Eruth Genrs no Mash, Bows at no Suman Shrine, Seeks neither Place nor Applause: She only John a Bearing.

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A MARVELOUS MANIFESTATION.

A Spirit Wedding at Leavenworth, Kansas.

(From the Leavenworth (Kan.) Times.) It is well known to the public that Colo-nel Eaton, of this city, is a Spiritualist; and in this, as in everything else, he is thorough—he does no half-way business. He is well known, not only to the people of Kansas, but to the people of the country generally. The prominent part he has acted in Ameri-can politics—being now, as for many-years past, a member of the National Democratic Committee—has made his name familiar to the people of the country. For years past he and his wife have been firm and consistent believers in the spiritualistic philosophy. They have made frequent visits to the residence of Mott, the celebrated materializing medium, at Memphis, Mo., and while there Col. Eaton has received proofs of the reality of

of the reality of which, if true—and he has no reason to doubt them—ought to convince any rational man that those who have "shuffled off this mortal coil" do not only still live, but have the power of appearing to and conversing with their friends in the flesh. He has had satisfactory interviews with Gov. Wilson Shannon, Col. Isacks and many others— names which, in the past, were familiar to the people of Kansas, but which now

"Have been carved for many a year .
On the tomb.

Having been intimately acquainted and associated with these gentlemen, politically and socially, during life, he naturally feels implicitly confident of his ability to recognize their identity, and the proof being such as the independ cannot resist it must be as the judgment cannot resist, it must be admitted by believers and unbelievers alike, that his belief in the reality of the demonstrations he has witnessed, is, to say the least, not at all surprising. During one of the visits referred to Mr. and Mrs. Eaton saw and conversed with their daughter Katle, who died at the age of three weeks,

and who has now been At many subsequent meetings they saw her, and conversed freely with her, and she was also seen by many other visitors, some from this city, whose names might be given to substantiste the report, if any additional evidence were necessary. During one of their interviews above referred to, the young Jady informed her parents that she

had long been ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED to Benjamin Pierce; a son of the late Frank-lin Pierce, and who died, or rather, entered the spirit life, while his father was President of the United States, and had been in the spirit land about twenty-five years. She communicated to her parents all the details of the affair, telling them when and where

the ceremony was to be performed, and making arrangements to have the wedding supper and party at the residence of her parents, in this city. She informed them

THE WEDDING DAY would be the 20th of June, and that if the proper facilities were afforded them she and her husband would visit her parents the same day, and be with them at the wedding supper in their own house. Accordingly before the time arrived all the necessary arrangements had been perfected. A cabinet, for the accommodation of the medium, was prepared, Mr. Mott and his wife came over from Memphis, Dr. Dooley came up from Kansas City, and everything was made ready for the interesting occasion. On the evening above named there assembled at the residence of Col. Eaton, a select company, consisting of the distinguished medi-ums above named, the immediate members of the family, Col. H. D. Mackay, and possi-bly one or two others. The welding feast was repared, and the guests were on hand at the appointed hour. The room was partially darkened and Mr. Mott took his place in the cabinet. Owing to the unusual force required to materialize two forms at the same time, Dr. Dooley also took a seat in the cabinet along with the professor. The table was spread, the guests were seated, places were reserved for

places were reserved for THE BRIDE AND GROOM, plates were laid for them, and an elegant plates were laid for them, and an elegant bouquet placed at each place, according to the bride's directions. All was now ready for the appearance of those in whose honor the company had assembled, and the guests waited the appearance of the bridal party. But they had not long to wait. The announcement was soon made from the cabinet, that the spirits were ready. The guests one after another, were invited up to the aperture where the lady and her husband were presented, both appearing with perfect distinctness, and very life-like, receiving the guests pleasantly, and entering freely into conversation with them. After this, one account says, both spirits walked out of the cabinet, across the room, and took the places prepared for them at the table. The bride were an elegant heavy satin dress, white as the light, with the conventional flowing marriage vail and orange blossoms. The groom wore the regulation black broadcloth, and white vest with full blown rose in this vicinity are done blooming. This would seem to prove that in the Sumbarr, and the roses bloom perpetually. Af-This would seem to prove that in the Sum-her-Land the roses bloom perpetually. Af-ter receiving the congratulations of their friends, and narrating the particulars of

the marriage-explaining how and where in the Spirit-world the ceremony had been performed—the bridal party put off the semblance of mortal body and earthly hab-iliments, which they had donned for the occasion, and betook them to their home in the Spirit-world, or, perchance, to their ce-

lestial wedding tour.

Our account of this extraordinary wedding is given from the most reliable reports that we have been able to obtain in relation to it. Our reporter had an interview with Mr. Mott at the depot Menday evening, as he was leaving the city, and has also con-versed with others who were there, and all the main facts narrated above may be re-lied upon by the readers as absolutely cor-There is considerable hard feeling among the Spiritualists of the city because so few of them were invited to be present on an occasion of so much interest, but as we have said above, the whole affair was we have said above, the whole affair was intended to be strictly private, and we should not have felt at liberty to report it, full of interest as it is, were it not for the fact that a hundred silly rumors are affoat in regard to the occurrence, which can only be corrected by a plain statement of the facts—and such we have herein endeavored to give

STATEMENT BY ONE WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE PIERCE-EATON SPIRIT WEDDING -AN INTERVIEW WITH COL. H. D. MACKAY.

Reporter .- Was our account of the matter, as published in the Times of Wednesday

morning, correct?

Col. M.—Yes; as Col. Eaton says in his communication which you publish this morning, it was substantially correct, in the main, but it contained one or two errors.

Rep.—Please state what they were.

Col. M.—Well, first, you said that Dr.

Dooley was in the cabinet with Mr. Mott during the materialization. This was an error. Dooley, myself, and others were in the cabinet with a large to had a support of the colors. the cabinet during the day, to help to magnetize it, but at the time the demonstrations took place there was nobody inside but Mott. All the rest of us were seated around the room, in full view of each other, and the

cabinet door was locked.

Rep., Did Mott bring the cabinet with him or superintend its construction?

Col. M .- No; it was not the usual spiritual cabinet, but simply Mrs. Eaton's pantry, with a hole cut in the door. Mott never saw it till he was taken into it for the séance, and did not know till that time, where he was to sit. There were no fixed up arrangements or machinery about it—simply the pantry with the dishes removed.

Rep.—Where was Mrs. Mott at the time the materialization was going on? Col. M.—She was seated in the room with he rest of the company, by the side of Mrs.

Mackay, I believe.

Rep.—What time in the night was it?

Col. M.—It was not in the night at all, but at high noon, on one of the brightest days of the year. The blinds were closed to keep the sunshine out, but it was light enough to see distinctly everything in the room.

Rep.—Did the bride and groom come out

of the cabinet? Col. M.—No. But they presented them-selves at the aperture of the cabinet and all the guests saw them distinctly and conversed with them.

Rep.—Did you, or any of the others present, at any time, see two forms in the cabinet at once, during the time that you say Mott was in there alone?

Col. M.—Yes, frequently; and at one time we saw three persons in the cabinet at once, and while they were in sight, and conversing with those on the outside, we could distinctly hear my little boy, running all around, inside, and ringing a bell.

Rep.—Do you know that Mott was in his place in the cabinet, at that time?

Col. M.—Yes; I could not see him, but I

sat close to the partition and could distincty hear his heavy breathing; at the same time the three forms were in sight, and the bell ringing all around the cabinet.

Rep.—The boy referred to is your little son, who died a few years ago?

Col. M.—Yes. He has been frequently seen and conversed with, by myself and his mother. We saw him and talked with him

on this occasion.

Rep.—Do you think it possible you could have been deceived?

Col. M.—No. Even if it were possible for Mott to personate three people at the same time, all talking at once, it would not be possible for him to personate a little boy so perfectly as to deceive his own parents.

Rep.—Did you see any others—that is, any other spirits—on the occasion referred to?

Col. M.—Yes, several. The most of them were personal friends; two or three were persons known to the Lesvenworth public. Ex-Governor Shannon appeared very dis-tinctly, and Col. Eaton and myself con-versed with him for some time.

Rep.—Were there any others?
Col. M.—Yes; Judge Mayo appeared, and

talked freely.

Rep.—Did he give you any information in regard to the manner of his death?

Col. M.—Not on this occasion, but he told me all about it at another time, when I met him at Mott's.

Description of the saw his death occurred to the saw

him at Mott's.

Rep.—How did he say his death occurred?

Col. M.—He was on his way to Oiney, Ill.,
as you are aware, to attend to some important business in connection with the bank
there, in which he was interested. It was
very important to certain parties that he
should not appear there, and he tells me that

hree men from that place got on the train on which he was—they got on at three dif-ferent points—one at St. Louis and the otherent points—one at St. Louis and the other two before reaching that point. As the train went on to the hig bridge at St. Louis, the Judge says he went from the car in which he had been sitting, into the forward car, for the purpose of taking a smoke; he sat down and lit his cigar, but remembering that he had left certain small articles in his seat which might be stolen when the train reached the station at the east end of the bridge, he started back to get them. The train was by this time well on its way across, and as he opened the car door he could see the thousands of lights in the city; this, with the great river beneath, and the mammoth structure upon which they were crossing, made a very impressive scene, and he ing, made a very impressive scene, and he thought he would stand upon the platformfor a few moments and enjoy the view. He stepped to one side of the platform to look out, and had been there only leng enough to take one puff of his cigar, when the brakeman, by a sudden and violent push, sent him off the car into the terrible yawning gulf below. In the fall one leg and arm were broken, and his neck was dislocated.

Rep.—What interest had the brakeman in the matter?

the matter?
Col. M.—None, further than the fact that he was hired to assassinate him, by the three men above named.

Rep.—Did he give you a description of

these parties? Col. M.—Yes; he described them so par-ticularly that I think I should recognize them. He talked to me at length on this occasion, and upon matters by which I could not have failed to recognize him, even if I hadn't seen him. He talked at considerable length upon business matters, and, among other things directed me to deliver a mes-sage to Mr. E. Clark, which I did.

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Rep.—Can you name any others known to
the Leavenworth people that you saw.

Col. M.—I don't think of any others now,
except Dan. Smith. I saw and conversed
with him on a recent viait to Mr. Mott, at
Memphis. He came with a great deal of
demonstration, and talked with a great deal

Rep .- Did he have anything to say about the circumstances of the affair which re sulted in his death?

Col. M.—Yes; he talked the whole matter

over at considerable length.

Rep — What did he have to say about it?

Col. M.—I don't think it would be prudent for me to repeat his remarks for publication, while the trial is pending, further than to say that he desired certain of his friends to come and see him.

Rep .- Can you name any others who were

seen at Col. Eaton's, and who were known to the Leavenworth people.

Col. M.—I don't call to mind any others at present, that your readers would be interested in. At one time during the occasion, two men, unknown to all the company, presented themselves at the same time. One of them was a large and unusually fineleoking man, and arrayed in priestly robes. They did not give their names, but this one was supposed to be Emanuel Swedenborg, by whom the marriage ceremony; was perby whom the marriage ceremony was performed. Rep.-Was the ceremony performed here

that is at Col. Eaton's house?

Col. M.—No. The ceremony was performed in the Spirit-world, but the company was present at Col. Eaton's during the time it was going on, and the whole affair was described to us in full by theispirits present.

Rep.—How did the description given you at that time correspond with the description which Col. Eaton has since received from a medium in New York?

from a medium in New York?

Col. M.—Colonel Eaton byad an arrangement with the medium referred to, in New York, to observe the affair carefully, from that point, during the time it was in pro-gression, and report the same to him, with all the details that could be obtained. This report the Colonel has since received. I have read it once carefully, and I find that have read it once carefully, and I find that it accords perfectly, in every particular, with the descriptions given to us here, at the same time; and both represent it as having been a very grand affair.

Rep.—Am I to understand that a medium, entranced, in New York, and a spirit talking to yea in Leavenworth, could both see the same affair, at the same time?

Col. M.—Yes. Space is practically annihilated in the spirit-life.

Rep.—In regard to the forms which you

hilated in the spirit-life.

Rep.—In regard to the forms which you have seen here and elsewhere, and which you believe to have been spirits, may you not have been deceived by some appliance or machinery made use of by the medium?

Col. M.—It is possible for a man to be deceived in anything, but I have no more reason to believe that I have been deceived in these matters, than that I am deceived in supposing that I see and hear you now. I have seen the spirits of men that I was well acquainted with. I have recognized them just as distinctly as I recognize you, have shaken hands with them, and have conversed with them. I then have the evidence of three of my senses, and if a man may not accept the testimony of his own senses, what can he believe—how is he to know that he is not deceived in everything, even the fact of his own existence?

At this point Colonel Mackay was obliged to leave, to take the train for Atchison, and the interview was brought to a close.

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In 1652, books on astronomy and geometry, were ordered to be destroyed in England, as being infected with magic.

Items, Comments and Criticisms.

BY DR. J. M. PEEBLES.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

Safely at home and snugly ensconced in my library, my mind naturally reverts to Ohio, Indiana, and the great, broad West generally. I lectured all of the week-day evenings in May except four, in Ohio and Indiana.not organizing "independent Christian churches," but aiding the friends in organ-izing several Spiritual societies. These were organized upon a financial and religious Only the ignorant confound creeds with religion. The latter is innate, and bubbles up spontaneously in all souls, whether civilized or savage.

A Spiritualism without religion—that is to say without religious convictions, moral duties and moral obligation, is just as certain to die as are those sectarian churches, devoid, as they are of true religion and the principles of modern science.

THE BROOKLYN CONFERENCE.

I have recently spoken a few Sundays in Brooklyn, N. Y. Last Saturday evening I attended their weekly conference, and without hesitation I pronounce it the best of its kind in which I ever participated. The hall was inviting, the singing excellent, and the audience decidedly intelligent. This conference, so ably and wisely presided over by S. B. Nichold, a comprehence of the singing except of the singing by S. B. Nichols, a commission merchant is not a wrangling club, not a debating school, not a place for the indulgence of in-dividual crochets, but a weekly resort for gentlemen and ladies to relate their experiences and express their honest convictions upon momentous subjects connected with Spiritualism. Listening to the various speakers, not forgetting Mrs. Dr. Cooley, among them, I quite wondered why I was in Brooklyn lecturing, or why speakers from abroad were called when there was such an array of home talent. I am thoroughly convinced that within a thousand years possibly a great deal less—all Spiritualists will come to the conclusion that dogmatism, demolition, pabid individualism, and the knock-down-and-drag-out methods, are not the best designed to promote the interests of Spiritualism and the general cause of

THE BROOKLYN SOCIETY OF SPIRITUAL ISTS.

With indisputable phenomena, with the most sublime system of philosophy, and a religion as inspiring as it is catholic. Spiritualists should have the most elegant halls, the most soul inspiring music, the choicest public libraries, and carefully tended Sunday lyceums of any body of believers on earth. And yet how is it? Some of their halls are not fit for political gatherings. Their acoustics are abominable, they are illy ventilated, and their magnetic emanations are absolutely repulsive to angelic influences. These remarks are general, and in no wise refer to the Brooklyn meetings. Moreover, I remember that these inconveniences are in great part incident to this morning time of the New Dispensation. Liberalists, uniting with wealthy Spiritual-ists, will soon construct, so I think, tasty edifices and beautiful temples, for uses con-nected with Spiritualism. Such wise outlays of money will not only increase the joys of their declining years, but add to their happiness in heaven. The audience room occupied by the Brooklyn Spiritualists is neat and commodious. Mr. Charles R. Miller, the excellent presiding officer, is eminently adapted to the position; the ladies, blessings upon them, decorated the desk with flowers. The singing was good, and yet I wish I could inspire Spiritualists with the importance of congregational music. I remember when stepping into Mr. Spur-geon's church in London, and seeing eight thousand arise and join in singing the hymn, that my feet were almost lifted from the floor, such a volume of melody thrilled every nerve in my being. Considered in all its aspects, congregational singing is in-finitely preferable. Spiritualists should adopt this method. I was pleased to see in these Brooklyn audiences Dr. Eugene Crow-ell, Mr. Wm. Fishbough, Prof. Eccles, Mrs Shepard, the eloquent western speaker, and other prominent individuals connected with

MR. KIDDLE AND HIS BOOK. I like it, and so do I like the sixty-six books constituting the Old and New Testaments. I like the Vishnu-Purana, and often read its thrilling inspirations. I like chestnuts, but do not want to eat the burrs. I like fish, but do not consider it my duty to eat like fish, but do not consider it my duty to eat the bones, nor to growl and snarl, because, forsooth, they have bones. I did myself the pleasure last week, of visiting Mr. Kiddle in his residence, finding him a most genial, scholarly and courtly gentleman. I also received, through the writing mediumship of a member of his family, some interesting communications. There has been no book published for years that has created such a sensation and produced so much discussion in the secular press, and controversy such a sensation and produced so much dis-cussion in the secular press, and controversy in the ranks of sectarianism as this volume from Mr. Kiddle. And I heartily thank, him for that manly independence and moral bravery of soul as well as obedience to heavenly intelligences that prompted the publication of the volume in the face of the social ostracism and flippant criticism he felt quite sure he should incur. Of course he could have revised and re-revised his manuscript, including the communica-tions, as Christian denominations are revis-ing the bible; but he chose to give these

communications to the world as they were given to him. It must be remembered that this book is Mr. Kiddle's "clock struck one;" it is quite sure to strike two; it will probably strike thrse; it may possibly strike four; and the literati know there are twelve

upon the dial plate.

The virus of the critics has been aimed almost exclusively at the poetical portion of the book—in all not embracing more than three pages. What would they have said providing these three pages had been omitted? and why is it that critics will overlook the main portion, the most important subject matter of a book, and foist into prominence what little might be considered objectionable to the fastidious tastes of theologians on one hand, and a class of pseudo-scientists on the other? I repeat I like the book, and am gratified to know it is having

an extensive sale. LISTENING TO HENRY WARD BEECHER.

On last Sunday morning, accompanied by that generous and noble-souled woman, Mrs. Z. Taylor, of Brooklyn, I gave heed to the world's great preacher, Henry Ward Beecher. I say this deliberately, after listening repeatedly to Murray, Chaple, Spurgeon and Dean Staylor. Dean Stanley. Every seat, as well as the aisles of his church were packed with listeners. The pulpit was decorated profusely with flowers in wreaths and bouquets. A large choir led the congregational singing. The sermon was such as only a Beecher, can preach. It was fresh, vigorous and eloquent; and sometimes aflame with the most scathing rebukes of bigotry and superstition that I ever listened to. His subject was "Christian fellowship," and I took copious notes during the discourse. He said that "fellowship, should turn upon moral qualifies. ship should turn upon moral qualities, in-stead of rites, dogmas and creeds. The primitive church was like a family wherein primitive church was like a family wherein an affectionate father and mother ruled with love and tenderness." "Congregationalism," said he, "does not save men from human nature. They are much like other men. There are those in the church eminent for scholarship, who spend a portion of their time in organizing suspicion, wrath and malignity. Many Christians are Christians only in name, and they use the name to cloak their meanness. But I would not disfellowship them. Those who are in the wrong are all the more in need of fellowship and help than those who are comparatively and help than those who are comparatively free from it. Those who are uncharitable, unkind, and seek to build themselves up by Here follows a printed paragraph of this sermon, taken from a copy of the New York Herald:

York Heraid:

When I see, continued the reverend speaker, how religion has organized itself in Europe, I don't wonder that there has been a Voltaire. If Voltaire had only had a loving heart he would have been a saint. He was in the right—nearer to it, at least, than the Church was in his day. He represented, although imperfectly, the attempt to deliver men from Superstition.

If the works of the devil were anywhere in exposition, it was in the external developments of the Christian Church. The worst kind of assessination to day, was that committed by men who pray in order that they may stab. For the sake of orthodory man destroyed religion; for the sake of pious doctrine they served the devil; for the sake of all, that is pure they did all that was mean and nasty.

A. J. DAVIS AND WM. HOWITT.

The explanation of Brother A. J. Davis in a late JOURNAL, relative to his clair-voyant examination of the Howitts, etc., afforded me great satisfaction. I have published no "statements" upon this subject, although, while once upon a time eulogizing. Mr. Davis and his gifts, I listened to Wm. and Mary Howitt's complaint of the error supposed to have been made in regard to time and location, as well as the personal delineation of the subjects. Mr. Howitt informed me that he sent word to Mr. Davis by one of his personal friends, of the error. It has frequently been spoken of in London, and Mr. Howitt referred to it in a letter (which I have carefully preserved) I re-ceived from him a year ago last March, while he was in Switzerland. It is to be regretted that this explanation, though quite satisfactory, had not been made years ago, and to Mr. Howitt personally, inasmuch as he frequently mentioned this to Spiritualists and seut word to Mr. Davis that there were errors in the statements as published.

ORDERLY SEANCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

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It was a favorite teaching of Swedenborg that order belonged to the heavens and disorder to the heils. 'And while Swedenborg is not to be accepted as authority, nevertheless, his moral teachings and spiritual discriminations are worth the careful study of all Spiritualists. The loose, trifling, unsystematic manner in which some Spiritualism conduct their scances, is not only disagreeable, but detrimental to the cause. The scance room should be a consecrated room. Quietness and sweetness of spirit should pervade the breast of every one who enters its holy precincts. Selfishness, worldliness and frivolity should be utterly excluded, and aspiration toward the good, the beautiful and the true, should be the dominant feeling. And further, why should there not be the same decorum and dignity in a Spiritualistic meeting that there is in a Quaker meeting or the gathering of any other religious denomination? Not long since I was lecturing before a society of Western Spiritualists when, the moment I had said "amen," the audience began to string out like a flock of stray sheep. Think of it! the choir singing and the audience scattering. True, should an attendant feel the appreach of a fainting fit, or be violently attacked with the billious colic, he or she

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The Doctor's Laws and other Laws.

BY HON. E. S. HOLBROOK. .

To the Editor of the Beligio-Philosophical Journal: Late events and the remarks made concerning them

prompt me now to do what I had thought to do long since (when the matter was more fresh), to pen a few thoughts about certain statute laws and the attitude of the Spiritualists toward them-the statutes of our State and some other States (actual or proposed), concerning the practice of medicine—the statutes of the United States concerning obscene matter placed in the mails, and the laws concerning marriage

It seems to be thought almost a matter of course among a portion of the Spiritualists, that they will utterly oppose the two former of these; and we have heretofore seen, if not now, quite a large number of

them opposed to the latter.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am in favor of legislation upon all these subjects. I hold that the wrongs intended to be reached exist, and are a proper matter for legislative action; and hence I hold as well that the sentiment among the Spiritualists of opposition to the entire laws, is a sickly sentiment and does not advance the highest good. The highest good,—for such is the aim of legislation, to promote the highest good of all, and next to this is the highest good of the greatest number,-an approximation, when the best point cannot be

I think that such opposition has not arisen from a consideration that the subject matter is not in the appropriate field of legislation; but rather from some points, or features, of the laws, that they deemed to be aimed at themselves, or something appertaining to them, or from something of apparent wrong, or in-justice, in the workings of these laws, when put in practice, Now I grant, Mr. Editor, that these laws are defective in some of the minor particulars, and in their practical applications. But such is the fact as to all laws, especially so as to those recently enacted; and it is not reasonable to abandon the whole statute simply on that account. The real question is, are we better with the legislation than without it? If better, then it tends to the highest good, and should be hence

Taking for consideration first the last of these the marriage laws,-but I will not stop now to consider these. There is no sufficient demand now, yet it is but a few years since, that a portion of the Spiritualists entered upon a warfare upon the whole system. There was a rage, a rush, a storm, a whirlwind—and what then? A stampede—a collapse—a defeat—a defeat in reality at the very hour of supposed victory, and while adoring and trusting to "The Elixir of Life; or why do we Die! Such a cause died, and the originators of it, lecturers, publishers, all evaporated (and soon the believers could not be found), because it was a house built upon the sands, of short-sighted sophistry, and not upon the rocks of eternal truth.

Next the United States law as to obscene matter in the mails. This law is opposed by many Spiritualists in that somebody does more than he ought to, and somebody has been hurt that ought not to be. I do not affirm nor deny these minor assertions, for I do not know. But it is as clear to me that we should have some law of restriction on this matter, as that we should have a law upon any other misdemeanor. It must be con-ceded that the minds of the people, especially the young that are neglected, can be the more corrupted by that class of matter here intended, and that those in the higher walks, if not all people, can be greatly annoyed and offended at the reception by mail of matter vulgar and obscene. How shall a mar, at the expense of the public, too, be permitted to cause one to open and see, and perhaps in the presence of his dearest friends, that which he would not have dared to present to him in person? thus playing the vile coward as well

as the assailant of his peace?

It is quite evident that the subject is a difficult one for legislation, and any law upon it difficult to enforce without injury to some one at some time. It is a sub ject in which the motives of the individual, the conditions and surroundings so go into and become ele-ments in the question of crime or no crime, (and these so beyond accurate description and calculation) that what seems to be, and should be taken to be, crime, in the one case, is no crime in another case, very similar in all appearance. Thus judges and juries would be liable to mistake. But to abandon the legislation on this matter for this reason, would be to abandon half the legislation of the world. The righteous demand for a free press, and that it shall be protected by law, has no place here, for this is a question as to its abuse; for the law is, also, that you shall not use your own so as to injure another.

And the same in regard to the Doctors' Laws, so called, laws regulating the practice of medicine. I see no objection to laws on that subject, if rightly framed in fact I deem such to be an important part of the regime to be adopted in a State, that the highest good of all shall be evolved. I reason it out in this way:

The term, "doctor of medicine" means, as I suppose every one knows, one learned in medicine, and the practice of medicine involves the dealing out the materia medica, the contents of drug stores: Many of these are deadly poisons, the proper qualities and the safe proportions not known to common people, and many of them would pass, in external appearance, one for another. It seems to me quite evident that no one, except he be learned in these qualities, should under take the responsibility of dealing them out. If any will, through reckless audacity, assume to know, when he does not, and so deal out, he should be restrained by law, just like any other evil doer, on the ground of protection of the honest individual from fraud, and he prevention of evil. Say that one who is a stranger is taken alck on the street. He looks up and sees a sign, such a one "M. D." He goes there for aid, or he trusts to himself and goes to a drug store and calls for quinine or what he pleases. Or he is thrown from a buggy and he is taken to such a one-"Surgeon" etc. etc. Now-for the prevention of fraud and injury al these should be learned in their profession, and honest and of good character as well, that the stranger may not fall into the hands of a knave and empiricist or a mere butcher, or some ignorant boy that may give arsenic or strychnine for quinine.

I know of no better way, no other way, than that there shall be a Board of Health created by the public, and responsible to the public, composed of the best talent that can be commanded; men of the best character, too, that shall in some way have some control and authority in this matter. I go further than has been gone and say that further advancement and differentiation will call for it, and insist also that further labor should be thrown upon such board. Which is, that they as skilled in chemistry, shall see that good drugs are in the market and none other, including alcoholic spirits; shall investigate the qualiincluding alcoholic spirits; shall investigate the quali-ties of food and water; shall investigate epidemic dis-eases (including grasshoppers) their causes and methods of prevention, and shall be advisors to the executive power. And why not? The same, or the like, is done in every other department of life wherein unusual skill is required, and there are unusual means of com-

skill is required, and there are unusual means of committing great fraud and wrong, and the people stand in unusual need of protection. The practice of law is regulated by the State, and every well regulated city has its grain inspectors, meat inspectors, milk inspectors, etc., etc., to protect the people from secret fraud, and the injuries that might result therefrom.

But I find a large number, probably a majority, among the Spiritualists that oppose the whole system as it is, or any that might be; and it seems to arise from an apprehension that this law infringes upon the right and calling of the medical power, or profession among them; and that the main drift and intent of the legislation are to drive them from the field of healing. I think there is something of such a purpose, but not the main one by any means. As there are good reasons for the law, and mainly for the prevening. I think there is something of such a purpose, but not the main one by any means. As there are good reasons for the law, and mainly for the prevention of fraud, and the Spiritualistic practitioners are either outside the effect of the law or can be made so by a proper modification of the law, we should seek such modification and not its repeal. By striving for too much we fall to get what we might by a proper claim. Spiritualists claim the right to practice the healing art in their own way. I do not believe the mass of the people for any considerable time will be opposed to it. Laws are made on the principle of the

adjustment of rights and duties, for the accommoda-tion of all too, so far as it can be done with the highest good of all in view. One modification of the law that would reach every case now omitted, where there is no fraud, would be this: If one employs another in the healing art, knowing that he does not claim the learning of a professional expert, it is lawful; he cannot complain, and he must pay the reasonable charges. In this way all would be well, except it should still be claimed that some are so foolish that, with their eyes open, they still like minors and insane, stand in need of protection. As to all such claims I am willing to

take the chances for the benefits that the law will give.

I did not sympathize at all, Mr. Editor, with the
flutter that this law made among the trance mediums
and the hand magnetizers at the first, for the reason that I did not think there was going to be much of a storm. It is very remote to suppose that much harm can come from the law, even as it is, to mediums who profess nothing of themselves, but are only the scribes or mouthpieces of others who prescribe, and are trusted to this extent and no more. It must be that there is some way of avoiding all prosecution of the mediums under this law. The law in its spirit does not touch them for there is no fraud, or if there be fraud, let the law take its course, as in .other cases. could enlarge upon this but I have no time nor space now, (and besides no fee is paid.) As to the spirit, practicing medium, if they will prosecute him, my advice is, here and now, freely given to the prosecutors which is, catch him first, and then if guilty of fraud we will aid in consigning him to the hands of Lucifer, to "Gorgons, Hydras and Chimeras dire," for punishment.

As to the professed magnetic healers, (not using medicine,) they are not "doctors"—not learned in medicine, do not profess to be, and the title as to them is all a misnomer. Let them take their true title, "Magnetic Healer," or for short "M. H," and they are not within the letter of the law, nor within the spirit, as they are committing no fraud, unless they pretend to heal when they do not and cannot; and surely in this respect they

cannot be worse than the Allopathist.

But what if it comes to this, that the hostility of the public increases, and they are brought within the fetter of the statute, and are prosecuted? I have all the time believed, and still believe, that in some way they can make a successful defense. The magnetic power of the hand simply, or of the bodily presence, or of the will power, or of spirit sympathy to heal the sick-it cannot be that this can be restrained by legislation. As well restrain the effulgence of love from the eyes. It must be so much of the natural personal right that cannot be alienated as to be protected by the constitution from all legislation, unless it be, indeed, that such power is exerted for evil. And when it comes to this I do not see but weshall have to stand the conflict. Is there any one that is afraid and a little lame (like the Dutch Captain) let him start now. For my part I propose to wait awhile and take a hand in the fight, if any such there should be, (which I greatly

doubt), and where truth is, there be the victory The consumation of the whole matter is, that it is not wise to oppose the whole law, nor to be afraid. Let us rather retain what is good, improve upon what is defective, and stand boldly for our rights in the belief that they will ultimately be sustained.

The Crocker-Tuttle Wedding.

Chicago, June, 1879.

We are not exclusives nor bigots, yet we'do believe that in the marriage relation there should be similarity of views between the contracting parties, and we do not think connubial happiness can be gained when husband and wife entertain opposing religious views. In this light the marriage of the daughter of Hudson and Emma Tuttle, who have boldly and consistently advocated Spiritualism for more than twenty-five years, to the son of Mrs. H. H. Crocker, the well-known and trusted medium, of Chicago, is peculiarly a happy one. From the local press we extract the following notice of the

The wedding of Miss Rose Tuttle to Mr. H. H. Crocker, was one of the most delightful gatherings in our town for a long time. Miss Tuttle has many and warm friends, especially in Norwalk, to whom she was first introduced in the character of "Miss Corney" in "East Lynn," which she played as amateur for the benefit of the band. She made by her genius a leading role of an inferior part and carried the audience by storm. Since then her acquaintance has widened and with her circle of friends she has been a great favorite. Mr. Crocker is from Chicago, whither he ill trans plant his bride. The early acquaintance of the happy couple began rather romantically during a pleasure trip on the upper lakes:

Over a hundred and seventy-five guests assembled at the residence of Mr. Tuttle, on the eve of the 26th ult., to witness the ceremony and participate in the festivi-Beside the home circle there were friends from Toledo, Chicago, Cleveland, Clyde, and Norwalk. The grounds were illuminated with Chinese lanterns, the gateway being adorned with an evergreen arch in the centre of which was an illuminated monogram "C.—T." The porch was decorated with evergreens and flowers, and the rooms were festooned in the same manner. At nine o'clock the guests assembled on the grounds in front of the porch where the ceremony was performed by Hudson Tuttle. Miss Jessie Webster assisted by the Norwalk orchestra, played a march as the bridal party came forward. When the music ceased, Mr. Tuttle quietly stepped to the front and spoke as fol-

"We have invited you, friends, to witness the mar-riage of our daughter Rose, to Mr. Harry H. Crocker, and to participate with us in the festivities such occaions have called forth from remotest times. The union of husband and wife is the most momentous event possible in human life, and fraught with the most far-reaching consequences. The happiness of two beings is staked upon the result, and from the consequences there is, nor can be, no retreat. It not only relates to the present, but its results stretch into the infinite future with the inexorableness of fate. Recognizing that marriage is founded in the laws of Nature, and a fountain from which springs the purest and holiest joys, the union of loving, trusting hearts, is an occasion of rejoicing to all. That your hearts are thus united, you have already determined, and I presume you have considered the responsibilities you are about to assume. They are by their very nature such that once accepted you can never cast them aside. They will shape the course of both your lives for all future time, and if you are to each other all you should be, as implied in the vows you are about to make, you will find your pathway flower-strewn by the hands of love, and whatever the burdens you are called upon to bear, they will become pleasures when you feel they are borne for each other. You should feel that the sweetest words in our language, are those which ex-press this sacred relationship: Husband—wife! The halo which surrounds them dims the lustre of all other relationships of life, and its perfection, as we fervently believe, blooms in immortal verdure on the other shore of the grave. Fully understanding this, before these friends, you, Harry, pledge yourself to take my daughter Rose, as your wife, and to be to her a kind, faithful and considerate husband, and in sickness and health, in adversity, as well as prosperity, to sustain her with loving care and tenderness? And you, Rose, accept Harry H. Crocker as your husband, and to love him with the same devotion he has prom-

and to love him with the same devotion he has promised you? Then I pronounce you husband and wife, and may no power tear asunder the hearts bound together by the golden chains of love."

The ceremony was beautiful and impressive. The presents with which the table was loaded, were of unusually expensive and tasteful character, but we have not space to give so lengthy a list. With them we noticed letters of regret from Epes Sargent, Dr. Eugene Crowell, Jno. C. Bundy, A. E. Giles, Dr. Heinrich Tiedemann, and many others. Among other pleasant words, Epes Sargent wrote: "May happiness go with your daughter into her bridal home! That matches are always made in heaven I do not believe, but may hers be an exceptional case, and the union one that angels can smile on, foreseeing its issues." We will add

that a noticeable feature of the ceremony, especially to Spiritualists, was the address of the control of Mrs. Crocker to the young coupie. When she advanced to congratulate them, she was controlled and gave a feel-ing speech, showing that the Spirit-world was new and deeply interested in the welfare of their earth!

> What is Truth ? BY DR. C. D. GRIMES.

To the Editor of the RELIGIO-PRILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL:

"Then Pilate said unto Jesus, What is truth?" To this question, which is apparently an easy one to some, Jesus gave no answer, which should surprise those who claim that he was omniscient, as well as those who give a ready answer, on the account of their certainty that they possess it; yet should they penetrate to the bottom of the question, or sufficiently to ascertain something of the depths and breadths of its significance, the wisdom of Jesus would appear in remaining silent.

There were none in the days of Paul, who were any more dogmatic or positive in maintaining that they had the very truth; even when on his way to Jerusalem, commissioned to persecute the followers of Jesus et a mighty revolution overtook him before he reach

d that city

At a later day flone were more eager to wheel the world into their rank and file of truth than John Cal vin, who had the very truth, and all who opposed it, in his opinion, ought to suffer martyrdom. But time has corrected his blunders, as well as those of Cotton Mather, and the Quaker whipping and witch-killing Puritans. Since that the world has drifted into a broader charity, yet leaving in place of the rack and the faggot, an intolerance manifesting itself in harsh invectives and denunciation, which time must also correct the salts predecessors. The lion and the lamb will as it has its predecessors. The lion and the lamb will yet lay down together. Individualism and charity will yet be verities, and radiate their light and power from

Many in our own day will give a ready answer to the question of Pilate, and proceed to array their nar-row creed, and we may be thankful if they did not exhaust the vocabulary of invectives upon us, if we are found doubting. But the wisdom of Jesus in remainfound doubting. But the wisdom of Jesus in remaining silent is apparent, when we reflect that all truths of finite beings, outside of mathematical truisms, are not only finite and liable to change, but they are corelated to infinite and absolute truths that co-ordinate them, continually qualifying to an approximation of the absolute and eternal. Many of our well recognized truths may be thus qualified in the next twelve months for truths, like the compiratest forces of nature life. for truths, like the omnipotent forces of nature, life and being, are related to, and qualified by, others, and must for the purposes of co-ordination, meet at some point to constitute one that is absolute.

Then it is for us to remember that it is not in the constitute of the unit of the constitute.

economy of the universe that one should possess all the truth and another all the error; one all the virtue and the other all the vice; that it is not for us to array a group and point to them as the embodiments of "com-mon sense, rationality and discrimination," or an other group and exhibit them as specimens of "diabolism and fraud," narrow-minded, superficial wonder seekers, Jesuit howlers and traducers of honest reformers, the offenses of which smell rank to heaven." If these are the methods of procuring harmony, then the lessons I have drawn from sixty-five years of experience, have not been sufficient to bring them to the surface.

All intelligent Spiritualists recognize that antagon isms and conflicts constitute the true causes of life and advancement. None object to a "Conflict in our House," but I apprehend that a large proportion will object to the method of procedure; without any regard to the side it comes from; as was said by Prof. Buchanan, "It is not the precautions necessary to certainty that are in themselves offensive to a medium, but the hostile, dogmatic and suspicious spirit which assumes the existence of fraud before it is proved, which is in itself an unjust insult, and a moral assault disturbing the experiment.

I am sanguine in the belief that the truth that time will bring to the surface, will be found in a mean be twixt the two extremes, and am not so much oppose to a conflict as to the method of advance, because I feel that I occupy an unpleasant position when called upon to answer such questions as, "Is this the harmony of your harmonial philosophy? Is this the individuality of your individualities?"

ty of your individualism?" Antagonismismay be courteous, dignified and urbane conflicts, cool, judicious and magnanimous, and indi-viduality does not signify that one raises a standard and demands that all individualize to it; but that each is privileged to see his truth from his own standpoint; that none can claim a right as inherent, if, in the enjoyment of it, others are curtailed in the enjoyment of theirs.

If Bro. Davis and others have graduated where they have no use for materialization, table tipping, etc., le them not object that the bread of life is broken in such a way that the lambs get their portion, who cannot be brought into the fold in any other way than by this elementary and essential, "cabinet work and other buf-foonery." Come down and instruct the lambs occasion "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and sometimes this descending is the surest process of

ascending.

If Bro. Denton has graduated to a stand-point, where
the nice distinctions between the "digitigrada" and the "planetegrada" are of great importance, let him remember that nature has made but few Dentons, while the masses, the millions are a b c pupils. It there any other door by which they may enter this grand temple of truth, the infinitude of which a few only have caught a glimpse. Time will settle the distinctions of Saurian animals. If we can get the b c classes in at these elementary doors, there are but few, if any, that "fall from grace." Jesus went and preached to spirits in prison, and we are informed that there is a large amount of missionary work to be done on the next plane of our existence—the going down to the outer world, where darker spirits are congregated. If this be so, it is better for all to have a breaking in

If Bros. Coleman and Hazard, the positive poles of hese incongruous elements, feel a little disturbed on the account of the supposed evil influences of their antagonists, in the midst of your firmness in the support of your pet theories, let charity, magnanimity and a pure individualism act a prominent part, remembering that each of you are more likely to obtain a "drawn game," than a decided victory, and that there are two chances for a compromise to one for an absolute vio-tory. Our race has passed the swamps and morasses of the stake, the fagget and the rack—the barbarities of Calyinism, the aledge hammer blows of Puritanism, and the cold chills of Connecticut blue laws, and I hop not to be crushed and stultified on the breakers of in tolerance, or be bewildered in the winding mazes of discussion where there is more distinction than difference. If I knew a Spiritualist, who being well posted in the natural process in which our varied phenomena transpire, that is not in favor of the highest light, the

in the natural process in which our varied phenomena transpire, that is not in favor of the highest light, the truest truth, the purest thought, as well as of instituting proper tests to secure the public against fraud and imposture, accepting chariatans attracted to it for selfish purposes, I would open a correspondence with that one to effect a reformation.

But some will say, "I don't-like that qualifying word—proper, when I institute tests. I will judge of that as my reason dictates." That is right, if that reason is a sufficiently enlightened one. You are on debatable ground here, not only in relation to the sufficiency of the reason, but of the extent of your privilege. You are on the conflues of the two worlds; a world of experience and one of ideality. If you have had an experience and one of ideality. If you have had an experience in both, your reason would be much more perfected. There is a boundary line where your privileges terminate, and the inalienable rights of others commence. With the experiences of but one world, it might be as difficult for you to tell where that boundary line was, as to tell where the valley terminated and the mountain commenced. There are a great many truths that qualify your truth. The greatest privileges and blessings conferred upon us, are easily converted into curses, by an improper use of them. Purity demands that there be tests instituted. Justice demands that the inalienable rights of mediums be

respected. Where is the boundary line? You may wrangle over that point during all of this life, but the result will be, that you will learn that it takes an ex-perience in both words to define this boundary. "If the exposed would remain exposed," said, is very suggestive. You may establish the boundary line, but then you are to learn that qualifying truths, extenuating circumstances, and ever varying conditions, will sway it far to this side and that, to that extent that you might feel like standing upon quick-sand after all. In my opinion, it will take the experience of two words, to establish this boundary where it can be said, with any degree of certainty, and "thus far and no farther." Until that time, candor, forbearance and magnanimity, coupled with an earnest desire to secure the interests of truth, and the inalienable rights of all, will conduct us through these dark passages much better than dogmatism and discord, ever remembering that "every plant that our heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted out." St. Joseph, Mo.

Interesting Explanatory. Correspondence Between Michigan Spiritualists.

DR. A. B. SPINNEY, President of State Association of Spiritualists and Liberalists—Dear Str:—I am advised that the form of the notices issued for the Lansing Camp-meeting, has led to some misapprehension in regard to the real auspices under which the meeting to be held, and has subjected yourself, as President of the State Association, to some angoyance, which I greatly regret. The meeting having been authorized by the State Associations, places it properly and legitimately under its favory and entitled to its support and countenance. It seems needless to multiply words to disclaim such responsibility. For similar reasons of brevity, no mention was made in the first announcements of the proposal to establish a Spiritual or Liberal paper in the State. Should this he an outcome of al paper in the State. Should this be an outcome of the meeting, or of any future effort, it must of necessity at this time be secondary and contingent, the success of the meeting being the first end in view. Trusting that the explanation may reconcile any misapprehension that may have arisen, I am truly and frater-S. B. MCCRACKEN. nally yours. Lansing, June 23d, 1879.

HON. S. B. MCCRACKEN-Dear Brother:-Your lety ter of June 23d is just received. It is a fact that many members of the State Association of Spiritualists and Liberalists, have made inquiries of myself and other officers of the State Association, in relation to how this Camp-meeting can properly be under the auspices of the State Association, and yet be a grove meeting. I have referred them to the fact that at our last annual meeting at Lansing, a resolution was offered and pass-dd by the Executive Board, "That 8. B. McCracken have the privilege of discussing the feasibility of helding a State Camp-meeting under the auspices of the State Association, the proceeds, after paying the expenses, to go to him for the purpose of starting a Liberal or Spiritual paper, the State Association to have no responsibility or liability of the same." I have explained that you was devoting time and money to the getting up of the same, and that you had the right to use the proceeds as you might desire. I regret that this meeting occurs so near the semi-annual meeting of the Association which takes place the last four days in August, at Nashville. Yet I think by the interest and energy I see everywhere manifested in the Spiritual and Liberal ranks, both meetings may be a success. In relation to the paper, you have the ability and right to publish one, and it must stand or fall upon its own merits. Hoping that your interest in our great cause of mental and moral freedom may tower above all others and win you success, I remain your well-A. B. SPINNEY, Detroit, June 25th, 1879.

NASHVILLE (MICHIGAN) GROVE-MEETING, ETC. To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

I closed up yesterday a month's work of fifteen lectures, in halls and groves, at Sparta, Rockford, Grand Rapids, LaBarge, and Alaska, by a meeting in a beau-tiful grove at Nashville, Berrien County. A hill-side slope toward the cool and breezy north-west, a forest of tall maples and oaks, giving perfect shade, a pleas-ant prospect of the thriving village a half mile distant, a platform at the foot of the slope with seats rising up around it, all fit the grove admirably for meetings. Its owner, Lemuel Smith, with the help of others, has fitted it up, and gave us its use free. T. H. Stewart, of Indiana, gave such service as he knows well and truly the day and a good audience in the commodious Opera hall of the town at night.

Sunday, July 20th, Dr. Spinney speaks in the grove and on the four last days of August, the semi-annual meeting of the State Society is to be held there. Nash-ville is on the Grand River Valley Railroad, the branch of the Michigan Central from Jackson to Grand/Rapids, and is halfway between these two cities. The Peninsular railroad intersects at Charlotte, twenty miles east, the Lansing branch of the Michigan Southern at Eaton Rapids, and the Grand Rapids and Indiana at Grand Rapids, giving access to different parts of the State. The hospitality of the members of the Society of Spiritualists and Liberals in the pleasant village of 1,000 people, is generous and this last of the large summer meetings, after Mr. McCracken's camp-meeting at Lansing, and Mr. Burson's grove meeting at Schoolcraft, will no doubt be well attended and valuable.

Yours truly,

. A Curious Test.

Some twelve or fourteen years ago, Alice Morgan, of Randolph, N. T., became clairvoyant, and had frequent interviews with her sister Julia, in spirit-life, giving many tests of identity. Finally Libbie Woodruff, one of Julia's former playmates, lay at the point of death. This fact was known to the clairvoyant. One day while communing with Julia, she exclaimed: "Libbie Woodruff is here!" Her mother, Mrs. Morgan, replied: "No! Libbie Woodruff is not dead." "But she is here," replied the seer. "Then ask her if she is dead." She replied: "I don't be the property of the seer." plied: "I do not know whether I be dead or not, but I am here with Julia?" A messenger was dispatched to learn the facts. On his return he said Libbie Wood-

ruff was still alive, but very low.

The next day the same experience was repeated.
The sick girl was half a mile or more from the medium. For several successive days this experience was repealed, the spirit insisting that she was Libbie Wood. repeated, the spirit insisting that she was Libbie Woodruff, and was "certainly there with Julia," but could
not tell whether she had died or not. But said she
could see and talk with Julia but added each time,—
"Julia says there are lots of flowers and doll babies
here, but I cannot see them, but I can see Julia!" After
several days of such testimony, and the sick girl still
in the flesh, each time insisting that she was with Julia,
but could not see the flowers and toys which Julia described to her, and that she did not know whether she
was dead or not, she appeared to the seer and said. was dead or not, she appeared to the seer and said,—
"Now, Mrs, Morgan, I know I am dead, for now I can see all the flowers and dollies and pretty things which Julia sees!" A messenger was dispatched to the home of the little sufferer, and lo! about thirty minutes before his arrival, Libble Woodruff had breathed her.

These facts I had from Dr. Harvey Morgan and wife, the parents of the seer, and of the spirit Julia, who then resided in Randolph, Cataraugus Co, N. Y., and whose testimony I regarded as trustworthy and scrupulously exact. Facts are the corner-stones of philosophy. LYMAN C. HOWE.

Binghamton, N. Y.

MUCH trouble has been caused among the churches of Chicago and its vicinity by the great number of choir singers who perform in the performance of Pinafore. While there has been in some quarters a disposition to discharge these singers and to discipline those of them who happened to be church members, there has also been a spirit of forbearance, partly because they were so many and partly because their offense was so far from heinous.—Ex.

Woman and the Household.

BY RESTER M. POOLE. [Metuchen, New Jersey.]

The field of presentiments is a fruitful one, trending, as it does, on uncertain ground, and liable to be mistaken for coincidence or imagination. Yet there are occasions constantly arising, where "coming events cast their shadows before," too palpably to be misunderstood. The late terrible crime which terminated the earthly career of a reader of this journal, in New York city, was preceded by several distinct warnings. A few weeks prior to the tragedy, a club meeting was held in the back parlor at Mrs. Hull's, the very room from which her jew-elry was stolen, and which opened into her sleeping room, at which the writer was present. Among those gathered for the read-ing and discussion of papers, was an elderly lady, who lives in a suburb of the city, little known to any of us personally, and who had never visited at the house before. She is an educated, refined gentle woman, who knows little of Spiritualism or clairvoyance, and believes less, and who was, therefore, the more startled by what followed. This lady lingered behind the others, on leaving, to admire the brica-brac which profusely adorned the parlors, and chat with our hos-"Come and see me sometime," said the latter, "and look at them at your lei-sure." "I will," replied the visitor, when instantly, as she describes it, a distinct voice, or strong mental impression that seemed such, rang through her brain, saying, "Be-fore that time, she will be murdered." Indescribably shocked, the visitor hurriedly made her adieux, staggered down the steps and hastened away, half convinced that she was becoming insane; nor had she recov-ered from the awe and fear when she heard the confirmation of the dread forewarning.

In the same case, another sensitive was one of the most superior. intellectual and clear-headed women of the age, one who has been consciously sensitive to psychologic impressions from embodied-as well as disembodied minds, and who was, withal, an object of the deepest affection and reverence of our hapless friend. She says, "About six o'clock of the evening preceding that dreadful night, I was writing at,my desk; my servant being the only other person in the house; suddenly an awful horror clutched at my heart and my throat, and over-shadowed me like a black cloud, while at the same time, what seemed to be a stir and a muffled groan came to my ears. Affright-ed, I sought through the house, and called aloud to my daughters, though I knew they were away. I could not stay alone, and went to the basement, where my faithful Bridget was startled at my paleness and sought to relieve me in various ways. That horror continued, and my suffering from midnight till morning was something dreadful. When I received the telegram, 'Come to Mrs. Hull at once,' in the morning, I was convinced that she was gone beyond my kind offices. I shall always believe that at six o'clock either the murderer or murderers gained entrance to the house, or decided upon that night as the one for the consummation of their awful ed. My one perpetual cry is, Why was it not given any one of us, or in combined influence, to prevent it."

There were other instances of warning or

sympathy, palpable, indeed, but less marked than these. How are such impressions made, and what is their utility? It is the easiest answer to say that some spirit-friend has made an impression of impending danger upon the mind of such sensitive person. but could not summon sufficient power to make it strong enough to be efficient. But, may not another solution be the correct one here, without casting any doubt upon the constant guardianship of those who would protect us from evil, if they could, or deemed it wise to do so. The flendish plot of the assassin, no doubt existed for weeks beforehand, only waiting for a fitting occasion to become actual. At the present writing he denies this, but all facts prove the contrary. These malignant thoughts were actual entities, which were projected from his brain out upon the spiritual atmosphere, and floated toward their object, the victim. Their wicked power was felt by those who came within her sphere, and were psychologically fitted to cognize it, but these perceptions were not sufficient to impress the external consciousness, and so give definite information enough to defeat the nefarious-design.

However this may be, and the writer only offers the hypothesis as the probable sol-ution of the subject of presentiments, we are sure that no law of nature is set aside. Much that seems unaccountable and mysterious, is only rendered so by our ignorance. Experience teaches as a rule, that guardian spirits cannot at all times be sentinels, though they are in perpetual sympathetic relation with their friends on earth. Well authenticated cases occur hourly where they do succeed in averting danger. These seldo succeed in averting danger. These seldom reach print for obvious reasons. But, in a majority of cases, is it not true that neither the menaced person or any one near is sufficiently impressible to be directed how to avoid peril? It is not to be forgotten that we are on this planet for the purpose of individual experience and development, and that constant watchfulness and care are demanded. In the present state of seciety, no spirit can avert the consequences of our nescent of every means of protection within spirit can avert the consequences of our neglect of every means of protection within
our power. Were we more harmonious in
organization and life, would not our intuitions be more delicate in detecting disturbances in that spiritual atmosphere or Etherium through which all thought pulsates?
Then, could not the approach of evil be discerned white it was yet afar off, and so
guarded against? In the present disjointed
and imperfect condition of earth, this is impossible. Our chief duty lies, not in endeayoring to grow more susceptible, but in earnest, practical work to bring about an era of
righteousness, in which all shall know the
Lord God, or Good, from the least even unto
the greatest, and so wrong and crime cease
from among men. from among men.

It is a fact based on the best evidence, that the Saturday after the tragedy alluded to above, an excellent medium, Mrs. Read, of New York city, while under spirit control, declared the deed to have been done by a colored man, aided by a woman. And this while every effort was being made by the police and the press, as well as the public at large, to fasten the krime on the innocent husband. She also declared, soon afterward, that some of the jewelry had been pawned by him in Boston, before the fact had been discovered even by the police of that city.

Two sons of the late Matthew Vassar have given \$10,000 to the College that name, to endow a Chemical Laboratory.

Compulsory education is the subject of much attention at present. It has failed to become a law in Illinois. In Wisconsin, nearly one-third of the school population did not attend any school last year. In Con-

necticut, numerous American families are found growing up without being able to read or write, in the vicinity of some of the

The first class of Smith College for Wo men, in Massachusetts, has just finished it's course of study. Its eleven graduates are pronounced by their professors to have done as good work as the young men of any col-lege in a similar class, and all of them are in perfect health. There are now one hundred and thirty students pursuing its severe curriculum. President Ellot, of Harvard, ad-dressed the class which has just left, in a strain of great encouragement, pronouncing the physical and mental capacity of woman to be an unknown quantity.

A number of ladies prominent in philan-thropic work, have, for a year, been holding private meetings in New York city, for the purpose of considering the best means of purpose of considering the best means of promoting the interests of working women. The result is the Martha Washington Fund Association, the object of which is to provide a home for women engaged in professional, literary and artistic pursuits. Its plans are already copyrighted, and it has just been incorporated. It designs to offer at the rate of from three dollars to five dollars weekly, a refined and attractive home for women, a home that shall take the place for women, a home that shall take the place of the individual household for those who "are not set in families." Entertainments shall be provided, as well as lectures at sta-ted periods; and the best accessories will be brought to bear in fitting up the building with taste and care.

It has been found by the committee in charge, that in and within fifty miles of the city of New York, there are fifty thousand women engaged in other than menial pur-suits, while there are suitable accommodations to be found for only about one-tenth of that number. The association purposes to build an edifice which shall hold not less than two hundred persons, constructed and fitted after the best models. It shall contain a gymnasium, reading-room, concert hall and library; and be, in effect, all that Mr. Stewart intended his hotel to be, before it was purposely diverted from its original design by Mr. Hilton. No sectarian test will be required of any inmate. To raise the necessary funds, entertainments will be given, by various dramatic and literary associations, in addition to a large sum which has been pledged by associate members of the society, and by private generosi-ty. This scheme has originated by the women who undertake its management. The President is Mrs. Edward Moran, wife of the well known artist, and the other officers are women who are equally efficient, under whose management it will, no doubt, attain the success it deserves.

BOOK REVIEWS.

TEXTS FROM THE DRAMMAPADA, or The Buddhist Canon; with accompanying narra-tives. Translated from the Chinese by Samuel Beal, B. A., Professor of Chinese in University College, London. Houghton, Osgood & Co., publishers, 1878: 180 pages.

This firm has done a valuable work in bringing out this handsome reprint of an English book. We have Max Muller's translation, from the Pall, of the Dhammapada, and now Mr. Beal,—an experienced oriental scholar and a resident in Asia for years,-gives us this from the Chinese. Thus we can judge somewhat of the modifications of Buddhist thought in passing from its native region in Hindostan, to China. Of course the Chinese Dhaminapada is a rendering from the Pall, or Hindoo-original, and the comparing of this work of Beal's with Max Muller's shows the sub-stantial likeness and identity of the two, as would translations of Bible books from a Greek or Latin original. The accompanying narratives and comments have more of Chinese cast with a background of Hindoo origin. The text is less terse and com-pact than the translation from the Pali, yet sometimes richer in its expression. Each of the thirty-nine sections or chapters is a story or legend, a part of which will be the words of Buddha, or text from the Dhammapads. Section of Carelessness or Thought-lessness, tells how "in days of old there were five hundred merchants" who lost their jewels and valuables in dangerous mountain passes where evil spirits had deluded them. and a Shaman practicing austerities in that region was tempted and stole them. A Bhiks-buni (female pilgrim) rebuked him, and "Then the Bhikshuni re-appearing in the glorious form of Buddha, the Shaman, filled with autorishment and fear fall down at his with astonishment and fear fell down at his with astonishment and fear fell down at his feet, and repenting of his carelessness and ignorance, vowed to amend his life and follow his duty with anxious care. On this the world's hopoted one (Buddha) forthwith recited these gathus (verses).

"Although a man may have heretofore been careless, yet if afterward he is able to govern and restrain himself, this man becomes illustrious (or illuminates) the world, and the more he reflects, the more resolved.

and the more he reflects, the more resolved will he become (to-use self-restraint). A man may have done many things wrong, but if he recovers himself and atones for the evil by doing good, this man becomes illustrious in the world, and the more he'reflects the more virtuous he will become.

man who in the prime of life leaves his
home and perfectly tutors himself in the
doctrine of Buddha, this man shines out in the world as the moon when it bursts from the cloud. The man who in times past has done wickedly, but afterward halts in his career and offends no more—that man shines out in the world as the moon when it emerges from the cloud." On hearing these lines the Shaman again prostrated himself at the feet of Buddha, and returning to his

at the feet of Buddha, and returning to his solitary seat underneath a tree, applied himself sedulously to practice self-government and contemplation, and thus recovered the ground he had lost, and attained the fruit of Rahatship."

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AN IMPORTANT STEP!

Reduction in the Price of the Journal.

From every quarter have come up to us during the past two years such expressions as the following: "I love the Journal and don't know how to get along without it, but the price is greater than I can afford to pay until times are better." "Myself and neighbors want the JOURNAL, but can't afford to pay three dollars for it." "Reduce your price and we are certain you will more than double your circulation in six months," say able and experienced lecturers who go into the homes of Spiritualists and investigators and learn from personal observation the condition of the people.

Any change in the price of an old established paper, and especially a reduction is a matter of the gravest importance, involving many things of which the general public can form but an inadequate conception, and extremely hazardous and not to be thought of unless there is a sufficiently strong financial backing to warrant a trial of the experiment without jeopardizing the life of the paper. Fortunately the Jour-NAL is in this favorable condition; it has cost, however, a dozen years of self-sacrificing devotion on the part of the late, as well as the present, editor, and the expenditure of a large sum of money to reach this desirable goal. The cost of carrying the JOURNAL to the point where it became selfsupporting was over FIFTY THOUSAND DOL-LARS, but for the last seven or eight years the paper has taken care of itself.

True it is that, the amount of salary which its editors have been able to draw, has been insignificant and out of all proportion to the labor performed, yet this has been cheerfully and willingly borne, both by the founder of the paper and its present editor. True it is also that, able writers have freely contributed their best thoughts for the paper without money or price. By this large expenditure of money, time and talent, the paper has securely built a solid foundation which all the flerce waves of opposition have only tended to strengthen.

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We are fully aware of the hazard of the change, but we have such confidence in the friends of Spiritualism that we undertake it with great hope of success. Every friendly reader will, we hope, immediately bestir himself or herself to send us a Club of Subscribers. Now, when grove and camp meetings are occurring is a favorable time to work and to introduce the paper to those who are not familiar with it or who only know of it from those not in sympathy with | be exacting towards those who cannot pay it. We believe that no honest, intelligent | the face of their indebtedness and a portion Spiritualist or investigator can attentively of those indebted, we presume, cannot. Do ing to gain in uncompromising fidelity and with postal order.

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To the subscribers who make up the class of prepaid readers, and by whose noble and timely aid we have been enabled to send out a paper to which Spiritualists can point with true pride and satisfaction. We offer our deepest, truest gratitude. To all of this class who have renewed their subscriptions since June 1st and to all new YEARLY subscribers since that time we shall give an extension of time to conform to the new scale of prices.

To the yearly subscribers who are now paid in advance and who paid prior to June 1st, we appeal to know if they approve our new departure. If any there be among them who feel they should have the benefit of our new plan on their present advance payment, we beg of them to notify us forthwith, stating the time they remitted as near as may be and the amount, and we will cheerfully extend their time pro rata. These friends will, however, we hope, be able to see that we are doing them no injustice by our offer to others, that 'we shall give them all they paid for and that in the future should the experiment prove a success they will in good time reap the benefit. In the meantime they will have the satisfaction of knowing that the JOURNAL, their tried and true standard bearer, is widening and deepening its hold upon the great public which is hungering and thirsting for spiritual knowledge and that they have given good and timely assistance in accomplishing this

much-desired result TO SUBSCRIPERS NOW IN ARREARS. Friends, your number reaches into the thousands and you are owing us from 25 cents to twenty-five dollars respectively, aggregating a sum large enough, if promptly paid, to free us from a large share of anxiety. Each, week the paper has regularly reached you. Through the trying financial distress of the last few years the Journal has, like a faithful friend, aided and comforted you and assisted you to grow in spiritual knowledge and all that tends to fit you for a life in the future, where "hard times" are unknown to those who cross the border stocked with spiritual capital, however poor in this world's goods they may be when leaving this life. We have appealed to you constantly to make strenuous efforts to do your part; some have nobly responded, paying in part and doing their best to fulfill their duty. Others give no sign of life except to regularly take the paper from the post-office. We have constantly delayed the peremptory course which seemed our only alternative; we do not wish to be forced to bring suits against those who have so long been with us that they seem like members of our own family. Yet the inevitable laws of justice and self-protection will compel us to do our duty, however distasteful it may be. Friends, you see the efforts we are making to give you a good paper, one that shall instruct rather than amuse, one that cultivates your reason rather than your emotions, in a word, a paper that tends to spiritualize, elevate and improve the reader. You see our efforts to meet the wants of the public by a reduction in the price. Can you not also see your own imperative duty? Cancel your old obligations with us at once and renew at the reduced price. You can do it if you only try. We do not intend to

the very best you can, send us all you owe, if possible, and with it a renewal for another year.

TO THOSE WHO ARE TOO POOR TO PAY ANYTHING.

We can hardly believe there are any such, but if there are, we will cheerfully forgive them what they owe, upon receipt of a statement to that effect, acknowledged in the presence of a notary public, and bearing his official seal. Should there be such subscribers now on our list, they must feel that they have fed on our bounty to the limits of our ability to supply them, and that common decency demands that we be relieved of the

A WORD TO OUR READERS.

Our Aim and Effort for Spiritualism and Reform.

Our old readers know our aims and effort. in the past, and can judge of our future, but a few words may be due to the new readers of the enlarged list that we trust our reduction of terms will bring. We shall hold steadily on "bating no jot of heart or hope," as brave John Milton said when defending liberty of thought, yet enlarging our scope, and enriching our pages as the way opens. We shall advocate the Spiritual Philosophy with its bright outlook toward the life beyond, undimmed by any haze or darkness of Materialism; yet, while holding firmly to our own ideas, and criticising others fairly, frankly and strongly if need be, we shall respect all honest opinions, give them fair hearing, and so arm to win the respect of those from whom we may differ. Holding Spiritualism in its broad meaning to be, as S. S. Jones well said years ago," A philosophy of life," we shall aim to apply its ideas in a direct and practical way. buch temperance and self-control and knowledge of physiological law, as shall help to clean and healthy bodies, fit for pure spirits to use and inhabit through long and useful and happy lives on earth, we shall urge as of high importance. The equality of woman in her social and political relations, in marriage, in the home, and in public affairs, as indispensible to a better state of society and a higher civilization we shall continue to advocate. The taxation of church property, the remanding of Bible reading and sectarian prayer from our public schools to the church, the home and the Sundáy-school, where there will be no infringement on the consciences of others; and all that helps a total separation of Church and State, and the truest freedom of thought and conscience we shall persist ently stand for. "Liberty, but not libertinism," is a good motto, and it will be our aim to disapprove all vulgar or immoral writings, especially if in the guise of pretended reform or progress. The pathway of reform must be clean, and true progress leads to purity and self-conquest. . In the light of immortality our daily conduct has a new and larger significance, and results that reach far and wide, and Spiritualism we shall hold and advocate as help and inspiration in common things. Its facts and phenomena coming mostly, of course, through mediamship, are of priceless value and transcendent interest, and the wisest and kindest of efforts are needed to aid and encourage true mediums. While charitable to the occasional faults and frailties which they have in common with others, we have ever held that persistent and habitual fraud should be exposed, and that those who practice it are unworthy of support and confidence.

Such frauds we have opposed, and shall continue to do so, and our course has not only been approved by a majority of the best Spiritualists, but by a goodly number of the best and most reliable mediums, as their testimonials in our columns during the past year show.

. Care, accuracy and truthfulness are indispensable in the investigation of apirit manifestations. We have, therefore urged that good mediums should at times, submit to thorough, yet fair test conditions, asked and granted in a spirit of mutual good faith and good will, and such as many of our best mediums have most willingly granted; and this not only for the satisfaction of inquirers, but for the good repute of mediums.

All we have said has been to this end and in this spirit. / The cry that we are an enemy of mediums is of no consequence to us, and will not turn us a hair's breadth from our course. We shall go on in the exposure of all persistent fraud, and in the effort to uphold and befriend real mediumship and good mediums.

The receptive spirit, the harmony and unity, the rational carefulness, and the opening of our interior perceptions, in séances where spirits, mediums and sitters are animated by the same sincere desire for truth and spiritual light, ever bring highest and best results. While, no doubt, persons, not of high moral qualities may sometimes be good instruments for spirits to use, yet sincerity lies at the base of the finest spiritual gifts. Without it certainly, and without willingness to give test-conditions, we can hope for little respect from others, and for little success in convincing careful investigators.

We feel and are earnestly assured by thousands, that our timely and needed exposures of fraud have helped to save the great and precious Spiritual Movement from peril and degradation, and shall go on, if necessary, in that part of our work, trust-

"in malice toward none and charity to all." Of the passing events and sayings of the day, in church and state and social life, as they bear on the Spiritual Philosophy, we shall make due record and comment. Of the wonderful yet natural facts and phenomena of Spiritualism, as they occur all over the land, we hope to make valuable record, and in all that the wide scope of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL takes in we shall strive to enlarge and enrich our pages, and call,in the help of new and valuable correspondents, in response to the generous and enlarging support of the earnest and intelligent people, whose aid and sympathy is our inspiration to new effort.

Immature Investigations.

The Inter-Ocean of June 17th quotes liberally from our article entitled "Spirits In and Out of the Flesh," and adds the following comments:

lowing comments:

"We give these extracts in fairness to the Ralicio-Philosoffical Journal, which seems disposed to discuss questions in excellent temper and a spirit of toleration. But it would appear that mistakes occur with investigators whose investigations are not immature like those of Mr Kiddle. Many of the pioneers of Spiritualism give no more evidence of maturity than the new converts. Certain natures, easily impressed by phenomena, delight in mystery, and tolerate any amount of incidental clap-trap for the sake of the mystery. In such circles manifestations grade no higher now than they did twenty years ago. Among another class of Spiritualists there has been undoubtedly great progress, but even this class has been patient under infliction, and has been slow to cut loose from the humburgery that had no direct connection with the principles of their belief. Few Spiritualists admit as many doubts as the editor of the Journal; few care to investigate in his spirit of finding truth at any cost; and few are as eager as he to answer objections presented by those who differ with him."

There is much of truth and fairness in these remarks. But the errors, shortcomings, and immaturities shown in the investigations of Spiritualists are such as are incidental to the struggle of every great truth for birth. They are the necessary attendants of a state of transition from an old form of thought to a new. We have no word of reproach to offer to those investigators who, in sincerity of purpose, are testing in their own way and to the best of their abilities the physical phenomena. We want an ample basis of such facts, and we are getting it. Of course there are frivolous dealers with the phenomena, who go after them as they would after one of Barnum's shows; and to such the remarks of the Inter-Ocean fully apply. Where the frivolous, irreverent and unphilosophical spirit, prevails among sitters, it is not surprising that "the manifestations grade no higher now than they did twenty years ago."

But it should be borne in mind that there are many spiritual developments of which the public hear nothing; many communications of a high and noble character which are confined to the breast that receives them. This has been the case ever since the modern phenomena broke out.

Much that seems "humbuggery," in the eyes of critical, but inexperienced, lookerson, who feel well disposed towards the fundamental fact of Spiritualism, but whose esthetic nature is repelled by the grossly human character of many of the manifestations, may yet be of spirit origin. That there is a low order of spirits-that there are buffgons, scamps, and very undeveloped intellects in the Spirit-world,-has been repeatedly evident. No one can read the well authenticated phenomena at Dr. Phelp's house at Stratford, in 1850, paralleled as they are by hundreds of similar narratives, and have a doubt that men carry into the next life the precise characters they have formed for themselves here.

Spiritualism being a synthesis of wellattested phenomona is just what every one chooses to make it; either a barren jumble of curiosities, or the very life-spring of an earnest, a pure and undefiled religion. It depends upon the state and nature of a man's own character and mind, and the care, vigilance, and thought, which he brings to the investigation, whether he make of Spiritualism the greatest blessing yet vouchsafed to humanity, or pervert it into a source of errors and misconceptions. We agree with Fichte that it presents one of the highest incentives to morality, inasmuch as it does away with the old notion of arbitrary rewards and punishments, and makes every man the arbiter and planner of his own future by showing that as he leaves this life he will enter the next-ennobled by his earthly discipline, or the victim of lost opportunities.

Habit.

Man is a creature of habit and difficult it is to free him therefrom. When the JOURNAL was started it seemed to its projector wise and best to give credit to subscribers who asked for it after the expiration of their first subscription. A large number of our subscribers have consequently fallen into the habit of not paying until the end of the year (the wrong end) and others, too many, have failed to respond even then. A newspaper cannot be sold on credit to customers scattered among 40,000,-000 of people, with justice to itself or its prepaid subscribers. To those who have long been on our list we shall strive patiently for a little longer to wean them from the credit system. New subscribers will not receive a copy after the time for which they have paid has expired. In a few months we shall discontinue entirely the credit bystem.

We are constantly receiving postal orders from subscribers who place them in an envelope without a letter and do not even give their signature. It causes us some frouble as we do not know from what source they come. Hereafter persons remitting will please give full directions and signature

Reports of Meetings.

These reports should be written with care, and every superfluous word omitted. Highflown eulogies of speakers, unimportant details, in fact every thing which is not of general public interest, should be rigorously excluded. We are glad to publish these reports, and hope to receive them from all quarters; a record of them is valuable in that it furnishes evidence of the Movement, but each writer should bear in mind that his particular report is of very trifling interest to the mass of readers, and that he must sacrifice personal predilections for the general good.

Laborers in the Spiritualistic Vineyard, and Other Items of Interest.

\$3.15 will of course continue to be the price to those in arrears, until they pay up. It would be impracticable for us and unjust to others, to have it otherwise.

OUR CLUB RATES are open to old subscribers. The club may be made up of old and new readers. No distinction is made. A subscriber in arrears may pay up his dues at the same time that his name is sent in

Dr. J. R. Buchanan will be at the Philadelphia camp-meeting July 20th.

J. William Fletcher, the reliable trance medium, has decided to remain permanently in England.

Silas Arthur gives a glowing account of the spiritual grove meeting near Morenci, Mich., June 29th.

Mrs. Emma Hardinge-Britten delivered an excellent lecture in Dunedin, on this subject: "The Bible in Schools."

Mrs. L. E. H. Jackson will lecture or attend funerals where desired. Address her, Broadalbln, N. Y., until further notice.

Persons remitting postage stamps in small amounts, please send one and two cent stamps, instead of three cent stamps.

Hon. J. B. Young and son, of Marion, Iowa, were in town last week and had some pleasant experiences.

FIVE CENTS a copy is all that newsdealers will be allowed to charge for the Jour-NAL hereafter. Those who buy at news stands will please to make a note of this.

Capt. H. H. Brown will speak at West Pawlet, Vt., July 11th, 12th and 13th, and at East Middlebury, the 18th, 19th and 20th. Address him accordingly.

"The Address to the Spiritualists and Liberalists of Michigan, by the Executive Board," has been received, and contains much valuable information.

NOT A DUN .- We have a custom of sending to subscribers whose time is expiring, or has recently expired, a notice to that effect. We do not send it as a dun but simply as a friendly reminder and trust that all will so receive it.

Mrs. Clara A. Field has removed her office from No. 7 Montgomery Place to 33 Boylston street, Boston, where she will be pleased to meet with her friends and patrons. She will answer calls to lecture wherever her services are desired. Address her as above.

Wm. Emmette Coleman has been appointed a member of the State Executive Committee of the National Liberal League for Kansas, and Col. H. D. Mackay has been appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Liberal League for Leavenworth county, Kansas. Both these gentlemen are well known Journal contributors.

The Secretary or War, Geo. W. McCrary, and family, are said to be open and avowed Spiritualists. It has been stated, that at his last election to Congress, the charge of being a Spiritualist was urged against him during the campaign, but that he received at that election fifteen hundred more votes than ever before.

Mrs. E. L. Saxon had a respectful hearing, by ingitation, before the Louisiana Constitutional Convention in May. For the purpose of devoting herself to the interests of the women of that State, Mrs. Saxon denied herself the pleasure of attending the St. Louis Convention to which she was a delegate, and to reach which she had received passes on the river and two railroads.

We are sorry to hear that the infamous "Doctor's Bill," prohibiting magnetic healing, after being once defeated, was rushed through the Kansas Legislature, at its late session, and is now in force in that State. Some of the Kansas "Healers" announce their intention to pay no regard to the law, but will continue their avocation, risking the penalty of fine and imprisonment. So long as they confine themselves strictly to magnetic healing the law cannot injure

It appears from an exchange, that "the Boston co-operative grocery, under the presidency of Josiah Quincy, has been open three months, and is said to be a success. The plan is to sell unadulterated goods at fair prices, and return the profits to the purchasers. With every sale a certificate of the amount is given, and every three months a dividend is paid on these, shareholders receiving double the rate given to outsiders, besides six per cent. on the money invested. At the first quarterly meeting, President Quincy said: 'Your organization has already produced much good. Applications for your by-laws have been received from all parts of the United States. Probably more than fifty stores have been, or soon will be opened in consequence of your example, and this most comprehensive scheme of benevolence resting on self-help and material assistance, become general through the land."

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Mrs. Ophelia T. Samuel, a trance speaker lately a resident of St. Louis, is now stopping with friends in this city.

1,000 mile ticket on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R. R. for sale. Apply at the office of this paper.

Dr. Samuel Watson, of Memphis, Tenn will speak at the Philadelphia Camp-meeting; also at Alliance, Ohio, the last of

Frank T. Riply can be addressed at Jefferson, Ashtabula county, Ohio, care W. H. Crowell, where he is now resting for a short

Dr. John H. Currier will be absent from his Boston office from July 24th to August 12th, as his services have been secured as presiding officer for the Shawsheen Grove Camp-meeting.

Mr. James C. Young, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, witnessed spirit manifestations of a far more satisfactory character in the presence of Mrs. Simpson than ever beforethough he has traveled extensively both in this country and in Europe.

Mr. Ernest Dale Owen, son of Robert Dale Owen, and well known in the West as a brilliant young lawyer, has left Marquette, Mich. Mr. Owen called on us this week en route East. He also visited the mediums, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Crocker.

E. V. Wilson.—In another column will be found an appeal written by Prof. Allen for this well known lecturer. We trust our readers will buy a copy of Bro. Wilson's book, and thus help one who has done much effective service for Spiritualism.

The National Citizen and Ballot-Box, edited and published by Matilda Joslyn Gage, at Syracuse, N. Y., has a very interesting history of Woman Suffrage, from 1848 to 1877, running through the last few numbers. Copies can be obtained for five cents; by applying to the editor of the National Citizen. It is well worth reading. We find many familiar names among the signers of the Seneca Falls Declaration in 1840. Among them Mrs. Catharine F. Stebbins, an occasional contributor to the JOURNAL, and wife of Giles B. Stebbins.

Some few months since, our contributor, Wm. E. Coleman, in conjunction with Ed. W. Hewitt, both attached to the Quartermaster's Department, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, compiled and published an "Index of General Orders and Circulars Affecting the Quartermaster's Department U.S. Army," from 1865 to date. The first edition being exhausted, a new edition has been recently issued, Boroughly revised and enlarged, and containing nearly double the quantity of matter of the first edition. It is deemed an invaluable work of reference to all connected with the Q. M. Department.

Mr, John J. Morse, the excellent trancespeaker, whose biography we lately published, visited Edinburgh, Scotland, for the purpose of lecturing, but it appears from the Medium and Daybreak, that about a quarter of an hour before the lecture was to commence, one hundred students, at the very least, came trooping into the hall, with the avowed intention of breaking up the meeting, for as soon as they gained admission they began their ungentlemanly operations of throwing peas, singing songs and performing on tin whistles, ect. Thinking they would probably quiet down when the lecturer appeared, Mr. Morse with Mr. T. J. Rhodes as chairman, made their way on to the platform; when, instead of abating, the noise was resumed with increased vigor, and neither the chairman nor Mr. Morse were allowed to speak, owing to the unearthly yells issuing from the very refined students. Mr. Morse, in the trance state, was then proceeding to lecture on "Is Man Material or Spiritual after Death " when the interruption broke out afresh and continued for two hours, Mr. Morse under control all the time. The guides then declined to proceed further, and left the medium.

Constant Improvement.

Notwithstanding the reduction in the price of the JOURNAL, we shall not only give fully as good a paper as before, but shall study constantly how we may improve it. The improvements we now have in view will, when fully accomplished, render the JOURNAL the most complete model of a religious, philosophical, scientific and reformatory paper that can be reasonably asked for.

·Our ability to carry out our plans rests, dear readers, with you. Of ourself alone we can do little. If you will aid us with your money, your sympathy and your active influence, our only ambition shall be to advance your interests by giving you a weekly fountain of purest knowledge drawn from the deepest depths and most exalted heights which the human intellect, inspired by supernal wisdom, can reach. Our able corps of contributors, and those whom we shall add to the list, warrant us in saying this.

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The personal wants of the editor are few and easily satisfied; his habits and those of his family simple and inexpensive. His innermost desire, heartly seconded by his wife, who is not only his dearest friend, but truest, safest, wisest earthly counselor, is to expend upon the JournaL all the money that can be made in the business. Both desire to aid in building up a paper which shall be a source of honest price to Spiritualists, and an instrument of power in the advancement of Spiritualism-the SCIENCE OF LIFE, which shall teach men

how to live as well as how to die. Spiritualists, free-thinkers of every shade of thought, the JOURNAL is broad enough for all honest, pure-minded investigators; for all who seek to benefit the race. We invite you to our columns, and ask that we may mutually aid in the great work.

Notice.

The Spiritualists and Liberalists of Trent and vicinity will hold their quarterly meeting at the School House in Trent, on the last Saturday and Sunday in July, commencing Saturday at half-past two o'clock r. m. and Sunday at half-past ten, a. M., and two o'clock r. m. Speaker, Dr. McCullock, of Holland. The Doctor a wife, a talented elecutionist, will give select readings before and after each lecture. All are invited.

J. A. Mille, Pres't.

Trent, Muskegon Co., Mich.

'A National Liberal and Spiritual Camp Meeting.

Arrangements have been fully perfected for the Seat National Liberal and Spiritual Camp-meeting at Bismarck Grove in this place, to begin September 5th and last one week. It is intended to make this a ringing protest against ecclesiastical engroachments upon civil authority. The liberal leaguers of Kansas hold their State convention at the same time and piece to perfect State convention. Ex-Governor Charles Robinson is Chaliman of the Committee of Arrangements. Upon the committee are three members of the Supreme Court and five leading editors Besides attorieys, physicians and prominent business men. This will be the largest gathering of Liberals and Spiritualists ever held in the West. We have already secured several very prominent speakers and hope to get many others. Bismark is the finest grove in the West and less than half rates are promised on all roads from Chicago west.

W. H. T. Wakhfiring.

Michigan Spiritualists' and Liberal-

ists' State Camp Meeting. Arrangements are being perfected for holding a State Camp-meeting under the auspices of the Michigan State Association of Spiritualists and Liberalists, at Lansing, commencing Saturday, July 26th, and Closing Monday, August 4th. The best speakers in the Spiritual and Liberal field will be present. For circulars and information on the subject address.

S. B. McChacken,

Chairman Executive Committee, Lansing, Mich.

Spiritual Camp Meeting.

The Spiritualists of Philsdelphia will hold a camp-meeting, commencing July 18th, and continue four successive weeks, at Neshaminy Falls Grove, distant from Philsdelphia eighteen miles, and from New York

meeting, commencing Jüly 18th, and continue four successive weeks, at Neshaminy Falls Grove, distant from Philadelphia eighteen miles, and fram New York seventy miles.

Arrangements have been made with the Reading Railroad Company to stop all trains at Willett's Station, distant from the camp grounds about 50 yards, at the low rate of fare of 55 cents for the round trip from Philadelphis; children over 5 years and under 12, at half rates. Also, special rates of fare have been agreed upon from all stations on the various railroads controlled by the Reading Railroad Company.

We hope to have complete arrangements with all the railroads leading to Philadelphia at special rates, so that our friends and truth seekers generally may be able to attend our meeting at a low rate of transportation.

The Neshaminy Falls Grove contains twenty acres. The station is thin fifty yards of the ground. A beautiful stream or vater, called Silver Lake, is immediately adjoining the Grove, with twenty-lour new row boats, and fifteen patent self-acting swings.

Three springs of excellent water are on the grounds. The Grove is densely shaded with thrifty offses and maples. The cool breezes from the cross valleys impart fresh and invigorations air, thus rendering it one of the choice places of resort so much sought for during the heat of midsummer. Vocal and instrumental music will be provided during the meeting.

There is a large parillion erected, 64 by 40 feet; also, an ice house full of ice, and other improvements are being made, together with tents, so that the solouriers shall be properly cared for at a low rate for board.

Persons wanting tents must make immediate applicacation to the Executive committee, and persons who propose to furnish their own tents will please trake known that fact to said committee.

Speakers, will occupy the public rostrum daily mornings, afternoons and evenings. Mediums for different phases of manifestations will be present, who will furnish evidence of spirit control.

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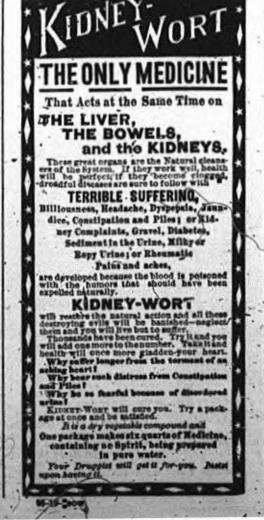
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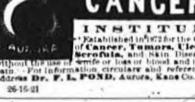


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Knitting.

(Published by request.) Grandma sat in her old arm-chair Knitting, out in the morning air, Back on the porch, with vines o'erhung, And, as she knit, she rocked and sung:

"Why is my work like the life of man? Solve me the riddle, all who can." Stitch upon stitch-'mid toll and strife, Is wovey the web of human life.

First we take white, so pure and good, That answers nicely for babyhood; And childhood, too, so pure and bright, May well be symbolized with white.

But man, with his heavier, firmer tread, Must have a stronger and darker thread. Here we come to the clouded blue, For "wear and tear" that will better do.

Life's checkered scenes are well portrayed In all this varying light and shade; The dark for sin and pain, I ween, With white for the good deeds thrown between.

But here a stich was dropped-alas! It never will do to let that pass. What! have an imperfect life all through! No! what was done we must now undo.

Good as before, did some one say? Perhaps, but time was lost on the way; And, howsoe'er swiftly we may go, We might have been further still you know.

Here we come to the heel at last; We'll double the thread and hold it fast. Beneath the heaviest of the strife It bears the burdens of middle life.

This is the work of months, I fear, The thread is far from strong right here; Just where strength is needed most, Tis cate out, forever lost!

Had it been placed in "Our Father's" care, The moths could have never entered there. Nor thieves broke through to steal away-'Twould have been safe till judgment day.

Ah! man, with your boasted, puny strength, God grant you may learn the truth at length, That you linger not outside the wall Till the moths and thiever have taken all.

Follow the "straight and narrow seam," Don't go at random as in a dream. Now through the foot we glide along, Singing the half-forgotten song.

The busiest hours of life are o'er, And we dream of the days that are no more; Children all flown from the parent nest, Father and mother have time to rest.

Now we are narrowing towards the toe, Henceforth swifter and swifter we go. Closer and closer the stiches fold, Cares grow fewer and man grows old.

Here it is, all white once again, Like a life that's purified by pain; The second childhood must be fair As the scattered locks of silvery hair;

The crown of glory shall be given The aged traveler nearing heaven. Now, "Its finished," snap the thread, Lay it down gently—the old man's dead.

LIBBIE C. GAULT. District No 6, Vernon, Wis.

Nuts to Crack.

A great theme, a very great theme, a theme most attractive and apparently satisfactory to the antagonists of the spiritual movement, is the mistakes, the unsatisfactory demonstrations, the mistakes, the unsatisfactory demonstrations, the false and foul manifestations per mediums. Now this is perfectly natural, and I am not surprised that the respectable, moral people, who do not comprehend the law of spiritual phenomena, should be disgusted with much that is observed by, or reported to them, in this line. But would not their immense fastidiousness and even hilarity over these puerilities, be a little modified if they for a moment could see that the money discussed. they, for a moment, could see that the many dis-graceful and actually horrible things that appear in the popular places where the ghostly doings of to day are not at all acceptable, are really of the same plane and origin—perhaps we ought to say on a lower range than anything which has been

on a lower range than anything which has been or can be charged to mediums?

There is a marked change going on in the public mind as to the present spiritual possibilities and the real conditions affecting those possibilities. Our "harmonial" brother, A. J. Davis, seems to have fairly housed within himself the idea of the "disbolical" in human affairs, when related to the spirit, and likely enough a multitude of others had bester look a little in the same direction for a solution of something that disturbs them in spiritual ranks, and for other things which are as much of a nulsance or discord in their own ranks.

Is the flatulent criticism that sneers at a rose in the bosom of a delicate and sensitive lady medium anywise superior to the chaste mediumship itanywise superior to the chaste mediumship itself? Is the hurrah-boys' riot or persecution in
the well-conducted meetings of Baxter, very
much better than the one instance of false communication with which he is charged? God's
ways are very equally balanced. Let all opposers of
existing spiritual operations see to it that their
own status of truth and principle, or that of those
with whom they associate, is at least no more
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I have written the above fully realizing that the unreliable points in Modern Spiritualism are "nuts to crack," in which very many are just now finding unusual delight. Friend Kiddle's book is giv ing unusual delight. Friend Kiddle's book is giving editors and others, in all directions, a great deal of satisfactory employment, and A J.Dayls is using his philosophical pinchers on a specimen of so further east, so I think that I have chosen a very good heading for this article, which may be quite as appropriate for one or two others yet to come. In the meantime let our brethren of the Christian ranks, especially, gipe heed to the point of warning embodied in this introductory; and, as Christ indicated, be watchful of the beam' that is in their "own eye." More than this let as Christ indicated, be watchful of "the beam" that is in their "own eye." More than this, let me say that I am really glad that there is to day such a growing insight and recognition as to the unreliable and grosser/features of the spiritual movement. As an individual my earliest attention was given to this problem, and a line of manifestations was opened; in the very outset of the movement, to offset the liabilities and dangers of these cruder tendencies—most successful, too, and widely influential and acknowledged. And as the Christianity of universal unity and brotherhood is the only solution and avoldance of the difficulty, those who are really interested in holding in check unworthy and injurious influence, and maintaining well-regulated conditions in spiritual things, are the very ones who could the most satisfactorily and successfully inaugurate this divine unity, which will be found to be indeed the itual things, are the very ones who could the most satisfactorily and successfully inaugurate this divine unity, which will be found to be indeed the only real spiritual "organization." I should te glad to hear from any one interested in this higher unfolding, and, among others, Andrew Jackson Davis may now be able to send us a helpful word. In the course of time J. B Poole will be apt to hear from me as to his "New Theory of Life and Species," which is quite an approximation toward an old (Bible) theory which the churches do not pet understand, and which

"thinkers" have not yet quite attained unto. In the line of brotherhood above indicated, this, with many other important and vital truths and beneficent aids, will be clearly brought out.

D. J. MANDELL.

Athol, Mass.

The New England Spiritualists' Camp Meeting Association.

The New England Spiritualists' Camp-Meeting Association (the largest in New England) will hold its sixth annual camp-meeting at Lake Pleasant, Montague, Mass., from Aug. 6th to

September 3rd, 1879.

In the summer of 1874, a few friends from Springfield and Greenfield, who were in favor of holding a camp meeting in western Massachusetts, met at Lake Pleasant June 27th, and consetts, met at Lake Pleasant June 27th, and consulted with Assistant Superintendent Comee in regard to holding one at that place. Mr. Comee made favorable propositions, and the friends adjourned to the office of the Frankin County Times, in Greenfield, at 2 F. M., same date, where a formal organization was made, and Dr. Joseph Beals, Greenfield, Mass, was chosen president.

The first annual camp meeting was held at

The first annual camp meeting was held at Lake Pleasant from August 13th to 27th, 1874, during which the same officers were rechosen, and a constitution and by laws adopted, under the 'The Massachusetta Spiritualists' and

Liberalists' Camp Meeting Association. .
Dr. Joseph Beals has so ably filled his position that he has been unanimously re elected each year. Harvey Lyman was treasurer three years, W. W. Currier one year, and Wm. C. Bryant two years. Henry Smith was secretary one year, and

The first meeting proved a grand success, both in attendance and financially, which gave great encouragement to the officers; and the general feeling of all interested was that annual meetings of this kind would awaken the enthusi-asm of the general public to the fact that Spirit-ualism, first of all, demonstrates by present facts the reality of a future state of conscious, Intelli-gent, immortal existence for the whole human family. The total receipts for the first year were \$1,633 00, and the expenses \$1,636 03—leaving a balance of \$7.96 in the treasury.

Camp meetings were held in 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878, with excellent success.

Previous to the formation of this association but little attention was paid to the performance of instrumental music at the camp meetings in this country, and the idea of employing a full dilitary band for the entire camp meeting originated with the Lake Pleasant organization. Upon the recommendation of the late Asst. Supt. Comes, of the Fitchburg railroad, the Fitchburg Military Band was engaged for the first year, and their performances proved so attractive a feature of the meeting that they have been engaged each subsequent year. The band has steadily im-proved since its first engagement, has a large re-pertoire of first-class music and numerous solo performers, and now ranks with the best bands in New England. The association has leased these grounds for ten years, and thirty-six cottages have already been erected; and more will be built this season. A new charter, under the statutes of Massachusetts, has been secured, and will probably be adopted at an early day, when this association will become a legal body, and have full control of the grounds within a circuit of one mile.

Two hundred and forty three tents and cottage were occupied last year. The meetings have be-come very popular, and the association is the largest of the kind in New England, and the meet-ings more largely attended. Bixteen states, and sixty three towns from Massachusetts were rep-

resented last year.

The grounds have been enlarged by laying out seventy-five new lots, and the campaign for 1879 bids fair to be the most brilliant of any of its predeceasors. Over one hundred and fifty lots are already engaged and paid for, which assure its

Lake Pleasant is situated in the town of Mon-

tague, Mass, on the Western Division of the Fitchburg railroad, six miles southeast of Greenfield, and three bours' ride from Boston. It is be-lieved that few places can furnish, to an equal degree, so many of these advantages which are es-sentially requisite to the highest enjoyment of out-door life; and it is obtaining recognition which must always go, in steadily increasing measure, to the diversified attractions of this charming locality. Camping in these fragrant woods serves to allay the nervous irritation of life, and induce a coveted serenity. Here the ideal quality of rest is yielded—coming in the indoient tent life, the restoring properties of pure air and the balsam of pine, the delightful music, the gratification of huge appetites and long nights of aleep under the twinkling stars. The attractions at Lake Pleasant are manifold, embracing every variety of inland scenery—everything possible for the comfort and convenience of visitors, and ample facilities for amusement and recreation. ground alloted for the, erection of tents and cotground alloted for the erection of tents and cot-tages is very large, extending for a half mile east and west on the creet of the high hills surround-ing the lake, and is covered with a thick growth of pine, maple, oak and hestnut trees. The view from the southwest is magnificent, reaching to Mt. Toby and Sugar Josf in the fertile Connecti-cut valley, the intervening country being dotted with forests, beautiful farms and thriving vil-lages. The scene from the east includes the lake, bordered with trees growing to the edge of the bordered with trees growing to the edge of the water—the land beyond gradually rising, until the view is lost in the blue haze of the distant mountains. The lake is a beautiful sheet of the purest spring water, with gravel bottom, covers about one hundred and eight acres, and is within an eighth of a mile of another lake of sixty acres. Bath houses for ladies and for gentlemen are located at convenient points on the shore, a commodious wharf (repaired and improved this commodious wharf (repaired and improved this season) lies near the foot of the stairs leading to the grove from the railroad station, where a fiotil-la of boats is always in readiness to take out

pleasure or fishing parties.

The hand of man could not have fashioned a bet ter place than here exists for large audiences to see and hear a lecturer. In the most shady part of the grove nature has formed a half-circle on the side of the hill, at the foot of which, in the centre, is located the speaker's stand, containing sufficient room for a large choir and organ—the rows of seats diverging from the stand to the top

of the hill, like the spokes of a wheel.

An elegant pavilion stands on an elevated pla. teau overlooking the grove on the one side, and the railroad station on the other, and accessible from each by easy flights of stairs. The dancing assemblies held here each week-day afternoon and evening during the camp meeting, are conducted with the utmost order and decorum, and have become exceedingly popular. The pavilion this season will be brilliantly lighted with Dietz Patent Tubular Reflectors, hung from the ceiling, thus obviating the disagreeable glare of side-lights in the faces of the dancers, which has been

An abundance of excellent, pure, soft water, for drinking and culinary purposes, is supplied from driven wells near the lake, and is distribut. ed by force pump to large cisterns in various por-tions of the grounds on the hill.

Five years experience in camping in this grove has demonstrated its healthfulness, persons in feeble health having been greatly benefited, and the misery of hay fever considerably mitigated by a brief solourn in its dry, salubrious atmosphere; and a number of cottages have been erected by parties intending to live here through the summer months.

The meetings of this association, combining so many intellectual, musical, social, recreative, and healthful pleasures, are anticipated with the live-llest interest by the thousands of annual attend-

ants.

This year, tickets can be procured on the various railroads at greatly reduced rates. Tents will be ready for occupancy on the 6th, and must be paid for as soon as occupied.

SPEAKERS FOR 1879. The first regular exercises will be held Sunday, August 10th. The speakers will be as follows:
Sunday, Aug. 10th. W. J. Colville and (probably)
Lizzie Doten, of Boston; the 12th. Geo. A. Fuller, Sherborn, Mass.; the 13th, Mrs. N. J. Willis, Cambridge, Mass.; the 14th. Mrs. Sarah B. Snow, Malden, Mass.; the 15th, Henry C. Lull, Boston, Mass.; the 10th, Fannie Davis Smith, Brandon, Vt.; the 17th. Ed. S. Wheeler, Philadelphia, Pa, and E. V. Wilson, Lombard, Ill.; the 19th, Abby N. Burn, ham, Boston, Mass.; the 20th, Elder Fred Evans, Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.; the 21st, Ed. S. Wheeler, Philadelphia, Pa.; the 22nd, Giles B. Stebbins, De.

troit, Mich.; the 23rd, Prof. Wm. Denton, Wellesley, Mass.; the 24th, Prof. Wm. Denton and Cephas F. Lynn, of Boston; the 26th, Dr. H. B. Storer, Boston, Mass.; the 27th, Nellie J. T. Brigham, Elm Grové, Mass.; the 25th, J. Frank Baxter, Maplewood, Mass; the 29th, Mrs. J. Yeaw, Northboro, Mass.; the 30th, Prof. Wm. Denton, Wellesley, Mass.; the 31st, Prof. Wm. Denton and J. Frank Baxter.

Some of the best mediums in the country will be present, and the phenomenal phases of the spiritual gospel will be invited to full manifestaions through circles and séauces.

MUSIC. The Fitchburg Military Band, of twenty-four pieces, will arrive August 9th, and remain until September 1st, giving two concerts daily, at 9: 30 a. M., and I c'clock P. M. Programmes of the Grand Sacred Concerts to be performed on Sundays, will be published in the daily papers of each Saturday.

Geo. W. Burnham, of Willimantic, Conn., who

conducted, the singing last August, will have charge again this year. All singers are requested to bring their books and join the choir.

Russell's orehestra, of sixteen pieces, will fur;

nish music for dancing at the pavilion every week-day afternoon and evening.

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Personal Experiences and Observa-

BY S. B. NICHOLS, PRESIDENT OF THE BROOKLYN SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE.

NUMBER EIGHT.

Something over twenty years ago there was a young law student by the name of J. Rollin M. Squire, a nephew of Mr. Farrar, a gentleman of wealth residing in the city of Boston, who was developed as a medium for physical manifesta-tion, and it was my good fortune to attend one of these circles held at the house of Mr. Farrar, by invitation of A. E. Newton, then editor of the best Spiritual paper ever published in New Eng-land-The Spiritual Age. The manifestations that evening were very remarkable, as there was another medium present, Geo. A. Redman, a young physician, who at the time had created an unusual interest through the antics of a spirit, a colored man, whose bones were carried about the country mysteriously in the twinkling of an eye. Some dozen or more ladies and gentle nen assembled at Mr. Farrar's, among whom were lawyers, ministers,

At this circle the gas was turned down so that it gave a dim, weird light, but clear enough to see each other. Mr. S. sat in an office chair on the top of a large, circular, black walnut table. He was carried to the top of the room and rapped on the ceiling with his hands. Some of the de Thomas's present asked Mr. Farrar if he had any objections to the table coming down so that we could hear it when it fell. Mr. F. said he had none, and the invisible power was requested to have the phenomenon occur again, and when the table came down, its legs were broken, and the medium tumbled out of his chair on to the floor. We turned the gas-entirely off, and various articles were taken and distributed to the different members comprising the circle. A chair was taken completely apart and each piece handed to a different person; pillows and clothing from the bed were carried to various persons in the circle; is large bouquet of flowers in one corner of the room was taken and given to the mother of the medi-um, who sat ten feet from it, and every one in the room received some token of the power of the We formed a circle in the centre of the room

around a table; all joined hands to see if we could around a table; all joined hands to see if we could receive touches from the spiris, and immediately after the circle was formed, and as soon as the light was extinguished, each person in the circle was touched—some grasped by the leg, others' arms violently shaken. Some received soft caresses. I felt, for the first time, a spirit hand on my forehead, and as I had hold of the hand of each neighbor next to me, I could, of course, come to no other conclusion than that I had been touched by loving ones from over the river. Mr. Redman stood next to me in the circle, and he was remark ing to a lady next to him on the other side, that he had been carried up to the celling a few even-ings before, and that he hoped that it would never be done again. The words were hardly out of his lips before he began to ascend. I held on to his hand as long as I could. When he reached the ceiling he was requested to write his name, which he did, and when he came back to the floor, it was he did, and when he came back to the floor, it was as gently as a feather. Methinks I hear some skeptic say, "Why don't the spirits do these wonders in the light." J. Frank Baxter, the distinguished lecturer; and also a test medium, states that he has often been carried to the top and about rooms in the full-blaze of gas, in the presence of scores of witnesses. In the days of which I am writing, there was in New England a very able speaker on the pistform, and a wonderful physical medium, Mrs. A. A. Currier, of Lowell, Mass., who, a few years since, was translated to her heavenly home. Mrs. C. was giving a series of lectures in my native place, and I have heretofore mentioned that my friend B. was a very skeptical investigator. One evening, in a large hall, while the medium was speaking before several tical investigator. One evening, in a large hall, while the medium was speaking before several hundred people, he arose in the audience and demanded that if the spirita had anything to do with the phenomena, that they would do something then and there to convince the audience of their presence and power. Immediately the Inedium stepped back at least six feet from the deak where she was speaking. The platform was three feet above the floor. The table, on which was a small leak and a large bible, rose gradually, and turned completely over and fell to the floor of the hall. At the dinner table, when the table would be loaded with the dishes, and with a dozen persons sitting around it, it would rock without any one touching it in the presence of this medium. One-evening we were latting around the table, and among other manifestations a small window tassel, which was locked up in a trunk in a chamber sol, which was locked up in a frunk in a chamber daused, was brought and put into the hands of two members of the circle. It had to pass through two rooms, and come from the second to the first story. Another time, while at our supper, a book which a member of our family had been reading was taken from the table in another room, an brought into the room and left on the floor. A this occurred in a room fully lighted, and under such conditions that no collusion on the part of the medium was possible.

Brooklyn. N. Y. the medium was possible. Brooklyn, N. Y.

M. Parklaurst writes: I must congratulate you on your bravery in taking the position you do for test conditions and honest mediumship. It do for test conditions and honest mediumship. If spiritualism cannot be propagated without fraud, the scoher it is dead the better. A plant that cannot live in the light of truth and honesty, is not worth having; and one of the great hindrances in the way of cleansing the country of deceiving mediums, and those that are practicing their counterfeit manifestations so profitably to themselves, is that good, honest people are so credulous that in many instances they allow themselves to be deceived by manifestations that are so filmsy that any person of any experience at all ought to see through them. There is still another class, much more harmful, that, though they know mediums are deceiving, and detect them, they will not ex-

It seems to me that dishonest medipose them. unis should be exposed as readily as a burglar that you wight catch in your house. Indeed, the dishonest medium is doing more harm in many instances than the one who only steals your money. I consider real mediumship a sacred gift, and woe to those who do not act up to their best light and knowledge in its use. I have as poor an opin-ion of a recreant medium as I do of a recreant minister, and still worse of some mediums, be-cause they have a real knowledge of spirit-life that many of the clergy probably do not have, and "where so much is given, much shall be re-quired."

Excellent Tests.

Wishing to witness an-exhibition of Dr. Slade's Wishing to witness an exhibition of Dr. Slade's wonderful medium istic powers, my wife and myself visited his rooms, No 216 Powell street, Sen Francisco, at ten o'clock, A. M. We found him comfortably seated in a nicely furnished parlor, and upon our expressing a wish to have a slitting with him, we were invited to enter an adjoining room, which was, perhaps, ten by twelve feet square, very plainly furnished. In fact there was scarcely anything in it but a common table about three feet source very plain without paint. three feet square, very plain, without palot or varplab, made like the old-fashioned dining table with fall-leaf, and a few common dining chairs. The room was on the lower floor, facing the street and was as light as an ordinary sitting room when the curtains are up and the blinds open. When entered the Doctor requested us to examine the table, furniture, etc., carefully, so as to be per-factly satisfied, which we did.

Dr. Slade sat at the west end of the table, facing

south, with his left side to the table and his feet away from it and in plain view. My wife sat at the east end facing the table, and I sat on the south side facing north. My feet and those of my wife were under the table.

On sitting down the Doctor asked if there were

any spirits present who would communicate, and was answered by three loud raps in the centre of the table. He then asked if they would write, when raps were again heard. He then took a small slate, perhaps six by eight inches, and after carefully cleaning it and allowing me to examine it, he placed upon it a piece of slate pencil about the size of a grain of wheat. Placing his left hand on the centre of the table, he requested us to put our hands with his, then taking the slate with the thumb and ingers of his right hand, he put it under the corner of the table, his hand be-ing in plain view. Soon we could hear the scratch of the pencil, and upon removing the slate there were several words written on it.

The Doctor then took two slates, rubbed them with a wolst sloth, and after drying them, he placed a plece of pencil on one, and laid the other slate upon it, so that the two slates were tight together, with the pencil between them. Then, taking them in his right hand, he reached over to my left shoulder, and held them edgewise to my ear. Soon I could hear the scratch of the pocil. After a few moments aps were heard, and on opening the slates, of side of one of them was covered with a communication written in a neat, plain hand, and signed "Henry Miller."

The Doctor then took another state, and after cleaning it, asked me to write a name on one side W. King," turned the slate with the name on the under side, and then handed it to the Doctor, who laid a pencil on the top side, and slid it partly under the edge of the table, the hand being in plain view. In a moment there was written, "I am with you—A. W. King." This being my brother, I asked if he would write me something.

Dr. Slade laid a piece of pencil on the top of the table, took a clean slate and turned it over the table, took a clean slate and turned it over the In about one minute there was written a communication on the bottom side of the slate which covered nearly the whole side, and was signed "A. W. King." This was of a private nasigned "A. W. King." This was of a private na-ture, and gave facts of which Dr. Stade could have had no knowledge. While this was being written his left hand was on the table, touching ours:
with his right he touched the centre of the slate on the top side, with the ends of his fingers/and thumb. He then placed another slate under the table, holding it with his right hand, which was plainly in sight. This was pulled away from him by some invisible force, carried under the table, and dropped on the floor by the side of my wife. She picked it up and handed it back to him. Again it was taken from his hand, carries under the table to my wife, so that she could see it, but remained close to the under side of the table, and upon his requesting the spirits to bring it back, they did so in an instant. A chair which stood on the north side of the table and out of reach and behind Dr. Slade, raised up nearly as high as the table, no one being near it at the time. Finally the Doctor turned, and facing the table he placed his feet together and requested me to put my foot across them. We then placed all our hands on the top of the centre of the table, and upon raising them simultaneously, the table followed them up ten or twelve inches, then fell back with a thud. This concluded the séance with this most wonderful man. E. W. Kino, M. D. Ukiab, Mendocino Co., Cal., June 15, 1879.

THE THIRD ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL LIBERAL LEAGUE. .

A Word to the Liberals, of the United States.

The probability now is that the next congress of the National Liberal League will soon be called to meet in one of the following named cities—Chicago, St. Louis or Cincinnati; and it is important that the liberals of the United States prepare to make the assembly one that by its-num-bers and character shall command the attention and respect of the American people.

To this congress each auxiliary Liberal League

will be entitled to send its president and secretary and three other members as delegates. All char-ter members and life members are also by the constitution entitled to seats and votes in the

Liberal Leagues formed, but many of these doubt less will feel unable to bear the expense of send less will feel unable to bear the expense of sending delegates to the congress, but it is very desirable that each suxiliary League make arrangements to be fully represented either by its own
members or by substitutes who live near where
the congress is to be held.

And I desire to urge the Liberals everywhere,
and especially those who reside in the vicinity of

the cities above mentioned, where no local league has been fermed, to at once meet in their respective cities and towns, and organize an auxiliary league and select delegates who will be sure to attend this congress.

And another suggestion I desire to make, is that our liberal friends in each locality see that the call for the congress, when issued, be publish-ed in their local journals. If the editor is not ed in their local journals. If the editor is not liberal enough to give the call a free notice, then get it published as an advertisement. In this way we can make the people acquainted with the movement.

H. L. GREEN.

Chairman Ex. Com. N. L. L.

The following is from a review in the Method ist Quarterly of Prof. Newcomb, "The Course of Nature," by D. D. Whedon, D. D.:

We may now adduce some "thickets" of a non-scientific but historical character, from which it is not easy to expel a superphysical presence or deny an interruption in the chain of physical caus-ations. Want of space limits us to an instance

Our first historical "thicket" is the phenomena in the Wesley family of rappings and other manifestations, from no/corporeally human source, for mopths continued. They were examined under all conceivable theories, by the most skillful investigators, and set all theories at deflance which did not admit their superphysical character. The invisible agents of those phenomena acted with intelligent reference to the treatment they received. They had a palpable influence in producing that supernaturalism in the character of John Wesley by which he became the spostle of the eighteenth century. They are unquestioned historical facts, facts irreconcilable with the theory of "mechanical course of Nature," as excluding all supernatural interference. There are therefore, intelligent beings, invisible to man, who do probably under certain permitting conditions, to us unknown, interpose in mundane affairs.

Bwedenborg was one night in Gottingen, sitting in a social company. Buddenly he arose, went Our first historical "thicket" is the phenomens

but the door, and, after a while returning, announced to the company that a great fire was raging in Stockholm, Sweden, describing with particularity its extent. Three days afterward the news arrived confirming in every respect the statement of Swedenborg. The relator of this narralive is the philosopher Kant, who declared that there is no doubt of its truth. No science can either annihilate that fact or explain it on any theory of an uninterruptible course of lower physical nature."

Mrs. R. P. Burnett writes: I could not think of losing one number of the blessed old JOURNAL; it helps me so much to bear my suffer-

Notes and Extracts.

Spiritualism has many avenues through which its lessons to mankind are imparted.

To Spiritualists generally, such terms as "Astral Light," "Astral Body," and so on, are of mysterious Import.

Fichte anticipates the greatest possible beneress of Spiritualism.

Faul was converted to Spiritualism by the manifestation of Spiritual presence; clairvoyant and clairaudient we would call him to day.

Nineteenth century bustle and skepticism are fast elbowing out of the way all the old-fash-loned superstitions of our childhood. Round out the powers of the soul; complete its growth so far as possible, so as to take up life

as a conscious entity in the Spirit-world. Religion is not a new element in the life forces of mankind. Mankind, and even the brute

world has worshiped the Infinite in all ages. Death is an affair of the body, not of the spir-

it. The body dies; the soul is born into a new life that is but the complement of the old one. There is hardly a country in Europe, save Turkey, where there does not reign unchecked that ridiculous dislike for making one of thirteen

at dinner.

The credentials which Spiritualism has to offer are undisputable facts—facts as hard and stubborn as those which have been deduced for

The Egyptian regarded the coffin carried round at the feast as a powerful hint to make the best of his opportunities, and to revel all the more merrily because life was short.

As a system of divination, astronomy stands in significant relation to the prophetic dreams, oc-cult warnings, and "inexplicable" coincidences with which our records abound.

In the rebound from that materialism which was the inevitable consequence of the Protestant reformation, men have been inclined to regard Spiritualism as an angel from heaven. There are hundreds of cases in which persons

have, through the suggestion of spirits, obtained a knowledge of the machinery of natural science which they did not previously possess. When you take the Old Testament you find hat in the story of the disobedience of man and

woman, there came a curse to each, but no reference was made to anything beyond the earthly It'is next to impossible for twelve persons to sit around a table in a room for the purpose of getting elementary spiritual manifestations with-out finding them in a short time, although more

advanced phenomena requires more patience. Wesley, who was among the grandest of re-ligious leaders, the founder of a powerful church, in his house at a certain time a scene was wit-nessed by one of the servants which was strange, a movement with no visible power to produce it.

Emmanuel Hermann Fichte has recently put forth a pamphlet on Spiritualism, in which he tells us that notwithstanding his age, and his exemption from the controversies of the day, he feels it his duty to bear his testimony to the great fact of Spiritualism.

As to the heresy of spirits, it seems to consist partial and vindictive God; the endiess, useless torments of sinners in hell; the existence of a delfic devil, always opposed to the Universal Father, and the unalterable moral condition of spirits in the next world.

Swedenborg, that grand mind that towers like a monumental light in history, shows to us the sublime powers of mediumship; not only could he see faces and forms of spirits, but they informed him of scenes in the Spirit-land, sometimes typical; sometimes real; they gave to him messages he could hear and understand.

Tracing the growth of religion, the savage be-lieves that the forces of nature, which he saw in operation around him were, or implied the pres-ence of beings like himself. "He conceived of himself as something substantial and something insubstantial, and he concluded that, in like man-ner, there were souls in things. He found further that these personified forces of nature could in-jure him. They were, therefore, fit objects of supplication; beings whose favor he might procure, or whose wrath he might avert. Hence the whole system of Nature-worship,

If we turn over the pages of the past we find that the noblest and lighest have only gained the victory by surmounting every obstacle, that the price of self-sacrifice was exacted for every great return. There is, perhaps, no life in which this is more plainly manifested than in the life of Jesus. Hedged in on every side by bigotry and superstition, he felt the power of his own indwelling spirit, and realized the great cloud that was enveloping the whole world in spiritual darkness—the sacrifice seemed as nothing in comparison to the great good to be gained. son to the great good to be gained.

Emmanuel Hermann Fichte, now in his eighty-third year, is one of the most cele-brated philosophical writers of Germany. Some twenty fears ago he was convinced of the funda-mental facts of Spiritualism. It was his good for-tune to learn them through one of the most dis-interested scholars and powerful mediums ever connected with Spiritualism, the late Baron Gul-denstubbe, author of "La Réalité des Esprits." The Baron was a medium for physical phenomena of the most convincing kind. Independent writ-ing was got in his presence under conditions that did not admit of a doubt. did not admit of a doubt.

T. P. Barkas says that he has been touched with a human hand when no embodied human be-ing was within seven feet of him, and he has seen ing was within seven feet of him and he has seen young women and children walk from behind curtains and pass before him in a room when he had, he thought, the clearest physical evidence that no such embodied human belings were in the apartment. In a case where a stout, matronly lady was secured behind a curtain in a room; he had a short time afterwards seen a lady in white, suspiciously like the medium; walk from behind the screen, but this form had been followed by an-other which was taller by inches than the medi-

In many parts of Wales there used to exist a strange superstitious belief in what the peasants called "corpse candles," or "dead men's lights." Some one was sure to be called away prematurely, it was sald, when these mysterious lights were seen to hover and ficker. Old Richard Baxter it was sald, when these mysterious lights were seen to hover and flicker. Old Richard Baxter thoroughly believed in these disagreeable phenomena, and he has inserted, as most true and authentic, a story of this apparition in his quaint and curious "Certainty of the World of Spirits," which, he says, "was written for the confusion and conviction of all Atheists and Saducees." "Being about the age of fifteen," says Baxter, "dwelling at Lanlyar, late at night some neighbors saw one of these candles hovering up and down along the river bank until they were weary in beholding. At last they left it so and went to bed. A few weeks after came a damsel from Montgomeryshire to see her friends, who dwelt on the other side of the River Ystinia, and thought to ford the river at the very place where the light was seen. But being dissuaded by some of the lookers on to adventure on the water, which was high by reason of the floed, she walked up and down the river bank oven as the aforesaid candle did, waiting for the falling of the water, which at last she took, but too soon for her, for she was drowned therein."

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would be excusable for the meeting was while singing and before the meeting was dismissed, in an orderly manner. Then again, it seems to me the clapping of hands and the stamping of feet are not just the thing in our meetings to inspire thoughtfulness in the hearers, or, attract into our midst the higher angels of paradise. Such noisy ebullitions are expected in political gatherings. Stump orators are very fond of being cheered. The time spent helps them to gather their dull thoughts and brighten them a bit. The best appreciation an audience can show a speaker is to neither "hiss" nor "stamp," but quietly and attentively listen to the speaker's words. These remarks are not made by way of fault-find-ing, but only as gentle hints for the benefit of the faithful and the further perfection of Hammonton, N. J., June 25, 1879.

FLOWER MANIFESTATION.

Mrs. Simpson Again Astonishes Hon. J. B. Young, of Iowa. His Account of the Af-

fair, with Valuable Suggestions.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

. I called on Mrs. Simpson at her residence, No. 24 Ogden Avenue, between nine and ten o'clock in the forenoon, July 3rd, in company with my youngest son, a lad aged ten years. No persons were present other than the medium, my son and myself. We sat by the open window at a plain pine table or stand. After a few minutes' conversation, Mrs. Simpson took a goblet partly filled with water, and placing it on the palm of her right hand, introduced it underneath the stand and its cover, to exclude the light. In a moment she withdrew them, and we found in the goblet a beautiful moss rose with stem and leaves. It was presented by the controlling influence to my son. I thereupon requested the spirit to bring a flower to me, and he immediately indicated a readiness to do so. The circumstaces connected with the second effort are so remark, able that I desire to call especial attention to them. Mrs. Simpson placed the goble's upon a slate, and then, taking hold of the latter with her left hand, she requested me to place my hand upon the slate and upon er hand at the same time. I did so, taking her hand at the same time. I did so, taking her left hand and the side of the slate in my right hand. I then took her right hand in my left, and at arm's length from the stand, and observing that there was nothing under it, and nothing in the goblet but a little water, we introduced the slate and goblet underneath the stand, holding the goblet firmly to the top of the same and then placed the cover around it, keeping our bands all the while in plain view. our hands all the while in plain view Within five seconds a slight tremor passed over the medium, and we withdrew the slate. The goblet contained a double hol-lyhock, a species of the flower, which, as I am informed, was first imported into this country from China about four years ago. It filled the goblet, and was arranged with exquisite skill. Every leaf was in its place, and not the faintest trace of pressure or bruise could be seen. All who are acquainted with this flower, know that it is one of exceedingly delicate texture, and cannot be handled without marring some of the leaves, unless the greatest care be taken. Other beautiful flowers were then produced, sent by the controlling influence to the several members of my family.

I watched closely every movement of the medium, and can truly say that I know positively, and with as much certainty as anything can be known in this world, that

the flowers were produced by some power invisible to the human eye.

When the hellyhock was produced under the rigid test conditions above mentioned, the countenance of the medium was radiant with joy, and in a moment a look of inexpressible sadness passed over her face. I inquired the cause, and she replied, "As knowledge increases, troubles multiply; the more wisdom we have. the keener our sufferings. I know that the Infinite Spirit and the blessed angels are using me as an instrument for the demonstration of continuous life and immortality, and am conscious of my own truthfulness and honesty; and when I realize how cold and indifferent people are to the angels' mission of truth and l. ve, how unkindly, how-cruelly bigots speak of me and of my work, I cannot feel otherwise than sad."

I endeavored to cheer her, by speaking of "the good time coming," when the world will joyfully welcome its mediums and prophets. I hesitate not to affirm that Mrs. Simpson can do more to establish the fact of immortality, and of communion between the two worlds, than all the philosophers and theologians combined, who do not possess mediumistic gifts, of an equally dem-

onstrative character.

will be his own fault.

I write not in the interest of any sect or denomination, or of any particular class of believers; nor do I write as a propagandist of Spiritualism, but to add my testimony to a wonderful fact for the purpose of pro-moting a recognition of it by the public mind. If through the mediumship of ceran persons an invisible power produces the most beautiful flowers in a moment of time, the people generally wish to know that fact. It is a phenomenon worthy of thorough investigation and of careful con-sideration, and if the evidence in support of its occurrence is sufficient and conclusive, the fact should receive universal acknowledgment. If any man in Chicago, having knowledge of this medium's reputed gifts, fails to obtain the most satisfactory and conclusive evidence that spirit power outside of the medium, and wholly invisible to the human eye, produces the flower mani-festations which occur in her presence, it

I sincerely hope that our religious teachers and men of all professions and occupations, will give this matter a candid investigation, because of its relation to science and philosophy, if for no other reasons. Would it not be well for the Journal once more to publicly request the editors of religious newspapers in Chicago, to admit the phenomena and their genuine character of the same transfer of the sa

phenomena and their genuine character? If by such request they cannot be induced to make the admission, because of a want-of personal knowledge, assure them again that evidence of the fact abundant and overwhelming, is in their very midst.

As a private citizen, having no further interest in the matter than a strong desire to see a general recognition of a great fact daily presented in Chicago and elsewhere, I propose that a committee of nine persons, composed of three orthodox clergymen, three lawyers and three professors of natural science, all men of acknowledged fairness and ability, act as a committee of investigation, the lawyers and professors of natural science to be as free as practicable from any particular bias for or against Spiritualism.

The committee so formed would, as you

The committee so formed would, as you rill readily, perceive, incline to deny the henomena so far as the aggregate weight.

of their predilections is concerned. Let the committee carefully investigate the phenomena daily occurring in the presence of Mrs. Simpson, for one week, take the evidence of prominent, able and disinterested men and women in Chicago and elsewhere, who have witnessed similar manifestations in her presence, make a written report of such evidence, as well as of all the facts and circumstances witnessed by them, and cause a copy of such report to be published in all the newspapers of Chicago. A proposition of this kind would certainly be very fair toward men whose opinions are very hostile to the views advocated by the JOURNAL, and the report of such committee would have great weight in directing the current of public opinion upon this subject.

J. B. YOUNG. Marion, Iowa.

A Letter from an English Worker.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: DEAR SIR:-Though a very infrequent contributor to the columns of the JOURNAL I am a constant reader of its pages spark-ling with all the brilliancy of Western energy, and lustily belaboring the idols it encounters, it is only to be expected that the worshipers of the idols that are overturned, should occasionally cry out against you. However, all reformers must remem-ber that in pulling up the tares they must be careful of the wheat. Institutions that cannot stand criticisms, openly manifest their weakness, and ought not to be paraded as representatives in any land. A healthy and legitimate criticism will never do Spiritualism any harm; on the contrary, it will be an ill day for our cause when opin-ions, theories or acts are placed above the sphere of criticism. Ten, near eleven years now, of experience with spirits, have amply demonstrated to me that the wise intelligences of the higher life, are always willing, nay, desirous, of rendering a reason for the faith that is in them. The essence of success in our movement is to be found in the intelligent co-operation of spirits and mortals, and vice versa also. The days of "Thus saith the Lord" are departed—never to be revived, let us hope, and having come out from the theocracy of the churches, why frame fresh bonds, even though they be forged by our spirit visitants? Merely "dying" is of itself no guarantee that the person who dies is any better for the change immediately after it has occurred, than before it. Therefore spirits and mortals must alike to reason and experience. Neither ought to presume upon the different positions. May the JOURNAL go on fearlessly doing what it conceives to be its duty, wield-ing the sword in love, and ever striving for the true and right. Its reward will be cer-

A somewhat singular unanimity of opinion obtains concerning Mr. Kiddle's new work,—the articles in the JOURNAL, the Banner of Light and the London Spiritu-alist pretty severely criticising it. It was unquestionably an unwise proceeding to, launch a venture of such a character, risk-ing as it does, not only the good names of the reputed communicants, but to some extent the credit of Spiritualism, and the value of those mediums' services—speakers and authors—who do not endorse the com-pilation in question. Good will come out of the matter for Mr.K. and all concerned; It will teach us that "great names" are not always proof of "great sense," and that issuing a book entails many serious responsibilities. Still, personally, I am inclined to congratu-late Mr. Kiddle on his venture. It is from a gentleman in his position, a most refreshing evidence of candor and honesty,—sufficiently remarkable in these days as to be conspicuous. Such things give—us faith in man's love of truth, and his courage to battle for it, when he fancies he has found For his manliness in thus bearding the lion of intolerance all liberal-minded people must admire him. I see in a recent num-ber of a contemporary that Mr. H. J. Col-ville has reviewed, in a lecture, the book in question, and the spirits who control him have accepted the authorships announced as correct. Mr. Kiddle scores one by pointing to the above fact as an evidence of the bona fides of the author's names given in the work. I am arraid sceptical Spiritualists and non-Spiritualists will still remain

unconvinced. Great Britain is supposed to be a very tolerant and liberal country. Perhaps it is. A trial for heresy now pending in Glasgow, Scotland, rather inclines one to fancy our toleration can be improved upon. A minister, the Rev. Mr. McCrae, has con-scientious doubts anent the doctrine of éternal punishment. It is affirmed that these doctrines are taught by and in the "confession of faith" he subscribed to on taking his ordination vows. He condemns the doctrine as unscriptural, opposed to the "subordinate standards" of the church, and declines to preach it, whereat his superiors have proceeded to make it uncomfortable for him, indicting him for heresy. He is at present suspended from his ministerial functions and the case will come up for full consideration during the next two months. Here, again, we find evidence of real spiritual awakening; the iron-clad theology of Scotland proying too crude for modern thought and culture, even within the pale of the church. One incident occurred during Mr. McCrae's examination before the Synodal Committee that aptly illustrates the fact that the persecuting spirit of former times is not extinguished even yet. While the reverend gentleman was detailing his research for rejecting the dogme of eternal reasons for rejecting the dogma of eternal torments, one venerable minister (I had almost written "fossil") was so disgusted at the liberality of thought that he remark-ed, in effect, that ir he had a stool handy he would not let such utterances pass without felling the propounder. This muscular Christian (?) is of course a follower of the Prince of Peace. Verily they

Prove each other orthodox With apostolic blows and knocks.

We are blessed (?) with the presence of ligious life just now. But whether it would rank as a sun, star, meteor or comet is an-open question. The Rev. DeWitt Talmage is on the war path here. He can find ample byportunity for repeating his New York ex-plorations in the modern Babylon, and perhaps his Brooklyn followers may be favored with a second edition of "low-necked sermons" descriptive of fast life in London. mons" descriptive of fast life in London. Blood and brimstone are paying articles. In connection with Spiritualism there is nothing very important to report from this country just now. Mr. Burns keeps pegging away, but like the rest of us finds in these bad times no end of difficulty to keep things afloat. Still he keeps on with admirable determination. The B. N. A. S. has about "set its house in order" now, and it is confidently predicted by its friends that it will do better service than ever. Some of its loud supporters not being favored with exactly all they desired, are now crying out that the association is dying, and will soon be dead, which is far from being correct.

Our mediums and speakers are all actively engaged. Mr. E. E. Williams, Mr. F. Herne, Mr. Clarence, Mrs. Fox-Kane and Mrs. Olive being among our more noted mediums in London; while as healers Dr. J. Mack and Mr. Joseph Ashmore are known throughout the United Kingdom, and beyond it too. Mr. E. W. Wallis is rapidly gaining a foremost position as an inspirational speaker, and his lectures are universally appreciated, while your cor-respondent has as much on his hands as he can get through with.

We have hardly sufficiently realized in

this country, at present, the great value of associative effort, as expressed in local unions. I fancy a better time is in store for us. With our forces united we can accomplish-great works. At present we are to a large extent scattered units. With hearty greeting to the numerous readers of the JOURNAL and best wishes for its pros perity and usefulness, I remain fraternally yours. Yours, Elm Tree Terrace, Uttox ter Road, Derby J. J. MORSE. England.

An Appeal to the Spiritnalists of the Country in Behalf of the Veteran Seer and Spiritual Worker, E. V. Wilson.

The old and well known veteran worker in the cause of Spiritual progress, E. Wilson, is prostrated with severe sickness, induced by long continued labor and overwork in the cause of truth and humanity, and is now at this writing in such a low condition, that, although he has probably passed the point of greatest dauger, and may be considered convalescent, it-will doubtless be several months before he can

safely take the lecture field again.

He told the writer recently, while on a visit at his home, that he had not been able since January to go upon the rostrum with out help. By the power of an indomitable will, however, he resisted encroaching disease, but was finally overcome and pros-trated with his present severe sickness while attempting to fill a lecture engage ment at Philadelphia during the month of April. He has been under quite heavy ex pense, with the usual source of income cul off, and has some maturing financial obli-gations hanging over him; all of which are very naturally a cause of great anxiety to himself shd his family. The most pressing of these obligations is in the form of interest on a quite heavy debt against his home-stead, which must be met soon. Without entering into particulars, which is not ne cessary at present, let me say in all kind ness to the friends, that E. V. Wilson needs pecuniary help, not only to pay interest on his debt, but to pay the debt itself, and thus stop the heavy interest that is eating away his substance. But let the friends under-stand that E. V. Wilson asks no donations-from anybody. He proposes to give a quid pro quo for all he receives.

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He has published a very interesting book entitled "The Truths of Spiritualism," which has not yet been properly placed be-fore the public, and which he desires to sell to all who are willing to help him in this

That all may act promptly and under-standingly in this matter, let me call brief attention to the character of the book.

It is not a dry treatise on the spiritual philosophy, nor metaphysical speculations on re-incarnation or etaics; but it is a life-like, spicy, off-hand series of personal remin-iscences, experiences, anecdotes, incidents and Hustrations of Spiritual facts, tests and incidents covering a period of recent years in the eventful career of this, in many

respects, remarkable man.

The volume is a 12mo of 400 pp., neatly gotten up, and printed with clear, bold type and sells at \$2.00, including a very fine cab-inet-photo, which by itself, sells for @ cts. To the many thousands who have listened with interest and instruction to the lectures, and witnessed the remarkable tests of spirit presence and power to commune with and influence mortals, as given by, and through, Mr. Wilson, this book will be a

welcome offering.
Our estimate of the book is, that it is honest, sincere, practical, full of good sense, written in a plain simple style, lucid, and conveying important truths with a force that, in these days of gush and surplusage, is truly refreshing to meet. There is no verbiage in it nor is it lumbered up with pretentious theories and crude speculations. One is never at a loss to know what the author is driving at, for he drives strait at his point and he usually hits it with a center shot. He does not take long time to hunt a polished dart from his quiver, but he lays contribution on a whole arsenal of grape, canister, solid shot and shell, and he pours these into the enemy's camp with terrible effect! He never waits till the enemy captures his outposts, but like the old Methodist minister in Southern Ohio, he moves on the enemy's camp "horse, foot, and dra-goons," and like Gideon of old, captures them before they know what is the matter! But I do not wish to write up the charac-

teristics of this brave worker in the field of human progress. The time-has not come to do this, but simply to call attention to the main features of his book. As an illustration, however, of the vast amount of work he has accomplished, we may mention that he told the writer that, since 1866 he has been constantly in the field traveling many thousands of miles each year, and lecturing on an average 390 times per annum, during the thirteen years since, part of the time assisting to edit a paper, attending to large correspondence, and giving seances almost daily! Truly a herculean labor! Such has been the work of this pioneer in the reat-cause of human progress. Breaking the way through the dense jungles of ig-norance—preparing the way for the rearing of the grand temple of the future of a sound philosophy and new religion of universal numanity.

We have not examined this book critical ly enough to say that we endorse it entirely as a whole, nor is it necessary that we should do so. The present occasion does not call for criticism, but for kindly sympathy and aid to our suffering brother; and such let us give freely and in a practical way, by sending in orders for his book and photo. Send registered lettes, enclosing \$2.00, to E.V. Wilson, Lombard, DuPage Co., Ill. MILTON ALLEN.

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In order to account for their total loss of public confidence in Chicago, Mesars Bastian and Taylor circulated a story to the effect that suit had been brought against the estate of the late S. S. Jones, involving a large sum; that they were important witnesses against the estate in that suit; and that in consequence of these facts, the JOURNAL was persecuting them, and manufacturing public opinion against them, in order to break the force of their testimony

As there never was a particle of truth in any part of their story, we declined for a long time to notice it. But finally, in our issue of 5th June, ult., at the suggestion of friends, that its constant repetition, without any denial on our part, might induce some of our friends to believe it had some foundation in fact, we said that,

"No suit of, any name or nature is now pending in any court against the estate of S. S. Jones, nor has any such suit ever been commenced; neither have the administrators of said estate, nor the heirs, ever been approached by any person threatening to bring such a suit. The assertions of Bastian and Taylor are false in general and false in particular," etc.

J. M. Roberts, the publisher and editor of a newspaper, in his sheet of July 5th assumes to declare:

"It is a fact, as the records of the Chicago courts show, that Mrs. A. M. (H.?) Robinson did bring suit against the heirs of S. S. Jones for the recovery of a large amount of mon-ey which she claims is due her from the estate of that decedent. In that case Messrs. Bastian and Taylor were important wit-nesses. The case was put on the list for trial, and came up in its regular order. Ow-ing to some omission or defect in the pleadings, Mrs. Robinson's counsel withdrew the case, in order to bring it more fully before the court in new proceedings. That being the case, the truth stands with Messrs. Basias and Taylor and against the editor of the JOURNAL. Desperate indeed must be the stress of the JOURNAL when it will so deliberately falsify recorded and documentary facts."

We have ask our attorney, who had the sole charge of the defense of the case supposed to be referred to (as it is the only case ever commenced by Mrs. A. H. Robinson against the widow or either of the children of Mr. Jones, for any purpose), to state the facts in relation thereto; and we here give his answer:

COL. JOHN C. BUNDY—Dear Sir:—You have asked me to give you the facts in relation to the suit of Mrs. A. H. Robinson against the widow of the late S. S. Jones and his two daughters, and against yourself as the manager of the Journal.

The Journal, after the decease of Mr. Jones, was conducted and published under your business and editorial management and control for, and in the sole interest of, his wife and daughters, who were its sole proprietors.

The suit of Mrs. Robinson was commenced August 22d, A. D. 1877, and made eturnable to the November term, 1877. The first declaration filed in her suit was stricken from the files, by order of court, because it set up no cause of action at all. On the 6th day of December, 1877, by leave court, an amended declaration was filed. The sole and only cause of action set up in this declaration, or attempted to be set up in the one so stricken from the files, was that on the 30th day of April, 1877, while you were the editor, manager and superin-tendent of the JOURNAL, the defendants, for the consideration in said declaration exessed, promised the plaintiff to insert in the Journal an advertisement which should set forth the name, residence, business, profession and character of treatment of plain-tiff, similar to the advertisement which had there previously been published for her in the Journal. The declaration then avers that the defendants refused to perform this alleged contract, whereby the plaintiff had suffered large damages.

The defendants, in and by their plea, de-nied that any such contract was ever made by them with the plaintiff.

The declaration set up no cause of action whatsoever against the estate of said Jones. and the claim made was not based upon any transaction that occurred in the earth-life of said Jones. The sole issue, as made by the pleadings, was whether or not the de-fendants promised to advertise for the plaintiff. She in her declaration averred that they did; and they in their plea denied

The case was then placed on the trial calendar to be tried when it should be reached on the issue thus made.

On the 21st day of February, 1879, the case was reached for trial in the ordinary course of the business of the court. I was present in court as the attorney of the defendants, ready to try the case when called. The plaintiff was not there, either in person or by attorney, and the sourt, no per-son appearing for the plaintiff, ordered the case to be dismissed for want of prosecution. It was so dismissed. The case was not withdrawn by the plaintiff's counsel, "owing to some omission or defect in the pleadings," or for any other cause, or at all,

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