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The daughter of Farmer Hawes, of Clayton, Contra Costa county, Cal., lost her voice three years ago from diphtheria. She was a devout girl and prayed for the restoration of her voice. A few days ago, when at prayer meeting and thus fervently praying, her speech returned to her.

Editorial Notes of Travel Concluded.

Monday, February 16th, we left Philadelphia, carrying with us pleasant memories of our three day's visit and determined to return at the earliest opportunity to cultivate the friendships so auspiciously begun.

On parent's knees, a naked new-born child, Weeping then saft, while all around thee smiled; So live, that, sinking in thy last long sleep, Calm thou may'st smile, while all around thee weep.

In our pursuit of truth we have been led through trying ordeals and enjoyed exquisite happiness, even though scarcely more than past the half-way station of life's rugged journey. It seemed a happy omen that we should first enter the Nation's Capital on the anniversary of our entering life and our experiences in Washington confirmed the propitiousness of the co-incidence.

Learning of our expected visit, and desiring as they always do on every occasion to show their deep interest in the cause of Spiritualism, and their kindly feelings toward those who are devoting their time in promulgating its saving truths,

A RECEPTION BY CAPT. AND MRS. CABELL was tendered us for Tuesday evening; when, for the first time, we met our hospitable entertainers and added to the already heavy burden of obligations accruing through the generous civilities bestowed at every turn on our travels.

Having hastily inspected the capitol and listened to the buncombe of several members in each House of Congress on Tuesday, Bro. Stebbins on Wednesday morning guided us through the Smithsonian Institute and Department of Agriculture.

his work on the paper; and held out to my view a lovely basket of delicately tinted flowers surmounted by a calla lily, which he said he wished to present to his much loved daughter and her husband as a token of appreciation and as emblematic of the work in which they were engaged, a work which was bringing the sweet fragrance of hope to man and leading him along the paths of spiritual knowledge to that bright realm where exists such purity and sweetness of life and character as was typified in these flowers.

"In the name of Mrs. Bundy and for myself, I thank Mrs. Shepard for her generous act and for the fidelity with which she has executed what was evidently Mr. Jones's desire. The somewhat unusual selection of flowers before me is indeed symbolic, and expresses more truly and strikingly than language can depict, the work which I am trying to do to the best of my ability and in which I am so greatly aided by the hearty co-operation of my wife and thousands of earnest souls scattered throughout this country and Europe, as well as by the unseen hosts who have gone before and who with loving supervision attend us all.

The interest of the evening was augmented by short speeches from Mrs. Stebbins, Judge Case and Judge Coombs, and the pleasure greatly enhanced with readings by Dr. N. Frank White, Prof. Sharrott, Prof. Palmont, and Mr. Eugene Jewell.

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MRS. L. F. ANDERSON'S RECEPTION on Wednesday evening, given us by this popular and successful test-medium as a token of her appreciation of the good work the JOURNAL has done for her profession, was equal in numbers and interest to any that had preceded. Though the evening was stormy, few, if any, seemed to have been deterred on account of the weather, and Mrs. Anderson's tastefully arranged apartments on Pennsylvania avenue, were thronged by representative people from various sections of the country.

beyond his years. The affectionate confidence existing between his mother and son is beautiful to see. Among the most notable guests was that old veteran, Major Thomas Gales Forster, who came up from Baltimore where he is living, to be present on this evening.

Col. Smith in his remarks eloquently portrayed the demoralization and danger incident to the practice of fraud and deception in exhibitions of what are claimed as spirit phenomena; showing how in his own case his skepticism was increased by witnessing form materializations, which he supposed were genuine, and soon after being shown conclusively that the whole affair was an outrageous swindle.

Some fine singing and piano music, with humorous recitations by Dr. N. Frank White and Mr. Jewell, were enlivening features of the evening. Among those present were the following: Mr. F. W. Penwick, Maj. T. G. Forster, Mr. S. D. Spruce, from Baltimore; Mr. E. R. Sprigman, New Mexico; Dr. H. Colford, Cuba; Dr. D. G. Campbell, Illinois; Mrs. G. B. Stebbins, Michigan; Col. P. Porter, Creek Nation; Capt. W. Webster, New Zealand; Col. E. W. White, California; Mrs. Mary Dean, Ohio; Mr. E. Byrnes, New Orleans; Mrs. A. B. Hudson, England; Mr. O. N. Bancroft, New Jersey; Mr. E. M. Garland, New Hampshire; Dr. Geo. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. C. Laurje, Hon. W. A. Pile, Maj. Chorpennig, Hon. Chas. Case, Dr. Wm. McEwen, Mrs. O. W. Hechtman, Mr. and Mrs. Clendaniels, Dr. N. Frank White, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jewell, Mr. Wheelock, Mr. Eugene Jewell, Mrs. M. Sawyer, Miss Ida Sawyer, Mr. W. Jewell, Mr. D. Sawyer, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mrs. G. Helmick, Col. J. C. Smith, Dr. J. Tanner, Mrs. M. J. Morrell, Mrs. A. Randall, Dr. E. and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Washington; and others.

Mrs. Anderson is doing well in Washington, and we often heard her highly spoken of. Mrs. French, the medium, is strongly commended by Mr. Stebbins and others; we regret that want of time deprived us of the opportunity to witness an exhibition of her powers.

Thursday, the 19th, being the last day of our stay, was an especially busy one, and we now look back with astonishment at the amount of sight seeing and calling we got through with, and which would have been impossible but for the assistance of friends. A hurried call at the Pension Bureau enabled us to see those old wheel horses, Bros. Mahew and White, and to drop in for a moment on Dr. Hood; we have to regret not seeing our occasional contributor, General J. Edwards, Mr. Baldwin and others whom we had intended to meet and shall take them in on our next visit.

departure, we found on our table a magnificent bouquet, the gift of Mrs. Anderson; also kind messages from many friends, and we regretted that inexorable duty obliged us to leave the city where so much hospitality and genuine good will was being extended. However, we realized that duties to our subscribers and the cause of Spiritualism, now called us homeward as strongly as three weeks before they had impelled us to our journey, and bidding adieu to Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins, and other attentive friends, we took the train at 7.40 P. M. on Thursday, and at six o'clock Saturday morning arrived in Chicago to find our sweet little treasure, Gertrude, up and dressed and peering out of the window trying to catch through the gray dawn the first glimpse of the wanderers; the look of radiant joy and the loving embraces she showered upon us compensated for the enforced separation, and made us realize with overpowering emotions, what a treasure of light and love is a beautiful child in the home.

Thus ends our notes of travel, and if the reader shall feel that with such splendid material we ought to have written better, we can only say we fully agree with you but under the circumstances have done the best we could. With the exception of notes taken at the séance with Mrs. Pickering, we have written entirely from memory, handicapped by severe bodily indisposition resulting from a cold and with a thousand details of business to absorb our attention. There are no doubt many errors of omission, which we sincerely hope will be excused. We have at some length given our experiences, believing that all which can increase the knowledge of our readers as to the Movement in general, will prove acceptable. We realize most sensibly that the attentions so freely showered upon us, were inspired by the hearty interest of the people in the cause of Spiritualism and the JOURNAL; and every courtesy bestowed we feel was intended as well for our noble corps of assistants and contributors whom we represented.

Thirty-Second Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

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One of the bills which the doctors have been thrusting before the various State legislatures under different forms, but all with the philanthropic pretense of saving the dear people from the quacks, has met great opposition in Massachusetts. There was strong determination on the part of the "regulars" to carry that State. We learn from reliable authority that: "They arranged the plot months ago. The clergy throughout the State were appealed to by private and confidential circulars for their support. The Social Science Association petitioned with probably several thousand of the most influential names in the State for an act of registration and good character, etc., on the part of the doctors. The governor mentioned it in his message. The President of Harvard College, the President of the Young Men's Christian Union; the Episcopal Bishop of Boston, and officials from New Hampshire and Vermont, advocated it. They were allowed unlimited time to state their arguments to the committee; but when the remonstrants opened, they were cut down to fifteen minutes to each speaker."

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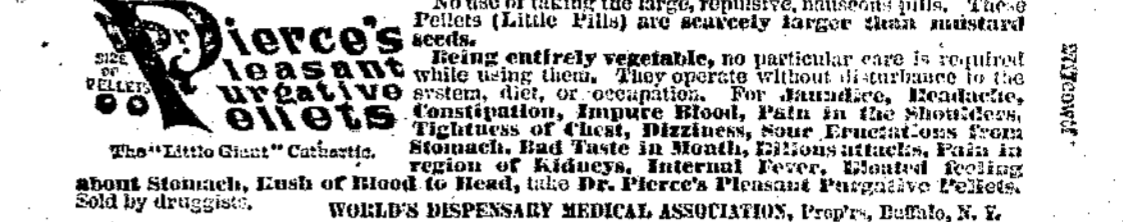
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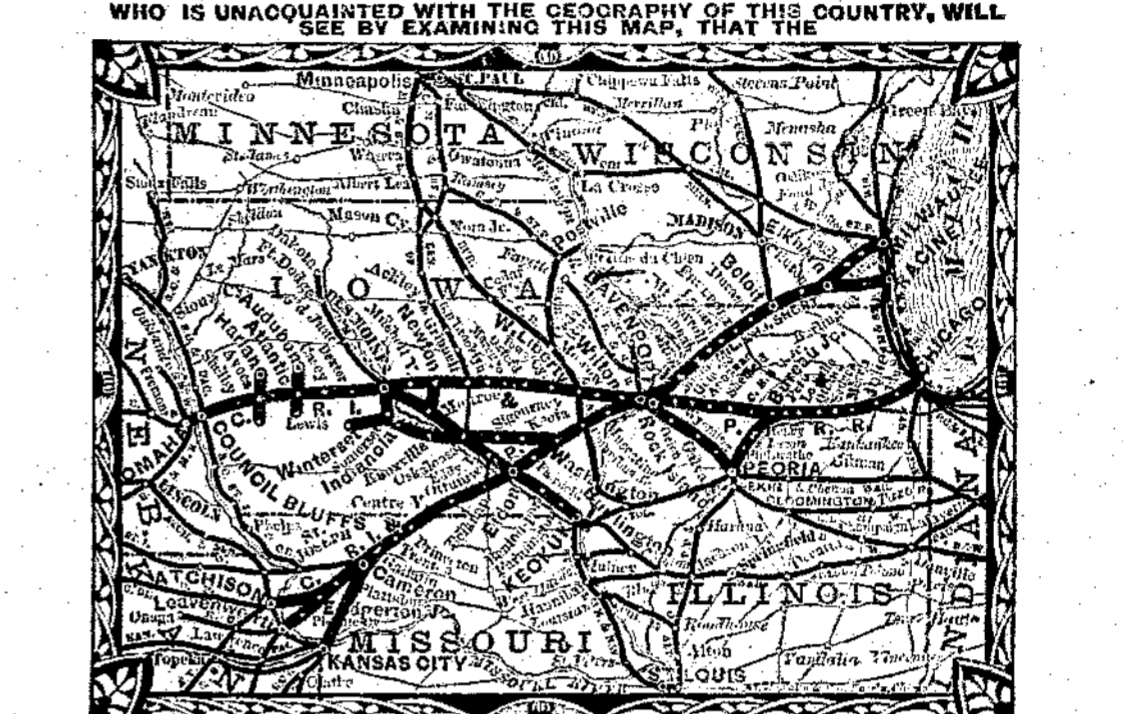
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