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Personal Announcement by the Editor and Publisher.

By the advice of my physicians I am about to take a three months' sea voyage. I expect to sail from New Bedford on the 17th inst. for the Azores.

It is with great reluctance that I leave my family and business, but a proper regard for the best interests of all concerned, demands that I give immediate attention to the recuperation of my overworked body.

I have every reason to hope for a speedy return to perfect health, and I hope to greet you again through the JOURNAL sometime in August.

I sincerely believe that each individual reader above appealed to will exert himself to the utmost to do as requested.

Fraternally yours, JNO. C. BUNDY.

Parker House, Boston, Sunday, May 15th, 1881.

Letters to the office will be addressed as heretofore, and money orders and drafts continue to be made payable to my order.

A Free Library at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works.

The Pittsburg Commercial Gazette for the 6th inst., contains the following announcement:

"Mr. T. A. Carnegie, of Carnegie Bros., is about to establish a large free library at Braddock's, for the use of his employees.

The story is told of Garrick, the famed English comedian of the last century; that, when asked to write a poem to be read at the opening of a theatre in Birmingham...

"Ye sons of iron, copper, brass and steel, Who have no heads to think or hearts to feel."

A Flight of Doctors over Lord Beaconsfield's Dying Bed.

An absurd professional pride, coupled with bigotry, is a relic of the dark ages. Be it priest or doctor or pedant, it is the same—a using some title or membership to lift one up in an awkward way...

Parker Pillsbury once said: "A parish priest is made up of about equal proportions of dogmatic creeds and potato starch."

The great actress, Janaushek, takes leading part in a play called The Jewess, and one of the characters is a shallow fellow, full of learned cant and pretences...

An eminent Englishman late Premier of the Kingdom, has just passed away, and the Boston Herald criticises the jangle of the doctors over his sick bed as follows:

"The medical controversy over Lord Beaconsfield's sick bed was amusing, as such controversies usually are. The bigotry of the regular school in medicine or theology is sure to come out in such a dispute."

"These are the sort of men who want 'doctor's laws,' with diplomaed privilege to cure or kill by legal monopoly. No wonder that large minded and really able physicians often refuse to take part in these plots.

A Patent Medicine Comet.

The donor of the prize of \$200 for each original discovery of a comet during this year, received a telegram May 15th, from Prof. Edward E. Barnard, of Nashville, Tenn., announcing the following position of a comet discovered by him May the 13th:

The anticipation of danger from comets, reminds us of the views entertained by Proctor, when referring to Lexell's comet. It had gone into the midst of Jupiter's satellites; the satellites are not large objects, and if the comet had any mass it could disturb them...

Not Yet Out of Darkness.

While we can see a mitigation of the old terrors of theology, a toning down of the base and cruel ideas of the Deity and destiny, we must remember that the darkness is not dispelled. The fearful old ideas are in the creeds, the hymns and the preaching even.

Last winter Rev. Dr. Eddy, a Detroit orthodox Congregationalist, denied the atonement as satisfying God's wrath, and Rev. Mr. Rexford, Universalist, took him up, alluding to the sermons of Pentecost, a notorious revivalist, who preached in Dr. Eddy's church...

Dr. Pentecost said in the Woodward Avenue Congregational Church, March 1st: "But the most terrible of all the sufferings of Christ were those of his spirit. He assumed the sins of all the world and felt their full weight. He experienced all the remorse and terror, not of one lost soul simply, but of all the world."

Q. 49—"How did Christ humble himself in his death?" A.—"Christ humbled himself in his death in that having been betrayed, forsaken, scorned and rejected... and having also borne the weight of God's wrath, he laid down his life, suffering for sin..."

Q. 38—"Why was it necessary that the mediator should be God?" A.—"It was requisite that the mediator should be God that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God..."

How dreadful was the hour When God our wanderings laid And did at once his vengeance pour Upon the shepherd's head.

Verse 4: "His honor and his breath Were taken both away, Joined with the wicked in his death, And made as vile as they."

Hymn 223, verse 2: "Come at length the dreadful night, Vengeance with its iron rod Stood and with collected might, Brutest the harmless Son of God."

Dr. Rexford quoted from the creeds of the M. E. church, the Episcopal, Lutheran and others, to the general effect that Christ died to purchase means of release from the claims of the demon Justice, and satisfy in his own suffering the law which the churches believe demanded the eternal death of mankind.

The Czar and His Doves.

The London Telegraph gives an account of the killing of the Imperial pigeons of Alexandre II., and the "ill omen" that followed. A short time before his death, the late Czar noticed two or three dead pigeons lying on the ledge of the balcony.

The funeral of P. H. Bateson. This worthy man, who several years ago was known to the liberal public as the active business spirit of the Index when it was located in Toledo, and who afterwards became known to the Spiritualists by the publication of the Lyceum...

Speaking of the Fletcher case The Spiritualist of London, says: "The trial of Mrs. Fletcher at the Old Bailey came to an end; she was found guilty of some of the counts against her as recorded in another column, and condemned by the judge to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labor, a well-deserved punishment."

Progressive Views.

Rev. Miller of the Episcopal Church at Bismarck, D. T., recently preached a sermon there, closing as follows:

But some will say, how are the dead raised and with what kind of body do they come? The ephthal fool is applied by St. Paul to those who ask this question in a captious spirit, but not to the honest seeker after truth. If any thing is clearly taught in the passage before us, it is that the body which dies and is buried or burned in earth or sea and is resolved into its primitive elements, is not identical with the spiritual body of the resurrection (v. 36).

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The above shows that great progress is being made in the Episcopal Church, Spiritualism, in fact, is permeating all the churches.

Too Much Religion.

David Eastley, a colored man of this city, has become, through religious excitement, insane, having recently been converted to the Roman Catholic faith. There was no violence in his symptoms. They consisted mostly in almost ludicrous displays of charity, since he would give the coat off his back or the shoes off his feet to men whom he thought were cold, and suffer himself, confident of a reward for his generous act.

Death of P. H. Bateson.

This worthy man, who several years ago was known to the liberal public as the active business spirit of the Index when it was located in Toledo, and who afterwards became known to the Spiritualists by the publication of the Lyceum, designed for children of Liberalists and Spiritualists, departed this life on May 8th, at his home in Kenton, O. He had for several years given his attention to law, and won enviable distinction as a jurist and advocate.

The funeral of P. H. Bateson, which took place on Sunday afternoon, May 8th, was largely attended, and the popular sympathy was expressed by our citizens, who justly regretted his death as a public loss. Court was closed on the day of his decease, and the County Bar appointed a committee composed of W. A. Strong, I. N. Everett, and F. C. Dougherty to pay its respects to the remains, and to the bereaved family.

If friends who desire Hudson Tuttle on funeral occasions, will telegraph him at Milan, O., with the request that the dispatch be delivered, it will save delay and disappointment. Employed as he is by both Liberalists and Spiritualists, perhaps no speaker in the ranks of reform is so constantly engaged for funeral addresses.

The Fletchers.

Not one of the three spiritual papers of England have one word to say in defense of the Fletchers. The Spiritualist published there says:

This journal did all it could to discountenance Fletcher and his doings during the latter portion of his career in London. He came here in indigent circumstances, and for a time made an honest living as a trance medium, who sometimes gave most excellent clairvoyant tests to inquirers of good critical capacity. His wife was a strong physical as well as trance medium, and was stated at the Old Bailey to be a rubber at Turkish baths.

A Truly Remarkable Occurrence.

A Cincinnati paper is responsible for the following narration: In 1860 Prof. Crowley, of the Mt. Auburn Female College, in Cincinnati, was assassinated on the street at night while attempting to defend lady friends who had been insulted by roughs. The men escaped, and the murder has since remained a mystery.

Incorporation of the Harmonical Association.

The certificate of Incorporation of this Association was only filed and recorded in the city of New York, on Wednesday, May 4th, 1881. Eighteen prominent and wealthy citizens of New York and Brooklyn signed the Act, and fifteen Trustees were designated to manage the affairs of the Association for the first year.

Cupid's Yokes—Assassination.

A New York telegram says: "The twelfth annual convention of the American Labor Reform League opened at Science Hall the morning of May 4th. E. H. Heywood, of Princeton, Mass., offered resolutions justifying the assassination of the Czar of Russia; asserting the belligerent right of labor in self-defence against capital; upholding the boycotting tactics of land leagues and trade unions."

This Heywood is the author of Cupid's Yokes—a specious rhetorical plea for free love. From passion's promiscuity to assassination seems an easy step to this reformer. Begin by breaking down the sanctities of morality, and blind passion, ignorance, blood and wrath follow; uphold those sanctities and the way is opened for light and peaceful freedom under just law.

The editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL sailed from New Bedford, Mass., on the "Veronica," May 20th, for the Azores.

Laborers in the Spiritualistic Vineyard and Other Items of Interest. B. Furness, Lettville, Iowa, an earnest Spiritualist and subscriber to the JOURNAL, has lately passed on to the higher life.

A typographical error occurred in the article which we printed in a late JOURNAL. Mr. R. K. Wright, entitled, "Looking Within," which makes him say: "That the dead wish to become intimate with us I can now testify."

Does anyone at this time believe that Brother Balcom saw those persons or materialized spirits who claimed to be St. Paul and Jesus Christ? The church had sufficient confidence in Brother Balcom's statement to grant him license to preach, and he never showed any other symptoms of not being entirely sane.

Mrs. Clara A. Field will lecture in Portsmouth, N. H., May 29th. Will answer calls to speak wherever her services are desired. Address, 10 Essex Street, Boston, Mass.

Is Christianity Fatal? Although Christianity in New Zealand is reported as being in a flourishing condition, with churches of nearly all the leading denominations, yet the aboriginal Maoris of that country are dying out.

Mrs. R. Shepard-Lillie will address the Brooklyn Spiritual Fraternity, Friday evening, May 27th, at Brooklyn Institute, corner of Concord and Washington Streets. Subject: "What Shall the Harvest Be?"

Mr. Wade Hampton, of Virginia, has in his possession a German Bible which was printed at Strasburg, in 1615. It was conjectured by some Lutheran ministers, whose translation of the manuscript accompanies it, that it was written by Luther himself, or was copied from his writing.

The California "regulars" have had a law passed to regulate the practice of medicine within the State. They have got the law, as Artemas Ward would say, "in fact, they have got too much law."

Hugo Preyer, Esq., President First Society of Spiritualists of Denver, writes that Mrs. Maria M. King gave a most excellent lecture before the society, Sunday, May 15th, and they hope to hear her often.

A. Underhill writes as follows from Akron, Ohio: "The card I sent you last week calling a meeting at Cleveland, has been changed to meet at Brady's Lake, Portage county, three miles east of Ravenna, and there hold a grove meeting, Sunday, May 29th."

The North Western Railway Passenger depot in Chicago, is now open, and is really a grand and commodious structure, with excellent appointments. The present management have raised the North Western from its former dilapidated state, to the grade of a first class railroad.

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Brother Balcom's Call to Preach the Gospel Forty Years Ago. (The Chicago Times.) Reading and hearing the many reports of the so called spirit manifestations and materializations which are said to be taking place at the present time, my memory reverts back to a time when I heard what was then considered a very strange and incredible statement.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Harmonical Society will be held on the 17th, 18th and 19th days of June, at the Free Church, in the village of Sturgis, Mich. NORTHERN WISCONSIN SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE. We have the pleasure of announcing that we have secured as speakers for our next quarterly meeting to be held in Omro, Wis., June 10th, 11th and 12th, 1881.

Spiritual Meeting in Norwalk, O. There is to be a meeting of the Spiritualists and Liberalists at Norwalk on the 11th and 12th of June. Mr. A. B. French, Professor Dunning and other speakers are to be present.

Ridgeway Meeting of Spiritualists. The next quarterly meeting for the Spiritualists of Western New York, will be held at the Universalist Church, at Ridgeway, Orleans Co., N. Y., May 28th and 29th, 1881.

Spiritual Meeting in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire State Spiritualists Association will hold its first meeting in Everett, N. H., at the Congregational Church, on the 11th and 12th.

Spiritual Meetings in Brooklyn and New York. BROOKLYN N. Y. Spiritual Fraternity Conference Meetings every Friday evening, Brooklyn Institute, corner Washington and Concord streets.

THE SPIRITUALISTS OF SPIRITUALISTS hold services at Republican Hall, No. 55 West 14th St. (near Broadway) every Sunday at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Passed to Spirit-Life. From Moravia, N. Y., May 7th, 1881, LAURA, wife of Dr. W. W. Almy, aged 71 years, 8 months.

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This is what I heard him tell at the covenant meeting. A friend of mine who lived neighbor to Brother Balcom says he afterward heard him tell of meeting St. Paul and Jesus Christ in his garden at night, walking and talking with them.

Convention at Hartford, Mich. The next convention of the Spiritualists and Liberalists of Van Buren and adjoining counties will be held in the village of Hartford, Mich., commencing on Saturday, May 28th, at three o'clock, P. M., and continuing over Sunday, May 29th.

Lilly Dale Camp Meeting, N. Y. The fifth Annual Camp Meeting, at Lilly Dale, Cassadaga Lake, Otsego Co., N. Y., will commence Friday, June 1st, and close Saturday, June 30th.

Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting. Full list of speakers engaged at Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting, Sunday July 31st, Mrs. J. L. Little, Wednesday Aug. 2nd, and August 3rd, Mrs. J. W. Little, Friday, 5th, Geo. A. Fuller, Saturday, 6th, Mrs. Nellie T. Brigham, Sunday, 7th, Dr. J. R. Buchanan, New York, and Mrs. E. O. Elzer, Baltimore.

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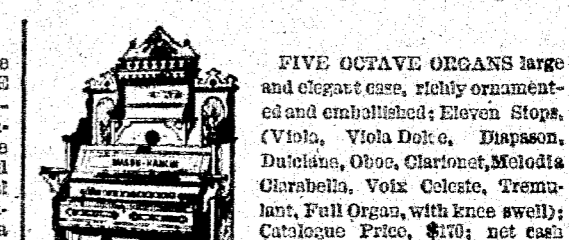
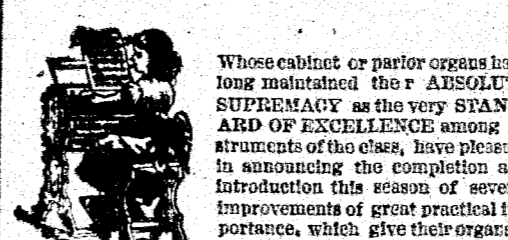
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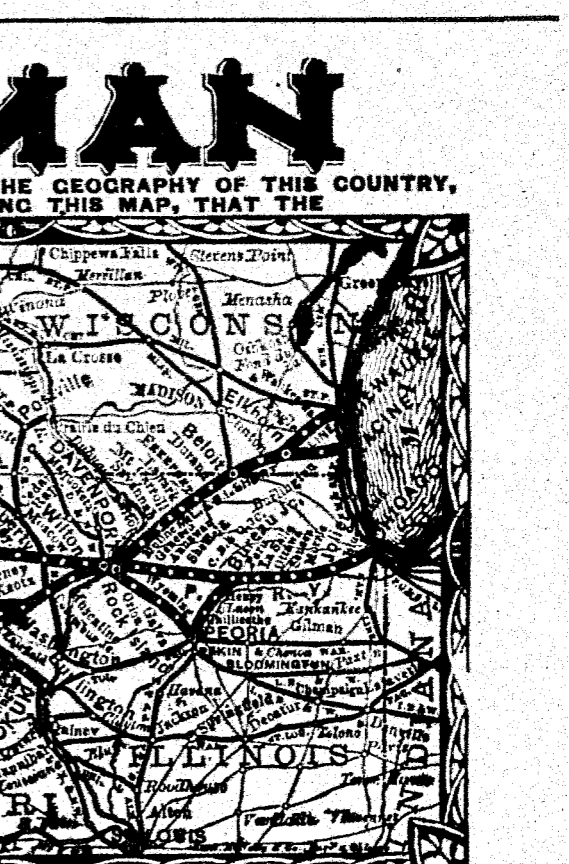
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