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Fiterary Department. Written for the Banner of Light. MY HUSBAND'S SECRET

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CHAPTER V.

I have said that our house was old: it was also inconvenient, with low ceilings, and small windows. Moreover, it was shaded by large trees, which, in a dark day, made it gloomy. On each side of the door were two tall Lombardy poplars, which stood straight and stiff, like tireless sentinels that never. ceased their watch. There were two similar trees at the gate. 1 do not fancy these trees : they have neither beauty for the eye, nor. shade for noontide heat; but as there was no lack of trees for the latter purpose, and as I dislike exceedingly to part with any tree, we let them remain. Sidney said he would wait until we built anew, and then let the old poplars share the fate of the house they had guarded so long. Already we began to think of them as doomed, and regarded them, as we slways do those whose fate is sealed, with many thoughts of pity. Piles of lumber and brick had been brought during the winter, and now lay in the yard, ready for use when the spring should open-and now, indeed, spring had come; and one day as I sat at my window, (poor Mrs. Smith's old seat.) I saw the workmen examining the sarth to see if the frost was fully out, that they could lay the stone foundation. Now I should be lonely, no more; 1 could watch the stone masons with trowel and mortar, as they made sure and strong the foundation of our future home, and then other men would come, strong and cheerful, who would raise the frame-the skeleton that should af. terward be filled and covered, and made comely to the eye. I fancied that the noise of saw and hammer would be merry music for me in that lonely yard-and then how much pleasure I should take in seeing our ideal worked out in wood and mortar and brick : I say our, for Sidney and myself, hal spent many menings over day house plans - How we, had pursled our heads with oupboards and closets, and how many laughs we had in discussing the kitchen, into which we had crowded all the conveniences imaginable. We visited the houses of our neighbors. always finding something upon which we should improve, and when by ourselves, we often wondered how people could be so stupid in building-why should they put a door there, or open it inside instead of outward; how awkwardly the staircase praising, as I thought it deserved, the little waterwas arranged in one house, and how gloomy the sit- Fanny, for in one corner are the words, "Agnes to ting-room in another; one had sacrificed everything Fanny, if to a nice parlor, which they did n't use more than twice a year : another had a huge kitchen, which it was impossible to warm; another so small a one, the most beautiful beings that ever lived, I supposethat two could n't work comfortably in it at the same time. Every person who had built a house, was ready with advice, and all said, " If we should have a long how work out I know my mother must was ready with advice, and all said, "If we should have loved her very much. I can't tell why it is, build again we should do so and so," very different but nobody ever speaks of her, and when I ask Aunt from what they had done. Now, though our means but nobody ever speaks of her, and when I ask Aunt Rosey about her, she says, 'Oh, yes, honey, Miss were limited, we fully believed that our house would combine all the good in our neighbors', with none of Agnes was the delight of our eyes; but Miss Flora the evil.

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they prefer the perfume of mould and debay to the smell of new paint. It was not often that I was disturbed, and I tried to forget it in thoughts of our future nome, and now that the workmen were come I hoped the noise would drive her wholly sway. The spring opened finely. Warm days softened the hard earth, and gave fresh verdure to hills and fields. None but the residents of our northern olimes can tell the life giving, invigorating influence of opening spring; body and sout rejoice in it, and we feel to leap as the hart, and break forth into singing, and, in the language of the Psalmist, we call upon the trees to clap their hands, and the hills to skip like lambs.

Life had never seemed so bright before, for Sidney was feeling strong and well. Aunt Posey said that was a good sign, for "consumptive folks always felt weak and faint, like the first spring-days," but she still incisted upon the use of oertain herbs at this time of the year, sassafras tea in particular; and packages of it nicely cleaned, were sent to us, with bostles of distilled mint and wintergreen.

Aunt Posey and I had become very good friends an intimacy which seemed to please Fanny, who often accompanied me in my walks there. I was corry to see that the little water-color painting had been removed to give place to the great fruit-basket which now rejoiced in its gilded frame. I had taken such a fancy to the more delicate sketch that I proposed to myself to change with Aunt Posey, giving her instead a school girl performance of my own, being nothing less than a vase of flowers on white velvet, which all my companions pronounced "magnificent" when I completed it, and I well remember the triumph I felt when I carried it home from school to display to my father ; it was incredi ble, the amount of gamboge, carmine, Prussian blue, and chrome yellow I had lavished upon it. Tears had sobered my estimate of its beauty, and it now hung in a little back chamber, the admiration of the damsel who assisted me in my household affaire occasionally. Aunt Posey had pronounced it "gorgeous," and a "little beyond " the fruit-basket. 1 should have proposed a bargain at once, for the water-oolor, but really, my conscience was too tender: If seemed like giving glass beads to the Indian for the genuine " sable," of the value of which he is ignorant.

But one day, when Fanny was flying like a bird all over the house, hunting up something for tableaux, she spied this picture and brought it down. highly delighted with its gorgeous coloring. We were amusing ourselves with it, when I happened to think of my meditated exchange, and spoke of it.

"Oh, yes," said she, suddenly lowering her voice

besides, ghosts never feel at home in new houses;] dark rooms, and go out and watch the workmen ? | through the elm-shaded window, flickered amid the. | and he sat up and read his paper. He was dread. Is n't it, delightfal to we fur home progressing? swaying foliage, and rested on the pale face and What merry times we il ave at the 'housewarm- folded hands of the weary woman in her last rest.

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ments the next day, for they received a letter from her father, requesting here be ready in a week to go to Bethlehem to school where he had made ar-rangements for her remaining a year. My husband also received a letter, when ghim to accompany her, pay her bills. do.

school.

Now I had no objection to Bethlehem : I approved of the system and mild arm government of the Morain sisters; but Fills was to be four hundred miles from us-a long dilance in those days; we had just learned to love each other, and I had no other intimate irland. We had already laid our his looks, for his eyes are constantly wandering, even plans for study, and had lioped to persuade her fath- during the service, to Miss Reed's pew. Well, he may er to let her remain with the for the present. But go alone and look as much as he pleases ; I'll not his word was law, and Funy was ready at the time trouble myself about going, and then be made mis-appointed, though she was as as myself at the erable all the time. He said he bought me that new departure I was glad to have Sidney go with her, bonnet last week, hoping to induce me to go with and see for himself those into whose care she was to him to-day, but I am too old a bird to be caught be entrusted.

ent; but I kept myself as busy as possible with my But I suppose he has looked at that so much that little domestic assistant, in the regular spring clean- he thinks it is the only way ribbon can be put on. ing, which Yankes housekeepers understand so well. I'm sure I shall not wear it till the trimming is as making more than two week of spring a season ohanged. He gave me a severe reproof last evening of labor and cars. It was the last time the old for refusing to see Mrs. Perry when she called, and house was to receive this yearly ablution, the last leaving him to entertain her, as if that was n't just sacrifice it would witness to the household duty ... what he wanted. Did n't I see her come into the cleanlingss, I had never been pleased with the low gate the other day when he was in the garden, and rooms any large, dark kitchen, but it seemed sud- trip round so daintily, holding up her dress to shew dealy to possess a new and strange interest for me. her little feet, and chatting and laughing with Mr. Here the young mother had pressed to her heart for the first finds have and offering his favorites, and offering him slips laid him in the coffin, and belt all the bitterness of and roots from her conservatory 7 and then did n't that bereavement which makes earth so dark ; here he make a most delicate bouquet of roses and the old man had laid aside his pilgrim staff, and the heliotropes, and geraniums, and give her? She reworh-out earthly body, which, like the old house it. ceived it with smiles and thanks, and a nice time self, could afford him scanty comfort or protection. they had of it, as he walked clear to the gate, open-Blessed for him if, in the words of the poet, like the ling it for her, and bowing as if he worshiped the house, new light from heaven had been let in ground beneath her feet. Good reason why I did n't upon his soul "through chicks that time had made." wish to see her when she came here. There, sure It was said, too, that in this house a sweet young enough, he is this minute walking home from church girl had been wooed and won by a brave sailor who, with her, and holding an umbrella to protect her on the morning after the bridal, had left for a long from the shower. Why did n't she carry an umbrelvoyage. The ship was not heard from, and it was la for herself?-she must know that showers are supposed that it foundered at sea the very night of common here in April. Well, he may eat his din-

In that room I sat down when the labors of the day Ing.³⁷⁵ In that room I sat down when the labors of the day were over, to read the old, worn manuscript, on which tears had evidently fallen, and where the bit-ter words had welled up from a sad heart to a trem-ling hand. It was a gloomy night, for a rain storm had set in—one of those long, tedious spring rains, when the alonds over an evidently fallen, and tireless not by sudden onelaught but wearing out the enemy by

Now this was indeed a great misfortune to us all the force of strength and numbers. My tired hand--I mean all the family we Aunt Bannah. She maid had gone to bed, and I sat alone reading the said it was just the thing for Fanny; they were manusoript, at first rather listlessly, for it seemed maid had gone to bed, and I sat alone reading the well guarded and thorough a taught there, and Mr. to be a sentimental tirade against married life-how Perry had shown his good tense in the selection of a sad for poor woman to be subjected to the will of the tyrant man. One page run on as follows :

"Sunday .--- Mr. Smith has gone to church, he urged with such chaff as that. Did he think that I could

Theold house was longly enough while he was ab- not see that it was trimmed exactly like Miss Reed's?

fully disappointed, I know, but such trials are good for men ; they need discipline. Then how wrong for us, poor, sinful beings, to like such gay and festive scenes-we creatures of a day, that are to be so scen devoured by worms-dancing, laughing, and making merry. Far better for us to be thinking of our sins, and death and judgment. I made a feeble effort to solemnize Mr. Smith's mind by reminding him of . these things, but he said it was not good for me to talk when I had palpitation of the heart, and that he wished to read Mr. Clay's last speech in the Senate, on Internal Improvement. So I was left to my own sad thoughts, only remarking that I thought he would find a better essay on internal improvement in Ecclesiastes.

Sunday .- Mr. Smith is out of town, and I thereore took Emma and went to church, hoping to enjoy the services unmolested. Our good minister, Mr. Harmon, preached upon this text. ' Be vigilant, for your adversary, the devil, is going about as a roaring lion, seeking to devour you.' . He gave the various devices of the devil to devour and destroy the Church. It seems he assumes many disguises to draw poor souls to perdition. Among others he mentions the fascinations of wordly society. 1 then began to wish Mr. Smith was there, that he might see his great danger. Miss Reed sat as if she really enjoyed it all, and did n't take one word of it home; and as for Mrs. Perry, the tears ran down her cheeks when Mr. Harmon described Paradise, and the blessed state of Adam and Eve before the Serpent entered the garden. 'The perfect happiness of two holy beings,' he said, ' united in marriage, cannot be conceived by us now, where thorns and briars take the place of flowers, and anger, jealousy and passion dwell where love and peace hovered like angels. Adam,' he added, ' was majestic in his primeval beauty, and Eve fairer than any of her laughters; why then should she have listened to the charmer ? or, rather, why should she have wandered from her husband's side-whose greater knowledge might have taught her wisdom? and then, alas! why should she use her beauty and the sweet language of tongue and eye, to bring such unutterable woe upon him? Oh, woman, great is thy power.! Thou canat lead a soul to hell, or win a lost spirit from the shadow of death ; thou canst fight sgainst the armies of God like a painted Jezebel, or wash the Redeemer's feet with thy tears.' Poor little Mrs. Perry wet her lace trimmed handkerchief through and through, so that I wanted to wring it out for her. I hope they were tears of repentance, and that she would henceforth be more careful how she used her powers of fascination on weak men. I suppose she has tried it on her Adam in vain, and wants some one else for experiment. Squire Perry was there himself to day. he never goes to church excepting when a couple are to be published. As he is town clerk, he has to be there and read the banns. John Blake and Ann Brice were published to-day. (Poor things, if they knew the toil and sorrow in store for them, they would stop where they are.) Dear mel nothing opens our eves but experience. But as I was going to say, Squire Perry aint a man to be easily influenced by a woman ; he Is always grave and dignified, and never descends to much laughter, or small talk. People think his wife worships him, and perhaps she does, but I guess she is afraid of him, for she always watches him when present, as if anxious for his approval. I think she is too chatty and lively for so dignified a man as the Saulre. I hope he will succeed in gaining his promotion, for he is just my ideal of a Judge. ------Great arrival to-day at the Perrys'. Agnes. 'my darling sister,' as Mrs. Perry says, has come from Florida. I can see her now on Sunset Porch. She is a picture, surely, as she stands there in white, her hair falling in curls to her shoulders. The Squire is reading the paper, his wife is sitting near him, but, she seems to be watching her sister eagerly, while the latter stoops to pat 'Rover,' Sidnev Perry's greyhound. There comes his master; they are never far apart. See | Mrs. Perry is introducing Sidney to Miss Agnes; they look well together. I always did like Sidney's figure, and there, now he has taken off his hat-his high forehead and wavy black hair show well, as the light from the West falls upon them. There is something about him different from all the other young gentlemen in Burnside ; so courteous and yet so grave ; he always bows as politely to me as to the prettiest girl in town. How delloate he is, and lately he looks pale; will die young, perhaps, like his father, who was consumptive, though it's a long-lived family on the moth, er's side. It 's just as well to go soon ; there 's noth-_ ing but trouble in this world; and if Sidney Perce is, to be inveigled into matrimony by his sister in-law. he might as well die at once. He 's just the kind . of man for an artful woman to work upop, unsuspecting, kind, retiring, and very reserved; but beill bite when Mrs. Perry angles with her preter balt. She can't cheat heaven of its angels, though and he will be one before many years, or I am no judge of disease. Alas | I know too well, and have watched too many going the same path." "Oh dear !" I orled, flinging the ald manusoript to the further end of the room, and; covering my face with my hands, burst into tears. " Must I have this terrible fear ever before me ? Aunt Posey's sad looks, Fanny's strange sybliline expressions, and now from the dark, gloomy past looms up this ghostly form and dead woman's words to wound me like a dagger's point. Oh, Sidney, come homecome quick, let me not lose one moment. if __if __ " r

were we in our estimates that we were confident it was to cost us no more than the sum we had proposed.

- Sidney once said, "I suppose, Mary, we ought to leave a margin for many things not put down in our her, and she replied, 'To be sure; do n't I know

"It must be a small sum," I said, "for have n't we thought of everything-even to the books in the presses ?"

and looking sad ; "that was my Aunt Agnes, one of was my darling-and now they 're both gone-both.

Oar money was to be well laid out, and so careful and Posey is left alone; but it is your mother, chile. I want to talk about, and you need n't ask me nothing about Agnes, because she was n't my pet, you know.' I never heard father mention her name. though I knew she spent some years with my motheverybody that has lived in this house for twenty vears ?'

Was she handsome, Aunt Hannah?

"No, not what I call handsome, but some folks "It seems so; but others tell me that in building, that I know were mightily taken with her. She "No doubt ; but then you know we are more care- high motions, and I was not sorry when she went ful, and having once perfected our plan, we shall back to the South, and I have never heard a word make no alterations ; besides, we are going to learn from hereince your father returned from there about wisdom from the blunders of others; just think of two years after your mother's death." Aunt Posey Mrs. Mason's bedroom opening only into her sitting- tells me that she's dead - i had a ministure of her room ; now, just see, I have put our bathing room auntle, and a sweet face it was ; but one day father adjoining our eleeping apartment; and then hers gave me a miniature of my mother, and I asked him again I have arranged to go down into the cellar on or Uncle Sidney to put that in the gold looket, inthis side of the kitchen," pointing to the plan, " and stead of Aunt Agnes, and I have never seon sunties leave that nice space for an ironing table. See what since. It was very careless in me to lose it so." "I am sorry, Fauny, for I have a strange in. an improvement I"

Bidney looked at the paper for a moment, and then terest in the painter of that sketch. I wish I could mid, "But, Mary, you will have your stairs very get it." steep; there is hardly room enough for a staircase

Smith's, which you said was mountain climbing." "Oh, yes, sure enough ; I never think to measure grave when I talk about Annt Agnes, that I have when I am making my alterations ; I must remember." is its files

At last our plan was perfected, our contract made, and we determined to alter nothing. What dreams make our own fate, and are not miserable unless we I had in those days 1 Night dreams and day dreams make ourselves so." visions of cosy little patiers, and bright kitchens Fanny shock her head. "I have a notion, auntie, redoleat of nice cookery, of a freside of our own, where and it is so fixed that it would be difficult to eradi-Bidney should enjoy his paper, and I my sewing, oate, that our family are doomed to misfortune. You without being disturbed by the ghost of the poor, are so quiet and even in your temperament that you jealous wife. I had become more and more sure can hardly understand the volcable disposition of that she haunted the house, that I heard her sighing my Southern ancestors, and I have a fancy that they : in the dusk of the evening; but I hever said any- must have done something very wrong in years that thing to Bidney on the subject, for he was not sup- are past ; perhaps in the days of the old Spanish erstitions at all, and I dreaded to have him think | Knights (for my mother was Spanish by descent) me so, sherefore I consoled myself with thinking some deed of violence was committed for which we that before sucher winter the old conter would must stone"

" I would n't like to ask Aunt Posey for it. She is this side of the door. It will be worse than Mrs. very generous; but any relie of my mother's family is most saoredly cherished by her, and the looks so thought best to say nothing to her about old times. I think our family are fated to sorrow."

"Nonsense, Fanny ; do n't talk about fate." We

its departure, and in sight of land. The bride ner alone; he'll not want my society, after having would not believe in the death of her husband, even that of such a. beautiful and accomplished ' lady as though her friends persuaded her to wear the sad Mrs. Perry.

garments of mourning, but year after year she wait ed with sweet patience and hope-hope that never very sick, and ther father was much alarmed and forsook her, till it met its full reward at the end of anxious about her. (Wish he 'd be as attentive to ten years. She was sitting on the door step knit line.) For my part, I felt as if it might be as well ting one summer eve near twilight, when a hand for her perhaps to die now, for 'woman's lot is on lifted the gate-latch and she saw the long lost one her :' it will be hers to suffer. If her fate is to be coming up the pathway. Her' first words were : like mine, better far, the silent grave and the 'sleep George, I was looking for you. I knew you would that knows no waking.' Mrs. Perry came in and come !" He had indeed been shipwrecked, and was offered to assist me in taking care of Emma, but I for many years a wanderer, but now with money refused; (I knew what she wanted.) But the child and a heart still true, had returned to the patient oried so for her that I had to give my consent. So l waiter.

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She was no sooner out of the house than I justituted a search, directing myself first to the old gar- sgain in a few hours,' said Mrs. Perry, as if she ret, where reposed the debris of many generations, really had a right to the child. I'm glad she'll the old remains which, like the fossils of the geo logio ages, had a distinct character. I could classi-Ty them almost as distinctly; telling the character of loved flowers and could sing, but I'm nobody-at the various families by the broken remains.

I remembered in one corner an old box of loose papers, old receipt books, almanaos, tattered testas it last week, but would n't have it because Emma ments, spelling books, do. Before many minutes I wassick, so I suppose I'll have to go, but I'd rathhad them all upon the floor, and wrapped in a shawl or spend the time in the county jail. Mr. Smith with my hair protected from the dust, I sat down to wants me to wear my light silk, and has brought an examination. Three hours I was absorbed in my me home a fachionable lace cape to wear with it; but work, but rewarded, as I believed, at last, by finding black is the only color suitable for me-garments of a writing-book, such 'as' were made for children many years ago, filled, not by a child's strokes and pot-hooks, but by a oramped and not well-formed lady's hand. It seemed to be a diary or journal, that his wife will aid him more than any ten of his and though there was no name to indicate the owher, gentlemen friends.' She was dressed very simply the dates corresponded to the years which I knew Mrs. Smith had coorupled the house. I faid it aside, but Mr. Smith thinks she looked prettier than ever suppressing my ouridelty, which was not at all les- in her simple white dress and flowers. But he'd whed by seeing the name "Perry" on's number of admire her if she were in coarse serge. Miss Reed the pages as I turned them hastily. But I had other was there, and was having a fue ohat with my hus. work to do then, and I waited for the lonely evening. band, which I interrupted suddenly by sending word All day long, as I went up stairs and down, in that I wished to go home. I guessed he was going titres or cellar, chamber or parlor, ever as my side back, for the coffee had n't been sent round, and he vanishe and I was firm in the beiter the old ourse, would heartly. My little Fanny wite really was the poor, sad wife, who died at last broken has a great penchant for Mrs. Perry's Moona; but myself on the pouch and wept till exhausted nature was the best of heart bomplaint; and of myself on the pouch and wept till exhausted nature indicated died, too, in my sitting room, near where I I had one of my surge of heart bomplaint; and of myself on the pouch and wept till exhausted nature indicated died, too, in my sitting room, near where I I had one of my surge of heart bomplaint; and of myself on the pouch and wept till exhausted nature indicated died, too, in my sitting room, near where I I had one of my surge of heart bomplaint; and of myself on the pouch and wept till exhausted nature sought relief in sleep; but it was a sleep so troubled, -

Wednesday evening .- My little daughter has been went and laid down for a little rest, and when I

When I thought of this I used to say, " Dear old awoke, some three hours afterwards, I found Mr. house, such faith and love has sanctified it." Then Smith with her, both watching, and Emma's hand again would come the dark shadow of the poor, jeal was holding Mrs. Perry's and the child begged her ous wife moving about wearily, sadly, with bitter- not to leave her, and her father said, 'No darling, ness in her heart and without a smilleon the lip. the lady will not leave you if you'll try to sleep. Common report said that her husband, once a gay, There now, lie still and she 'll sing to you.' And cheerful man, had become a misanthrope, shunning she did sing, very low and soft, and the child's all cocisty, especially that of women. A gossiping eyes were fixed upon her face, till at last sleep came, neighbor had told me this, on one of my house clean | and then her father arranged the bed olothes, but I ing days, and had asked me if I had never found saw tears in his eyes as he thanked Mrs. Perry, any of her papers, "for," said she, "she was an in- and said : 'It's the first sleep she has had for two cessant writer, finding her only amusement in that days. The doctor said, if she could only alcep, she would recover ; but he was afraid of using opiates, as

they affect, her head unpleasantly?" 'I'll come in have a child of her own, soon, and then she 'll not monopolise all that I have. Oh, dear! I wish I least, my husband seems to think so. Mrs. Perry

is preparing for a great party. She was already for mourning and a spirit of heaviness go together. A great party for Burnside. My husband laughs." and says : . Mr. Perry is a candidate for Judge, and herself, as if she had no desire to outshine others :

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that I awoke at dawn, wearled and worn, longing only for my husband's return. He came that day, looking so fresh and happy that I forgot my sad night, and felt as if the sun was shining and the sky blue after a long tempest. The manuscript was picked up and thrown into a drawer, where it remained untouched for a long time, the very thought of it giving me much pain.

The bright, sunny days were come, the grass in the yard was springing fresh, the hyacinthe and English violets were yielding their fragrance lovingly, and the dandelions flinging their golden treasures over the hills. I never saw my husband so happy as then. The world never seemed so beautiful before, he said, and he set out trees, and planted shrubbery, and overlooked the workmen, watching every stone and plank, so that some words of his, some plan or new suggestion was associated with every part of the building. But strange to say, the old house became dearer to us as the new one approached completion, and when the workmen proposed to take down a huge chimney that stood in the back part, that they might fill in the new walls with brick. I felt as if it were almost saorilege. Whatever scenes had been enacted there, we at least had known only the purest happiness which it is given to mortals to know. Love had sanctified it, and I even went so far as to make the remark that I did not expect to be any happier in the new house than in the old.

Sidney smiled, and asked "if I thought a new house made happiness ; and yet." he added. quickly. not giving me time to answer the question, "it is very inconvenient living in this old shell, and it is not healthy either, with its low ceiling, small windows, and deep shade. I shall be happier thinking of you as sitting in our large, light, airy sittingroom, and enjoying the pretty kitchen, with its abundant water and large pantry. I do not mean to have any sickly sentimentality about pulling down this poor, decayed old thing. I wish we could do it this summer, and fill up the old cellar, and add to the garden; but we cannot move into the new house until October, and must then wait till another Spring for my garden imprevements."

Then we discussed our plans for the future, what fruits and flowers we would raise, and how delightful it would be to see the work of our own hands. The two acres which surrounded the house should be made to blossom and bear fruit abundantly. Here we would live and here die.

"I am satisfied with Burnside," said Sidney, "and have no roving propensities. Here, when I am old, I desire to sit under the shade of my own vines and apple trees, and in yonder quiet buryingground sleep at last in peace. How beautifully it looks now," he added, "as the evening sun strikes the eastern slope."

I turned my eyes, and caught the white gleam of a monument-his father's grave. Then I remembered Mrs. Smith's journal, and a shudder ran through my whole frame.

"Come, let us walk," said my husband," I want your opinion about setting out some currant and gooseberry bushes."

We lingered long, that evening, out of doors, planning little arbors and garden paths, and then we sat on a pile of boards, in the new house, discussing how best to furnish it.

"Let us have nothing for show," said Sidney, " but all for comfart and use."

I was never happier than when I laid my head on my pillow that night. Life seemed very bright, nor did the morning bring any sad reality to chase away the sweet dreams of the evening, rather were they confirmed, for Sidney says :

"I can't account for it, Mary, but my cough has left me suddenly, and I feel as buoyant and vigorous as a boy."

For weeks my home was an Elysium to me. I

enclosed to Fanny. How delighted I was to send it ! I remember that I left Sidney in the garden, where I was helping him tie up the grape vines, and ran

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directly to the writing-desk, and wrote hastily, that | MISTAKES RESPECTING THE BIBLE. I might send by the first mail, Oh dear! how disappointed I was when ten days

after a letter came from Fanny, saying that her father had given directions that no letters were to be handed her but such as passed through her teachwere an unknown institution.

sue her studies, if she could, while the letter which lead even ripe scholars. All error is pernicious: would have given her so much pleasure was either but mistakes respecting the Bible, the " rule of faith looked in her school-teacher's desk, or transferred to and guide to practice," are exceedingly injurious. her father. This was the only cloud of my happy They tend to injure the very foundation on which summer-time. And now, in four weeks, we were to rest the best things in earth. move into our new home; not a great moving, sure- I propose in this paper to examine and try to exly, only the other side of the garden, but, in our quiet pose some of these mistakes. My views may not lives, a great event

"I shall be glad," said Sidney, "when it is over, for I am weary, and need rest."

The last few weeks he had been active from early and all existing theories. morn till midnight, but the long quiet winter would 1. It is a mistake to suppose that oriticizing the bring us rest. Our weariness was not of the spirit ; Bible is wrong or even impolitio. no-brighter, fresher than ever were our hearts, and the future had a new joy in store for us. We waited in hope and peace.

TO BE-CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.] Written for the Banner of Light. SUNSET. BY E. CADE, JB.

The hour of rest, the peaceful hour, Steals o'er the earth and sky, And the great night's majestic shade Reclaims heaven's canopy-

While sinks the sun, an endless sea Of boundless blue tranquility O'erhangs the deepening West, While island clouds are lingering there, Such as the homes of spirits are In Paradisean rest.

Who has not gazed on such a sky All lost in raptured thought, And felt his startled soul uplise From earthly sorrow caught. Till he seemed as 't were to soar away Through those blue realms to endless day. All freed from meaner things. Feeling no pang, no freezing kiss, Emancipate the soul for bliss,

As Enoch passed away?

Look at the purple sunset now, Shade deepening still on shade-Look at the veins of liquid gold

The radiant light has made ! Look at those clouds ; they 're "living things;" See them unfold their "fleecy wings,"

To sweep through heaven away, Ready to bear the unprisoned soul. When earth no longer can control,

This struggling worm of clay. The stars come twinkling, one by one,

As the clouds slow disappear, Lost in the deeps that reach away

Where mortals may not peer. But O, the mysteries that lie

In the embraces of that sky, My soul has longed to know;

Then come, thou Genius of Repose, Unvex me of these fruitless throes, I long with thee to go.

Original Essays.

BY REV. I. C. KNOWLTON.

"The Word of our God shall stand forever,"-IsA., 40: 8. Every theological student finds in his books and er's hands; that my letter, appearing double, had among his sequeintances various and conflicting been opened, and Frank's retained. Poor Fanny! opinions respecting the Bible. Some of these opinthis was a hard trial for a school girl, and as I was lons are the result of careful and candid investigaignorant of the contents of Frank's letter, I could tion, some are the legacy of ancient tradition, and not communicate much information. We only knew some the repulsive offspring of ignorance. All of that Frank was in Florida, in Gen. ---- 's army, them cannot of course be correct ; and the false ones and would write to us again in a few weeks. It cannot conduce to man's moral, intellectual, nor would be of no use to write to him, as he might be in spiritual welfare. A portion of these erroneous nothe evergiades of the territory, where post offices tions are so glaringly absurd as to be comparatively harmless ; but others are so venerable with age, and

Thus we were left in suspense, and Fanny to pur- so intermingled with truth that they sometimes mis-

be entirely correct; but I will state them frankly, and be ready and willing to receive more light. May truth triumph, though it anhihilate my creed

We cheerfully admit that the Sacred Volume should be treated reverently and prized highly. It

contains valuable history, sublime poetry, living truth, wise admonitions, and inspiring revealments. It long has been and long will be a light, guide, and strong consolation to millions of good people. We would not diminish but increase its value and power. We would not damage this "pearl of great price," but merely remove the repulsive accretions gathered during long dark ages, that the divine gem may display its pristine brilliancy. And doing this. seems to us not a sacrilegious but a saintly task.

The Bible does not forbid free discussion respecting its origin and cobtents. In no passage can be found the warning, "finnds off," "procul, O procul, este profani." In no single instance is it even hinted that it is wicked to inquire into its authenticity and authority. On the contrary, the volume is remarkably unassuming and unpretending. It seems to have been written and published without a wish or thought respection its fate. No copyright is secured, no preface intercedes for public favor, and no outside authority is appealed to in attestation of its worth. Its readers may question its age, reputed authorship, style, meaning, internal harmony; and truthfulness, without fear of rebuke from prophet or apostle. You may reject a large portion of it as uninspired, interpolated, and unworthy of attention, and no chapter nor verse will condemn you! Its writers were zealous for what they considered truth and right, and not for the popularity or perpetuity of their works. They are willing we should handle the book without gloves and without fear.

Candid, manly, scholarly oriticism cannot harm the Bible. If it be the Word of God, it will stand forever. If between in disc contains the Word of God, that portion of it whind to destroyed nor rendered powerless; and we need not be particular what becomes of the remainder. One might as well attempt to extinguish the sun as to extinguish a Divine Revelation. That which God wants men 'to know, he will find means to make known to them. When he speaks to us, we cannot be deaf to his voice, nor misundrstand his the intervention of words, he can put his truth into our minds, and engrave his law upon our hearts. If the Bible, or any part of the Bible is Divine, it will exert a Divine Influence in protecting itself unimpaired; but if the whole, or any part thereof is a mere human production, let it stand on its intrinsic merits and pass for what it is worth, or pass away. It has stood the wear and tear of many centuries, and the flerce assaults of many eneg mies, unharmed. It has taken care of itself, and will take care of itself; and all anxiety about its fate is entirely needless. But its ordeal is not fully passed. Infidels and Christians, the ignorant and the Jearned, are still continually inquiring about its origin, inspiration, and reliability. The Oriental world is ransacked for glyphics are pressed into the service. Traveling, searching, comparing ancient versions and manuscripts, studying ancient languages and literature, go bravely on throughout Christendom. And no earthly power can stay the mighty current of investigation. The figurative style of the Bible involves uncertainty, and its astonishing statements provoke doubt. To us, while in the body, all spiritual af-Eating in a hurry, without half masticating your fairs are mysterious, and, all superhuman transac-food, and eating heartily before going to bed every tions are incomprehensible. Uncertainty difference tions are incomprehensible. Uncertainty, difference in opinion and discussion in relation to the Bible,

themselves with all the main objections to the Bible. If in ancient timbs God spake to the Jews in any and with the best replies thereto; in other words, particular way, he was abundantly able to speak to give ortitions free scope and fair play, and the other nations in a similar way. . If he spake to men Thomas Paine school of infidels would soon vanish three thousand years ago, he can speak to men now. from the world.

whether any changes have been made in the prigin- the latest generation.

al composition, whether the translation is correct, it is true that in the last chapter of the Bible, a done.

then, it will be only a light and helper. Till then, writing of other sacred books." its every page will be exposed to free discussion. And as a liberal denomination, occupying an ad- tures in the world, nor affirm that the age of inspivance position in the Christian army, it is our man- ration has forever passed. For aught it says to the ifest duty to examine the Bible thoroughly.

2. It is a mistake to suppose that every part of imperfect beginning, the brief introduction to a far the Bible is equally interesting and profitable to more full and glorious Revelation that shall, in some modern readers.

fully ascertained the meaning of all the obscure pas- prophet Joel predicted that in the last days there sages in the volume, and the majority of common would be an outpouring of the Spirit upon all fiesh, people do not feel sure that they understand one- and a consequent vast increase of clairvoyant power. balf of it. The language, opinions, laws, habits, Old men would have oracular dreams, and young general appearance and natural productions of the men heavenly visions. Even servants (slaves 7). country in which it was written, are so unlike our male and female, would be gifted with a prophetio own, that it is often exceedingly difficult for the best spirit.

main. Nothing is valuable that is not useful.

But there are large portions of the Bible which out the aid of prophet, apostle, priest or Bible. are easily enough understood that are not very inbers and Deuteronomy a second time. The historitire New Testament, except Revelation and a few ob- by the Spirit that giveth life. scure passages in the Epistles, are ever fresh, charm- Nor is this all. God speaks by his words. His toward heaven.

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Surely, there is need enough of "line upon line and

We must come to this at last. All books and precept upon precept " to keep mankind within due statements are addressed to the intellect, and chal. bounds. God has not lost the ability to speak, and lenge investigation. Reason must decide whether there is no necessity for his remaining silent. No the true Revelation is contained in the sacred books law forbids him and no recorded resolution within of the Ohinese, the Persians, the Arabians, or the our knowledge restrains him. He has not informed Hebrews. Having given our verdict in favor of the us that he has uttered all he means to communicate, Jewish writings, reason must then try to ascertain and that henceforth he shall never again speak one which of their books contains the Word of God, word to man, nor inspire a single human being, to

and what is the exact meaning of every sentence fearful malediction is pronounced against any one and word. Every reader actually does investigate to who shall wadd unto these things or shall take away some extent, but the whole work has not yet been from the words of the book of this prophesy." But this is an admonition to man, not to God; and it ap-

There is still a great task to be performed in the plies only to the little book of Revelation. At the field of Biblical criticism. And the Bible will not time when this was written, no such a book as the be our master-all its sayings will not be authorita- New Testament was in existence, and even the Old tive-doubt respecting the literal correctness of Testament was merely a collection of separate rolls some of its statements will not be oriminal, until in- of parchment. St. John, or the Being that inspired vestigation demonstrates exactly what is the Word him, simply wished to have his work remain just as of God and what its every passage means. Till it came from his pen; but he does not denounce the

The Bible does not claim to be all the Holy Scripcontrary, and for aught we know, it may be only the

golden hereafter, flood the world with heavenly light.

The most studious and learned men have not yet and drown out every sin and falsity. Indeed, the

scholars to perceive the point and force of its many This began to be fulfilled in the apostolic age, on metaphors, allusions and illustrations. Its less in- the memorable day of Pentecost; but it was not formed students are continually at fault. Of course then completed. So far as we-know, the Spirit was that which is not understood can be neither profits. not then poured upon all flesh, nor has it been ble nor interesting. Those who pretend to love and since. But the promise is still good, and it may prize the entire book, while they do not comprehend even now be in process of fulfillment. Men and wothe meaning of some of its paragraphs, stultify men in our day and land, may be speaking and themselves and deceive others. Those passages and writing as they are moved upon by the Holy Spirit. words which we do not understand are of no value And there may be a good time coming when inspito us; and, for aught we know to the contrary, they ration shall be universal, when all shall know the might as well be expunged from the canon as to re- Lord, from the least to the greatest, and when every person shall understand his duty and destiny, with-

The Sacred Volume itself plainly teaches that it teresting and profitable reading. To most persons, is neither the only Word of God, nor even his princithe dry details of the Mosaic ritual and the "end. pal word. St. John says, "The word was made flesh less genealogies " are exceedingly dull and tiresome. and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory." Except as a plous task like sin flagellation by an an Christ was the embodied Word of God, bound in hacient monk, no one reads Exodus, Leviticus, Num man fiesh ; and wherever his Spirit exists, there is a Divine Revelation. He promised to be with his cal and biographical portions of the Old Testament, disciples "alway, even unto the end of the world .". though generally interesting, do not always make and his presence is worth more to them-he can the reader more devotional and spiritually minded. give them more wisdom and strength-than a score Canticles and portions of Ezekiel are of doubtful of Bibles. In reality, he, and not a book, is the true tendency on those not strongly inclined to piety. Light which lighteth every man that cometh into But nearly all the other poetical books and the en- the world; not through the letter that killeth, but

ing, purifying and elevating. Job is a rich literary wisdom, power and goodness are manifest throughtreat. The Psalms inspire devotion. Ecclesiastes out his creation. He causeth the heavens to deand Proverbs abound in wise admonitions. The clare his glory. He maketh the day utter speech, Gospels soften our hearts, and the Epistles lift us up and the night disclose knowledge. Our best books are but the imperfect alphabet of celestial literature.

Now to pretend that every book, chapter and verse The entire earth, with all its living hosts, is only of the Bible is equally valuable and important, and one small paragraph in Divine Revelation. Stellar that no sentence, phrase or word can be expunged systems, with their million worlds, are merely chapwords. When he writes to us, we shall get his let. | without spoiling the entire volume, is unwise, un. ters. Nothing short of the boundless universe, with ters; for he employs none but trusty messengers. | manly and injurious to the cause of truth. The all its forms, laws, beauty and life, is worthy to be tendency of such a pretension is, to bring the entire called the Book of God. Our Bible has much truth book into disrepute. A judicious discrimination is but not all. Let us hold it dear, and read it well; far better. We pity the man whose dull soul cannot but let us neither refuse, nor neglect to study the

was busy all day, and wished the days were longer that I might accomplish more. It was the same with my husband; his business occupied a large share of his time, and the remainder he spent on his garden and the house; but in the latter occupation we were much together, and found such congeniality of taste, that we desired no other society.

I cannot now recall any alloy to the happiness of that summer; life has some such serene spots on which memory loves to dwell. I had little society, a for we had no near neighbors save Aunt Hannah, and she was having the mansion to herself, cleaning, sweeping, sorubbing to her heart's content. She was a thorough housekeeper, merciless toward all sdust and litter, and her tongue had learned a lesson from her broom, for toward all idle or easy women, the did n't spend their days in cleaning, it was a before of destruction.,

Aunt Posey had been at the mountains for some weeks, but was coming home the first of September. I missed the good woman, though had she been here 1 gould not have taken my usual walks, for my exercise was limited to my garden.

I called and was called upon by the ladies of Barnelde village, but our intercourse was limited to these calls, save an occasional tea-party, from which Sidney excused himself as much as possible. and therefore I did not enjoy them very much, as it was not agreeable to think of him alone at home.

Our minister called at rare intervals, and those visits were highly prized. He was a quiet, grave man, called reserved in genial society ; but I found him genial and more than usually conversant with general literature. Lalways felt, after an interview with him, as if I had ascended the Delectable mount ains, and viewed the fair and goodly land of promise. His wife called, when I first came to Burnside-B talls pale woman, in deep mourning. She said little, and supposing that she was oppressed by some great affliction, I had a certain awe, mingled with pity, which I could not yet overcome. I had returned her call, and sat a few minutes in a large parlor rather scantly furnished and much darkened. She said but little, and I feeling oppressed found few words county, and this had been the extent of our inter-

The Thomage was two miles from the village, in a lovely and retired spot. Mr. Harmon was a man of refinement and taste, and had adorned his home with trees and flowers, which were the delight of all visitors. I used to think that when time had some what alleviated the deep sadness of the pastor's wife, the place would be a most agreeable resort. At present I would not intrude upon her.

Thus the reader will see that my home was my world, and now that Maurice and Fanny were gone, 'I had few visitors. The former used to be in dally, and Fanny of course belonged to us. Her letters came regularly -- genuine; four-paged, school-girl letters-in which Frank's name came in frequently, That as yet she had had no letter from him. Bat about mid summer came one to flidney, with a letter

So let me fade from earthly things. As those fair cloudlets fade. By dawning worlds inspired to rise, By death all undismayed. On that far-famed, majestic shore, With cager feet, let me explore The lands of deathless flowers. And rest. if I shall weary be. In passing o'er the darkened ses. In amaranthine bowers.

Twelve Ways of Committing Suicide.

1. Wearing thin shoes and ootton stockings upon damp nights and in cool, rainy weather. Wearing insufficient clothing, and especially upon the limbs and extremities.

2. Leading a life of enfeebling stupid laziness, and keeping the mind in an unnatural state of ex- information. Chaldean ruins and Egyptian hierocitement by reading romances. Going to theatres, parties, and balls, in all sorts of weather, in the thinnest possible dress. Dancing till in a complete perspiration, and then going home without sufficient over-garments through the cold, damp air. 3. Sleeping on feather beds in seven-by-nine bednoms, without ventilation at the top of the windows.

and especially with two or more persons in the same amail unventilated bed-room. 4. Surfeiting on hot and very stimulating dinners.

night, when the mind and body are exhausted by the toils of the day and excitement of the evening. 5. Beginning in childhood on tes and coffee, and

going from one step to another, through ohewing and smoking tobacco, and drinking intoxicating liquors ; by personal abuse, and physical and mental

rocesses of every description. .6. Marrying in haste, and getting an uncongenial companion, and living the remainder of life in mental dissatisfaction. Cultivating jealousies and domestic broils, and being always in a mental ferment. 7. Keeping children quiet by giving them paro gorio and cordials, by teaching them to suck candy, and by supplying them with raisins, nuts, and rich reason better than our opponents, or be justly ad-When they are sick, by giving mercury, taroake. tar emetic, and arsenic, under the mistaken notion that they are medicines and not irritant poisons. 8. Allowing the love of gain to absorb our minds, so as to leave no time to attend to our health. Follow. ing an unhealthy occupation because money can be nish the common people and the young inquirer, all made by it.

9. Tempting the appetite with bitters and niceties. The person who does not know that a whale's throat when the stomach says No, and by forcing food when nature does not demand, and even rejects it. Gormandizing between meals. 10. Contriving to keep in a continual worry about nomething or nothing. Giving way to fits of anger. to swallow Jonah, and he will be able to foil his op-11. Being irregular in all our habits of sleeping ponent. Better suppose a slight mistake made by and eating, going to bed at midnight and getting up

at noon. Eating too much, too many kinds of food, and that which is too highly seasoned.

disease first appears. Taking celebrated quack medi-disease first appears. Taking celebrated quack medi-allegory or a myth, than to attempt the hopeless task. cines to a degree of making a drug-shop of the body.

handle, fill the hole with gum camphor, and seal it up. Then take the ax and cut cord wood at fifty ing still of the sun and moon at the command of gents a cord, until the heat of the handle dissolves Joshum, can in any fair, way be softened and ex. the camphor.

And its friends should be as well armed and as valiant as its enemies. Unbelief cannot be frowned down. Skepticism and heresy cannot be anathematized out of existence. Infidelity boasts of having good scholars, deep thinkers, and able logicians. We must make better arguments than they, or be content with fewer adherents. We must demonstrate to the world that we know more and can judged only their equals. If they assail the Scriptures, we must show the fallacy of their arguments. or acknowledge the Bible cause to be hopeless. Especially is it the duty of the better informed to fur. the principal arguments for and against the Bible.

will long continue,

is entirely too small to admit a man's body, is poorly qualified to repel the attacks of infidelity. But remind him that the "Lord prepared a great fish " ponent. Better suppose a slight mistake made by some old Hebrew transcriber, whereby Samson is affirmed to have employed foxes instead of dry 12. Neglecting to take proper care of ourselves, sheaves in kindling a firs to run through the fields and not applying early for medical advice when of his enemies-better suppose the whole story an of explaining how even a strong man could catch

three hundred very spry wild animals, and keep To CURE DISPERSIA .- Take a new ax, put a white them quiet while firebrands were being attached to To CURE DISPETSIA. ARE & hole in the top of the them. If a statement hard to credit, as the standplained, let it be done. Let Christians famillarize

appreciate the sublime beauties of the Bible ; but older, greater, better Volume. we almost despise the stupid bigot who pretends to prize the account of Noah's intoxication as highly Bible is an inspired book. as Paul's arguments and John's living letters. Ey ery candid, sensible man likes the New Testament ourselves and our cause. Let us be fair and consistent. As we regard mainly the superstucture of we may enjoy its fine prospect and luxurious furnistill prize the good remaining.

God must be contained in the Bible. The lapse of ages and the revolutions of empire have made sad havoo with literature. Many valuechildren; and we are by no means sure that all

4. It is a mistake to suppose that our English

At best, it is only a translation of inspired wriings; and translations never fully express their better than the Old, and the words of Jesus best of originals. The words and idiomatic phrases of one all. Denying this is liable to bring contempt upon language do not exactly correspond to those of another, and hence circumlocution and approximate expressions must be employed in translating, and none a house, and prefer to abide in its upper rooms that but inspired men can be expected to give a perfect rendering. And further, all the shades of meaning ture, and do not care often to visit the dark cellar of every word in an ancient dead language, cannot beneath to examine the deep, damp foundations, so be easily accortained. There are words in the Helet us admire and enjoy the precious promises and brew Old Testament that puzzle our best philolobright revealments of the Gospel, and not be too par gists. In our large Bibles, there are numerous ticular and inquisitive about the poor and rocky marginal notes intended to elucidate the meaning Judean subsoil whence they seem to have originated. of the text; yet every good linguist acknowledges Truth is good and falsehood is evil, irrespective of that the ideas of the sacred writers are not distinctly the land or manner of their birth. Let us hold fast enunciated in our common version. A dubious obthe good, and be willing for the evil to perish. If scurity clouds many a passage, and every person the critics pare off a few unimportant verses, let as not familiar with Greek and Hebrew, feels that a thick veilthangs between him and the ancient word 9. It is a mistake to suppose that all the Word of of God. In reading it, he sees as through a glass darkly.

As a whole, the Bible does not assume to be an inspired production. Not a single one of its many ble ancient books have not come down to us; and authors pretends to be a medium through which the possibly some that contained Divine revelations may | Holy Spirit writes, nor even hints that he is infahave shared the fiery fate of Solomon's Temple and enced from above to pen one sentence. If they wave the Alexandrian Library. There have been many inspired, if the words or ideas they wrots were prophets by whom the Father has instructed his breathed into them, it is very doubtfal whether they were aware of the fact. No one can tell whenby their inspired utterances are in the Bible .- We have came any of his thoughts. True, it is affirmed that nothing from the pens of Agabus, Anna, Iddo, Eli. " holy men of old spake as they were moved upon by jah, Elisha, Saul, Balaam, nor the school of prophets the Holy Spirit," and also that "God at sundry established by Samuel. De Wette gives a list of twen. times and in divers manners spats in times past ty books mentioned in the Old Testament and proba- unto the fathers by the prophets, and in these last bly current among the ancient Hebrews, not one of days by his Son," on whom the Divine afflatus was which are now extant. Do we know that none of poured without measure; but the record does not these were inspired ? Possibly our Bible contains state who those holy men and prophets were, nor only the fragments of large and rich volumes by affirm that one of them ever wrote a single word. Samuel, David, Solomon, Isaiah and Jereminh, that Jesus did not write, except on the sand, and on the were long ago lost. Who knows? It is absolutely public mind: Occasionally, the prophets introduce certain that we have not all the teachings of Jesus, a paragraph with a "thus saith the Lord ;" but this nor of those disciples that were "filled with the is quotation, not inspiration. The inference also is Holy Spirit." In a half day one can easily read all fair that the paragraphs not thus prefaced, are not the the sayings of Christ recorded in the four Gospels, sayings of the Lord, Moses was commanded to write yet he taught for thirty years. It gannot be that the law given on Sinal, and St. John to write an as we have a full report of all he said. In the "Apoor count of the things seen and heard while "in the aptrryphal New Testament," there is a catalogue of more it" on the fele of Patmos ; but these are not instances than seventy-five books devoted to the elucidation of of inspiration. The Hebrew Chief wrote by distation ; Christianity extant during the first four conturies of the Beloved Disciple from observation . The one was our ers, not one of which now remains. Bome of an amandensis, the other a historian. If the Pant these bore the names and perhaps were the product means what he is made to affirm in 2 Tim: B sile, tion of eminent apostles. Were they all aparians that "all Scriptures (writing) in size by in epifeand uninspired ? Are we sute that the Council of don," we bow to his decision and admit the done Nice gathered all the wheat and left out of the samen sion closed. "The Bible, the Hyme' Book, and only the cheff? There is periality ample room for and the Noval, are all impired. "But if an more doubt."

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vinely inspired is prodiable," we agree with him, obtained their ideas by intuition and personal oband only regret that he did not furnish a catalogue servation. They do not attempt to manufacture arof the inspired books then extant. No doubt he guments and to sustain their statements by quoting and in mind some Hebrew books, but exactly what the opinions of renowned men. They do not ber ones we can never determine. Thus, direct Bible your attention and entreat you to be patient and sectimony fails to substantiate the ides that it is all sandid, as if they were struggling to obtain a hearinspired, or to point out much written by inspire. ing, and expected rough treatment. They stood at the fountain-head of new truth, felt the fresh tion.

large portions of it appear very much like the im- They were deeply impressed by the sad condition of perfect work of fallible though honest men. The the human race, and by the limitless possibilities numerous repetitions in the Pentateboh indicate an within man's easy reach; and this gave an earnest stempted, though not entirely encourseful, condensa- tone to all their teachings. They lived in that early tion of ancient documents and traditions. To write and uncultured age when the common events of life such a fragmentary history as is contained in Josh. and nature appeared, to possess the magnitude and us, Judges, Roth, Samuel, Kings and Chronicles, mystery of miracles. For them the thunder had a would not have required any very extraordinary voice, the sun and stars a significant glance, and power. Without claiming spiritual assistance, mod- every material thing an intelligent expression. Naern historians write far more smooth and connected ture was alive and conscious. God was near and accounts. The book of Esther, a pleasant and active. Standing, as they thought, in a blaze of probably true story, does not contain the name of light, and realising rather than believing, their Delty, nor an allusion to his overruling Providence. words are unstudied exclamations, fresh and spark-This does not seem what we should expect from in- ling as the morning dew. So absorbed were they spiration. The preface to his Gospel, St. Luke in- in their subjects, and so indifferent about public forms us that he " had perfect understanding of all opinion, that their remarks seem like the current of things from the very first " in the life of Jesus. He thought-spontaneous, rapid, rough, fearless, but pertainly had no need of inspiration. Many quota- ever comely and decorous. Hence, if the statements tions of remarks made by uninspired men, and in the Book were mainly incorrect, and its tenets of even by Satan, are found in the Scriptures ; and questionable morality, still its unsophisticated origthese of course are not the Word of God. . On the inality and trathfalness to nature would secure dewhole, it is much safer and more reasonable to say lighted readers to the end of time.

lation, than to attempt its defence as the entire and contains no levity, no witticisms, no indifference. unadulterated. Word of God.

an untruth, or uttered an unimportant word.

though all men and all books assert the contrary. that intent. It is far more honorable and praiseworthy to doubt

him weak, forgetful and guilty of duplicity.

gree ?. In fact, the very existence of commentaries it was not for lack of intention. / indicates that some portions of the Bible are too obscure for ordinary comprehension.

To most persons the prophetical books seem to respectfully listen. But when, as in the Bible, we abound in unintelligible mysteries. Ezekiel's wheels, find in addition to the earnestness, the most impor-Daniel's beasts, and John's panoramic Revelation, tant questions under discussion, and feel the pulse are difficult to interpret: Extreme age dims and of the ocean of eternity throbbing in every sentence, wrinkles even the most durable pages of literature, our attention is fixed. We cannot turn away in-In many instances the spirit seems to have departed, different. Man will read and meditate upon the leaving us only the dead letter. It may therefore great and glorious themes of the Bible, till faith is be wise and modest for us sometimes, while ponder- lost in sight.

ing on a dubious passage, to say, "this appears to be beneath the dignity of inspiration, and unworthy the Divine character, but probably we do not pergeive the true meaning." Thus, and only thus, can we honor God and accept the Scriptures.

the Bible. There are many.

could not have written the account of his own death. subject, Marriage, I have thought to give expression as recorded in the last chapter of Deuteronomy, to some of my ideas, with that freedom that you The account is manifestly an interpolation, or rather love so well in your nephews and nieces. Marriage harmless addendum by a later and unknown hand. It seems to me is of the nature of a mutual contract The assertion in relation to the three heavenly wit or bargain; it is mercantile in its nature. You may nesses, 1 John 5: 7, is universally conceded by good | start, and think strange to hear this from me, but critics to be an interpolation by an unknown and do not be hasty in your judgment; examine the sub-

On examining the volume in search of Incidental breath of inspiration, and wrote as thoughts came proofs of its super-human origin, we discover that and as things seemed, regardless of consequences.

that the Bible contains truth, Inspiration and reve- Again, it commends itself by its earnestness. It Its perusal never provokes a smile nor excites galety. 5. It is a mistake to suppose that God ever spake It treats only of momentous matters, and holds its readers steadily to the point. Its writers were thor-If any one finds in the Bible triffing matters, mis- oughly serious, and therefore they command respect. takes, conflicting statements or falsehoods, he may Unlike many modern authers, they did not write rest assured either that they are not the word of for pay, and try to varnish their works co as to win God, or that he does not get the true meaning. We popularity. Their sole aim was to make men wiser must believe that God is infinitely wise and good, and better, and their every word was uttered with The inspired prophets and apostles felt themselves

our Scriptures and our knowledge, than to suppose to be God's messengers to man, and they had better die than be faithless to their employer. His word Perhaps no one at the present time fully under- | was a "burden" which they must carry and deliver. stands all, the dark sayings in the Bible. By vio- orsink under. It was as a "fire in their bones." which lent and learned twisting of texts, by imagining they must let out, or it would consume them. The similes, metaphors and allegories, by resorting to Divine command to speak, and the human need to spiritualizing and a double sense theory, commen- hear, constituted a pressure which they dared not fators do manage to squeeze some meaning out of and could not withstand. For their own reevery sentence; but unluckily the commentators do lief and the world's good, in the fear and love of not agree among themselves. One asserts this, God, they preached with all their might; and if another that. Who shall decide when Doctors disa- every one of their words ald not "weigh a pound,"

When men talk thus in earpest, though their words are incoherent and their ideas absurd, we

Keens, N. H., Sept., 1862.

THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.

TO AUNT MYRA : n in state the state of the sta . 6. For it is a mistake to suppose that no apparent My Dear Aunt-I was surprised and pleased to discrepancies nor interpolations can be found in see your name in the papers as a writer, and much interested in reading your articles. As you seem to Moses, the reputed author of the Pentateuch, be seeking the truth in regard to that most knotty

to be compelled to do so against their wills, and al- islands of our perverted and isolated social system, though it may not be for the quiet of the parents, and are lost to the world, and brought to a dead halt 't is for the good of the offspring, I think. Breeding in their voyage of spiritual progress, retired to the " in and in " does not seen to be great Nature's plan mossy, or granite, or thorny bed of domestic life, in this case. Can we think she is wrong ?

he universe, it could do them no harm.

There, my dear Aunt, are some of my earnest thoughts. Do not answer them till you have pon- quickened natures into some hidden and thorpy bydered them well. Think not I would degrade Mar- way of life, where the soul and body are lacerated riage-far from it; 1 woold lift it up on to the ped and, torn with wounds that are long and tardy in estal of iruth : I would spiritualize it to the utmost healing when the poor deluded traveler returns degree; teaching the saoredness of the body as well again to the angel guardian's care, and the bosoms as the soul, and rendering it the vehicle of joy and of true and loving friends. A few only of the many bliss almost divine.~~

And in order to ft ourselves for true conjugal companions, let us oultivate Charity, and strive to get rid of Pride and Selfishness. I am as ever your affectionate niece, MARY BEALS. fectionate niece, Baldwineville, Oct. 1, 1862.

THE SON.

The most recent theory or hypothesis relative to the heat and light of the sun, ascribes it to a purely mechanical origin.

The investigation of astronomers show that the sun is surrounded by a kone of nebulous or meteorio light. matter, having a somewhat discoidal form, the largest polar diameter, if the mass be circular, corresponding with the axis of the sun. It is inferred, for certain reasons, that the rotation of this mass of meteorio matter around the sun is not sufficiently rapid to prevent it from gradually condensing around that body; or, in other words, the velocity of its orbital rotation is being monstantly diminished, so that meteoric matter is being continually projected into the atmosphere of the sun, where, by its intense friction, due to a rapid velocity, it develops a continual supply of light and heat.

Recent discoveries in astronomy also demonstrate he existence of a mass or ging of meteoric matter around the earth, as yet beyond the sensible limits of the earth's atmosphere, though probably quite near the remote portions of the atmosphere. If this belt of meteoric matter which surrounds the earth is found to have its orbital relocity gradually diminished by any cause, a time, will come when it will be brought within the sensible limits of the atmosphere, when, by its friction on the atmosphere, it will develop heat and light. For a comparatively brief period, this will have a tendency to meliorate the polar rigor of the earth's climate, without very materially affecting the equatorial region ; but when the cooling influence of the polar regions becomes lost, the whole atmosphere will become rapidly heated, and, at the same time, have its capacity for moisture increased. An immense body of aqueous vapor will be mingled with the atmosphere, which becomes of greater density, and also be rapidly expanded greatly beyond its present limits, so as 'to reach more romote portions of the meteoric belt around the earth. When this shall poour, the earth will be surrounded by a sheet of meteric fiame, which will, for a period, rival the sus in the intensity of its heat and light, and the final destruction of all visible forms on the earth's surface by fire will then become an accomplished fact.

The writer, who, a few weeks ago in the BANNER. referred the meteoric belt surrounding the earth to spiritual causes, or associated it with spiritual conlitions, evidently disregards the apparently established fact, that spirits, and whatever pertains to

preciation, except under conditions which are not tant, and which depend upon entirely different laws from those which relate to matter on a purely

physical plane. The general experience of mankind

me Nature is wiser than her children, for they seem | rian religion. Others have been shipwrecked on the where the celestial spark is soon quenched by the It seems to me if our young people were taught to plentiful showers of cares and trials, and burdens of be ambitious to maintain themselses, and to bring to life. Others, feeling the ardent and increasing love their conjugal companions, well developed, healthful of the soul reaching out for kindred natures, are and sweet bodies, rather than fine clothes and flashy met with passion in the garb of affection, or lust in accomplishments; and taught not to expect to find the garments of love, and deceived by the wily and perfect happiness in or through any one person in seductive trapper of the confiding in our social system. in which our sectarian religion educates our children for deceivers, and are drawn through their

> who start, sail boldly and safely through the break. ers, and reach the calm waters of well and fully developed mediumship, where they can look forward to the green and flowery shore, with the pearly sands and luoid ripples that invite the landing of all who behold them; and who can look calmly back and reach out a hand, or a wand, to those who are struggling in the breakers, or standing on this mortal shore gazing and longing for a note or a word from the "Island of the blessed, the land of the hereafter." Such can give words of encouragement and bid the voyager be true, be honest, be faithful, and steer the bark by reason, by nature, by affection, taking council of angels, and living true to the highest

Lebanon, N. H., Sept. 29, 1862.

Written for the Banner of Light. WEARY I-WEARY I

BY ANNIE EMER.

I am tired of the world, Cousin Benia, . For it starves me and freezes me, too. Have you ever watched its pretentions To friendship, and proved them untrue? Have you linked hands with strangers and found them Cool headed, cool hearted and wise. Over-reaching your thoughtless affection With their far-seeing, practical eyes?

Have you turned with disgust from their pitying, When you learned bitter lessons like me-That each friend (?) sought his own selfish pleasures, And paid for them mercilessly? There I the thought is unworthy and cruel, I will not accept it for truth ; Nor have I for such wicked prudence Bartered all the bright sunshine of youth.

But if there's peace in your wee Thatchwood Cottage-If strife and contentions ne'er come To mar with unmusical discords The charm of that pleasant word Home-Say, may I not pause, Cousin Benja, World wearled, heart-sick and soul-weak, To rest for an hour by its hearthstone. . And list to the strong words you speak ?

Spiritualists and the Indians.

The following is offered as reasons why Spiritualists should, as a body, make a special effort in behalf of the Indians :

1st. Spiritualism gives a better idea of the condition and of the capacity of the Indian, and of the proper means for his improvement, than the teachings of any of the churches.

2. The Indians being the elder brethren of Spiritualists in a common faith, and having done so much by their magnetism in healing the slok, and in developing mediums, have a first claim on the sympathy of all in their ranks.

8. The Indians have been the longest sinned them materially, are not susceptible of a sensible ap. against by our people, and some of the tribes are now in the greatest peril of extermination by civil

TO THE SPIRITUALISTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

FRIENDS, I am constrained to address you in behalf of our cause-the cause of humanity. Our country is passing through a terrible crisis, a physical revolution, and a moral overthrow, which is to mark the present era as the most remarkable in the annals of history. We, as a people, have been measurably prepared for this, for we have seen the signs in the heavens, and warning voices from the world beyond have come back to us, and we have hearkened to them, and in some degree understood their mport.

No class can be more, if as much, interested in passing and coming events as we are. We commenced the work-set about it by the spirit-world. We opened the war, with principles for our weapons, and humanity for our cause. We have fought against slavery everywhere, and in every form. We have claimed the right of every one to rule himself, or herself, and besieged the fortresses of moral power that set up authority over us all.' In this crusade we have made great advances - making breaches in the strong walls of religious bigotry, so that the people have been able to a large extent to see through and witness the bonds, cunningly wrought, with which it was hoped to make captives of us all.

With the light of truth, radiated by principles comprehensible even by the commonest mind, we have opened the way onward and upward, extending the vision to realms hitherto unexplored, unveiling to the world so much of interior wealth and glory that the orude conceptions and moral lights that have been set forth to light mankind onward in the past, have grown dim to the eye, and unsatisfying to the mind.

The war which we inaugurated in the moral, or religious world, has broken out and already made great progress in the political and physical strata of the world's great layers of conditions. Here, in the sphere of the physical senses, the human mind is principally attracted at the present time ; but the true Spiritualist sees in these elements of the revolution, the fires that consume the grosser materials. preparing the ground for the seeding and a future harvest. We are the sowers of the seed, and on us depends the fullness of the coming harvest.

Measurably, we have been left calmly to look out upon the raging storm, and to a great extent, it is to be feared we have done so listlessly, forgetting for the time the work which is before us to do. Now is the time for us to concentrate our forces, examine our strength, and see that we are fully prepared for coming events. We have yet an important part to play in the struggle for the right. The time is coming, and now is, when we shall be charged with the cause of the discomforture of those who sought power through human oppression. Then will the shafts of malice and deadly hatred be hurled against us, and we shall need all our forces to resist the onslaught. We have hitherto left our work principally with God and the angels, trusting in them to shape events, while we looked on content to watch their coming. While the war was of a purely moral or spiritual character, it was well for us, perhaps, to wait for guidance; but when in the progress of events we come to the contest with the material or physical reaction, then as men and women, we will have to put our strong arms forth, and beat back the oppressor, or die the death of the martyr.

Believing, as I do, that a systematic crusade will be waged against us in time, and at no distant day. as the instigators and abettors of abolition and church reforms, it seems to me that rational prudence should lead us to the adoption of some general system of organization and cooperation. The Government, so far as the President has power, has taken a mighty step forward for human freedom in the emancipation policy, which will very likely open a new contest and render the national strife still more bitter and create divisions and perhaps a fratricidal warfare in the North. Improbable as this may seem to some, none can deny but that the last year has witnessed events that would have been counted quite as improbable in times previous. We are now a disintegrated people, from which not only our moral but "physical power is mostly lost. We are counted nowhere in the great struggle which we have done much to develop, and the events of which by right we should have a voice in shaping. It may be that our united votes will be required to decide the balance of power in the great cause for human freedom against the pro-slavery opponents of the Government. At all events, is it not proper for us as a people to come forward in this hour of the nation's peril and declare our principles, and let the world see that we have been seekers after truth, and gaine it-let the world know that our hearts are in sympathy with the oppressed, and that our voices are unqualifiedly for freedom and natural rights. To this end would it not be well that steps be taken for the selection of representative minds from each State to meet together in convention and adopt measures for a national organization. There will be little doubt. I apprehend, but that a united council may be effected upon the great issues of this time, which will serve still further in the future to seal, the bonds of union and cooperation upon other issues which have heretofore held us measurably dis-. severed from each other. What think you, friends, of this proposition? I will not at this time attempt to discuss the manifold. benefits that present themselves to my mind which. might accrue from such a step. The suggestion is. here left for your consideration. Cleveland, Ohio.

probably uninspired Trinitarian. Tischendorf re- ject fairly, and if it is not the truth, I shall be as gards Mark 16: 9-20, and John 10: 8, as spuri- glad to know it as you can be. The poet says: ouser. Various other passages, containing references ... Sweet lassie lay thy hand in mine;

to events that transpired long after the age of the writers of the books in which they occur, lation, there may be another-may be many. Bear- agree to-if it be possible.

"Sweet lassie lay thy hand in mine; A bargain it shall be. And the same law governs in this as in all bar-

vid. Gen. 14: 14- 86: SI, and Joshua 24: SI, can- gains that it takes two to make. I hold that honor not be considered genuine. If there is one interpo- and honesty both bind man and woman to do as they

Marriage is somewhat like a note on time : "For ing this in mind, rather than doubt the wisdom, goodness and power of God, we had better question value received, and to be received. I promise to pay the inspiration and genuineness of half the Bible. love and service till the date of my death or yours." Manifest discrepancies may be found in the Bible 'T is a thing of time, and not of eternity, though 1 ti 18-," Let no man say when he is tempted, I am "fancy matches." But, you will ask, has love nothtempted of God ; for God cannot be tempted of evil, ing to do with Marriage? I answer, no, for love is neither tempteth he any man." These two state- like God-without limit, and without divisibility, consements do not harmonize, and hence one of them must quently if we really love one we love all, and can't be incorrect. Gen. 6::6-"It repented the Lord help it; for love is not voluntary, and does not that he had made man." Num. 23: 19-"God is know time, space, or any condition. Marriage is not a man that he should lie, nor the son of man voluntary and conditioned; it is relative, and is based that he should repent." Here is a disorepancy, on our wants and desires, and they are ever changing. and something is wrong. II Samuel, 24: 1-4 The Spiritual affinity and sexual attraction are both anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and very beautiful; and very true, but they must no longhe moved David against them to say, go number er bear the holy name of love. They are both de-Israel and Judah." 1 Chron. 21: 1-"Satan stood pendent-love is not dependent. It was of these up sgainst Israel, and provoked. David to number doubtless, that Shakspeare wrote : "The course of Israel." Both assertions cannot be correct. In the true love never did run smooth, as ever I could learn same story Samuel mentions "seven years of famine," by tale or history." To me is seems the course of and Chronicles only "three years." One writer re- true (or perhaps I should say pure or perfect) love alpresents God as " grieved at the heart," another as ways must run smooth ; and for this reason, it is not " angry every day," and another as " without vari- selfish. " In the loving of the lover lies the hidden ableness or a shadow of turning." recompense.". While young, we are " lovers of pleas-

It would be easy to point out many other discrep- ure, more than lovers of good," and Marriage is a ancies, but these are sufficient for our purpose. good school of discipline to bring us from a love of They prove either that all the Bible was not written one, or a part, to the love of God, or the Whole. by inspiration, or that the Inspiring Power made And the reason it seems to me why so many are militates, or that our version is not a genuine, tran- disappointed, is that they expect to find in man what script of the original. We prefer the theory of a can only be found in God. The theory of Bro partial inspiration and imperfect preservation." Bat Chase is well enough, if it were only practical. this opens wide the door for oriticism, and compels How can we know whether we are matched on all us to trust not in records, but in God and reason. | four corners or not, unless we cohabit for a certain 7. But, finally, it is a mistake to suppose that the length of time conditionally? But, if he grants Bible is to be outgrown and thrown away. It con-tains the word of God, and therefore it will stand satisfactory, and we are matried for life, the stream

of life flows smoothly for a short time ; " presently," The sublimity of its sloquent poetry, the pathos as Mr. Emerson skys, "one of us passes to the perof its exquisitely tender scenes, the purity of its ception of a higher truth ; we are divorced, and no ethios, its encouraging advice to the discouraged and tension in nature can hold us together." I have doubting, and above all, the light, it flashes on and never seen a person, male or female, that I thought beyond the Dark Vale, will preserve it in honor and affection as long as man has a heart to feel or a mind, to reason. Bibliolatry will be doubt cease, ever found such person. "The soul is not twin-born and the bigoted tribe of canting tertmalists will van, -'t is the only begotten ;" and the infinite only can

s, that spiritual forces, to become manifest to the perceptions, (sensuous, of course,) must be mani fested through matter. Accepting this interpretation, there cannot very well be a just reference of the meteorle belt which sur rounds the earth to spiritual conditions, without ac cepting the material phase, which is given above, together with the inferences drawn in relation thereto. EROS N.

MEDIUMS. BT WARBEN CHASE.

It would be an interesting work if some compeless brilliancy in wide or narrow circles about their ment, which affirms "the Indian's destiny to be of their respective brilliancy, and the points of en. all this be done, not merely to save the Indians, but spiritual firmament. Such history would give us for saving ourselves. some data on which to base our conclusions in rethat road with no knowledge of the forks and crossings in the highway of mediumship. It is certain lute right for all mankind. that many have shone with meteoric brilliancy for a brief period, and disappeared almost as soon as those sereolite visitors. Some, like comets, have run, is the time to put it forth. with a brilliant trail, rapidly toward the great spiritual luminary, soon passed their perihelions, and departed to regions unknown to the public. Some have moved round and round in their circular or in an article against the punishment of death, pub. eliptic orbits, and shone with steady or increasing lishes the following curious details : " When, at the brilliancy year after year, after slowly widening their circuits, and increasing their capacities and usefulness. Some have shone like fixed stars, standing with a never-failing light to guide the mariner to the haven of spiritual or celestial life.

To one who has seen and known as much of them as I have, it seems almost impossible to stay here and endure life without them. It would be a starless and obeerless night-life to me, were I shut off from these light bearers who stud our social horizon, aven though I have some capacity in myself of reaching, or being reached by the spiritual world. I am not surprised that many turn away and refuse of the many who have attempted to ordan the sodial

war, and by the aggressions of lawless men. Therefore justice demands that the first national sin (wrong to the Indians) should be blotted out by im. mediate redress of existing grievances and full protection of the remnants of all the tribes under the control of our Government.

To this end let public speakers present the claims of the Indian before every audience, and let Indians in the form, as well as their spirits through mediums, be invited to plead for themselves; and, let all who can, see to it that hid representative in Congress and in the Senate of the United States be fully informed relative to this matter.

Let the demand be for ample domains in suitable locations, for every tribe to subsist in perfect freedom from all interference by those whose presence among them they do not desire. Let everytent person would give us brief biographical histo- thing be done to create a correct public sentiment, ries of the mediums who have shone with more or so as to reverse the atheistic and murderous sentirespective localities, with the long or short periods to perish before the march of our civilization." Let try and exit of each in the sidereal heavens of our as the most proper and the most speedy measure

There can be no mistake in affirming that injusgard to the real value of mediumship, and serve as tice has brought rain and desolation upon our naa guide-board to direct many who will journey on tion, and that nothing can stay its wide-spread ravages but prompt obedience to the demands of abso-

> If Spiritualists have indeed got a dispensation which is truthful and powerful to save, surely now JOHN BERSON. 15 Laight street, New York, Oct 4, 1862.

AN EXTRAORDINARY THEORY .-- A foreign journal end of the last century, the terrible machine of Dr. Guillotin made its appearance, it gave rise to great controvérsy among the faculty throughout Europe. The inventor pretended and believed that Death by his instrument was easier than by any other means, and that the rupture of the vertebra, the nerves and all the organs of the head, killed the whole body at once, and instantaneously. Several experiments were made at Vienna. Some poisoners were to be executed, and several medical men, who had already disputed the correctness of the statement of Dr. Gui lotin, obtained permission to remain on the scaffold during the execution, and when a head was cut off it was delivered to them. The first was that of a young man. The eyes were closed and the tongue protruded. Eight minutes were allowed to expire the proffered gifts of angels, siter seeing, or hearing when the tongue was pricked with a pin, when it was drawn in and the face made a grimace indicative of pain. The second was that of a woman and the bigoted tribe of canting terinalists will van ish away. The errate of the Book will be admitted and its deforts deplored. It will be admitted and the issen any to supply our sexual reads, but it takes many to supply our spiritual and reads, but it takes many to supply our spiritual and reads, but it takes many to supply our spiritual and reads, but it takes many to supply our spiritual and reads, but it takes many to supply our spiritual and reads, but it takes many to supply our spiritual and reads, but it takes many to supply our spiritual and reads, but it takes many to supply our spiritual and reads and not as a master. But was that of the most guilty of the and the defort he aven-intellectual needs. Booking for to if our soul is ever yearning. Heart for heart is ever burning. It commends itself by its originality, if a write of our spiritual the output of the marriage of opposites, it ever burning. As regards the marriage of opposites, it ever barra sand bars of our sand ba

C. D. GRISWOLD.

CURIOSITIES OF NATURE .- Among the papers pubished in costly style by the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, is one on the microscopic-plants and. animals which live on and in the human body. It. describes quite a number of insects. The animal which produces the disease called itch is illustration by an engraving half an inch in diameter which. shows not only the ugly little fellow's body and legs, but his very toes, although the animal himself is entirely invisible to the naked eye. When Lieutenant Berryman was sounding the ocean, preparatory to laying the Atlantic telegraph, the quill at the end of the sounding line brought up mud, which, on being dried, became a powder so fine that, on rubbing it. between the thumb and finger, it disappeared in the erevices of the skin. On placing this dust under the microscope, it was discovered to consist of millions of perfect shells, each of which had a living animal.

TOBTUBE .- In our pature there is a provision, like marvelous and merciful, that the sufferer should never know the intensity of what he endures by its present tarture, but chiefly by the pady that rankles after it.

OF LIGHT. BANNER

Written for the Banner of Light. HEALING BY SPIRIT-POWER. BY H. B. STORER.

Modern Spiritualism presents the same class of phenomena that characterized the advent of Christianity. Its practical bearings upon life, health and comfort, in the present condition of existence, is caloulated to attract the attention of most persons, and to enter very largely into their estimates of its value. Hence, we may with propriety refer investigators to its beneficent character, as manifested in the mighty works which it is constantly performing. and in the same language that Jesus used when the disciples of John came to him to inquire concerning his character and mission-"Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see; the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them."

To cure the maladies that flesh is heir to, has al. ways been deemed among the most beneficent works in which man could engage. Science, from its earliest dawn to the present time, has devoted more of man's time to the work of discovering and removing the causes of disease, than to any other one department of knowledge. Among the sacred mysteries of ancient religions the art of healing held a high position, and was deemed as sacred as any of the revelations made to man.

And if it be true that the spirit's health depends in a great degree upon the body's vigor, what more important theme of revelation can be presented from the spirit-world? what more important occupation can employ the time of its angel ministers, than to restore the harmonious action of the bodily functions-the integrity of the physical system.

Hence we find spiritual revelations and developments referring very extensively to the laws of health, the care of the body, and the restoration of the sick. Clairvoyants have given almost exclusive attention to this subject, and benevolent physicians who loved their profession, and dignified it when on earth, now glorify it still more from their spirithomes, as through adapted mediums they still continue their researches for the ultimate causes of disease, or prescribe remedies for its immediate ef. fects.

There is, however, one system of treatment that, scems peculiarly to distinguish the interference of spirits in behalf of mortals. It is the communication, by direct influx, of vital magnetism to the debilitated and diseased sufferer. Healing mediums, as they are called, 'have rapidly multipled within the ten ycars last past, whose peculiar work it seems to be to impart animal electricity from their own bodies to those of their patients, under the direction and control of an energizing power that acts upon them from the spirit-world. Without attempting minutely to describe this process, we may here intimate our belief, that the sublimated aura which pervades the brain and nervous system, is the connecting medium employed by spirits, through which the energizing process is communicated to the bodily functions. Spirits connect themselves with mortals, through the instrumentality of this refined aura, and by it the will-power of the spirit sets upon the animal electricity of the body, producing all the chemical changes that occur in the living organism. This chemical process in its turn sets free an increased quantity of animal electricity, which either pervades the body in which it is generated, or passes off and is communicated to other bodies.

Realing mediums are therefore persons in whom the chemical changes that generate animal electricity rapidly take place, and from whom this electricity can be detached and imparted to other persons.

posed to be thankful that his other side was all right. The entire left side of the body sympathized with the shoulder, and frequent pains darted through it, sometimes the hip becoming so stiff and sore that he was unable to sit down for days together. The shoulder was always cold, evincing the stoppage of the circulation, and could only be rendered comfortable by the application of the other hand.

On the 17th of September, 1859, a little more than teh years after the accident, Bro. Douty being at home, and in his own sitting-room alone, suddenly became aware of a presence, whom, though he could not see, he realized as distinctly as though the form had been visible, and at the same time an impression came, upon him, with the distinctness of a command, to rise and shut the doors and darken the room, and to sit by the table. He immediately complied, and sat down again by the table. Suddenly he felt a shock, as though an electrical discharge had struck the top of his head, and ran like lightening through his body to the ends of his toes. This was followed by a flush of heat, apparently some two inches wide, that ran down the cutside of the left arm from the the surgeon's tourniquets or handages. They may shoulder, and coursed along the outside of the leg upon the same side. The left foot was put in vio. In themselves they are anything but blessings. The lent motion, and immediately after, the right hand, plain fact is, that this external government is made under the control of an irresistible power, also commenoed shaking violently, and was soon applied to thing we all want; and it may be admitted that it the left shoulder, which it continued to rub with does prepare the way for it, though the road is a rapid motion, the foot also keeping time with the long one that leads to voluntary obedience to Reason, hand incessantly for an hour and a half, the hand being removed only three times and laid upon the table. for not more than a minute and a half at illustrates the same idea in this way : He says that,

either time. During this process his mind was in an unwonted | think for themselves, so the true end of external condition of joy and peace altogether indescribable. government is, to prepare men to go right and do He seemed exalted to a heavenly condition of spirit, right of their own free will," And he proceeds: and realized what it is to be baptized in the pure love of ministering spirits. As the influence left self-gratification. To live under the domination of him, both hands were lifted easily and naturally one's own self-will, or appetites, may be freedom for to his head, over which they made a few passes, and the appetites, but it is slavery for the man. Man is then, without the least exhaustion, although he had free in proportion as his wish, or will, has God's perspired profusely, he was left to contemplate the power for it, and not against it; that is, so far as he wonderful ours that had been performed upon and his desires are in harmony with the Governing himself, and with his family and neighbors to feel Power of the Universe, or with the laws of Nature renewed reasons for gratitude to that Providence or Divine Order; for, when such is the case perfectwho maketh his angels spirits."

The influence continued to be exerted from day to lay, the result being manifested in the growth of muscle, increasing, strength, and restored circulation, so that a permanent cure has been performed passion pro tem., without regard to their nobleness or by the establishment of organic wholeness and the regular processes of nature.

In the course of a few months Bro. Douty was controlled, and directed to apply his hands to other diseased bodies, with astonishing results. None could deny the wonderful power manifested, nor were the sick any more disposed to refuse aid from him than were the sick Jews to refuse help from the wonderful prophet of Nazareth. Time and space will not permit a record of the cures performed through his agency, but it may be interesting to some afflicted ones to know that Bro. Douty has moved, to Boston, that he is willing to devote his whole time to curing the sick, in the way which the spirits have pointed out to him, and in which they give their powerful aid. His pr sent residence is at No. 30 Pleasant street. Boston.

Those who apply to healing mediums should remember that there is nothing miragulous in the nature of their powers, but that subject to law, and guided by the experience of advanced minds, spiritual power may be directed to the cure of almost every disease. There are cases incurable by the very nature of the malady, and no physician, belonging to whatever school he may, practicing by whatever system, or inspired by whatever intelligence, can cure every case. The Eighth Massachusetts Battery. The Journal's correspondent; "Scout," writing from the battle-field, speaks in high terms of praise of this battery. He adds : " The conduct of Capt. Cook's Battery is exceedingly creditable to the Captain and most of his men, in proof of which it is only hecessary to refer to Gen. Wilcox's official report, in which a high compliment is paid to this battery. It was placed in a very exposed position, and for a time two guns were under the command of the rebel infantry on account of the failure of our infantry support to be stationed in the proper place at the onset; but Capt. Cook. Lieut. Coffin. and others of the com pany, remained by the guns under a hot fire, and as soon as was possible the guns were again doing good service."

This Paper is issued every Monday, for the



Belf-Government.

What is it? . We talk much about it ; what do we vally know about it? If a man thinks it such an asy matter to keep the "higher law," let him try it faithfully for but a single day. Outside, or external governments, are likened by a thoughtful writer to avail to oheok certain evils, or to alleviate them, but to stand and suffice for self-government, the very which constitutes the true Freedom.

The writer of the " Honest Man's Book of Politics " as the true end of all learning is to qualify men to

"Self-government should not be confounded with ly, every fulfillment of the laws of Nature is a tri-

umph for all whose delight it is to see those laws or volitions fulfilled. Thus, while the spirit of selfgratification subjugates all things to the ruling to its own vileness, self government subordinates all the desires and powers of the soul according to their relative worth, making the heart a seat of order, a kingdom of righteousness, with the Will of God for its life, and the Triumph of Right for its constant aim and glory. Self-government, therefore, is nothing less than a process of self-humanization ; a march from the Egypt of the animal senses and instincts to the Holy Land of Reason ; an emancipation of the soul from its thraldom to matter, and an opening of the senses of the spirit to spiritual things." The whole matter could not be better stated, or nore clearly reasoned. We all know in how few the true desire for self-government predominates. or, in fact, exists except in a low and latent state : yet it may be made to develop itself with great rapidity. External objects and obstacles try our energies and suffice to bring them forth, and thus the spirit is taught gradually to sperate upon and control its teacher, the external things and circumstances themselves. Our lives are kindled by external action and pressure, The power of the reason is built up slowly, and hence cannot take the reins for a long while; for it is the reason that discerns the true spirit of things, the senses touching only their grossness. Reason searches only for meaning, and

cares nothing about the mere shows themselves. We cannot learn the art of governing ourselves all at once. It is an acquired power, an energy that comes with use and growth, a wisdom that has to be learnt. And whenever-says our author friendmore than the employment of reason according to the measure of its growth is attempted, the result is self-conceit merely; an abortion, which usurps the place and sucks out the life of Reason, employing the soul's powers to its own misgovernment, and to the prevention of its progress. The man of reason has no concelt: he is always modest and honest: he has no need of temper, for the clear eye of reason suffices to show him the way and to lead him on in it. Passion vanishes as fast as the light of Reason dawns, and perfect self-government harmonizes all the traits and qualities of the nature.

Parming Corporation near Kidder, Mo. This enterprise, started last spring, by a dozen or more enterprising New Esgland men, is now begun, and, if they do, they are so far gone generally as and bids fair for the most successful results. Near- not to be aware of it. But we have a 'centenarian ly one-half of the shares, numbering thirty-two in in New York State now, the venerable Daniel Waldo, all, notwithstanding the unpropitious times, are sold a preacher, who has just been paying a visit from to exactly the right kind of men-men liberal, just, his home to Albany, where he was the guest of Rev. and generous.

The Corporation has built a large store, the handsomest on the line of the Hannibal and St. Joseph however, he sat down in what were manifestly exu-Railroad, in Kidder ; and on the ground of the Corporation, one beautiful dwelling house. Another is to be erected this fall. Over fifty acres of corn, the old man is: northern sugar-cane, potatoes, and almost every kind of garden vegetables, have been raised this year on the "turf." Over sixty sores is substantially fenced, and broken, and is ready for a good crop next year.

The Corporation is beginning in the right way at first, in a small, careful, sure manner. Mr. H. D. Huston, who has been the agent of the Corporation the state of the corporation is beginning in which they all agreed was that they all slept well. I have there since its inauguration, has returned to East Somerville, Mass., where he may be addressed for particulars for the coming winter.

Mr. M. E. Congar, one of our most worthy brothers, formerly of Whitewater, Wis., has just emers, formerly of Whitewater, Wis., has just em- tion. Dr. Harvey is said to have dissected his body, barked in this enterprise, and has moved his family and to have found the viscera perfectly sound; and the on to the ground of the Corporation, and will not as agent of the Corporation there during the coming winter.

Mr. Alfred Taylor, of Charlestown, Mass., than whom there is not a more worthy man living, has whom there is not a more worthy man living, has Albany on Friday. My health is as usual. Please to been on the ground all summer, and will move his scatter my affectionate regards among your household, and believe me. Truly yours, DANIEL WALDO. family there next winter.

Franklin Newhall is also there. He intends to erect a house for himself next summer. Another Mr. Taylor is also there.

Some half a dozen or more gentlemen intend taking shares and moving on to this Corporation Farm this fall, or early next spring.

All who have taken shares are true Spiritualists, and they are Spiritualists, too, that are of the noble generous, trustworthy stamp.

The houses are being built, and the whole plan, as presented by Dr. Child, is being slowly and steadfastly carried into effect. It is the work of time to carry this plan out, and we have confidence that it will succeed, for we should be slow to doubt the success of 'any project in which Dr. Child throws his energies. We have full confidence in him, as an honorable, just man, and also, as a business man. The people in that region are perfectly loyal, and folios stuffed. Hodgdon and Russ are in Vermont. property is believed to be as safe there, if not safe, than in Massachusetts. The country in every respect is fine and healthy beyond description. Seveu- Studio Building is accumulating rapidly, and deteen who went from Boston last spring have been in perfect health all summer.

We gather the above statements from an inter view with Mr. Huston, and present them for consideration at this time, because we know that many of our readers have a deep interest in the success of a movement of this kind.

New Publication.

We spoke briefly, last week, of a handsome Svo volume, just issued by A. Williams & Co., 100 Washington street, which contains a minute and de tailed narrative of the trial of George O. Hersey, for the murder of Betsey Frances Tirrel, before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. It was a case that excited extraordinary interest for its particulars, not merely with the public at large, than the press, more than all the lawyers in the State, its particulars, not merely with the public at large, more than the politicians, in quickening into activity ical faculty. The details are all given, from beginning to end. While the Trial itself is made to com-mand the deepest attention, and interest of the mand the deepest attention, and interest of the bala contact of the descend to the level of the men who

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The Old Boy. 1 Secondary Few men indeed live to see one hundred years. Dr. Sprague, preaching, in his pulpit on the next Sunday after his arrival. Previous to leaving home. berant spirits, and penned the following letter to Dr. Sprague. It shows what a happy sort of fellow

SYRACUSE, Sept. 10, 1862. Dear Boy :--- I take pen in hand, according to your request, to inform you that, after tossing some hours last night upon my bed, and thinking over the de-plorable condition of our country. I cast my cares up-on my Master, according to orders; and I had anfiand broken, and is ready for a good drop and the state of the stock raising, which business will be commenced the coming spring.

they all agreed was that they all slept well. I have observed that a very large proportion of very old per-sona die by accident, and not by old age or disease. There is a tradition that Charles the First invited old Thomas Parr, on account of his age, (one hundred

and fifty-two.) to his court, and they gave him a re-past at which he ate so much that he died of indigescartilages unossified. I hope I shall not tall a viotim

to my appetite, as he did. My granddaughter thanks you for your invitation; and as it is inconvenient for her to comply with it now, she will remember it for a future time. Provi-dence permitting, I shall take the ten o'clock train for athen you Evider. My health has a negret Piecea to

The Artists.

These are the true summer tourists, after all. On looking around, we discover that they are beginning to get back again from their several jaunts by the sea-shore, by the rivers, and among the mountains, laden with the rich fruits of their season's experiences. How little do the money-getters of State and Wall streets know of the pure and lasting delights of these men-these true children of nature. Innes, Ordway, and Williams are in the neighborhood of Medway, engaged on works begun elsewhere. G. L. Brown has been out near Medford all sum. mer, sketching the scenery there. Champney lingers at North Conway, where his home is. Griggs has likewise been there through the summer. Pope and Gerry have just returned from Bethel, a fine summer resort on the Grand Trunk road, with port-Bricher is In-New York State, and Bradford is on the coast of Maine. The artists' collection at the serves general patronage. Some two hundred pictures are already there, and all of them are for sale to such as may chance to fancy them.

- Thomas Starr King.

They talk in California of really sending this living man to the Senate of the United States, to fill the place of Senator Latham, whose term will expire next March. It is a new thing to take a minister from the pulpit and put him to political work ; and yet it has been done before, and to good advantage. In Massachusetts, the Unitarian ministers especially have had more or less experience in politics. This is what a writer, advocating Mr. King's election, says in a late number of the San Francisco Bulletin :

" Is it too much to say that Mr. King has done more the Union sentiment of California, and preserving us here from civil war? Fellow-citizens, elect Thomas reader, as it is reported, the whole series of inci-dents and points form as tragical a story as could ing voters, or bargaining for favor. Elect him firstwell be written. This is the first case of known poisoning by strychnine in the country, and a very strange instance of a confession by the prisoner strange instance of a confession by the prisoner vote."

The difference between an ordinary magnetic operator and a healing medium is simply this: the magnetizer increases his own will-power by voluntary effort, and the healing medium is subject to the will-power and activity of other spirits than his own. The process is the same in both cases-first, the spirit arouses itself to the accomplishment of a purpose; it then acts through the subtle aura of the brain and nervous system upon the animal electricity of the body-this increased action involves more rapid chemical changes-these changes generate an increased quantity of animal electricity, which is then subject to the disposal of the spirit. Now if a negative or diseased subject be put in communication with this positively charged body, the surplus animal electricity will pass to it and there begin a vaimilar work of chemical change, &c.

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If, therefore, spiritual beings possess more intelligence than mortal operators, they can direct, by an exercise of their enlightened will, this animal electricity which they have generated in the bodies of their mediums, to such specific uses as they may wish to accomplish. Whoever possesses the most knowledge, the most benevolence, and the strongest will, can employ the vital electricity of the human body most successfully in the cure of disease.

But 1 have written a somewhat lengthy introduction to the narrative of an interesting case of spiritual interference in behalf of an invalid, which well illustrates the power and goodness of our kind friends on the other side the river.

On the 17th, of April, 1849, Col. Hiram Douty, a well known and universally respected citizen. of Foxoroft, Maine, fell from the second story beams of a house which was in process of building, headlong juto the cellar, striking his left shoulder upon the sharp corner of the cellar wall as he went down, and falling heavily upon his bent head and the supper part of his spine. His collar-bone was fraotured in two places, the left shoulder dislocated, and the whole body most thoroughly jarred. The .surgeon, who was immediately called to replace the dislocated ehoulder, performed his work, but did not discover the fractures, and either for that reason or for the arm dropped again from its place, and bisame little more than a fixture at his side. The feel was much swollen about the shoulder, and soon seemed to the touch like a mass of jelly beneath the skin. Gradually, however, it shrunk away and become callous, until it was impossible to pinch up the skin upon the surface. All power to lift the arm was gone, and so it continued for ten years. Mr. Douty visited the ablest surgeons in different parts of the State, seeking their counsel, but all agreed in the opinion that the case was incurable, and the arm must be comparatively useless. The callous might be broken, the arm replaced in its socket, but as the muscles upon the top of the arm were entirely destroyed, there would be nothing to hold the arm in its place. For this reason it was deemed incurable. Bro. Douty had therefore given

The Captain received an order on Friday night to go to Washington to change their guns, and the next morning they were on their way. They are to have ten-pound Parrotts, in exchange for their comparatively inferior pieces. This is a great compliment Chief Magistrate. Those who are too far advanced for Capt. Cook and his command, who have proved in age to take the field, can do much by allowing themselves good soldiers, as well as efficient artill their aspirations to ascend to spirit-life, for, by the lerists.

Announcements.

Miss Emma Honston will lecture in Boston next Sunday: Miss Emma Hardinge in Marblehead: Mrs. Lanra DeForce Gordon in Taunton; Miss Lizzle Doten in Springfield; Mrs. Augusta A. Currier in Quinov: Warren Chase in Lowell: Frank L. Wadsworth in Chicopee: Mrs. M. M. Wood in Foxboro; Mrs. A. P. Thompson in Portland, Me.; Miss B. Anna Ryder in Milford, N. H.; H. B. Storer in Providence, R. I.; N. Frink White in Somers, Conn.; Mrs. M. B. Kenney in Putnam, Conn.; W. K. Ripley in Belfast, Me.; Chas. A. Hayden in Excter, Me.

We are pleased to learn that our co laborer. Bro. Stephen Fellows, is still in the field, piloting the beclouded to the haven of light and life. His address is Fall River, Mass.

A SUFFERING SOLDIEB .-- Nicholas Hall, eged 19, says the Transcript, while kneeling to load at the bat tle of Fair Oaks, received a bullet in his abdomen, which passed through and lodged in his spine, and has not yet been extracted. He now lies at his mother's house, corner of Village and Castle streets, and the and the result we have predicted surely come. writer, who has visited him some twenty times, can testify to his scute sufferings and his heroic endurance. From long lying in one position his back has become quite sore, and the husk mattrass on which he lies ought to be substituted for a hair mattrass of the size for a single bed. Has any benevolent person such an rrticle to spare? Mrs. Hall is in quite humble side! The invisible influences are ever the strong, circumstances. She was only able to bring her son est. Why is it so ?-- and yet why should it not be home by procuring his discharge from the army, al- so? The spiritual vision is far clearer and stronger though the army surgeon pronounced him mortally than the bodily, even as the soul is superior to sense wounded. In doing this she had to sacrifice both State and United States aid. Maternal tenderness did not allow her to hesitate. Dr. Gay. the well-known surgeon, will conform our assurances as to the facts of the case, and the worthiness of the family.

It is little troubles that wear the heart out. It is then how closely and continually we draw them to np all hope and expectation of relief, and was dise feasier to throw a bomb-shell a mile than a feather.

Physical and Mental Aid.

It behooves all good loyal citizens, at this hour of the Nation's anguish, to put forth their physical and mental strength to the utmost in support of the combined magnetisms of mortals and spirits only,

can the great events now transpiring be made to subserve the mighty end sought to be attained, viz. the perpetuity of this great country intact, which is destined to become the home of the oppressed of all nations. When UNIVERSAL FREEDOM shall be emblazoned in living letters of light upon its glorious flag, then shall we be free indeed, and bless the good Father for the chastening rod that ultimated so beneficent a result. Then, indeed, shall the cap of Liberty, with no blemish to mar its beauty, crown through all coming time the flagstaff of our national emblem. Then war shall be known no more in the lands justice will prevail; the right will conquer. But that time is not yet. Strive, then, with all your hearts and souls, citizens of the Free States, to crush"

out the rebellion by rendering all the aid in your power to the legally constituted authorities of the nation. Otherwise, a longer time will intervene than you are aware of now, before the nation comes safely out of the struggle in which she is engaged. But the good old Ship of State will weather all gales,

The Departed.

They are not before our eyes-they are not with us in the form-but oh I how much more do they influence us then if we could see them right at our When the soul receives its impression, the individual is moved; but that which appeals to outward. sense alone, does not always reach the springs of the soul. And when can we banish the thoughts of those who have gone behind the weil? and, if never, our sides, as angels and ministering spirits !

finally corroborating the purely circumstantial testimony on the strength of which he was convicted. The points both of medicine and chemistry involved in it, are of the first interest to professional men, Hersey was executed not until after two years following the death of his victim. A more fiendish case of homicide rarely comes under public notice, in what we agree to style civilized society. The whole matter has been phonographically reported by Mr. Yerrinton : and all who wish to peruse, and even study a case that presents such a multitude of striking and startling points, not less in law than in medicine, nor in atrocious cruelty than in either. will find this volume just the one for purchasing.

A Dollar that Pays Well.

One of the best seasonable enterprises now before Agriculturist. He has secured for his subscribers its new receptions. fine'colored editions of two splendid maps of localities of great interest. ' One of these, covering a space of more than ten square feet, shows the entire State of Virginia so completely that every county, town, city, village, river, brook, mountain, hill, and principal road, is readily found. It also embraces the principal parts of Maryland and Pennsylvania. The other map, covering about fifteen square feet, gives all the Southern or Slave States, including Missouri Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and all south of them. Though not so minute as the map of Virginia, this shows all the counties, principal towns, rivers, etc., of the Southern States. Any person subscribing now for the Agriculturist, is presented with a choice of the above two maps. In addition to this, every new subscriber for 1863 (Vol. 22), receives the Agriculturist for the rest of this year without charge. We have long received the Agriculturist, and can testify to its real merits. Every number is well illustrated; and contains a very large amount of really useful, practical, reliable information for the farm, the garden, and the household, inoluding a very interesting department for the little ones. No one can fail to get many dollars worth of gather from it the least idea of what the work really useful hints from a volume of the Agriculturist, while the maps now are so much extra. We have sent for two copies of the paper so as to get both maps. Send for the paper on our recommendation, or, if you prefer, send a dime for a single copy, and examine it for yourself. The address of the publisher is Orange Judd, 41 Park Row, New York,

Miss Emma Houston.

It will be seen by announcement elsewhere that this young lady, whose reputation as a trance-speak. er is most excellent, is to speak before the Lyceum Church on Sunday next, in Lyceum Hall. These known to us. In response to one, the following was free meetings are attracting large audiences every written by the medium : Bear a message to your Sunday, which is sufficient evidence to us that the daughter that Henry Ward Beecher is not in great truths of Spiritualism there elucidated are be- spirit world, and we cannot see that he is the ginning to have their legitimate effect upon commu- come to us at present. He is doing too much nity generally. 应急 无关 经营销性的股份 化

Revelation.

Why we should be asked to believe that the days of revelation are passed, we are unable to understand. Truth is revealed to us just as fast as we are ready to receive it. When we shut our eyes, how can it be expected that we are to see what is before us? and when we open them, what shall hinder our seeing? It may indeed be true that heaven has not in the past been so near to earth as it is now, or as it is to be in the immediate future; yet the ministry of spirits has ever been going on, and we have it in our power to rejoice that we have fallen upon the blessed times when communion has become so open and free. Revelation comes to the soul, rather than to the eyes and ears; and therefore it is that the the public, is that of the publisher of the American soul is to be filled and expanded with the measure of

Do Right.

Any man that says or does aught to block the wheels of the General Government at this time is a traitor to his country, no matter what his political sentiments may be, and should be dealt with accordingly. If every man would act up to his highest conceptions of right at this jupcture in our national affairs, instead of striving for place and its emolaments, the present war would speedily be brought to a close; but we fear the patriotism that inspired the fathers of the Republic is sadly lacking in their posterity of the present day, and that too many among us care not how long the conflict lasts, so that they but aggrandize themselves thereby.

Miss Hardinge's Book.

We publish in this issue a list of the contents of this interesting book of stories, with numerous extracts, in order to give the reader a slight insight into the work in question. We think she was most unfortunate in giving it the title she did-" The Wildfire Club "-me, in our opinion, the public cannot 18. Everybody should read it, especially Spiritualists. It is a large, nicely bound book, and the price . she asks for it-\$1.00-is very moderate indeed. Booksellers will be supplied at the usual discount price to the trade.

Mr. C. H. Foster.

The Bangor Daily Whig and Courier publishes an account of Mr. C. H. Foster's wonderful spirit manifestations in that oity, from which we take the following sentence : " Before going to the sitting, we took some names written by our daughter, and not on earth to be taken away."

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BANNER OF LIGHT.

On Cotton.

Mr, Laing has recently made a speech to the Chamber of Commerce of Liverpool, in which he stated, in reference to the cotton supplies for the manufacturing districts, that England could not expeet more than a million and a quarter of bales from India during the next twelve months; and if, therefore, it should be impossible to get the cotton raised In the Southern States, the present crisis (manufacturing) must go on with augmenting force for the next twelve months ; yet he believed that not many months would elapse before the termination of the struggle and the recognition of the Southern Confederacy by England and the other great powers. Jute is found to be much too brittle to be employed as a substitute for cotton, and the price has fallen nine and ten pounds per bale.

To Our Subscribers!

Your attention is called to the plan we have adopted of placing figures at the end of each of your names, as printed on the paper or wrapper. These figures stand as an index, showing the exact time when your subscription expires ; i. c. the time for which you have paid. When these figures correspond with the number of the volume, and the number of the paper itself, then know that the time for which you subscribed is out. If you desire to continue the BANNEE, we should be pleased to have you remit whenever the figures so correspond -- otherwise, we shall conclude you do not wish to renew your subscription, and shall withdraw your name scoordingly. The adoption of this method saves us the expense of sending out notifications, as heretofore, and at the same time keeps each subscriber posted in the matter:

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For the reason that medums for answering, sealed letters are continually changing their residences thus subjecting those who desire in this way to communicate with their spirit friends to much trouble and uncertainty, we have made arrangements with & COMPETENT MEDIUM to answer letters of this class. The Whenever the conditions are such that a spirit ad. dressed cannot respond, the money and letter sent to us will be returned within two weeks after its recelpt. Address "BANNER OF LIGHT," 158 Washington street. Boston.

Sister Emina Hardinge in Buffalò.

To show how fully the talents of this estimable lady are appreciated at the West in the cause of pro gress and humanity, we copy the following remarks from the Buffalo Express:

LECTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIRES. — Miss Emma Hardinge, a lady of most won-derful oratorical abilities, has accepted the invitation of a large number of our citizens, and agrees to delive er a lecture on Wednesday evening, October 1st, at the New Opera House, The reputation of Miss Hardinge has become national, and her good works attest her oratorical and womanly power. We hope to see a fine audience on Wednesday evening. There will no doubt be considerable curiosity to ascertain how the Declara-tion of Independence can be treated by this distinguished lady at a time when there are so many contra-ry opinions entertained by parties in all parts of the country."

The London Times.

This infernal incendiary print will yet be the means of embroiling all the nations of the earth in sanguinary strife, if stringent measures are not speedily resorted to by the British"Government to veto the insane ravings of its editors.

Precept vs. Fractice. A reformer who is faithful, and makes headway against the tides of public sentiment, scares, terribly, all gold seekers. — Beecher.

How much was he scared, when we introduced his sermons to the public, and finding they "took," he took them from us, and entered into an arrangement with the Traveller, of this city, to print them at the given to Gen. Hooker, and that Gen. McClellan with ther new baby and the man said when he found a threeround sum of \$2000 a year, giving them the exclusive

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS. We shall print a full report of 'Miss Hardinge's last Sunday evening lecture at Lyceum Hall in our next issuo.

In a speech at the late Spiritualist Pionio in Lynn, Dr. Gardner prophesied the exact time, as it proved afterwards, that the President would issue his Emancipation Proclamation. He was a true prophet in this instance, surely.

Bend us two dollars, anybody, and we will return, in exchange, the BANNER, for one year, which is considered by those competent of indging, one of the best and cheapest papers in the United States, This is Digby's unqualified opinion.

Our readers will bear in mind that the second lecture of Dr. E. L. Lyon, on the Authenticity of the Bible, will be delivered at Lyceam Hall, Tremont street, on Sunday morning next, commencing at ten and a half o'clock.

Back numbers of the BANNEB containing the Great Original Story now running through these columns, written expressly for us by Mrs. A. E PORTER, will be supplied to dealers at the usual price. Orders from any part of the country (excepting Secessia) promptly attended to.

It is really funny to see the tergiversations of the Boston Post of late. It better give its strength-what little it has left-to the Government, ere it be too late. The Government needs its aid now. By-and by it will need the aid of the Government. Henry Clay went in for emancipation. The Post is not wiser than Henry Clay, we opine.

A man anxious to enlist, but who was not qualified, physically, to serve in the army, applied to Dr. Hall "to pass him, if possible." The doctor, after examining him carefully, and finding it was "no go," advised the man "to recruit on draft ale." The applicant was evidently after a couple of hundred dollars. Pocket patriotism_nothing more.

Benjamin F. Hallett, well known as a distinguished lawyer and politician in Massachusetts, died in. this city on Tuesday, Oct. 2d. He was one of the most vigorous political writers in the Democratic ranks; but the leaders of that party generally managed to keep terms are one dollar for each letter so answered, him at work "behind the curtain," for reasons best known to themselves.

> Dixie has no hope of a union of the North and South, for, even if the war is concluded, there will have to be B piece.

There is a beautiful mystery about infancy and child hood. It is natural for us to gaze upon a gentle child with feelings of love, and something of reverence and wonder.

COUNTERFEIT STANPS .- Counterfeit ten cent post age stamps have made meir appearance. Purchase one of the genuine at the post-office, keep it in your pocket, and whenever a ten is offered, compare it with the one which you have.

Judge Holt says that .. no one can doubt the power of Mr. Lincoln to issue a proclamation of emancipation."

SMALL POX ANONG SHEEP .- A virulent disease has broken out among the sheep in the southern counties of England. It is pronounced to be small pox. The ratio of mortality is said to be in many cases as high as fifty in a thousand.

In our army and service, General Turchin is a Russian, Stahl & Hungarian, Maggi & Sardinian, Sigel a German, De Conroy an Englishman, De Monteine a Frenchman, Ericsson a Swede, Corcoran and Meagher Irishmen, and Fadella an Italian.

It is stated on English authority that' the value of goods stored at the "neutral" port of Nassan, and intended to rnn the blockade is \$10,000,000. There will be rich chances for prize money for our navy.

It is mooted in Washington circles that Gen. Banks will succeed Mr. Stanton as Secretary of War; that Gen. Halleck retarns to his old command in the West; that the command of Gen. McClellan's army will be succeed Gen. Halleck at Washington.

When General Reno fell on the battle-field, General Storgis was within a few, yards of him. He was in command of the division formerly commanded by Gen. Reno, increased by several new regiments, and the men had just distinguished themselves in driving the rebels from the summit of the Blue Bidge. These generals were bosom friends; had been classmates at West Point, and graduated together. When Gen. Reno fell, Sturgis ran to his assistance and picked him up, and said, "Jesse, are you badly wounded?" To which he replied : "Yes, Bam, I am a dead man:" General Sturreplied : "Ics, Bam, I am a desa man." General Stor-gis had him placed upon a littler and carried to the rear, where he died in an hour." His last words, be-fore leaving the battle field, were, "Boys, I can be with you no longer in body, but I am with you in "Rasselas," Dr. Johnson, spirit." · 16.

The Prince de Joinville lately sent his letter on the United States to Paris to be lithographed. The lithographer, after having made two hundred copies, went to the bureau of the Minister of the Interior to have the usual stamp put upon them, and was shocked by having the whole confiscated; including the lithographic stone he had employed in making them. The Emperor seems to be afraid of the shadow of the House of Orleans.

The United States Economist estimates that there is fully \$100,000,000 more specie in the United States than there was two years ago. What an outrage is the specie famine lately brought on by the brokers, in view of this estimate.

We have from New Orleans . aurious correspondence about negro bables. It seems the State of Louisiana has formerly been in receipt of a Very nice little rev. enue from the sale of all negro children born of convicts in the State Prison. Some stupid Yankee has taken it into his head that raising human beings in this way is wrong, and so he writes to General Butler, asking his opinion. Uncle Ben, tells them not to sell another baby. Sec. 1.

Men who aspire to represent the people must expect thoroughly canvassed.

POISONOUS MUSCLES .- From some unknown cause. FOISONOUS AUSCLES. From Some Unknown Cause, the muscles all along the coast this year, says a late royal crown, sud bore the sceptre of England's virtuous (allforming name are charred with poison of the most Freim. California paper, are charged with poison of the most realm." "Othat I could awake from this dreadful dreame? I virulent character. In the vicinity of Half Moon Bay anumber of families have been brought to the verge awake?" "Thou art not dreaming, my child," answered the sad California paper, are charged with poison of the most of death by these noxious bivalves, and in one instance the effect was swiftly fatal.

"Henry, love, I wish you would throw away that book, and talk with me-I feel so dull." [A long silence, and no reply.] "Oh, Henry, my foot is asleep !" ... Is it ?--well do n's talk, dear; you might wake it up."

his own disposition, will waste his life in fruitless ef-

age.

English papers think the suspension of specie pay-ments by our banks ominous for the country. Yet the Bank of England suspended specie payment in 1797. and did not resame Truble 1820-a period of over twenty years. , At this time (1820), England's nation-al debt was six times greater than that of the United States now. It was £860,000,000.

Mr. R. H. Newell, ("Orpheus C. Kerr,") of the New York Sunday Mercury, has married Adah Isaacs Menken.

Welcome, little stranger," as the woman said to cent piece among his postage stamps.



"That the dead are seen no more, I will not undertake to

" Spirit is like the thread whereon are strung The beads or worlds of life. It may be here , It may be there that I shall live again ; But live again I shall where'er I be.-[Festus.

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". I am not in heaven, nor in hell, Geraldine; only in the Men who aspire to represent the people must expect on earth, Geraldine, you look upon markin is at hey appear; to be criticised, and have **Steir** merits and demerits in the spheres, as they are; and as they are, so is their heaven or hell. Did ye mark that monstrous bruthsh thing that there were any and will be and a woman more abject, low, and ville than the gutters of your most degraded for the sphere of the sphere o

"Thou art not dreaming, my child," answered the sad volce; "and to prove to thee the truth of this most momen-tous hour, know that by this time to-morrow night, a fresh partner will lead out the Princess A. in her midnight "brawl." You know him as a man, Gorsidine; behold him now as a spirit!" $9 \circ 9$ "That night at one o'cock, I sat by his cold corpse, pondering on the fearful revelation of the preceding night; the fatally childlid prediction, and the pos-sible condition of the spirit of the duellist, killed by the hus-band of a woman whom he had seduced."—The Princess.

Just then a sweet, soft, unusual air seemed to spring up-The man who has so little knowledge of human na-ture as to seek happiness by changing anything but his own disposition, will waste his life in fruitless ef-forts, and multiply the griefs which he purposes to re-move. "Mother," said Ike Partington. "did you know that the Iron Horse has but, one car." "Child, what do you mean?" "Why, the engineer, of course." Those who are always peering into the affairs of their neighbors, constitute a very mean sort of peer age.

voice, saying, " Tom-dear Tom I"- The Spirit Bride.

voice, saying, "Tom-dear Tom !"-The Spirit Bride. That drear night it was tenanted alone by the one ghostly, dead form of the hapless William Rockwood. Alone and un-watched, he hay on his bloody blor, while a hand of "shadowy but gigantic proportions seemed to fill the empty space around with huge letters, which, seen by the unthinking children of life and revely, might read, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of the." ⁹ 0 0 The. un-happy Haunah had, throughout the trial, conducted herself in a manner which rather tenued to confirm than dispet the supposition of her guilt. ⁹ 9 0 The proceedings of this remarkable trial. were characterized, we are told, by divors singular noises, emanting, as it would seem, from tatitonary benches and inacimate articles, where no human contact-could account for the mystery of their sound. Sometimes the tables and chairs used by the learned gentiment of the law would be violently shaken, and if unoccupied, quite overthe issue and there used by the terried gentlemen of the law would be violently shaken, and if unoccupied, quite over-turned; yet all this without any visible agendy to account for the same, except the weird reputation which the female prisoner was known to possess "The gentleman of the long robe" were much perplexed, and it was even though somewhat startled, by these mystic signs of an unaccountable inwhat skatted, of these myskes sizes of an undecouncable in-telligence; for intelligence it cortainly was, since the noises (resembling in sound and force the heavy drumning of a stick) would seem to emphasize various sentences spoken, and especially any in favor of the prioners, when a most in-decorous number of loud knocks, in the form of applause, would invariably startly the astoplahed listeners from propriety, and cu Haunted Grange. and curdle their blood with vory terror .- The

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privilege so to do? We like Mr. Beecher's rounded periods very much-they are musical; but "preaching" is one thing, and " practice " is quite another thing. Was it honorable for him to do as he did? And was it honorable for the Traveller to do as it did? When these questions are answered, we have a few more similar ones to propound.

We have received from the well-known firm of Prince & Co., proprietors of the Linnssan Gardens and Nurseries, Flushing, Long Island, a Catalogue of their several plants, fruits, shrubs, trees, Green house plants, bulbs, seeds, &c. It makes a good sized pamphlet, and the different descriptions are all accurately named, with the corresponding prices when carefully packed for transportation. Merely running over their catalogue made us sigh for the country and its many horticultural and rural delights again. Buyers would do well to send to them forthwith for their catalogue, to assist them in making their annual selections and purchases.

It is said President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation has inspired the most lively terror throughout the South. The rebels quake with apprehension. They express fears that it will be the means of producing a counter revolution in the slave States, and the soldiers desire to return to their homes to protect their families. They believe the negroes are organized in secret associations. and are only waiting an opportunity to rise in insurrection. They have heard al. ready of the prodamation, and are becoming very res. tive under the yoke. The women and children of the rural districts are moving to the cities for safety, and consternation seems to be universal.

After the review on the 8th, of General Sigel's corps at Fairfax Court House by Major General Banks, a flag was presented to the 61st Ohio Regiment, for distinguished bravery by General Sigel. General Banks was then loudly called upon, when General Sigel reaponded that General Banks had been obliged to return to Washington. He said that if any man deserved the thanks of the country, it was General Banksi that his bravery and military skill were well tried beyond question. He proposed three times three cheers for General Banks, which were given. Cheers were then given for General Sigel.

Gen. Wadsworth has accepted the Republican nomination for Governor of New York. He takes strong ground in his letter in fayor of the President's Emancipation Proclamation. He says: "The emancipa a favor by giving suis suggestion and the says: "The emancipa papers.] ever relieved, as it is right that they should be, from the fears of a great influx of African laborers, disturb the Government." a land the state of the

Mr. Colohester's somos at a gentleman's private residence in this oity on thinking evening of

It is said that a more cheerful and hopeful feeling a to the entire discomfiture of the rebels exists now in Washington among all classes of loyal men than at any former period during the present year.

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They fear a famine in some parts of Virginia the coming winter.

BMANCIPATION. The blast of War's trumpet has silenced the lyre-Its chords are unswept, there is no Muse to inspire: Too silent, too earnest for fanciful flights, They have sought in sad council their pure mountain heights. But we hear their low chant while to battle we urge. The noise on the breze of a wall or a dirge, As a child or a hero goes down mid the slain, Far too dear a prize for that red battle plain,

Where ne victory growns. No triumph is there, To make it a giory to do and to dare, And the wreaths of our heroes are dark with the hue Of the sombre-leaved cypress-the laurels too fow. But the requiem haits-and, as coming from far.

We catch a new key-note—the trumpets of war Are thandering the chorus. With banners pnfarled, and , Freedom to all men," we'll silence the world. We all have sufficient strength to support the mis-

fortunes of others.

We ollp the following queer election eering paragraph from the ban Jose (Cal.) Mercury — List every Union man be up betimes on the morrow, have your break-fast early 1 kies your wife and haby, and then repair to the polis L. Btay. all day., Yote the, regular Union ticket, and then get your friends and neighbors to vote it. Do n't be intimidated by threats, or influenced by adduction promotions. seductive propositions. Say unito all such persons who approach you, get they behind me, Satan."

There are many shining qualities in the mind of man; but none so useful as discretion. It is this, indeed, which gives a value to all the rest. Without it. learning becomes pedantry; wit, impertinence; and virtue itself looks like . weakness; and the best parts only qualify a man to be more sprightly in errors, and active in his own prejudices.

STOOKINGS FOR THE ARMY .- All persons writing to their friends in service, are requested to mention having. the legs of stockings preserved and sent home to be repaired: whether by single pairs or collecting as many as possible, half the time and yarn may be saved. Great numbers will soon be called for; all who can knit will bear this in mind,, and have them ready before the cold season is upon us. [Editors will confer

of one horse loyalty, which attempts to sweeten the ing the relations of those Northern industrial classes bitler taak of condemning, tresson, by classifying who have so freely given their lives to the support of socesionists with abolitionists, as equally enemies of the Union." Buch men think there is a bare possi. bility that the rebeliton may be successful; and they desire to have a convenient record. We at . .

vate residence in this city on a unsage dvening of last week, was a highly entertaining and subcessful one, we inderstand. The manifestified were of a superior order. We are unable to notice them more fully, not having had the pleasure of being present on the occasion.

A BIG LOAD .- The editor, of the San Jose (Cal.) Mercury informs us that he saw a load of barley consisting of one hundred and fifty-two sacks, hauled into that town, Sept. 8d, by five yoke of oxen.

On a tombstone in a churchyard in a country town in England, is the following epitaph: " Erected to the memory of John Phillips, accidently shot as a mark of affection by his brother."

Digby met a smart looking young "contraband" in the street, vesterday, whom he saked how he liked our State. .. Oh. I like Massa Chusette much better 'n de

State. ...Oh, I like Massa Chusetts much better 'n de savage ole Massa I lef down in Virginny," was his prompt reply. A late despatch from Washington says that while the Post Office Department cannot authorize the use of soiled, defaced, or torn postage stamps upon letters to be sent by mail; it does not follow that such are not to be ultimately redeemed. If they have not previously to be ultimately redeemed. If they have not previously been used for postal purposes. On the contrary, measures will be taken for their redemption as soon as practicable. This statement is made on the authority of the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

When a man is .. in his cups," is it any wonder he has the hic cups?

Upon the threshold of existence the child is met by a religious system that condemns him unheard for the evil of a nature given him without the privilege on his part of exercising the least choice or preference con-cerning it. The source of sin, evil, or orime in the world, dates back to the conception and birth of each individual, and springs directly and legitimately from false education-incorrect ideas of human accountabilty and capacity .- Charles M. Plumb.

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"And do you mean to say that you, in calm possession of your senses, will dony that you saw her to day—saw her in the very centre of the siste, standing, the whole time, sa it has over been her custom to do, dressed as she has been accustomed to dress for the last eight month, in shining white silk, with a black instead of a white vell, and that for the first site, with a block indead of a winter veh, and that for the free time since her dreadful persecution began the spoke to me ? My God, why do I ask this? You must have seen it; you sat close by; you might almost have heard her speak. Every one sees and hears us whenever we appear. All must have seen it-seen me, too, as I returned an auswor to her."-The Haunted Man.

"I know I was half dreaming; for, strange to say, I never questioned her or sought to know who or whence she was. I knew she was a spirit, blest and true; and this was all. I never knew whon first we mot, or how; nor can I recollect never a new when first we mot, or how; nor can I recollect my mountain home or early like without her. Bhe told me of the future; and I speaking oft her words again--i knew not why, except I could not help it--they called me Beer and Prophet."- Torn Leaves.

"Good God I" he cried, "it is that fatal girl 1 She is a witch-these spectres hor companions-these sounds their dreadful Salubath rites performed within our hearing night-ly."-The Witch of Lowenthal.

". One ray of light alone seemed to penetrate the thick gloom of my self created hell-1 might yet return to earth, and warn my children-the neglected human souls commit-ted to my charge-tell them that not in the church, in the pulpit, in another's merit, by unpractical faith, but in their own acts and deeds, in every footprint they make, in every word they speak, in every step they take, or leave unduno-do they create the heaven or hell to which their spirits are as infailibly tending, as is their mortal frame, to the clod of the earth !"-The Phantom Mother.

No one asked the stranger guest her name; but she sat in their midst like the bright, caim moon illuminating the blue vault of the midnight sky, and an unknown, slient joy per-vaded that happy circle, such as they had never known in their life's experience before.—*Christmas Stories*.

Bro I left the steps, I saw—I am sure I cannot be mistaken —I saw the alderman himself come out, pass me swiftly, and beckening me to follow, was lost in the snow drift I Oould it roally have been he? Or was its spirit?—Faithr.

"She comes i she comes ! Room for the wretched dove, "She comes I she comes I Room for the wretched dove, with broken platon, ruffed flumes, and solled I Behold her rdragged along by assah hanits to play her part enforced in this foul scene I O God, why beste my heart? My feeble y knees, why do they bend and lotter 'neath my woight? My eysballs are on firel O, how they burn! I'm blind again I I'm blind! Ah mei all's darki O God! in meroy, one short moment more suspend the doom, and let me see her face!" • * • Hark I what a shriek i--a cry of human word 's is raised by fourisen drowing mortale crise! They sink I they sink I. O, save them if you can I Thirteen most guilty souls are perishing; but that poor maid, that sinless victim, save! O, shatch her from the dreadful rushing ide! I m vain, in vain I Inguiphed beneath the flood, the victim and destroyers all are suil!"-TA Wudgre Club.

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lem, Mass.

Invocation.

Our Father, as Night kneels at the feet of Day, and becomes wrapt with its mantle of glory, and is lost within that flood of living light, so we would be baptized in that divine light and inspiration which emanates from thy spirit and become one with thee. Our Father, though we in our darkness may not comprehend the light of thy glory, yet we would fain bask in its rays forever more. And, oh Father, as we roll on in the divine cycles of eternity, we would become nearer and nearer unto thee as thou unto us. Oh, Spirit of the Hour, we need not ask thee to guide us, for continually we hear thy voice whispering unto us, "I am here, still here, oh child of time, to guide thee onward!" Receive our bless-ing, and ours in behalf of the little few gathered here to day for spiritual instruction. We know that thou wilt accept our blessing as thou dost accept the silent gratitude of these little blossoms, [referring to a bouquet of flowers on the table,] so, therefore, wilt thou accept these mental blossoms, which have their birth in the souls of thine earthly children. We ask no especial blessing to rest upon these subjects of thy love, for, standing at the right hand of each one we behold a guardian angel, who shall minister to their necessities. And all shall be bright, for thou thyself staudeth in the midst. Sept. 11,

The Human Brain.

"Are not all the functions of the human body dependent upon the action of the brain?" is the question given us for this afternoon's consideration.

Ans.-Now, whether or no our questioner has penetrated beyond the exterior of life, we are not certain, but if allowed to give our opinion, we should say that he had not taken one step beyond the sur-"Are not all the functions of the human body face. dependent upon the action of the brain ?" Certainly not. Now, we are aware that we shall stand in antagonism to our questioner, and in this way we do not expect to be exempt from any prescribed rule. We declare that there has been instances where persous have been born entirely devoid of the cerebel-lum, and have existed in life thirty or forty years, during which time the various functions of all the other organs of the body have been properly performed, and the person has enjoyed perfect bodily health, without the existence of the brain. It is impossible for us to prove beyond the possibility of a doubt, that we have taken a correct position. It

my father, that I should incur her lasting displeasure, and that she would be very angry with me. An aged minister, whose name was Brown, and inasmuch as I feel that I, for one, am no longer cawho baptized me in infancy, once told me that I was pable of asaisting my countrymen in their struggle much like my father, and that it was a great pluy for right, and of relieving my country of the territhat a man who possessed so many talents and so ble burden resting upon her at the present time. kind a heart, could so suddenly forget to do his duty to God and his family, as to abandon them and take godliness, among the officers of the Federal army, the course he did. Nevertheless, I learned that my Instead of each trying to out-rival the other in milifather was not altogether to blame in the matter of heir separation. I learned, also, that he was of a and affectionate disposition; while my mother,

who was somewhat ill-tempered, often said and did but I regret to say it is not so. The officers, as well many things to provoke and torture him, and that was his excuse for leaving her.

was eighteen years of age at the time of my this thing as I see it, could they stand above humandeath. When I was fifteen years of age, my mother losed the doors of her house against me, because I departed from the fixed rule of life which she had they would be more true to themselves, and look up marked out for me. My mother was a Presbyterian, to God more than to themselves for strength in the strict and rigid. I am told she inherited this trait f religious character from her father, who was a rigid minister of that faith. After being turned from my mother's house, I met with deception and disappointment. As I did not wish to remain near so much of muscle and will used to aggrandize self, ny native place, I came to Boston, because urgently olicited to do so by those who promised to be my to flow, and your homes be desolated. friends, and whom in my ignorance I supposed were my friends, but who afterwards proved to be my reatest enemies.

After living near three years of a life the acts of which I do not care to reproduce even in words, I was belonged. I do not come here to plead perfection taken sick and died. The house wherein I was lo., on my own part, for I am aware that I did not do cated at the time of my death is not far distant from this place; and two at least of those persons the stood by my death-bed, are now living, and are iving lives that are not acceptable either to God or hemsaives. And here I would urge, that they hange their course of life, that they may be happy when they come to the spirit-land.

But I have come here to seek my father. I am old-indeed, I know, as surely as I know that I am s spirit-that my father is still on earth, and I feel that he may yet be of assistance to his child, and to my mother who still clings rigidly to her faith in benefit his countrymen; and that self was of small the Church, and who believes that I am a spirit consequence to him, compared to the general good abandoned to all eternity from the presence of God. am told that there is every hope of my finding my father. I am told by my teachers that my father is of his. I would earnestly beseech of you to copy still living in Canada West, where he is doing much the virtues of your Washington, and to turn the good, in his way. I am dold, also, that the medium whole tide of your powers toward redeeming your of your paper-through which my feeble thoughts countrymen, black and white. must pass—is received by some persons who know him, and I would ask that they do me the favor to forward my message to him as soon as it appears in print.

The name I was known by in Boston was Rose lurray, and if those two individuals I have spoken of bave any desire to hold intercourse with an inhabitant of the spirit-world. I am ready and willing to assist them to the utmost of my power. Good-Sept. 11. day.

Matthew Grover.

Humph ! there 's nothing like being able to report yourself. But, stranger, is it always in this uniform we come? [Yes, when you come here.] Well, if they all wear it, I must, I suppose. I'm from Mis-souri. [That's a good State.] I've got a wife and four children out there, but my body 's left in those d-d Chickahominy swamps ! [Be as easy in your language as possible.] Oh, well, I beg your pardon. I meant no offence. You see, stranger, I aint very well used to concocting soft words; 't wan't my way here, nor it aint got to be. But they said I must give what I could here, and if I make a mistake, I uppose you 'll overlook it, won't you? [Certainly.]

Amen. Well, now, I 've got two objects in view in coming here. One is, to get a chance to talk with my brother; the other is, to get word in some way or other to my wife in Missouri. [Well, just mention some facts connected with your life that will enable your friends to recognize you.] I was born in Patterson, New Jersey, and was thirty-nine years old, rather tough to look at, but I meant about right. You see. when this 'ere infernal rebeilion stuck its head up, thought I'd do what I could to cut its head off; so I left farming, and thought I'd try shooting for a living. I missed sometimes, but I was a pretty good shot. [Were you killed by a bullet.?] Yes; plump through the head. Oh, that's a nice way to go. It's like that, [accompanying the words with a quick movement of the hands], and it's all over. But when you come to yourself and find that you 'ye lost your body and are in a strange world, then comes the d-d hard pull of truck; then you look around you diternating between life and death, or by the decomto see if there's any way by which you can get back to earth again. Beg your pardon, I do n't mean to talk just as I do. Never mind, never mind, overlook it a little now, and when I get fixed here in the spirit-land I'll be able to do better. My brother went out from Iudiana, and I'm inblined to reckon, stranger, he's sick. There are certain signs by which we spirits can tell whether ur friends on earth are sick or in good health. Oh, I should tell you that -d-n it, stranger, I want to talk to him, to make a long story short. Now what shall I do? [Ask your brother to find some medium like this where he is, through whom you can com-municate.] Why the devil do n't you say woman? [There are men who are mediums, also.] Then I should like to have my choice next time. Oh, then, there's both kinds? Well, I do n't. care; any one 'll do. so I can talk. I'd like to get a little nearer home. I do n't feel just right here. [This is the first time you have been at this place: the next time you come you'll feel-better.] Well, I want to talk with my brother about the war, and if you save your country at all, it 's got to be by hard fighting and a d-d sight more honesty than government has yet shown They told me I must come into--[direct rapport?] That's the very word they used-with him. The thing of it is, stranger, he knows I'm dead, and I know he's a little skeerish about dead folks. [Can soul. you give us his address?] Well, stranger, I can't tell you what company he 's in. [He 's in the army, then ?] Yes, and sick; but I don't think there 's much chance of my reaching him, after all. [A much chance of my reaching him, after all. [A] good many Indiana soldiers take our paper, so that of matter by slow degrees, as man grows from inyour letter may reach him through the medium of others] That's it; I'm on the right track now. That 's all right. Have I given you my name? [No.] Sure on 't? I think so.] You may send my letter to David Grover; he 's a twin to me. You tell him it 's from Matthew, or Matt, will you? [Yes.] Now in regard to getting some word to my wife in Booneville, Missouri. I'll wait till I get this thing before it was projected in this external form to your out. You see, my wife knows nothing about this thing; and then to hear that I was dead and talkng, it would n't exactly hitch with her ideas of re-Had n't I better wait and get him all right ligion. Had n't 1 better watt abd get min dit tout, out did it come, and whitner is it tending (Inore is a first ? [Just as you please.] Taint talked of out Supreme Intelligence governing all mind, whom you our way, stranger. [There are mediums in St. Louis, oall God. You are forever seeking to measure and I think.] Well, that may be. She used to live in weigh him in the balances of your own comprehen-Pennsylvania. Well, I'll be on the safe side, and not say much to her at present. Well, what do you ask? What 's your fee? Now do n't think because I'm a Hoosler that I can't pay. [What do you pay in good-will?] There, you've got me, stranger. I aint got what I used to have. Never mind, I'll owe you. When you got bere and take the kind of coin we use here, I'll pay you. [Well, remember you owe me one.] I'll owe you, and I'll remember you. I'm not of the kind to forget. How do you go out of here? Is it as easy as

On the 2d day of July last it was my misfortune to be killed in battle. I feel it to be a misfortune.

I would urge the necessity of more truth, candor, tary fame, they should think only of their duty to God, and how much they can do toward benefiting their countrymen. The I should be lost in the You : as privates, should be actuated by a common feeling of duty, in which self should be always subordinate My mother is now an inhabitant of the spirit-world. I have lived in the spirit-world eight years. soldier to love glory; but, oh my God I could they see ity and look out at the great map before them as 1 do now, I'm sure they would do differently; I'm sure performance of their duty.

1 am deeply impressed of the necessity of more godliness among that class from whom I have recently come, and I am sure that while there is still your civil war will continue to rage, blood continue

Ob, that I had power to impress truth and honesty of purpose into the soul of each soldier. I am awars that I partook of the same deficiences while here below, as others of the brotherhood to which I half my duty while here on earth.

Oh. I would ask those friends who knew me while here on earth, to forgive my faults, and if I had a few virtues to take pattern from them. I would ask them to examine themselves closely, and see if they possess any of the requisites of godliness. I

would ask if they are what they should be-all Washingtons. I have seen and talked with that dear good man whom you style the Father of his Country, since I came to the spirit-world. He assured me that it was always his carnest desire to consequence -to him, compared to the general good of his fellow-men; and I attribute his success as an Officer and Chief Magistrate, to that characteristic

Love, deep, lasting and eternal to my wife and family; and forgiveness and pity to my enemies. I am, or was, Colonel Wyman, of the 16th Massaohusetts Regiment. Sept. 11.

Invocation.

Our Father, we would kneel in the valley of meekness and with childlike confidence receive thy blessing. Though we have been folded in the mantle of darkness, and have dwelt with the King of Terror for so long a time, even so, oh Father, we would feel the fuller embrace of life eternal. Though we dwell for the moment in the valley, yet eagle-like, we would fain build our nest ppon the heights of eternal truth and wisdom; for we would drink forever thy inspiring breath. And as thou has suffered little children to come unto thee at all times, so, oh Father, we would become as little children, kneeling at the Father's feet for a blessing. We would offer unto thee, oh God, at this hour, the desires and petitions of our hearts; and we expect, yea, confidently too, that thou wilt bless us, not alone at this hour, but throughout the endless cycles of eternity. And for this assurance we thank thee, oh Father. Sept. 15.

Questions and Answers.

Ques .- What is it that produces the pulsations of the human heart ?

Ans .- This question we have been requested to notice. We are at a loss to define the exact position of our interrogator, but presuming be questions from the plane of human science, we shall ireat the subject as simply as possible, that not only our questioner, but all persons present who may be in-terested in this question of physiological importance, may easily comprehend us.

The pulsations of the human heart are produced by the action of a certain set of nerves upon the muscular tissue of the heart. Those nerves are in turn set in motion by an electrical and magnetic oetween life and position and regeneration of the forces of the system. It has been said, and strongly contended by many, that the heart receives its power of action from the brain; but this cannot be so, for as we here stated a few days since, there have been bodies who have lived for years without a brain, and yet ani-mal life was sustained. Therefore this theory must be incorrect. Again, the pulsations of the human heart are produced by the positive and negative forces, or the attractive and repulsive forces. These positive and negative forces have their origin in the two currents hrough whose agency the nerves are set in motion. From the magnetic current we derive the attractive force, and from the electrical current the repul-Bive force. , Oh, what a beautiful peace of mechanism is this human body, and yet how little it is understood. The time is fast coming when humanity shall have unfolded to its gaze many of the beauties of this haman body; this grand microcosm of all you can have in heaven, earth and hell. How mighty, mighty is the power surrounding this little microcosm of earth, heaven and hell. Oh, you may wander forever through the halls of your own being, and yet never succeed in discovering one half its beau-ties and its mysteries, so infinite is the human

are but different names for one thing, one grand principle of life, whether it is seen in the animal, vegetable, or mineral kingdom. War is a necessity. You have too long lived in idleness, too long slum. bered in ignorance, too long lived at variance with ley. I lived in New York, and was up the God's laws, and it is his hand that chastens you at my father and mother when I was drowned. this hour of your nation's existence. The electric Now, my father 's away, and my mother ' purification of the American people as a nation, and therefore must be right in the sight of Him who hath allowed the seeds of malice and strife to blossom into rebellion.

Q .- Is there more blame upon one side than upon the other? 🥆

A .--- There is not.

Q .- Can you see how long this war will last? A .- We can judge from the power exhibited how ong this civil war will last, but it is impossible for us to form a correct estimate of your time, now that we are no longer children of the earth. Our sphere of action is in eternity; yours in time, and you divide time into years, months, days, hours, minutes and seconds. It is not so with us. We do not divide the forces of nature as you do, therefore it is

impossible for us to form an exact estimate of the time this present civil war will occupy. Q.-Please give me your estimate as nearly as you

can? A .--- We shall say, then, between seven and eight Veare.

Questioner .- We shall all be killed off before that

Spirit .-- You have only to wait for the rolling on of your time to prove the correctness of our asser-tion, If there were no elements of repulsion in the natural world, there would be none of attraction; for the two are inseparable. If there were no sorrow, there would be no joy; if there wore no war, there would be no peace; if there were no life, there would be no death. We stand above and apart from the great national contest that is now raging between North and South, and we cannot consistently declare that your Southern brethren are most at fault, nor can we say that you are so conditioned toward them.

We know that you are children of the forces of nature, and rotate around individual centres of Deity, and, therefore, must be subject to the changes con-stantly going on in the natural world. We know that there is no darkness that is not approved by the element light. We know that you will look back in the future and behold the wisdom of Almighty God in having given you these gifts of dark-We know that out of these dark buds of dis **D8**88. appointment-war, sorrow and death-there shall come new forces of life, new gems of peace and happiness. It is necessary that commotion take place in the mental elements, as well as in the phys cal. You cannot see this from the finite point from which you view it; but when you shall have done with time, and measure the conditions of time by eternity, then you will declare that all is in perfect accordance with God, all in perfect harmony with the will of Deity. Sept. 15.

Don Jose Betancoat.

I will try once more to come, so I can speak or commune to my sons. I have tried so many times, am like you say discouraged. I try some two, three, four years; some four years 1 try once in a while to come to my sons. First I not learn how to speak; when I do, I try that way, but before I do, I write, but I not meet with success, so I come here once more to try what I can do.

I have two sons-Gasper and Jose. They say much what was sound like rebellion, treason against their government. I send them here. They find home and live here. They not go home for fear they should be arrested. I die myself five years-ove five years-most six years ago. I like them to go home. I'd like to have them do what I tell them to do, and not be here doing that they should not do.

For two or three years I send drafts for their support, but after a time they was not receive any mor They think I not think so much of them, and I forgot their needs; that I die, and that my property go government on account of my rebellious principles. Some of these thoughts are with cause ; some are not. Now, I come to-day to say to my sons it is safe for you to go home, and there they will find what I left waiting for them.

TOCTOBER 18, 1862.

Marian Moseley.

I was drowned in the Delaware Water Gap five years ago, and was then five years old. My name was Marian Moseley ; my father's name, David Mose. ley. I lived in New York, and was up there with

Now, my father's away, and my mother's left at this nour of your matton's extended. The electric Now, By father's away, and By mother is the form of civil war, which you see to day. It hath come from natural causes; it is a legitimate child left at home sick. She lives on Harvey street, New of parents that are every day with you. Civil war York. [What is your mother's name?] Mary and its train of miseries are necessary for the soul- Louisa. When I died we lived on White street. have no brothers and no sisters. My father and mother thought once my death was not accidental, but it was. I fell into the water. I was not pushed in, as they heard once. Cau I go? [If you wish.] Sept. 15.

ANGELS.

The following lines I found in the vest pocket belonging to my friend, George Lippard. I copy them with the hope that they will find room in your paper. Yours truly, B. L. H. Philadelphia, Penn.

Thin shadowy forms are hovering In the air around us spread, And we feel their hallowed presence And we test their natiowed presence In the daily paths we tread; Their soft eyes are kindly glistening Down in many golden beams; Theirs the hands that gently scatter.

Heavenly roses on onr dreams. Bichest gems of thought they bring us From their fair and distant home; Though they often make us sadder, We are better when they come.

And they weave sweet spells of music . O'er our troubled hearts to glide, And uphold hearts almost sinking Down in life's cold rapid tide.

They sustain, and cheer, and comfort, hen our spirits fall and shrink-Save us from the dark abysses. When we tremble on the brink; Soft they chide, when flery passions Would onr hasty bosoms stir, Angels and and deeply sorrow, When our human spirits err.

Low they speak in soothing whispers, When in grief we bend and moan, And soft they bear us messages From the sainted loved ones gone: They that still the fever burning In our sickened, weary heart-

They unclasp the crystal fountain Whence the cooling tear-drops start.

Oh I they bring us daily visions Of a world more pure and fair. While their sweet low voices whisper: "God, and love, and home are there." They that keep a deathless vigil At the portals of the soul— They that tread the angry tempest. When the waves of trouble roll-

Through the vale of gloomy shadows Safe our fainting souls they bear, While their tuneful songs of heaven Boothe us in our passage there. Oh t how rich, how high, how precious, We must be in God's pure sight, That he sends us guardian angels From his realms of fadeless light.

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS.

DEAR BANNER-The "Association of Spiritualist Teachers" held their "First Quarterly Meeting" according to notice. H. B. Storer, F. L. Wadsworth, Lizzie Doten, N. Frank White and Bertha B. Chase, members thereof, were present. Other members' were kept from the meeting by engagements they were fulfilling elsewhere. N. S. and Isaao P. Greenleaf, of Lowell, M. S. Townsend and Jennie Rudd, of Taunton, B. J. Butts and H. N. Green, of Hopedale, Emma Houston, of Stoughton, Sarah A. Byrnes, of East Cambridge, Abraham P. Pierce, of Newburyport, Drs. A. B. Child, E. L. Lyon and O. H. Wellington, of Boston, Abba H. Lowe, of Essex, C. C. Coolidge, of Charlestown, Amos Hunt, of New Haven, Conn., James M. Allen, of North Bridgewater, J. I made a strong effort to come here, to day, and I Noble, of Patterson, N. J., Miss E. K. Ladd, Mrs. hope I will not come here many times for nothing. Z. Kendall, Dr. C. C. York, Sarah P. Eilis, Mr. Benj.

will be impossible for us to impress that upon, any mind which is truth to us. You must stand upon the spiritual side and behold the demise of the body that has contained no brain. Then you will read with clear sight what is now a blur and a mystery to your earth-blinded eyes. And to carry your subject still further, we would

state that those bodies who are devoid of the brain, are allied to the animal or vegetable kingdoms, and have no connection at all with the spiritual. Therefore, when that body returns to its kindred dust, we do not look for any new spirit to rise from it, for the individualized spirit grows only where it can unfold itself, and we are sure that the spirit cannot and does not exist in such a form. We know you have been told to the contrary. Again we say, it will be impossible to make you believe that upon the death of the idiot, or brainless being before spoken of, there was not a spirit born into the spirit realm then. No; that body while upon the earth existed under the laws of the animal and vegetable kingdoms, and when death came and destroved it, its brief career was at an end, for being destitute of spirit, it could not know the pleasures of immortality. The field that is open to us, or the question that is propounded us this afternoon, is one that would cover all eternity. It is impossible for us to touch even upon one point of this field of speculation in the brief time given us for the answering of questions here. It is something allied to man as an individual, that you may study constantly and yet never fully comprehend, until you join the company of the angels upon the other side.

You are not to suppose for a single moment, that because an idiot is endowed with a perfect form, that human form is allied to the spiritual kingdom, for it is not so, and you who have had the misfortune to lose such children or friends, by the change called death, should not look for their appearance to greet you in the world of spirits. For law is law, and that which governs you as physical beings is as fixed and immutable as Deity itself, and whenever any one of God's creatures tries to overthrow it, he will find it is useless.

And, oh, what a privilege it is that you are allowed to study and explore so grand a subject ; even though you wander through eternity, you will find new food for your investigation, new themes for study, Receive, our questioner, only as much of our answer as seems to be truth to you. And when you shall stand apart from mortality, take up the subject and study it then, if not now, and learn of the Great Law-Giver, who is never weary of teaching Sept. 11. his children.

Frances E. Thacher.

told if I would come here it were possible I might find my father. In order to insure success, 1 am also fold it will be necessary for me to give a brief sketch of my life. I was born in Montpelier, Vermont, and my name was Frances E. Thacher: My father's name is Samuel Thacher, my mother's was Olive. I had one brother only, and he died in in-

fancy. My father was a teacher in the theological seminary. My father was between the antibit years of age, my father left his family in comparisons of some disa-greement between my mother and bimself. So my receilection of my father is her it all distinct. We were told he went to Canada, but of that I do not know, as my mother was in the habit of forbidding me to ask any questions concerning him, though I sometime questioned strangers about him, though generally without much aquess. She seemed to de-sire to avoid the mention of his name, and even told

Col. Powell T. Wyman.

My friends, I feel aware that I exist in the presence of a God whose ways are mysterious, exceedingly so. Had I been told before death that I should to seek on ; but when you expect to fathom thought, ever return to earth in this way, I should have con-sidered my informant as insane. When we stand Q.-Is the state of war natural to the human sidered my informant as insane. When we stand Q-divested of our mortal bodies and contemplate the race?

granghess and mysteriousness of the existence in 1. A -It is. We have told you that the magnetic which we live and move, we can only say, Ob, God, and electric forces of life, or what we may call the atsire to avoid the mention of his name, and even told how mysterious are thy ways I. How beautiful, sim. tractive and repulsive forces of life are necessary to me that if I asked taily more questions in regard to ple, and yet how grand are thy laws !

Q .-. The origin and philosophy of thought. A.-It has been said by a certain class of minds, that thought originated with matter, or in other

fancy to manhood. But this cannot be true, because we know that thought, spirit, or mind, lies. behind matter, and therefore must have existed previous to the birth of matter.

Thought may be said to be the parent of matter; and the great variety of forms which matter exhibits in the external world, were all born of thought. This article of furniture was first a table in thought, senses. So, then, thought must be the father and mother of all matter.

Thought, the philosophy of thought, from whence did it come, and whither is it tending? There is a sion, and without success. Thought is of God and

equal unto him. No matter how insignificant it may appear to be, yet it is nevertheless a spark of that Divine Mind. It were impossible to define thought, to build up any philosophy upon it. You cannot limit it, caunot comprehend it. Thought is God; God is thought; and to comprehend one, is to. comprehend the other. And to measure Delty in the scales of finite comprehension, would be for you to drag yonder sun down to earth from its place in the firmament, that you might delve into its heart. it was before? [Merely will yourself away.] Who ever heard of anybody's willing themselves to die? Good-by to you, stranger. [Good by.] Sept. 11. [blaces.] Berger and the inframent, that you might delve into its heart. You cannot do it, for law_immutable and all-per-vading_governs and keeps you all in your proper places.

Yet it were well to seek to comprehend Delty and

his works, because in to doing, it unfolds yourself and brings you into closer proximity with God and the angel-world. Therefore we would counsel you

suppose you would like my name? [If you please.] Don Jose Betancoat, of Mantanzas, Cuba. Sept. 15.

Lawrence Herman.

I have hopes of reaching my friends by coming . Our meetings throughout, except for the transachere. My name was Lawrence Herman. I was tion of business, were informal. We met to learn born in Peru, State of Maine, and died at Port Royal, of and structure of protocol and the structure of and structure of on the fifth of August. I was twenty-seven years of age. I have a brother and four sisters on the earth. and a father and mother here in the spirit land. I of my friends, with a view to aid them and myself, too.

I was sick about seven weeks in all. I suppose my coming is rather a new thing, or will be, to my friends. No matter. 1 'm not very well satisfied where I am, and desire to do something 'toward making myself better off. Most of us die before we get ready to, and are glad to come back and ge ready to be contented to stay in the spirit-world. That's my condition, and I'm told there are many situated like me. Sept. 15.

Henry T. Sanderson.

Humph ! 't aint my condition after I get away but while I'm round here I don't feel very wel Confound your bodies! Mr. Chairman, can't you zive us some kind of a dial, or some kind of a thing that aint a human body? [As you 've lost your body, you will be obliged to use the one we loan you.] Yes, I've lost mine, that's certain. Stranger, I've got a mother that I want you to write to, [Well, give us the circumstances of your death, your mother's name, &c.]

I'm from Kentucky. Do you admit the enemy You lay aside all party feeling, then, with us? You lay aside all party feeling, then, with us? [Yes.] I can't feel right. I'll get over it. I've a mother living in Enterprise, Kentucky. She, I suppose, by this time, has been made acquainted with my death. I died on the battle field at Bull Run-the last battle, I mean. Yes, stranger, I died fighting against you, and have come back here to send my despatches to my friends. It's all right, I take it? [Certainly. What company did you belong to?] Virginia Riflemen. Xou want me to give my own name, age, and my mother's hame—is that it? [Yes, so she'll recognize you.] My name was Henry T. Sanderson. I suppose

you want the name my mother goes by now? [Yes,] Her name is Catherine Elton, she having murried since my father's death.

My death was rather a hard one. I received eleven wounds, any ore of which would have proved mortal. I lived I can't tell how many hours ; it's my opinion something like eight or ten. You may judge of my feelings when I tell you that I experience precisely the same physical suffering now as I did during those hours, and, were it not for my, earnest desire to speak with my mother, I could

hardly govern a human body at this time. I wish to inform my mother with regard to her relatives in Philadelphia. They would gladly wel-come her there, and I would advise that she dispose of what belongs to her, and go to her friends in that city. [is Mr. Elton in the army?]. He is not the is dead. She's a widow, and I was, in one sense; her support. She is left, as it were, alone, and has no one to depend upon now that I thin gone. I and anxious for her welfare, and if I was not, my Godf I'd not could here. I thank you, for all your sind intentions. [You are welcome, for all we, here can do for you!] do for you.] My age was twenty ino, years, and I was born in Philadelphia.

and Mrs. E. B. Danforth, of Boston, were with us during the meetings, and took part in the exercises thereof. B. J. Butts, of Hopedale, and Jennie Rudd, of Taunton, became members of the Association.

of and strengthen one another, to realize, as far as possible, in our own minds, our duties to one another and to the world. We believe the time was profitashould be very glad to open correspondence with any bly spent. Certainly it was pleasant to meet so many of those working with us for the same great object, compare notes, experiences, &c.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held either the last week of December, 1962, or first in January. 1868, probably in Boston. We are thus indefinite at present, that we may use the time finally to our best accommodation. Doe notice will be given of the precise time and place.

We still feel assured of the usefulness and good practical effect of the Association and its meetings. Thursday evening we held our public meeting at Lyceum Hall. The evening was unfavorable, being stormy, the audience small, yet very pleasantly passed the time, as will be seen by a report in your. last paper.

To the choir of the "Lyceum Church." to John' Wetherbee, Jr., to Dr. H. F. Gardner and D. Farrar, Esq., the members of the Association tender their sincere thanks for their kindness and assistance The co-laborers who have met with us we hope to. meet as pleasantly again. Those who have not attended our meetings, we trust may feel to do so, when opportunity offers, We are with you. Opr. objects are the same. Can we not accomplish more by understanding one another and systematizing our movements? F. L. WADSWORTH,

Cor. Sec. Asso. of S. T.

BEAUTY .--- Socrates called beauty a short-lived tyranny; Plato, a privilege of Nature; Theophrastas, a silent cheat: Theocritus, a delightful prejudice; Cameades, a solitary kingdom ; Domitian said that nothing was more grateful; Aristotle affirmed that: beauty was better than all the letters of recommendation in the world; Homer, that 't was a glorious, gift of Nature; and Orid calls it a favor bestowed by the gods. But as regards the element of beauty th women, it is not too much to say-and who will not agree with us? that no woman can be beauti-ful by force of features alone; there must be as well, sweetness and beauty of soul.

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BANNER OF LIGHT Mas, J. R. STREPTER, Hebron, Porter county, Ind.

Oblituary Notice. Born into the summer land, Tuesday, Sept. 23d, Ewwa. only surviving ohlid of Thomas and Emily Banney, of Woodlands, Newton township, Mass., aged 20 months. Emma Banney was the child of Prophecy. Long e'er the mature mother cherished the dear hope of calling another mortal child her own, the spiritual eye of the writer beheld the angel sporting around the mother's steps; but alas I the same prophetic eye that is bud in life, also discerned it anapped on earth to blossom in its brighter, blessed home. The babe of promise came-many have seen her; the writer knew and loved her better than all the tender. Spring flowers alse ever looked upon-but none who saw or knew her, failed to find the spirit of s brighter. better world in this most perfect earth form. Moulded in Deanty, sweetest in her ever smilling ways of any child the sun ever shone on, this little twenty months of perfect life was sunshine in the home, and a bright foregleam of heaven. She came, because God willed a spirit pure and bright as heaven, must receive a mortal mould, the impress of an earth had done its work, and to detain her perfect spirit one hour long-er would be to bind a prison robe about the formgal-ready fully fashioned. They laid the lovely castet in the ground, beneath the trees her father planted. In the addow of the home her earthly steps have hal-lowed. The Rev. James Freeman Clark, and Mrs. Obituary Notice. lowed. The Rev. James Freeman Clark, and Mrs. Fannie Conant, attended this bright young angel's spirit birth day, and each spoke noble words of inspi-Finite in truth and comfort. Emma i sweetest darling, we know thou art still

because a bright star, lent from heaven to gild our path awhile, has been replaced in the shining skies again; but we shall miss thee as we'd miss that star, and the world seems darker to us all without thee. EMMA HARDINGE.

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Parties noticed under this head are requested to call attention to the BANNER. Lecturers will be careful to give us notice of any change of their arrangements, in order that our list may be kept as correct as possible.

MISS EMMA HOUSTON, Will speak in Boston, Oct. 19 and 6. Address, East Stoughton, Mass.

Miss EMMA HARDINGE will lecture in Marblebead Oct. 19 and 26; in Philadelphis in Nov.; in Springdeld, Mass., in January. Address, care of Bela Marsh, 14 Bromfield street, January. Address, care of Bela Marsh, 1 Boston, Mass. Letters will beforwarded.

H. B. STORER, inspirational speaker, will locture in Provi dence, R. I., Oct. 19 and 26; in Taunton; Nov. 2 and 0. His service may be secured for other Sundays in this vicinity, by addreming him at 75 Beach street, Bost

Mres Lizziz Dorsz will lecture in Springfield through Oct.; in Marbichezd, Nov. 2, 9 and 16; in Boston, Nov. 23 and 80; in Philadelphis through Dec. Address, care of Banner of Light.

F. L. WADSWORTH will lociure in Chicopee, during Octo-ber; in Boston, Nov. 2 and 9; in Taunton, Nov. 16, 83 and 80. Address accordingly. Ho will answer calls to lecture in the B**BBL**

MES. M. S. Townsump will speak in West Randolph, Oct 26; in Providence, i. I., during Nov.; in Marblehead, Dec. 21 and 28; in Philadelphia, Pa., in May.

N. FRANK WRITE will speak in Somers, Ct., Oct. 19 and 26; Springfield, Mass., the five Sundays of Nov.; in Marblehead, Dec. 7 and 14; in Quincy, Dec. 21 and 28; in Taunton, Jan. 4 and 11; Putnam, Conn., through Feb.; Philadelphis in March.

WARREN ORASE Speaks in Lowell, Mass., four Sundays in October; in Quincy, first four Sundays in Nov.; in Taun-ton, four Sundays in Dec. He will receive subscriptions for the Banner of Light.

DE. JANES COOPER, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, will visit Kansas, by the way of Hamibal and St. Josepha Halfroad and Leavenworth, starting about the Soth of October. He will answer calls to lecture on his return. Letters before Octo-ber 20, should be addressed to Bellefootadine, Ohio; after that date to Rudis, Anderson County, Kansas.

date to Rudis, Anderson County, Kansas. ORARLES A. HATDEN will speak in Exctor, Me., Oct. 19; in Dover, Mo., the last Sunday in Oct., and first Sunday in Nov.; in Troy, the second Sunday in Nov.; in South New-burgh the third Sunday in Nov. Address as above or Liver-more Fails. Ma. re Falls, Me.

J. B. LOYELAND, will speak in Boston, Dec. 7 and 14. Address, for the present, care of Bela Marsh, 14 Bromfield

MRS. M. B. KENNEY will speak in Putnam, the thre rst Sundays of Oct. Address, Lawrence, Mass.

MRS. AUGUSTA A. CUBRIES, will lecture in Quincy, on Sunday, Oct. 10. Address, box 815, Lowell, Mass.

W. K. FIFLEY will sprak in Belfast, Me., Oct. 19; East Sangerville, Oct. 26. Address, Box 505, Bangor, Me.

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Oct. 19 and 26; in Portland, Me., during Nov. Will receive calls to lecture in New England until February. Please ad dress immediately, as above.

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Since the days of the French revolution, when it

workers in the soil were compelled by their occupa. Mirs. Corn L. V. Hatch's Western Tour, tion to take notice of times and seasons, to observe Ma. Eprron -I wrote you some time since concernthe falling of the rain and various other phenomena, ing the trip of my sister and self in the West, and of Nature-things which we now call science. These the success which everywhere attended the lectures; ancients believed in the existence of a God; man, but I have not told one-half of the interest and kind through the invisible effects, saw the work of a hand hospitality which has been extended to'us. In Chiof intelligence and design. Thus was founded the loago the lectures were attended by large and respectsystem of metaphysics. But in order the better to able audiences, and the different discourses presented apprehend these things-in order more fully to trace a variety of control and evidence of identity calonthem out, they early set apart sages, scientific men, lated to convince the most caviling mind. The northwho lived in wild, eavage places, to conduct their ob- ern and southern view of the rebellion, by Henry servations and reflections. The result of this was Clay and John C. Calhoun, and also the lectures of the establishment of a system of Astronomy. They the late Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, in answer to a were acquainted with the most abstruse subjects, call signed by many respectable citizens of Chicago, and we soon find their students engaged in the most all gave great satisfaction. Of the latter, the Chielaborate investigations; in observations upon veg- | cago Morning Post (Douglas organ) said : "The lanetables as affected by astral bodies, hence Astrology; guage, style, and manner of delivery were certainly in vegetables upon health, hence Medicine ; and so strongly indicative of the departed statesman ; but whether it was him or Mrs. Hatch, the people are in other things. Those who were very wise were regarded as superhuman, and looked up to by the people satisfied, so long as the sentiments advocated are as their teachers. The priests were wise, studious, true and loyal."

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office In later days, the office grew by ambition and at Sturgis, and 25th at Coldwater; Mich., at which tyranny into a despotism, and thus we find the latter place the cause is still thriving under the priestly office, which gravitated to place, became, ministration of Bro. Willis.

hereditary, and by imposing the office without qual-At Toledo, under the kind care and hospitality of ification, was established the system of priestoraft, Mr. Henry Breed, a well known pioneer in our cause, and the people were imposed upon and subjected to my sister spoke on Sunday and Tuesday evenings ignorance, lest they should become as wise as their last. On the latter occasion Several important Biblirulers. Hence, by this suicidal selfishness, we trace cal questions were discussed by a distinguished stuthe fall of dynasties. In the Jewish system, and in dent of divinity and the controlling influence. The others, were traceable this prostitution of the priestly question was-What are the advantages of Modern office, and again and again were the people, through Spiritualism over Christianity? The decision rests their inspired prophets, becought to go back to the with the audience as to the triumph of either party. life of their religion. These warnings and teach- The learned gentleman certainly had an opportunity ings by prophets, in the teacher of Nazareth, and of of gaining much information, and doubtless profited apostles, were all unbeeded, and still the conflict by it. rages of governing the people by fear, in keeping While at Toledo my sister received an earnest invi-

them in ignorance, in teaching in dead languages. tation from several gentlemen of Chicago, in the form This policy had ever been struggling, and why need of a call to return to that city and give a series of. it be traced. And in no period had it been more Sunday discourses, urging the great demand for such dark than among those who stand beneath the ban- lectures, and the lack of any constant supply. She ner of Christianity.

Only we have that vital living faith which unites am requested to state through your columns to the the soul to a reality. This powerful nation, this friends in the East who have expected her, and partmodel Republic, is now standing engaged in the darkest and most dreadful work ever engaged in by any nation. Oh, you who have traced the laws of the period, when she hopes to respond to all the letters Eternal, who have seen the permanence and un- received. I will therefore here announce that my changing laws in the dew-drop, when did you ever sister will speak in Chicago on and after October find God to repent of his work, or change his laws 12th. every Sunday, antil further notice. As the at the bidding of his oreatures ? Is there no Ezekiel, BANNEB has heretofore published the lectures given no Son of Man, to stand up in this valley of dry through Mrs. H., perhaps some arrangement may be bones, and bid these dry bones live? Can these dry made whereby they can still be continued. bones live? Who shall respond to the call? The legislator tries to answer it by cannon, but we hear the cry in the laugh of the babe of yesterday; we hospitality extended to us, which we do not attribute have seen it in the face of the young man on the to our own merits or deserts, but to the cause in battle-field; and we have heard it in the voice of which we are engaged. spirits, as they cry, "No atonement-no forgiveness of sins !"

Oh, thou that trusteth in the true Religion, thou A Touching Scene: shalt not fail. We will arise and go to our Father. The President's recent visit to the army was Our Religion must tell whence we came, and where fraught with many interesting incidents, showing we are bound. We cannot report our mission to our the goodness of heart of our worthy Chief Magistrate. Master, unless we have knowledge of his ways. Be After leaving General Richardson's headquarters, the revivalist may labor, we find no breath there., it ours to stand in the Valley of Decision and to the President's party proceeded to a barn, which prophesy. Oh, Spirits ! on some of you has this was used as a temporary hospital for rebel wounded. mission fallen. You see where the army is needed. On entering, the sad scenes that follow battle met God's armies are the logic of even.s; they are press. the eye. Mr. Lincoln, after looking around, reing on your heels like war-dogs-do not run, but marked to the Confederate wounded, that if they stand and face them. No matter how coldly friends had no objection he would be pleased to take them may look upon you - stand, as Ezekiel did, and by the hand. The solemn obligations, said he, which prophesy. The systems of old have all been weighed we owe to our country and posterity compel the in the balance, and are found wanting. We must legislate, and re-construct on a new foundation, on the ground of principles. The fundamental laws on which the world is founded, are the laws by which stances, he bore, them no -melice, and could take the infinite one governs the universe. Fear not that in bringing these principles into politics, that you feeling as if they were brothers. After a short sirender them the less sacred. The sun gilds every- lence those of the Confederates who could walk came thing it shines upon, whether it be to give color to the rose, or to bring to light the corruption which it the President. Mr. Lincoln and Gen. McClelian calls to the surface. This is the touchstone, whether a measure is right or wrong. Men may mystify as they will, call be bestowed upon them to ameliorate their sufferevil good, and good evil-it matters not; you inge. It was a touching scene, and there was not a have but to ask yourself what is the result of your dry eye among the wounded. conduct, and you have the solution. You have no excuse for disobeying the voice that has been given you, and the power that is in you; how many are using it, you can best tell. The faithful few of those Slavery in Maryland. Hear what the Baltimore among you who prophesy, the graves cannot hold back, in the coming hour of our country's peril. He who made Religion, the ruler of the universe, is with you still. The same power which spoke in the infancy of the world, in learning, and in physics, is infancy of the world, in learning, and in physics, is with you still, educating in various ways. After the period of infancy, the wrestling with the elements, and the struggling with divers difficulties, the day of truth is at last dawning. This day is the culminating point in the success of Religion. The signs of the times indicate a shaking among the jority of whom are disloyal, wish it or not, the days dry bones, out of which shall arise a great army. Look to it religioinists, who see in religion but a form only. Ask yourselves whether you are stimulating the thinkers, or are helping the weak. If not, where is thinkers, or are helping the weak. If not, where is tonal way to conduct it on our part, and sustain the Constitution and Government thus attacked by slav-Look to it religioinists, who see in religion but a form open, and its altars illuminated as from the Shore of eternity, that being weighed, Science shall again be restored to Religion; breath shall enter into the dry bones, and they shall live, and stand forth upon their feet an exceeding great army. Writing Sunday School Books.

Mass Meeting in North Newberry, 0. A Convention of the Friends of Progress was held at this place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27th and 28th in a beautiful grove well adapted for such occasions.

Mr. Samuel Phelps was chosen President.

Our number on Saturday, was small; on Sunday goodly number assembled." The speakers present were Messrs. Leland, Bond, Clark, Phelps, and Mrs. Cowles.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Leland, followed by Mr. Bond, an excellent trance-speaker, who revealed to us many noble truths on the subject of the Harmonial Philosophy.

Mr. Clark delivered a very fine, stirring lecture on the political condition of the country and its tandency to a reform, leading us to feel more closely our relation as reformers to the country.

Mrs. Cowles entertained us for an hour with the inspiration of the "upper world," on the subject of Social Domestic and Spiritual Reform." Indeed, the spoke "like one having authority." and made every heart to feel that Spiritualism was yet alive, and glowing with all the beauty and purity of its sublime truths.

Order and harmony were preserved throughout the whole session, and at the close the audience quietly retired, and "went their way rejoicing."

Per Order of Committee.

A. G. LELAND, Secretary.

Apples for the Hospitals.

We have received the subjoined from the General Secretary of the Central Office, Sanitary Commission, Washington, accompanied by a request to circulate it :---

"The inquiry being frequently made whether the Commission wishes to receive apples for the use of the wounded, it should be immediately published, as wonded, it should be immenately published, as widely as possible, that dried apples cannot be sent to its depots in too large quantities. Town and village Rollef Societies are requested to make arrangements for paring, cutting, and drying by their members, and such volunteer assistance as they can enlist, and to notify farmers that they will receive such good fruit to obting farmers that they will receive such good fruit as they may be disposed to offer, and are unable themselves to properly prepare. Dried apples may be themserves to property property. Drive marked, sent in barrels or baxes, or in strong bags, marked, "To be kept dry." Dried fruits of other kinds, and all good canned fruits, will be very acceptable. FRED. LAW OLMSTED.

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DEAB BANNER OF LIGHT-I wish to inform those in Boston and vicinity, and New York City, who desire my services as an Artist Medium, the coming Fall and Winter, that I will, in company, with my little guardian angel (wife,) visit their families, and do what we can in taking the portraits they wish, if it be their desire we should do so. We shall fill but few orders per let ter at present. My health being poor, I shall take no public rooms this Winter. Those writing in regard to pictures, will please enclose two red stamps, as their letters will not be answered otherwise. The price of pictures range from \$10.00, upwards. My Post Office address is, for the present, Box 65, East Boston, Mass. W. P. ANDERSON.

East Boston, Mass., Oct. 2nd, 1862.

Spiritual and Beform Convention.

The Spiritualists and Friends of Progress will hold their Yearly Meeting at Greensboro', Henry Co., Ind., in Uncle Seth Hinshaw's Free Hall, on Friday, Baturday and Sunday, 17th, 18th and 19th of October next. Brother Finney, of Geneva, Ohio, will be present as one of the leading speakers, as will also Miss Mary Thomas and others. As speakers of notoriety are ex-pected with their usual budget of good news from the pirit spheres, come along all ye who are heavy laden and an hungered for spiritual food, and be ye filled. Come ye priests of Orthodox faith and standard creeds, and for once learn what it is to breath the free air of a free meeting, in which all can express their views, no matter who they may be and however much they may be opposed to Spiritualism and the Harmonial Philosohy. They shall have a patient and respectful hear ng. By order of Committee, DR. I. H. HILL. Knighterown, Ind., Sept. 5th, 1862.

THE BANNER OF LIGHT,

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lrosuw Gaussin, Lrosuw Hatt, Taskow Srassr, (oppo-site head of School street.) -- Meetings are held overy Sunday by the Booley of Spiritualists, at 2:45 and 71-3 ; M. 4d-mission Free. Lecturers engaged :-- Miss Emma House, ton, Oct. 16 and 26; N. L. Wadsworth, Nov. 3 and 9; Miss Lizrie Doten, Nov. 30 and 80; J. S. Loveland, Dec. 7 and 14; Mrs. Fanule Davis Emith, Dec. 31 and 38.

CONFERENCE HALL, NO. 14 BROMFIELD STREET, BOSTOW,-The Bpiritual Conference meets every Tuesday eve ning, at 71-8 o'clock.

OHARLESTOWN .- The Spiritualists of Charlestown hold meetings every Bunday morning 11 10 1-9 o'clock, and T in the evening in Beminary Hall, Uniou street, corner of Law-rence. Every arrangement is made to have these meetings interesting and instructive. -Spiritualists and all others inerested are cordially invited. Conference in the morninglecture in the evening. Beats free.

MARBLERRAD .- Meetings are hold in Bassett's new Hall. Bpeakers engaged: --Miss Emma Hardinge, Oct. 19 and 26; Miss Lizzie Doton, Nov. 2, 9 and 16; N. Frank White, Dec. 7 and 14; Mrs. M. S. Townsend, Dec. 21 and 28,

TAUNTON .- Meetings are held in the Town Hall, every Sab-bah afterison and evening. The following speakers are en-gaged :--F. L. Wadsworth, Nov. 16, 23 and 30; Hon. War-ren Chass, in Dec.

FOIDERS'.--- Meetings in the Town Hall. Speakers engaged: Mrs Mary: Macumber Wood, Oct. 10 and 26.

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was proclaimed "there is no God!" indelity has never been quenched. We hear it in the scoff at religion, the sneer at the Church. With many it is thought to be necessary to belong to some religious ofganization, yet the teachings, prayers and benediotions sound upon ears which are indifferent to them. We banish religion from politics, from the sciences, from everything in life, and the handiwork of the Creator delight in fighting battles, and is everywhere found sword in hand. From all lands the voice comes up that the systems of Religion have been weighed in the balances and found wanting. Yet before we dispense with its services, we cannot but remember its offices from the earliest moments of our lives. Who cannot remember when we were taught to say, " Our Father," and how we anxiously looked up to the skies, and wondered where God was? Who has not, when he looked upon the clods of the earth, as they covered the form of those he. loved, wondered why they came no more, and where they had gone. As we saw the mad billows raging. and rolling up heavenwards, the wild flashing of the lightnings, and saw the arms uplifted, and heard the wild shricks amid the shricks of the wilder winds, and in the morning looked and all was still, have we not wondered where the spirit had gone? We have seen the great man of the earth in his power, whose sceptre was less than that of the dancing butterfly in the summer wind. While we looked on and wondered, behold, what a change ! He passed away, and we wondered where he was gone.

Within the last twenty-four months thousands of shining lamps have gone out, on the battle-field. Surely, surely, we cannot part with our religion, for how should we be reconciled to their loss. In the name of the Great Reformer, who came to make the world a valley of beauty ; in the name of the great world's history ; in the name of every Sabbath bell ; in the name of the old pious pastor, who gave us the teaching the best he knew, and the best ever given us-we cannot part with our Religion.

The 19th century has failed to grasp and make good the mission which has devolved upon us. There is nothing short of Divinity in those three glorious terms, Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happl-1.1 Had this cry been taken up and fully comprehended, we should not now have stood, as we do, like sheep without a shepherd.

I provide to tell you somewhat of Religion as handed down fresh from the hands of the Maker. In the creation" of the world, it was provided that whose who were incapable of taking care of themselves, should be furnished artificial aid, or endowed with an instinct to provide for themselves. In the infancy of the world, we find it amply fitted for every condition of beings. The first evidences of civilization was shown in the arts of Agriculture. As the race increased, men became gregarious. Agriculture was the first effort of man to better his condition. We hear of the shepherd Kings of India, and of the shepherd's occupation as the highest and noblest employment. These shepherd kings and

MR. EDITOR - Your correspondent, S. W. Richmond. suggests that all Spiritualists, who have the ability, try their hand at writing a Sunday-school Book for children. This is a good idea, as you say, rians. Of the former class some 5000 are, or were till and would it not be well, too, if all such books written, be free from all antagonisms to every oreed and from slave-ships, and sent thither by our government. belief; from all blame and reproach for all the deeds that others do; from all vindictive and ungenerous feelings? That instead of these characteristic attributes of most books, real love and kindness be substituted, and the gospel of charity shine forth in vet feels opposed to any belief, or who blames the forgiveness and compassion.

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prosecution of this war; and it follows that many on both sides must become victime, and although they are our enemies through uncontrollable circumthem by the hand with as much sympathy and good forward, and each of them silently shook hands with went to the bedsides of those who were unable torise, and cheered them, saying that every care should

has consented to accept the honor bestowed, and I.

ly made arrangements for lectures, that she must

defer the pleasure of visiting them until a later

In conclusion, permit me, through the BANNER, to

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Slavery in Maryland.

The current of public opinion is setting against American says upon the subject:

" If there are any who think that slavery can exist in

loyal portion of the country will have passed, they will ever consent to the existence of the cause of the rebellion between them and their National capital, is reletions between them and their rational capital, is simply preposterous. If the emancipation, proposi-tion is rejected, all that are valuable will be spirited away, and the door shut from their recovery. Whether the slaveholders of Maryland, therefore, the great ma-

The Abolitionists from the first have seen the condi-

scared our timid government into a course that threatens our very existence as a nation. The difference between the Abolitionists and their

democratic revilers is, they do not believe that slav. ery is a divine institution, the preservation of which is paramount to that of the country.

POPULATION OF LIBERIA .--- The present number of inhabitants is about 500,000, of whom about 484,000 are aboriginal inhabitants, and 16,000 Americo Liberecen ly, African savages, taken within a few months In the latter class may be reckoned either in person, or in their descendants, some 6000 emanoipated slaves, aided in their passage thither from this country by their masters, or the Colonization Society.

The editor of the Germantown Telegraph thinks that its resplendent, real, practical glory? May no one the best time to transplant trees in the fall is when the write a book for the tender minds of oblidren who trees are done growing, which can be determined by the change of the leaf. By this early operation the acts of any human being. But may the men and roots have time to selze upon, the soil before winter the women who shall write books for youthful guld. the spring, and is also botter prepared to stand the se. ance, deeply feel the beautiful precepts of Christ verifies of winter. Large trees, especially, should be that are void of blame and replete with forbearance; transplanted very early, or not until the ground is A. B. C. frosen hard.

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