

the sorceries of Simon Magus from the spiritual wonders of Peter.

Notes by the Way.

Bro. Newton:—Since writing my last, I have visited and lectured in Dubuque, Iowa; Racine, Kenosha, Wis.; Waukegan, Chicago, Elgin, Geneva, Batavia, Ill.; Elkhardt, Goshen, Ind.; Constantine, Coldwater, Jonesville, Adrian, Mich.; Toledo, Fremont, Clyde, Conneaut, Ohio; Batavia, Leroy, Byron, N. Y.;—fifty-six lectures in all, and for the most part to large and appreciative audiences.

The great so-called revival in the churches everywhere, is but a great step, under spiritual influence, in the direction of that great end. Formerly, churches were particular to receive none within their pale but those who could give conclusive evidence of a radical and unmistakable change; but now that ceases to be a prerequisite.

This is a very significant fact. It is a desperate struggle to see a sinking vessel; but in doing so it is not plain to be seen that they are running directly upon the rocks they desire to avoid?

I would not be thought to rejoice over the downfall of the churches. I merely point to that which appears to me to be the necessary result of their unwise proceeding. Out of this, however, I perceive that great good will result to the human family; and I rejoice that it will be so.

I find there is a general feeling taking possession of the minds of Spiritualists, that it is important for them to enter into organizations. I have long feared that such organizations might lead to sectarian divisions; but I hope they will not.

I have the pleasure to inform you that a grand step in this respect has been taken in the city of Chicago. A Spiritual Association has been formed of which our good friend and brother, T. Richmond, is the President.

You have doubtless heard various reports of Rogers' pictures. Some persons declare them to be mere daubs, and some finished drawings. I have seen many of those productions. They are executed in from five to thirty minutes.

Plagiarism Denied.—A Curious Case. The following is a response to the strictures of A. D. Simpson, in our last number: SALEM, April 1, 1858.

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To Correspondents.—H. L. Macomber. Your questions are on file, and will receive attention at our earliest opportunity. F. Joselyn, I. Wiley and others—ditto.

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ill-founded argument. Having consumed enough of your valuable paper, and given the facts of the case, I do not desire to enter into any further explanation, as this, it seems to me, will be satisfactory to all.

As Mr. Bassett assumes the whole responsibility in the case, of course Mr. Walker stands exonerated. The question turns entirely upon the credibility of the former. Can we credit so extraordinary an affirmation as that this poem of fifty-two lines, first printed last October, was written through Mr. Bassett's hand a few weeks since, while he was unaware that it was in print before?

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Human nature, he said, with all its concomitants, interior and exterior, its seeming evil, its greater good, is the result of cause and effect. The progression from the great First Cause down to outer effects has not been understood.

There are different elements in the universe, all interlinked, each essential to the existence of the other; these are: solids, liquids, air, electricity, and what he would term the "mind element."

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Conference at 18 Fourth Avenue.

JOHN MACLEOD presented the following question: Has the present religious revival resulted from mundane or spiritual causes, and will it tend to promote or retard the progress of civilization?

Mr. ORDELL said: He had been converted once, some thirty years ago, and joined the Presbyterian church, and so understood the matter pretty well. He had also attended many of the recent meetings, and thinks the prevalent religious interest has a use, and will result in good to the world.

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Mrs. HATCH on REVIVALS.—A crowded audience assembled at Clinton Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, to hear Mrs. Hatch on the subject of the present revivals.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY.—Some two hundred invited guests, on the evening of March 31st, assembled at Mrs. Brown's (of the Fox family), in Ludlow place, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the breaking out of the "Rochester Knockings."

Spiritual Phenomena.

Bro. BRITAIN.—Some three weeks since Mr. Bromley King, of Waterford, handed me a sealed letter, wishing me to mail it to Mr. J. V. Mansfield for an answer.

The correspondence accompanying the above (which, not being of interest to the general reader, we omit.) embraces four distinct questions, which are pertinently answered at some length, evidently by one who was fully acquainted with the contents of the letter submitted.

A Portsmouth correspondent of the Boston Journal, in giving an account of the recent tragedy at that place, by which Mrs. Spinney lost her life, says:

"A remarkable incident is related in connection with this tragedy. It is stated on the authority of a prominent citizen of this city, that on the Sunday morning immediately preceding the affair, Samuel Spinney told him that his brother, a third member of the family, had, while in a trance the previous night, seen the disembodied spirit of Mrs. Spinney, from which he argued that Daniel's family would be assailed with some great trouble."

PERSONAL AND SPECIAL.

SPIRITUALIST REGISTER AND POCKET COMPANION.—The Spiritualist Register for May 1855 to May 1859, is just published; thirty-six pages, neat bound pamphlet. Its contents are: Sixty questions to Skeptics; Rise, Progress and Importance of Spiritualism; Ancient and Modern Manifestations; How to form Circles, Develop Mediums and Induce Manifestations; Number of Spiritualists on the Globe; Lecturers, Mediums, Meetings, Publications, &c.

A. B. WHITING has just closed a series of lectures at Memphis, Tenn., where Spiritualists are rapidly increasing in numbers. He may be addressed at Attica, Ind., care of F. R. Gridley, till April 15th.

Obituary Notices.

PASSED INTO SPIRIT LIFE, March 24th, GEORGE WOODSIDE, Jr., of Brunswick, Me., aged 29 years and 10 months. Bro. Woodside was much beloved by a wide circle of friends, and his genial and loving spirit will be missed by those he has left behind.

A sermon on the occasion of the laying away the form was preached by Rev. A. D. Wheeler, (Unitarian,) from the passage "We shall not all sleep," &c. It was a fine production, well suited to the occasion, and one which no Spiritualist could but admire.

BORN INTO THE SPIRIT WORLD, Feb. 16, 1858, SARAH A., wife of CHARLES W. EMERSON, Esq., Great Falls, N. H. In the removal of this, our much loved sister from the earth-plane, her husband and a large circle of friends are called to mourn; but not as those who have no hope.

THE SPIRITUAL AGE.

BOSTON AND NEW YORK, APRIL 10, 1858.

LETTERS RECEIVED.—B. Coleman, E. A. Whittle, W. S. Hayward, J. Curtis, J. O. Barker, C. Vickers, D. Dam, H. O. G. Whittier, M. Wadsworth, C. A. Greenleaf, I. C. Baker, J. F. Hartwell, H. P. Osgood, C. P. Lee, P. Loones, D. McNaughton, M. W. N., W. W. Cate, G. B. Chandler, J. A. Stoddard, B. Temple, L. G. Rich, N. B. Kirby, D. A. Davis, L. A. B. Merrill, S. Spencer, W. Woods, C. Miller, C. E. Houghton, A. Clark, E. W. Beck, S. B. Nichols, R. Rhodes, J. G. Hill, G. Stearns, A. Gaston, L. M. Bishop, S. B. Bulkeley, H. W. Gould, H. L. Macomber, L. T. Warner, J. C. Woodman, L. Mathewson, J. W. McAllister, A. B. Whiting, J. Doolittle.

SUNDAY MEETINGS.—Dr. A. PAIGE will lecture in the Melodeon on Sunday next, at 10 1-2 A. M., and Prof. S. B. BARTMAN, of New York, at 3 and 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

WEEKLY CONFERENCE MEETING, every Thursday evening, at No. 14 Bromfield street, commencing at 7 1-2 o'clock.

MEETINGS IN CHELSEA, on Sundays, morning and evening, at GUILD HALL, corner of Bellingham and Hawthorne streets. D. F. GODDARD, regular speaker. Seats free.

CHARLESTOWN.—Meetings in Evening Star Hall, 69 Main St., every Sunday forenoon, afternoon and evening. The forenoon will be occupied by circles; the afternoons devoted to the free discussion of questions pertaining to Spiritualism, and the evenings to speaking by LORENZO MOODY.

MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON HALL, Main street, every Sunday afternoon and evening, at 3 and 7 o'clock. IN QUINCY.—Meetings in Marlboro Hall every Sunday.

MEETINGS in LYCEUM HALL every Sunday afternoon and evening, at 2 1-2 and 7 o'clock. The best Lecturers and Trance Speakers engaged.

MEDIUMS IN BOSTON. J. V. MANSFIELD, Medium for answering Sola's letters, may be addressed at No. 3 Winter street, Boston (over G. Turabill & Co's dry goods store).

Restorative Syrup.—Price \$1 per bottle. Dysentery Cordial.—50 cents. Elixir—50 cents. Neutralizing Mixture.—50 cents. Pulmonary—\$1. Liniment.—\$1 Heating Ointment.—25 cents per box. For sale by BELA MARSH, No. 14 Bromfield street, Boston.

SPIRITUALISM: Its Phenomena and Significance. By Charles Partridge. Price 13 cents. For sale by BELA MARSH, No. 14 Bromfield street.

HOPEDEAL HOME SCHOOL. On account of the premature closing of the Winter Term of this Institution, occasioned by sickness among the pupils, the next (Summer) Term will commence on Wednesday, April 21st, two weeks in advance of the usual time, and continue twelve weeks.

N. C. LEWIS, CLAIRVOYANT PHYSICIAN. Has taken the mansion No. 70 Tremont street, where he will examine and prescribe for the afflicted, under the direction of an Indian Spirit of the olden time.

DR. G. A. REDMAN, TEST MEDIUM. Has returned to the city of New York, and taken rooms at No. 53 West 12th street, between 6th and 7th Avenues, where he will receive visitors as formerly.

