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Editorial Notes of Travel.

The monotonous daily routine duties of the editor of a spiritual paper, added to the cares and responsibilities of his position, strongly tend to mold him into a fixed groove, to lessen his scope of vision and to affect his judgment on practical matters of highest concern in this utilitarian age.

Realizing all these things most acutely, we have striven to the extent permitted by our onerous duties, to take advantage of them all, and whenever opportunity offers, we make the most of it.

Arriving in Brooklyn on the morning of the 30th, we at once sought the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Nichols, where such a hearty welcome was given us that it will ever be remembered.

RECEPTION BY THE BROOKLYN FRATERNITY, tendered us before leaving home, an ac-

count of which by Mr. Nichols has already been published.

Saturday the 31st was busily passed in calling upon Bro. A. J. Davis and others, and in the evening we attended the meeting of the Brooklyn Fraternity, where Mrs. Bristol was announced for a lecture.

Sunday, Feb. 1st, was quietly passed at the elegant and happy home of Dr. and Mrs. Crowell, the latter delightfully entertaining Mrs. Bundy, while the host aided by Judge Good, caused us to lose all notes of time.

Monday, Feb. 2nd, was spent at the residence of Mrs. Bundy, where we were able to spend an hour with Mollie Fancher, in whose sacred chamber we beheld the most wonderful exhibition of the power of the spirit over the body that we ever expect to see on earth.

A RECEPTION BY MR. AND MRS. HENRY J. NEWTON

was given us on Monday evening the 2nd inst., at their residence, 128 West Forty-Third St., New York, where they had invited a goodly number of prominent Spiritualists to meet us.

The elegant parlors were filled with people, nearly all of whose names are more or less familiar to our readers, and many of whom we had often met before, but who now for the first time had the opportunity of greeting Mrs. Bundy.

After the hour of speech-making on spiritual matters, Mrs. Newton brought us back to earth by serving refreshments, and at a late hour, after a most enjoyable evening, the company slowly and regretfully separated.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McVicker (of Chicago), Mrs. Helen T. J. Brigham, Mrs. E. L. Saxon (of New Orleans), Mr. and Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Hester M. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Nichols, Mr. H. Van Gelder, Mr. John Bullene, Mrs. Emma F. Jay Bullene, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. Geo. E. Jones, Mrs. Dr. Slocum, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. E. Evans, Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Mansfield, Mr. Sturgis, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Volgele, Mr. and Mrs. Ozino, and others.

Tuesday, the 3rd, we were the guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Bullene at their residence, 345 Fifth avenue, nearly opposite the marble palace where Mrs. Stewart lives in splendid loneliness.

beautiful and wondrously gifted trance speaker, Emma Jay, who in later years as Mrs. Bullene, has done most effective and lasting work for the cause.

In Boston, we spent three very active days, receiving numerous calls at the Parker House, and finding when the limit of our stay had arrived, that we had not got half through our previously arranged programme, and must leave without seeing a quarter of the friends we had hoped to call upon.

We had a sitting with Mrs. J. E. Potter, who has no superior as a trance test medium, and as has always been our good fortune when seeking communion with our spirit friends and counsellors through her mediumship, we received many fine tests and much good advice and encouragement from those in spirit life, who have a special interest in the spread of spiritual knowledge, and who believe the JOURNAL is one of the most effective means for the accomplishment of their beneficent purposes.

A SEANCE WITH MRS. PICKERING

was greatly desired by us, and recollecting that Bro. Brown had made most thorough and satisfactory experiments with her, we solicited his aid in arranging for a private seance for us.

During the seance an amusing little episode occurred; the spirit controlling the medium, and purporting to be an Indian, said: "We like that man; he all right; when he know a thing, he know it, but must be sure of it first, before says he know it."

neat, attractive appearance. We made a critical examination of the cabinet as well as of the walls; baseboard and floor, and feel satisfied there were no arrangements for "assisting" the manifestations.

During our three days' absence, Mrs. Bundy received every attention from our numerous friends in New York, attending a reception at Mrs. Deyersaux Blake's, where our gifted contributor and esteemed friend, Mrs. Saxon, was the guest of the evening; also a gathering of notable workers in woman's interest at Dr. Lozier's.

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minutes conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Pickering, who both expressed regret that we had not more time to devote to the matter.

As we have already consumed more space than we intended to do this week, we must defer the account of our further experiences until the next issue.

An Investigator wants Information.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: My mother is a firm believer in the spiritual philosophy, and admires your paper very much. I think your course as to the frauds perpetrated under the cloak of Spiritualism cannot be too highly commended, and has a tendency to make the doubtful give heed to your positive assertions.

I can no more conceive of a soul existing separate and apart from the body, than I can comprehend infinity, or grasp the idea of an uncaused cause. The researches of biological science have taught us the intimate relationship existing between thought and molecular action, and if not absolutely dependent on each other, yet so closely connected, as to be, as far as our positive knowledge extends, inseparable.

I have written this much in the hopes that you may aid me at arriving at some satisfactory solution, or may refer me to such works in your philosophy as will best meet my case.

JOHN T. LATTIN, Somerville, Fayette County, Tennessee.

REMARKS.

The questions which perplex our friend, have been equally perplexing to a great many others, for the simple reason that they do not at once grasp the whole science of spiritual life, and bring to its investigation a large share of materialistic conceptions.

The spirit is formed of spiritual matter or substance, and while connected with the physical body, is dependent thereon for its communication with the external world.

It is not by means of the physical senses that we can gain knowledge of the realm of spirit. This can only be learned through the spiritual senses.

Now we hold that these questions so eagerly asked by Materialists, when they first catch a glimpse of Spiritualism, are all answered by the demonstration of the identity of a single spirit.

In conclusion we take up our correspondent's first objection. He says: "I can no more conceive of a soul existing separate and apart from the body, than I can con-

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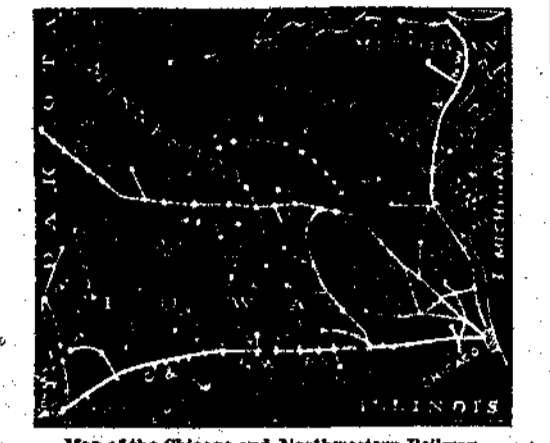
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