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## SUNSET MUSINGS.

BY REV. C. F. LE FEVRE.

In my late visit to England, I experienced no greater pleasure than that which arose from my evening walks, in company with my sister, through the beautiful lanes and fertile fields adjoining the city of Exeter. They will have a place in my fondest memory, and furnish pleasant thoughts in many hours of silent meditation.

We leaned upon the rustic stile,  
While distant, far away,  
The Devon hills, for many a mile,  
In lofty grandeur lay.

And sloping to the river side,  
Where pastures rich and green,  
While Ex wound on its silver tide,  
And brightened all the scene.

The lovely view before me spread,  
To varied thoughts gave birth;  
And then within myself I said,  
How beautiful is earth!

And one who then beside me stood,  
With heart to nature true,  
With equal joy the landscape viewed,  
And as I felt, felt too.

The air was still—no jarring sound  
A discord could impart;  
It seemed great nature's self had found  
Communion with her heart.

The setting sun with golden rays,  
With glory filled the west,  
Like to the glorious hymn of praise—  
The chorus of the blest.

'Tis gone; the last faint, lingering light  
Melts in the western wave,  
But evening shades and darkest night  
Quench not the joy it gave.

So when our path the cloud o'ercast,  
And storms obscure the heavens,  
We'll, grateful, call to mind the past,  
To pass away these days.

Behind night's veil the sun now lies,  
But ere it passed away,  
It wrote its promise on the skies  
To compass other days.

So faith the blazing torch holds high  
And doubts fear beguiles,  
As summer suns illumine the sky,  
And all creation smiles.

—New Covenant, Chicago. (Universalist.)

ligations of life are accompanied by their appropriate compensations, and one so important as this, cannot be an exception. Even if I had received a full and free share of my mother's love, it would have been better for me.

To this I must attribute many of the failures of my life. Inheriting a precocious disposition, which enabled me often to see far in advance of my condition, and I reached forward for things so illy adapted to my needs. I failed—but the aspirations, though temporarily chilled, were really made deeper, and whilst I thus suffered, it was a preparation for the realization of that which is now a grand compensation to me.

But I have already extended this account of my parents far beyond what I had intended, and though this may never reach them on your side of the gulf, I think when they come to meet me here, they will justify and approve of all the statements I have made; and it is in the hope that other parents may gather some lessons of practical value, that I have presented this, which has been rather a painful matter, as I was obliged to take on most of the conditions which I have been describing.

## CHAPTER III.

### ANTE-EMBRYOTIC CONDITIONS.

Do not be startled, kind reader, if I should devote a brief chapter to an account, meagre as it must be, of the unnumbered ages which my soul has lived prior to its connection with external matter in the organism of my mother.

As a spark of the Divine Being, not well expressed by the term Monad, which covers the idea of a single cell, simple in its character. I am now quite conscious that my interior being, which I call soul, in contradistinction to its outer form, the spirit, which in your condition in life are both mixed in that which you call the body, composed of tangible material substances.

Man, physically, is designed to be a microcosm of the globe on which he lives, and, spiritually, of the Universe itself. So, I believe, it has been, and has been, a microcosm of all the universes. Man, by his capacity to receive all the elements into his physical system, becomes cosmopolitan. So, God having all of these Spiritual elements within his being, not as a personality, but as an infinite, all-pervading Being, is omnipresent and omnipotent.

This Divine spark which constitutes the human soul, has within it those germinal principles which, in their ultimate unfoldings, will enable it to traverse all space. It is a law that no living thing can go far from those conditions which contain elements similar to those within it. This is the universal law in regard to migration—and the fact that man contains the germinal elements of the entire universe is a positive guarantee that, at some time, he will be able to visit all worlds. It only needs the unfolding of these germs to lead him from star to star all over the immensity of space.

These soul sparks, and this not a good term, as these are never extinguished, exist in unnumbered myriads everywhere.

I am conscious of this, and am beginning to recall some of the impressions of my ante-embryotic conditions. I have no impression of time, because that belongs to the outward conditions, and is simply a measure of a succession of events, which make their impression upon man's consciousness. Hence, there can be no time specified in reference to any of these experiences. I have, however, a tolerably distinct recollection of meeting other souls similar to myself, and receiving and imparting certain influences in my association with these.

The law of attraction and repulsion is as eternal as God himself, and is the first law of which I have any consciousness.

Under certain conditions I was brought into close relation to certain souls, when they were attracted to the material conditions which was designed for their incarnation. I think this experience must have commenced a long period before my own incarnation. And I now see that it was, after a time it has opened before me in clearness, and they easily understood it. This power comes from an unfolding of the interior perception and is the result of soul growth.

It can never be understood, and appreciated by looking from the external plane—man's sensual perceptions never did, and never can, reach the beautiful domain of the soul.

I now perceive, that the soul—as a divine spark—these interior perceptions have been unfolding throughout all past eternity.

Although I may not be able to give you any very clear impressions of the character of these interior feelings of the soul, while you are immersed in the materiality and under the probation of earth life.

But here, as in every other department of the Divine economy, there is a beautiful adaptation of each condition to its surroundings; and vice versa, and the more thoroughly we become acquainted with any condition the more apparent will this become.

Souls exist in the interior life in various conditions, subject to attractions and repulsions, and the reception and transmission of influences peculiar to all their different states of development. When you reflect on the immense variety of forms and conditions in the outward world, it would appear very rational to suppose that as much care would be bestowed on the form and conditions of the interior world. Especially when we recognize

the fact that the former is an outgrowth of the latter.

Essential experience was necessary to prepare me for entrance into the material world, and the impressions thus received not only prepared the way, but induced a desire, on my part, to realize this experience. I had sufficient knowledge of some of these souls to be conscious of their absence, and also recognize them on their return to Spirit-life, which is a condition more nearly related to soul-life than your earthly state.

These souls seemed to have pinged beneath the waters of materiality, and after being lost to my consciousness for a time, that they rose again from these dark waters, and on their return to Spirit-life I was enabled to recognize them, that is, their interior souls; and discovered that they had acquired something which I could not clearly perceive or understand in the condition in which I then was; now I could recall its appearance in their physical Spiritual bodies, which all souls bring with them from the material life. The elements on which knowledge is based, must be the individual before they can take any cognizance of it. There is no interior perception which is not knowledge, but which must, of necessity, in all cases precede it. You will always fail to impart to a person anything of this previous interior perception. Every individual has experienced, at times an entire inability to comprehend a subject to which their attention has been called; and I now perceive, that when the intromission of a soul into the material world approaches there is a work to be done by certain spirits both here and with out. Here, under the fostering care of wise and good spirits, the soul becomes instilled with a peculiar influence, which prepares it for a new and trying experience. There seems to be a foundation for the ancient doctrine that matter is evil and spirit is good; and all the evil which abounds comes from the struggle of the spirit, and its inability to mould matter into the various forms which it is ever seeking to solve, and

and matter yields and becomes plastic, will be the growth of harmony and beauty, and the absence of all discord and so-called evil.

The idea that spirits have much to do in your world to promote the best conditions for the intromission of souls, is among the oldest that tradition has handed down to you. All the great men of the ancients were said to be born of the gods—which means that their parents were overshadowed, as was Joseph and Mary the parents of Jesus of Nazareth, and as has been the father and mother of every child born into the world. Not overshadowed so as to interfere with, or annul, any divine law; but so influenced as to place the soul under the most favorable condition to act in conjunction with the very highest law, which enable it to unfold and control matter in the formation of a physical body, which shall be its proper instrument for expressing its highest conditions.

When mankind has thus been properly prepared for the highest and most important office on the physical plane, a male and female human being thus magnetized and overshadowed by holy spirit, will become so harmonious that they will attract an immortal soul, so that it will enter into a physical organism, and lose all its present and past consciousness, and appear like the physical body to begin a new life, for all its anterior experiences are, for the time, lost.

It might seem that incarnation was a great loss to the soul. The fabled conflict of Michael and his angels, and the Dragon and his angels is but a feeble picture of the great struggle of the soul principle with materiality. But we know very little, generally, of what any experience, or what is its objects, until after we have realized it for sometime. So at the time I am speaking of, I knew nothing of the earth-life, but in certain conditions I am able to recall more or less vividly all these experiences, and trace out the forms of consciousness which were in operation then.

My impressions now are very clear, that the soul of man is a spark of God; has always existed; has had a proper consciousness in all the different states through which it has passed.

And though the line of consciousness has, in many instances, been broken by the changes incident to its progress; yet, all the links of this broken consciousness are to be brought together in the grand future, and realized as one continuous and unbroken chain.

One of these states of distinct consciousness is the earth-life of man. The soul, losing all consciousness of the past, sinks for a time into the ocean of materiality, and takes on an external form, that it may know and realize the conditions of the principles which underlie and are expressed by external matter. During this baptism it has occasional glimpses of higher conditions, as well as dim and vague conceptions of the past.

The soul has an important mission in its connection with the physical body—a mission which has never yet been fulfilled by any soul, owing to the imperfect condition of matter. It requires a much longer period than a life time on earth for the soul to acquire all the knowledge of the laws of matter. Hence, the spirit in returning to earth have a two-fold object: to finish their work and to complete their education, and to benefit mankind by showing them great work that is to be done in this condition of consciousness.

In the former experiences of the soul, the tran-

sitions from one state of consciousness to another is gradual, and the means of connecting these different conditions is thus rendered much easier. The sudden introduction of a person into a deep trance is often attended with unpleasant and even dangerous symptoms; while the gradual growth of an individual into those interior conditions is always beneficial.

It may be asked why the spirits have not spoken more frequently of these ante-embryotic conditions? In the first place: there has been but little demand for it; and, in the second place, many spirits do not know any more about it than they did when in the form. A renewal of the consciousness of these conditions is not generally reached until we have passed far through the material conditions. The soul, having learned its lessons in the material world turns calmly recalls first, shadowy outlines; and then, more perfect impressions of some of its former conditions of consciousness, which have been lost for a time.

## CHAPTER IV.

### THE HUMAN EMBRYOTIC CONDITION AND ITS FORMS OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

The preparation of a soul for incarnation may be hastened by surrounding conditions. The proper course, however, is slow and gradual, in which the soul is at times thrown into darkness, and finds itself very singularly attracted towards a condition which in many respects resembles death on the earth plane. I can recall conditions in my soul consciousness in which I had feelings precisely like those which I had in reference to the dissolution of the body, except that, in the former case, there was no fear of annihilation; in all the different conditions of soul consciousness there is a positive sense of immortality. There were insensible conditions, in which there was a fading away of consciousness at times, and then it would, return after numerous repetitions of these, and then for a time all was lost in blank unconsciousness.

They felt me far away from the ordinary course of humanity, and gave me a different experience. I had wandered so far from the fold of mankind that I was found in my utter loneliness, by spirits who had long since left their haunts, and whose intercourse with the profound philosophy of life awakened in me deeper thoughts and more interior impressions than are usually received by those who have not had longer experience than I have.

I found that I had not suffered in vain, and I shall attempt to give you all I can recall of the different states through which I have passed. Very early in the embryotic condition the formative principle expressed itself in a consciousness of physical expansion, even before the outlines of the form were manifested this feeling had originated.

The formative principle is a universal accompaniment of life, and there is a consciousness peculiar to it in all living things—a demand for the means and conditions necessary to carry out the great law which lies at the basis of individualization. This formative consciousness varies in the different grades of the vegetable, the animal and the human conditions, but wherever it exists, and finds the proper elements to supply its demands, and conditions to carry these out, it gives pleasure, though the being may not be able to express it; and where it is placed in improper surroundings, and deprived of those elements which are essential to its highest development, suffering ensues. Whenever the formative principle fails, the elements yield to the laws of chemical affinity, and the bodies are dissolved. There is another form of consciousness which begins to manifest itself very early in the embryo, the sympathetic, as a result of this principle. This consciousness is closely allied to a similar one on the part of the mother, and through her influence it acts upon the formative principles, to aid it in developing beautiful and harmonious forms, or the reverse. It may be asked, What is the object of these forms of consciousness? We answer it is two fold. First, they are the expression of a tendency to progression and development; and a means by which this is brought about; and, secondly, they are a source of pleasure. In every condition consciousness to perceive and capacity to enjoy are the sources from whence spring all happiness. But, says the objector, of what avail is happiness or enjoyment if the recollection of it is lost. If the present were all of life there would be ground for such a question; but since every moment of life is a cause operating upon something in the future, and the pleasure or suffering of each moment lays the foundation and is a prophecy of future conditions.

The perfection of each state of consciousness throughout the entire life of man is essential to the highest conditions of progression, therefore the completeness of the formative and sympathetic consciousness will result in a good development of the human being at birth. Let it be distinctly understood then that there is no such thing as blind chance, and that it is in the power of parents, and therefore becomes an especial duty, to influence and mold both the formative and sympathetic principles in the unborn child, through their respective consciousness.

There is a third form of consciousness which is dimly shadowed in the embryo as it approaches maturity; it is a consciousness of separate existence, the beginning of individuality, which, starting here, becomes more and more real as man lives true to his own central life. There these forms of

consciousness are all that I now perceive as belonging to the embryotic condition.

I have a clear impression that there is no form of consciousness that has ever existed anywhere in the dark and devious past that can be entirely lost; each has a two-fold mission, present and prospective; and somewhere in the beautiful unfoldings of the future it will be recalled, and when thus resurrected will take its place in the life line of the soul, and all these beautiful beads of consciousness which seem now to be lost are already strung upon the life line of each individual, and though the spaces between them may now prevent us from perceiving them; but the time will come in the unfolding of the grand and glorious future, where all these forms of consciousness shall be arranged in order, in such beautiful proximity, that not only the central life line of the soul shall be felt to be one, but these beautiful beads that from age to age, in the great cycles of the eternity of the past, have been formed and clustered around this central life line, will form a grand and magnificent chain, and a new and more glorious consciousness, comprehending all these, will crown the soul in its immortal career. Then will we go back, and living over these different forms of consciousness, bring each one into perfection. Think not then, oh children, oh earth, that any form of consciousness is of no value to you, but seek ever to make them as full and perfect as you can, while you live on the planes to which they belong. There are many forms of consciousness that I have not been able to describe, which, when they are discovered, will, like the planets in your solar system, take their appropriate positions, and fill their places in the endless chain of immortal life.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Advices from Northwestern Arkansas notice the discovery of rich gold-bearing quartz in the Red river mountains, sixty-five miles west of Fort Smith.

## Impression.

BY JOHN FRANCIS.

There is a beautiful method of communication, existing between the natural and spiritual worlds, carried on by means of impression. It is by this method that our kind, angelic guardians, ever watchful, transmit to us their wishes, and present to us faint glimpses of the Great Beyond. Thus we see that while the incidents of earth are continually making impressions upon the mind, our unseen friends, too, are at work, many times, shaping our destiny and directing us in the pathway of life.

The flashing lightning, the dismal moanings of the distant thunder, the wailing of the cataract, the music of the rippling stream, the soothing strains of music, the intonations of a speaker's voice, as well as his ideas, and the varied scenery and phenomena of nature, all are in one sense a tangible substance from which twinkle nothing but impressions or hints, which often give utterance to some grand law connected with the government of the universe. The falling of an apple transmitted to the susceptible mind of Newton an impression which gave use to the discovery of the laws of gravitation; a paper kite, in the hands of Franklin, brought heavenward the impression of the utility of the lightning rod; the telescope, which brings distant worlds near to us, is the result of the impression imparted by a pair of spectacles; and the displacement of water by the body of Archimedes, while he was bathing, gave rise to an impression resulting in the discovery of the principles of specific gravity. Thus, you see, information is being constantly imparted to us by every incident in life. There is a language in all things, prolific, many times, of startling results. Even a westerly wind, blowing a long time, waited to Columbus a thought, in the shape of a rade birchen canoe, a little incident which finally induced him to undertake his remarkable voyage, resulting in the discovery of this continent. The variation of his compass imparted an impression to his crew, at one time, that induced them to rebel against his authority, and it was not until he had explained the apparent cause of the variation, that they could be induced to proceed farther on the briny deep.

It has been well said: All things are engaged in writing their own history. The air is filled with sounds, the sky of tokens; the ground is all memoranda and signatures, and every object covered with hints that speak to the intelligent.

No truer expression than the above could have been made. Sounds, too, however modulated, carry with them an impression, which, many times, have a wonderful effect upon the mind. A man is chased by wolves. He hears their fierce growls and mutterings in the distance. He runs with frantic speed. He stops to listen, only to hear their fierce, hungry yells bursting forth with renewed power. He grows pale with fear; his eyes flash fire. The excitement, however, gives him additional strength. Onward he frantically rushes, hoping to escape his greedy pursuers. They are, however, approaching nearer, so near that he hears nothing but their hungry ravings. Now look at the strange phenomena. His hair stands erect, and is turned completely white. Finally, he reaches a house in safety. This is no imaginary sketch, but an actual occurrence. The fierce yells of those savage beasts



COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE INNER LIFE.

"He shall give his angels charge concerning thee."

All communications under this head are given through Mrs. Kingsbery, a well-developed trance medium...

INVOCATION.

Our Father! Divine attribute of love! In Thee are all there is of love, of will and wisdom...

Thou art all kindness and Thy love is inexhaustible in the strength of Thy immortal nature...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Q. Would it be proper to give the names of the controlling spirits of this circle?

A. All things are proper if necessary, and they could be given, but we think best not to do so at the present time...

Q. Are there any arts that were known to the ancients that are lost to the people of this age?

A. We must answer that by saying that nothing is lost. There were arts in the past that were crude and unwieldy...

Q. From your standpoint of truth what principle is the true relation of the sexes? The Individual, the Monogamic or Polygamic?

A. My friend, that question embraces almost a volume. From our standpoint of truth, the true relations of the sexes is the Divine law of attraction...

Q. Do you not believe, therefore, that it is unholy for two of the opposite sex, who are not thus Divinely attracted, to live together?

A. We must recognize law, and we know there are marriages, and we know that there are impure conditions in the earth life...

Q. Was the murder of Abraham Lincoln fore-know by spirits in the spirit world?

A. All spirits in the body are accompanied by invisible intelligences, and there was around that murderer, as you call him, an aura, a chart if you wish...

Q. Was the President himself aware of it? That is, did he have an impression that he was to be murdered?

A. We cannot answer it. Possibly some other spirit may be able to answer you. There is a spirit here that tells me the President himself was aware of the assassination...

In the spirit world there are antagonisms, and if the man is murdered to-day, he will surely seek some channel in the spirit world where he can satisfy that appetite...

Here you have an opportunity of developing your inner life, and seeing yourself as you are; and oftentimes it is momentous and sublime to see a person change almost in the twinkling of an eye!

NICHOLAS DOWLING.

The communications for this paper will differ somewhat from the subject matter formerly given, as the medium through which we communicate has a different organization...

I left the earth life some years ago, and have had a great deal of experience in the spirit world. My name was Nicholas Dowling. I was born a Catholic, and lived a Catholic...

I was disappointed on my advent in this world, for it was not as I was told it would be, therefore all the currents of my life seemed within myself, and I seemed a perfect statue...

Far away in the backwoods of the West, and the prairie homes of the extreme settlements, from the Gulf to the forests of Maine, even among the half civilized tribes...

While the religious sects of this country lavish millions on preachers, missionaries, tracts and schools, and have organized tremendous machinery for propagandism...

It has supported an amount of quackery, deception and abuse sufficient to crush into ignominy any less vital principle...

Now, I ask the skeptic what means this wonderful success? Can it be explained on any other basis than that of Spiritual influence?

VOICES FROM THE PEOPLE.

For The Religio-Philosophical Journal.

He that has Eyes to See, Let Him See.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

The diffusion of any belief, however universal, of itself is no proof of its truth. Some say that the best evidence of Spiritualism is the fact of its millions of believers...

The fact of millions of believers, taken in connection with their character, and the number in which they have become believers, however an evidence, and a strong one, in support of Spiritualism...

See the old religions of Egypt, Persia, Hindostan, supported by kingly power, and the fast and proud of priesthood; the religion of the Old Testament, propagated by the sword!

Mohammed sprang from a royal line and until he had an army did he push forward on his wonderful career. Without that, the Koran would have remained a curious book of fables...

Christianity had a leader who died for his faith, and his martyrdom fell as an heirloom to a chosen band, who carried his doctrine to every part of the then known world...

But here comes a new phase. A truth-teller the world less than a score of years ago, in a humble cottage, in an obscure family, in an unknown village...

The phenomena are as diverse as the different media, and each requires a special theory for its solution on any other than spiritual grounds...

In the cultivated circles of our intellectual centers, among scientific men, in the halls of legislation, it makes its appearance. It is closely investigated by learned men, who have, as lawyers, devoted their life-times to the detection of fraud...

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It has supported an amount of quackery, deception and abuse sufficient to crush into ignominy any less vital principle. Designing men have endeavored to elevate themselves or their hobbies...

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Underneath all the phenomena lies the unseen but Atlas-power of the spirit world, with whom this confusion is perfect order, and however conflicting and discordant it may appear to us...

For The Religio-Philosophical Journal.

A Remarkable Test.

BY E. V. WILSON.

In the month of May, 1855, I was at Memphis, Tenn., lecturing and holding seances, and the following is one of the many incidents given through my mediumship while there...

"Mr. Dunning!"

"What, my boy?"

"I was thinking how Dod would put the sting in the bee without ditting his fingerstung before he let it go."

my errors, and have redeemed myself out of the false system in which I was educated. Strive, my brother, to rise up out of earth's errors into heaven's light...

"In heaven's name, what is this? Who are you, and what means this communication?" excitedly demanded B.

"I am J. H. R., of O., North Mississippi. Let us part friends; you to your work of redemption, I to my work of progression, and yonder in our Spiritual homes we will be friends indeed."

"And then B. said: 'Gentlemen, when a young man I was at school in O., North Mississippi, and had a schoolmate by the name of J. H. R., twenty-one years ago next June. We quarreled over a love affair. This man insulted me. I challenged him. We fought, and he has, or his spirit, or what ever you may call it, has told you the truth.'

Are we not surrounded by a multitude of witnesses, and yet theology seeks to destroy all the testimony extant whereby man knows he is immortal...

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

A writer in the Tribune of this city of the 1st inst., estimates that there are two thousand saloons in this city; or one to every thirty five adult males; and six thousand public women scattered around in eight hundred different houses...

Prof. Wm. Denton, the distinguished Geologist and Lecturer on Spiritualism and kindred reforms, is engaged to lecture at Music Hall, Boston, Mass., on the 12th inst. Subject: Spiritualism and its Phenomena...

N. B. Starr, the distinguished spirit artist, has been receiving quite an ovation from his Boston friends, whom it seems have quite a keen appreciation of his paintings; which aside from their being 'pictured forms of the loved in spirit life,' are really beautiful specimens of art...

A. A. Wheelock, State Missionary for Ohio, appointed at the late State Convention at Clyde, publishes a list of appointments in that State, beginning immediately, in the order herewith given: Geneva, Fremont, Ballewille, Clyde, Bellevue, Castalia, Norwalk, Milan, Berlin Heights, Oberlin, Elgin, Eaton, Grafton, Center, Litchfield, Liverpool, Cleveland, Willoughby, Palmsville, Centerville, Talcott, Geneva, Austburg, Jefferson, Monroe Center, Andover, Cherry Valley, New Lynn, Mesopotamia, Trumbull Co., Farmington, Parkman, Braceville, Newton Falls, Chagrin Falls.

J. O. Barrett, State Missionary Agent for Michigan, will be at Battle Creek on the 18th and 19th inst.

Mrs. Nellie L. Bronson speaks in Cincinnati, Ohio, during January and February.

Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn lectures in Providence, R. I., during January.

Isaac P. Greenleaf speaks before the Society of Spiritualists in Worcester, during January.

The colored people of this city commemorated the anniversary of the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation by parading the streets, wearing a white sash over the right shoulder mounted with a rosette, and preceded by a band of music.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff. Davis were at New Orleans on the 18th ult.

The coroner's inquest into the cause of the late railroad disaster at Angola, after eleven days' investigation, concluded their labors this evening. The jury was composed of some of the most intelligent business men of the city...

Late advices from the Indian Territory represent that the Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Seminoles and Creeks are rapidly recovering from the desolation caused by the war. Their schools are all being reorganized, and churches established all through the district...

The colored people of Washington, D. C., held a meeting in commemoration of the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation on the 1st inst. Generals Howard, Logan, and Senator Pomeroy delivered the addresses.

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FOREIGN.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Later advices received from the expedition now marching into Abyssinia, report King Igeodore, on ascertaining the extent of the measures taken by this government to effect the liberation of the English captives has released them himself.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.

The petition against the annexation of any West India islands to the United States has received numerous signatures in this city.

Carlotta, Empress of Maximilian, is hopelessly insane.

"Pa, I know why that old-fashioned pistol of yours that grandpa fit with in the revolution is called a horse pistol? 'Why, my son?' 'Because it kicks so.'"

PHENOMENAL.

AN UNBELIEVER CONFOUNDED.

The Grass Valley National says: "There dwells in our town a lady, who is not only one of the spiritual rank and file, but assumes in addition, the higher position of a medium. This lady is blessed with a partner of all joys and sorrows, save the joy connected with Spiritualism. Now, in answer to the prayers of the believing wife, the spirits commenced operations on the unbelieving husband, and this was the plan of operation: He closed and fastened the back door of his house the other night, and was told by the wife that the spirits would open it—and in the morning wide open it stood; the next night he performed the same operation, and the spirits followed suit. The third night, he determined to lie in wait, and accordingly locked and bolted the door, and took a position square in front, when, in a short time thereafter, the key turned in the lock, the bolt drew back, and the door flew wide open, and he standing looking at it! Well, what has he to do in the matter? Believe his own eyes, or call it a humbug? He does not seem willing to do the latter, and accordingly is on the Spiritual fence, with a decided tendency to 'dop over.'"

N. B. STARR'S SPIRIT PAINTINGS.

These Spirit pencilings and paintings, considering the time occupied in their production, are among the wonders of the age. Bro. Starr, now in the serene of life, fifty years a mechanic working at his trade, owes all his artistic skill to his immortal guides. And unassuming and unpretending as he is, how many, O, how many tearful eyes look up and thank him for being the instrument of transferring to canvas the forms of their loved that have passed death's peaceful river!

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