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INSANITY AND INSANE ASYLUMS. A Lecture Delivered in Music Hall, Boston, Wednesday Evening, March 19th, 1873,

The Rostrum.

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If a complete, account could be given of the workings of madness in individuals, in classes, in sects, parties, and nations, what a chapter it would form in the history of the world. It would be a terrible and awful chapter, but, if adequately understood, an incomparably instructive one, furnishing a key to the profound mysteries of human nature, both in its normal and abnormal manifestations. The subject of insanity always has been, and still is, invested with an atmosphere of terror and dread, of doubt and secresy -an atmosphere which greatly aggravates all the evils connected with the subject, by shrouding the truths of the case with the pall of wild exaggeration. The fundamental phenomena of insanity are equally exhibited in delirium tremens, the exaltations and hallucinations of fovers, also in persons under the influence of opium or hasheesh ; but in these exhibitions the force of the phenomena is brief, the termination is forescen, and the cause is understood; therefore the mystic horror and dread are wanting. And yet-insanity itself, in its worst phases, is not any more a diabolical chaos than the phenomena manifested under these other conditions; it is equally with the various departments and experiences of sanity and health, under the domain of law, following regular sequences of cause and effect, having a beginning and end appropriate to itself, and running through its normal course, which is generally understood by those who are experts in the matter. It is all covered with the lines of order and law-the symmetrical and systematic regularity and harmony which is the leading characteristic of all the workings of God in Nature.

The more any subject is understood the less it is feared ; therefore we have great good promised by the consideration of the topic to which I invite your attention this evening, if it can be proved that insanity is a subject of law and order equally with other departments and phenomena of human nature ; and if the knowledge which will be imparted shall be preparatory to the removal of distrust, and the substitution of symfortunate subjects o of the mental disease have laid the human race under a thorough study of it, and by the numerous valuable works which they have published upon it, as well as by the humane and judicious measures which, to a considerable extent, they have been instrumental in introducing in the place of previous cruelty and chaos; a good work which needs to be carried much further in the same direction. And in the securing of this result much good may be done, and much aid furnished by an enlightened public opinion outside of asylums and of those who have the direct or indirect control of them; for these persons-superintendents and servants in asylums, together with trustees, doctors, and visiting committees, are, as men in the main, occupying official positions, dreadfully exposed to falling into ruts of established usage and into preferring that which will secure the utmost regularity, quiet and economy of attention and care, rather than that which is intrinsically best. It always requires more will to strike out new paths of action than to go on in the old beaten ones. The subject of insanity, in all its forms, is still-as in the past-enveloped with something of the supernatural, which colors the views of those who look upon it. I will, therefore, for the first head of my lecture, ask your attention to the three historic views of insanity, and the corresponding historiq modes of treating its subjects. Of course, in the brief space allotted me, the work must be done in a sketchy and incomplete manner, but I will throw out statements enough to give a general outline of the case. In ancient times, it was regarded as a direct visitation of God; by the polytheistic nations, of one or the other of the gods or goddesses. Its subject, therefore, was regarded as divincly possessed or inspired. Allustrations of this view are given in all the classes of prophets in the antique world. You remember the story of Cassandra, the inspired prophetess of Troy ; of the old, blind Triesias, the seer of Thebes; of Orestes, son of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra, and of the Sybils who were supposed to be under the direct inspiration and control of the god or goddess of the shrine where they gave forth their oracles. Madness was called a sacred disease, and a treatise on that subject was written by Hippocrates in that vein of rational investigation of which he was the first introducer in history, denying that it was in any peculiar sense a sacred disease any more than any other malady of the body or mind. But the very putting forth and existence of that treatise proved the ideas current on the subject in his time. Coming down from antiquity to the middle ages, we reach the second or medizeval view of insanity, entertained at a time when all the learning and power, pretty much, were under the control of the Church. Then this inspiration of the mad was broken up and turned into two directions-the divine and the diabolical; the first, or divine, comprising those in the Church-those whose inspiration followed the forms of Orthodox theology, and whose trances reflected the

diabolical and heretical. The saints of the Church were always considered as divinely inspired, but it was with that which the science of to-day calls insanity. You remember how a view similar to this of divinity in the Church, as opposed to diabolism outside, found credence among the Jews in the time of Jesus; how the diabolical element in the form of demons held control of the wanderers among the tombs, from whom the Saviour was supposed to have cast out the devils by whom they were possessed. This doctrine accepted by the Church gave a two-fold direction to not only theology, but poetry and his tory as well. The lives of the Virgin Mary and the saints with their beautiful trances symbolized one side; the disinherited gods of the heathen,

flung down from their pedestals and demonized, furnished the inspiration of those mad heretics whose doctrines contradicted the teachings of the Church. These, being looked upon as subject to the influence of diabolical inspiration, were regarded with the intensest aversion.

And this brings us to the second mode of treating the insane. Under the first view they were looked upon as the subjects of divine favor ; they, were held as sacred ; their words were caught up as revelations and oracles, and they were treated with respect and deference, being allowed their liberty, with only such restraint (in some cases) as should prevent their injuring themselves or others. But under the second view, the unfortunate subjects of the phenomena not in harmony with the Church were divided from the rest. looked upon as enemies of God and his laws, and foe to the human race. There was but one logical step in this second view, therefore, to their extermination : persecution and death became the exponents of the public idea, and they were inflicted to a terrible extent.

The speaker here cited the cases of several remarkable religious maniacs who had existed in the past, especially a young English girl, burnt at Milan in the year 1300, for proclaiming herself to be the Holy Ghost incarnated in a female form; and of a certain Spaniard in 1359-burned by order of the Archbishop of Toledo-who claimed that he inherited the place in heaven lost by Satan-that the end of the world was close at hand, and that he was engaged to fight with Anti-christ. Both of these hallucinated individuals perished at the stake in explation for the assumption of a position for which they were clearly not to be held accountable as rational beings. The same fate descended upon Joan pathy and kindness in relation to those giving of Arc, whose insanity led her to a noble end. forth its manifestations. The doctors who have | To those of you who are familiar with the history of the Salem witcheral perfectly obvious that this-and its kindred branches throughout great debt of obligation, by their-profound and Europe-was but a phase of insanity taking a form in harmony with the time in which it ap peared. It has been calculated by some writers that four or five hundred thousand people were nut to death in the course of this colossal excite-1 still herded together like beasts. n some cases, ment-unhappy men, women and children who said the lecturer, twelve women were reported were simply and utterly irresponsible lunaties, and who should have been kindly cared for, and by the resources of science healed. And the same phenomena which were manifested in the case of the Salem witchcraft are now being exhibited in our day, with divergences in harmony and accordance with the changed condition of the mental or physical surroundings neculiar to this age in which they are presented. They are made known in the operations of many of our trance mediums, in clairvoyance and othe abnormal phenomena - phenomena which are real and genuine, free from imposture, and free, also, to the mind of any scientific investigator from the suspicion of the operation of anything either divine or diabolical as their producing cause. Laying aside both divinity and diabolism, we come to call insanity a disease. The diseases of the mind corresponding to the diseases of the body, which are not referred to any possession or influence of disembodied spirits, simply because the bodily diseases are more generally understood, we can with equal strength of position deny the assumption of divine or diabolical possession in mental maladies, and seek in Nature for their source. The doctrine of modern, times -with the exception of those classes who still believe in the two preceding views-is that in sanity is a disease of the brain, as readily distinguishable and capable of treatment by definite modes as those of the body. This will lead to a scientific study of the causes of insanity, and a treatment of them according to the laws of medicine, chemistry and physiology, and all other means known to humanity. The treatment of exceptional persons-those who stand out with marked 'idiosyneratic developments from the average of the community in which they reside-is determined by the view taken of them; if such insane person is thought divinely inspired, he will be, naturally in our times, as he was in ancient times, treated as a prophet and teacher-if not, he is looked upon as a subject under the action of something diabolical, and there is generally but one step from such a judgment and the exercise of violent repression. Science taking a more enlightened view, says that it is her duty to pity this victim of the unfortunate conditions of society, to investigate his case under the clear white light of truth, and see what can be done for his restoration, or at least amelioration. But in a darker state of the world such a spirit of scientific improvement, humanity and sympathy, was not yet attained to. By the spirit of the ancient laws almost everywhere, those who differed from the established forms of action were looked upon as enemies of social order, and at once coerced into submission. Accordingly the insane were everywhere, in their doctrines of the Church; the second, outside of own homes, and when asylums had been estab- if possible more important. There is the press- ary line described for it. This may be true of

and opposed to the Church, who were ranked as | lished, submitted to every degree of horror and | ure of the atmosphere, constantly varying with ' the varieties of insanity, but there is an essence outrage. The pictures that have been painted by | its every movement, pressing upon our bodies which belongs to them all in common, and to the historian are too painful to be brought up before you in detail.

> The affectith century was stated by the lecasyiums; and from that date the recital was one of darkness and wrong in those ancient institutions. The first marked effort at their ameliora tion, he said, was brought about in 1793, by a kind-hearted French physician, Pinél, who, in the presence of Couthon, the President at that | fact. time of the Commune of Paris, begged to be allowed to strike off the chains which encumbered the limbs of the multitudinous patients confined in the Bicctre hospital in Paris, under his charge. In accordance with his desire, Couthon accompanied him to the hospital; but when he was brought into the presence of the maniaes from whom it was desired to take off the fetters, he is reported to have said to the humane physician, they have been subjected that has made them letting loose lunatics, to the prejudies of good government as they understood, it believinge were in the wrong; whereupon they released their victim, and, according to the lecturer, anerown their doer.

Now, by the law of the spectrum analysis, a bar of iron throws upon the spectrum some eighty distinct lines, which proves that the molecules in " that iron intercept at least eighty modes of vitercepts more than the atoms of iron? There themselves through the nervous system of man "Are you mad *yourself*, that you propose to set incessantly! Man is a complex whole, unde up these wild creatures at liberty "" Pinél replied, of rhythmical motions which are innumerable in of rhythmical motions which are innumerable in "I, would set them free that they may cease to their kinds and grades beyond those which are by wild persons; for it is the cruelty to which represented in the seven senses; in gravitation, plause.] He is perfectly absorbed by the thought; electricity and magnetism; and if the actions of so;" and, unable longer to bear the thought of the objects around him are reported through his the barbarous and irrational way in which this senses and through other channels in his nervous mass of demented humanity was treated, he at i system correctly to his mind, are properly under i ation, and thus you see the difference; his selfonce proceeded to strike off their chains till he stood and adequate returns are made, you then was surrounded by some fifty of these persons, have health and sanity. Break the equilibrium who seemed grateful in the highest degree for and disturbance occurs, physically representing that amount of freedom. The experiment was itself in bodily diseases-mentally, in diseases of i perfect success, and a picture, on a large scale, [the mind.] All these are in existence in degrees, delineating this triumph of humanity over bar- and coming in contact, with the external standard barism, now decorates the great hall where the j of judgment, all objects in Nature report them-French Academy of Medicine are accustomed to ¹ selves through certain sentiments in each mind. hold their meetings. Among those who were and in their return through the mind, take the thus liberated, by Pinel was one gigantic soldier, shape of ideas. When the objects existing withof the Guards, named Chevinge; and between out have their exact correspondence within, nelhim and the physician sprung up such an en-t ther more nor less, then there is a healthy action tirety of good feeling that the demented man be- 1 of the mind; but when ideas within are project came the body servant of the doctor; and on one ed outwardly when no corresponding objects are occasion, when a mob filled with fury selzed Pi- to be found there, then there is insanity; and a nel, and were hurrying him "to the lantern" great many forms of madness consist in the mixto explate the crime-as they accused him-of ing and confusion, one with another, of the different rhythms of the body with those of the brain, the body being the strongest, and bringthrew himself before his master, and succeeded ing the mental into subjection. This failure to in convincing the would be murderers that they adjust inner senses with outer states is the source of all diseases, bodily and mental.

Now we see the origin both of error and disother example was added to the happy return, in | case in this-that what fits one condition will not the, golden circle of kindness, of good deeds to another. For instance, if a man living in India, and of sound mind and health, adapted in his But, to show how slow the progress of such re- train of thought for that meridian, should be suddenty transported to Greenland, into a state re

with the weight of many tons, of which we are which I now refer, where a single part of the unconscious, but which reports itself by its to man is brought into automatic operation without sion and vibration in every part of our being; { entering into the coordination of the whole which turer to be the date of the first inauguration of then there is gravitation, which keeps every atom is under the domination of the individual conthe project of bringing the lineane together in of our body in harmonious connection with every selousness. I will illustrate to you the difference atom in the universe - the whole universe of with regard to a thought as presented to the brain matter being, as it were, represented in every of a madman, an actor, and a man who knows man, and man being represented in every atom that the outer object instigating it is something in return ; thus rendering him, as it were, omni- different from his usual experience, but which he present, though without the consciousness of the lis not prepared, as yet, to accept as a verity. Take the case of Macbeth ; he has long contemplated the murder of Duncan, and, worn and weary with the tension of mind and corresponding want of rest, he is alone in his chamber, and he fancies he sees a dagger in the air, whose wavy bration in the ethereal medium. Now is it not subdulations invite him toward the chamber of the probable that the complex nature of man in-1 sleeping king. The characteristic of the madman is this - that he is perfectly subjected may be thousands of these vibrations reporting to the vision; he has no self-consciousness by which to perceive or detect, the aberration, but his whole being is absorbed in the thought, and he looks up on seeing the dagger, exclaiming, "Is this a dagger which I see before me?" [Apwhile the actor questions the fact-" Is this a dagger ?" he has a portion of his mind in which his self-consciousness retains mastery of the situconsciousness may be said inadvertently and involuntarily to question whether there is a dagger or not. On the other hand, the scientific critic, who for a moment perceives a semi-spectral appearance, looks, at it as a matter of enriosity; he is wholly free to examine and pass upon it the judgment accorded by his clearly balanced self-consciousness.

There are in our experience two quite distinctmodes of action or reflection ; in one we receive and investigate apparent thoughts, and arrangethem in the order in which they come, rejecting those that are inappropriate, according to the judgment of self-consciousness; then there is another, unknown to most people; which takes the form of automatic thinking, in which ideas and views present themselves involuntarily, and in such utterly strange and unaccustomed forms that their subject is brought to believe that they are given to him by an Intelligence outside himself. But this state arises, and these thoughts are given him, by the automatic action of some part of his brain, not by the consensus of the whole or by any outside mind. Ideas which have been cherished, too long are apt to thus obtain an undue domination over our senses, so that we lose our solf-will and self-mastery.

Insahity, in its moral chara

form is, I may simply state the fact that in 1818 in the slightest degree whatever They were as being chained together to a wall, in a dark, damp dungeon, suffering from cold, exposure and hunger, almost naked, their only bed a heap of straw rotten with indescribable filth, sleeping and living together in a narrow space where they could scarcely move without touching each other, This fearful condition of affairs was still in existence in England at the time of this report, although the knowledge of the successful experiment of Pinel had been ringing over the civilized world for nearly a quarter of a century. This fact would go naturally to show that, however much can be claimed for the wisdom, humanity and freedom from routine on the part of those in charge of our asylums, the highest possible point has not yet been attained, and that there exists an opportunity of awakening these institutions. to a broader charity by altracting to them the searching analysis of public opinion.

Concluding the consideration of these three modes of treatment for the insane. I come to the second head of my lecture :" The Nature of Insanity—its causes and preventives. We must begin at a little distance and work our way to the centre, if we would rightfully understand what insanity is. We must first understand what sanity is, for one is an aberration from the other. The one is the normal standard of human nature in the fulfillment of its functions; the other is an aberration from that standard ; and before we can comprehend the aberration we must understand the first or undisturbed state. Let us for a moment, then, consider man as a separate individual organism for himself in the world—forget that he had any ancestry, that he has any associates upon the earth ; regard him as an isolated entity in the centre of the natural universe, and what do we find? We find surrounding man an almost endless variety of objects which are revealed to him in innumerable forms, varying colors, differing tones, savors, odors, touches, weights and temperatures. We find man possesses a certain number of senses through which these surrounding objects reveal themselves to his mind. There are not merely five sensesthere are many more. There is the sight, which takes cognizance of colors ; hearing, which takes cognizance of sounds; smell, which takes cognizance of odors; taste, which takes cognizance of sayors : touch, which takes cognizance of the different degrees of roughness and smoothness in shapes and forms. Besides these usually recognized five senses there is the muscular sense, which detects differences in weight; and the sense by which the different degrees of temperature are appreciated. In addition to these seven we are experimentally assured-there are others'

--twenty-three years after this noble act of Pinel quiring a different training of sense and action. -the first Parliamentary report of the insance in, there would surely be trouble within, unless the England was made, and it was found that the changes within could be brought to correspond condition of the insane had not been improved with the changes without; and thus error and disease are seen to have their primal origin in a fillure of adaptation of inner conceptions and feelings to outer verifies.

But man is not alone in the world. He is en veloped in humanity, which surrounds him as a second greater and overpowering self. - Man assumes the inner states of other men, even of other ages and nations, thus introducing a conflict of ideas and emotions that ends in an unsolyable mixture of himself and other persons, often ncongruous, which is a second source of diseases both of body and mind.

Next, man is not only enveloped by living humanity; from which he cannot free himself, not only constantly acting and reacting with other human beings in his thoughts and feelings toward them, and their thoughts and feelings toward him, but also his ancestry are represented in him. Illis bodily organism is inherited from his parentage, but his immortal qualities, the spiritual nature never ! because ponscionsness is never transmitted. Man may be divided into body and brain,

and in his development possesses four sets of nerves : first the sensitive nerves, which connect him with the outer world and report to him the objects or actions around him; then the motor, which produce action in correspondence with these reported objects outside of them; and in addition to these sensitive and motor nerves which may be represented as acting inwardly and acting outwardly, there is another class, the nutritive, which carry on their work unconsciousy and in independence of his will; and still further the commissural fibres, the nerves which bind together the various parts of the nervous system, making of the sum the ego, or the me! And it is the office of the cerebral hemispheres, ly a compounding of all, to establish and main tain the personality, and keep alive the conception of individual identity. When that coordination is kept up, and the consensus of the brain held infact, when the exhibitions of consciousness are confined within the fixed standards of human nature and conduct, we have sound mind, individual responsibility, freedom and health; but allow this consensus of the brain to be lost, or establish a false centre of consciousness in some other part of the brain, so that there is an automatic action of some part of that brain directly back through muscles and nerves, without the concurrence of self-consciousness, and the man is no longer master of himself; then he is not the master of the automatic action which has possession of his nervous system. That is the essence of insanity in all its forms.

A great many writers upon the subject of insanity have failed to give a satisfactory definition, and have even asserted that it is impossible to give any fixed outline of it; that is, they say senses of communication between man and the | that it is a wavering and unsettled thing, having surrounding universe-of the existence of which i no stable foundation in fixed laws, and that that which is wavering must have an unsteady bound-

in the reporting to the mind of falsities or disproportions in the place of truth and proportion -a confounding of the operations of automatic sensation and the free judgment, resulting from the loss of that consensus of the brain which represents the whole personality." Its sole and ultimate lest is the inability of the insane to govern himself by the ordinary rules of action : he becomes the helpless slave of automatic impulses. Now, a frequent tendency of this is to crime; and the reflex impulse, making man a helpless machine; frees him from responsibility. He is the victim of the crime he commits, and cannot as a reasoning being be punished for it; he should, on the contrary, he protected from it. Many persons inherit internal, immemorial desires to commit crimes from a long line of ancestry. These longings, pent up williout, realization of their desire through generations, reaching at last the individual in question, rush at once into automatic representation. It is one of the most awful and sublime facts of our nature, but points us to the fact that we are individually bound in one great solidarity of mutual relationships and responsi-bilities.

The speaker said that Onetelet, the great Belgian statician, thus gave the result of his investigations in this department : "The criminal is the instrument with which society commits crimes." There was something as appalling as it was sad. in that spirit of denunciation so common not only with the ignorant mob who cried out against the unfortunate, and demanded his execution upon the scaffold, but also among the educated and presumably refined classes of society, who had a bittler prejudice against this plea of moral insanity. It is a fundamentally true plea, and only those who are ignorant can deny it. The true spirit to be observed toward these unfortunates is one of kindness and sympathy, which shall eventually rescue them from their fatal heritage. I think, sometimes, if the Divine. Wanderer who rested at the well of Jacob, and alked with the woman of Samaria; who said to the woman taken in adultery, " Neither do 1 condemn thee; go and sin no more," and to her accusers, "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone." and , who, at the end of this striking sentence, stooped, and wrote upon the sand, were among us, he would not join the outery against the criminal, but would reiterate the divine claim of charity and humanity for him. The old system of punishment and repression has been tried for years, and what is the resuft? Those who advocate it so strenuously and fiercely, declare the plea of moral insanity to be without the range of probability : that crime is a natural exhibition of the unbiased individual mind—which is not the fact, as is being daily, proven by the researches of science, What was it which Jesus wrote upon the sand, which one puff of wind had the power to dispel? It is lawful for the same spirit which gave Christianity to supplement it; and if he were present among us to-day, think you he would annotate that grand trial scene of the adulteress with the com-[See cighth page.]

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EDITORS BANNIN OF LIGHT-Admitting memory reliable. Four last was written inst after reaching Melbourne, and the principal thoughts of the hour were of Sydney and Australian sea-coast ranges as seen from the steamer.

In Sydney, noted for its beautiful harbor and magnific at scenery, Spiritualism has no organized foothold. The temper and tone of the city are conservative, self-opinionated, and gold-"clutching - uninviting conditions certainly for angel ministry. There are, however, quite a chial cities are richly amusing to foreigners. Mel- (attending phenomena, has already become cosnumber of candid investigators, and some avowed believers. Among the latter is the Hon. L. Bowie Willon, a prominent member of the Legislature. This gentleman has traveled extensively in America. In his residence may be seen th Banner of Light and many of the publications of Unitarian elergyman, Mr. Gale, employed in the post-office, and several others are deeply intersterity. Epidemies are almost unknowing It is said ested in the subject. The call is for physical manifestations and test-medium-hip.

The Rev. Mr. Pillars, Unitarian clergyman of ed Martineau, of London, is a stern opponent of ries and free reading-rooms. The city library was sufficient to show that he knew but little of the divine principles underlying the Spiritual Philosophy. Ilis audiences are small. The work free of charge. This is a blessing to the poor. unjuduential. Mr. Pillars's reputation for independence, and radical thought would indicate purpose of which is to make education secular ble gentlemen. Some of them occupy prominent that, while professedly cherishing a measureless tolerance, ke could afford to extend the hand of fellowship to Spiritualism. It is otherwise.

THE LANDING. Passing the heads, sailing up the harbor-more properly au inland sea-and reaching Melbourne, the largest and wealthiest of the Australian cities, we remained about the steamer, as telegraphed by Mr. Terry to await the arrival of the committee of reception. This hady of gentlemen soon " put in an appearance," Extending cordial hands, they conducted us of from our floating prison to the hospitable residence of Mr. Mellwraith, one of the City Councilors. A dinner was in waiting. This part of the pleasing programme concluded, a stroll was in order. At seemed good to stretch our legs on solid terra firma, and see the inter-sting sights that gladden this Austral Eden, ALTRALIA.

Though an immense island. Australia may reasonably be considered a continent. Its length, nies is governed by councils-legislative bodies, Her has been for years the director of these gar-\$6,531 square miles. It is very nearly as large the gardens must suffer.

BANNER $\mathbf{O}\mathbf{F}$ LIGHT.

CITY OF MELBOURNE. Melbourne stoutly objects.' Each city has its ad- the world's hope. vantages. The jealousies and rivalries cropping out between the residents of these different colo-

bourne'is certainly more modern in thought, mopolitan. Though there had been here and more American in tone, and religiously far more (there a Spiritualist in the colonies for several progressive than Sydney. The principal streets in Melbourne are wide, well-pavel, and brilliantly lighted in evening- no organic form till less than three years since. time with gas. Along the curb-stones in some The city society was organized under the name

tions are nearly as large, and accessible daily, It was hitterly opposed by bishops, priests and

ple in ignorance, or to so monopolize their edu- [1] shall give full descriptions of the more noted cation as to turn it into sectarian channels. Education is the key-word of the age. Schools should be free and education compulsory under all skies. Wm. Howitt, England A promising Children's In the ratio that mental and moral instruction Progressive Lyceum had been organized a few Barlow says : "It may be safely pronounced that, a State has no right to punish a man to whom it Lycenm is now well-efficered and well-equipped. has given no previous instruction." Sir Thomas The flags and badges are beautiful. Dr. E. C. More writes to this effect in his Utopia : "If you suffer your people to be *ill-iducated*, and their manners to be corrupted from their infancy, and conducts the Lyceum exercises. It could not concluded from this, but that you make thieves, and then punish them ?

GARDENS, PARKS, AMUSEMENTS. If flowers are the alphabets of angels, gardens are from east to west, is over 2500 miles, and in the delights of gods and good men. The Melbourne breadth nearly 2000, the northern part approach-Botanic Gardens, beautifully situated on the ing the equator being about 4000 miles to the south bank of the flowing Yarra, some half a southeast of India, and 4000 to the south of mile from the city, cover an area of 114 acres, and China. It is estimated to contain 3,000,000 of abound in almost an innumerable number of square miles, fifty times that of England, and trees, shrubs, plants and ornamental flowers, one hundred that of Scotland. It is divided into snowy, crinison and golden. The palms and Victoria (of which Melbourne is the capital), [ferns are exceedingly fine, and the deep emerald New South Wales. Queen's Land, South Austra- of the tropical foliage is, on this December day, lia, and Western Australia. Each of these colo- absolutely magnificent. Baron Ferd Von Muelsomething like the flouses of Parliament-under dens. He and the officers of the city governthe superintendence of a governor appointed by ment are at present at loggerheads. Unless the the Queen of England. Victoria has an area of "difficulty involving finances is speedily settled

magnificent city. Its climate and geographical of this cancerous condition of society is largely than this : situation, as well as its extensive suburban, owing to the prevalence and practical influences parks, lawns and gardens, can elicit only praise of Orthodox theology. If these sinning parties from travelers. Sydney, nestling by a charming believed in the certainty of relabilition and the harbor, and occupying the centre of a great car- abiding presence of ministering spirits, they "appellation, "Queen of the Pacific," To this ways. In Spiritualism, as a Christ-baptism, is

SPIRITUALISM IN MELBOURNE. No longer local, the spiritual philosophy, with

books from London and Boston, Spiritualism took of this Association. Mr. W. H. Terry commenced ed with the University or other public institution bookseller, and earnest worker. He is also editor and proprietor of the Harbinger of Light: This journal succeeded the Glow-worm, published by other prominent measures, an education bill, the hither, 1 find to be solid, substantial and honoracan, is the brother of ex-Governor Stanford, of The priesthood in all lands aims to keep the peory the Central Pacific Railway. In a future letter, Spiritualists and mediums in the Colonies, not forgetting the estimable Dr. Howitt, brother of Conductor, and Mr. G. A. Stowe Secretary. The Dunn aided them in perfecting the work. He drills the children in calisthenics, and at present first education disposes them-what else is to be greatly troubled about this "marching" and Sunday "profanation." Drunkenness and prostitution are quite endurable by Melbourne Pharisees; but a Progressive Lyceum borders upon blasphemy. Though a churchal eyesore, it is to be hoped the city be spared the fate of Tyre and

Sidon. THE MASONIC HALL RECEPTION.

Nearly two hundred ladies and gentlemen as sembled in this hall on the evening of Nov. 1st, to extend their hands of welcome. It was a pleasant gathering of noble souls ; hearts warm, every face was wreathed in smiles. The hall tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens, presented a gay and attractive aspect. The exercises were varied and deeply interesting. The President, Mr. J. Ross, delivered the congratulatory address Our aff-hand response followed. Then came short, pithy speeches from Rev. Mr. Tyerman, Dr. Dunn, Mr. Bright, Mr. Walker and others No conversation of the kind, according to my The music, instrumental and voral, was well executed; the refreshments richly inviting, and the conversation genial and jolly. It was upon aggregate not less than two thousand five hundred the whole a most enjoyable evening, throwing around and over us that feeling of social life which obtains in my native land. Our prayer was, may these acquaintances ripen into friends, then will envious liars love and speak the diaand may our united friendships and efforts be mighty to the upbuilding of truth.

to the police as such, parade the streets after | darkness who scribble for the press. These pim This, the capital of Victoria, is the most-popu- i nightfall, while as many more amateurs remain ple-faced paragraphic penny-a-liners of the Mellons city in the Australian colonies, numbering, in their dens, awaiting the calls of the carnally-bourne press, with more syphilis in their blood including the suburbs, about 200,000 souls. It minded. These classes walk in the most promi-than sense in their brains, have yet to understand stretches along dotting and fringing both banks i nent thoroughfares, and lounge upon rustic scats that Victorian journalism lacks the energy of the of the Yarra to within some seven miles of its in parks and gardens in evening-time. The colo- American, the culture of the French, and the month. Though quite English in Architectural nial cities of Australia, like mining countries dignity of the English press. The celebrated appearance, Mellourne, considering its age, is a generally, are famous for unchastity. The cause | William Howitt never wrote a pithier paragraph

"Many persons who have attended *spiritual* ces of various kinds, and satisfied themselves of their *reality*, express their surprise that the press, as a body, remain doggedly uncourinced. Why should they be surprised? It is simply an bonaceous basin, considers herself entitled to the would immediately turn from the error of their affair of Hodge's razors. Journals, whether of news or literature, like those celebrated razors, are made to sell. So long as the press thinks it will pay better to abuse Spiritism than to profe it, it will continue to do so; but should the wri-ters for the press hear To-day, or any day, that the public is gone over to Spiritism, they will all, to a man, be zealous Spiritists the next morning. Then, and not a day earlier, nor a day later, will the press he *convinced*. Their logic all lies in the will years, importing occasionally pamphlets and three celebrated words: pounds, shillings, pence

THE JOURNALISTIC SOMERSET.

Immediately after the conclusion of our first course of six lectures in Temperance Hall, the Spiritualists. The Rev. Dr. Stauley, formerly a of the streets run rippling streams of pure water. of the "Victorian Association of Progressive committee resolved to take possession of a larger There is no doubt of its being a decidedly healthy Spiritualists," This Association has sustained and more fashionable place for the second series. speaking regularly by Messrs. Naylor, Bright, They fuckily secured the Prince of Wales Theathat the first case of hydrophobia has yet to oc- Ross, Walker and others. The Rev. Mr. Tyer- tre. The first Sunday there were over 2,500 prescur. Could dogs, pleading, ask for a healthier, man, a recent convert from the English Church, ent. Some were turned away for want of standbetter Paradise? Nothing surprises me so much addressed the Society each Sunday for the term ing room. Last Sunday evening the proprietor Sydney, and originally a student of the coldinate in this country as the museums, fine public libra- of six months. He is the present stated lecturer opened, the upper gallery, and there were full 3000 in attendance. The chair was occupied by Spiritualism. An hour, with him in his library, contains over 250,000 volumes. Others connect- investigating in 1861., He is a healing medium, Mr. Ross. The platform was filled with gentlemen of standing and position in society, and the congregational singing excellent. The Melbourne Press met with a sudden conversion! It traitarianism in the colonies is weak and Parliament (just adjourned) passed, among Mr. Naylor. The committee that invited me is sunny and fair now as a summer's morning. The Daily Express mentioned the meeting very handsomely. The Daily Herald said, "An imand computsory. The debates were interesting. | positions in the city. Mr. Stanford, an Ameri- | mense crowd of people assembled again last night to hear the American Spiritualist expound aristocrats. "This was to have been expected. California, who, at present, is the President of the new religion." He was evidently in earnest, and at times, cloquent." The Daily Telegraph prefaced a very fine report by saying that a crowd filled the Prince of Wales Theatre last evening, from pit to ceiling. The assemblage was intelligent and orderly, listening to the leethre entitled 'Sniritualism becoming universal.' are enforced, crime diminishes. To this end weeks before our arrival. Mr. Terry was elected The Daily Melbourne Age, previous to its abstract of the discourse, says, "The Theatre was so crowded that, even though the upper gallery was opened, many people were compelled to stand.", The report appearing in the aristocratic Daily Argus is forwarded by this mail. This transformation of the press from sneers to smiles then particle them for those crimes to which their well be in better hands. Surly sectarists are entitles the conductors to not the least credit. The modification was forced upon them; the virus remains. The Ethiopian cannot readily change his skin, nor the leopard his spots. The press has three creed-words, " Will.it pay? "THE HUSBAND'S STRATEGY."

Such is the heading of an article relating to Mr. Farlin-clipped from a Battle Creek paper-and forwarded to Australia by the last mail. The following paragraph only concerns us :

"Mr. Farlin, it seems, has entered into an en-gagement with J. M. Peebles, the lecturer, to go to Galifornia on some sort of an enterprise, and thence to China and Egypt. He (Mr. Farlin) sent us the obituary notice, supposing that his with me in Wiscamin with the analysis wife was in Wisconsin, and that the announcement would not be contradicted before his object was accomplished."

Mr. C. F. Farlin, whom I never saw but once, "entered into" no "engagement" to accompany me to "China, Egypt, and around the world." recollection, ever passed between us. Dr. E. C. | late to learn ; I will commence now, yes, I will

Children's Department.

SUGGESTIVE STORY FOR GIRLS.

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CHAPTER IV.

"That's your opinión." "Do you insult me, Mr. Harvard ?" "Just as you please to term it."

"It is a pity you had not married some one to 'our mind."

"So it is."

We do not know how much longer the angry husband and wife would have talked, had Biddy not entered the room. Mr. Harvard took his hat and left the house, while Julia threw herself upon the sofa and burst into tears; poor girl, these were the first unkind words that had ever passed between them.

Long did Julia lie there; nine-ten-eleventwelve - and no husband; the agonizing wife pressed her face against the window-pane and listened for his well-known footsteps; but in vain; then 'she opened the door and looked out

in the night; then walking down the narrow path, and, leaning over the gate, gazed down the street. At last a sense of chilliness warned her of the danger of the damp air, and returning to the house, she retired to her foom, threw herself upon her couch and tried in vain to sleep. Where was he? why did he not come? The heart of the young wife was filled with strange and dreadful emotions. At length, when the little clock on the kitchen mantel-shelf rung-out the hour of two, the well-known footstep was heard in the hall. Julia's first impulse was to meet him kindly and confess her fault, but when she saw him safe at home, her pride arose, and a remark touching the lateness of the hour was the only greeting.

Thus commenced an estrangement between two once loving hearts. Julia, discouraged and vexed, after trying in vain to find a better "girl." settled down into a sort of desperate calmnessay, moroseness-endeavoring either to make herself or husband happy; while he, worried and annoyed, weary with daily care and anxiety, returned to his home, where he should have found rest and happiness, to find everything gloomy and disordered; an untidy room, a miserable meal: and frowns and sometimes unkind words for a welcome. At last he stayed from home almost entirely ; his dinner was eaten at the village tavern, his evening spent over a "social glass" with a few friends in the "club-room," and after a few weeks it was reported through the village that the young lawer, Mr. Harvard, had taken to drinking.

"Poor fellow I if he only had a little comfort at home; but his wife is too stuck up to descend to such meanness as making it so."

The sentence was spoken sadly, in a slightly sarcastic tone ; the speaker did not know that Julia was walking directly behind him, and heard every word; but could one have looked into the countenance of the young wife, they would not have doubted it.

"Has it indeed come to this?" she whispered to herself, and pressing her hand over her heart and pausing in her walk; "am I the cause of this? Is it because of my negligence that my husband is forsaking his home, and turning daily from me? Oh, the mistaken ideas that once possessed me ! but for a false gentility, I might now possess the undivided affections of my husband, and instead of a cheerless, untidy home, have one of neatness and order. But it is never too

colony, called the Dividing Range. The mowy Alps form the boundary, between Victoria and New South Wales. They range from 5000 to 6000 | but most of them are laid out, planted and ornafeet above the level, of the sea. The rivers of mented in the most approved style. Victoria are neither serviceable for steamers nor . The Encalyptus, and Acadas are the mational magnificent in appearance. Many of them dry trees. These energypts back in the gulfies and up during the summer months. To this the Yar- mountains rival, if not excel, the renowned ra, on the banks of which the metropolis is situ- forest-giants of California. Mr. Klein, measurated, is an exception. The country back in the ling a encalyptus on the Black Spur, found it four distance contains numerous salt and fresh water hundred and eighty feet high. The Munster lakes and lagoons. They are generally shallow, except when happening to be the craters of extinet volcanoes, THE CLIMATE.

Considering the latitude and marine position, feet in height; and yet these encalyptus trees popular yet progressive movements of the age, Nictoria can but enjoy a climate quite genial to would completely overshadow spin and pyramid-Europeans and Americans, Approximating the L. Australians have a keen relish for amusements. tropical, it constantly reminds me of New Or Cricket, football, racing, shooting, bay-fishing, tenns and the Gulf States generally. The weath and boating on the Yarra, are ever the "order of ; lesqued in the Weekly Punch, and pantomimed in er is oppressive only during the prevalence of the day." Holidays are frequent. At these sea- the theatres. The abuse commenced with the the hot northerly winds. They are something sons, arcades, stores, onlices are closed, business delivery of the first lecture in Temperance Hall. like the California winds in the valleys of the in-1 put aside, and the old become young again. terior, only more scorehingly-withering. The hottest of all the months is January, the coldest July. A thin ice and occasionally frosts are seen during the winter months, June, July, and is everywhere, in social life, the sunny and the policy-seeking press was pouring out "gall and August. These frosts vary in different portions shady side. In this city, sin abounds. Jails of the country, depending upon the elevation | push out their forbidding fronts. Criminals are above the level of the sea.

WHENCE THE COLONIAL PEOPLE? A small craft, aptly named the "Enterprise, was moored in 1835 fast to some trees on the ductions of the country. Few are so poor that by a red-faced individual connected with the well-grassed banks of the Yarra-Yarra, the bacco-Hotels and saloons are tended, with few ever-flowing. The funriteen souls on board this exceptions, by young women termed "bargraft have, together with the immigration, wi- maids." Handsome ones are sought to fascinate dened into a people. This river is some two hundred miles in length, flowing westerly to Mel- apple. The most elogicat of the Melbourne bourne from the Australian Alps. In 1866 Vic | clergymen lectures on "Christmas carols," wears toria numbered 622,098. It contains a much diamonds, sings comic songs, and "tips the glass faistion at present. Most of these stir-ring thousands have found their way-hither from of the press shake their rattles at all reformers. tionalities is a study. In the streams of immigra- But to published facts. The following telling you should get his hide stuffed, and preserve him tion the English-born have been foremost, the Irish second, and the Scotch third. This close | bourne Age. The author expresses himself social proximity-these family alliances-ce menting living representatives, will not only break down old barriers, but ultimately develop an Australian type of people, deeply interesting [to ethnologists.

INEQUALITY OF THE SEXES. "Male and female"—are they not about equal? The world, taken as a whole-is not the fact an unanswerable argument against polygamy This is Nature's census ! Mormonism is an Asian blot upon the face of American civilization. Equality in the number of the sexes is one of the first conditions necessary for the development of a people into a full, healthy national growth. There is a sad disproportion in some portions of this country. An admirer of Malthus has given me these figures. In the year 1838 there were but fourteen females to every one hundred males; but at the census in 1861 there were sixty-four females to every one hundred males. The disproportion is still less at the present time. Such inequality of ratio must necessarily affect the morals of a country. A recent census assures us that there are a million and a half more of women than men in England. Does not this fact foreshadow a speedy revolution?

as all of Great, Britain, exclusive of her islands y _Extensive areas have been reserved for parks In the seas. A chain of hills traverses the whole Those of the city and suburlis comprise in the acres. These reserves are not mere enclosures,

> spire of Strasbourg is the highest of any cathedral on the globe, sending its pinnacle to the height of four hundred and sixty-six feet. The great eup pass," Though addressing audiences in all pyramid of Cheops is four hundred and eighty

MELBOURNE MORALS.

Pictures necessarily have backgrounds. There flogged. This is a blotch upon penal legislation. Gold is chief among the gods worshiped. Mines Charles Bright, and published by W. H. Terry. and wines, wool and wheat are the staple prothey cannot indulge in colonial wines and toreveals the animus of a large portion of the religious and secular press, touching Spiritualism young men. It is the old story of Eve and the and its expositors : paragraph was clipped, from yesterday's Mel-

we may count a greater number of heary-headed old *libertimes*, for our population, than any other community in the world. And what else can be expected, when we find that among the legal, the medical, ay, and the *reverend professions*, among our legislators, our magistrates, and our highest civil servants, are to be found the men who foster these nurseries of vice into which innocent girls are decoyed, and damned, body and soul together? What else can we expect, when we know that among those libertines are married men who have marriageable daughters of their own—to their infinite shame and disgrace be it said? What else can we expect, when we know that numbers of the higher officers of the police frequent these dens, not to keep them in check, but to indulge in the vilest profligacy and vice It is well known that there are what are called 'respectable' brothels, that the common constades and the inferior officers of police are not allowed to interfere with; that when any 'distinguished' visitors of an airy turn of mind come to Melbourne, they are introduced to one or other of these places and the occupants by a gentleman in Melbourne holding a very high position in the government service, and who acts in all such cases as the procuror (!) for the procuresses." Over four thousand "outcast women," known · LECTURES AND PERSECUTION.

Heaven save sensitive reformers in all lands from the mockery of an unprincipled press, from priestly throats that vomit falschood, and churchal tongues that delight to lap blood. "Let the of the American States save two, upon the un-I have never been so unjustly criticised, basely misrepresented and shamefully villified as by a portion of the Victorian press. I have been bur-This was expected by some of the Spiritualists. Accordingly, Mr. Charles Bright, a literary gentleman, was sufficiently far-seeing to secure a superb short-hand reporter. And while a slimy, wormwood," lo, the lecture of the "vnlgar blasphemer" appeared in print, entitled "Spiritualism Defined and Defended." ably prefaced by The following, understood to have been written Melbourne Daily Telegraph-organ of the clergy -and appearing in the Dunedin Morning Star,

"If the 'Seer of the Ages' get your length in earth-life, you had better treat him well, for I aragraph was clipped, from yesterday's Mel-bourne Age. The author expresses himself "Gratified that a correspondent has called at-

tention to the state of humorality existing among the upper class of society, among which I think self the other night, when relieving his 'busting' heart : Au 'impudent American,' an 'impious pretender,' a 'long-haired apostate,' a 'specious humbug, 'a 'rabid hunatle,' an 'uncouth revival-ist,' a 'vulgar blasphemer.' These figures of speech might be indefinitely multiplied, and yet half the truth would not be told. This 'great and good man' (Peebles) in speaking works himself up to a frenzy; while with blood-shot eyes, and rolling tongue, and foaming mouth, he tells the opinion that some 'heathen Chinee' had forme of Christianity away somewhere in the far West He then maudles over a Yankee story about some poor youth mourning for his granny, whom he had never seen, and who came from 'Arabula' to pat him on the head. * * * On every occa-sion of his public appearance the same hysterical females, the same half-crazed, wild-looking men are to be seen ready to swallow anything and everything; the more absurd the better, and the londer they cer' (The new and heartful feith.' louder they cry 'The new and beautiful faith; 'there is no God, but Peebles is a prophet.'

In the strength of a high-toned Spiritualism giving assurance of attending angels, a man may richly afford to despise all insult, and all false hood thrown upon him, all railing at his country, or at his spiritual convictions, from the unclean lips of priests, and the paid creatures of

our departure, and is now with us in Australia. healing and giving scances. When wolves protect lambs, when frosts kiss to life the fading flowers, when tyrants sing the psalm of liberty, lect of truth. Will Jeremiah Brown or Dr. Spencer see that the correction is inserted in the. journals of Battle Creek, Michigan ?

THE SEASON.

A December day this, approaching Christmas. The weather, though warm, is not oppressive, Rains are frequent. The having season over, farmers are harvesting their wheat. Mining continues on a large scale, and new mines are occasionally discovered. Deeply are-we indebted to Dr. Motherwell for several drives into the country; also to Mr. Carson, a florist and horticulturist, who recently took us through villas toward the mountains. The fields and farming-lands, hedged around with sweet-brier, were under fine cultivation, and the scenery magnificent. Mr. Carson has in his fruit orchard thirty varieties of oranges, several varieties of lemons, Japanese loquots, and nearly all the European fruits. Walking through the market this morning, I saw ripe raspberries, currants, gooseberries, black. berries, plums, apples, apricots, almonds, and pears. When these Australian colonies cut them. selves entirely loose from English domination, constituting an independent federation, they will develop their hidden resources, and reveal the richness of their intellectual capacities. Invited to lecture upon Spiritualism in New Zcaland, I sail for this South-Sea isle about the 10th of next month

Melbourne, Aus., Dec. 17th, 1872.

THE GHOST OF THE SCHOOL-HOUSE,
BY OBSCURUS.
Who is this young and gentle ghost That comes in suit of brown? What name or title can he boast, Who shakes the staid old town?
What is the business or the trade Of one so young and fair ? Why mounts he to the attic's shade That sunny smile to wear?
Can it a pleasure be to him To watch for rod and rule? Or, is it all a ghostly whim To learn the tricks at school?
These puzzling questions fill the ear, And rack the weary brain, ' When lo', the learned Board appear And spare, us further pain. No ghost is there, the Board declare;
He hammers not, nor saws ; For every sound that fills the air, They find at hand a cause.
Should this be all, the fright is o'er; The stir was all in vain; That smiling face will come no more, No brush e'er dance again !
But should the ghost have sleeping been When learned men were nigh, Who knows what victories he may win When Boards have passed him by? —[Amesbury Villager.
There's small revenge in words, but words

may be greatly revenged.

Sloth and silence are a fool's virtues

Dunn arranged to go, several months previous to | put an end to this, and strive to the utmost to again be what I once was to my husband; and learn what I once despised, to be a good housekeeper."

The next morning Biddy was dismissed, and, without informing her husband of her intentions, Julia went to work ; she was in good spirits, for she wished to surprise her husband with a neat home and nice supper. So she did not stop to wonder if rolled up sleeves were becoming, if a broom and dust-pan were unfashionable articles but commenced with great energy. But Julia knew nothing of that part of housework, for in a few moments such a dust was raised as to almost blind and suffocate her, settling upon books, fur-niture, curtains, &c., much to her discomfiture. We will pass over washing dishes, making

beds, and other things, which, however, took up the entire forenoon. - Although she tried her very best, everything had a particularly slovenly appearance, and one 'o'clock P. M. found her, weary and almost discouraged, and the kitchen still in disorder. The sink was filled with dirty dishes, rusty knives, broken tumblers, and cold dish-water; the cupboard, with half-washed dishes, shelves covered with crumbs, spices scraps of cold meat and mouldy cheese, which formed a very disgusting sight; the white, smooth floor covered with grease and dried dough ; the pretty cherry table had lost its varnish, and the stove, once so black and shining, wore a very different appearance. Poor Julia ! she was very weary and almost discouraged; and, all these things meeting her view, she sat down, rested her face on her hands, and burst into tears.

But that would not do ; there was nothing for supper-nothing cooked in the house but some cold, burned meat and a few dry crumbs of bread With a heavy heart Julia took her cook-book and looked over a number of recipes.

"Yes, that will do; biscuits and butter, some nice preserves Jane made before she left, and some cookies, or some kind of cake-let me see?" And she named the different ingredients of which each was composed, and finally set to work in earnest.

Reader, if you never made a cake you can im agine how perfectly ignorant was Julia.

"Butter, eggs, buttermilk, soda ! let me see-I guess this is soda ! yes, it says so on the box," and Julia proceeded to mix the aforesaid articles together; but, to her astonishment, the cake, instead of being a delicate color, was almost black "I suppose it will be lighter when baked. Le me see-bake in a quick oven ! Wonder what a quick oven is ! Well, the fire is all out, as true as the world!" and with this soliloquy she burst into tears.

Yes, sure enough, the fire was out, every spark and, turning to the wood-box for shavings, her flowing sleeve caught in a cup of melted butter on the table, upsetting the contents upon her dress, and breaking the dish. As she stooped to the floor to pick up the fragments, the flounce of her thin dress caught on the corner of the stove hearth, making a sad rent; and, raising her head from its stooping position, she gave it a stunning blow under the table. Almost dizzy with pain and overcome with vexation, after a half-hour of blowing and puffing, the fire began to burn. Julia placed the cake in the oven, and as she saw, according to the cook-book, it must bake

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three-quarters of an hour, looked at the clock. and calculated the time it would be done. Five minutes-ten-fifteen-twenty; it would n't bake. More wood was put into the stove ; and as some other things needed her attention, she did not look to it again until the striking of the clock reminded her that it must be done. And Julia tried to take it from the pan, but found it impossible.

"Oh, dear! what shall I do?" and again the tears streamed down her cheek. She was a picture then very different from the morning she said, "Never fear that I shall ever be engaged in, kitchen labors." Then, reclining on her crimson damask sofa, she dreamed not of a day like this. Ring, ring, ring.

"Oh-olt! who can it be?" Julia glanced at her torn and dirty dress, at her arms and hands, covered with burns, smut and dough. Her hair was standing out in a very fantastic manner. partly unconfined by combs or pins, while her face was smutty, wet with tears, and her eyes red with weeping. Oh, what a plight! Gentle reader or tidy housewife, believe me, such was the appearance of Julia-the proud, scornful Julia Harvard.

Ring, ring, ring-ring, ring ! That would not do: there must be something exceedingly and very urgent to cause such a summons. Forgetting her appearance, Julia now obeyed the call. and, the next moment, stood facing her sister Louise, and Mr. Leslie, her husband. We can better imagine than describe the meeting.

Mr. Leslie was going West on business, and Louise accompanied him. The surprise was intended to be a pleasant one, although to Julia it was a very mortifying one. But Mr. Leslie made an excuse to go and attend to the baggage, really so as to leave the two sisters alone; and Julia, after confessing her past trials, begged her sister to forgive her past faults, and lend her a little assistance in her hour of great need.

It is useless to tell how willingly that assistance was granted. Louise went to the kitchen. and after laughing at her sister a little for using indigo for soda, because the articles had exchanged boxes, told her sister to go to her room and dress, and she would attend to the supper.

In the first place the dishes were washed, the cupboard wiped out nicely, and things put in order. The sink was removed of its load, and the room swept nicely. Louise did everything quietly and quickly; there were no steps lost; every turn and movement counted, and when she had put everything in its proper place, the biscults were made, table set ; and when Julia again appeared, Louise was ready to sit down and talk with her.

Not long after Mr. Leslie and Mr. Harvard came in, and Louise was as engaging and ladylike as if she sat in the parlor all the time. There was not a very great variety for supper that evening, but the biscuits were light and nice. and Mr. Harvard thought it the best meal he had eaten for a long time.

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Louise spent a month with her sister, and during that time a wonderful change had taken place in the cottage. Let us peep in, kind reader, as they sit around the cheerful fire in the cosy little parlor. Louise has returned home, yet the order and neatness have not gone. Julia sits by the table, busily engaged with her needle, while her husband, with a pleasant countenance and cheerful voice, is reading aloud. The light of the pretty astral lamp reveals the neatness of the room, and streams through the door into the kitchen, falling upon the cupboard with its snowy dishes and white shelves, gleaming upon the bright tinware, and resting upon the cleanoaken floor. If any one would notice carefully, they would observe that there was a place for everything, and everything in its proper placeone of the great mysteries of good housekeeping.

For the Banner of Light, TO MRS. "I. G. D."

Angel forms are hovering 'round me, Angels from the Land of Light-Where the skies are never clouded. But forevermore are bright.

And the brightest one among them Is thy sainted babe so dear ; I can feel her presence near me. And her angel-voice can hear.

And I see her floating o'er me, On her wings of golden light; She is clothed in flowing garments, Crystal wrappings, snowy white! .-

From her brow of wondrous beauty, Shadows of the sunniest brown Fall like waves of rippling sunshine, AGhiden, as her cherub crown.

And her tiny hands are playing On a harp of sweetest chord,

While her little heart is singing, "I am happy with the Lord !"

In reply to the abore, sent to me, and purporting to have come from the spirit-world ?

I have read your spirit vision, Of my heart's celestial Dove," Telling of her bright Elysian, In the azure courts above.

1 would fain believe that angels. From their starry realms of light, Chanting in their love-evangels,

Are revealed to mortal sight. But my soul has only seen them In rare snatches of a dream, When the glory of their glances

Were betrayed on slumber's screen. Then sometimes, though rare the blessing,

I have clasped a beauteous form, Which I kept by ardent pressing,

Till the breaking of the dawn: I have prayed in this heart-yearning,

For one token, or a sign, That should quench this inner burning

With assurances divine! But the heavenly heights lie buried

In a mist so yast and deep, Where the pale and shadowy angels Their eternal vigils keep-

Only in life's grander moments,

When our faith transcends our fears, Gleams of glory light "the river," And death's miracle appears.

Then the eyes that read so dimly, From the Book of Nature given, With celestial vision gifted, Thread the starry fields of Heaven.

And "the shadows of the valley" Break against "the shining shore," Where the loved and loving gather, To be severed-nevermore !

Glorious day of Life Immortal! In full radiance to descend. Bringing Death to us-the portal Unto Life ! and not its end !

Gunston Hall, Virginia. I. G. D.

Banner Correspondence.

Maine.

NORWAY .- Mrs. R. Lombard writes. Feb. 12th : When your appeal, dear Banner, came for aid, we did not stop to renew our subscription, and, we did not stop to renew our subscription, which we shall do soon; indeed we hardly gave you an introduction to our band, but sent on post haste what little we could spare, knowing that what was designed must be done quickly, or our dear Banner, laden with words more precious they cold would come to us more. We reupar manner, laden with words more precious this country." This petty persecution of this country." This petty persecution of Mr. gretted exceedingly that our means were too expect should they succeed as they will the may hundred. Amited to send more. The Pine Grove Progressive Band has been orher duty. ganized about four months. We have held our sittings regularly twice a week at the Pine Grove Cottage, midway between South Paris and Nor way Village, a benutiful spot, well fitted for the sweet communion which we enjoy with the angel-world Our band numbers just six, one of which is a blind man, but who is a "seeing me-dium." He sees a band of spirits encircling our band ; sometimes a double circle is described. He also sees them singing with us, and gives accurate descriptions of our friends who have passed from this to the higher life. Ills wife is a writ ing and drawing medium. She draws with the left hand entirely, though she is not left-handed We also have a healing medium, who is rapidly developing. We look upon him as a god-send who is to save us from drugs and quack medi-From this medium we get messages from cines. our dear ones who have passed over the river. The remainder of our band are clairvoyant and impressive. We get 'excellent tests, and our Mine was a lonely spirit, thirsting for that drink which the angels alone can bring; starving for some message from my dear companion, who was taken from me a few months ago. I believed in the return of spirits, but I did not know it, as I now do. Many years ago I joined the Metho-dist Church, (and for aught I know my name is there still), yot I never believed in a burning hell. My belief in the future was nearly the same as that which we get from the angel world : and yet notwithstanding the harmony between my belief and Spiritualism, I gave it a careful inves-tigation of about twenty years, before I embraced it. I now enjoy it, and am ready to proclaim it to the world. My work is made plain to me, and I glory in it. My object in writing, is to encour-age others who are thirsting for the waters of life, yea, literally starving for spiritual food, to organize in circles, as we have done. At our first sittings we got merely nothing, with the exception of an assurance that our angel friends were with us, which encouraged us to persevere. Now we are living on the mount, having a view of that blissful land whose gates are thrown wide open, while angels guard the way and lead us on. My spirit goes out in thankfulness toward our spirit hand who put it into our hearts to meet in circles and encouraged us on, till our watchword has become, "Onward and Upward," and our song is "Glory to God in the Highest." spirit surroundings are very pure, and our sit-tings a heaven below. California. BROOKLYN .- A correspondent furnishes us with an account of several private scances re-cently held in the parlors of Tubbs's Hotel, by Dr. Peter West, of Chicago, at which were pres-ent five ladies and five gentlemen, among whom were Mical Tubbs, Esq., Mrs. Esther Knox, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Maynard, (of Gold Hill, Nev.,) Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Lukes. The ga was burning brightly, and the room was so light that all could see plainly what was going on. Messages were written on the slate with a bit of husband, I am yours. I want you to walk in the light the remainder of your days on earth. Mehitable Tubbs." This proved to be Mr. Tubbs's wife, who passed to the spirit-world last fall. Raps-were heard distinctly, and a band of little children, some of whom were her nicees, were with Mrs. Tubbs, each one giving distinct raps. Another message was written on the slate as fol-

spirit-life a few months ago from Cincinnati, O. At one of the scances, this message was written on the slate with a bit of penell as before men-tionsly inclined, warned people to beware of the source of the scance of the scance of the states of the deliving warned people to beware of the deliving which served as an advertisement, and "James Holland." This spirit was seen and de-serbed so fully by Dr. West, the medium, that he was readily identified. At each scance a drum was placed inder the table, and was played upon with both sticks, keeping time, with any time whistled or sume correctly. This was considered was placed under the table, and was played upon with/both' sticks, keeping time, with any time whistled or sung, correctly. This was considered wonderful, as no mortal hands' touched the sticks, which were in plain sight when beat-ing the drum. The drum was passed up from under the table and held suspended where, all could see it, and no one touching it; the drumsticks were also floated in the air free from con tact with anything. The materializing of hands was noticeable and satisfactory. All the parties named above, who attended the scances, attest to the truthfulness of this account. Many persons have been awakened to an infer-est in the spiritual philosophy after attending the scaleces by Dr. West, and will continue their

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investigations. BROOKLYN.-Fannie T. Young, writing under a recent date, speaks of the beautiful climate ske has enjoyed while those of the North were suffering from the inclemencies of winter, and

gives a description of the Tubbs House, of which Micul Tubbs (formerly landlord of the National Hotel, Boston, Mass.) is keeper and proprietor. She says the building is fine in appearance outside, and contains nearly two hundred rooms in-side, and contains nearly two hundred rooms in-side. All throughout is well arranged for con-venience and comfort. The dining-room is the largest she has ever been in. Mr. Tubbs and his daughter—Mrs. Knox—are interested in our glo-rious faith. He feels that, at his age, there is tor sites to have it arranged for the spirits' home, where they may draw their powers in all the various phases,

New Jersey.

VINELAND .--- Ellen Dickinson writes : In behalf of the Society of the Friends of Progress in Vincland, I request you to publish the following

mult of the Society of the Friends of Progress in Vineland, I request you to publish the following resolutions: <u>Prive S7</u>, HALA, Vineland, N. J., <u>Example Century, Fig. 2</u>, S53, J. Resolved, That we, the Spiritualists and Friends of Pro-gress, of Vineland, New Jersey, hereby sightfy our high appreciation of and graditude for the spiritual and progres-sive ministrations of O, P. Kelogg, of Ohio, in our midsl, where, for the fast two months, by his most unlose, un-thous and popular lectures and addresses, on ordinary, fes-tival, antiversary and functal occasions, but no less by his genial, affable and many "daily walk and conversation," he has so endeared himself to us all that we very regret fully part with him as with an infinite boson friend, a noble defender of our faith, and a special strengthener of our hearts, heads and hands during the hate "revival 'on-sharght on our filterial principles. *Resolved*, That in his well-high inexhaustible fund of humorous and pathetic ancedores, includents quest) in his charand common-sense treatment of the great hybrid issues of this He and of the He to come -but no less in his frequent lofty flights of imagination and ideality, we re-rognize the special kind of unitistration which, in our oph-and preservation of the unitistration which, in our oph-mend this day, most conductive to the liferatization and spiritualization of the unitistration which, in our oph-mend the refined. *Resolved*, That we fervently and conscientionsly recom-mend this unique and characteristic features of the indepar-tion is a startheod. *Resolved*, That we fervently and conscientionsly recom-mend this unique and characteristic lecture - this child of Nature and of Genitas-to all the Spiritual and Progressive Societies throughout the hand. *Resolved*, That and or as who can do so will accompany him, (on his departure to-more more more, by other spiritual hom in this unique and characteristic lecture - this child of Nature and of Genitas-to all the Spiritual and Progressive societies thr

by '' while singing '' I know parents... spiritual songs. *Resolved*. That-we all look forward with great pleasure to the time when we shall again welcome him to our infast, earnestly hoping that that there may not be far distant. The foregoing resolutions were passed unaninously,

VINELAND.-S. A. W. Harvey, writes, March 11th : Who will say the religious ground of often prophesied is not already inaugurated, and ere we are aware of it will have its and our liberties in its iron grasp? John Gage has been summoned to appear before a Justice, to answer to the charge of descerating the Sablath. He was peaceably chopping wood in his back yard, when one of the Lord's involuted entered and found him thus employed. The result was as above stated.

stated. Spiritualists, Infidels, Liberals, I fell you "eter-nal vigilance is the price of liberty." Just so sure as you fold your arms in idleness and inac-tion, just so sure all that is worth living for is gone. You cannot afford to do this. One needs but to look at the record of that Christian Con-canton to be accurated if the abunchusch of that rentian to be assured of the correctness of their purpose. Rev. Dr. Tyng says, "We will have an acknowledgment of this faith (the orthodox God, Christ and Bible) in the Constitution of

in this place. It has started quite an interest among skeptics as well, as those who never have taken the trouble to give the subject a serious thought. Many good tests were given, and still more are called for.

Arkansas.

BRADLEY POST OFFICE.-A correspondent informs us that, "the good cause has just reached this section," "On Feb, 15th James N. and Frank M. Marks delivered addresses there concerning the "True Religion of God," the services being attended by several elergymen.

Ohio.

RANDOLPH.- A correspondent says: K. Graves has been tecturing here. His fast discourse was the best 1 ever heard in my life.

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Proceedings of the National Convention of Liberalists and Spiritualists at Cleveland, Feb. 10th, 1873.

Proceedings of the National Convention of Lib-eralists and Spirimalists at Cleveland. Feb. 19th, 1873; First Inty, The Convention wet pursuant to the adver-its of vetal, "at to orcheck A. u., at Temperature Hall, Cleveland, and was called to order by J. W. Exarts, Mr. W. W. Van Druver, of Cleveland, was elected President probastic, R. J. When, of Morrishan, N. Y. Vice Pres-ident, and J. W. Evarts, Scenetary. Mr. Evarts stated the obsets of the Convention, briefly reveland, and was called to order by J. W. Exarts, Mr. W. W. Van Druver, Scenetary. Mr. Evarts stated the obsets of the Convention, briefly revelying the needs of social reconstruction, and claiming that pravilled work would hovive a large amount of capi-tal, and that sold capital could not be inoved in that direc-tion without a sufe investment upon an effective plan; that neething relied work would hovive a large amount of capi-tal, and that sold capital could not be inoved in that direc-tion without a sufe investment upon an effective plan; that out the entered more, with statey; that this hash-globag arong with the screicht of the work states of human setthood would therein be wholly satisfied. Hothen read the "Call" of the Convention, stating that one of its prime objects was the entered more of the work of a stating due to all persons, and the demando of thomanity, and the instituent of the human rare into a condition where there is no under prominence of either sex above the other, and that age after age has rolled on, enveloped in the some suble panoply. He claimed that science is the only true re-demered humanity; that it sustained an equitable duality throughout the domains of matter and spirit, and unfolded the harinomous biending of the more that and equitable duality throughout the domains of matter and spirit, and unfolded the harinomous biending of the more read lefters from both seves supporting the purposes of the Convention-emanating from persons in various quarters of the life integra-tion when human functions industry is ma

Mr. R. P. Wilson took the floor and dwelf at length upon the utility and homelicence of the Joint-stock plant consid-

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The following 'National Committee on Correspondence was appendictl' R. H. Whistow, Chleago; H. F. M. Brown, National City, Cal. J. W. P. Evits, Contrada, Illinois, T. C. Lehnd, 20 Sixth avenue, New York City; Dr. H. T. Child, 60 Race street, Philadophilis, John Orivs, Boston; Fainty Wilson, Clevennid; R. P. Wilson, Morrisanha, N. Y. C. A. Cridžer, Washington, D. C.; H. J. Louing, St. Louis, Mex, Box 2722; Addie L. Bailon, Jennie Leys, Mu-ses Hull, Mex, A. B. Severance, Mitwankee; Joel Moody, Mound City, Kan as, The toilowide; were then adopted: Readed, Thetal persons interested in the organization of Hermonical Hones in their several localities are request-ed to correspond with eithers of the committees, chronisting two three period with eithers and there in the formation of the two three period with eithers.

ed forcents pound with either of the committees, chefosing two threes end stamps. Recorded, That all persons desiring a full report of the proceedings of the kirst National Convention of the Amer-ican Compress of Social Science can obtain the same by sending to J. W. Evarts, Contradia, 10. enclosing scients, The following resolutions were cohered and manimumly affected, With one discenting volce. Recorded, That Victoria J. Weedhuit and Tennie C, Chalin, and others who have sub-related unthen for alyo-rating phenoles of universit and evact usive and nor retaining hypertisy, deserve the thanks of American effi-ters.

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In motion, J. W. Evans was appointed a Committee on Printing. Further discussion took place upon the subject of loca-

J. W. EVARTS: Secretary, (Boston Investigator please copy.)

Scientific. COSMOGRAPHY:

A DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIVERSE. NUMBER EIGHTEEN. informer.

BY LYSANDER S. RICHARDS.

The development of the seed, or plant growth, simply the extension and increase of cells. These cells are minute globithar bags, and multiply very rapidly in the unward shoot, or trunk and branches, and also in the downward shoot or root. Through the microscope one can readily. view the structure of these cells, and the circulation of sap passing through some of them. The cells harden into cellulose or wood as they multiply, or new ones are formed. The rapid increase of cells is perhaps nowhere, better illustrated than upon the Alps, in what is called red snow. This was not supposed to be of vegetable origin until recently, when through the analytic power of the microscope, minute, vegetable cells were discovered, and it was classed among the Cryptogamic, or flowerless plants. The interoscope reyeals that these interoscopic plants are made up of flat globules, with a disk, and within filled with minute cells, which, when sufficiently developed, protrude from the parent-plant, and new disks are formed, which continually multiply, so that in the space of a few hours these little cells. survad over the surface of jummense glaciers, exlending many miles. The vegetation that first appeared upon the earth's surface was probably interoscopie; a pinch, of the same lodged on the end of the finger would comprise a million plants. This microscopic vegetation exists to-day, covering and coloring some of our rocks, and the botanist is able to delect the species to which each . plant belongs. During the early existence of vegetation animals appeared upon our planet, their stature corresponding undoubtedly to the microscopic figure of the plant, and upon which these little creatures subsisted to sustain life. Vegetation in all its forms and varieties is supdied with food through the roots, not at the extreme end or tip, but at a little distance therefrom, through what is called root hairs-roots which are so small the eye is unable to detect them on most plants, but upon the roots of wheat. turnips, parsnips, carrots and a few other plants. they are readily observed, with the earth clinging to them, without the aid of the microscope These, root hairs follow the new growth of root. lets, and as rapidly as the older portion of the root is formed the root hairs become useless to that portion, decay, and drop off, develop uponthe new, and supply the entire plant-the giant. oak, as well as the mustard-with all the food that enables it to grow. They are, in fact, the great absorbants, and when the plant is removed, care should be taken to remove the soil ad pulled off or in any manner injured. The food for the plant must be in solution, or in a liquid state, before it can be absorbed by the robts. The mineral solids about them are pulverized through the action of water or some chemical agency, and dissolved or rendered soluble, the root habs absorb them, and upward they flow through the vascular ducts or cells of the plant, and add new cells or growth. The leaves also perform the office of supplying some nourishnent, but the amount is very small. In a dry season, when the rain falls, upon the wilted leaves, they do not absorb it, as does a dry sponge. The foliage exhales moisture and inhales but little, the rain falling thereon checks the exhalation, and the plant ceases wilting, and as the water falls and percolates through the soil, reaching the roots, the latter absorb it and send t miward to the foliage, and the exhalation con-The morning dew performs the same tinues. The morning dew performs the same office, the moistened atmosphere surrounding the leaves of the plant acts as a wet sheet thrown over them, it checks further exhalation of moistare-the wilting ceases, and the plant revives; but when the sun rises, and the dew evaporates, the foliage becomes warm and dry, the datep, cold sheet is removed, the willing then continues com succe is removed, the wining men continues: infil the roots in the soil are supplied with water —wilting, in fact, being due to the leaves exhal-ing moisture more rapidly than the roots can in-hale or absorb it. Maize, during a bot summer, will exhale thirty-six times its weight of water. A large-sized sunflower, or cabbage, will exhale three points of water in a single day; a square foot of pasture grass, five and a half pounds. To this constant evaporation or exhalation the cir-

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human selfishness- it is a urvine principle, and its model payable for it. Muss. M. 16. Lane, Samuel Ware and N. E. Marey, as old soldlers in the cause of cooperative hubsity and social re-form, spoke with great and ability in layor of immedi-ate work, having no fears of certain success. Adjourn-ment antil Friday, 2.5. M. *Third Day.* - Beperts of committees were presented and accepted, and the Convention resolved to go into general observations of the merits and demerits of cooperative indus-ter.

The sewing is laid aside, and Julia seats herself at the plain but rich-toned plano and plays a sweet good-night song. Then Charles draws his chair to her side, saying,

"I have good news for you, Julia : I have paid the last cent we owed for this little cottage, and it is now ours ; and another item, too : Jane sent me word to-day she will return and take her old place next week. I am very glad for your sake, although a better housekeeper could not be known.."

"Then you would not prefer this same house keeper, Charles? Believe me when I say that I have learned the art of housekeeping, and the labor is not hard when one understands it. We are both young, our means are limited, and I find that I enjoy much better health in active employment than moping in the parlor."

" But, my dear----"

"Now don't make any objections ; let me have my own way this time!" and Julia kissed her husband playfully, then, turning to the plano, played, while he joined with his deep, manly voice in singing :

"Home, home, sweet, sweet home! There's no place like home! there is no place like home!

THEIR THOUGHTS AND OUR THOUGHTS.

BY JOHN W. CHADWICK.

Six years have faded since she went away, Six years for her to live in heavenly places To learn the look of blessed angel faces ; Six years to grow as only angels may.

I wonder oft what she is doing there,

By the still waters that forever flow ; What mighty secrets she has come to know ; What graces won, divinely sweet and fair.

I wonder who of those that went before. And those that followed on her shining way, She has met there in Heaven's auroral day; And if they talk their earth-life o'er and o'er.

I think this very morning they are met, She and one other only three years gone. In some dear place in Heaven, secure and lone To talk of things they never can forget.

For I am sure that naught of their new life, No grace or glory that is there revealed, The fountains of past love has ever scaled, That these will ever be with sweetness rife.

I cannot think of them as they are now, Of the new light that shines upon their faces cannot image forth their angel graces; And I am glad, so glad, that it is so.

We shall get used to such things by-and-by ; The angels will not miss the look they wore; For us they wear the look they wore before No other look with that, for us, can vie.

So we will think of them just as they were, Their voices sweet and all their pleasant ways; And thoughts like these shall help us through

the days, Until we go to meet them where they are. -N. Y. Independent.

Ever since follies have pleased, fools have been able to divert.

It is better to take many injuries than to give

Without justice courage is weak.

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The hall was well filled with an intelligent and lows: "Good evening, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard," and signed "Rose Pottorff," which proved to be a dear friend of Mrs. Maynard's, who passed to holy. The call was well responded to, suggestive

Pennsylvania.

LOTTSVILLE, WARNEN CO.-James Loff writes: A few friends in this place formed a developing circle, something over a year, ago, for spirit manifestations of any and all kinds that might be obtained from those of our spirit-friends who felt disposed or desired to satisfy our wants. Dur circle was formed by directions received from those spirit-friends who profess to work for development in this and in other circles, "We have continued our sittings weekly, and sometimes oftener, during the year. Promises were made by our spirit-friends, through a number of me-diums, that various phases of mediumship would e developed, and that we would be visited by various mediums without any exertion by members of the circle. More or less influence has been condensed on each member of the circle, seeing, healing, and speaking powers being the result. Other powers are promised by our spiritriends as we continue to investigate.

Directions were given for forming the circle by Mrs. Stowell, with a request that the circle be held at the house of the writer. Mrs. Stowell is well and favorably known as a successful clairroyant, diagnosing and prescribing for disease, nd treating magnetically. She has, in connection with this circle, been receiving new powers for magnetic healing. We are informed that her levelopment is to prepare her for ministering to disease by magnetic remedies in a new form. Different members of this circle bave received healing influence, and are to be prepared for such

work in the future. Mrs. Hannah, T. Stearns has been giving monthly lectures for some time past in this place. Mrs. Stearns is well liked, and will receive calls to lecture in Northwestern Pennsylvania and Southwestern New York. Her address is Corry, Erie Co., Pa.

Michigan.

DETROIT,-M. T. Lanston writes, March 12 I want to congratulate you on the resurrection of the Banner of Light. The ordeal through which it has passed seems to have improved it. paper is becoming more and more interesting, and is filled with new inspiration from the minds of its contributors. We are traveling, and are not so situated as to subscribe for the Banner, but buy the numbers at the bookstores. Our Banner of Light sheds its rays in nearly every large bookstore in our cities. One year ago it was al-most impossible to find a number in the stores.

Hence we conclude that the readers of this paper are on the increase.

Massachusetts.

AYER.-Elijah Myrick, writing March 16th says: I have the pleasure of reporting another successful gathering of Spiritualists in Ayer, to listen to the iconoclastic utterances of Bro. Fletcher; subject: "If a man die, shall he live again ?" He negatived the postulate, and aftirmed that he continued to live after the transition as before. He said the seets declared Spiritualism the worst of all religions, and he felt obliged for the compliment. If, at last, the end of the rope was reached, there was hope ; for they felt cortain of saving themselves, and as many more might be saved as would "do the works," bating ' the doctrines,'

appreciative audience; and an invitation for re-inforcements in the evening, with more of those convenient and comprehensive weapons, labeled

the utility and henchence of the joint stock plant co-ered it the only plan that could continued the wealth of world to the use of ameliorating the present could be humanity.

humanity, Dr. A. Underhill (a brother of the late venerable Samuel Underhill) dwelt at length, and with great power of logic, upon the communistic order of association, and believed that a community of goods was the only true road to millen-niat file.

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

DECLARATION OF PRESCIPLES. The ft known that we, American Socialists, hold these traths to be self evident, that all persons are created indi-vidual, and endowed by creative principles with certain in-alienable rights, among which are personal sovereignts, intrainmeted lives, and the pursuit of happinesy. Ist, That we view the past history of humanity as one class of people upon another, of one nation upon another, of religious seets upon each other, of political conduct-tions, of capital upon hibor, and in retirn hibber upon another, of religious seets upon each other, of political conduc-tions, of capital upon hibor, and in retirn hibber upon capi-tal, and more especially of the mide sex upon the woman-hood of humanity. M. That his keeping with the aggressions of one part of our race upon the other part, we have as a result the mental and physical sufferings, war, pestilence, vice, crime, pris-ons and the gallows.

24. That in keeping with the aggressions of one part of our rare upon the other part, we have as result the mental and physical sufferings, war, pesthence, vice, crime, prisons and the gallows.
 36. The absolute selfishness than pervales all the domestic and instances relations of men and women stiffs, the human file and divine principle of low, degrades manhoed and womendoed allke, makes one party a master or tyrant, and the other a slave or traitor.
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 46. That the present modes of life are tending to establish systematized absimulation and trackberyth every department of human life, marital, domestic, the anetal, religions and political.
 47. Therefore, that the people have ourget way for the creations, it follows that when in the course of human events it is found by experiment for a they are the accessory to change, the same, or to create new associations, to indee the requirements of our modes and the people have ourget, such as the stand of progressive matures, it is found to progressive and the public to my or parts in the four of these change. The present system of human type of this created as a stant when the life of the spectrations, having a constant of progressive men and women to add in the information of a new order of things. The present system of humany is defective in its operations, having a constant of humany is defective in the operations, having a constant of humany is defective in the operations should receive its intermed and ernsh on the form of all profits arising therefore, that and hybriding and the proster of humany is defective in the present of human progressing their addition of all human progressing their addition of all human progressing their additions and introducing case hyse and conserve the product where a mather of mutant is a strict there walk here the addited have of the second of the t

Resoured, That all principles are divine and progressive in their operation. *Resoured*, That we recognize a self-existent and eternal (ind, who is both Father and Mother, and who is soluti-mately related to all rational beings that the ultimately could and development of all is only a question of time. *Resourced*, That man is tool's Providence on the earth-and that in cooperation with our friends in spirit-life it is the highest duty of man to produce the hest possible equal-tions for buning progress. *Resourced*, That this convention recommend in all abor-or cooperative associations that the system of wages to its own members he repudated, and that dividenable manu-ally declared buy on the net profits of the Association. The Constitution and By-Laws, as presented by the Com-mittee, were then taken up, read, discussed, amended and adopted scription, but left multiplication and Maturalay. 9 A. M.

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 Fourth Data, - The forcebooy was spent in making amend-ments to fity Lawer-general discussion, etc.
 Earce, M., Report of Committee on Locations was taken up. Mr. Evants reported 01, 4, Loring, Tiox 202, 81, Louis, Mo., has a farm in South-west Missouri of three-dundred and skity acres, and buildings for fifty funnates, T., Bosh, Jamestown, Fentress Co., Tenn., has one thousand genes, and large house: will put it all in as is aneedy well-sharled.
 E. P. Grant and E. V. Boissiere, of Williamsburg, Kan., E. P. Grant and E. V. Boissiere, of Williamsburg, Kan., have three thousand acress large buildings are in powers of erection; bustness, slik culture and manufacturing. Lather Chough, Skiddy, Kan., twenty thousand acres, hot yet par-chased. R. P. Wilsion, Mortislanda, N. Y., favors Cen-tralfa, III, et J. W. Evaris, Centralia, H., represents that place as a desirable location. All of the alove named par-tices invite applications from parties whelly ripe for associa-tive life, and none others; and the last mand require two threes do likewise.
 The following resolutions were offered and passed : *Resolved*, That the constitution and by-laws which this

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LIGHT OF BANNER

Contents of this Number of the Banner. First Paper ¹¹ Insanity and Insane Asylums, ¹¹ a lecture by Rev. William R. Alger. Science: "Letters of Travel,"

by J. M. Peebles: "Poem ""The Ghost of the School House;" "Suggestive Story for Gris," *Third*, Poetry "Their Thoughts and Our Thoughts," by John W. Chide wick, and "To Mrs. 1, G. D.; " Banner Correspondence? "Olno. Proceedings of the National Convention of LPCTalists and Spiritualists, (2) "Cosmography, (2) by Lysander S. Richards, "Foresthe and Tittle," Editorial department, items, etc. Stather spirit Messages; List of Spiritualist Obitimities, etc. Sciently Advertisements, Rightly Western Correspondences by Warren Chase, etc.

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Banner of Light.

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A Quarter of a Century.

Monday completes the history of the first quarevent will be, duty observed by the Spiritialists hay of hope, or the warming presence of sympaof Boston and of the entire country. In the thy, Any one is as liable to be overtaken by great social contres, particularly, the tgatherings these diabolical plots, and made a despairing, dy of believers will be gratefully worthy of the ined the prisoner. The acting motive is generally cupressive occasion, a Those of this city and vist pidity, sometimes a long-nourished, revenge, and cipity are to assembly in Music Hall on Monday i occasionally pure malice working through a wanevening, to mingle their supercland, joyous con- ; ton determination to show power. The tales, gratulations, and listen to some of their favorite ; which have come to our own ears from those who and most distinguished speakers. In this grand have been personal victims in this respect would, overflow of fraternal feeling should be drowned, on rehearsal, harrow the soul. They are simply forever every vestige of selfish ambition and in- coutside of every limit, within which the attrispiritual scheming, which hufts none but those butes of common humanity have an existence. who mistakenty permit themselves to be thus 4. On the first page of this issue will be found a falsely inspired. This is the time for a glad report of the views of Roy, William R. Alger on tooking back over the field of progress, and for- this and shindred subjects, as enunciated in his ward in faith and hope over the future, whose becchraited lecture on 4 Insanity and Insanity And Asyskies even now bend down with the lading of hums," recently delivered at Music Hall, Boston. their rich promises. He who cannot find it in his soul to send winged praises heavenward for the precious accomplishments, confirmations and developments of the past quarter of a century, has-good reason to question the realness of the belief he professes. To have come to the threshold of this glorious anniversary is to be filled with a fresh spiritual joy.

The announcement: in another column will advertise, the readers of the Banner of the rich treat that is in store for them on Monday, in which well worth crowding into spacious Music Hall to hear the voices of such men and women as Rolsert Dale Owen, Emma Hardinge-Britten, Lizzio Doten, Mrs. N. L. Palmer, Mrs. Conant, Jennie Leys, and other leading Spiritualists, who will take up the thread of the history of Spiritualism and the lit to the grand events of the future, into which all human eyes are cagerly looking, Music will alternate with public discourse, and social enjoyments are to give a delightful coloring | if possible be instantly made good. At this stage | hall is engaged for the use of Pairs the following to the whole. It should, us no doubt if will, he of the conflict with error and wrong, the hosts of six weeks. a satisfaction of many years to look back to a fanaticism and bigotry are ready to personal participation in this quarter of a century anniversary. The time, too, is most opportune to det Orthodoxy of all shades and crigds see the actual numerical and social strength of Spiritualisin in every community, that it may be impressed with respect for such external features. of our beautiful faith as it is capable of compress lady among them, says : "Our State Association, hending. There can be no necessity for appeal- after several attempts, were fortunate in securing to the Spiritualists of the country to come out now and show themselves, disclosing the growing power of the religion of friedom and the phi- at present; and the friends on her route are enlosophythat is pledged to universal emancipation. I joying rich treats in the form of lectures, circles, . The Lord's Day." Every reader of the Banner was impressed this particular phase she probably has no supewith the discussion of Sunday laws and observances in the Liberal League, of this city. (as published in the last issue of the Darmer), and the common reflections could not have failed to flow in the same channel with that which was prepared by the speakers. Some of Mr. Bartops | doing a great work and much good among us, thoughts were exceptionally excellent, and deserve turning over frequently in the mind. The "they are now about to bid her good by for a timeregarded worship on the first day of the week, send with her their klindest wishes, and earnestabove the other days, as but an artificial duty ; ly hope that, at no distant day, she may continue not that he would abolish worship, for that he regarded as a fixed principle in humanity; but worship he considered a matter between man and man, as well as between man and God, and that sentiment would, of itself, bring men together in sympathy. Still, the fact that the expression of that sentiment changed, was one to be allowed day, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March for. Modes of worship are by no means what 24th, 25th; 26th and 27th, at Bumstead Hall, bethey were, any more than the fading creeds tween these two gentlemen, the first-named of which one by one become formless and forgotten, | whom is well known to our readers as a perfect Sunday preaching was only an expression of a adept in polemical Spiritualism, and who reloiccertain portion of the religious sentiment of our lingly "saith among the trumpets" of debate time ; by-and-bye it will resolve itself into another pliase, and the present one will pass away into book of Job. The sessions were presided over the body of the history of religious dogmas, by Col. William B. Green, and were character-Change is stamped on all things. It is the seal lized by good attendance and perfect order and of progress. There could be neither spiritual decorum. nor physical development without it. We can readily see how the thing works now. Public libraries throw their doors open on Sunday. The churches in which creeds are encrusted rooms at No. 24 East Fourth street, New York are not a quarter filled with worshipers. The City, where they will be happy to see all their platform is crowding aside the pulpit. And even friends : in fact, they have established a dépôt where ecclesiastical authority retains its hold, it for the sale of standard works on the Philosophy is by a relaxed rather than a firmer grip; by of Spiritualism, Science, Medicine and General opening the stained windows and letting in the Reform. A speciality will be books for the adlight of heaven. The stream cannot rise higher vancement of the Children's Progressive Lyceum. than its fountain. It is the heart of humanity - that inspires the modes of public worship, and [:?? We are in receipt of numerous letters ofthat feels not in the last half of the nineteenth dering us assistance in many ways. Some desire reentury as it felt in the eighteenth, or as it will to aid us increating a building in the city of Bosfeel in the twentieth. Sunday observances are ton to be used exclusively by us for business purbut an expression of that religious feeling of hu- poses and public spiritual circles. Other measmanity. It is what they mean, what they stand ures are suggested to place the BANNER on a for, that there should be any concern : and with firm basis, by the friends, to which we shall rechanging experience and spiritual development, fer in our next, and publish several letters upon they must undergo endless transformations to , the subject. correspond. The struggle on which the formalists have entered in respect to the sacredness of Sunday is a blind one on their part, because they | page, that our regular Western corresponding, do not, or will not, see the soul of worship, but editor, Mr. WARREN CHASE, who is needed more just received, contain much interesting matter are wholly taken up with its ceremonics. Did in the lecturing field than in a bookstore, offers appertaining to the cause, its progress, etc. The they care one-half as much for religion as for the to sell out his establishment in St. Louis. Terms | physical manifestations of spirit power are, it | observances which temporarily clothe it with ex- cash. flere is a good opportunity, we should would seem, on the increase in England. We pression, this whole Sunday question would not judge, for some young, active man to start in shall publish in our next several accounts of be thought worth another word of dispute.

Dealing with the Insane."

There was a very good article in the Sunday Continued, on Sunday afternoon, March 23d, the

of punishment. It is admitted on all sides that as only an iron-gated flag-station, where we

hardiness and cruelty toward them, which are $_{1}^{i}$ and ten ; such acourse on the part of the Govern-

liberty by persons who have hatched plots against

Mr. Abbot and the Index.

It is with unfeigned regret that we note the retirement of Mr. Francis E. Abbot from the editorial conduct and direction of the Index, which he explains at length in his valedictory, as due to causes that should not exist where an association of mentare working honestly for progress and emancipation. It appears that Mr. Abbot was forced to vacate his position by a pressure which self-respect forbade him to.endure; and he withdraws from a connection whose conditions more and more annul his usefulness and paralyze his powers. The great principles he has advocated with such ability in the Index ought not to be deprived of a support of such strength as he has shown himself able to give them - If it is these alone that form the inspiration and aim of those with whom he has been associated, they will take care that his place

Rev. Norwood Damon

Herald of this city, carly this month, on the course of Spiritualist free meetings at Musie Hall, alarming increase of insane people in Boston, Boston, by a discourse which had for its subject their treatment by the public authorities, the in- { the query: "Has Modern Spiritualism added anyhumanity practiced so often upon them, the distribution is the previous proofs of a future life 2^{it} position finally made of them, and the remedy After a few opening remarks, the lecturer prothat is waiting to be applied to their eases. It [ceeded to consider the evidences of human post] ed'; was an excellent article as far as it went on this 1 mortem existence, which had been in vogue with very important subject, and timely in the ex- thinking minds, previous to the advent of the treme. The care of the insame cannot be too modern phase of the Spiritual Philosophy. These considerate and tender. Though often violent, he classified under seven heads, viz., first, the in their demeanor, with an unscated reason, it is universal desire among men for continued existnot to be imputed to them as a crime deserving fince after death--which change he denominated

they are dealt with as they ought not to be; that changed cars on the railway of eternity. Second, they are thrown into incapable and cruch hands, the great expenditure of time and force which when they only require firm treatment united to had been put forth to fit the world to be the dwelgentleness. There is deceit practiced all round ding place for man, which would be nonsensical in this matter, or such complaints could not have (if the were destined to come to a lame and impoan existence. The Herald cites instances of tent conclusion of existence, at three score years

enough to stir the blood of any reader, and ought ing Power of the universe would be like building to appeal to the common sympathies of the com- | Music Hall for the purpose of distening to only AGENTS FOR THE RANNER IN SEW YORK, To appeal to the common sympathies of the com-THE AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY, DENASAL ST. | munity with much effect. The treatment of the one oratorio within its walls. Third, the present reality insame is a problem not yet brought fairly state of existence might be characterized as a bejnto public discussion; but certain experiments | ginning without any adequate conclusion, if the at Worcester have let in a flood of light upon if. [] half-lesson learned here were not perfectly com-But it is another side of this interesting sub- mitted in a higher sphere. Fourth, matter be-**66** All betters and communications appertating to the Buf it is another side of this interesting sub-Editorial Department of this paper nots. In order to the ject, that has more largely edgaged popular at-ing, as far as we could learn, never annihilated in all its convolutions, it was extremely unrea-or from the barners of Light mark be followed or sportally size. It is the growing practice of kid-in all its convolutions, it was extremely unrea-or from the barners of Light mark be towarded us in time to approximate the barners of Light mark be towarded us in time to arrively. These to be the barners of Light mark be towarded us in time to arrively. These to be barners of Light mark be towarded us in time to are indeed insure. This is the stigna on our the human mind was at its highest point when much vaunted modern civilization. For years the brain itself had begun its decidence, which together same people are locked up from their could not be the case if the brain, instead of being the instrument, was the source of mind; ter of a century of Modern Spiritualism, The them. They languish in prison-houses without a therefore the reasonable inference was that when the brain could no longer operate, through age, or other causes, the inspiring mind existed—as the electrician was the electrician still, even though the wire were cut through which he transmitted his messagesand could go onward in the march of development. Sixth, how did we perceive the difference by tween right and wrong doing; and feel a coming retribution or recompense in our very bones, if there were not a future lying before us which Seventh, the clearly proven independence of the mind or soul from the body, which might be mangled in: every conceivable way, without appreciably affecting the interior being; though the process might injure the machine used for its. outward manifestations.

In addition to these proofs of continued existence after death, the speaker held that Modern Spiritualism, with its gleaning calcium light illumining the dark valley beyond, gave two additional classes of evidence, in its tangible, occular demonstration of the presence and continued existence of the "loved and lost," and its mental revelations, which rendered a remarkable and the human soul. The fecture was highly interesting in its matter and delivery, and called forth at several points the applause of the audience.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 30TH,

Mrs. N. L. Palmer, one of the gifted speakers of the day, though not now in the lecturing field, vielding to the wishes of her many friends. will speak in Music Hall to-morrow afternoon. Mrs. Emma Hardinge-Britten will occupy, the rostrum the first two Sundays in April, which will close the series of meetings this season, as the

"Nature's Laws in Human Life."

This book should be read by all who desire an impartial record of the manifestations that are occurring at the present day. The public can form an idea of the contents of the book by the following notice which was published in the American Spiritualist when the book first appear-

"This work is principally a compilation of facts both for and against the philosophy of Spiritualism : and such has been the author's regard for the whole unvarnished truth, that we nothing distorted or misrepresented on either side, but an array of facts so detailed as to form a very readable and attractive book, such as all hesitating minds might peruse with profit."

Another writer says ; "There is so much in this question of Spiritu-alism that cannot be scouted, but demands honst and carnest inquiry, that a book so full and so impartial on the subject as the one-under consideration, is entitled to be cordially received and widely read.

The last writer was formerly a Methodist minister.

A New Pamphlet

Of extraordinary interest, from the pen of Allen Putnam, Esq., entitled, "TIPPING HIS TABLES Ramblings after a Rambler; Exposures of an Exposer. Elicited by 'An Exposé of Spiritualism by Rev. John Gregory, Northfield, Vf., 1872,'' has been issued by William White & Co., No. 14 Hanover street, Boston-as per advertisement in another column. • The subject-matter of the work originally appeared in the Banner of Light, and s given its present form in answer to the popular emand for it. 19ke everything of a literary nature furnished to the reading public by Mr. Putnam, the present work is full of interest, and hears the marks of patient and earnest thought

----"Against the World."

A volume bearing this title, from the press of Shepard & Gill, Boston, and written by Jeanette R. Hadermann, author of "Forgiven at Last," Dead Men's Shoes," etc., lies on our table. Its typographic appearance is tasty and attractive. and its subject-matter-a tale of fashionable experience-is arranged in a manner at once strikwas laden with the results of this stage of being? | ingly graphic and full of pertinent life-lessons. The book is destined to attain a wide circulation

Prof. E. Whipple,

One of the most popular speakers in the West, who closes his month's engagement in Chicago on the 30th, will speak in Worcester, Mass, during April, and Stafford Springs during May.

17 By our long list of obituary-notices in this week's paper it will be observed that our dear friends in the earth-life are rapidly passing from us to the life beyond. It should admonish us to so conduct ourselves here that there we shall not be ashamed of our-record, for we know not how emphatic verification of the natural longings of soon each of us may pass through the gateway of the tomb to life eternal.

1. It seems that the mediums of the nineteenth century are martyred everywhere.just now-even Bro. Peebles, in Australia, has not escaped, as will be seen by his statement elsewhere. We were told ten years ago by our spirit-friends that such would be the case; that mediums would find their greatest enemies among those of their own household.) And it is even so.

127 We have several interesting matters on file from our active co-laborer, Moses Hull, which we shall publish as soon as the crowded state of

MARCH 29, 1873.

[Letter from our Special Correspondent.] NEW YORK, Murch 20, 1873_

LEGAL MURDER.

New York Matters.

To-morrow Wm. Foster is to be hanged in the Tombs, to satisfy the demands of the law. Two years ago, while beastly drunk, he struck Avery D. Putnam a blow with a car-hook that resulted in death. It was a cruel, brutal thing for him to do, but he was so drunk that he was unconscious of what he had done, and no more responsible at the time than any other crazy man. When he returns to consciousness, he exprésses the deepest sorrow and remorse for the crime, and declares most solemnly that he had no intentions. abon Putnam's life. The jury are, so well convinced of this, that they unanimously recommend him to mercy, in bringing in their verdict of guilty, believing that would save him from death on the gallows, and make his punishment. imprisonment for life. The majority of them so interpret their verdict to the Governor, under oath declaring they never would have agreed if they had supposed he would be hung, and pleading that their intentions may be regarded, and the sentence be commuted to State's Prison for life. The most extraordinary and earnest appeals have been made from all sources, including leading clergymen, lawyers and judges, the devoted wife and family of the criminal, and even the wife of the victim; and last, but not. least, a voice to Gov. Dix from the murdered man himself.

This message from Putnam was received under the following remarkable circumstances :

MRS. A. E. CARPENTER'S STATEMENT, AS PUB-

LISTED IN THE NEW YORK SUN. An Appeal for Foster from the Spirit-World.— The following singular communication was sent to the "Sun" by a well-known manufacturer, with this endorsement: "I have only to say that he writer-Mrs. Carpenter-is a lady of education and credibility.

To the Editor of the Sun :

SIR-East Tuesday evening, while quietly seated alone in my room, there suddenly appeared close to the table, which stood in the centre of the apartment, something which at first resembled a dense white cloud, but which almost instantly assumed the outlines of a human form, growing more and more distinct, until it became a beautiful woman. I saw her as plainly as Lever saw a human being in my life. The form was of medi-nm height, the face oval, the features regular, the eyes and hair dark, and the expression of the is woment and almost stern. The dress was of face earnest and almost stern. The dress was of pure white. She remained perfectly motionless until I had time to observe everything clearly. Phen she slowly extended her right hand toward the table, took up a pencil which lay upon it, and by a motion of the hand I could see that she was writing upon a slip of paper which also lay upon the table. Then, the hand raised the paper and held it toward me. I grasped it, and when I had It safely in my hand the spirit (for such I believe it was) disappeared from my sight ! The gas was not burning in the room in which

I sat, but the light from an adjoining room shone in sufficiently to make every object perfectly vis-ible. I looked at the paper that had been placed

"In the name of Justice tell John A. Dix not to take the life of William Foster 8 A. D. P." This most wonderful incident occurred, as nearly as I can use words to express it, as I have related. I was at the time in full possession of all my faculties-clearly and unmistakably in my normal condition. It was no dream, no freak of the imagination, but a tangible, living reality, and it has made an impression upon me that can.

I have the effaced. I have only to add that a gentleman, welf known to the citizens of New York, was seated in a room adjoining the one in which the circum-stance occurred. The impression made upon his mind was so strong that he resolved to send the message to Goy. Dix the next morning, accompanied by a letter concerning it—which he did. Feeling that there may be those who will be in-terested in a statement of these facts, I am in-duced to give them to the public. Mus. A. E. CARPENTER:. 437 4th arenue, New York, March 19th, 1873.

eheer) th enforced retirement of one like Mr. Abbot, as loudly as they would an outright victory.

Jennie S. Rudd in Connecticut. A friend writing us from the "land of "steady habits" in reference to the labors of this gifted ing the services of this remarkable medium for March, which was all the time she could give us private sittings, medical examinations, tests, &c. We never knew before what circles were-and in

rior, and we have never seen her equal. Although perhaps the smallest and frailest laborer in the field, she is a most indefatigable worker, and it is evident to any one that she can only be sustained by a power entirely outside of herself. She is and the many warm friends she has made, as among us the good work she has so nobly commenced."

Moses Hull and Elder Dunn.

A well-conducted discussion on spiritual topics took place in this city, on the evenings of Mon-"Ha! ha!" even as the charger depicted in the

Andrew J. and Mary F. Davis,

As our readers are already aware, have opened

239" It will be seen by his notice on the eighth trade and do well.

THEODORE PARKER.

BY JOHN WETHERBEE.

The earth is marked in many places With rocky scratches and farrows deeps Bonders hage have left their traces, As diamond-pointed leebergs slowly creep.

Records or Seriptures, writ on stone, Humanity is fast translating-Reads wisdom from the Great Unknown.

And grows religious, speculating. So the moral world has "boulder scratches,"" Made by herole souls in passing through it: Prophets and poets-"bearers of despatches Lights in a world that hardly knew it.

History rich in storied names now dead, None brighter shine than our late Teacher; To-day is brighter for the light he shed-The world still needs just such a preacher. The " boulder scratch " of Theodore Parker-Oh, who would now that mark efface ?-Put out his light, and make it darker, Whose transit was a blessing to the race?

His life, in years how short it seems! How long in manly work for human good! Religion with him was life-not dreams; Mute are his focs, his mission understood The voice of Blgotry now is hushed That called him heretic, though sent of God: Full many a sham by him lies crushed

And others safely walk where he in peril trod •(Read by the author at the Anniversary of the Earker raternity, at the hall, 554 Washington street, Boston, on he evening of Tuesday, Match 25th.]

Mental Medicine.

Under this title William White & Co., 14 Hanover street, Boston, have issued a theoretical and practical treatise on Medical Psychology, of some 216 pages, from the pen of Rev. W. F. Evans, author of "Mental Cure ; or the Influence of the Mind on the Body in Health and Disease." Taking for the motto on his tittle page the couplet :

"On earth there is nothing great but man ; In man there is nothing great but mind, " the author goes on, in the course of twenty-four chapters, to treat of themes like the following: "The Gift and Art of Healing"; "Qualifications of the Psychopathic Practitioner"; "Auto-magnetism, or Self-healing"; "Inammate objects and their use in 'the cure of-disease," etc., etc. The work is of the gratest value to all our healing media, and should be examined by the public generally, as it abounds in information of the highest importance on vital subjects, and is couched in plain and unmistakable language.

Liberalism in Ohio.

We have received the following from a correspondent under date of Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., O., March 19th, 1873 :

"We met on the 12th inst., and organized a Liheral League in this place. The subjoined is the list of its officers: Mr. W. H. Crowell, Pres-ident; Miss Jane E. Curtiss, Vice President; Mr. Ebenezer Wood, Treasurer; Miss Anna E. Mr. Ebenezer Wood, Treasurer; Miss Anna E. Mr. Ebenezer Wood, Treasurer; Miss Anna E. Mr. J. Crowell, Mrs. Mary A. Giddings, Mrs. Lida B. Crowell, Mrs. Mary A. Giddings, Mr. D. D. Holmes. Please give us a place on your list of Liberal Leagues. Yours very truly, W. H. CROWELL." We met on the 12th inst., and organized a

19 Our London files of Spiritualist papers, sear ces held of late in London.

our columns will permit.

Invocation. [According to announcement in our last issue that such would probably be the case, the Banner of Light Free Circles were resumed on Tuesday afternoon last. Mrs. Conant, the medium, though weak, was able (thanks to the powers beyond the will) to preside. The soance was opened by a very appropriate and feeling invocation, which is given below.]

Thou Infinite Presence, who art the Father and Thou Infinite Presence, who art the Father and Mother of all worlds and all souls, we come to thee this hour with our thanksgiving and with our hamentations. First, we thank thee, oh, Mighty Spirit, that we are enabled to again speak thy truths through these human lips, that thou hast returned her again to the arms of our love, with higher gifts than she ever before pos-sessed, and we may thee that many may upay sessed; and we pray thee that many, many may be the truths that we may be enabled to utter inrough these human lips in the days that are to come. And we thank, thee, oh, our Father and our Mother, that our good brother [Mr. White] is returned to health, and that again, despite his enemies and the enemies of our medium, both are enemies and the enemies of our medium, both are solver rising the staircase of Infinite Wisdom, slowly rising the staircase of Infinite Wisdom, sovercoming their enemies, and becoming saviours overcoming their enemies, and becoming saviours and ther world. through these human lips in the days that are to

acce of Mother, for these inestimable gifts we thank thee ; and while we lament over the sufferings of those that are near and dear to us, we pruise thee that out of all thou hast brought forth stars that shall shine in the future, pointing to the birthplace of peace. We pray thee for thy humanity that needeth wisdom, and for those who think they are wise, for all classes that dwell upon this planet and all others. We ask thee that ministering angels of love and mercy and truth may como unto each one, to deal them justice, to be merci ful anto them, to lead them out of darkness into

Movements of Lecturers and Mediums.

light. Amen.

William Brunton speaks in Stafford Springs, Ct., in April: in Troy, N. Y., in May, and in Albany during July and August. He is open for calls in the month of June and for next fall. He has had good success in Springfield, Mass. during March. Will visit the West if sufficient induce ment is offered for making the journey.

Harvey Howes may be addressed at North Bennington, Bennington Co., Vt., he having recently removed there rom his residence in Fair Haven Mrs. Priscilla Doty Bradhury has removed from Madison.

o Augusta, Me., where she may be addressed. Mrs. M. E. B. Sawyer lectured in City Hall, New Bed ford, Mass., on Sunday, March 23d, to very large audiences In the evening the ball was filled, and many wore unable to

btain seats. She speaks from the same rostrum next Sun day, March 30th. 🤟 Harriet E. Carpenter has closed her course of lectures of focial Freedom in Boston, and will speak on the same in Chleago during April. Her address is 706 St. Monro street, Chicago.

Horace Seaver, editor of the Boston Investigator, will lecture in Salem, Mass., next Sunday afternoon and even ing, before the Spiritualists and Liberals." Friends in that city and vicinity are respectfully invited to attend. J. II. Randall will visit the central and southern portion

of New York in May, as he has some engagements for lec-tures in that direction. Liberalists and Spiritualists desir-ing lectures may address him at Clyde, Oho. Dumont C. Dake, M. D., can be consulted at the Matte-

son House, Chicago, 10., the last two days in each month. Dr. W. Persons is healing the sick with good success a lehm

Lyman C. Howe speaks in Painesville, O., during April. Friends in the East wishing to secure his services for next fall and winter, should address him at once at Fredonia.

Rev. Samuel Watson, D. D., so widely known of late as the author of "The Clock Struck One," has returned to his home at Memphis, Tenu. He sails for Europe about June 1st. Hudson Tuttle lectures at Brunswick, Ohio, the first Sun day in May: is also engaged to speak at the celebration a

Cleveland, O., March 3ist. Dr. B. F. Richardson, the blind medlum, delivers free

lectures at 41 Dover street, on Sundays, forenoon and afternoon, at 10% and 2% o'clock.

Notwithstanding all these appeals, Gov. Dix accided that the safety of society could only be preserved by Foster's death, and so to-morrow he will be strangled.

Rum did it. William Foster never would have thought of injuring Mr: Putnam if his worst passions had not been stimulated and his brain maddened by the hellish influence of bad whiskey. We hear of a man who was lately executed in Illinois declaring upon the scaffold that whiskey was the sole and only cause that brought him. +, there.

Should this be urged in externation of their crime? By no means, But the very law that. takes the lives of these unfortunate men for the crimes committed while drunk, licenses other men to sell them rum by which to get drunk. Capital punishment, under any circumstances, 18 a crime against humanity, and is utterly unworthy of the enlightened age in which we live. The injury done by committing one murder can never be retrieved by deliberately taking another life.

'But I do not intend to enter into a discussion of this question. Capital punishment will die with the ignorance and superstition of which it was born, and a better use will be found for dangerous members of society than choking them 'todeath. In the meantime let every person take warning from the death of these wretched men,. and avoid the use of alcoholic stimulants in any form. Such illustrated temperance lectures as these ought to stir the members of society to arouse themselves and banish this demon alcohol, which is not only the immediate cause of nine-tenths of the murders, but is also responsible for an immense majority of all other crimes. Many another man, besides William Foster, whopermits whiskey to steal away his senses, may awake to find himself the perpetrator of some equally horrible crime.

The "World" came out last Sunday with an article by a correspondent, one of seven wise men who had made the discovery that Spiritualism was a humbug, and all the mediums in New York and everywhere else unmitigated frauds. According to their statement, some of their friends were Spiritualists, and, having allowed them to entertain the delusion for awhile, they, the exposers, had sallied forth to show them and the world generally that the whole thing was a leception.

Inving accomplished their purpose to their own satisfaction, they published a report of their success in the World, and put in an appearance at the New York Conference in Apollo Hall, last Sunday, to enlighten the Spiritualists who congregate there in reference to their remarkable

discovery. The claim was made that they had discovered

the tricks practiced by the different mediums, and one of their number had been able to imitate them all with perfect success. Somehow the old Spiritualists present could

not be made to see the error of their ways by the showing of these would-be exposers. In fact, a

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Mr. Wolff declared that by their own testimony they had gone to mediums with lies in their mouths; that they 1 ad practiced all manner of deception, such as erawling about upon the floor and putting their hands upon persons in a circle to make them believe that the spirits did it ; they had done all this, and then came before the people asking them to believe their testimony. "Mr. Chairman," says Mr. Wolff, "I impeach the witnesses," and well he might, for much that they stated was false, and the balance was colored to suit their own views of the subject. The fact was, they had been examining the phenomena with a view to expose them, and not to candidly pass judgment on the facts presented. They started with the idea of fraud, they practiced fraud, and they got fraud, and then they turn round and condemn the mediums for giving them what they themselves have created.

I have noticed always that what I have received from mediums was a reflex of my own conditions; and when I have been in the most passive and receptive states, I have received the demonstrative proofs of the presence of my spirit friends. The law is generally this: "Seek for truth and you will find it." Seek for lies and you will find them ; and, while you may blame others because they appear, you will be likely to find that they are mirrors in which you have seen

yourself reflected. I would say to these persons and all others, if they are really anxious to learn whether spiritcommunion is a reality or not, form circles in your own homes, invite in your friends and neighbors, sit regularly in circles; give a little time to it, and you will soon get evidence in your own household of the presence of loved ones gone before. In reference to our

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whom these exposers denounce-most of them are old and tried workers in Spiritualism, and while we admit that much that is given through them can be successfully imitated, we know that thousands have had positive evidence of the existence of spirit-friends through their medium-

ship, and these persons are as sharp-witted, as keen-sighted, as well-educated, and possibly as honest as our seven wise men of the "World." Notwithstanding this report, Spiritualism still lives in New York, and Jennie Leys has im-mense audiences at Apollo Hall.

THE PRESENT AGE

makes its appearance once more, in a new and beautiful dress, with S. B. Brittan and Dorus M. Fox in its editorial sanctum. If it was the destiny for spiritual papers to be well supported, it seems to me that this one should command the subscriptions of all the liberal reformers in the country, and prove a triumphant success. The Present Age seems to fill a niche in the journalistic temple of this city that before was empty, and certainly if real merit will command the support of the people it will be well sustained ; judging from the sample copy before me, it is indeed a.meritorious sheet. A. E. CARPENTER.

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ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

Lot him that scoffeth at the lame take care that he halteth not himself. Whoseever speaketh of another's fallings with pleasure, shall hear of his own with bitterness of heart,

We publish in this issue of the BANNER OF LIGHT. a highly interesting letter from our foreign correspondent J. M. Peebles. AF The lecture delivered in Music Hall last Sunday af-

ternoon by Rev. Mr. Damon; should be repeated everywhere. It was able, convincing, and delivered with telling offect.

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Lyceum, short speeches, and close with dancing. A small admission fee of 25 ets. will be charged he expe

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ed by Moses Hull, in Boston, Feb. 25th, 1873-will appear in the next issue of the Banner.

Why is an editor like an eating-house keeper? Becaus one caters for the mind, and the other for the body ... And-Digby adds-because each are insulted almost dally, without much if any cause, by croaky customers. We think Digby a little too severe.

A New York Methodist clergyman seeks notorlety by calling newspaper reporters servants of the Devil 1. Some people will do strange things for notoriety's sake.

The Haverhill Publisher of the 20th gives an interesting account of one of the seauces of Master DeWitt C. Hough there on the evening previous, at Tilton's Hall, to a large and evidently appreciative audience. A communication from Mr. Currier upon the same subject will appear in our next.

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next. By reference to our correspondence in brief, it will be seen that some of our friends in California have had very interesting physical manifestations of spirit-power through the mediumship of Dr. Peter West. The scance at Tubbs's Hotel, Brooklyn, seems to have been highly satisfactory.

Gentleman-" My good woman, how much is that goose ?"

Market Woman-"Well, you may have the two at seven shillings." Gentleman-"But I only want one." Mar-ket Woman-"Can't help it; aint a goin' to sell one withket Woman-"Can't help it; and a gone to see considered out the other. "Them ero geese, to my certain knowledge, hev been together for more 'n thirteen years, and I aint a goin' to be so unfeelin' as to scharate 'ell NON'

Mrs. Abigail Illashaw, widow of the late venerable Seth Hinshaw, of Greenshoro', Ind., passed to the spirit-home of her husband, March 8th, at the age of 81 years.

A printed statement to the following effect comes from A printed statement to the following effect comes from Des Moines, Iowa: "A young woman at breakfast, the other day, said she was much troubled by a dream, and con-tinued: "My little niece came to me last night, and says, "Aunty, I have come to bid you good-by; I am dead." I said, "No, Agnes, you are not dead," and look hold of _her. "Yes; I am," she repented; "I died at tweive o'clock to bight, and have got to be in heaven at one o'clock," and said, "Good-by, aunty," and disappeared.' At noon, news of the death of her nicce at midnight came,"

SPAIN,-Madrid, March 21.-The bill passed by the Assembly, on Saturday, abolishing slavery in the island of Porto Rico, provides that the abolition shall follow imme-diately upon the promutgation of its passage. The eman-Porto Rico, provides that the aboilit diately upon the promutgation of its cipated slaves will, however, he oblig assage. The for to serve for spars with their present masters or other residents on the Island, and will enjoy the political rights of Spanish cit zens after five years shall have elapsed. The indemnity to be paid to the slave-owners is to be charged exclusively to the account of the Porto Rico budget.

Spiritualism thrives in Michigan. -Boston Daily Adver-tiser.

Yes, and everywhere else.

Several legal murders occurred last week in different parts of the country, and at the same time many illegal ones were reported. It is therefore evident that hanging for murder es not prevent crime. Certain and prompt punishmen for murder by imprisonment for life, with the particular power taken away from the Governor, and the Supreme Court open to any new evidence, would suit a great many people better than uncertain and long postponed hanging matches.

The dallies say there is a "ghost" located at a police station in New Bedford-that his midnight perambulations about the premises frighten the officers on duty, etc. It is accounted for from the fact that one Lindsey Poole hauged himself there ten or a dozen years ago.

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nethe Foster, and reading by Alonzo Danforth, together with remarks by Mrs. Bull (entranced), comprised the exercises of the Children's Pro-gressive Lyceum. Good attendance. The Second Masquerade of the season of 1872-3 will be given by the Assembly Committee of the Children's Progressive Lyceum No. 1 at this hall 'on Monday evening, April 14th; dancing to commence at eight o'clock. Tickets, at \$1,50 for gentleman and lady, single tickets for gentlemen \$1,00, ladies 50 cents, can be procured by apply-ing to D. N. Ford, T. L. Barlow, A. Danforth,

W. A. Dunklee, Luther Stone, or Mary A. San-born, who have subscription papers in their pos-session. No tickets sold at the door. This will close the second course of the very successful parties which have been held by the above comnittee during the past dancing season.

Mrs. Sarah A. Floyd had full audiences to listen to her interesting remarks and answers to

questions at this hall Sunday, March 23d. The quartette singing was excellent. Temple Hall. - Dr. C. C. York, Conductor, vrites : "The Lyceum met. Sunday Monday withs : "The Lyceum met, Sunday, March 23d, with increased numbers and interest. The singing, silver-chain reading and the gymnastic ex-

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gether new combination of intellect and passion,

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ratify the senses. It is well that we are not all clothes which do not fit, but which, by use, after a while become fitted to his frame, though his Q.-Can you fell how soon all those mighty frame never fits or modifies itself to them?

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derstand he's already engaged to tread the he's going to make a bigger one there, for I undium of intelligence. It does not matter whether A.-. Yes ; the soul number of ted through the me-

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Questions and Answers.

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is, that the soul will exist forever; that belief is what to do, I'd cut him up as bad as he did me. Jollod mail Dobunot si Jollod mo dolaw roqui out of Hol sund, H. Novo south ooth mid gund suotistization of the part of the permanent of figure of the solice hesides mer they'd ough to by the set of the set Drew ought to make him confess it. He's murprophe busides me, and he knows it, and Mr. when he gets here. The 's murdered three other III: John Adams, A. Thousa Higginguinan, of Port Hig-Particle Market Discrete Colored William, Hogarda, Particle Market Millian H. Sevardi, William H. Hogarda, Presider, Market Millian H. Sevardi, William H. Hogarda, Millian F. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, William G. Port Millian F. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Milliam G. Port Millian F. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Milliam G. Port Millian F. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, William G. Port Millian F. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian G. Port Millian F. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian G. Port Millian J. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian G. Port Millian J. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian G. Port Millian J. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian G. Port Millian J. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian G. Port Millian J. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian J. Jarset Millian J. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian J. Jarset Millian J. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian J. Jarset Millian J. Jarset Millian H. Sevardi, Millian J. Jarset Mi

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would be quite at home; but it takes me, stranger,

and I think, were you to place him in hell, he

has just retired, seems used to every kind of life;

I find myself very well; but not at all acquainted with these things? Your lively spokesman, that

you. How do you find yourself?] Well, I reckon

Well, stranger, how do you do? [Well, thank

William Mash.

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had rather believe he would trace his spirit in should be in hospitals if possible of their own but pity and strive in all possible ways to redeem of opinion that ten times the liberty now allowed him " " [Applause.

The awful in-rease of instanty shows that there - lioped that the day would finally arrive when the must be something fatally wrong in the state of a sylum system would itself give way to a better but they were inevitable as long as, under the society at the present day, and ealls for a fuller study of the whole problem of its cause and pressing the subject of insanity and the insane, vention. In toreat Britain, in 1811, there were 20,000 insane persons, which was an average of ling prisons of them, instead of hospitals, in the one in 800 of the population in 1871, twenty, treatment of the insane, but a darker use some seven years after, there were 55,000, or an average times converts them into veritable prisons inof one-in too. At this rate, soon all would be deed. There are many cases where persons not mad together, and if we could only build a-vlumin sufficient numbers, there would not be enoughsame ones left outside to lock up the rest. [Laughter.] The reason of this increase may be briefly referred to the changed model of life between this and other ages. In ancient times, life was to be attended are so vast, and the system of more restricted and simple than now; men des routhne is so firmly rooted, the opportunity for pended upon their immediate occupations and surroundings for most of the salient points of in- surveillance on the part of the managers terest to the mind ; but the tendency of the present is no increase thoughts and ideas ; the rail, quently incarcerated in these prisons, is a fact road, the felegraph, the fast printing press, have too patent to admit of denial. In July, 1872, an operated to throw open to the humblest intellect article was published by Dr. R. W. Parsons, Su-(if it will but enter) the gates of the world, and perintendent of the New York State Lunatic of soul: [Applauser] the tension and strain upon the population is be- Hospital, in the Psychological Journal, wherein coming too heavy a load. Ancient life was also it is stated that it since the year 1847 no less than more active as regards bodily exercise, while the one hundred and twenty-five persons who have tendency of modern times is to the cultivation and [been committed to the New York |Lunatic-Hoswide diffusion of mental desires, prejudices; hatreds or aspirations, the constant repression of safet-During a single year forty persons have, made infimense progress in the last thirty years, which, acts upon the nervous system till it is, been discharged from American asylums as not overthrown ; morbid thoughts and extreme self- having been insane at the time of their admisconstitutions. if not indeed insanity, being the slow." That is authority which would seem quite sad re-blts. Then indeed, the interfse ambitions to the point. One of these cases, according to of our present social state, where all men are the, the speaker, was that of a man who was induced rivals of all other men indusiness or other rela- to sign a check for his savings in favor of some tions, tends, to induce this same extreme and person who had rendered nothing in return ; he step to a cure, the speaker considered, would be dangerous self-consciousness, which destroys the (was contined at the instigation of said person row) a regular and disciplined life which should stimus tone of the brain and breaks up that harmony of "ceiving the money; was discharged after several,

and the correspondingly auxious concentration had defrauded him of his property and demanded of thought, are but the attendants upon a transi- his money, and was immediately re-incarcerated itional phase of civilization, and 1 hope that the as a lunatle through the influence of that worthy time will come when a great circulation of coop- personage. Several, other parallel cases the prative sympathy shall be established, whereby speaker had in his mind, proving that the arrest all will be attracted together, and the whole shall and virtual imprisonment of persons of property. bo the representative of the parts, and the parts (by interested parties was a perfectly feasible shall blend harmoniously in the stable equilibri- plan. The State of Massachusetts says through tim of the whole. That is the tendency, I believe, its laws that if a man be incareerated in an asyof civilization; and will be the ultimate achieve thum he may have judgment passed upon his conment of science.

be done to cure, or at least benefit, the unforth- is perfectly helpless if the principal of the asynate victime of mental maladies? And this lum sticks to it that he to insame. The man is brings no to the third and last tople to which I beked up as securely as if in a prison denied ask your attention on the present occasion, access to friends, and surrounded by keepers and Bearing in mind what has been said regarding others already prejudiced against his sanity by the nature of insatily-as a loss of balance; a sub- all the power which traditional usage brings in jection of the whole nervous system to some part its train, . More safeguards are needed, for once -we will now turn to the treatment of the in- inside the asylum every presumption is against same in the asylums, and will contrast that which the patient, and there is virtually no help. It is done (which ought not to be done), with that would seem that a law upon the statute book which ought to be done (which is not done) in should earry with it also the means of its own'the interests of humanity. In the first place the "enforcement," tendency is to growd the in-ano in large num- . The speaker favored the inauguration of a re-

he committed to prison simply because insane; foreibly, while his strength is sufficient to tire especially murderers"? I think not! [Ap- they should be confined only when dangerous to two or three powerful incn, or bound in some implause.) I believe any true disciple of Christ, themselves or friends, and when confined, it movable position, which, under the circumthese lines : "Thou shalt, but the criminal, choice, but never as prisoners. The speaker was derous outrage which can be witnessed as still in in our asylums could be beneficially given, and state of dealing between man and man concern-

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Again, not only are asylums abused by makinsane are wickedly committed by fraud, and held in the closest in precration there. What abuses may not be expected under such a state-of thing-? I do not impugn the integrity of the abuse is frightful, even under the most careful

That perfectly same persons have been frepital as insane, have been discharged as perfectly I trust that all this justle and hurry of events, sense of the term ; went to the individual who dition provided he will demand a writ de binatico. In the meantime the question arises. What can diaptifyindo, But how is he to get ft? The man

bars into great castles of agony and terror, grow- form in the management of asylums, whereby ing constantly larger and larger, where affliction | men who understood correctly the business foris hidden from the gaze of society and sorrow, which they were engaged, should be chosen for torgotten. In a single instance in Great Britain visiting trustees. Those now occupying that form of medical practice with reference to the fion that he is not a Socialist nor an Internationfifteen hundred demented ones are herded togethel post were, in the majority, mere dial hands, er in one a spluin. The agglomeration of such [[Applause.] "[He desired to use the word with to any other grade of sufferers, that it led to the social reform nor of international reform. We vast masses of morbid states in the whole gamut out giving offence. [They came, hurried acquis establishment of a class spirit, which naturally have no objection to unpopular names when of disorder, madness and disease, must be pro- escently through all the departments, took the brought on a conflict between the superintend- there are great truths and important reforms confluctive of evil, and only evil. The speaker said word of the physicians without a murmur, as of ents of the asylums and the professional gentle- neeted with them. that Dr. Controlly had borne witness that human supreme authority, and would give no ear to the life could not furnish any condition so malignant; complaints of the patients, who had a right to exand frightful as that of a man-or number of pect from them sympathy and assistance. There men of all states of disease-plunged into one of should be a board of visiting trustees, who should these vast recordances of disorder. And yet, have the freedom of all the asylums at all times, when a man is untuned in his present state, you. The more wealthy, the more respectable, the cast him into one of the direst confusion to har, higher the social position and intelligence of the trustees, the less fit they are for the duty laid up-Again, the patignts have too general treat. on them, because they impose upon the public ment, when each case really demands special "through their supposed importance and adumen." study. Two or three physicians, with three or What is needed is a class of intelligent men who four or tive hundred patients-every one of whom- will look at things not from the fashionable view, through routine it is made a point to visit every or through the prejudices of steady routine and day-cannot of course give to each new case the fixed custom, but upon their merits at first hand. mands. The attempt is put forth at first to The deadly idleness and monotony which preclassify the new patient, as to whether he be a" vail in our asylums induce a condition not only maniae of the dangerous, or incipient order or unfavorable to cure, but which is the fruitful panot, and his symptoms are afterward watched rent of added forms of disease and aberration. from day to day, but without sufficient time be- Visitors from outside, who go in by chance, and ing allowed the physician to take up and unravel see each man in his place; say how charming and the intricacies of this disturbance in the unwind- beautiful it is ; but let them be subjected to the same stagnation, the same unbroken, monotonous The third great evil and wrong in our asy- round of duty for a week or a month, and its lums is that economy is made the first con- charm would be lost to them. The patients, left sideration in all things : economy of expense, to themselves, to the action of every morbid faney of sympathy and care. The first considera- for passion, and the reflex action of the atmotion ought to be the comfort and cure of the sphere of suspicion which surrounds them on patients, treating each one's case on its own per every side, cannot fail of wandering further from cultar merits. Those in authority should ever that harmonious action of bodily and mental make use of the best means, or openly confess functions which it is the avowed purpose of the The next thing objected to by the speaker, in the treatment of patients in our asylums, was sane, when comparatively nothing is really done the total suppression of the individual will to the dictation of others, whereby he is forced to do Friendly kindness and persuasion are generally | Take a poor Gellow whose pulse is at one hunsufficient, and have failed only in the parest in- dred and forty a minute, who has not slept for stances of correctly governing the subjects of in- | eight days, and tell him to keep still, and what i sanity. To be freed from the terrible pressure of is the result? He says he cannot. What then? hereism and boldness. Who that hath enough will endan-a forcible coercion, would be the divinest boon to Instead of endeavoring to calm his feelings, to life on the harard?

the inajority of these unfortunates. None should soothe his terrible agitation, he is seized and held stances, is enough to kill him. It is a murvogue in our best asylums. The speaker did not rehearse these seenes to the prejudice of the houest intentions of the heads of these institutions. present system, one man was placed at the head of several hundred, and so much had to be left to the attendants, who, instead of receiving a proper and systematic training for their work, or possessing any adequate knowledge of the simplest disease, were mostly raw men hired at twentyfive dollars per month from the surrounding country. Instead of this violent repression and prison-like discipline and continement, a spirit of kindness should be brought into play. Perfect freedom should be allowed the friends and rela-

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the windows and draw up the curtains : let in the light and fresh air ; and, above all things, do away forever with the chronic suspicion and terror which surround and pervade these institutions, and bring in a system for the amelioration of the patient where rule and usage will no longer supersede thought and action, and formality take the place

Dr. Legrand-Du Saulle, of Paris, a celebrated French physician, author of some fourteen works on the subject of insanity, has said in one of his

volumes, published in 1871, that "the doctrine of the classification and cause of mental diseases has ground. Many more of the insane can be cured, I believe, and that rapidly, if the physicians will consent to make a clean slate of the traditions of the past, and resolutely abandon the late the patient to self-exertion in the desired dito develop the latent powers of reaction. This where, abandoned to their own morbid imaginings, the patients found their world in long, dim corridors flanked by doubt and distrust and canois customary to furnish, by way of amusement months in the year, during which the inmates. tage to those under treatment, because of the ing them. If the plan were followed of giving he produced. [Applause.]

lum should be : "Earnest to cure, reluctant to retain " but in the opinion of the lecturer the moment."

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FFF Warren Chase lectures in Cairo, Ill., April oth ; in Chicago, Ill., May 4th and 11th; in Chesrustices of our asylums, but where the numbers - tives to see the patients, and they should be al-, ter, IIL, May 21st, 22d, 23d and 25th, at Bro. leaves the party with that understanding, and lowed, as far as is safe, to go out at will. Open aBeare's hall, and will attend the Annual Conven- does not do it, but betrays the party, whatever tion at Sturgis, Mich., in June.

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importance of the work has long been established. It has been of immense value to the State and especially to this Egypt section, which is fast losing the qualities that gave it the name. Many settlers pass over, or by, this region, and do worse than they would to buy out some of these old settlers, many of whom are anxious to get away from the schools and enterprise of the Yankees,

MARCH 29, 1873

POLITICAL.

Our personal friend, N. W. W., of Lawrence, Kansas, takes exception to the part of our brief sketch of the Kansas political ferment over the Pomeroy and York excitement, so far as it applied to York. We know nothing personally of either of the men, and care little about their repu tations. The Banner is not a political paper, and we only noticed the excitement as a casual observer of passing events, and cited the facts of what we call treachery, where a man pledges

himself to vote for another, and takes money and the motive, and however much good it may do, and however many may endorse it or take part in the plot, to us it seems to be treachery, and we would sooner go to prison than do an act of that kind, and we would never vote for or trust a man examine our new and complete assortment of that would do it, with all due deference to the opinions of others. We have no defense for Pomeroy, and none for York, and no room for reviewing Kansas politics or politicians, but we are interested in the spiritual and industrial prosperity of Kansas. •

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eare and investigation which it rightfully de- Explause.] ing thread of human life.

that they cannot be got, and not mislead the publishospital to restore. lie with the idea that everything is furnished and § done in the asylums for the comfort of the Mthere in this direction.

In the next place I complain that these sad re- everything in accordance to rule and in obeditreats are made doubly repulsive by their being ence to prescribed and unyielding forms. The converted into prisons-far, far more prisons faill was the weak point in the insane, and it was than hospitals. High walls, keys and bolts at of the greatest importance that it should be every turn, keep up the illusion of fixed confine. I strengthened, by cultivation. The will, reprement for crime, rather than temporary retention (Senting the conservous) of the brain, is disturbed for purposes of cure. Why, sometimes a patient, i or lost. It needs to be revived. Give him somein order to obtain a little walk in the open air, thing to choose ; let him do what he desires, if he has to pass through eight or ten doors, in each of) does not dogharm. The speaker favored some which the key grates with a harsh and melan- plan, such as symmastics, military drill, etc., choly sound. It is fearful! The sternest and which should break the deadly monotony, and most vigilant watch is kept up at all times and at | awaken the dormant powers of the individual, every point, to such an extent that a universal thus giving vent to the accumulated nervous and chronic sense of suspicion and fear belongs (energies which, if not thus guided off in safe to the sphere of an asylum where-charity and channels, made their appearance eventually in love should be the predominating principles. A ¹ explosions and outbreaks which, under the prespatient invited to go a few days for a rest in , ent system, met at once with the most violent some quiet country retreat, is astonished and ter-1 and barbarous repression which was the worst rified to find himself a helpless prisoner, confined thing which could be done. If a straight-jacket with bolts and bars from freedom and hope, were put upon a man, and his hands tied to his There is no reason for this state of affairs save side, when he was being wrought upon by the the traditional rule of these institutions. It is over stimulated nerve centres of his being, the enough to make a sane man mad ! [Applause]] harmonious coordination sought to be brought The more he complains, the worse for him, every about would fail of being attained : the pressure new complaint being set down as additional evi- would increase with mathematical precision, and dence of his aberration and madness. It is a it was a wonder if the superexcited patient did cruel wrong in most cases to imprison the insane. | not die under the murderous outrage.

cine, in establishing one for themselves.

The spirit of 'investigation was not to be reprehended, neither was the pride of acquired learning and experience to be held as culpable, but the speaker would have these great special departments of science-which should be cultivated to the utmost-meet once each year and compare views, to the improvement and widening out of the conceptions of their disciples through such mental contact, that all might be coordinated together in systematic harmony. This is the great desideratum. The human race, if ever brought to its redemption, will be brought there by the universality of points in which all can agree. Science is the one thing in which all who know it agree: the laws of mathematics are the same to the Christian and the Pagan, the bond and the free, the rich and the poor. Beginning on that centre of universal coordination, the particular knowledge developed by each specialty, blending with all the rest in a harmonic sum, will at last bring the whole human race into one family, one solidarity, in which the redeeming power of the whole will operate in every component atom. [Applause.]

THE MASSACHUSETTS TACHYGRAPHIC SOCIETY held its annual meeting Wednesday, A. M., March 19th, in-the-committee room of the Wesleyan Building, 36 Bronnield street. Boston. Not only the interests of Tachygraphy, but also of Philology and allied sciences, were discussed. The following officers were appointed; President, Rev. Wm. S. Bartlett, of Chelsea; Vice President, Rev. M. Olin, Esq., of Boston: Recording Secretary, Charles Colburn, Esq., of Boston: Correspond-ing Secretary, Rev. David Philip Lindsley, of AndAver : Treasurer, Dr. E. U. Jones, of Taun-Members of the Executive Committee, besides the general officers : Messrs, B. F. Burn; ham, John W. Day, E. H. Leesman, Wm, B. Murphy, A. F. Noriis, and Misses Elizabeth W. cole and Alice S. Read.

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In adversity is the seed of well-doing: it is the nurse of

insane was so widely different from that applied alistialthough he could not deny the necessity of

men outside. The superintendents take the po- The speaker approves of the union of manhood sition of defenders of their patients in our crimi- and money when both go together, and when the

men outside. The superintendents take the po-sition of defenders of their patients in our crimi-nal courts, and deserve great credit for their di-vine work in this particular. Busthey are addicted to too great an extent to prejudice against prac-ticing physicians outside their jurisdiction. The speaker thought one of the bad phases of the present hospital system was the denial by the constituted authorities of the entry into our asy-lums of family dectors, whose presence was de-sired by these who perhaps had been accustomed to their treatment for years; this was wrong; and in some cases resulted in extinguishing in the breast all hope of recovery. If the patient has a family physician, and desires his presence, it is a very good specime of money scheed to visit him. This clique spirit had attained to such dimensions that the doctors waking insanity a specialty had withdrawn them-selves from the great, American society of med-selves from the great and the full socitors, the societies amore societies of the propery,

been known as Egypt since its first settlement, which was largely by a class of white people from the slave States, who, although as poor as the slaves, and nearly as illiterate, were inveterate negro haters, and, although escaping from the curse of slavery that had disgraced labor and reduced them to a social equality, still they were the most strenuous advocates of slavery or the extermination of the black race.

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