eternal vengeance, endless misery" on such hapless agent? Would it not be wise to reject and disclaim all such agency? As no such agency was ever given or required, we may rest perfectly assured that the government of this world, of the universe, of man, and of all things else, will be the government of infinite knowledge, infinite wisdom, infinite power and infinite goodness.

What other power, then, can come in competition or collision with it? " Free Agency" when claimed by popular theology as a power all persons are to exercise, to obtain their salvation from the effects of "Adam's full," makes every person his own saviour, if saved at all. "If, then, there could be such a condition as "Free Agency," it would prove absolute independence, which would be a solucism. The Calvinistic doctrine of the decrees of God.

puts a perfect extinguisher upon the doctrine of 'Free Agency," at least so far as the believers in that doctrine are concerned.

#### EXTRACT FROM THE EVANORLICAL WESTMINSTER CATECHISM.

Q. "What are the decrees of God?

A. "The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the council of his own will. Where- politician.

I will not scold at her extravagance if she only will look pretty; if we wear Kentucky Jean ourselves, we have nothing to say, but to stand by in

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#### Artesian Well Ice.

speechless wonder, admiration and worship. We are, in fact, in just the condition to surrender everything demanded by the more exquisite sex, and if they watched their opportunity, and one by one obtained the mortgage when they discovered a poor soul in such a surrenderable condition, then would there be no need of any more lectures or papers devoted to the subject, but woman would rule the world just as she now does.

#### Sorrows of Life-Their Reward.

Passing along the street, a few days since, we met a pretty little girl of some ten summers crying pitcously. She was neatly clad, and her distress moved us so that we stopped to ask what was its cause. Another girl, about the same age, was also seeking to know what ailed her. We listened and heard her story; she had lost her "monthly report of lessons and conduct at school," and she sobbed out "Oh, if I don't find it I will get a hundred bad marks!" There, thought we, it is the old story of trouble and disappointment; many an older person has "lost his monthly record," and is getting bad marks.

We soon met a friend who had a very splendid country residence and all that affluence could bring to make him happy, but we saw a shade was on his countenance, and he remarked that he had been very unfortunate-a valuable barn had been burned and seven fine horses destroyed in the flamcs.

Another friend had a claim of fifty thousand dollars against Government thrown out by an official, and he did not feel in the most amiable mood.

An old gentleman who has accumulated considerable property, and who is investing a portion of his income in government bonds every year, was deeply troubled about the price of provisions, and expressed his fears that if the taxes were raised much higher, he would be compelled to end his days in the poorhouse. In the evening we met a young lady who was very much "put out" because she could not go to a ball. Her dressmaker had disappointed her.

Feeling rather sad, we thought we would call upon a friend-a lady, who being left a widow, with two small children, was striving to keep starvation from them and herself, by dint of sewing. Ah, we thought, it is very hard to force the food of a family "through the eye of a needle." We found our friend very ill-overwork and close confinement had brought on fever. She was delirious. A kind neighbor, who had been watching by her, begged us to remain a few minutes while she went home to attend to her own family. In her delirium she was happy at times, all unconscious of the dreary life she led; then the picture would change, and with tears in her eyes, she spoke of the dress of the young lady to whom we have alluded. What a life, in which delirium was the only relief she could find. How fearfully had she stitched away her very existence till there was only a wreck left. Musing on these troubles, real and imaginary, we passed an old deserted building ; hearing pleasant sounds, we stopped to listen. Some rude and ragged boys had met and were giving their experiences. We looked in, unobserved, and heard a little boy of about ten years talking and singing in great carnest. "Ha! ha!" said he, "I've had a good time this week. The best one I ever had in my life." "How so, Joe ?" said another boy.

"Why, you see Monday it rained like pitchforks, and I did not have to go out to sell papers. Tuesday was a good day. I made forty-nine cents. We all had a big supper, and dad got drunk. Wednesday I didn't sell much, but as I was going home feeling kind of bad, I spied a V. Didn't I hook it and run for home, and just afore I got there two great ugly fellows stole it from me.

"I cried, but it was no use-so I just thought I'd keep mum and go home. Pretty soon I sees a crowd going along with the police. I run round to see what was the muss, and sure enough it was the same two fellows, took up for passing counterfeit money. I'd passed the same money to them, but nary fellow could say I offered it. I looked in to the alderman's and when I sees them sent down below for trial I felt kind of happy. So I went home

We have just returned from a visit to the Artosian Well. We found over a hundred men as busy as bees in clover time. They are gathering and packing away the crystal ice from the well pond.

We were delighted with the novel machine used for drawing in the ice. This machine consists of an endless chain, one hundred and fifty feet in length, armed with soven hooks of steel. This chain runs on a driving wheel located at the top of the building. It is propelled by steam power. As the chain passes around-the ice is fed into the run-way or slide-each hook catches five or six of the huge cakes of ico, and passing under a friction roller, completes the hold and carries them away up the ascent; from thence they glide to the place of deposit. The machine, though scemingly simple, is a perfect marvel. It gathers in one hundred and fifty tons per hour. The huge cakes are lifted and poured into the mammoth building with such rapidity that, with a slight stretch of the imagination, one could see it raining ice. The machine is the invention of Mr. W. T. B. Reed. As for the ice it is splendld-as pure as diamond. More than fifty thousand tons are yot waiting the workmen's hands.

Should the cholers visit our city, it will find us supplied with wholesome ice.

#### Is It Lawful?

The question has come before the Massachusetts House of Representatives, " Have women a right to solemnizo marriage?" The general statutes provide that "marriage may be solemnized by any minister of the Gospel ordained according to the usage of his denomination," and continually makes use of the pronoun "he" whenever any reference is made to the word "minister." The Committee on the Judiciary was instructed to consider whether any legislation is necessary upon the subject. It has reported that no legislation is necessary, being unanimously of opinion that a woman regularly ordained can, under the statutes, legally solemnize marriage.

The same question has been spitated in this State. and public opinion has decided that if marriages are solemnized by ministers of the Gospel, it does not matter whether they be men or women.

#### Spirit Pictures.

Two or three weeks since we mentioned that a man by the name of Evans was holding forth, on Monroe street, as a spirit artist. He made great pretensions to honesty and willingness to have the matter sifted to the bottom. We made the attempt to ascertain whether he was a genuine medium, and whether he did really produce ambrotype pictures in the manner he pretended-without camera or light. That investigation convinced us that the fellow is an arrant humbug. If he succeeds in convincing us to the contrary, we will tell our readers how he does it.

#### Dr. H. Slade.

Our city readers will remember that Dr. Slade paid us a short visit a few weeks since, and promised to visit us again. He now proposes to redeem his promise.

He will be at the Sherman House on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th, 21st and 22d insts.

He will prescribe for invalids during the day, and hold evening circles. His circles are in the light. No one who visits his circles will charge him with deception.

#### **Besponsibility.**

The editors of THE RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL do not hold themselves responsible for the sentiments expressed by correspondents. Believing in freedom of thought and the right of expression for ourselves, we would not deny the same right to others.

We only ask correspondents to base their thoughts upon principles that will be of benefit to the reader; to write clearly, pointedly, well.

#### Our Thanks.

It is with great pleasure that we tender our thanks to many of our old subscribers and our duly authorized sgents, for their carnest labors in widening the circulation of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

New subscribers are coming in every week, mainly through their efforts, in a manner which greatly strengthens our hands and gladdens our hearts. Every reader of our paper can speak with the utmost confidence of its great worth, as an advocate of our beautiful philosophy. Our contributors are among the very best writers of the present ago. The phonographic reports of lectures from highly inspirational and trance speakers, which we from week to week publish, are not excelled, if Indeed they are equaled, by any other paper.

A continued effort on the part of those who have already done so nobly for us, is urgently asked. Our patrons who have not already sent us the names of new subscribers will receive our warmest grafitude for any efforts they may be pleased to make in behalf of the JOURNAL, besides being entitled to the reward offered them for such new subscribers. We really hope all Spiritualists and friends of the great reforms of the age, will come to our assistance, by sending in a sufficient number of new names to increase our list, so that we may be well sustained in our ardent efforts to make the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL what we set out to make it—the best paper in the world !

#### New Sunday Paper.

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We are happy to announce to our readers that Chicago is about to be blessed with a new Sunday paper.

Sunday publications are now as much a necessity as a Sunday breakfast. Food for the mind is quite as essential as food for the body.

That two political parties are necessary, no clear thinker will deny. Nothing is more natural than for any political party when it remains long in the ascendancy to become intolerant, corrupt and oppressive. Such party is held in check by the vigilance of the opposition press. Therefore we rejoice that a Democratic Sunday Paper is about to be established. We are not only glad that it is about to be issued, but we rejoice also at the bold and independent position the editor takes in regard to the propriety of issuing a Sunday edition.

The hypocritical cant of the Chicago Tribune is boldly assailed and shown up in no very enviable light in the following article, which we clip from the Daily Times of February 5th. We abhor above all other things hypocrisy in a public journal that professes to be in the vanguard of the great cause of human emancipation. While we believe in the emancipation of the African from physical slavery, we equally believe in the emancipation of the human mind from the slavery of ignorance, superstition, theological dogmas, and every kind of religious intolcrance :

#### A SUNDAY NEWSPAPER.

The effort required by one person to sit, at the same time, upon two stools, placed some distance apart, is not, without reason, considered difficult, if not wholly impossible. It is, however, amusing to witness the attempt on the part of others, for the effort is almost always sure to result in a ludi-crous tumble. An illustration of this feat may be scen in the attempt of the senior abolition newspa-per of Chicago to sit down at the same moment upon what may be called the pecuniary stool and the religious stool. That sheet publishes the letter list on Sunday morning, and thus sells a large, but otherwise worthless edition; and this is the pecuni-The same sheet, however, is anxious to ary stool. secure the influence and patronage of the church going element, and this element, or the blinder going element, and this element, or the binder portion of it, objects to a Sunday newspaper. This is the religious stool, and although some distance from the other stool, the sheet in question is making a desperate effort to get upon it at the same time it gets upon the other.

The main argument of the newspaper in question for publishing a Sunday edition, is, that were that edition discontinued, some other less moral publication might take its place. Beautiful philanthropy I How willingly this sheet wilfully violates the Sab-bath to prevent its violation by somebody else. Such vicarious sinning and such vicarious risks of damnation whatever they may seem to be, are, in reality, founded upon the logic of the thief who steals something, and comforts himself with the reflection that if he did not steal it somebody else would.

The following subjects are treated of in a mas-

- terly manner, viz. : 1. Astronomical Religion, 3. Religion of Nature, 3. The Creator and His Attributes.
  - Spirit-Its Origin and Destiny. Sin and Death.
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b. Sin and Death.
c. Hades, the Land of the Dead.
Together with the outline of a plan for human enterprise and an Autobiographical It troduction with an Appendix containing the sayings and senti-ments of many well-known Bpiritualists and other reformers.

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CHURCH'S SEANCES .- Mr. W. T. Church, physical CHURCH'S SEANCES.—Mr. W. I. Church, physical and test medium, having located permanently in this city, may be consulted at his residence, No. 862 Wabash avenue, between the hours of 9 A.M. and P.M. Persons wishing to attend either the scances or developing circles, will find it to their interest to call upon him at their earliest convenience, and procure tickets to the same. Chicago, Nov. 17, 1865. 10.tf

MRS. C. M. JORDAN, Writing and Prophetic Medium, 78 North Dearborn street, Chicago. 10-tf.

MEDICAL NOTICE.-Dr. Henry Slade, Clairvoyant Physician, will examine the sick in person, or by hair, in his office, Merriman Block, Jackson, Mich., every Friday and Saturday. Terms for examination \$2. The money should accompany orders. [15-tf The money should accompany orders. [15-tf

DR. PHRSONS, "THE HEALER."-We copy the following from the Milwaukce Daily News of Novem-ber 16th :

WONDERFUL CURES AT THE DYNAMIC INSTITUTE IN THIS CITY.—The attention of the public here and elsewhere has been called at different times to notice the wonderful gifts some individuals possess in the the wonderful gifts some individuals possess in the healing of disease, and the press has been called upon to give publicity to their deeds. Eastern operators have been here and in Chicago, and crowds have called to be relieved. We desire to say that we have one of these noted doctors in our midst—Dr. Persons; one of the proprietors of the above named Institute whose cures place him in the front rank of all the operators who have as yet the front rank of all the operators who have as yet presented themselves to the public If you visit his office you find in one corner a pile of canes and crutches taken from those who were obliged to use them from five to twenty years, all cured in from five to twenty minutes. Stepping to his desk, he will hand you more certificates of cures than you would find time to perme. He are use for corner would find time to peruse. He gave us a few copies of some performed within a few days, and for the benefit of the afflicted, we publish them. We are satisfied from what we saw that the doctor takes no certificates without the cure is certain. Read the

following : For the benefit of afflicted humanity, I desire to state that my wife, Mrs. A. B. Thomas, has been a sufferer from Prolapsus Uteri, or failing of the womb, and spinal affection with general prostration of the nervous system, at times unable to feed her-This has been her condition for the last six years, for five years wholly unable to walk, having to be drawn about the house in a chair. I brought her to the Dynamic Institute, Oct. 9, 1865, and in ten minutes' treatment by Dr. Persons, she arose from her bed and walked off without help. She has re-gained her health rapidly, and now takes lengthy walks, free from any difficulty. Her speedy reco-very has gladdened the hearts of her many friends, and we cannot refrain from advising all sufferers to go to the Dynamic Institute and get healed.

CYRUS B. THOMAS. Westfield, Marquette Co., Wis., Nov. 1, 1865.

A remarkable case of deafness cured. I hereby certify that my wife, Elizabeth, 26 years of age, has been deaf from her earliest recollection, so much so as to be unable to hear ordinary conversation, always suffered from running sores in her ears. In this condition she came to the Dynamic Institute, and in one treatment of a few minutes by Dr. Per-sons, could hear very well and after the second treatment her hearing was perfectly restored. R. G. SAWIEB, 201 Spring St.

Milwaukee, Oct. 28, 1865.

I hereby certify that my son Rudolphus A. Smith, has been afflicted with nervous spasms for the last five years, having as many as twenty spasms daily, rendering him insensible five minutes at a time, and never free from them for a single day. He came to the Dynamic Institute, Nov. 13th, 1865, and in one treatment by Dr. Persons, he was entirely relieved. My post office address is Chicaktuc, Door County, Wis. JOSEPHINE B. SMITH.

The above Institution is located on Marshall st., No. 587, and within 200 feet of the street railroad.

#### NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

MEETINGS AT CHICAGO. -- Regular morning and ovening meat-ings are held by the First Society of Spiritualists in Chicago.

Waren Chase will lecture during January in Washing-ton, D. C.; first Sunday in February in Wilmington, Del.; second Sunday of February, in Vinciand, R. J.; third Funday of February in Newark, N. J.; during March in Philadelphia, and will spend hext summer in the West.

Mrs. Augusta A. Currier will lecture in St. Louis, Mo., during January. Will answer calls to lecture in the West through the Winter. Address box 815, Lowell, Mass., or as above.

Ira H. Curtis speaks upon questions of government. Ad-dress, Hartford, Conn.

Andrew Jackson Davis can be addressed, as usual, at 274 ('anal street, New York. Mrs. Laura De Force Gordon, Houlton, Me., care of C. E. Gilman, Esq.

Dr. E. C. Dunn, P. O. Address, Rockford, Ill. Rev. James Francis will answer calls to lecture, after the pring opens. Address, Mankato, Minn,

Mrs. M. L. French, inspirational medium, will answer calls to locture or attend circles. Free circles Wednesday eve-nings. Address, Washington Village, South Boston.

J. O. Fish will speak in Providence, R. I., during Decem-ber and February in Lowell, Mass., during January. Ad-dress, Hammonton, N. J.

C. Augusta Fitch, trance speaker, box 1835, Chicago, Ill.

C. Augusta Fitch, trance speaker, nor 1656, Chicago, III. Dr. Wm. Fitzgibbon, the well known Central American traveler and lecturer on the "Lost Blaces, Ruins and Ap-tiquities" of that country, will answer calls to lecture through Pennsylvania and the Western and Southwestern States on the science of Homan Electricity, as connected with the Physical Manifestations of the Spiritual Philosophy, and will Bliastrate his lectures through the mediumship of Miss Elia Vanwie and others. Address, for the present at Wilmington, Deleware Delaware

S. J. Pinney's post office address is Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mrs. Dr. D. A. Gallion will answer calls to lecture, under s) irit control, upon discases and their causes, and other sub-jects. Address Dr. J. Gallion, licaling Justitute, Keokuk, JUWA.

N.S. Groenleaf will speak in Haverhill during December ; Plymouth, Feb. 11 and 18. Address as above, or Lowell,

Isaac P. Greenleaf will make engagements in Maine, Massachusetts, or elsewhere, for the full and winter lecturing scason. Address Excter Mills, Mo.

L. P. Griggs, Magnetic Physician, will answer calls to lettere and heal the sick. Address, Evansville, Wia.

D. H. Hamilton will answer calls to lecture on Reconstruc-tion and the True Mode of Communitary Life. Address, Hammonton, N. J.

J. B. Harrison, formerly minister of the Methodist Prot-estant Church, Kendullville, Nuble Co., Ind.

Dr. Jos. J. Hatlinger, Trance Speaker, will answer calls to lecture on Sundays, or to organized circles during week day evenings, in any part of this country. Will also organize Lyce-uica, and speak, either entranced or in his normal condition. Own be addressed at 25 Court street, New likes, Conn.

Charles A. Hayden will speak in Chicago, during Janusry and Pebruary. Will also make engagements to speak week evenings in the vicinity. Address him cars of the BELIGIO-PHILLOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

Mrs. Lovina Heath, trance speaker, Lockport, N. Y.

Mrs. S. A. Horton, Rutland, Vt.

M. H. Houghton will answer calls to lecture in sny of the Eastern or Middle States the remaining fall and coming win-ter months; will also answer calls to speak week evenings and attend funerals. Pricods wishing his services are requested apply immediately. Address West Paris, Me., care Col. M. H ughton.

Nos Emma Rouston will locture in Elkhart, Ind., during December and January. Would be happy to make further engagements in the West.

Moses Hull will speak in Grand Rapids, Mich., during De-ce uber. Will answer calls to lecture the remainder of the winter

W. A. D. Hume, Cleveland, O.

Mrs. Susie A. Hutchinson will speak in Stafford Springs, Conn., during December. Address as above, or 39 Grape St., Syracuse. N.

Mrs. F. O. Hyzer, 60 South Green street, Baltimore, Md. W. F. Jamieson, inspirational speaker, Decatur, Mich.

Miss Susie M. Johnson will speak in Haverhill, Mass., during January.

Miss Sophia Kendrick, trance speaker, will answer calls to locture Sundaya, week evenings, or attend funerala. Address Lebanon, N. H.

George F. Kittridge, will answer calls to attend public cir-cles and lecture on Sundays, in Northern Michigan. Address, Grand Rapids, box 692.

Mrs. E. K. Ladd, No. 140 Court street, Boston, Mass., will answer calls to lecture.

Dr. B. M. Lawrence will answer calls to lecture. Address, 12 Lincoln street, Buston, Mass.

J. S. Loveland will answer calls to lecture, and will ray especial attention to the establishment of Children's Lyceums. A 3dress, Banner of Light office, Boston.

Mrs. Elizabeth Marquand, inspirational and tron to speaker 97 Walnut street, Newark, N. J., will answer calls to locture Anna M. Middlebrook, Box 778, Bridgeport, Conn.

Leo Miller will speak in Richmond, Ind., through Feb-ruary; in Detroit. Mich., through March: in St. Louis, Mo., through April. Address as above, or 23 Market street, Chi-cago, 111.

Hrs. Mary A. Mitchell will answer calls to lecture upon Spiritualism Sundays and week-day evenings in Western New York, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Would like calls to lec-ture along the direct railroad route to Chicago. Address without delay, Lockport, Niagara Co., N. Y. Dr. James Morrison, lecturer, McHenry, Ill.

A. L. E. Nash, will answer calls to lecture and attend funerals in Western New York. Address Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Sarah A. Nutt will speak in Stafford Springs, Conn., during February. Address as above, or Claremont, N. H.

L. Judd Pardee. Address care Thomas Rathbone, box 1231.

Mrs. Lydia Ann Pearsall, inspirational speaker, Disco, Mich.

and had a good story to tell. So it goes every day when I don't sell nothing. Dad's better off, 'canse he will drink, and mam and I is worse off cos we don't git nothing much to eat. When I do sell good, then dad's worse off and we're better-so it gocs."

In one day's experience we had seen several phases of human life, and the lessons from each and all proved that if we would be happy we must rise above the influences of many of our surroundings. It is not in human power to control all these things which produce so much trouble. Many of them, however, will by proper feelings on our part, cease to influence us very much, and over and out of all we may draw lessons of discipline that shall fit us for higher positions in life.

Trials are the rounds in the ladder of progression. We cannot ascend very comfortably on that ladder by our hands alone. It is not only painful thus to rise, but we need them to carry something up with us; but when we put our feet upon the rounds of this ladder we can mount readily, and carry all that we need with us. So, when we can put our troubles under our feet, we shall move onward and life's journey will be pleasant and happy. One thing is very certain : there can be no active condition of life without trials. Sleep and unconsciousness alone can enable us to escape these; and he is a poor soldier in the battle of life who is not ambitious for something higher than these. Let us then struggle on manfully, hopefully, endeavoring on the one hand to soften the trials incident to life, and on the other to strengthen each other to bear nobly our burdens in the heat of the day, knowing that as we toil on we shall be better able to bear life's burdens. Then shall we realize as all true men and women have, that its joys and happiness far transcend all its toils and cares.

#### Authors.

The following is a list of authors who have gone to the Morning Land the past year : Eliza W. Farnham, author of "Woman and Her Era" and "Ideal Attained." Thomas C. Hallburton, (Sam Slick.) Hunnah F. Gould, poetces. Francis Wayland, moralist. Joseph B. Worcester, philologist. Mrs. J. E. Guskell, novelist. M. Joseph Pierre Proudhon, French political essayist. Mary H. C. Booth, poetess. Lydia H. Sigourney, poctess. Isoc Taylor, Euglish litterateur. Richard Hilldreth, historian. Professor Robert Aytoun, Scotch litterateur.

#### Mistakcs.

Those who read a little article in our last week's JOURNAL, entitled "Suicides," did not fall to see several odd mistakes. The poor printer, of course, was in fault. We never make mistakes, and then our chirography is faultless !

#### A Woman in Office.

Miss Stebbins, of Chickasaw county, Iowa, has received an appointment as Notary Public for that county. She is the first woman ever baving received such a commission, and is represented as eminently competent for her position. We expect next to hear that Iowa has granted the franchise to the "better half" of her citizens.

#### Conference Meeting.

The Spiritualists of Chicago, who are friendly to the organization of a Social Conference, are hereby requested to meet, at 2 o'clock Sunday, (the 11th,) at Crosby's Hall.

#### Lyceums.

Let those interested in the organization of a Children's Lyceum, meet in the Opera House Music Hall next Sunday, at 2 o'clock.

#### Personal.

Mrs. Stephen A. Douglas was married recently to Major Robert Williams, U. S. A., at her residence in Washington. The ccremony was performed by Father Lynch, of the Catholic church, in the presence of a small and select circle of friends of both parties.

Fredericka Bremer, the well-known novelist, has recently died at Stockholm. She was born in Finland, but removed to Sweden at the age of three years. She received a careful education, and was for some time a teacher herself. Her novels, commencing with "The Neighbors," were translated into English by Mary Howitt. Many of them also have been translated into German, French and Dutch. Miss Bremer ouce visited the United States, where her books have been very popular, and where she made many warm personal friends. She was sixty-two years of age at her death.

C. A. Hayden continues to attract large congregations at Crosby's Music Hall. He goes from here to Davenport, Iowa.

Dr. J. P. Bryant is still preaching the gospel "Be ye healed," in his rooms, 153 Dearborn street. A young lady called upon the doctor the other day. One of her eyes was sightless. In five minutes she walked away perfectly restored.

N. Frank White is doing a missionary work in the West. He will speak, February 18th and 25th, in Fond du Lac, Wis. Those wishing his services week day evenings, will write him some time in advance, so he may know how to make his arrangements.

#### To Correspondents.

DR. SLADE .- Bring the picture.

ELVIRA W.-Mr. B, will have a hearing.

MRS. M. A. T.-Our office is full. Contributors must be patient.

K. Sr. JAMES .- We have a child's paper in contemplation.

If the intolerant religious sentiment of Chicago is guiled by the explanations of the senior abolition newspaper, it is its own fault. That newspaper is published on Sunday solely because it pays. If it were a losing concern, it would be discontinued instanter, despite the cant concerning the desire to keep out other publications. Take away the letter list from that sheet, and thus deprive the public of their only motive in buying it, and we should see how long the publication of the Sunday issue would continue.

The Times has too much self respect, and too high an opinion of the common sense of the community, to even attempt the justification of the publication of a Sunday issue upon any such grounds. It has the honesty to avow what the senior abolition concern has the cowardice to conceal, that it publishes a Sunday issue because it pays to do it. This thing of paying is the leading motive in the publication of all newspapers everywhere, upon all days of the weck.

Co-existent with this motive, is the belief, on the part of the Times, that a Sunday newspaper can be made a powerful adjunct in the labor of developing the morality and intelligence of the people. It ranks in influence with the pulpit and the Sunday school; and it is responsible at the bar of public opinion, should this influence be misdirected. It is a firstclass missionary in the field of social reform ; and as such it should be cultivated, assisted and strengthened by all good men. Argument in the matter is superfluous; it is an insult to the intelli-gence of reasonable men, and a base pandering to the lowest instincts of sectarianism, to essay to prove by labored logic that there is any day upon which the powerful influence of the press should be unfelt. As well attempt to prove that there are days upon which the sun should not gladden the carth or the creater and modeling of flowers carth, or the gentie rain moisten the lips of flowers, or the twittering birds cease the rvivacious chorals. As the Almighty does not frown on each recur-

ring Sabbath, nor hang His heavens in black, nor anywhere, either by command or symbol, teach that the soul should, on periodical occasions, cease Its growth and hang itself about with sackcloth, the *Times* believes that the labor of making men happier, of widening their mental horizons, of in-structing them by original teachings, and spreading before them the fruitful examples arising from human actions, should never be discontinued. Like the operations of nature, these labors should be unceasing, knowing neither day, nor night, nor Sun-day, century, nor cycle. When heaven bids its forces cease their workings during any special period, then will men have a warrant for cessations and observances which they now deduce only from barbarous traditious and misconstrued teachings of

good men. The Sunday Times, which will make its first appearance on Sunday next, will be a zealous co-worker in ministering to the happiness and instruction of society. It will be a powerful agent in the dissemi-nation of what is good, and the repression of what is bad. It will not come before the public with an humble, sneaking apology for its appearance; but it will some as used more and wood entroprises but it will come as good men and good enterprises are ushered before the world, whose intent forbids the necessity of apology, evasion, or of deprecation with reference to any class or interests.

#### BUSINESS MATTERS.

EMMA HARDINGE'S LECTURES ON THEOLOGY AND NATURE.—This book contains Six Lectures given through that highly developed and well-known trance medium, Miss Emma Hardinge, besides inuch other very interesting matter.

every Sunday, at Crosby's Opera House Hall-entrance on State street.

Charles A. Hayden is employed as speaker until the first of March.

Hours of meeting at 101/ A. M., and 71/ P. M.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Association of Spiritualists of Washington hold meetings and have lectures every Sunday at 11 A. M., and 714 P. M., in Scaton Hall, corner of Ninth and D streets, neur Pennsylvania avenue. Communications on business connected with the Association, should be ad-dressed to the Secretary, Dr. J. A. Rowland, Attorney General's Office.

PROGRESSIVE MEETINGS IN NEW YORK .- The Society of Progressive Spiritualists hold meetings every Sunday morning and evening, in Ebbitt Hall, No. 55 West 33d street, near

Mr. J. G. Fish is the speaker for March.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum, a new and very at-tractive Sunday School, meets at the same Hall every Sunday Sprakers wishing to make engagements to lecture in Eb-bitt Hall, should address P. B. Farnsworth, Secretary, P. O. Box 6670, New York.

TIMPLE OF TRUTH .- Meetings at the "Temple of Truth," 814 Broadway, New York. Loctures and discussions every Sunday at 10<sup>1</sup>2, 3 and 7<sup>1</sup>2 o'clock. The hall and rooms are open every day in the week as a Spiritualists' depot for in-formation, medium's home, etc., etc. All are invited to come, and make themselves at home.

#### SPEAKERS' REGISTER.

SPRAKERS for whom we advertise are solicited to act as agents for the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Madison Allyn, Rockland, Me. W. P. Anderson, Spirit Artist. Address P. O. Box 2521 New York City.

Mrs. N. K. Andross, Makanda, Jackson Co., Ill.

Rev. Adin Ballou, Hopedale, Mass.

S. M. Beck, inspirational and normal speaker, will receive calls to lecture on the Harmonial Philosophy. Please address him at Rochester, Olmstead county, Minn.

Lovel Beebee, trance speaker, North Ridgeville, Ohio, will respond to calls to lecture.

M. C. Bent, inspirational speaker, will speak in Middle Grauville, N. Y., the first and third Sundays in each month, and in Kingsbury, N. Y., the second and fourth, up to July. Will answer calls to lecture evenings during the week, and attend functure. Address Middle Granville or Smith's Basin, New York New York.

O. C. Blake, of New York City, will answer calls to lecture in different parts of the West upon Grecian and Roman Spiri-tualism, as compared with modern. Address, until further notice, Dahlonega, Wapello Co., lowa.

Mrs. E. A. Blim, of Springfield, Mass., will speak in Wor-center, Mass., Jan. 7 and 14; in Haverbill during March. Address accordingly.

Mrs. A. P. Brown, St. Johnsbury Centre, Vt.

Mrs. M. A. C. Brown, West Brattleboro', Vt.

Mrs. H. F. M. Brown's post office address is drawer 6325 Chicago, Il

Albert E. Carpenter will answer calls to lecture. Address, Putnam, Cons

Mrs. Sophia L. Chappell will answer calls to lecture. Address Forestport, Oncida Co., N. Y., care of Horace Farley. Henry T. Child, M. D., 634 Race street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. L. K. Coonley will lecture in Vineland, N. J., the first, third and fourth Suudays of February. In Wilnington, Del., the first and second Sundays of Narch. Will head in three places as may be desired. Will take subscriptions for the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, and act as speut for the sale of spiritual and reform books. Address L. K. Counley, Vineland, N. J.

Dean Clark, inspirational speaker, will answer calls to lec-inre. Address Butland, Vt., P. O. Box 110.

Mrs. Joanette J. Clark, trance speaker, will answer calls, when properly made, to lecture on Sundays in any of the towns in Connecticut. Will also attend funerals. Address, Far Haven, Coun.

Dr. Janios Cooper, Bellefontaine, O.

Mrs. Laura Cuppy's address is San Francisco, Cal.

George A. Peirce, Auburn, Me., will answer calls to speal upon the Sabbath, week day evenings, and to attend funerals. Mim B. C. Pelton, Woodstock, Vt.

J. M. Peebles, Battle Creek, Mich.

J. L. Potter, Trance Speaker, will make engagements throughout the West to speak where the friends may desire. Address Cedar Falls, Iowa, P O. Box 170, until further notice.

G. W. Rice, trance speaking medium, will answer calls to lecture. Address, Brodhead, Green county, Wis.

W. K. Ripley will speak and heat in Plymonth, Mass., from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1; in Every from Jan. 7 to 11.

A. C. Robinson, 15 Hawthorne street, Salem, Mass., will an swer calls to lecture

J. T. Rouse may be addressed P. O. Box 305, Elkhart, Ind. Miss Belle Scougall, inspirational speaker, Rockford, Ill.

Austin E. Simmons will speak in Woodstock, Vt., on the first Sunday, in Bridgewater on the second Sunday, and is East Bothel on the fourth Sunday of every month during the coming year. Address, Woodstock, Vt.

Mrs. Susan E. Slicht, trance speaking and singing medium, will answer calls to lecture wherever the friends may desire. Address, Portland, Mo.

Mrs. Fannie Davis Smith, Milford, Mass.

Mrs. Mary Louisa Smith, trance speaker, Toledo, O.

Mrs. H. T. Stearns. Permanent address, South Exster, Me.

H. B. Storer, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. C. M. Stowe will answer calls to lecture in the Pacific States and Territories. Address San Juss, Cal.

Miss Martha S. Sturievant, trance speaker, 12 Warren street. Boston.

Elijah R. Swackhammer will answer calls to lecture on Communitary Life, the Commonwealth of the New Dispensation, Spiritualism, and kindred subjects. Address, 97 Walnut street, Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Sarah M. Thompson, Inspirational Speaker, 36 Ban street, Cleveland, O.

Benjamin Todd, Normal Speaker, will lecture in Charles-town, Mass., during December; in Washington, D. C., in March. He is ready to answer calls to lecture in the New England and Middle States. Address as above, or care of Banner of Light office.

Mrs. M. S. Townsend will speak in Worcester, Feb. 18 and 25; in Proy. N. Y., during March; in Philadelphia, Pa., du-ring April.

Hudson Tuttle, Berlin Heights, Ohio.

Dr. Samuel Underhill, Pern, Illinois.

F. L. Wadsworth speaks in Milwaukee, Wis., during Feb ruary. Address accordingly.

Lois Waisbrooker may be addressed at Massilon, Ohio, P. O. Box 84.

B. S. Wheeler, Inspirational Speaker, will answer calls to lecture. Address Danner of Light office.

N. Frank White will lecture in Milwaukes, Wis., through January; Ourro, Wis., February 3d and 4th; Berlin, Wis., February 11th; Battle Creek, Mich., May and June.

Alcinda Wilhelm, M. D., inspirational speaker, will lecture in Quincy, Ill, and Hannibel, Mo., during February and March; in Kanesa during the summer, and in lows in the fall. Address, care of B. A. Colby, box 738, Quincy, Ill, antei further notice

Mrs. Mary J. Wilcoxson, Hammonton, Atlantic Co., N. J. Mrs. N. J. Willis, trance speaker, Boston, Mass.

Dr. F. L. H. and Love M. Willin. Address, 192 West 27th street, New York.

Capt. E. V. Wilson's address for January, 1866, will be New Albany, Ind.

Mrs. Mary M. Wood will speak in Worcester during March, Will answer calls to lecture in New England up to that time. Addrem as above.

Elijah Woodworth, Inspirational Speaker. Address, Lealle, Ingham Co., Mich.

Mra. E. M. Welcott is engaged to speak half the time in Danby, Vt. Will receive calls to speak in Vermout, New Hampehire, or New York. Address as above, or Rochester, Vermont.

Henry C. Wright will answer calls to lecture. Address Bela Marsh, Boston.

Selah Van Sickle, Maple Rapils, Mich., will answer calls fo lecture in that vicinity

Mrs. Frances T. Young trance speaking medium, No. 13 Avo splace, Poster, Mass.

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MRS. A. H. ROBINSON, A well-developed trance medium, and may be implicitly relied upon as coming from the source they purport to—the spirit world.

#### JANUARY SO.

#### INVOCATION,

Unto Thee, Thou spirit that governs, permeates and pervades all things-Thou that art ever present within and around us-Thou that breathest upon us eternal truth-Thou that art manifest in the radiance of the sun-Thou that we can see in the stars by night-Thou that doth exist in the rose and the perfume thereof-Thou that dwellest within all mineral, vegetable and animal life-unto Theo we would approach, as we realize that Thou doth exist. We would call for a more perfect understanding of our own individual selves; we would learn of Thee to be wise for all time; we would prepare ourselves, oh spirit of truth, for a more entire reception of Thee into our interior natures; we would bring all to realize that which they aspire for to-day, has its existence, and that by a proper investigation and preparation of themselves they can receive Thy light and Thy understanding, so that they may be enabled to drink in of the life, the purity and the love that exists on every plane of life. We would have the children of earth realize that although we have passed from their plane of existence, yet we have aspirations within our souls for a higher and more perfect development of the interior germ of life.

We would go on with the investigation of oursolves, and as we receive more light we would impart it to them. At the same time we would call their attention to their own interior convictions of truth and right-to a thorough understanding of that which is within, as well as that by which they are surrounded. We would call upon Thee that Thou mayst bring us all to that perfect understanding that we shall be enabled to see Thee in every form and manifestation of life, and also to realize that all is in accordance with the will and design of the great creative Principle-God. Unto Thee we would offer praise and thanksgiving, our Father.

#### JANUART 31.

WILLIAM BAILEY. If you will just be kind enough to say that William Bailey is exceedingly anxious to communicate with his friends, you will much oblige me. I was thirtyone years of age the March before my death in August, 1863. I would like to say a great many things, but I do not feel at liberty to at this time. I wish to inform them that I can return. Then I think they will give me a chance to talk by making conditions right. I believe there are mediums that I could influence better than this one. However, I do not wish to complain of what I find, but I shall try and find one that is more susceptible to my influence, through whom I can converse with my friends freely. You may send this to Arthur Bailey, Springfield, Mass.

LOUIS ROGERS, OF LITTLE ROCK, ARK. I think it is a very good idea to make the best of what you can find. [To a gentleman present.] Don't you? That spirit said he could do better with another medium. Well, my folks; all of you knew one thing in particular about me; you always gave me the credit of being on hand like sonse-we always had a plenty of souse in the house-I have not got over that yet. I want to give you a little bit of an idea of where I am, and how I get alongwho I see, and all about it. Now, as to where I am. I suppose you would call it heaven. But I call it a world. It is just as much of a world as the place where you are. I believe there is pretty nearly everything here that you have there. But we have got the best of everything. We have the cream, while you have the skim milk. As for employment and enjoyment, you can have anything that you desire. There is the best sort of a chance for an education, for unfolding and developing the interior nature, the man and woman part. Then we have a chance of talking to you, which is better than singing one cternal psaim tune.

Had we as great a heaven as you ever pletured. and as I ever dreamed of-streets all paved with gold, white stones, beautiful mosaic work and sweet abroad-this place would be better than that. It seems to me, my friends, that you have not really waked up. Now I wish to wake you out of that condition. I will not forget to tell you where I died, and where I was sick. Oh, no, I never forget the essentials. If I tell you where to send this, will you send it ? [Yes.] I think you may send it to Cornelius Rogers, Little Rock, Arkansas. I did not commence very affectionately, neither sm I going to close up very affectionately. I do not feel like expressing inyself very sympathetically, because when I leave the medium I shall not feel as though I was going away. I don't believe in shedding tears at all. I want you to consider well all that I have said to you. You need not ask me to come again through this medium, because you can just as well give me a chance at home. I see that you want me to be particular and give my name. It is Louis Rogers, of Little Rock, Arkansas.

who remain upon it for any considerable length of time. You desire names, that you may satisfy others, but not yourself, of my identity. In order to gratify you more thoroughly, I will give you your initials-nothing but your initials-P. B. R. My initial after marriage was F. My husband is with me. All the dear once who passed to this beautiful plane of life before I did, are with me. The dear ones all send love to you, and bid you be happy and cheerful; for ere long a bright morning shall shed its light upon you.

FRBRUARY 1. WILLIAM DAILESMAN.

(Spirit arranging the medium's showl, said :] I want to get everything right. Then I shall be ready to go right straight along. This is a strange way of dolug business. I do not know whether I shall get everything fixed just as I want it, or not. I am going to try, however. The truth of the business is I want to say so many things that I hardly know what to say first. I want to say that which will be received well, so that I will feel satisfied when I go away from here. I declare it is so strange, so different from anything that I expected, that I am quite taken aback. [Lifting the medium's arm, and opening and shutting her hand.) Just think of what I am doing. I know that this is not my hand and arm, but it seems as though it was mine. It is strange how on earth I use this medium. [Question by gentleman present-" We would very much like to have you explain the manner in which you control the medium.] I am not capable of that. I do not understand it myself. I had a desire to say something to my friends; and seeing others giving messages, I concluded to try and see if I had sufficleat power. I cannot tell how it is that I do it. [Does it seem to be by an exercise of your will power ?] I cannot say ; I know that I have a strong desire to control. [Do you at this moment seem to be clothed with a physical form ?] This body seems to be mine. I feel interiorly that it is mine; yet when I cousider, I know that it is not mine. My senses tell me that it is not, yet my feelings would lead me to think otherwise.

Now, I will speak to my father, mother and sisters. I care more about talking to them than I do about the manner of controlling. It is enough for me that it is true-that I can come back. It is true that I have passed over the hard road of death and gone to heaven, and now over that same road I have come back again, and found this person, whom I can make subservient to my will. I shall not say everything that I would like, because it would not be agreeable to you to see it in print. You do not like others to see the letters you receive and send away. Now understand this, that William Dallesman has access to the mode of manifesting himself to you one and all, after what we always called death. [A spirit by the name of William E. Dailesman communicated here once before, was it you?] No. it was not me. It is death to the old body, but not death to that which moves the body. A wagon is of no use, unless you have something by which to draw it. It is just the same with the body-it is of no use after death. I did not die. It was only my body, that you were accustomed to see, that is dead-that has gone to its mother earth. Remember, my spirit lives on, not clothed with fiesh and blood like yours, nevertheless it is a body that corresponds to the body that I had when I was with you. I am not two persons. I know that I am right here-that my spiritual body is right here. Whatever I should choose to do with the body of this medium, I could, with the permission of those persons that have greater power than I. Should I attempt to do that which would be injurious to the medium that I now have possession of, I should be removed by her guides. In this way they would make me subscrylent to them, precisely upon the same principle that I make the medium subservient to me. It is well that it is so, or perhaps in my anxiety to come to you, 1 might bring such strong powers to hear that I would take the medium and go to you regurdless of consequences. I am very anxious to converse with you just as I did before my death. It is not strange after an absence of fourteen years, that I should desire to do this. I fear I am occupying too much time. I am but one of thousands who are ready and anxious to send messages. Therefore, inasmuch as I have taken up considerable time, and told enough for you to get an idea of my feelings, I will say but a word or two

from you. I was the last to go, dear mother. I was pained at the thought of leaving you, when your heart was nearly broken by parting with so many. My mother's name is Martha E. Moore, Muscatine, Iowa. We were living there six years before my death. Now dear mother, grieve not, but feel the Divine assurance that all will be well. Dear father, your husband, and all of your children will be with you often-some one of us all the time. Your affectionate and loving daughter, Eliza.

#### QUESTION DY ELIJAR POUND. Q. Is spirit immaterial?

A. There is no such thing as immateriality. That which is immaterial is not findable. Inasmuch as you can find that which is seemingly immaterial, it proves conclusively that there is no such thing as mmateriality.

#### QUESTIONS BY L. M. PARSONS.

Q. Is not the race in all its characteristics recast in every birth—or, in other words, is not birth an extension of the race, its history and memorics, instead of a new beginning ?

A. It is a new beginning to the spirit, from the fact that it is placed upon a material plane, where it takes cognizance of everything by which it is surrounded. Most certainly it is an extension of the race, and makes a part of its history ; but not until it becomes familiar with the past, does it take cognizance of the past, nor is it benefited by it any farther than its surroundings are made better from the conditions and improvements of that past. I do not see that it is recast. I do not feel it to be so. Yet it is a beginning to the spirit that is born and clothed with the material. It is in accordance with the laws of nature that all immortal spirits should be first clothed with the material, when born upon the material plane.

[Question by a lady present.] Does not the question mean that the history of the past is written upon the soul of every subsequent birth?

A. Things of the past could not make an impression upon the tablet of the memory, until that tablet is established and you become an individualized immortal soul. I cannot see the impression of the past made upon the brain, or upon the soul, until after the organization of that brain or soul. I know that it is claimed by many that they have a clear conception of the past. I have nothing to prove that to me, neither do I feel it to be in ac. cordance with natural laws. Before you can make an impression, you must have something to make the impression upon. We are a part of God. When we speak of God, we speak of the living principle of the whole universe. When you come to divide that, you do not expect one part to possess the intelligence of the whole?

Q. Is not nature individualized by an organic economy, intellectualized by functional experience and spiritualized by intuitional communion?

A. Individuals do become intellectualized by expericuce. Spirit or spirituality exists in the germ ; it is the living principle in the human soul. It is spiritual from its birth, therefore it does not become spiritual or spiritualized by communion with spiritual bodies. The spirit is the life principle of all nature.

Q. Is not the understanding functional, and the instinct inspirational?

A. I consider them both as one, and these manifestations are in accordance with natural laws, or the laws inherent within each individualized being. and conditions by which it is surrounded. The instinct is not inspirational, and I do not see anything functional about the understanding. The understanding and instinct are two different names for one and the same thing. I see no nice distinction between the two. Instinct is knowledge in a germinal condition.

Q. Is not education simply teaching the understanding what the instinct knows ?

A. I cannot make that nice distinction between the understanding and the instinct.

Q. Is not instinct knowledge equal to the wants of physical and spiritual life?

A. I shall most certainly say no, because if you say that instinct knowledge is sufficient, whence the necessity of our understanding ? Look at the inconsistency of the thing. If that were the case it would do away with education and everything of the kind. I say that it is not.

Q. Is not instinct knowledge the "holy writ" of r understanding-the inspiration of our senses?

A. We believe each to be a part of one universal whole, and that within each is the germ to be unfolded which will enable it to receive all that is necessary for its growth and happiness. Strange as it may seem we sometimes get diamonds out of the mire; but I cannot see the diamond in that question.

Q. Is not premature death, in reference to spirit life. like upto premature birth in reference to carth llfo ?

A. We cannot admit there is premature death. We hold that all things are in accordance with the desire and will of the pervading power that governs all; and not seeing or knowing everything that is necessary for the development of the life principle of each human soul, it is not well to say that its death is premature. The condition in the spirit world may be better for it than longer continuance on the material plane of life.

#### QUESTIONS BY BLIJAI FOUND.

#### Q. Why is it darkest just before day?

A. The setting of the stars is like the setting of the sun, and the morning light approaching dims the shining stars, consequently it must be darkest just before day. [ED. QUERY .- Is it darkest just before day ?]

Q. Why is it that Ben Franklin, and other celeb rities, purport to influence so many mediums?

A. A vast number of spirits wishing to communicate, assume such names, hoping thereby to gain attention. Many spirits at the present time assume the name of Abraham Lincoln, and ere long his name will be as common as Ben Franklin's. Many spirits think their communications will be more satisfactory with a distinguished name attached to them.

#### FEBRUART 5.

- PUTMAN, OF JAMESTOWN, N. Y. I see just exactly how you are fixed. I see how little impression I can make upon you, too; but that little will set you thinking, and perhaps after a while you will be brought out of those old stereotyped ideas. I have come to the conclusion that what constitutes death is the laying aside of that which is false, and taking on that which is true. Now I do wish you would set yourselves thinking a little, and give attention to what I want to say to you. Do not limit the powers of the great Creator. and deem it impossible for me to come back and talk to you. I hardly know what to say to you. I want you to become more famillar with matters and things here. I want you to have a little better idea of what death is-of what it is constituted. I do not suppose it is of much use to urge you. You will believe just as fast as you can understand. The spirit thus far had spoken in a very feeble tone of voice, but now gave utterance in a clear, forcible tone, when the reporter inquired if another spirit had not taken control of the medium.] The spirit said, No; I seem stronger to you because I have received help from other spirits.

I staid on earth long enough to have a clear idea of matters; and I have been here long enough to have an idea of how things are here. My name is ----- Putman, of Jainestown, N. Y. 11

#### ELLEN FLEMING.

Poor old gentleman, he was a little confusedcould not talk as he thought he could before he got possession of the medium. I think he will be enabled to do better in future. I think if his friends could see the effort that he made to say what he did, they would surely appreciate what few remarks he made.

I desire that you should send what I have to say to my husband, William Fleming, St. Louis. That is not the place where I died, but he is there at present, and I cannot rest even in beaven, without talking to him-bidding him beware of the course he is pursuing. My husband, you feel remorse. You feel as though you could not do differently from the way you are doing. If you will believe that I am with you, I will strengthen you in your efforts to forsake the course that you are now pursuing. I want you to be a true and noble man; you can be one if you will only exercise the talents that you are possessed of in the right direction. It is sad, sud, that you should devote so much of your life to that which is worthless to you, and of no possible use to any one clss. I wish I could bring you to realize that I know your course-to realize that I am often with you, and can see your mind vacillate, scarce knowing what to do. At such times I would that I had the power of one of the Apostles of old, and could strengthen you and give you nobler aims. I would lead you into that path of life that should bring joy to you in the present existence and the future state to which you are hastening. I am with you every night. I see your hours of restlessness-I see the condition of your brain at the time. My dear husband, as you value my happiness, leave your present course, and endeavor to be brave, noble and true. Our babe is with me. Could I have known what I have since my death, I should not have grieved so much when she was taken away from us. I now see that it was for the best. She is a lovely, bright little creature, and inasmuch as you desire to be with us both after death, you must refrain from the life that you are now leading, so that you may be enabled to enjoy all that we now enjoy, and more than all else, have a clear conscience. If you will visit some reliable medium, I will talk with you. Your loving wife, Ellen. [To the reporter.] I thank you for your kindness. Good bye.

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From the New York Citisen. A Woman's Conclusions,

BT PROLE CART. 1 said, if I might go back again To the very hour and place of my birth; To the very hour and place of my our Might have my life whatever I chose, And live it in any part of the earth;

Put perfect sumshine into my sky, Banish the shadows of sorrow and doubt; Have all my happingness multiplicd, And all my suffering stricken out;

If I could have known in the years now gone The best that a woman comes to know; Could have had whatever will make her blest, Or whatever she thinks will make her so;

Have gained the highest and purest bilas That the bridal wreath and ring enclosed And chosen the one out of all the world That I might, or could, or would have chosed ጠ. ለከተ

And if this had been, and I stood to-night By my children, lying asleep in their beds; And could count in uy prayers, for a rosary, The shining row of their golden leads;

Yeal I said, if a miracle such as this Could be wrought for me, at my hidding—still E-would obcose to have my past as it is, And to let my future come as it will!

I would not make the path I have trod More pleasant or even, more straight or wide; Nor change my course the breadth of a hair, This way or that, to either side.

My past is mine, and I take it all, Its weakness—its folly, if you please; Nay, even my sina, if you come to that, May have been my helps, not hindrances?

If I saved my body from the flames Bocause that once I had burned my hand; Or kept inyself from a greater sin By doing a loss-you will understand-

It was better I suffered a little pain, Better I sinned for a little time, If the smarting warned me back from the death, And the sting of sin withheid from crime.

Who knows its strength, by trial, will know What strength must be set against a sis; And how temptation is overcome . If has learned, who has felt its power within!

And who knows how a life at the last may show? Why, look at the moon from where we staud! Opeque-uneven, you say; yet it shines, A luminous sphere, complete and grand [

So let my past stand, just as it stands, And ict me now, as I may, gruw old; I am what I am, and my life for me Is the best-or it had not been, I hold t

Letter from New York.

DBAR EDITOR :-- I have been a constant and careful reader of your most excellent JOURNAL from the first number, and have derived unspeakable satisfaction in its perusal; and my carnest desire and prayer is that its light may never be less. If all Spiritualists, liberal and free-minded men and women in our land will join me in the same prayer, and in the same effectual manner, by putting their hands into their pockets to contribute to its material aid, according to its high deserts, the glorious light it now reflects will increase in power and volume antil there is not a dark spot upon God's green earth. To let the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL and the Banner of Light go down, or even languish for proper support, would be such a shame and disgrace to us all, as could find no parallel amongst men. If these two newspapers were sustained according to the ability of their professed friends, even in Spiritualistic ranks, the power they would wield in the land would be a thousand times greater in liberalizing and Christianizing the minds and hearts of the people, than the combined opposition of all the so-called religious and secular papers of our country, whose united efforts are mainly directed to the conservation of dark, mysterious, improbable and impossible myths of the long past ages, dead as Julius Cæsar.

Let us all, therefore, make it a paramount, not duty, but a delicious pleasure, to set aside every semi or whole year a sum sufficient to pay the subscription to one or both of these gloriously spreading lights of the angelic spheres.

Miss Lizzle Doten is doing a great work here. Her discourses during her present engagement at liope Chapel and at Ebbitt's Hall, have steadily increased in power and interest with the crowds who flock to hear, and who hang breathlessly upon her divinely-inspired utterances, as given from time to time by her. Miss Doten is one of the most effoctive speakers it has ever been my privilege to hear. Her statements are clearly made and argued with a logic and fervor that never fails to carry conviction to her listeners. She rests her transcendentalisms (if, indeed, she ever indulges in them,) upon solid earth. She stands upon the known, and goes out as far as she can convey her audience with her, into the unknown. It is next to the miraculous that such a petite, fragile body can stand a strain fit for a giant. For one, I feel a regret words cannot express, that she is about to leave us for a time, and I believe I but speak the sentiments of all here who have been favored, as I have been, in hearing her. However, it is a comfort to know that if our loss is great, you of the great West are to be gainers, as it is understood, I believe, that she next ministers to the people of St. Louis. Wherever she goes, may God bless her, and may His best-beloved angels have charge over her-comfort, sustain and uphold her at all times and in all places. Mrs. Emma Jay Bullene, who has alternated with Miss Doten, between Hope Chapel and Ebbitt's Hall, for the past two or three months, is also doing a noble work for humanity in this awful modern Sodom. Mrs. B. is a most pleasing and powerful speaker. To say that she is barely inferior to Miss Doten is no invidious comparison, but commendation that any one could be prond of. In the sphere of question answering she is very excellent, the best I have ever heard - prompt, concise and jucid. Being controlled in her oratorical efforts with closed eyes militates, I think, sgainst her appearance on the rostrum. There is surely an increased and increasing interest felt here in our angelic religion. The various places of public meetings are well attended, and by a class of people who, in looks, at least, would be no sufferers by comparison with other congregations. Gray and baid heads greatly predominate. In addition to the fact above named as an evidence of a growing interest in Spiritualism, it may be noticed that all mediums, clairvoyant, impersonating and other phases, for healing and diverse purposes, who have any reputation at all for reliability, are full of applications from morning till night. Some there are, I am informed, who keep their time engaged a week or two ahead. Nicodemuses are getting to be very numerous and much bolder than of old, as they do not always go by night to inquire the way to be saved. The most hopeful sign of promise in the redemption of the human race, through the organized operations of the "last, best " religion to man-Spiritnalism-a redemption from its ignorance, bigotry, superstition, and all kindred evils, is to be found, I believe, in the "Children's Lycoum." It commences just where all reforms should, at the fountain head. Purify that, and the stream will be pure. It is to be hoped that this Children's Lyceum, now including those between four years old and fifteen, will be made to include children of the largest growth,

#### LOUISA A. LINDSAY.

I died in Westfield, New York. My friends are there, and if you will send to them the few remarks I shall make, I shall be very glad indeed.

Some spirits, I am aware, seem to think because they have strong powers of manifesting themselves. others must of accessity have the same, I have not that power to a great degree. It is by the aid of those who attend these occasions that I am enabled to say what I do. . This is the first time I ever influenced any one. Perhaps I may do better another time. I want to say that I am happy. My happiness consists in the happiness of others who are dear to me. I know that it will be a great happlness to you to feel confident that I have the power to manifost myself and converse with you. I was eighteen years old at the time of my death. I died of quick consumption. Schul this message to Martin Lindsay, Westfield, New York. My name is Louis A. Lindsoy.

#### EMILY.

Dear Father, I felt that you would recognize me from my message given a short time since through the columns of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOUR-NaL; and it gives me pleasure to be thus enabled to express to you my ideas, and simply give one name, and then have you recognize me from that. How dear the thought, you said, is it to our souls, that you in spirit life have the power within and around you of conversing with us, and although separated by the hand of death, that you can greet us who are yet in the material form. Then grieve not, nor mourn for the early departed ; rather rejoice that they are free from all caros and anxietics to which the children of earth are subjected,

satisfied that it is iore in order that you may be me. I was twenty-four years old when I died. Please send this to my mother, Mrs. Abigail Dailesman, Georgetown, D. C.

ELIZA.

I do not while to complain, but I really do not think that it is quite right for my brother to take up so much time. He remarked that a great many were waiting. I do not wish to be selfish and envy any one their chance of talking to their friends.

I want to say a few words, just sufficient for my folks to know me. I died of chills and fover. [The medium shook like one having an ague fit. A shawl was placed over her shoulders, and the spirit drew it closely around her, thanking us kindly.) I shall not be cold after leaving the medium. We only feel cold as we approach a body that is subject to the cold. [ Do you have a return of the same feelings that you had before your death?] I seem to. I feel chilly. [Is it not a psychological condition, induced by your recollection of your condition in the last days of your earth life ?] I am not able to tell. I know but very little about this way of conversing. It is my first effort. [Do you now while controlling feel as though you were living upon the earth plane ? ] Yes sir, I do. My father, two sisters and one brother are with me here, dear mother, and you feel alone. I do not wonder at it, we were all taken from you so suddenly-all within the short space of four years. I want you to realize that slthough our budies are laid in the grave, our spirits are with you-some one of us constantly. We do not feel willing to leave you alone. Perbaps the time will come when you will see and believe, and have no doubt in regard to the power that we powers of talking to you. We will not blame you, dear mother, yet it would give us pleasure to have you listen to us, and let us talk to you from time to time. Certainly it would be a great comfort and consolution to you if you could feel our presence and our nearness to you-then you would not feel so much alone, nor would you feel that all you have has been taken away. Sometimes you feel almost crushed to the earth, and can hardly realize that God is a God of justice-that He was loving and kind, when you was so suddenly deprived of so many of your family. But let me say, dear mother, that although by disease we were compelled to leave our bodies, we have not left you. Parhaps it was for some wise pursoes that we were taken. Do not complain, but have confidence in the future

-believe that all will yet be well. The same God that rules all children of earth, is with me now. I fear I shall talk too long, like my brother, who

preceded me. It is now two years since I was taken

A. I shall again say that I do not conceive it to be so. By one question of our friend we are led to suppose that he held that instinct was all that was necessary for the understanding and the growth and development of the human soul. In another he seems to separate instinct from reason, and cultivate reason by instinct or surroundings.

Q. Are not all sacred writings instinct efforts to teach the understanding ?

A. I know of no sacred writings. It may be that that remark will disturb some one, but I cannot help it. The writing of a truth does not make it sacred. Because a person has come to a realization of any truth, it does not make that truth any more sacred. The intention of each writer was for the sacred good of the individual self. I hold that it is sacred thus fur and no farther. This idea of sacred writings or sacred books is in accordance with the teachings of old theology, and not with reason and the philosophical ideas of to-day. Hence I say that I cannot conceive of any secred writings. All are good in their place as histories to refer to. All truths contained in the Bible are good, but no better because they have been long tenerated by a certain class of individuals.

Q. Does not instinct perception overlean birth and death, and the logic of our understanding, and gather supplies from the vast area of our immortality ?

A. That is quite a question ! You are inclined to look upon that in a serious manner. My friend would read from the tablet of memory before he ever had a tablet-he would read from something where there is nothing-would read the impression upon the tablet of the memory after death, when the improvaion has not been made. I cannot see the point he tries to make by such a question. Q. Is not the attribute of creation an instinct

power and ever used to supply its wants?

A. I wish my brother sould be present to propound his mighty questions ; I would like to talk with him. Some of his ideas are pretty good, but on the whole he is rather fossilized. He is going to make instinct God after all. I think, in common parlance, my brother has instinct upon the broth. We cannot conceive of impressions being truly termed instinct; neither can we conceive of a want in the creative power, or of instinct bring its attribute. That is, we cannot conceive of the creative power having wants. We would speak of patural instinct as properly belonging to the animal kingdom, and of reason as belonging to man.

Q. Is not everything endowed with all the attributes of power, and instinct knowledge of its use, within the premises of its sphere, which we attribute to God in the universe of spheres ?

ALL FOR LOVE .- This is not a had story of what happened to an English traveler in the Urimea. It is French of course, and is told by M. Louis Noir. It appears that the Englishman was madly in love -11 Scotch vivandiere at Balaklava, and borod with a Scolch vivandiere at Balaklava, and bored her with his addrosses. The young woman, uo longer able to endure the aunoyance, forbade him the door. After many vain attempts to overrule her objections, the tourist finally determined to commit aukide, but in presence of the great events which were being played out, in no pairry manner. Having first bequeathed his fortune to the vivan-dium he evened a dam hele to be the his bore. diere he caused a deep hole to be dug, in which he placed twenty pounds of powder; over this exca-vation a slab was laid, and upon it the rejected one, cigar in mouth, took his scat. He trainquilly fin-ished his weed, which was no doubt a good oac, and not ca-liy parted with, and then applied the expir-ing embers to the magazine below. "L'erplosion est les " and two minutes later a charred inasa derealing from heaven, fell into the port-s mass which astonished lighth scamen recognised as a human body, and proceeded to fish from the water. human body, and proceeded to use from the aven.<sup>40</sup> There was a general cry of "a man from heaven.<sup>40</sup> Some declared he had been kicked out of heaven, some declared he had been kicked out of grief. It oth ra that he was an acronaut come to grief, proved to be the Englishman, who soon recorthis ensurements and the virality, bouched by this proof of affection, capitulated. The blowing up was not so extraordinary as some may fancy, for, adds M. Louis Noir, Capt. Perder was blown up with his battery, and was found sitting five hundred yards off, wondering what in the devil had happened, and not the least bit hurt.

The original will of George Washington has been once more placed in the archives of the State of Virginia, after eacaping the vicinitudes of the last four years. It is in Washington's clear and distinct handwriting, and the signature is stached to every name

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until holiness shall fill the earth as the water does the occan. To Andrew Jackson Davis, and his angelic guides, the world owes a greater debt of gratitude for this glorious "plan of redemption" than to any single reformer who has heretofore blessed the earth with his presence ; and I believe, too, this debt will, ere long, be acknowledged, and It may be even in the carthlife of our good, noble. and loving brother. By the way, I see that this friend to humanity, and his dearest Mary, were the recipients of a purse of \$800 from a few of their friends in this city on New Year's Day. Would It had been eight hundred millions! Would not the crooked ways of carth be made straight, the barren, desert spots be made to bud and blossam as the rose, while this money lasted? How many bowed and bleeding spirits, amongst earth's poor children, wearily striving for the means to keep "body and soul together," would receive comfort and consolation, were there such almoners as Andrew Jackson and Mary F. Davis abroad, with a purse long as their souls are large.

May the richest favors of the All Father rest upon them forever and ever, is the sincere benediction of one who is very nigh a stranger to them both, save through their public labors.

L. W. RANSOM. Yours, for the truth, January 25th, 1866.

#### Letter from J. B. Robinson.

DEAR EDITORS :- Well done, RELIGIO-PHILO-SOPHICAL JOURNAL! If you continue for the next nincteen numbers to improve in intellectual power, as you have in the previous numbers, you'll become a mighty force in the dominion of mentality. And really, why shouldn't you? There's food enough, both mental and physical, to sustain such an organ, or should be, at least, among four millions of minds aspiring to know the mysteries of being-the most important of all investigations that can engage the attention of mind at all.

The Banner of Light, also, should not only live but grow so large and fat, that it should be able to smear all minds in the land with its "oleum mentea." Such contributors as Eivira Wheelock, and her ilk, follow us positives of the planet with their sharp mental sticks, to obtain equal rights in this rudimental sphere; and although she may fail to reach the acme of her aspirations where she thinks she ought to, and when she ought to, yet in the very fact of her clamoring for them, she shows that those rights do exist in principle in the elements, although their organization has not yet reached development. Mind can never aspire for that which does not exist in some condition for it, either in principle or development in the elements. But it is quite obvious that "woman's rights" are not yet developed, or why should she still cry out for them? She may rest assured, though, that their existence in the unfolding elementary principles will most certainly ensure their development, for "there's nothing hidden that shall not be revealed."

So, ladies, comfort yourselves with the assurance that your rights are put down in Nature's grand programme. But you won't obtain them one moment sooner than you are prepared for them, although you should scream and scream for them till your dear little lungs are very near upon bursting; though your screams, alias agitations, are also in the programme of unfolding those rights from the elements (as motion develops mind,) yet you'll find that the male has got to see his own good involved in the attainment of those rights (the selfish brate) before he'll be ready to yield to the fateful principles which unfold them from those elements. Those principles can't proceed one instant faster with their labor, than the elements which contain their forces, are prepared.

Hurry only perverts them from their legitimate unfoldment. But there is a point I wish to urge in the discussion of the woman's rights question, and

the risk of her life, she granted his request. It is evident that she was fully sensible of her danger in granting the favor, for in pressing him to tarry and eat before he left she said, "I have put my life in mine hand and have hearkened unto thy words." 1 Samuel 28: 21.

2d. Nothwithstanding in his prosperity she had narrowly escaped his destroying sword, yet when he lay before her prostrate on the ground in deep affliction, and she saw that "there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no bread all the day nor all the night," she accused him not of his wrongs nor held hardness against him, but killed her fattened calf, baked unleavened bread, and gave him and his servants as good a meal as she could get up on so hasty an occasion. She fed her enemy, not to heap coals of fire on his head, but in accordance with the kindness of the sentiments of her heart.

8d. She did not do it for pay, for no money is mentioned, and it was a free offering on her part.

4th. She did not do it in anticipation of future rewards, for Samuel had just told her that Saul would fall in battle on the morrow, and his enemy reign in his stead.

She showed more Christianity than any other person in the old Testament.

> Now who shall say the witch of Endor. Who, with a calf both fat and tender, Fed him who sought her life in blindness Was not a saint in Christian kindness?

#### A Puritan Sunday.

As everything connected with the social life and customs of the first settlers of New England is of much interest to their descendants, we propose to give as correct a description of a "Sunday in New England," two hundred years ago, as we can collate from our former annals. The Puritan Sabbath commenced on Saturday afternoon. No labor was per-formed on the evening which preceded the Lord's day. Early on Sunday morning, the blowing of a horn, in some villages, announced that the hour of worship was at hand; in other places, a flag was hung out of the building occupied as a church. In Cambridge, a drum was beat, in military style. In Salem, a bell indicated the opulence of the settlement. The religious services usually commenced at 8 o'clock in the morning, and occupied from six to eight hours, divided by an intermission of one hour for dinner. The people collected quite punctually, as the law compelled their attendance, and there was a heavy fine for any one that rode too fast to meeting. The sexton called upon the minister and escorted him to church, in the same fashion that the Sheriff now conducts the Judge into our State Courts. The minister was clothed with mysterious awe and great sanctity by the people, and so intense was this sentiment that even the minister's family were regarded as demi-gods. The Puritan meeting house was an odd structure.

The first ones erected by the Colonists were built of logs, and had a caunon on top. Those standing two centuries ago were built of bricks, with clay plastered over the courses, and covered with clay-boards, now called clap-boards. The roof was thatched, as buildings are now seen in Canada East. Near the church edifice stood those ancient institutions-the stocks, the whipping-post, and a large wooden eagle to confine offenders against the laws. Upon the outside of the church, and fastened to the walls, were the heads of all the wolves killed during the season. In front of the church, in many towns, an armed sentry stood, dressed in the habili ments of war. There were no pews in the church. The congregation had places assigned them upon rude benches, at the annual town meeting, according to their age and social position. "Scating the meeting house," as it was called, was a delicate and difficult business, as pride, envy, and jealousy were active passions in those days. A person was fined if he occupied a seat assigned to another. The elders occupied scats beneath the pulpit. The boys were ordered to sit upon the gallery stairs; as "boys always will be boys," three constables were employed to keep them in order. Prominent before the assembly some wretched male or female offender sat with a secret letter "A," or "D" on the breast, to denote crime against the stern code. We make a few extracts from the laws of the New Eugland Colonies respecting the Sabbath : "The Sabbath shall begin at sunset on Saturday.

"No woman shall kiss her child on Sabbath or fasting day.

"No one shall run on the Sabbath day, or walk In his own garden or elsewhere, except reverently to and from meeting. "No one to cross the river but with an authorized

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## Mrs. Grundy Continued.

#### BY SADA BAILET.

No doubt some of the children understand that Mrs. Grundy is not an individualized person, but the name given to fashionable gossip.

It is said that women in particular are in the habit of gossiping. If this be true my little sisters, let us form an anti gossip society; the little boys may join, if they will promise to be good, and not make fun of the girls.

If we can organize enough of these societies to abolish the institution of Mrs. Grundy, we can do as great a work as the anti-slavery societies have done, in laboring for the abolition of American slavery.

Have you ever noticed that when any one dares to act independently, to dress unfashionably, to talk or to act differently from the rules of St. Custom, that his or her name is soon sent abroad on the tongue of gossip?

Among the mottos which I used to hang on my schoolroom wall, was one printed in large letters, "Mind your own business," and this is a very useful lesson to be learned, not only in the schoolroom, but in all departments of life.

One of Mrs. Grundy's most hurtful proclivities is to misunderstand and miscontrue whatever she hears. We should be very careful to form the habit of repeating correctly what we have heard.

A good man once said, "It is my rule, in repeating what I have heard, to put a good construction on it if it will possibly admit of one, if not, to say but little about it."

In which way can we do the most good ; by speaking of others virtues or of their faults?

From the Boston Investigator. THE POOR WIDOW, AND THE AVARICIOUS LANDLORD; OR, RETURNING GOOD FOR EVIL.

#### BY MISS LYDIA MENDUM.

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

In the little town of L\_\_\_\_, lived, not many years ago, a poor widow, whose only means of sup-port for herself and three children was her needlo. The house in which she lived was situated a short

The house in which she lived was situated a short distance from the business part of the town, and though old and gray for the want of paint, yet it presented alway an appearance of neatness. The place had been purchased by the wildow's husband of Esquire H——, an old and wealthy bachelor, residing in the same town, but was only partly paid for at the time of the husband's decease; and house the busband's decease is and here and though the widow had toiled early and late ever since that melancholy event, which occurred several months previous to the time our story several months previous to the time our story commences, she had not yet been able to save any-thing towards meeting the last payment on the place, which would, she knew, be due the first of the cusuing month, and would have to be paid then, or she would be driven with her little family from the dear home in which she and her husband had sport on many honyy days that the more had spent so many happy days, that the mere remembrance of them now gave her a sad pleasure, and imparted a sacredness to every spot in and around it. Esquire H. she knew to be a hard man, who would show her no mercy should she fail to much the payment promptly; consequently it was with great anxiety that she awaited the advent of

the otherwise welcome month of May. But it came, on the swift wings of time, notwith-standing her anxiety; and before noon on the first standing her anziety; and before noon on the first day of that lovely month her two younger children came running into the house, like timid frightened fawns, both crying with one breath, "Mother! mother! "Squire H—— is coming up the road, and I guess he is coming here." They had hardly said the words before he walked in with a grave and pompous air. "Good morning, Mrs. Lewis," said he, addressing the poor widow, who rose with true womanly dignity to receive him. "I supposo," he continued, "that you are well aware that the payment on this place is due to-day." "Yes, sir, I know it," said the widow, sighing, "but I am not prepared to meet it. I hope you will be so kind as to walt a few days. I think I shall be able to pay you all in two or three weeks," "I will not walt that time, no—not one week," replied the 'Squire, that time, no-not one week," replied the 'Squire, gruffly. "The money," continued he, "is due to day, and if it is not paid I shall take measfo-day, and if it is not paid I shall take meas-ures to have the mortgage closed at once, and you will have to leave forthwith." "But," pleaded the poor widow, "do you think that would be just? You know I would gladly have had the money ready for you could I possibly have carned it, sir, any way, but I could not and support my children with only my needle to aid me." "I will hear no more," growied the 'Squire. "It is the same story energy ing with you kind of people; you are naver every time with you kind of people; you are naver ready to pay your honest debts, and then you blame ine if I want my money when it is due; but the law is on my side, and that is enough. Now, hark ! madam, and mind what I say, for I mean it. I will matan, and mind what issy, for i mean it. I will call again this evening, and if you have not the money then I shall proceed to take possession of these premises as soon as the law will permit." Having delivered himself of this maganimous aneach, the Souire left the house, and the poor speech, the Squire left the house, and the poor widow sank trembling and half unconscious into a enair. She had hoped that the 'Squire might be more compassionate than he had the credit of being. She was aware that the money must be paid, but she did not think he would defined it that very day. She thought surely that he could not be so hardhearted as to refuse to wait a few days. She was therefore overcome with, feelings of sorrow and indignation when she heard his blunt and inhuand model; and it was several minutes before she could gain her usual self-possession. She sat in her chair like one stupefied or stricken dunft with some terrible heart-agony. But after a half hour had passed in this painful state of mind, she began to collect her scattered senses, and to think what was best to be done. She knew that to sit there and griere would not do any good, so she determined to arouse herself from the heavy stupor of grief that had come over her, and see what she could do that had come over her, and see what she could do to help herself out of her great trouble. Suddenly she remembered there was living in the village an old and weaking greatlemen named. Waid, who had been a great friend of her husband in his boyhood and youth, and who had the reputation of being very kind and generous, and she resolved to go to him at once for coursed and aid. So putting bu her bonnet and shawl, she set out. It was but a short walk leading up to the old gentleman's house. As she ascended the broad marble steps of the elegant manaion, her heart almost failed her. She had never asked for, assistance of any one in her life— how could she do It how? But she twas nakions to save for them, and thus gained courage to ring the save for them, and thus grained sourage to ring the bell. Sho was directly shown into a large and clegantly furnished parlor, and after waiting a few minutes the gentleman of the house made his appearance, and screeced her very cordially and appearance, and extended her very sordially and bladly: so much so that she felt quite at home with him; and after the usual remarks concerning the weather had passed between them, she reminded him of her husband, and then told him all her mis-fortunes, and mackly asked for the Joan of a sum sufficient to meet the payment on her house. "Critainty, certainly, madam," said old shr. Waid, who had listened to her story with molsched eyes; "I am mass theoretic relation render you any eyes; "I ain most hearthy glad to render you any assistance in my power. Your husband, Mrs. Lowis, was an excellent young man. I esteemed him highly, Wis an executed young man. I esterned a many, and was grieved to hear of his early death. I have but recently returned from Europe, where I have spont the last three years in traveling, but I shall stay at home now among my friends, and hope to

see you often; for as the widow of Charles Lewis I shall always feel an interest in you, and I hopo you will feel free to come to me whenever you are in trouble." Saving this, the kind hearted old gentlewill feel five to come to mo whenever you are in trouble." Saying this, the kind-hearted old gentle-man left the room a moment, and returning, placed in the widow's hand the money she so much heeded. She took it, and while the grateful tears glistened in her eyes, she thanked him in broken accents, and telling him it should all be paid if she had her health and employment, she then bade her new found friend good day, and with a heart swelling with joy and gratitude, she went home a happy woman; and meeting her children with an affec-tionate kiss, she told them her good fortune, and sat down to her work, feeling more at ease than she had folt for months before. In the meantime the 'Squire had gone home, say-ing to himself, "Now I shull get the place back again, and have a chance to sell it at a higher price; that is what I call being hucky." On reaching home he retired to his elegantly furnished library and continued to muse on his prospective good for-tune in a self-congratulating manner till near sunset, when he again wended his way to the cottage of the widow. She saw him coming, but did not fear or even dread his approach, because she knew she had it in her power to defeat his selfish purposes. He walked into the honse without any ceremony, and with a pompous, hanghty alr, as if he already folt that he was master, then helping himself to a

had it in her power to defeat his selfish purposes. He walked into the honse without any ceremony, and with a pompous, haughty air, as if he already felt that he was master, then helping binself to a chair, he sold, "Good evening, Mrs. Lewis; I sup-pose you have the money ready this time." "Yes, sir!" was the prompt reply, as she handed him the money, at the same time regarding hfm with a look of scornful indignation. The 'Squire was completely taken aback at this unexpected turn of affairs, and evidently know not what to say. He looked at the widow a moment in perfect amazement, then slowly collecting his scat-tered senses, he said, gravely, "I am glad of it, for I should have been obliged to turn you and your children out of doors." "I have saved you that trouble," said the widow quickly, "and now I will be obliged to you if you will relieve me of your presence; I believo this is my house now, sir." "Yes," said the 'Squire, blting his lips with rage, as he strode out of the house. "Baffled this time, by Jove!" he muttered, as he passed out of the door, "and by a woman, too!" he added, giving the gate an extra slam as he closed it behind him. The widow witnessed his departure with a sense of joy, and embracing each of her children told them that the home was all paid for, and 'Squire H. could never trouble them again; but, she added, "you must be good children, and do all you can to help mother pay the good man all the money he hasso kindly loaned us to-day." They all promised they would, and with this resolution stroug in their young hearts, they went to bed, and sleeping, dreamed happy dreams. We will now let two or three years slip quictly

young hearts, they went to bed, and sleeping, dreamed happy dreams. We will now let two or three years slip quietly away, and look again upon the subject of our brief history. We find the widow getting along nicely. She has been comfortably supplied with work, has paid her kind friend Mr. Waid all the money he let her have, and has considerable left. The children are needy group on and are able to take care of are nearly grown up, and are able to take care of themselves, but they all live together in the old homestead, which has had a fresh coat of paint, and looks as cheerful and pleasant as the smiling faces of its happy inmates; for happy they are, and in this condition we will leave them and look after

"Squire H. Things have not going so smoothly, with him as with the widow's family. He has lately made seve-ral large investments in some new schemes, and has bet sevel will will got the weather the lites along lost nearly all his ill-gotten wealth. He lives alone without friends or associates, save those he fluds at without friends or associates, save those he finds at the grog-shops, which he frequents daily and indul-ges there in the intoxicating bowl, hoping thus to drown his troubles. His habits of dissipation have injured his health, and the village people were at last startled by the intelligence that 'Squire II. Is lying dangerously ill of fever, and has no one to take grate of him. He has been a bard man all his lying dangerously ill of lever, and has no one to take care of him. He has been a hard man all his life, and now in his sickness there is little pity or sympathy felt for him; no one except the widow Lewis had charity and compassion enough to go to him and offer assistance. She goes to him as soon as she hears of his illness and his forlorn condition. She calls in others to assist her, and they tend him faithfully till he recovers which is not, for

condition. She calls in others to assist her, and they tend him faithfully till he recovers, which is not for several weeks. On New Year's day he is able to go out for the first time since his long illness. Again is he seen slowly wending his way to the cottage of the poor widow. He rings the bell and 'is promptly admitted by the widow herself, who greets him kindly and invites him into her cheerful parlor and offers him a comfortable easy chaft by greets him kindly and invites him into her cheerful parlor, and offers him a comfortable easy chair by the fire. He accepts her hospitality with a quiet and subdued air, and after resting a moment and drinking a cup of excellent coffee that the widow had ordered her daughter to prepare for him, he looked at her, and with lips quivering with emotion, he said, "This is the happiest New Year's day I have seen since I was a boy, for you have saved me from a drunkard's gruve, Mrs. Lewis, and taught me the beautiful lesson 'That it is more blessed to give than to receive.' Will you tell me now," he added, "what motive led you to come and take care of me in my sickness? I am sure you had more reason to hate me than almost any other per-son in the village, for I sought to injure you the son in the village, for I sought to injure you the most of any." "I had no motive whatever," rejoined the widow,

"save that which springs from a sincere desire to follow the teachings of Confuclus and of Christ, who, in the 'golden rule of life' given by the former and reiterated by the latter, have told us, 'to do unto others as we would have others do unto us." This I strove to do, and hence I could overlook the past and come to you when you were sick and needed assistance." "Well," said 'Squire II., "I thank you for it, and henceforth I will try to imithank you for it, and henceforth I will try to imi-tate your example. But now that I am nearly well, I suppose you will feel that you have done your duty and will not want to be bothered with me any more, so I will bid you a good day and go back to my lonely home." "No-you will do no such thing," said the widow; "you will stay and take a New Year's dinner with me and my children, it is nearly ready, and you will be welcome." "Do you mean to heap more coals of fire on my head?" said 'Squire H., sadly. "Nol I act from no such motive; I wish to illustrate istill further the noble "Squire IL, saily. "No! I act from no such motive; I wish to illustrate still further the noble principle I advocate, of good will toward all man-kind," said Mrs. Lewis, leading the way to the dining room, whither they had been summoned by the familiar sound of the bell. That New Year's dinuer was one long remena-bared by 'Squire H., and he was often heard to remark afterwards that if every one would treat their neighbors as kindly as Mrs. Lewis, there would never be any such crusty old bachelors in the world as he had been, but we would all be more like brothers and sisters, and learn to do to each other as we would have others do to us. This is a good lesson for New Year's day, 1860. May wo all learn it, and then live it.

#### Alligators' Nests.

These nests resemble havcocks four feet bigh, and These nests resemble haycocks four feet bigh, and five feet in diameter at their basis, being constructed with grass and herbage. First they deposit one layer of eggs on a floor of mortar, and having covered this with a stratum of mud and herbage eight inches thick, lay another sot of eggs upon that, and so on to the top, there being generally from one to two hundred eggs in a nost. With their talls they then beat down around the nest the dense grass and receds five feet high, to prevent the approach of unseen enemies. The female watches her eggs until they are all hatched by the heat of the sun, and then she takes her brood under her own care, defending them and providing for their own care, defending them and providing for their subsistence. Dr. Latenburgh, of New Orleans, once packed up one of the nests, with the eggs, in a box, for the museum in St. Petersburg, but was recom-mended before he closed it to see that there was no danger of the eggs being hatched upon the voyage. On opening one a young alligator walked out, and was soon followed by the rest; about a hundred of which he fed in the house, where they went up and down stairs like young puppies .- Harper's Monthly.

# A "HOSS CAR" ADVENTURE.—Arlemus Ward had an adventure in Boston, which resulted as follows: I returned in the Hoss Car part way. A pooty girl in spectacles sot near me, and was tellin a young man how much he reminded her of a young man she used to know in warltham. Pooty soon the young man got out, smilln' in a seductly manner. I said to the girl in spectacles—"Don't I remind you of somebody you used to know ?" "Yes," she said, "you do remind me of one man, but he was sent to the penitentiary for stealin' a barrel of mackerel; he died there, so I conclood you ain't him." I didn't pursoo the conversation. HOSS CAR" ADVENTORE. -Artemus Ward had

CONUNDRUMS .- Why should a chicken hatched by steam be closely watched? Because his mother does not know he is out.

Why is a molasses barrel on the wharf like a besieged city when relief is at hand? Because suckers are near.

In what respect do gold miners differ from all other people? They never say die, though all their carthly ambitions are ore.

What Islands in the Mediterranean often remind what islands in the Alediterranean often remind you of women at sea? The Cyclades (sick ladies.) Why is a quilt like a railroad? Because there are sleepers under it. Why is the sleve-cloth of a flower mill like a balky horse? Because it bolls the coarse. Why is President Johnson like Chimborazo? Because he's the greatest of all the Andies.

The Falls of St. Anthony, in Minnesota, are rapidly undergoing a change. During the spring of 1850 they receded about 250 feet to the middle of the river, and nearly 140 feet further the next spring. It is not improbable that in a few years they will be destroyed altogether, leaving nothing behind but a long reach of rolling, tumbling rapids.

Things should not be done by halves. If it be right, do it boldly; if it be wrong, leave it undone. Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated.

#### Shot Making.

We find in the New York Tribune the following interesting description of the process of making shot, as it is practiced at a factory in that eity: The brick tower, situated immediately in the rear of the building, and connected with it, is some-thing less than 200 feet in height and about 60 or 70 in discumentaria. thing less than 200 feet in height and about 60 or 70 in circumference. At the bottom is a well of cold water, and the summit is entirely devoted to the meiting machinery—the pan or sleve through which the shot falls being situated in the center and quite small, say a foot and a half in diameter. The lead is conveyed to the summit in pigs or bars, and there melted. Before being poured into the pan it is slightly mixed with crade arsenic, to prevent oxy-dization. It is then dipped into the pan, and the shower beneath begins; for every ladleful that is dipped into the pan about half a ladleful is dipped back and returned to the kettle over the fire, in order to prevent that in the pan from hardening. back and returned to the kettle over the fire, in order to prevent that in the pan from hardening, which it otherwise would before entirely passing through the sieve. As it is, much of the lead, in passing through the holes of the sieve, comes out in elongated drops, in the salue way as the dripping of water, thus causing a great deal of imperfect shot, which is still further increased by the soft shot touching each other, when but a short way down, and adhering together. Toward the foot of the tower the full of lead has almost a precise resemblance to an ordinary shower bath, but any one holding his haud within the

bath, but any one holding his haud within the leaden rain will soon be convinced that with the appearance alone the resemblance ceases. We freappearance alone the resemblance ccases. We fre-quently read, in the battle accounts of the recent war, of "leaden bail," the "rain of bullets," etc., but that those favorite expressions were the height of hyperbole would be quickly proved by a view of the actual leaden showers to be witnessed at a shot tower, for certainly no body of men could remain standing against them for the space of five minutes. Now and then some straggling drops shoot off to one side, and are flattened as they strike the boards, as though beaten out with a hammer. Standing on the ground floor of the tower, the shot can be seen and heard falling and hissing into the well beneath, the water of which is sepashed up high as it receives the driving, seething

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They glady consented. The gentleman sat down by his side, silently praying the Holy Spirit to sub-due the dulprit's heart. After hwills be tried to take the hud's hand, but he pulled it angrity away. He then remarked :

"Why, how cold you are, my dear lad, and here have I been sitting with coat and muffler on, and you without either. You shall have nine."

the gentleman rose to remove his mutiler, but he victory was won. The key of kindness had the victory was won. The key of kindness had unlocked the boy's sullen heart, and jumping from his seat, he threw his arms round the gentleman,

his seat, he threw his arms round the gentleman, and said, solbing: "Fill say it, sir! Fill say it !" If teachers knew the value of this matchless key of kindness, they would bear it about with them continually. It is master key which fits all hearts. It may need skill to get it into some peculiarly stubborn spirits, but it certainly fits all, and can, by patience, be made to open the worst. Try it, teacher, for you may assure yourself that if you cannot accomplish the end of your mission by its aid, you esnnot reach it at all. Harsh words, ill-temper, reproofs, never win the affectious of children or youth.

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the openings, while the imperfect ones, not having the same momentum, fall through and are gathered

the same momentum, and through and are gathered up to be melted over again. The next process is separating the different sizes from each other. This is done by a sort of chest of drawers, the top of each drawer being covered by in a sleve—the coarser at the top and thence becom-ing finer towards the bottom. This enfinet is kept in a swinging motion to and fro by machinery, thus shaking the inized shot which is poured in at the typ, from drawer to drawer, until all the different

top, from drawer to drawer, until all the different sizes are duly assorted into separate compartments. The shot has now a dull, dusty color, the finor grades appearing more like sand or black meal than a mass of separate and uniform globules; and the next operation is to polish it. This is performed by putting it into revolving cylinders, the interior of which are coated with black lead, and from which the shot is at length projected, bright and shining as beads of glass. It is next put into bags, and then is roady for shipment. and then is roady for shipment.

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