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Biographical.

MRS. SARAH A. DANSKIN, PHYSICIAN OF THE NEW SCHOOL, BALTI-MORE, MD.

The name of Mrs. Sarah A. Danskin, of Baltimore, Md., is familiar to the great body of Spiritualists in both this country and Europe, she having been, under the tuition and guidance of wise spirits, an instrument of good to many thousands and an efficient worker in the great cause of spirit-intercourse.

To-day we present to our readers an engraving, which, while it gives the outline of the features of this estimable lady, cannot portray that beautiful symmetry of life and character which so peculiarly fits her for cooperation and companionship with the higher order of spirit-intelligences

The subject of our sketch was born in Baltimore, her father, Mr. William Ridgaway, being prominent in both the business and religious circles of that city. From his youth he had been an active and influential member of the Methodist Church. Her mother, a very beautiful woman, in person and character, was a Quakeress, whose religion was of that practical kind which shed a cheering, happy influence over the domestic and social circles, and carried comfort or relief to all the sick and needy within the reach of her kindly sympathy. Both father and mother were of English parentage, and both were mediumistic in a high degree.

Upon waking one morning, Mrs. Ridgeway called her husband's attention to a small table

foretold. Here the magnetic power of her immediate spirit guides and controllers was so perfectly established as to enable them to shield her from all influences that might prove detrimental. They cautioned her specially not to mingle in heterogeneous circles until they had established this power; and, relying upon their love and wisdom, . she yielded implicit obedience to their counsel.

The time came, at length, when her mediumship was to be exercised for the good of others. Col. Danskin had taken the broad ground that so great a boon as mediumship was not conferred merely to give pleasure to the family circle; that with this divine privilege came the duty of exercising it for the enlightenment and elevation of humanity. Mrs. Danskin shrank from notoriety; but, knowing that her husband stood between her and the outer world, and feeling that her spirit friends could. protect her from any inimical influences from . the invisible world, she finally consented, and their home was freely opened to the public twice a week, the only condition being that their visitors should come with a sincere desire to investigate the truth of Spiritualism, and not for the indul-

gence of mere idle curiosity. Heretofore her mediumship had been confined to the sounds upon the table, communications given through the "Dial," and writing mechanically or impressionally, but now came various other phases. Her voice was controlled by spirits who had been operatic singers. She was made to converse in German, Spanish, French and Italian without being acquainted with either of those languages. Her sight became spiritually unfolded, and her hearing quickened. She could see and converse with spirits. Anoth-

er form of manifestation was attempted, but only partially accomplished. Her brother's spirit told her that if she would stand before the mirror in her dressing-room at a certain hour, he would endeavor to remove her image from the glass, and replace it with his own. It was some days before she consented to try the experiment, and when she did she found her nerves unequal to the task. She said a feeling inexpressible in words came over her when she saw her reflection gradually fading from the glass. She could not bear the strain, and had to retire. This was repeated, and so far accomplished, 'eventually, as to have the image of another presented, but not perfectly or entirely; more like the outline of a shadow than like the reflection of a substance. This experiment was

interrupted for a time, but renewed by the spirit of her adopted son's wife, Rosalia, to whom she was fondly attached: This spirit, being more congenial, more directly en rapport, gave more strength to her nerves, and, after a number of efforts, succeeded in replacing Mrs. Danskin's reflection with her own. The purpose of this development. if matured, was to enable other spirits to appear upon the surface of the mirror, and be recognized by their friends and kindred. This would have been a most useful as well as interesting feature of her mediumship, but her nervous system was not suffi-ciently strong, and it consequently had to be abandoned.



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and you will see animation returning to the eye and color to the cheek ; the blood that was almost stagnant now has free circulation. Your calmness and perfect confidence have greatly aided me. We are now about throwing her into a deep, magnetic slumber ; when she awakes from it our friend, Dr. Benjamin Rush, will take her in charge and give you instructions through er own lips. Follow his directions implicitly.'

After months of patient care and skillful treatment, entirely directed through her own mediumship, she was restored to active usefulness. The "circles" were again resumed, and soon Dr. Rush brought into play those powers of the interior which he had quickened and unfolded while he was renewing and invigorating the external structure.

It was not long before a well known citizen of Baltimore, who had been pronounced incurable-his disease being paralysis of the optic nerve-was restored, and his sight so perfectly renewed that he could dispense with glasses, though he had used them some fifteen years. When writing letters to his friends he would place upon the margin, "Written without glasses, thanks to the angels and Mrs. Danskin." Spiritualism Abroad. This was the commencement of her career in the treatment of disease, as the pupil and mo-

consultation, and they decided to take their patient's leg off in order to save his life. This frightened himself and friends, and he was brought in a carriago to Mrs. Danskin's office. As he was assisted into the room Dr. Rush controlled Mrs. Danskin, and, before they had time to state the case; said "My friend, you have as healthy an organism as there is in the city of Baltimore, with but a single local difficulty, which we will speedily remove. In a few minutes medicines were prepared and magnetized for him, and his friends were directed to bring him again on that day week. The next week he came alone, not requiring help, and when he called the third time he was, as Dr. Rush had said, as healthy a man as there was in the city of Baltimore, his local difficulty having been entirely removed.

effectual treatment, called another in |

Another striking case was that of a young lady who had become insane. It was most distressing to see her; but in a few short weeks her mind was restored, and she is now the picture of health and happiness. If a case is deemed incurable by Dr. Rush, it is declined. though many cases pronounced hope-less by Old School physicians have proved curable under his skillful treatment. One of the most striking mani-

festations of the skill and power of Dr. Rush's spirit, is exhibited in the fact that, frail and delicate as is Mrs. Danskin's physical structure, she has not been prevented by indisposition from attending her office but two days during the last four years, and in all that time she has not taken a single day for recreation; even during the extreme heats of summer she has never been prostrated by sickness.. Her endurance is wonderful, and is attributable to the magnetic force and watchful care of those wise spirits who guide and protect her.

The great power manifested by the spirit of Dr. Rush through Mrs. Danskin's mediumship grows out of the fact that in her he found one whose nature in every department was adapted to his control. Possessing a courage that never faltered, an equilibrium of mind that rarely feels elation or depression, a clearness of perception that, recognizes the duty of the moment and never hesitates in its performance, she is peculiarly fitted to be a co-worker in his efforts to benefit humanity.

skeptical, not even believing in the immortality of anything. The gentle somnambullst had never known him, so the more convincing would a manifestation on his part be, if his presence could be secured. Hardly had the desire been expressed ero the Doctor appeared -and I do not see that there had been any cabinet or other paraphernalla prepared for the occasion. "The spirit presented himself," says the writer, "In a resem-blance so true and speaking, so exact in face, in expréssion, in dress, in action, even to a natural defect of the body, that at his first coming before us the whole family at once exclaimed," If is the Doctor, it is he in *propria* persona,'" At a subsequent scance the Doctor appeared and gave a lengthy account of his passage to the world of spirits and his condition there; how he found himself in a state of darkness, in a condition anything but agreeable, one of misery in fact ; but there had come to him a voice from afar that had expressed the hope that his spirit would comprehend that there was a God, a Creator ; and that by penitence and prayer he would find peace: "I have expected, have prayed," he said, "but the desired peace has not yet come to me." Thus, from whatever quarter of the globe these manifestations are announced, we receive the same expressions that characterize life in the world of spirits.

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Preceding the above there is a portion of a discourse pronounced in Florence, on the 19th of March last, by Sr. Sebastiano Fenzi, which begins with an account of the manifestations in the Fox family. The Annali favors its readers also with several articles on anima magnetism, with notices of important cures effected by It. Under the heading of "Citations before the Tribunal of God," occur a number of interesting items like the following in brief: "When in 1313 Pope Clement V. and Philippe Le Bel, wishing to destroy the Order of the Templars, caused to be burned alive (as hundreds of others were.) its Grand Master, Jacob Molay, the latter said to the boly and to the royal assassin who committed this heinous, this flendish crime: 'I summon you to appear within a year before the bar of God -alla glustizia di Dio." The Pope died on the 20th of April, and the King on the 20th of November, 1314.⁹... " In 1666 a German soldier being condemned to death for some imprudent language, cried out in his last moments to the commander who had caused the sentence: Within three weeks from this time, and at this very hour in the evening, you will render an account to God for my death.' Exactly at the time specified, the of-ficer going the rounds to inspect the sentinels, had occasion to pass over a bridge, whence, by a stumble, he was precipitated into the stream and drowned."

The Revue Spirite, Paris, for April, opens its wellladen pages with a tearned dissertation—" Researches Among the Principles Constituting the Vitality, Material and Intellectual, of a Human Being "-from the pen of M. Valles. Mons. V. starts with and defends the proposition that the vital principle, as all which emanates from God, acts always logiquement, but is not endowed with the faculty of Intelligence. Following this, M. Eugène Bonnémere has an article under the heading of "Neridah," that is a medley of entertaining matter, part romance, part fact--introducing magnetism, Mr. Crookes's remarkable discoveries, Indian jugglers and thugs, and how, mediumistically for the benefit of persons ill with certain diseases, epilepsy for instance, the poison of serpents had been used. In a case of epllepsy the sufferer had been inoculated with the virus, and had taken some drops in ternally, alternating it with phosphorus. "All this," says the writer, "reconciled me somewhat with serpents, and caused me to understand why the Greeks had colled the scrpent around the baton of Esculaplus." A page or two further on he says : " The immortality of the soul, is it not the basis of all religions, the bellef of all the ages, the rationale or the raison d'etre of all the philosophies? And of what use is a philosopher and his long researches if life is only for a day ? " Enjoy then ourselves to the fullest extent, per fas et nefas, since it is a matter of indifference whether one is honest or criminal, whether the intellect be cultivated or not, since upon the tomb may be insertibed the desblate lines of Dante : ' Lasciate ogni speranza, vol cho in-" Leave behind all hope those who enter here." trate!' I do not speak of the founders of religion, from Zoroaster and Moses to Jesus and Mahomet all of whom have affirmed that they spoke or wrote under the inspiration of superiors. All the sublime geniuses who, sefore and since the time of Socrates and Joan of Arc. have affirmed that what they did was but in obedience to demons, or of volces, shall these be thrown among impostors, bandits, assassins? And what have been the teachings of the masters of the school of Alexan-. \ dria, such as Ammonius Bakkas, Plotinus, Origen, Jamblichus, Porphyry, Proclus, and many more, whose works are the glory of the human spirit? Exactly such as we teach to-day; with this sole difference, that the Ochema of Plato, the ochemata of the neoplatonists is called the perisprit by Allan Kardec, the 'aromal body' by Charles Fourier, and by others the 'electro-luminous' body." Further on our crudite author refers to Bayle, to the article in his great dictionary, Plotinus, note G," to Prof. Thury, P. Lebrun, P. Kirker, Gaspard Schot and Salmut. "A note to the above communication says that it should not be forgotten that M. Bonnémere is a distinguished historian, author of l'Histoire des Camisards; Siecle de Louis XIV., etc. Here is also a short notice of Mr. Tyerman's journey rough these United States, his satisfactory sittings with Mrs. Foye, and Spiritualism among the Mormons. Then comes the pleasing letter addressed to Mme. Blavatsky by the Viceroy of India, in which he expresses his approbation that there has been established in the Orient a society of Occidental origin, having for ts object the study of ancient Indian philosophy. For the encouragement of those whose patience may be nearly exhausted by sittings, but unsuccessful, for Spirit manifestations, a correspondent from Poulseur, near Liege, says, that after sitting every week for fourteen months, a society of eight or ten persons had at last obtained most gratifying results. By raps the spirits now respond to their questions, and at a recent scance, after prayer, the medium Euge: nie was found to have a blue ribbon adorned with flowers around her arm. The ribbon, brought from abroad by the spirits, was about a yard in length. It was tied in a bow-knot, which had in its centre an insignia adopted at the society's first gathering-two hands joined, emblem of fraternity. From Besancon Mr. Charles Seron, civil engineer. writes that, his wife having become a medium, they had enjoyed together some extraordinary manifestations: that objects were moved about without human contact ; that conversations were held with the spirits, who were thus enabled to identify themselves, and sometimes the lady medium could see the spirit with whom they were talking. The Revue gives a fine portrait of a little boy, now about ten years of age, born in the Province Corel in Plemont, who, though he can neither read nor write, does, mentally, any amount of arithmetical calculation proposed to him. Recently he was asked to multending physician, after several months of in- | cussed the subject of Spiritualism, but who was always | tiply 78065428 by 56789, and in a moment afterward gave.

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that was rising slowly from the floor and which floated for some moments about the room, reaching nearly to the ceiling, then coming gradually to the floor again. Hearing a noise in the cellar, while preparing an early breakfast, the servant hurried to see what caused it, and found stones flying about without any visible hand to throw them. This continued at intervals until a large opening was made, and, upon examination by the family, a number of human bones were found at the bottom of the excavation. Previous to this time Mrs. Ridgaway had several times heard the sound of footsteps and the rustling as of a silk dress in various parts of her dwelling. She and Mr. Ridgaway were both natural clairvoyants, and often saw those who had passed from the mundane sphere.

Mrs. Danskin was educated at the school of Miss Betsey Ramsay, a popular seminary for young ladies in that day, and in her nineteenth year was married to Col. Washington A. Danskin, a young and enterprising merchant, also a native of Baltimore. It was a marriage of mutual attraction, after a brief acquaintance of three weeks, and during all the vicissitudes of the past forty years that attraction has never lost its influence, but has grown stronger and brighter as time advanced. There has rarely, if ever, in the marriage relation, been a more perfect union or blending of two lives.

In 1852 Col. Danskin retired from business with ample means to indulge his tastes or inclinations, in whatever direction they might lead. He had, of course, heard of the "Fox family," but was not drawn to the subject of Spiritualism until after reading the manly letter of Judge Edmonds, published in 1853, in which that eminent jurist resigned his high office and laid down upon the altar of truth the sacrifice of his cherished judicial position. This determined him to investigate carefully and thoroughly as soon as opportunity offered. Mrs. Danskin felt no interest in the matter, but, as the leisure of their lives was nearly always spent together, she was at his side when he first attended a spiritual scance.

Their first investigations were not very prom-Ising. Among a mass of frivolous matter there came, however, now and then, something that was gemuine and positively beyond the knowl-edge of the medium through whom it came. Circumstances brought these scances to a close, and in a short time after, an opportunity was presented to renew the investigation through one whose mediumship and social position were entirely unexceptionable. This was a Quaker school-girl, who had exhibited fine mediumistic powers. During a period of five months the investigation was pursued - four or five nights in the week-without anything to mar or disturb the harmony of the meetings. 'Occasionally the sister of the medium took a seat at the table, their parents being usually present in the room; but rarely was any one else admitted. Here, amid happy, harmonious surroundings, was Mrs. Danskin's mediumship quickened into life. Here her mission to cure disease, to heal the sick and to give comfort to the afflicted was

There came, in time, another feature in her mediumship which was a source of great pleas-

ure to herself, and astonishment to others. Having no musical education, nor any taste for instrumental music, she was led to the piano one evening, under the control of her spirit guides, and played with a power which showed there was a master hand engaged in the work. This control lasted about three-quarters of an hour, and gathered a crowd before the house. After some few months these musical manifestations ceased as unexpectedly as they had commenced.

In the summer of 1856 it was discovered that Mrs. Danskin's lungs were seriously affected, and early in 1857 her physician informed her husband that all the resources of science had been exhausted, and her démise might occur in few hours; she certainly could not last longer han the following day.

This statement did not make any impression upon Col. Danskin, who waited for the doctor to retire, then closed the room, and took his seat quietly at the side of the couch upon which Mrs. Danskin was lying. She looked pale and emaciated, and, as the doctor had said, rapidly nearing the close of her earth-life; still he could not realize that she would be taken from him. From the date of their union a fixed idea had taken possession of his mind that they would never be separated, and her condition, critical as it seemed. did not shake that belief.

While sitting gazing upon the fading form which he loved so tenderly, she was suddenly thrown, as it were, into a sitting posture and controlled with great vehemence by a spirit who was antagonistic to Spiritualism. The spirit was boisterous as well as vehement, and loudly expressed to Col. Danskin his pleasure that the time had come when the tie which bound her to earth was about to be severed, and the instrument through which he did his "devil's work" would be removed from his control. The calm reply to this was, "You do not disturb me in the least. I know she is under the protecting care of those who are wiser and mightier than you, and no detriment will come to her." After this rude control had lasted about ten minutes it suddenly ceased, and she fell back, apparently in the last moments of dissolution. Still unmoved, her husband sat quietly until he perceived a motion of her lips, and, listening intently, he heard : "It was I, my child, your father, who brought the vehement spirit. Look,

dium of Dr. Rush. The fact of this wonderful cure soon spread

throughout the city, and patients from among all classes of people came asking for aid, until it became a heavy draught upon her vitality and a serious tax upon her husband's income. For more than fifteen years the greater portion of her leisure was given to this work. While she diagnosed the cases brought before her, she also prepared and furnished, without charge, the medicines necessary for a cure. She never contemplated "professional" mediumship, and whenever it was suggested by the spirit of Dr. Rush, she invariably refused to practice for necuniary compensation. He often urged, but she persistently refused.

Wise spirits, however, have a mode of bringng about what they wish, whether their mortal instruments approve or otherwise. A little over four years ago an arrangement was effect ed, through a mutual interchange of thought among those spirits who are guiding this great movement of Spiritualism, by which communications from the spirit-world, given through the mediumship of Mrs. Danskin, were to appear in the Message Department of the Banner of Light. This brought her conspicuously into notice, and soon Dr. Rush overcame lier scruples and placed her professionally before the public, under his guidance and control.

From that time her name has been a household word in the mouths of Spiritualists, and many a kindly letter verifying a message, confirming the accuracy of a diagnosis or giving expression to feelings of gratitude for relief rendered or cures performed, has reached her from every State and Territory in the Union, from all the provinces of Canada, and some few from across the wide Atlantic.

One of the earliest and most remarkable cases that came under her treatment was that of a prominent politician and speculator who had been attacked by epilepsy while in Washington City. A number of the most eminent physicians in Washington and Baltimore were called to. his assistance, and he became a helpless imbecile in their hands. While in this condition he was placed under Mrs. Danskin's treatment, and in a few months he became not only sound in physical health, but was morally reconstructed. The spirit of his eldest son came again and again, and at last touched the heart that had been so callous. He often wept while holding converse with this loved child whom he thought had gone from him forever, and when he returned to his family he laid aside the habits that had disfigured his life, and became endeared again to those from whom he had long been alienated.

This was a grand achievement of the spirits, and, becoming widely known, drew many to look kindly upon the "New School" of medical practice. It was regarded as an unmistakable evidence that the wisdom of the spirit-world was equal not only to the cure of the body but to the cleansing and purification of the soul. This was followed by a case where the at**BEVIEW OF OUR FOREIGN SPIRIT** UALISTIC EXCHANGES.

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The Annull Dello Spiritismo, of Turin, for April

ontains several articles of much interest. Sr. Rinaldo Dall' Argine, writing from Florence, gives a remarka hle and beautiful but sad history of a young lady who three years ago committed suicide at her residence near that city. Signorina Sandrina Pacchiani, belong ing to the distinguished family of Prato, was widely mown for her many charms and graces of person and intellect, and quite remarkable for a cheerful disposition and for the happy faculty of contemplating the nore sunny rather than the shadowy side of events Early one morning her brother called at her room and asked her to accompany him to Florence. Declining as she had not time to prepare herself, she said she would take the midday train, and that he might meet her at the depot on her arrival. She subsequently par ook of a hearty breakfast, and the servant them as sisted her in dressing for her visit to town. After her tollette was completed she dismissed the maid, who re turned to her ordinary work ; but at 12 o'clock, as he beloved young mistress did not descend to take the train, she went to her room, found the door locked, and greatly to her surprise, found also Sandrina's little dog that hardly ever left her, outside in trepidation and anxiety. Supposing her mistress to be asleep, and a it was then too late for the contemplated excursion, the maid, with the approval of the family, made no effort to awaken her. At 2 P. M., however, when naturally alarmed by this unusual occurrence, she renewed her effort to ascertain the cause of the mystery, and sum moned the household. As the young lady could not be aroused, a ladder was brought, the chamber window entered, and the door unbolted from within. All rushed then to the bed, where, elegantly attired, Sandrina was lying terribly disfigured by two pistol balls which she had fired into her head. No one can describe the an guish that pervades a happy home when some terrible calamity of this nature befails it. The fair form of Sandrina was laid away in the new cemetery dt Prato. Some days afterward, while the family were sitting together, evening having gently closed in a beautiful day, noise was heard in the room, and presently the ap parition of the lately departed, the almost worshiped Sandrina, stood before them. Could this have been nere imagination arising from the love and grief that filled all hearts there? Such was the general impression abroad, but not so at home, for the image had been too distinctly seen. However, to remove all doubt upor the subject, a courageous young gentleman was invited to come and sleep where poor Sandrina had breathed her last. The invitation was cheerfully accepted. During the night, having from some cause been awakened, and getting up and going about with light in hand, he too, distinctly saw the fair apparition of the departed one. And it not only seemed objective to his vision, but his cars were touched by a plaintive appeal for prayer. Sandrina was indeed there, and she called him by name and requested him to ask his mother to pray to God for the repose of her soul, already condemned. Horror-stricken, the young man rushed back to his bed, where he remained several days seriously Ill from the effects of the apparition.

Sr. Felice Scifoni, writing from Rome to the Annali Feb. 21st, gives a graphic account of a seance he had attended in a private family where there happened to be a lady "endowed," as he terms it, " with beautiful somnambulic lucidity." It seems that Sr. Scifoni had had a friend, a Doctor, with whom he had often dis-

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the exact result. "Medlum or not." continues the writer, "this little Jacques Inodi is at least one of hose living works the most convincing and the most interesting of anterior acquirements." A lady of Besancon, Mme. Maillard, is obtaining

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great celebrity as a heater. Recently summoned to Switzerland, to an invalid who was considered incurable, Mme. M. restored her almost immediately to health ; but, by first expelling an evil influence that, the writer thinks, went to prove our anterior existence. M. Pétaz writes to Mr. Leymarie that this Mme. M. had cured him of deatness that he had from birth. A Mile. Sirone states, also, that a person suffering for a very long time with rheumatism, and had been abandoned by the Mr D.s, was immediately cured by Mine. M. Many more testify to her great healing gift.

BELGIUM.

Le Messager, of Liege, for 1st and 15th of April, contains much interesting and valuable, matter, but more scientific than purely spiritual. " Radiant matter," as a new discovery by Mr. Crookes, is dwelt upon at length by M. Bonnefout; but he does not ignore a spiritual phase that may be thence evoked, and concludes his article by saying : "The moment is not far distant when the spiritual phenomena will force themserves upon all by the logic of reason, by the evidence of facts and the knowledge of the laws that govern them." Following the above are some important reflections on "Hysteria" as exhibited at the Salpetriere, Paris. The different views of the causes, as presented by several physicians, are here given; but no specific remedy is announced. The writer says that "The phenomenon the most surprising is, that notwithstanding the violence of the attacks, in spite of the insufficiency and poor character of the food, the attlicted maintair their plumpness and the same appearence of health. Though inexplicable," adds M. Richet, "these facts are not supernatural," etc. "The study of demonlacal possession in the present and in the past is as sad as instructive, but we do not believe that the prevailing materialistic options will permit of a fair and impartial investigation of the subject. One can find in the Messager, Nov. 1st, 1-75, a dissertation upon le tilnie et la Folle, where it is shown that many great men of ancient and modern times, possessed of mediumistic faculties, have been treated as insame."

Mr. Kubotn-says of these epidemics of conculsion intires and demontagues: " The medical history of past times represents these epidemics in which one sees but the intervention of God or the devil." Notices of the ursulines of Loudun, the demoniacs of Marzine, and others who have had a world-wide notoriety, add interest to the grave subject under review.

The Messager continues its succinet narration-of the spiritualistic phenomefia that took place in the presence of Prof. Zöllner and other meil of learning-Mr. Slade being the medium. So wholly aboveboard, so devoid of any semblance of trickery were the marvel ous manifestations, these noted savants were carried away with them; but for fear that their scrutiny might not be sufficient, the physician (and magician withal) de la cour imperiale, M. Bellachini, was invited to *assist. His declaration concerning the genuineness of the phenomena, I, c., without legerdermain, is wel known.

The Messager gives favorable notice of The Theose phist; published in Bombay; and edited by the distinguished Russian lady, Mme. Blavatsky. It states that among its contributors are celebrated Brahmans of great crudition, and that it will contain translations of ancient documents, both Buddhistic and Brahmanic. This publication cannot be praised too highly, for it opens a wide and grand field of thought, of research, of spiritual culture (emmently characterizing a remote age that challenges attention.

"The Merchants of the Temple," "Firman and Chapman at Liege," where they evidently played only some poor tricks, and the baby medium of Mme. Markee, said to have been transported a considerable distance by the invisibles, constitute, with a number of minor yet interesting items, what remain to be noticed of the Messenger in hand. SPAIN.

El Criterio Espiritista, of Madrid, for March, has a second article on the "Physiology of the Spirit," in which occurs a precious citation from a sermon by the eloquent padre Lacordatre. I have space for only a few words: "They say, to deny the merits of the miracles of Christ, that they were done by the power of magnetism and occult hatural forces not yet recognized by science. Very well: I Melieve sincerely in . . . I believe in these phenomena, that generally they are purely natural, known to wise men in all the history of humanity; that the secret has not been lost, but transmitted from age to age, giving rise to a multitude of mysterious actions. . . . God has decreed that there should be in nature irregular forces, irreducible to precise formulas, quite undemonstrable by scientific methods; has desired, in fact, to prove so who live tranguil in the retirem the own thoughts, that yet outside of religion there rests in us light of a superior order, a kind of crater whence our soul, escaping for a moment from the body, submerges itself in those spaces it cannot fathom, and of which it conserves no memory whatsoever; but is recalled during this abnormal state of somnambulism, a present state foretelling that of the future, before which ours is as nothing. These phenomena of vision magnetica refer themselves to the category of prophe-cies without being of a miraculous order." Following the above, that must also be briefly noticed, are "Apparitions of the Dead," in which are cited the very many passages in the Bible where such occurrences are recorded, and in which, also, the writer gives some other historic relation-of Celsus, for instance, who " as is known, though writing against Christianity, did not deny the apparitions of Jesus and his apostles, but said that such were not real, but simply shadows (som bras) that initiated the body of Jesus, and in no manner were the real body of the Nazarene. Origen, rebutting the anterior hypothesis of the philosopher, author of the last book Discurso Verdadero, in which Christianity is attacked, says that the Pagans referred to various apparitions of Esculaplus and of Apollo: adding: "If these apparitions among the Pagans be admitted as real, as attested by many persons, why not recognize as true those of Jesus Christ, which are supported by ocular testimony and believed in by so many millions of persons?""

Magnetism: Three journals, from Paris, are in hand, devoted to the subject of magnetism-La Chains Mag-netlyne, edited by the distinguished author and instructor, Baron Du Potet ; Revue Internationale de Magnétisme-Mr. Donato's; and the Journal du Man nitisme. Each of these is conducted with great ability and may well claim profound attention. In the Baron! journal there is a medallion of M. Fred. Ant. Mesmera profile with remarkably fine features; also a sketch of Mme. Louise Guldi, the celebrated sompambulist clairvoyant, ecstatic, etc., and much other matter. The Journal has on its cover the picture of a temple dedi cated to magnetism, over the entrance of which is the inscription, "Know Thyself," and into which are crowding the infirm, On its 57th page is a figure of Jeanne d'Arc upon the burning pyre, with an article on her life and death, from the pen of Dr. A. Peladon Als: The Internationals has numbers seven and eight embodied in its present issue, and hence appears a more pretentious publication than the preceding ; but though having great value from what Mr. Donato himself contributes, and what he can verify through his amiable and devoted assistant, Mile. Lucille, he can only consider his Rocus a formidable rival of the others. The last item of its closing page is a well authenticated statement that a lady in convulsions, af ter child-birth, and who had been declared in the utmost peril by two of the "regulars," was healed by: Daniel Strong by the application of cloths saturated with magnetized water. Dr. Strong is an American, and resides in Marseilles. He seems to be a clairvoyant withal, and under spirit-guidance, for he informed his patient that after two more convulsions, decreasing in force, his remedy would be effectual; and her relatives, highly grateful, make a formal declaration of their gratitude.

I have received another number of the neat little pamphlet, Op de Grenzen van Twee Werelden, etc. It quotes from Heb. iv: 12, from 1st Cor. xl: 14, 15, and xy: 40; from Davis, from the Banner of Light, and Thomas R. Hazard, and has a few words on reincarnation. An article on "Our Double," De Dubbleganger, occupies six finely printed pages. Under the heading of Het Zilveren Koord, I have the honor of being named with Dr. Peebles, Drs. V. Etten, Smed-ley and Pearce. Following this is a letter addressed to Mr. Peebles, by E. C. Dunn, dated Albany, 12th Feb., 1872. Further on, the Spiritual Telegraph is moted from: also a letter from S. A. Peters, in which Prof. Hare is named ; in other articles, Kate Robinson, Wilson, Balley, Tuttle.

Original Essay.

ARE THE CLAIMS OF MEDIUMSHIP

FOUNDED ON RELIABLE FACTSP"

BY B. T. YOUNG.

We find in the recorded history of all nations,

from their earliest period of existence, that

they possessed a system of religion founded, as

claimed by them, on revelations given through

few individuals known as seers, prophets,

teachers, &c., having peculiar organizations,

and in whose presence, under certain condi-

tions, phenomena of an extraordinary charac-

ter took place, which have been generally cred-

ited as miracles, given by the gods to mortals

for the establishment of religion among men,

and continued from time to time until most of

the inhabitants of earth became votaries of a

belief of the future existence of man after death.

This belief still pervades the minds of most men,

with the exception of a few in more enlightened

communities, who reject all theology as taught

in the last two hundred years, as not reconcila-

ble with their reason and intuition in regard

to the character of God, as represented by

theologians, in his partiality toward a few of

mankind, to the exclusion of the many. In

Asia and Africa; in consequence of the ignor-

ance of men, the manifestations of the preter-

natural appearances, in their early history,

through the seers or mediums of their time, were

attributed by them to the gods. Thus the

spirits manifesting in Egypt were named Osiris

and Isis, and worshiped. In the Assyrian and

Persian nations, various names were accorded

to them, according to the good or evil attributes

supposed to be possessed by them. The poster-

ity of Abraham named them angels, Lord, Jeho-

vah, God, &c. As sacred books were not writ-

years; although several great rulers, like Charlemagne and Napoleon, have tried to unite them s one, but failed. Other prophetic mediums, both before and after Daniel's time, have given many proofs of their truthfulness in predicting the complete desolations that should come upon Ninevah, Assyria, Babylon, Edom, Tyre, Zidon, Egypt, and other great cities and nations, and also of the captivity of the ten tribes of Israel to Assyria, and their final dispersion; also of the aptivity to Babylon of the tribe of Judah, and of their return, and finally of their subsequent dispersion to all parts of the earth, and the destruction of Jerusalen, their city, by both the Babylonians and the Romans, all of which has been fulfilled, though the predictions extend from twenty-five to thirty-three hundred years in the past. ' Also through these mediums were given the minute events that would transpire in the birth, life and death of the great teacher Jesus, who was the subject of several predictions, all of which were accomplished in his history ; and through Daniel the time of his mission and death was also shown. During the mission of the greatest medium through whom the spirit-world has manifested to mortals, he selected as his assistants such as possessed the requisite power or aura by which the spirit-world could manifest its power in signs and wonders, in healing the sick, the blind, the deaf, and all manner of diseases; fulfilling the predictions of Joel and other prophets, of speaking in tongues not their own and with an intelligence far beyond all their previous ability of mind.

The prophet Joel declared that God would pour out of his spirit upon all flesh, and they should prophesy (or teach) and see visions, &c. This is stated to have had a partial fulfillment on what was called the day of Pentecost, when, as Jesus promised his disciples, the spirit was given to them, from on high, and was promised to continue as an ever-abiding influence being "the gifts of the spirit" to be sought for earnestly, as Paul teaches. Jesus states that his disciples should do even "greater things" than he had done, showing conclusively that "healing the sick," speaking in (foreign) "unknown tongues," "discerning of spirits," were, and now are, all evidences of spirit power and intelligence, given to mediums for purposes of benefit to the human race. ' Thus when unprogressed spirits obsessed persons in the days of Jesus and his disciples, they brought to bear upon such the spirit power, and caused the mediums thus influenced to be relieved from such evils (wrongfully called devils; evil men and spirits there are, but none worse than when on earth as men, for like will attract its like). These proofs and gifts were manifold in the Christian church for many years after Christ, and had the church continued free from world ly entanglements with the earthly governments -pure and lowly as its founder-the best gifts of mediumship would doubtless have become even more generally possessed than before, instead of being confined to a few scattered here and there on the earth, as has been the case until recently, when another influx of spiritual influence has swept over the world. Often, at different periods, efforts have evidently been made by the spirit-intelligences to show their ardent desire to communicate more freely with mortals in the last three hundred years, but the ignorant and superstitious state of men's minds (through a false system of theological teaching) prevented them from properly "discerning the spirit," and as it was generally believed, that none but devils could communicate with mankind, and give evidence of their existence, the instruments they controlled were thought worthy only of death. Such treatment of mediums, of spirit control, was accordingly condemned by the higher intelligences of the spirit spheres, and their influence suspended for a time from manifesting their power to control mediums and give, through them, the positive knowledge of an immortal life in the future, and the comfort to such of

Written for the Banner of Light. THE SUMMER-LAND.

I sing the golden Summer-Land, Where we shall meet no more to part, And warmly grasp the outstretched hand Of men of noble, generous heart.

There side by side a glorious band, Still onward pressing day by day, All wisdom's brightest beauties grand We'll gain, and gaining, keep for aye.

No streets of gold and pearly gates To sickly sloth shall us allure; But each with his own proper mates, Shall march right on in progress sure.

The Summer-Land has fertile bowers, ---Fair mansions rising through the trees, And beasts and fishes, birds and flowers, Bright butterfiles and busy bees.

That land with every form is rife Of all that's beauteous, all that's good ; No longer driven by needs of life. Man sheds no more the creature's blood,

All are immortal, all are blest With noble talents they can use; By pain are errors still redrest

In those who their great gifts abuse. The God who rules the Summer-Land

Still works by Nature's hidden laws, Nor as with Magic's fickle hand Brings an effect without a cause.

And all things in this nether world Are types of glories rich and rare; Which like a banner bright unfurled We'll find in lasting beauty there.

There, death and want and sickness past, All start once more, and onward go To greater bliss, or slow or fast, As streams that to the ocean flow

God is perfection-there can be None perfect here save He alone;

So in those glorious regions we Shall never find our struggle done Oh ve whose timid hosoms fill

With fear at such eternal strife; Who seldom yet have nerved your will Victories to gain o'er ills of life-

Ye weakly ones, who dream to sing Through countless ages, and proclaim The glories of a powerful King Without an effort or an aim-

The God who gave you griefs before. And strength each heavy cross to bear, Still rules on that eternal shore-

His mighty hand will guard you there. Toronto, Canada. н. м. พ.

The Bostrum. Memorial Service to Calvin Halland Mr. and Mrs. Amos Harvey, Founders

of the Lecture Fund. DISCOURSE DELIVERED BY C. B. LYNN, IN SFIRIT-UAL HALL, STAFFORD, CONN., SUNDAY EVENING, MÄY 23D, 1880.

[Reported for the Banner of Light.]

One year ago we laid away in the grave the sacred elay of our venerable brother, Calvin Hall. Sitting in my study—the room in which he died—I often think of his devotion to what he considered to be the truth, of his many unselfish kindnesses and of his grand generosity. While enjoying my brief sojourns in this quiet village, I have often heard Mr. and Mrs. Amos Harvey spoken of with most affectionate esteem. They were honored citizens of this place for many years, and, like ''Uncle Calvin,''* were zealous and devoted Spiritualists. You all know that to Mr. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey we owe the benefaction of the fund which maintains the lectures to which from time to time you

It is eminently proper, therefore, that we should consecrate at least one service a year as sacred to the memory of our arisen friends. Ingratitude is ranked among the basest of vices. Do you value these services? Would you be indifferent if the hall were closed? Have these meetings contributed anything to the thought of this community? Are you strengthened. by coming here, for the struggle of life? If you can answer these last two interrogations in the affirmative, remember that to our friends in whose name we hold his service praise and thanks tiving should be give Other questions confront us : Are we utilizing the generous gift which has been bestowed upon us? Do we sit and supinely look on, receiving coldly and selfishly? Do we put the cause which our friends loved so well before the public in the best possible shape? Are we proving ourselves worthy of their disinterested kind. ness? These are not idle questions. Meeting our benefactors after the change called death, what message shall we have to repeat to them? Let us heed these topics. There is an obligation resting upon us. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey were the pioneers. They took upon themselves heavy burdens. They gave generous ly of money, and their home was a blessed haven of rest for the apostles of Spiritualism. They were deeply interested in the building of this hall; indeed, amon the many earnest workers who contributed money and labor toward the construction of this building, none were more enthusiastic than this honored couple. This hall was dedicated, let us always remember, to humanity-not to a sect. -Galvin Hall was also an old resident of this neighborhood. He was a plain, blunt, honest, generous man. At first, in religious conviction he was materialistic; afterward he became a Universalist, as was the case with Mr. and Mrs. H. With the advent of Spiritual ism, "Uncle Calvin's" career took a new phase. He was blessed with the gift of healing. I have been reading a large number of certificates of his wonderful cures. He took no money for his services. Herein his unbounded generosity was manifest. As an illustration of his kindly spirit, I will cite an incident: On a certain horse trade there was a load of wood coming as boot." - "Uncle Calvin" got all of his cattle together, yoked them, drove to the farm of the man with whom he had traded and loaded a pile of wood nearly as high (so the tradition runs) as Bunker Hill Monument, and then drove to the house of a poor widow and un loaded. Our brother's closing years were peaceful, as we all know. I can see him now, as he was assisted across the street to see Gov. Field, lying encommed. Surround. ed by loving friends, "Uncle Calvin," passed away, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, too, died among those whom they loved. And these three-noble, unselfish soulsbelieving in the value of ideas, left' a legacy so that this platform could be supported. Dear friends, we thank you! We wish that our dull, crude senses could realize your holy presence in our midst to-night.

Time changes our opinion of men and movements. Take the local history of Spiritualism here. If the movement were to come to-day, for the first time, the Church would not antagonize it, as was the case for-merly. There would be no need of weakening a professedly liberal church by leaving its fold for an abiding place elsewhere. We have all gained wisdom. The Church sees the folly of its dictation and contempt;. and we outsiders begin to realize that we, too, have undoubtedly erred in being too arbitrary and combative. Philosophically considered, both attitudes were products-one of inherited conservatism and the other of the inordinate zeal which always characterizes new movements.

The Church of to-day, to be understood, must not be judged by its creed. The creed is the old sign post, but 'the road has been changed, and we all meet at some four corners where mutual respect and love obtain.

This fund, utilized wisely, will not be the means of a constant feud between this congregation and the assemblages which convene elsewhere. It will be the means of general enlightenment; its complex ministry will accomplish what the stationary ministry of any or all sects cannot-accomplish; it will supplement the church services; it will be a missionary gathering to

The mood of the time, both within and without the Church, made the move in the direction of this hall essential. All is well. We stand by our flag!

But we do not labor to perpetuate strife. We will go half way in all fraternal greetings; and when the Church will acknowledge on its record that the guidepost and the road are contradictory, and when outsiders put more genuine spiritual fervor into their work, I see no obstacle against a happy reunion of severed ties.

2. This lecture fund is a prophecy of coming unity. I cannot specify the phase in which that unity will be shown. It will be based on ideas, not emotions. The heart needs the guidance of the head. Fraternity, to be enduring, must be intelligent. Broadly considered, the moral force of the world is subordinate to the intellectual force of the world, so far as progress is concerned. Destroy the supernatural claim of religion, and you break down the prejudices based on that assumption. Simple goodness will not destroy religious prejudice. Intelligence only will lead to larger unity. Singular is the testimony of history on this point of persecution. Who persecuted Christians? Not the profane, vulgar and licentious of the Roman Emperors, they were indifferent to it. Marcus Aurelius, a man of the highest integrity, and Julian, of renowned honor and personal purity, were conscientious in their an-tagonism to Christianity. The leading supporters of the dreadful Inquisition, we are told, were men marked by spiritual cleanliness. Eminent writers, who visited Spain to write the history of the Inquisition, were, obliged to confess that nothing could be said against the character of its principal defenders.

So I argue that the intellectual power of this platform is leading the way to a reasonable understanding-a fraternal relation ; the destruction of bigotry.

3. Now, to offset former prejudices, to dethrone the sectarian spirit, we must put religion into the category of human development. We must swear fealty to the most rational view of religion. The facts of history, not our special predilections, must indicate to us our way.

The subject of religion is, beclouded with fog and mysticism. The way into the sunlight is difficult. But we should not falter.

What a time historians had in trying to get at any rational view of things from the so-called histories written in the Middle Ages! The first historians were wandering minstrels; history depended on memory; with the discovery of the art of writing came exaggerations. Weird, grotesque, and to us ridiculous narrations of giants, etc., were written as absolute fact. Men high in ecclesiastical life wrote as history stories which put Aladdin and Jack the Giant-Killer into the shade. Slow but sure has been the emancipation from that mental condition.

Take our theology—read it without undue reverence. It is a fable—a Cinderella story. There is nothing reasonable in it. Think it over-the scheme of salvation i Imagine that you heard of it only yesterday; would you accept it? No!

This, then, is our purpose : to throw light upon the confused question of religious belief ; to coordinate all the facts we can gather; to marshal the alleged Saviours into a glittering phalanx; to establish a sound philosophy which shall serve as a guiding power to those moral inspirations with which God has endowed

Friendship is the new orb in the sky of religion. Such is the lesson of the hour. Peace and unity to our children. We will bequeath to them no quarrel. We will leave to them a rational philosophy. Will not this ideal of our work be pleasing to "Uncle Mrs. Horvey

The venerable Abbot of Chuni, a learned theologian, states in his De Miraeul, that one Pedro de Engelbert, who had entered said convent, had seen one night, between the foot of his bed and the window, the apparition of an individual named-Sancho, who said he had come to explate the evil he had done during a late war, and besought prayers.

La Luz Del Porvenir, of Barcelona, holds its own as an able exponent of our cause. I have six numbers of it in hand, and can only briefly notice the contents. Lady Solar, its principal contributor and editor, wields a most forcible pen. I do not think that the Catholic Church, llas found in our ranks (perhaps with a single exception.) a more energetic, powerful, logical opponent. The present series opens with her forty-fourth chapter of "Spiritualism Refuting the Errors of the Roman Church." If would take all the columns of the Banner of Light to lay before its readers what is here worthy of their, attention. I think what she is, here publishing is about to appear in book-form, and it will be a treasure to any one understanding the Spanish language. Mile. Candida Sanz gives also her generous thoughts to La Luz.

SOUTH AMERICA. The Revista, of Montevideo, for March, has been re-ceived. Its editor, and the "angel guardian," contribute their usual felicitous articles, which, with quotations from the Barcelona Revista and (El Buen Sentido, from Diderot and Themistoeles, make it an at tractive number.

La Constancia, of Buenos Ayres, for March, has also just come to hand. It has a large amount of material to be examined, and I will endeavor to give i my first attention next month.

MISCELLANEA.

Licht, mchr Licht. This attractive weekly, published in Paris, in the German language, is a volume in itself, embracing a wide field of observation, having able cor respondents, and copying valuable accounts of, facts and phemomena. One of its first articles of the four numbers in hand is from, the Banner. The five next pages contain articles from three Doctors. Baron Du Potet, Elise Lavater, of Zurich, Rachel of Bordeaux, the somnambulist Louise Lasserre, and Von Christian R. (elmers?) are among its numerous contributors.

ten in those nations until long after many of he events were supposed to have occurred, tradition glone was depended upon by the future historian when giving publicity to the events Therefore it is not to be wondered at that fallible priests, who wrote in most instances these so-called sacred books, should ascribe to the highest intelligence of the universe the manifested evidences of supermundane power and wisdom, and name them accordingly. Thus 'the Angel of the Lord," so often spoken of as appearing to the seers and prophets, was often called Jehovah, or God, yet at other times named as man, and shown to possess the characteristics of men by eating, drinking with men, &c. Several instances are given in the history of these spirit manifestations, as "the men that appeared to Lot," also "the men who appeared to Abram" and to Daniel, "the man Gabriel." &c. In John's Revelation, the angel who ap peared to him (and whom he thought divine enough to fall down_before and worship,) distinctly states himself to be "thy fellow servant and of thy brethren the prophets-worship God." Thus if John could mistake a spirit, once on earth as a prophet, for God, so doubtless also did the ancients, who wrote of such appearings through media, who came to establish the fact of their future existence and power to communicate to mortals on earth; that a bridge between the seen and unseen worlds was then an established fact, and would continue for all time; that through seers, prophets or media communications and other evidences of such close relationship between them should be given from time to time, until, as the prophets declared, the "kingdom of God should be with men." Thus, for the purpose of convincing men of the truthfulness of their mission for all time, the prophets were instructed by these angel messengers to predict many historical events that would require thousands of years in the complete fulfillment of all of them, pertaining to the rise and fall of nations, kingdoms, peoples, &c., particularly those nations that would become universal kingdoms, subjecting the Jewish nation, with others, to great oppression for

a long period in the future. Daniel was thus informed by an angel or spirit (once-mortal on earth) that four great kingdoms should arise in succession, governing mankind in brutal power, also his people the Jews: Babylon the first. Medea Persia the second Grecia the third, and Rome the fourth. Then how Rome should be divided into two parts (eastern and western), and again divided into ten nations, and so continue divided until they were absorbed into the peaceful government of "the God of Heaven" or a universal government of brotherhood, when, as the closing prediction states, "The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess it forever." The predictions thus given, about twenty-five hundred years since, have been accurately accomplished, so far as the four great kingdoms and the divisions of Rome into two parts and also into ten parts, and its continuance in a divided condition to the present time, of about thirteen hundred

have waited until, by the enlightenment of mankind, the time has come when they can send another spiritual wave over the world without endangering (at least) the lives of their sensitive agents, and drive back the clouds of dark materialism and atheism that have obscured the light of immortal truth for years

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The best gifts held by the early church, and so long unsought for by the modern church, are now again brought to light, with many other added powers, to enlighten mankind and save them from the false teaching of ancient barbarism, and which was engrafted on to the dogmas of the Christian church as a part of the teaching of him who taught that all men were brothers, having "one Father, even God."

In the past thirty years millions have become firmly convinced (through mediums for spirit control) owing to the multifarious evidences beheld by them, of the reality of a future progressive life, and of the presence of their loved ones who have passed beyond the veil. With such it is not simply a belief, but as their senses were convinced by the many and various manifestations given, it has become a positive knowledge to them. In a large number of instances some member of their family (perhaps a little child) was the instrument. The conviction of its truth is oftener obtained in the family circle than at public ones. It is estimated that about one in six possesses more or less mediumistic powers, which can be developed by proper attention to the requisite conditions. The primal meaning of the Latin term medium is that of an intervening agency of transmission between opposites. Thus the seers were such between the present and future worlds, and were set apart and honored by the ancients as the mouthpieces of Deity. In this way all religious systems were founded in all nations, without exception, if history speaks correctly.

In conclusion I would ask if this is true, and the people have been fully convinced by positive evidence, given in so many countless ways, of the truthfulness of mediums, seers; prophets, or by whatever name they may be called in ages past, whether the claims of mediumship are not well founded, and if it is not well for us to heed the teachings given through them.

Tribute to Dr. Slade.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: Our cherished friend, the rarely gifted medium, Dr. Slade, has just left us; but the influence he has exerted during his stay will abide with us in its effects forever. More highly prized than caskets of precious gems are the slates he has left full of loving messages from the other side. Through years of labor and unremitting netivity Dr. Slade has been known and loved by every member of our home circle; anxiously we have watched him amid his varied experiences, and his success has ever awakened feelings of the liveliest pleasure there. No wonder he has been chosen by the spirit intelli-gences as a golden link between the dark valley of iears and the summer land of love, for his sensitive na-ture is an :colian harp vibrating with the breath of angels, echoing music from the Summer-Land—the music of voices long silent, telling there is no death j that all shall be relimited in a Paradise of love and beauty. St. Louis, Mo.; May 25th, 1880. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:"

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Now, in this hour, of meditation, let us resolve to appreciate, more than ever, the gift of our beloved arisen ones.

1. This legacy is to the citizens of this place. Our doors are open to all. What we have we freely give, It is not Spiritualism in any dogmatic or sectarian form that we are trying to force upon you. We emphasize the great truth of spirit-communion. We have facts which corroborate history on this point. In conjunction with this declaration we teach simple rationalism in religion; we open our doors for lectures on science, history, travel, art-in fine, on all subjects which relate to the welfare of humanity.

Hence I say to you, people of Stafford : This is one of your homes. You are interested in the use of this fund. I want to impress this fact upon the young men and women. After the present custodians of the fund pass away, you, my young friends, will remain as the guardians of this sacred-trust. Will you do your duty? Will you allow prejudice to come in, or sectarian hatred? I trust not. Will you allow the matter of church-mem bership or non-church membership to destroy the use ful work which can be done here?

Mr. Hall was 94 years of age when he passed to the spirit world. He was called "Uncle Calvin " by all of his ac quaintances.

We must remind our young people of the good deeds of those who have gone. We must not forget the dead. Think of your arisen ones! Some miss a babe, others a husband, father, mother, sister, brother or wife. Keep alive tender and holy memories of those who have journeyed to the spirit-world. In the rush of the, busy world we need the sanctifying influence of such holy thoughts. .. Let us cherish as something supremely sacred, the idea of communing with our sainted friends who have passed away.

And now to our dearly beloved ones, of whom we think to-night especially, in this public gathering, we say: Accept our love ; we cherish delicious memories of you ; we shall strive to emulate your noble example; enjoy your existence in the spheres, knowing that your life-work is appreciated. Amen.

New Publications.

SOTERIA; or, The Science of Salvation. By Rev. Sam-uel Emerson. Boston: A. Williams & Co.

.This volume is said by its author to be the result of a lifetime of severe, earnest study of a question which he himself considers should be uppermost in every mind, and that is, "What shall we do to be saved?" which, however, naturally sugges ts tous another question, "Saved from what?" Oceans of ink have been spread over bales of paper in order to render complicated what is in itself very simple; and in looking over the past we begin to gain some idea of the real import of the last query and its proper solution. The correct answer must be, Saved from further disputations, theorisms and complications, in lieu of which an earnest and hearty adoption should be instituted of the plain but all potent rule of doing unto others as we would others should do unto us.

THE BIBLE AND ITS STUDY, published by John D. Wattles, Philadelphia, contains thirteen articles-by D. D.s., LL. D.s. M. A.s., D. C. L.s., and clergymen bearing numerous other alphabetical elongations to their names-designed as "promptings and helps to an intelligent use of the Bible,"

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE is the title of a pamphlet containing the/proceedings, testimony and argument of the defence in the trial of John C. Cheney for polygamy at Northampton, Mass.. Published by John Brown Smith, Amherst, Mass.

"NANA," by Emile Zola, has been translated by John Stirling, and is now issued complete and unabridged by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia. The story is a sequel and continuation of "L'Assommoir." bu deals with other scenes than those portrayed in its predecessor.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PRESS, ASSOCIATION, with Constitution and List of Members, including an account of the Excursion of June 1879. and the Reinion, February 1880, is received from John L. Parker, Journal office, Woburn.

THE QUARTERLY REPORT of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, ending March 31st, 1880, contains a large amount of valuable statistical matter, not only in relation to the agricultural resources of the State but also its schools.

WORK AND WAGES, by Maria B. Lyman, is just issued as No. 30 of "The Sabbath Library," a series of stories of the "evangelical" order, designed for Sunday schools. David C. Cook, publisher, Chicago. .

THE CINCINNATI TRADE LIST, published at 140 West Front street, has a circulation of thirty thousand, and is a good representative of Western enterprise.

THOUGHTS ON THE BOOKS OF MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN, by Oliver Butterfield, has been received from the author, Francestown, N. H. **6**

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Banner Correspondence.

Missouri.

ST. LOUIS .- A. Miltenberger writes us on the subject of "Organization." After mentioning several per-tinent cases where the believers in theological dogmas, who have "only a tithe of the truth of which we have the whole," have still put forth large sums of money for the discharge of church debts, etc., (merely for the benefit hoped by them to accrue by such action to others-since their own salvation, as churchmen, was, presumably, already assured), our correspondent says

⁵⁴⁷ There occurs to me but one explanation of these facts, and that is that the spirits oppose all attempts at organization. The eloquent and inspired Mrs. Richmond says (May sth):

Alchmond says (May 8th): ¹ There is no attempt, nor will there he permission on the part of the splrit-world, for an organization that shall at any time usurp the inspiration of the movement. There is no intention to form a basis in material life that will, like the Church of Rome, or like the Church of England, crys-talize Spiritualism into a movement of political and social power, lefting out of it the very source of its existence, the power basis upon which it is predicated. Denominational lines are lines of limitations; Spiritualism aims at keep-ing the human mind free from these limitations, and in just so far as you have succeeded in centering it free from creed and human limitations.¹ Eloquently answered, and I can forecast the failure of all attempts in the future as we have seen them in the past.²

the past."

Virginia.

Virginia. RICHMOND.-Geo. W. Swan informs us that he re-cognized the spirit message (printed in the Banner of Light several months ago.) through Mrs. Danskin's mediumship, purporting to come from his daughter, Mrs. ALIOE MANHON BINGHAM, as being correct. Ife adds: "I also recognize the message, printed May 22d, of CAPT. JOHN BANNET, as correct, except his name, which was Thomas Instead of John. I under-stand every word of it. He was a good man, a firm Spiritualist, and a regular attendant at my scances. He was forewarned by his spirit mother of the acci-dent (which took him off) two weeks before it hap-pened, but he heeded it not. Thanks to you and the mediums; may the angels bless and strengthen you for your glorious work."

California.

California. SAN FRANCISCO.—A correspondent writes: "Mrs. Emma Hardingo Britten has taken leave of us and gone to other fields of labor. With regard to her work among us it is safe to say that the deepest interest was aroused by her lecturas in this city. From the 1st of January in this year to the 18th of May Charter Oak Hall twice on each Sunday has given seats and stand-ing-room to seven hundred persons, at least half of which number havo occupied their seats an hour be-fore the lecture commenced, the remainder mostly standing during the whole service—many having to re-main outside for want of space, and at least two-thirds of these from outside our ranks."

Ohio.

Ohio. LOCK LAND.—Mrs. Mary H. Street writes : "I read in the Banner of Light of May 15th a spirit-message from HIRAM H. BARNEY to his son, R. D. Barney (not R. H., as printed). He was a resident of our neighbor-ing village, Wyoming, and I am happy to say that all the statements in the message are correct. He was an adherent of the Baptist persuasion, but, his son in-forms me, very liberal in his views. I think the Message Department one of the best fea-tures of the Banner. T always read that first, hoping to see a communication from some of my loved ones in spirit-life. I hope you will always keep it up. I en-close one dollar for the circle fund."

Massachusetts.

GREENFIELD. – Joseph Beals, M. D., writes: "Dr. J. M. Peebles not long since concluded a series of six lectures here upon travels around the world, and one up-on Spiritualism: They were listened to with great atten-tion by large audiences, which increased with each lec-ture, and were considered, in their entirety, to be great success. That upon Spiritualism was well cal-culated to incite deep thought and investigation."

The McLeod Controversy; The Statement of Norman McLeod Contravened by Thomas Lees, and Mr. Solders, Administrator ; "Has [What the World Calls] a 'Dead Man' any

Rights?"

To the Editor of the Leader:

To the Editor of the Leader: THE SON'S STATEMENT, My attention was recently called to a statement made by Mr. Hudson Tuttle at the late Anniversary of Spiritualism, which is reported in your paper as follows: "I see before me the spirit of Gen, McLead, who wants me to protect against the Orthodox services at his funeral, when his dying request was for spiritualistic services." Simple justice and regard for the truth impel mo to say: First. That my father's last elekness and death having been at my house, I am in a position to assert most une-quistice and regard for the truth index in the services. First. That my father's last elekness and death having been at my house, I am in a position to assert most une-quivocally that no such request was either made by him, or implied by anything he said or did. Second. On the other hand, at my father's own request the flev, Dr. Youmans was called to see him, whose visit was greatly appreciated by my father, who, in expressing his graitude to the Doctor, urgently requested him to re-peat his visits as frequently as possible. "Third In Compare baying collected at my mother's

peat his visits as frequently as possible. Third. Dr. Youmans having officiated at my mother's funeral, my father frequently expressed himself as being not only satisfied, but gratified.

Memorial Nervices

BANNER OF LIGHT.

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James and Mary, until 12:30 P. M.) the following com-munication : CLEYELAND, O., July 25th, 1870. To Hiram, James H. and N. E. A. McLeod, Mrs. Mary Mandeville and Mrs. M. B. M. Bekeuth, children of the late Gen. Donald McLeod: The undersigned, in the performance of his duty, after consulting with the Rev. Dr. Youmans (who says that, from what was done or said between him and the hate Gen. D. McLeod, he cannot conclude or infer that the latter de-sired him toofficiate at his fumeral), is forced to the conclu-sion that your father has at no time rescinded this former request of the undersigned, to procure an exponent of the spiritual Philosophy to officiate at his funeral. That the software is the subscience of the software in the fulliment of the software is a state of the software of the undersigned our father, conflicten to your father to procure such person, hereby tenders to your father to procure such quartette of singers, to conduct the funeral coremonies of your father. Children, reflect Bhall the solomm request of your father be granted or de-mided to your father, new leaves the manter in your hands. Yours in friendship, Gro, B. Sol. Rens, *Executor of the last will of Gen. D. McLeod.* Read to all in presence of M. E. Beckwith. Norman requested me to read it again and again, end then sold.

- And they met her. Fair was the day when that casket we here To the spot where of twe have gathered before: Fragrant the balmy air. Kind hands with rare garlands a pall had bound : A redolent forest bedeeked the ground; A Paradise was there! Oh, would but the angels let her-Yes 1-and her spirit drew near us, 1 ween, Breathed forth her warm thanks, then passed from the scene:

- scene; Never regret her !

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

The last meeting of the First Society of Spiritualists of Chicago, Ill., previous to Mrs. Richmond's depart-ure for England, was held on Sunday evening, May 23d, in the West End Opera House, at which the attendance was unusually large.

Mrs. Richmond's guides first gave an impressive invocation, following with remarks suitable to the occasion, quoting the passage, "A-new commandment I give unto you : that ye love one another."

Dr. L. Bushnell, President of the Society, then introduced Mr. Chandler, who read a Memorial Greeting "to the Spiritualists of England," which was received with applause and ratified by a vote of the audience. The address is as follows:

The address is as follows: TO THE SPIRITUALISTS OF ENGLAND-GREETING: It is with mingled feelings of sadness and pleasure that we comply with the wish of the spirit-guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, our beloved medium, to grant her leave of absence for a brief solourn in your midst. If we part from her reluctantly, even for the short period of a few months, it is because she is to us the embodiment of our highest identises if the sadness of this separation is softened, it is due to the convic-tion that what is our loss will be your grain-and in this brotherhood of one faith personal predilections should ever give way to the general weal. We are aware that Mrs. Richmond comes among you not wholly a stranger. The memories of a former visit we doubt not are still fresh in your minds, and the good-will and many kindnesses then shown to her will not fail of repetition on this occasion, as the instru-ment most harmoniously attended to volce the inspira-tion this day and hour; and hence we rest with con-tent in the assurance that she leaves one company of warm.hearted and devoted friends only to pass into the mids to fanother equally zealous and thre. During the better part of five years that Mrs. Rich-mond has ministered to the First Society of Spiritual-ists of Cheago, she has been to us, and all within the vide circle of her influence—an influence extended not only by the spiritual but there has been a prey to bitter dissensions; within there shores of time within releated thuse beaten the shores of time within releated the society Spiritualism has been a pree ond unspeakable cause for thanksgiving. All about us the waves of discord have beaten the shores of time within releated sea, concervi, forbearance, and a joy that can come only where the spirit is manifest in the fullness of its power and beneficence. If we, who are no more deserving than others, have been thus showered with blessings, the has been soley TO THE SPIRITUALISTS OF ENGLAND-OREETING:

Sixteen Crucified Saviours.[*]

 Memorial Nervices

 Were held or the 20th uit, at Westeyan Hall, Heston, as a tribute of low and respect to the lately departed Mrs. Sylvanus Cobb—allusion to,whom we made a short time since—by the Ladles' Physiological Institute, with which she was from its organization, thirty-platform was finely adorned with flowers in various designs, and on an casel was allecial, and of which with east by a some of a highly adorned with flowers in various designs, and on an casel was allecially prevented of the cortis agit each and they have always been assigned a diffuse emanation by the disciple of the cortis agit each and microsite indicated the high sense of appreciation in which she in whose memory it was rendered was held. The for the cartain proposition and diffuse emanation by the disciple of the cortis agit each microsite was allowed more in this commetion:

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thority of certain anthors, to be found in "the religion of the Hindoo Saviour," are not really to be discovered therein. The portions of this book which will, we believe, be found most generally useful, will be those treating of "miracles, prophecies and precepts." Mr. Graves shows that the whole pathway of religious history is thickly studded with miraculous narratives and prophe-cles, and rationally accounts for the various thauma-turgical actions attributed to Jesus of Nazareth. Those who ignorantly maintain that the teachings of the Gospel hero are infinitely higher and nobler than those of any and every other moralist, will do well to read the section of Mr. Graves's book comprised be-tween pages 303 and 307. The author believes that Jesus was a spiritual medium—a theory which only Spiritualists will accept. Toward the end of this in-teresting volume we find the infinence of the Bible dis-credited by a contrast between "heathen Japan" and "Christian Abyssinia." In concluding this brief no-tice of "The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviours," we should "state that the work has, we believer obtained wide circulation in the United States. It is also very creditably printed and bound, and would prove an or-nament to the shelves of societies' libraries, for which, as an easy book of reference, it is peculiarly adapted. —C. J., in the Secular Review, London, Eng.

(*)Colby & Rich have this work on sale at the Banner of Light Bookstore, No. 9 Montgomery Place, Boston, Mass.

Antidotes to the Vaccine Virus.

Antidotes to the Vaccine Virus. This subject, which was referred to in No. 1, de-serves further investigation, for if a true antidote—in-expensive, safe, and easy of application—could be found, it would go far to nullify vaccination law. Dr. Willian, in his treatise on "Vaccine Inoculation," Lon-don, 1804, p. 36, in a foot note, states. Dr. Jenner was of ophilon that subplur, hargely fised, prevents the operation of the vaccine virus," and refers for further information to Dr. Tierney's "Dissertation," and Bell's "Treatise on the Cow Pox," p. sr. Dr. Tierney cless the fact that Dr. Jenner failed in-vaccinating thirty soldlers under treatment with sulphur. Dr. Tuthill Massey, in his "Practical Notes on New American and Other Remedies," p. 91, states: "After a fortnight's course of sulphur six children were vaccinated. In only one, the youngest, who had taken the least sul-phur, did the operation succeed." Recently Mr. W. Gibson Ward has advocated the use of a solution of borax to be applied to the vaccine punctures immedi-ately after the operation, as a means of destroying the activity of the pus. Personally I am of opinion that liquid annonia, so effectual in neutralizing the effects of bites and stings of snakes and insects, would be equally useful in neutralizing vaccine polson. Let the experiment be tried, and the results recorded. A few drops should be applied to the punctures in the arm with a feather or a camel-hair brush as soon as possi-ble after the vaccinator has done his work. A penny-worth would suifie for the sulphur remedy should give to the infant every day for a week previous to the vaccination as nucci milk of sulphur as will he on the origon of a penknife,—I geenation raw is diffy children. Review.

Verification of a Spirit-Message.

In the Banner of Light of May 15th there is a communication from SUSAN A. CASS, which is true in every particular: She passed from the mundane to the supermundane sphere of existence at our house, in Feb-

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into only satisfied, but gratified.
 Fourth. From the foregoing facts I certainly believe that my father expected and desired that the same minister who conducted the funeral services of my mother would and should conduct his.
 Fifth. From the whole we must infer: (1.) That my gifted father—who was over a man of the strictest veracity -made no such untruthful communication to Mr. Tuttle, (2.) As he could not have been the author of that commu-nication, his spirit was not seen by Mr. Tuttle, (3.) His spirit vidently not having been seen by Mr. Tuttle, (3.) His spirit vidently not having been seen by Mr. Tuttle, (3.) His spirit vidently not having been seen by Mr. Tuttle, which and Mr. Tuttle, the heart-stricken family.
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Cleveland, April 10th, 1830.

A WORD FROM THOMAS LEES.

CLEVELAND, O., May 10th, 1880. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

In explanation of the subjoined letter by Mr. Solders I would say that Gen. McLeod (the centenarian) was a very prominent man, a well known Spiritualist, and highly respected. His wife passed on about six months before he did. He sent to me to conduct her funeral (she, too, being a Spiritualist), but, through the prejudice of the family and the misleading of the old gentleman by some member of it (by his being told that there was no speaker to be got), she, was buried by a Methodist minister. On learning afterward of the misrepre sentation which had been made to him the General was highly incensed, sent for his executor and made him sacredly promise that when he died, he (Solders) would see to it that he had a spiritualistic funeral. Again his wishes were thwarted by the son, Norman McLeod, in whose house he happened to die, for when the old gentleman passed off, this same person had several policemen patrolling the front garden to keep Mr. Tuttle and myself from officiating, in obedience to the wishes of the executor.

Here the matter rested until the remark of Hudson Tuttle at our late anniversary, which called out the letter of Norman McLeod, which is quoted above as

published in the Leader. Hudson Tuting replied to this, but the Leader posi-tively refused to publish any reply, either from Mr. Tuttle, Mr. Solders or myself, while the other paners of this city declined, on the ground of the attack being made in another journal (the Leader), so we are shut off entirely from giving the public the facts unless it is through the spiritual press. The following note, published in The Cleveland Voice of May 9th, gives expression to our position up to the present:

THE MCLEOD-TUTTLE CONTROVERSY. To the Editor of the Voice :

To the Editor of the Volce: Permit us to say that we have now in our possession the reply of Mr. Hudson Tuttle to the attack made on him by Mr. Norman McLeod in the Leader of the lith ult., and would state to those interested in this controversy, and all lovers of justice, that, as the Leader refuses to publish it, we have to seek the justice we had a right to expect else-where, and refer all for a full explanation to the spiritual press-the Hanner of Lipht, of Boston, and the Atligfo-Philosophical Journal, "J of Chicago. That he deceased Gen. McLeod was a Spiritualist, and died firm in the faith, and desired spiritualistic service, we can demonstrato be-yond controversy—if the Leader would publish our states, ments. Yours for justice, f. B. SOLDENS, THOS. LEES.

STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTOR. To the Editor of the Leader:

To the Editor of the Leader: In your issue of April 11th, 1880, appeared an article of and purporting to be written by one Norman McLeod, wherein he takes issue with Mr. Hudson Tuttle in what the latter said at the late anniversary of Spiritualism, to wit: "I see before me the spirit of Gen. McLeod, who wants me to protest against the Or-thodox services at his funeral, when his dying request was for spiritualistic services." Whether the General appeared and desired said pro-test, I know not. But if he appeared, or could appear, his protest would be vigorous, and in harmony with the facts hereinafter stated. Norman McLeod, by the fourth paragraph of said article, bases his mcLiff that his father desired Ortho-

[*] Mr. Tuttle's reply appeared in the Religio-Philo-sophical Journal for May 20th. -ED. B. OF L. S. # ..

Executor of the last bitt of Gen. D. McLeind. Read to all in presence of M. E. Beckwith. Norman requested me to read it again and again, and then said, "Then you leave the matter with me?" I replied, "I leave it with the children. 'I have done my duty. Lhave nothing further to say or do in the matter." After this he procured the attendance of several pollcemen, at 2 P, M., the time of funcral ser-vices, to whom I explained matters and that there would be no trouble whatever. I was a stranger to them, and referred them to Capt. McMahon, of the force, as to whether they could rely upon what I said. They departed and did not return. At 2 P. M. Mr. Tuttle and the quartette of singers were on hand. All the children except Norman after the reading to them said communication, expressed to me their willingness to grant the father's request if it were in their power; the body being upon Norman's premises they must submit, Mrs. Beckwith being much grieved that her father's request and the issue is apparent. Has a deceased parent ary rights of conscience or belief which a child is bound to respect, should their views differ? Even among the Holtentots and barba-rians, to say nothing of a civilized qommunity, this ro-quest would have been freely and instantly granted. The question was and is not : is, or was the father's theory or bellef correct? I take it in this ninctechth century, after rivers of blood have been shed for the rights of conscience, there are gome rights of bellef which should be respected, which only moral depravity and brute force can ignore. To summarize: To summarize:

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ist, That such a request was made would be implied from his thirty years' professed hellef. 2d, We need no. implication; the General requested it, to which I can certify under oath. 3d, The best and only witness, Itev. Dr. Youmans, that could have or did have any knowledge upon the subject of the General's desire, expressly disclaimed that the General ver said or did anything from which he could even infer that he desired him to officiate, the latter having officiated at the request of Norman. I now, Mr. Editor, leave this matter to the comment of a liberal and indulgent community, hoping that the children, born and unborn, may be more charitable toward their parents, and recomize their rights of con-science. May 1st, 1880. Executor of Gen. D. McLeod.

An exchange remarks that a St. Louis woman "died without medical assistance." A rare case, indeed.

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of its power and beneficence. If we, who are no more descring than others, have been thus showered with blessings, it has been solely due to the presence among us of our beloved "Water Lily," and the benign influence manifested through her by the wise and good, to whom she ever accords implicit obedience. The work she was given to do she has done unquestioningly. The light of her limmined countenance has been to us what the star of Bethle-hem was to the shepherds and magi of old. If er words, utilered with the power of the spirit, have brought strength and consolation to thousands whose to therwise would have been despir, and with one accord the true and faithful of this land now look to her for guidance and counsel, as the foundation of highest inspiration. This is our message to you. For the First Society of Spiritualists, Chicago. COLLINS EATONS See y. L. BUSINKLL, Pres. Mr. F. F. Cook then followed with an address in be-

Mr. F. F. Cook then followed with an address in behalf of the Society, referring to Mrs. Richmond's labors in Chicago, to her former labors in England, and to the present parting. He also spoke elequently in defence of mediums and mediumship.

President Bushnell made a few remarks, in which he

A resident bissinch made a few remarks, in which he attributed the success of the Society to the wise minis-trations of the guides of Mrs. Richmond. Mrs. Richmond's control then again addressed the meeting, responding to the kindly sentiments of the preceding speakers. Following which Mr. A. M. Grit-fen offered the following Resolutions, which were unan-imously adopted by the audience : Wherea. This Society is about to part with the speaker

imously adopted by the audience : Whereas. This Society is about to part with its speaker, Mrs. Cora. L.V. Richmond, for a fow months' ministra-tion in England ; and Whereas, It has found in her a friend and sister of ster-ling qualities, and a medium for the expression of the high-est spiritual truths; therefore, *Resolved*. That this Society tenders to her its united thanks of deepest gratituide and love for her noble and pure ministrations to it in the tast, and that it expresses its sin-coreest hope that she can der companion may have a safe journey and safe return under the guidance and protection of the sume noble band of spirit-fachers who have num-istered so faithfauly through her ills while with us here. *Resolved*. That the spiritual papers of this country be immished with copies of a brief report of the proceedings of this meeting for publication.

"Ouina," Mrs. Richmond's Indian control, then gave an impromptu noem, which closed the evening's exer-cises. ColLINS EATON, See'y.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

cises. ColLINS EATON, Sne'y. To the Editor of the Banner of Light: Perhaps It is not well-known among the many Spir-itualists of the great metropolis that we have an Order of "Cosmopolitans, composed of Spiritualists, organ-lzed for general cooperation, mutual benefit and pro-tection, and concerted action when necessary, in the defence and promulgation of the principles of the or-der." which are: 1, Tolitical Equality of the Sexes; 2, Unsectarian National Schools; 3, Secular National Governments; 4, Absolute Religious Liberty. It is unnecessary to state the desirability of the adoption of such principles, as a mere statement of them is suff-ficient for the intelligent reader. The principal object accomplished by such an Order is, the provision of place and conditions where the full-fieliged, and the timid especially may feel at perfect liberty to express their true sentiments on these and other important questions. It is a condition of eligibility to membership that the applicant shail be a " believer in actual spirit intercourse between spirits and mortals." To this ex-tent he or she is expected to be a Spiritualist, and a person of good character. Besides this object of op-portunity for exchange of congenial thoughts and feel-ings on vital questions connected with the philosophy of life, here and hereafter, its members are entitled to pecuniary benefits in sickness or distress, and proper attention and respect in case of demise. For social and-business reasons, the divulgence of the names.of the members is polibited. Without disclosing secrets, I may say that the 'good of the Order," apart-from-tife regular order of business, consist of a variety of interesting exercises, literary and musical, circles, re-lation of personal experiences in physical and mental phenomena, &c. The first Lodge, institute another Lodge further up-town, for the purpose of spreading the cause, and for the accommodation of may who live nearer the centre of the city; and when its exist-e

ruary, 1877, where she was on a visit. She did know, as well as one can know while tabernacled in fiesh. that she could return. Being a medium, she was aware that there is no death. Although it was hard to leave her children, she passed away without a struggle or a groan. Her husband passed on in December last to meet and greet those who had gone before, MARTHA C. SMITH.

Ashland, N. H., May 15th, 1889.

PUBLIC MEETINGS, ETC.

Spiritualist Camp-Meeting.

Spiritualists of Northern Iowa and Southern Minne-sota will hold their Third Annual Camp-Meeting at Seneca Park, hear Bonar, Howard Co., lova, commencing June Juit and closing July 4th or 8th. Dr. J. M. Peebles and Prof. Sanford Niles have been en-gued as speakers. Wirs, H. N. Van Deusen, beychometric and business medium, and Geo, P. Colby, clairvoyant and test medium, will be in attendance, and a general invitation is extended to all who may feel interested to attend and take part in the exercises.

is extended to all who may feel interested to attend and take part in the exercises. On Friday evening there will be an Independence Sociable, with music for dancing, and, if desired, good music for dancing will be furnished every day from 6 to 0 or to P. M. Let all who can, bring tents and bedding. Wood and hay furnished free to campers. Letters of inquiry will be answered by G. W. Webster, Bonair, Howard Co., Iowa. Committee of Arrangements.-J. Nichols and Ira El-dridge, of Gresco; W. Nashand W. Stork, of Line Springs, and G. W. Webster, Bonair is on the Chi., Mil. and St. Paul R. R.

Northern Wisconsin Spiritual Conference.

Northern Wisconsin Spiritual Conference. Again we would notify the Spiritualists and Liberalists of Wisconsin that we are to have another of those grand Three-Day Conventions in Ouro, June 18th, 19th and 20th, 1850, Our last meeting was a grand success. In spile of the ele-ments, Let's make this a still greater one by all attending and showing our interest in the canse of Spiritualism. E. V. Wilson is engaged, and will give a scance Saturday evening and another Sunday Atternoon at half-past two ovelock—To: Barrett, Mrs. S. E. Hishol; Dz. E. W. Ster-vens, J.; Kenyon, Dr. A. B. Severance, and Dr. A. B. Ran-dall, are hylic dio participate. E. Very Spiritualist is requested to send the Secretary the name of eyery Free Thinker, that they may be notified of the meeting. The friends will entertain free to the best of their ability. Efforts are being made to secret a first-class slate test medium; WM. M. Lock Woon, Pres. CORA B. PHILLIFS, Sec⁹y.

Camp-Meeting at Belvidere. Ill.

Comp. Meeting at Belvidere, III. There will be a grand rally of the Liberals, Spiritualists, and all classes of Free Thinkers, in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin, on the Boone Co, Fair Grounds, at Belvidere, commencing Thursday, June 17th. closing Mon-day, June 21st. The meeting will be conducted on the prin-ciple of a free platform, open to all phases of Free Thought, Many of the leading speakers of the country have been cor-responded with and are expected to be there. An opportu-nity will be given to all meetiums to exhibit their medial powers; and it is expected to make this the grandest rally of Liberals ever held in Northern Illinois and Southern Wis-constin. Come one, come all. For further particulars, ad-dress F. F. FOLLETT, Managing See y. P. O. Box 253, 'Rockford, Ill:

The Vermont State Spiritualist Amociation

The Vermont Niato Spiritualist Association Will hold its Annual Convention at Plymouth on Friday. Saturday and Sunday, June 11th, 12th and 13th, All friends of the cause, and the public generally, are cordially invited. Plymouth is situated in one of the most romantic parts of the State, between two ranges of the Green Mountains, which rise for several hundred feet on either side. It is earnestly requested that all who can be present will do so, this being the Annual Convention. W. IL WILKINS, Secretary. South Woodstock, Vt., May 12th, 1880.

Grove Meeting. Arrangements have been made to hold a Spiritualist Grove Moeting in the beautiful Grove of J. Merriman, at Transit, about three miles northwest of Hyron, and about eight miles northeast of Batavia, N. Y., on Sunday, June 20th. Lyman C. Howe is engaged has the orator of the day, and a very large attendance is anticipated. J. W. SEAVER.

Anniversary Meeting at Sturgis.

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The Harmonial Society of Sturgis, Mich., will hold its Annual Meeting in the Free Church on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 18th, 19th and 20th of June. BY OIDER OF COMMITTEE.

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------FM Thursday next-June 17th-being a holiday in Boston, the Manner of Light Bookstore will be closed at 12 M. Subscribers in the city, who regularly obtain their papers at the office, and patrons meditating a visit to our establishment on that day, will please bear this announcement in mind. tø.

The Matter of Conditions.

The lecture by interrogation and answer which was given by J. William Fletcher in Steinway Hall, London, and reported in the Baumer of Light of May 15th, contained certain observations on the conditions to be observed and obeyed, if we would bring the spirits into communicating relations to us, which deserve more than a single reference and perusal. Although, said the spirit in control, "the spirits often manifest themselves in spite of doubt and unbelief," the questioner was nevertheless bidden to seek to place himself in the right condition if he would have the benefit of conscious spirit presence and communion. "Open your then say that they do not exist."

Again the lecturer remarked in response to a question, that "the result of any scance is forms at one time, spirit, medium and child! mainly dependent upon the conditions of those persons who compose it." The ideal scance is formed, said the spirit, when men and women come together, not to prove or disprove preconceived ideas, but simply with the desire of ascertaining the truth, and in the spirit of little children. From such as these flow waves of spiritual influence by which the spirits who are at work are able to produce happy and satisfactory effects. In answer to the question, Is a medium neces sary in order to demonstrate the presence of spirits? the control said, "the medium furnishes the material by which and through which the spirits are enabled to present themselves to your consciousness. They are drawn, however, no nearer to you simply, because you may be in the presence of a medium. The latter acts as a link between those who are gathered together in the scance, and the spirits who stand just outside your consciousness. Your influences are drawn out and attracted to the medium and produce a power which the spirits are enabled to use": Sometimes little or no strength is taken from the medium by the spirits, and on other occasions the strength of the medium is used almost entirely. In the latter instance the resemblance which the spirit at times bears to the medium is accounted for. If we would have this materializing power cantinued and increased, we must see that we care for it with a jealou's watchfulness. If we are first of all faithful to the truth that is in our hearts, these manifestations, we are assured, will be continued, and will grow strongerand grander. We are too apt to accept the edicts of men, and the habit of men is to condemn what they do not comprehend. The manifestations of Spiritualism are not for scientific dissection, but for spiritual growth. If our hearts are rightly attuned, we shall have no need to ask if there is a spirit-world, for the doors of heaven will swing open so wide, and we shall stand so near the eternal world, that to doubt will be impossible. All-spirit power is proportioned to the conditions under which it is exercised." So long as the right conditions are absent, and the wire is disconnected, the message cannot come. In the ancient times, mediums were carefully secluded in order to keep them safe from hurtful contact with the world. In general, man is not in a fit condition to be receptive to spirit influences. The waves of spirit-power have their ebb and flow in consequence of this fact. A revived spiritual life is preceded by an ebb, when spiritual vigor is apparently paralyzed, and spiritual life is almost extinct. Can we wonder, then, at what some are pleased to regard as the fallibility of spirit manifestations? This ebb and flow of susceptibility on the part of the human mind draws its source largely from the fact that four-fifths of the people of the world (in the language of the controlling intelligence speaking through Mr. Fletcher on fthis occasion) are so engrossed with thoughts of what they shall eat and drink, and how they may obtain material enjoyments, that they

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have no thought of 'what may happen to-morrow. Their little world is just what they can touch; it is limited to the world of sense; and when the truths of the spirit-world are set before them, they at once ask of what use it is. If they cannot see that it is of any, they put it aside and let it wait. They do not care to be hindered in their business. They are likewise afraid of being laughed at. "But [added the spirit] if such persons only dared to face the world and say, "This is true," then strength would be given to help them subjugate the world." Though not many are yet ready to do this, and the "fashion of this world" has not yet "passed away," still the signs of ultimate triumph are in the spiritual sky, and the laborer who works with faithful heart to prepare the way of the on-coming truth "shall in no wise lose his reward."

Satisfactory Materialization Seances.

The phenomena from time to time occurring at the sittings for form-manifestations given in this city by Mrs. John R. Pickering, at her residence, 796 Tremont street, have been of a highly convincing character-to the truth of which statement we have taken occasion ere this to append our personal endorsement in conjunction with the testimony of various (and not a few) correspondents. We here present additional evidence in the same direction.

Thursday, June 3d, J. Warren Winslow, of Boston, called at our office and put us in possession of the following information: On the previous evening, (2d,) two gentlemen from Attleboro, Mass., himself, the medium and her husband, made up the list of persons present in the séance chamber-the sitting being a private one. During the evening some ten forms, varying in size and apparel, came out of the cabinet; among the materializations thus appearing being one of a man clothed in a military jacket of red, having gold stripes arranged horizontally across the breast. One of the gentlemen from Attleboro asked of this form: "Do you recognize me?" in reply to which query the spirit bowed and proceeded to imitate the act of playing upon a bass drum, following it up with the unique motions incident to the trombone-player. The gentleman at once acknowledged that he knew the spirit while in earth-life, and recognized his appearance now ; that he (the gentleman) had played a bass drum in a band wherein the spirit now manifesting had played the trombone. This gentleman informed the few persons present that he had never before attended a materializing séance, but he was perfectly satisfied of the genuineness of what he had witnessed—in which opinion his companion concurred.

An aged relative of Mr. Winslow manifested on the same evening, identifying herself to him by going through the form of sprinkling clothes and spreading them on the ground in a manner peculiar to her: she communicated her name correctly, and, drawing aside the folds of the cabinet curtain, showed the medium still sit ting in her chair.

Mr. Winslow further informed us that J. B. Howard, Esq., of 2189 Washington street, Boston Highlands, has had a remarkably convincing experience at the scances of Mrs. Pickering -and one extending over several sittings, the manifestations intended for him seeming to be a matter of growth, and increasing in clearness and vigor with each oceasion of their presentation. Mr. II. recognized in the first instance his spirit wife, who wrote upon the slate: "When you come again bring my darling," eyes," said the spirit; "the sun shines. Put meaning his little daughter of some seven years _yourself in a position to receive; the truth is of age, who was yet with him in the mortal ready for you ; but do not go and shut out the form. This request was complied with on a light from your chamber, and then say there subsequent occasion, when the form of the wife are no sunbeams. Do not close your eyes to the came out and took the little one into the cabigrand spiritual facts that are around you, and net with her, placing the child in the lap of the medium, at the same time lifting the curtain that all present might see-as they did-three

> This act has been, we understand, repeated by the spirit mother at other seances. On one occasion a wreath of blue and white blossoms was placed on the child's head by the spirit, before the two entered the cabinet: but upon the disappearance of the form no trace of the flowors thus bestowed could be discovered anywhere in the apartment. The child, under instructions from her father, has satisfied herself, by the exercise of the sense of touch, while in the cabinet, that the forms of the spirit and the medium are actual and distinct entities. Some idea of the power of the manifesting form may be gained by a consideration of the fact that though the child weighs forty pounds, she has been on each occasion easily lifted by her mother and placed, without effort, in the lap of the medium, in plain sight of the sitters.

Sabbath Excursions.

The Sabbath Committee of this State, appointed not long since as special guardians of 'the holy day," have made an appeal to the clergymen, calling upon them to preach sermons on the proper observance of Sunday, fearing that Sabbath excursions will soon cause the churches to become tenantless. The "proper observance" which this Committee insist upon maintaining is the hiring of pews in a house that displays the true evangelical flag, attending 'the stated preaching of the gospel" therein, and being satisfied with such further recreation as may be had in Sabbath school picnics, church fairs, singing schools, charade parties and strawberry festivals on week days. The Committee intimate that unless some preaching is done to stop the rapidly increasing prevalence of Sabbath excursions, the churches everywhere will be closed, and public worship cease throughout the land. They seem to think that the prime use of men, women and children on one day in a week is to make a"Sabbath," and that by getting them together in a building, giving them a talking to and putting them through a series of formal services, they are honoring God and duly observing his holy day. But fortunately for the people, they are just now taking their lessons more from nature than from the church ; and they conclude that when the Committee can fence in the wild woods, imprison the summer breeze, dry up the rivers and lakes, suspend the blossoming of flowers and the singing of birds, out of respect for the Sabbath, they may be induced to deny themselves, "for this day only," the blessings which are proffered them to enjoy.

There are those who, when the first liot breath of summer is felt, journey away to the mountains or to the sea-shore, there to remain until the cool winds of autumn render city life enjoyable. But it is not these rich, heavy-fleeced sheep of the fold which the ministers seek to impound in their sanctuaries. There are thousands whose time and means are too limited to enable them to do this; and a day's excursion from the dust and heat and turmoil of the battle of life is all they can expect, and with thankful hearts they accept that when it is given them. The "Sabhath Committee" would deprive them of this, and its members ask the aid of all "the servants of God " in their efforts to do so !

An Interesting Public Circle Incident.

An interesting incident recently occurred so confirmatory of the truth of a message received at our Public Free Circle-Room that it cannot but prove of interest to our readers. A lady (Hattie L. Sheldon) residing at the South End, being in this vicinity on business, and having finished it, was on the point of returning home, when she remembered that it was the afternoon when a séance was to be held and near the time of its commencement. Though she had had no thought of attending it, she felt at this moment that an hour's time could not be more profitably passed than in our Circle-Room, and so she vaid it a visit.

During the afternoon a spirit gave a message in which he said that he had hoped to have lived a long life upon earth, so as to be able to assuage suffering and be of use to others; that he had been in the spirit-world but a few days (this was May 11th); that he belonged to Amesbury, Mass., and that his name was Dr. Thomas S. McAllister. [See message on sixth page.] The lady-Miss Sheldon-immediately recognized the name as that of a physician with whose family she was well acquainted, but she had received no information of his having passed to the spirit-world-had not known that he was sick ; and yet she had confidence in the message received through Miss Shelhamer, and felt that, strange as it might be, what she had heard was true. Upon reaching home she at once wrote and posted a letter to the father of Dr. McAllister's wife, stating what she had heard-the mere fact without the details of the messageand in a short time received from him the following letter in reply: AYER'S VILLAGE, MASS., May 19th, 1880. FRIEND HATTIE-Dr. Thomas S. McAllister passed over about 50 clock, Monday morning, May 3d. A few days before he left he said he should like to live to do good by relieving the sick and suffering, but if He who overrules all for good had ordered otherwise, he was ready to go. Ellen is yet at Amesbury, where she will remain for the present. Poor child is lie seems broken down physically with care and taxiety for her dear husband while living, and heart stricken with grief at his-loss. I shall go to Amesbury in a day or two and will take your letter with me for Ellen to read. Will you please send me a copy of the Banner of Light containing the message referred to in your very kind note of the 17th, and much oblige Ever truly your friend, M. AYER. lowing letter in reply :

Home Again.

Our worthy, and valued business partner, Isaac B. Rich, has arrived home from his trip to New Mexico, California, etc., and all who have met with him since his reappearance in Boston join in the verdict that the journey has been of marked benefit to his outer man, if appearances may be taken as true indices of his bodily health. We gladly welcome him back to the field of his labors in the Banner of Light establishment. The Spiritual Record, of Chicago, for May 29th, contains, the following paragraph concerning his brief "stop-over" in that city while on his way eastward :

"Isaac B. Rich, of the Banner of Light, was in at-tendance at the closing services of the first Society of Spiritualists of Chicago, last Sunday evening, and, after the meeting, accompanied a few of the society to 'Lone Rock's 'improvised wigwam for a cup of coffee. He is looking a little bronzed in the face, which is a fashionable color for all sliver-hunders who return from the mines, where he has been sojourning for the past few months. Mr. Rich only stayed in Chicago a few days, and returned on the evening of the 20th to iew days, and returned on the evening of the 20th to Boston."

The Religio-Philosophical Journal for June 5th has an editorial reference to his visit, from which we make the following extracts:

which we make the following extracts: "Last week we had the pleasure of a day's visit with Mr. Isaae B. Rich, of the firm of Colby & Rich, pub-lishers of our esteemed contemporary, the Banner of Light. Mr. Rich and his friend, Dr. Jenkins, who is a director in the mining company of which the former is president, have been down in New Mexico inspecting their property. They appear well satisfied with the prospect, and anticipate a great future for that sec-tion.

tion. After a couple of days passed in 'doing' Chicago. Bro. Rich left for Boston, and has ere this gladdened the heart of his editorial partner with the numerous messages and presents from distant friends [*] of which he was the bearer."

[] In this connection we wish to return special thanks to R. Montague, of Los Angeles, Cal., for specimens of fin oranges from his grove, - Ep. B. of L.

An Unfortunate Illustration.

At a Sabbath School Convention in Illinois, Mr. Wm. Reynolds spoke of some object-lessons he had witnessed. One of them was where the preacher, to illustrate the necessity of the washing of regeneration, used an ink bottle; and this is the way he employed it:

"He poured water upon it, but it was not transparent. Extracted the cork, then pource water into the bottle, which cleansed and left i which checks which checks and left it clear. Putting the cork in and having water poured on it, showed how men pretend to desire to be cleansed from sin, but 'cork themselves up.' Also, illustrated necessity of cleansing before death, by showing a blackened bottle, and at a blow shivering it to pieces. The de-struction (or death) left the fragments impure as before." as before.

But why did n't this illustrator continue the figure? After uncorking the bottle and pouring water into it it became clean and pure. Why did he not pour water on the fragments of the bottle after destroying it? Did he fear he might "shiver" his argument in showing those fragments cleansed by the same process that the bottle had been? No one believes that the effect of what is called "death" purifies the soul, but it is affirmed that the same agencies that operate to do so before death will do so after death. This might have been illustrated if the water had been applied to the pieces. It was, therefore, an unfortunate illustration for our clerical teacher to use, for if he had gone one step further it would have somewhat damaged the lesson he was seeking to illustrate.

25 One who writes to the daily press recently concerning "The Advanced Turk" and his ways, makes the following damaging admission regarding the comparative positions which the Mussulman and the Christian religions sustain to the hearts and lives of their respective followers :

"Christianity is mocked at by the educated Mussul-nan; you may destroy his faith in the religion of his itres, but he will never sincerely adopt yours 1 In an tryument on this subject you will be surprised to fluid sires, but he will never sincerely adopt yonrs 1 In an argument on this subject you will be surprised to find the Turk will put you. to silence. He will tell you you know nothing of God-God is God, and he will shake his head at any clearer definition. You will find he gives to Providence unceasing control of affairs, and that these decrees are unalterable. Kismet (it is written) is to the Turk the Alpha and Omega of life-nothing can be attempted against that almighty flat. Preach to him the Gospel, and he will adroitly ask you, 'Why are you so rich if Jesus Christ was poor? Why do you do exactly the contrary to what he taught?' He himself will tell you that he prays de youly at the stated times prescribed by the prophet ne arınks no wine; he takes but a limited number of wives; during the sacred fast he eats nothing from sunrise to sunset (and this for forty days); he is studi-ously clean in his person; till the Europeans taught him, he did not cheat or the or steal. And this is all true, and you will be made to feel that his religion (though on a lower plane,) is the religion of the nation, and is practicable find practiced, while yours, though a flaviess could of morality, exists on paper alone, and stirs not the heart of the mighty multitude bear-ing the name of Christ?

Parity of Character.

Purity of life, by correct conduct in all the relations and transactions with our fellowmen, is an important factor in our influence as Spiritualists. More than this-it is a duty that, devolves upon every one professing our faith. I know the subject of an upright, moral life is a little tiresome to some of us. And I am aware, also, that some regard it as a secondary matter. But it is not so. A pure life-a life freeing itself daily from the corrupting-vices which are constantly spread as nets of entanglement in our pathway-tells more for good, and proclaims more loudly the truths of Spiritualism, than hundreds of lectures delivered or articles written upon the subject. Such a life shines with all the radiance of the noonday sun, dispelling the fogs of doubt, and converting the pestilential miasma of distrust into the healthful breezes of confidence and faith in humanity.

If we are inclined to underrate the value and influence of a pure life, we have but to recall scores of examples of upright living, wherein the daily life was or is a daily sermon of rare import. I have in mind one of such, who, though of humble station, and destitute of those accessories that might be thought necessary to make prominent the daily deportment and conduct, nevertheless is quoted by every one, vicious or otherwise, as an example worthy of imitation. The subject alluded to is not an old patriarch, who, having exhausted his animal nature in earlier days, is now doing what an eccentric minister once said, "giving God the stump end," but is in the prime of life, with all his passions at their full vigor.

I regret that my experience and observation have proved to me that this is an unwelcome topic. You approach one upon the matter, and you are accused, perhaps, of a belief in asceticism or effeminacy that is incompatible with a successful struggle in the social and business circles in which one is thrown. While I am not unmindful that youth or early manhood is the natural season of the outflow of the animal spirits, and the natural period for the gratification of an appetite which the exuberance of a normal and healthy physique suggests, still I cannot but think that our teaching should be. such that our higher and spiritual faculties should hold supreme sway over all these, controlling and guiding them into their legitimate channels, and making them our subjects instead of our masters. How many of us are there today who are chained to some vicious habit that bids us do this or that, and whose bidding we follow with all the abject submission of the meanest slave? Now it seems to me that the cause of this is mainly attributable to early training. I believe it to be the duty of every t parent to teach his boy or girl in the plainest manner the true function of manhood or womanhood; that life is given us to enjoy; that gluttony or excess of anything in life produces misery instead of pleasure; that true happiness is only attained by a temperate use of the things of life-by a moderate indulgence of its pleasures.

I wish to emphasize the necessity of the strictest morality on the part of Spiritualists, because, they have the light, and thus sin against the Holy Spirit when they go astray.

Portsmouth, N. H. CHAS. W. GARDNER.

82 A certain "Rev. Mr. Briggs," of Texas, inable to answer the arguments of Col. R. G. Ingersoll, launched out not long since in a torrent of vituperation concerning him, wishing that holders of such views could be summarily treated to hempen neckcloths, etc., etc. Being, however, suddenly made aware by a storm of popular indignation that he was rather behind the age, the ministerial bigot sought to escape the consequences of his act by denying the correctness of the reporter's version of his remarks. He is shown up in good shape by the Galveston Citizen of a late date, its review of the matter ending as follows:

"In this [the disclaimer mentioned above] the reverend gentleman was indiscreet, for the reporter appends to the denial a copy of his short-hand notes taken at the time of the de-

Those desirous of attending Mrs. Pickering's séances should do so at once, as her stay in Boston will not be a prolonged one.

Dr. Babbitt and J. H. Mendenhall.

Some years ago J. H. Mendenhall, now of Unionport, Ind., saved his daughter's life by magnetic manipulation according to the directions given in Dr. Babbitt's Health Guide. Two physicians had given her one thousand doses of medicine, and, having brought her to a point in which she hy helplessly paralyzed and unconscious, declared that "she could not live forty-eight hours." He thus did by the aid of a higher science what the college-bred doctors were unable to do, and brought his daughter to life and health. This speaks well for both Dr. Babbitt's work, now re-published, with many additions, as the Health Manual, and also for the power of Mr. Mendenhall, who is a frequent correspondent of the spiritual papers, and states that he expects to commence practice in magnetic healing and chromopathy. In a late let ter he declares that Dr. Babbitt "has not only grasped the key to the Temple of Wisdom, but holds in his possession the very temple itself,' in his Principles of Light and Color. He further says: "I find the blue paper excellent for inability to sleep. I magnetized blue paper immediately after reading the 'Principles of Light and Color,' for a neighbor, who had not enjoyed a good night's sleep for more than a year, which he applied to the front and top brain during the night, and next morning he told me he went to sleep at nine o'clock and did not waken until broad daylight. He used the same paper three nights in succession, resulting in sweet sleep."

"After Dogmatic Theology, What?"

Dr. Eugene Crowell writes, in a private letter, of this new book by Giles B. Stebbins:

"Its subjects are selected with judgment and treated with clearness and force. No intelli-gent unbeliever can read it without being im-pressed with the fact that Spiritualism has some cultivated, sound and comprehensive minds. It will sustain the reputation of its author as a writer and thinker."

. • For sale by Colby & Rich, Banner of Light Bookstore, See advertisement in another column.

Anti-Vaccination.

At the inauguration of the First Anti-Vaccination League of America, Dr. Alexander Wilder, the President elect. stated that half the medical men in America disbelieved in the effi cacy of vaccination. The pernicious practice would soon be abandoned if the profession would be honest and tell what they know. Professions, however, do not reform themselves, hence the necessity for a League to enlighten public opinion and unite the scattered opposition which is everywhere discernible. Dr. Wilder has published an admirable tract, entitled "Vaccination a Medical Fallacy," which can be had at this office. Intending members of the League should send in their names to Prof. R. A. Gunn, M. D., or to the Treasurer, Dr. Holbrook, 10 Laight street. New York. Funds are needed to carry on the work.

EF We regret to learn that Dr. F. L. H. Willis recently met with a severe accident, by which his right foot was badly cut and crushed necessitating his departure for his summer resi dence at Glenora, N. Y., a month earlier than usual. For five days he suffered acutely, and was able to move about but little, and that with the aid of crutches. His many friends will, however, be gratified to know that he is rapidly recovering from the effects of the accident, and that he continues to attend to the large, number of patients located in various parts of the country, who, by means of correspondence, receive aid from him.

By the kindness of Bro. G. A. Lomas, editor of The Shaker Manifesto, we are favored with the plate of a new devotional song entitled "BLENDING OF THE SPHERES," by Anna White, Mt. Lebanon, N. Y., The words and the ideas they convey are eminently spiritual in character, and the music is a fitting vehicle for both. Our readers-both singers and hearers-will, we feel, agree with what we say, when they personally scan the production, which they will have an opportunity of doing in our next issue.

E Read the advertisement headed "A Good BARGAIN" on our fifth page, which announces a reduction in the price of D. D. Home's book, THE LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF SPIRITUAL ISM." A two dollar-volume may now be ob taiued for 60 cents. Do not let the opportunity pass by unimproved.

2 Prof. H. Cooke, "the Monarch Supreme of Spirit Mysteries," (?) pranced into Nyack, N. Y., sometime in May, and engaged the Opera House there for a series of "exposures" of Spiritualism; but as the Rockland Advertiser and Chronicle, Horace Greeley Knapp, editor, asserts that "on each evening he had the smallest audience we have ever seen assembled in Nyack since the days of Bentley, the book agent," it is to be presumed that the Professor did not " prance" out of town, but took a more unostentatious though perhaps equally expeditious method of making his departure.

BY Mr. John De Morgan, the lecturer and elocutionist, it is announced will arrive in New York early the present month, and will be open to make arrangements to lecture or give elocutionary entertainments through the States. His terms will be half receipts. The name he has made in England; and the world-wide popularity he has achieved as the champion of the defenceless and the friend of the people, give him good lopes of a successful tour through America.

85 The second meeting of the First Anti-Vaccination Society of the United States of America waş held on Monday evening, June 7th, at Clarendon Hall, 114 and 116 East 13th street, New York City, Robert A. Gunn, M. D., delivering on that occasion a lecture on "Vac cination a Fallacy and a Crime." J. R. Nickles is Secretary and Alex. Wilder President of this useful organization.

257 The medical bigots of Massachusetts have already commenced the enforcement of the compulsory vaccination law. Those who from any reason are unable to preserve their own bodies or those of their children from the contamination ordered by our motherly Commonwealth, will find recorded some practical antidotes to the disgusting virus by reference to a paragraph on this subject in another column.

837 Annie Blanchard, sister of Miss Lottie Fowler (the well-known test medium), passed on from Boston City Hospital on the evening of Tuesday, June 1st, at the brief age of twentytwo years.

Cordial thanks are due and are hereby heartily returned to H. G. White, Esq., for a fine lot of Rock Bass, sent by him to this office last week from Pocasset, Mass.

BE A Westfield (N. Y.) correspondent writes : "The Banner of Light is, as ever, doing its own noble work. 'God speed it."

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livery of the lecture, thus either raising a question of veracity or an issue that he used lan-guage he did not intend to employ and would now fain have condoned. If Mr. Briggs would now fain have condoned. If Mr. Brigg would make full reparation for the injustice he did Col. Ingersoll, he will give the name of the author of the letter he read at his lecture, wherein Col. I. was represented as the lowest of the low in character and association. Until this is done the reverend gentleman must bear the merited censure his conduct has evoked."

ED At a late meeting of the Council of the British National Association of Spiritualists in London, W. Stainton Moses (better known to our readers in America as M. A. Oxon,) saidin the course of a debate in reference to the prosecution of a medium in Keighley, Eng., (reference to which has been already made in these columns)-"that while it was extremely desirable that the Association should in no way, directly or indirectly, commit itself to the defence of anything that was not perfectly straightforward and bond fide, and that it should move with caution; yet there could be no doubt that it was its bounden duty to defend mediums from unjust persecution. This it had always been foremost in doing. Witness its action in Dr. Slade's case. This it would do whenever opportunity offered."

Dr. Babbitt writes us that "Volney P. Slocum, M. D., an excellent magnetic and eclectic physician, occupies an elegant residence at No. 47 West 37th street, in the cleanest part of New York City. Our progressive people visiting New York would find a congenial home with them at less than hotel rates. Mrs. Slocum is well known as an able inspirational lecturer and writer."

E Harry Bastian, physical medium, has of late been holding séances, in Ithaca, N. Y., He was to go from thence to Lockport, where he has been several times, and has always received a warm and hearty welcome. He has it in mind to visit England in September next, as he is receiving many cordial invitations so to do from old friends in that country.

10 Harrina M. D. Robinson, only daughter of Mr. B. V. and Mrs. Katie B. Robinson, of Philadelphia, Pa:, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr. George F. Gowan, of Boston, Thursday evening, May- 27th, by the Rev. Joseph May, pastor of the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia.

We shall print next week the concluding portion of A. E. Newton's admirable reply to Prof. Thompson's views on Spiritualism.

ED Dr. A. B. Dobson, magnetic healer and independent slate-writing medium, will visit the camp-meetings at Belvidere, Ill., and Bonair, Ia.

The address of Prof. S. B. Brittan will, during the summer months, be at Belvidere, Warren Co., N. J.

Shawsheen River Grove.

By reference to an advertisement on our fifth page it will be seen that the first grand union Spiritual Picnic of Boston, Charlestown and vicinity, in connection with the Children's Progressive Lyccum No. 1 of Bos-ton, will take place at this group, Ballonian, on the Boston and Maine Railroad, Thursday, June 24th, in-Boston and Maine Railroad, Thursday, June 24th, in-stead of Wednesday, 23d-Dr. Al II. Richardson, man-ager. A special invitation is extended to all to be pres-ent. Music by Cadet Band, of Boston. The order of oxercises will be as follows: In the morning, addresses and recitations by able speakers and children of the Lyceum ; at 214 o'clock, a test circle will be held in the large pavillon; free to all; dancing, boating, swinging, etc., etc., will also be participated in.

The eleventh annual camp meeting of the Spiritualists of Massachusetts will commence in this grove Wednesday, July 14th, and close August 2d. Ample arrangements will be made for the accommodation of the large numbers that will be in attendance. Particulars hereafter.

Highland Lake Grove.

The Shawmut Spiritual Lyceum of Boston-J, B. Hatch, Conductor-will hold its first annual picnic at this grove on Tuesday, June 29th. Lyceum exercises will be held in the open air, for the benefit of those living upon the line of the New York and New England Rallroad who have expressed a desire to witness the same. Ticket Agent Kendall has offered liberal terms for transportation, and many mediums have volunteered to hold séances at the grove. The National Band, Prof. Masters, Prompter, will provide music for dancing the entire day.

Onset Bay.

- Following its usual custom, the Onset Bay Grove Association will open the summer season at its grounds in East Wareham, Thursday, June 17th, with a basket picnic and formal exercises. Trains leave the Old Colony depot in Boston at 8:15, and will stop at the Onset Bay Station. Tickets will be sold at reduced rates at all the stations on the Old Colony Railroad and its connections by calling for excursion tickets at the several stations. Arriving at the grove, an opportunity will be afforded for the excursionists to view this beautiful summer resort and select lots either for building or camping, or to engage tents and cottages. The Camp Meeting will last from July 15th to August 15th, for which a full list of prominent speakers has been engaged. The opening day, June 17th, will be observed with a short formal exercise, in which Dr. H. B. Storer. Dr. I. P. Greenleaf, Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes and others, will take part.

Cassadaga Lake, N. Y.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light : There will be a hall dedication and basket picnic or Fern Island, near Cassadaga, N. Y., on Tuesday, June 15th. A stock company own twenty acres of timber land at this point, and have fitted it up with every con venience for the accommodation of excursionists and other public purposes. The large new hall on the grounds will be formally dedicated and the upper lake will be navigated by steam for the first time on that day. Able speakers have been secured, good music will be in attendance, and all the usual means of recrea tion and enjoyment will be offered. Special rates have been obtained on the D. A. T. and P. R. R., and excursion trains, stopping at all points along the line, will be run both ways on that road. Trains take and leave passengers within one minute's walk of the gates. Admission to grounds free. The Association was organ ized with the intention of giving the use of the grounds and buildings to any parties desiring them at a nominal cost. Those interested can obtain full par ticulars by addressing

J. W. ROOD, Sec., Fredonia, N. Y.

Compounce Lake.

In another column the reader will find the announce nient for the yearly gathering of the Spiritualists of Connecticut at this popular resort._

Kennedy Hall.

W. J. Colville will deliver an oration under influence of his spirit mother, subject, "Joan of Arc," in Kennedy Hall, Warren street, Boston, on Sunday next, June 13th, at 8 P. M. All seats free. Voluntary collection. Everybody invited.

A NEW STEP IN MUSICAL MATTERS .- Prof. Alonzo Bond, of Boston, whose name is famillar to our readers as that of a worthy and competent musician and a whole-souled advocate of free-thought in its every department, has a project in his mind-and one (we are informed) which is fast advancing toward success ful completion-which, it seems to us, merits the countenance and aid of all admirers of good music in this city. Starting out with the premise that the public have been for years past well treated, at concerts and else-

Movements of Lecturers and Medlums.

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(Matter for this department should reach our office by Tuesday morning to insure insertion the same week.) Capt. H. H. Brown called at this office last week, en route for Duxbury, Mass., where he was to lecture on Sunday, June 6th. Capt. Bi has been very busy, of late, having, during "the heated term " of the latter

part of May, lectured four week evenings in succession, traveling in the daytime to meet his appointments, which were as follows: Wednesday evening, May 26th, in New Boston, Ct. (where he delivered the first lecture on Spiritualism over enunciated in that place); Thursday, 27th, in Brooklyn (the county seat of Windham County); Friday, 28th, East Hartford; Saturday, 29th, in Columbia. On Sunday evening, 30th, he delivered the address appropriate to Decoration Day before the G. A. R., in Willimantic, Ct., at which place he has a settled engagement with the Spiritualist Society to lecture every alternate Sabbath. He will sneak at Lake Pleasant Camp-Meeting on its opening Sunday, and will also be at Neshaminy Grove, Pa. A correspondent further Informs us that Capt. Brown spoke in Marshfield, Mass., Monday evening, June 7th. P. C. Mills spoke at Salt River, Mich., June 1st and 2d. His address for the present is St. Louis Springs, Mlch.

Dr. Peebles speaks for the First Society of Spiritualists, Philadelphia, the Sundays of June except the last, when he will attend the dedication of the new church in Alliance, Ohio. He received by the last foreign mall an urgent invitation to visit for the third time and fill a lecture engagement in Australia.

William Eddy, so we are informed, is at present lo cated with his sister, Mrs. Brown, at Moravia, N. Y. Frank T. Ripley goes to Elkhart, Ind., for three Sundays in June. He is ready for engagements for August and September. Address him at Elkinrt.

Dr. J. K. Balley has been lecturing during the month of May mostly in Ohlo. He spoke at Spear's Corners. the 9th ; at Mantua, 16th ; at Monroe Centre, 23d ; at Kingsville, 26th; and at Linesville, Pa., May 29th and 30th. He will spend a few weeks in New York, and may be addressed until further notice at Bainbridge. that State.

Bishop A: Beals's engagements are as follows : He spoke at Charlotte, Mich., the 4th, 5th and 6th of June; will hold three Sunday Grove-Meetings-the second and third Sundays of June at Chebanse, Ill., and the fourth Sunday of June he will be at Lowell, Ind."

John Brown Smith writes us that he will be pleased to hear from those who desire his 'services either as a lecturer or healer in any part of the northwest. His headquarters will be at Redwood Falls, Redwood Co., Minn., for the summer and fall.

"The War of the Doctors," etc.-Read and Circulate it:

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I want to urge every one to get, and keep for use, a copy of this valuable and timely little book, which Colby & Rich have just published. It is much in little-condensed fact, argument, statement and exposure, such as defeated the effort in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass a "doctors' law," oppressive and unjust. A. E. Giles and his able compeers did nobly, and here are their words. Let all remember that we are liable, all over the land-in Michigan or any other State-to a renewal of such wicked efforts by organized medical societies. Three times they have been defeated in our State, but they will not give it up yet. Let us be ready to meet and defeat them again. This tract is just what is wanted. Send for a copy, and keep it like a loaded gun ready to use. Give the doctors a fair chance to stand on their own merits, with no laws to favor them at the expense of our liberty. and it will be the better for them, as a good many sensible physicians admit-better, that is, for those with brains and energy.

Yours truly, G. B. STEBBUNS. Detroit, Mich.

Joseph Cook Puts Himself on Record. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Rev. Joseph Cook lectured here last night, under the auspices of a Methodist Church, his subject being, " Does Death End All?" Sensational posters and handbills had been distributed widely, characterizing Mr. Cook as "the greatest lecturer in the world," and urging that no one ought to miss hearing "this wonderful man. as it would be the last opportunity before his leaving for Europe." Lester Hall, a moderate-sized room, was about two-thirds filled with stringed instrument, he desires to introduce a marked an audience which seemed to be largely comoccasions the stirring melody which only a full and well menced it was announced that he would disvolved in this enterprise are thus epitomized by the and not from the Biblestandpoint. But toward Boston Sunday Herald of June 6th. We join with that | the close of his lecture, taking up a copy of the Now Testament, he said that he adhered to that book, and had no belief in or sympathy with "RAT-HOLE SPIRITUALISM," though he had been accused of it. This comforting assurance was greeted by his Methodist brethren with loud applause. THOS. W. WATERMAN. Binghamton, N. Y., June 2d, 1880.

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10 We shall print next week an article from J. K. Morange of Pittsburg, Pa., regarding a séance for slate-writing, held May 11th, and what came of it. Our correspondent says in his letter of transmittal :

or transmittar: "This phase of spiritual argument is produc-ing extensive inquiry in this locality, and seems to be effectual in convincing all classes who witness it that there is more truth than fiction in the allegation that our decased friends can still intelligently communicate with us."

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Messages given through the Medlumship of Miss M. T. Shelhamer.

(The following message-given May 11th-is published in advance by request.]

Dr. Thomas S. McAllister.

It seems to me that human life is a strange and wonderful thing. I do not realize it yet in its full importance, but the events of the last few weeks are fraught with meaning to me. Not long since I was encased within a mortal few weeks are fraught with meaning to me. Not long since I was encased within a mortal form. I went about among my fellow creatures, ministering to them in sickness, and performing my duty to the best of my ability. Now the change has come: I have passed to another plane of being, and it is all very strange to me as yet; I have hardly emerged from the mists, but I hope to do so at no distant date. I thought that I had a long life before me in the mortal form; I believed I should be able to assuage suffering, to be of use to others; but now I see this is all changed, and although it may be as well, I cannet feel that I have as yet found my proper place. I am told by parties here that I shall do so speedily, and be placed in a position where I may learn a great deal concerning nat-ural law which will be of use to me in my pro-fession, but I do not understand it so. At this time I would, however, finding myself in posses-sion of a human instrument, and speaking through mortal lips, send out my carnest re-gards and love to my family and friends, and tell them I find that it is immortal life, what-ever else lies beyond, and I also have ascertained that the spirit really can return and communi-cate with mortal life. I belonged in Amesbury, Mass. I have been in the spirit-world, as you call it, but a few days: I am Dr. Thomas S. McAllister.

Seance March 16th, 1880. * Invocation.

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Once again, oh Father God! we would offer up to the the humage of our souls; we would bring unit thy altar the love, the aspirations and grafitude of our inmost lives, praying that we may reach out nearer, still nearer to thy holy light. We would bring the the offering of the soul's sweetest incease, asking that it may be acceptable in thy sight, and that, in return, we may reach use from thy dominions more light, strength, encouragement and cheer. We ask the blessing of thy love to rest upon all humanity. We ask that thou will lead the human race ever upward and onward; even though their path be through darkness and despair; yet may their hearts reach toward thy heavenly kingdom. Be unto every soul the light and the way; be unto every heart the confort and consolation of pence; bring unto every spirit that abiding faith in thy tenderness and protection that shall lead the far above the waves of sorrow, far beyond, into the light of eternal happiness. We ask that guilding angels may be permitted to return to earth this hour, to send forth unito mankind their messages of love, good-will and cheer, and unto every heart that consolation and peace which it most needs. Open wide thy gates of eternal life, that the loving ones gone before may return, and, bearing with them the bail of healing, pour it over strickeu souls, in consolation and cremal peace. Bless all humanity; be unto all a guiding star which shall craw them upward to thee and thy eternal, beautiful angels.

Cora Lenox.

[To the Chairman:] May I come, sir? I have a friend whom I am exceedingly anxious to reach by letter. I think she is in Philadelphia, at this time, at work there—her name is Sarah Horton. She was with me when I passed away: she attended me in my short sickness, and I want her to know that I can come back and speak to her. I want her to let me come to her, somewhere, and talk to her about our earthly scenes. She was not a relative, but a very dear friend. I died with pneumonia. My name is Cora Lenox. I want Sarah to understand that Cora Lenox. I want Sarah to understand that what I told her just before I was taken sick, about the ring and the lock of hair, I really meant. She knows what I wished her to do with them, and as she has not done so yet, I thought if I came to her she would feel jt was really my wish. We had been haughing and joking, and I told her if these things should fall into her hands at any time, where I would like them sent. She felt that perhaps I was not in earnest, and the affair seems to trouble me a great deal, because my friends are looking for great deal, because my friends are looking for them. I send her my love, and tell her I have met Minnie on the other side. She sends her love, too. Minnie died with consumption, three love, too. Minnie died with consumption, three years ago, and she was the first one I saw. Then I-met my mother and little Willie. My friend will know I can go to her in spirit, but I can't get close enough to gather the name of the "place where she is—I think perhaps I can do so after this. I'll try to get my letter to her, but if I should n't succeed may I come again? I thank you sir thank you, sir.

It is a very strange thing for a spirit to be trav-eling around these streets, encountering this person and that, entering one place and another, eling around these streets, encountering this person and that, entering one place and another, looking to see if you cannot find one who is fa-millar to you, and receive no nod of recognition or acknowledgment of your presence. Well, I presume it is an experience that I need, and it is indeed a very novel one. I presume my friends would like to know where I am and what I am about. To me it seems but a short time since I died and left the earth, outwardly speaking, but to those who remain after me the months fly by rather less swiftly. If I was on the mortal plane, and had a friend who went across the water to a distant country, as I, was contem-plating to do myself sometime, I think I should be pleased and even anxious to have my friends send me word how to prepare for that journey, to tell me what I should need to take in the way of luggage, and give me any other items of in-formation calculated to be of benefit; and I look upon this mode of returning from another life in the same way; I think we should send out to our friends information as to what they had better burden themselves with when they come over. In my opinion, just at this time the best way to a repare for that journey, which out to our friends information as to what they had better burden themselves with when they come over. In my opinion, just at this time the best way to prepare for that journey, which they will take, is to lighten themselves mate-rially, as much as possible, of any load. If they have accumulated any amount of wealth, they had better scatter it abroad among the needy and distressed; they had better look to the wel-fare, to the education of the little ones around them, and see if they have all that is needful for the development of their best attributes; they had better stretch forth the hand of kindly feel-ing and good will to those about them, and, in short, seek to throw off all selfish desires and iznoble propensities, provided they bear these along with them; and my opinion is that all persons are more or less weighted with these things. Of course I was weighted with some of these things, I have told you of, and I will ac-knowledge that it has not been of benefit. I would say to my friends that this new life of mine isso much better and purer and more beau-tiful than I ever dreamed of—it is so much more natural—that I am contented. I feel that it is a heautiful, enduring life. No priest or bishop can save the soul, but our own acts, our own lives, are of nood.

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hves, are the ministers who lift us up, provided they are of good. I trust my friends will see what I have said, and believe that I have returned. My mortal life now seems but a span to me, although years sped over my head and left their trace. In the future I hope to meet many who now re-main, to clasp them by the hand and bid them welcome. Andrew Meade.

Dr. William S. Chipley.

Dr. William S. Chipley: [To the Chairman.] Are you prepared to hear a voice from Cincinnati? This is a new expe-rience to me, one which I feel I need, therefore I am glad to come in this way. It is a very short time since I stepped from the mortal form. I have not seen much of the spiritual life; I have not learned of its laws; I do not know of its conditions only so far as this: where I have gone I have found happy homes and cheerful, pleasant faces. I have seen some misery and suffering—souls that need the aid of a physi-cian surely, but I find the mode of ministering to these diseased ones very different from what cian surely, but I find the mode of ministering to these diseased ones very different from what you employ on the mortal plane; but, as I have said; I have not gathered in enough of these scenes and conditions to speak of them at this time. I wish my friends and associates to un-derstand that I am by their side in their work; my-interest seems to be centred there. I am always at the Sanitarium, and although I may not manifest my individuality, yet I am pleased that I can come so, and I believe that I am of use. Now I can see the interior—as I did not not manifest my individuality, yet I am pleased that I can come so, and I believe that I am of use. Now I can see the interior—as I did net before—and as a friend of mine possesses guali-ties which make up a mediumistic organism, I feel that I can use him for a work. I shall not-ask his permission, because I feel that it would not be granted, he having no faith in the re-turn of spirits; but knowing that I can use him, and knowing now, at this time, that other physicians in the higher life have made use of his organism for a noble work, I shall take possession of him whenever I see a need. I am told that my message will be brought to the notice of my friend, that he will read it, there-fore, speaking as I do here, when my closest friend receives this message he will understand that I refer to himself, because he knows that he is at times sensitive to some power or force which appears to be above and superior to his own powers, and which sways him to a large extent. He will, therefore, realize that I refer to himself, and I wish him to know that I shall come to him frequently, not only to assist in his work, but also that I may learn more deep-ly concerning the inner life of the spirit while encased in mortal form and concerning interior conditions of physical life. I send out my word here, believing it. will not be accepted, but at least seen and heard. To my friends every-

itualists may be content with this as merely a primary movement, and wait for a future time when the little children who have never been when the little children who have never been trammeled by creeds and dogmas, who have been brought up under the light of knowledge and truth, have grown to maturity, for then they will receive an influx of spirit-power that shall prove to mankind and to humanity that spirit possesses power indeed ower matter, and that matter itself presents no impediment to the work of disembodied spirits. My familiar spirit and attendant is by my side, and although he does not wish to speak for himself, he desires me most earnestly to send his good wishes, and also his remembrances, to the old friends, and to tell them he is at work as much now as in to tell them he is at work as much now as in the past. I am George A. Redman.

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REPLIES TO QUESTIONS, GIVEN THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF MRS. CORA L. V. RICHMOND,

At the Banner of Mapht Free Circle-Room, during her lec-turing engagement in Boston, January and February last, in the absence of Mr. Colville. The weak of the subject of the world, and give free opportunity for verbal questions from members of the audience.

Questions and Answers.

Questions and Answers. Ques.—Are what we call solid bodies seen by spirits only as fluid or volatile? ANS.—All substances or bodies called solid are in reality porous. Dr. Franklin declared, more than a hundred years ago, that if matter were really solid the substance of the earth could be concentrated within an egg-shell. All sub-stances or solid bodies that seem to your senses impervious and impenetrable, are therefore porous to spirits, not to all spirits, but to those who have any degree of spiritual perception; while the spiritual qualities and atmosphere surrounding individuals seem much more im-penetrable than the walls that surround them. This accounts for the readiness with which cer-tain classes of manifestations are produced by This accounts for the readiness with which cer-tain classes of manifestations are produced by spirit-power. One point that should be promi-nent in every mind is, that matter is porous; that it is not solid; that the tenacity of the physical atoms is capable of interruption; that this inter-ruption does not of necessity destroy organic function provided the spirit-power renews the position of the atoms before their attraction one for another has ceased. This will explain why spirits, in coming in contact with solid bodies, as they are termed, do not recognize, are not governed by the same laws that govern you in your contact. A spirit very easily penetrates and passes through the walls of an apartment; a spirit very easily emerges from a dungeon or a grave: there is nothing to prevent it from pass-ing through the earth. In its organic structure the earth has no property or power of resistance the earth has no property or power of resistance to the spiritual formation. Whenever solid substances, however, are introduced through spirit-power into a room, there must be a disin-tegration of one or the other of the bodies. This tegration of one or the other of the bodies. This disintegration may be partially of both or only of one. In any case, it proves that matter is not solid. The porous property of all substances, and of the earth; is one easily discerned by spirits. To the spiritual eye the earth is shad-, owy, while spirits walking the earth in human form are distinct and real. Q.—Do we know ourselves in the degree that we know nature? A.—We do not think there is a great prepon-derance of knowledge upon either subject. The

derance of knowledge upon either subject. The degree of knowledge upon either subject. The gree of physical observation and mental com-parison, through the senses. Man has a differ-gut method of knowledge concerning himself; it is not observation, but intuition; it is not that which he discours from without but that that which he discerns from without, but that, which he perceives from within. All human beings know themselves better than they are willing to admit; they know their secret motives and well-springs of action far better than they

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wisdom imparted by kind teachers and friends in spirit-life, and conveying them to the par-ents hearts upon earth. Death does not rob you of your loved ones; they are nearer to you by one degree less of matter than when upon earth; there is one less veil to separate their spirits from yours. This is our version of death. Q-[By a clergyman] The revelations of to-day ought not to obliterate those of yesterday. Those which have stood the test of eighteen centuries ought not to be buried by every novel outcome, however enthusiastic. Shall the ut-terances of to-morrow equally dishonor those of to-day? Shall it be the chief occupation of fu-ture scientists or sciolists to dig graves for the ture scientists or sciolists to dig graves for the scientists and sciolists who insolently rule the present hour, and snub the antiquity of the last

sciencists and sciolists who insciencily rule the present hour, and snub the antiquity of the last century? A.—It would be very well, according to this clergyman's statements, if these living scien-tists of to-day had their graves dug by future scientists. If they refuse to respect that which is alive and sacred in the past, they are already dead. We do not know of any living truth that supplants any truth equally alive of past time; we know that you bury the dead forms. You would not keep the form of mother or father, however sacred your love, in the house, nor would you retain that form through all the years of your natural life, when the spirit had departed from it. We remember the past; the living truth of to-day is alive because of the truth of the past; nor do we forget that the past was our mother, that all that is great and good of this hour has been the result of her existence; nor do we forget that the spirit of the past is at this moment alive. Worshipers of matter may slay the past; they are iconoclasts, materialists, worshipers of forms, who destroy them one after another, the cive of other material this moment alive. Worshipers of matter may slay the past; they are iconoclasts, materialists, worshipers of forms, who destroy them one after another, to give place to other material forms. Spiritualists are no assailers of living truths; they respect the life of eighteen centu-ries, of all the centuries of time, but they refuse to wear the garments of the grave; they will not drag the cerements with them. This is to be remembered, and in clasping hands with the sacred truths of past time, at this moment, not scientist nor theologian can begin to under-stand as you do and as we do the living truths of all past revelations. We claim that Spiritu-alists are the only persons upon earth who have knowledge. Others have belief; others may claim to despise the superstitious revelations of past time, but Spiritualism claims to have knowledge of their truths; for that which is alive to-day has proved, by its existence, that the spirit of inspiration, discarding the forms and ceremonials and decaying methods of hu-man worship, appreciates the spirit of every age and clasps hands with the inspirations of every hour. Q.-[By A. H.] Why is it that all events, and hour.

Q.—[By A. H.] Why is it that all events, and all things in nature, seem to come in clusters or numbers?

all things in nature, seem to come in clusters or numbers? A.—There are cyclical reasons for this, simi-lar to those which govern the groupings of the planets, the groupings of flowers, and of differ-ent forms of vegetation, the groupings of certain forms in the animal kingdoms, and the group-ings in human life; so in spirit-life there is a solution of all this. Every atom in the universe, it is true, is related to every other atom, but this relationship varies. There are duads and triads in the atomic world, groups of twos and threes and fours and fives. These groups ex-ist also in the spirit. Humanity is grouped into families, not simply families of nationali-ties, but families of kindred souls, that clasp hands across the centuries, and are recognized by their thought as belonging to the same king-dom. So, in a lesser form, there are groupings in your daily life; all artists, poets and philoso-phers tend toward each other, and those subtle ties that link you frequently to the stranger upon the street, or the casual acquaintance in whom you recognize a kindred thought, betoken a family relationship of spirit. Everything in the universe is manifested according to this near or approximate relationship. In spiritual life, you will find that as there are groups the universe is manifested according to this near or approximate relationship. In spiritual life, you will find that as there are groups of stars and constellated bodies, and other group-ings in material life, so everything is expressed according to the science of numbers, of har-inony, all of which belongs to the spiritual as well as the material kingdom.

A WORKMAN AND A KING.

BY GEORGE W. BUNGAY.

- Stand up beneath the frescoed sky; Stand firm upon the solid earth. He is well-born, of lineage high, Of the best blood and noblest birth, Whose heart is right. In pity soft, and brave in fight !
- Invention stoops to industry, To whisper secrets she 'il withhold
- From indolence and apathy, And perfumed dunces dressed in gold. The workingman First gets a map of thought and plan.

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when the joint operation of the brain and soul are understood, spiritual science will have found its philosophic basis in the constitution of man." and then pneumatology will be an important part of our medical philosophy, which at present is as blind as an oyster to everything beyond matter, and therefore utterly incompetent to deal with many peculiar conditions of mind and body which to the clairvoyant eye are perfectly intelligible.

I have before me a medical journal from San Francisco, edited by medical professors of the State University, which speaks dogmatically of the mind as being a more secretion of the brain, and of the idea that man has any spiritual element in his being, as an old notion which the world has nearly outgrown. Under such teaching, the medical profession is systematically stultified. Young men are educated into igno. rance and bigotry. It is a misfortune to a young man to be sent to an Allopathic medical school, and it is an equal misfortune to be sent to a theological seminary to acquire artificial ignorance.. So gross is the bigotry of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal church in New York, that the Rev. R. Heber Newton, one of our most enlightened and benevolent Episcopal clergymen, denounced it in his sermon recently as giving an education of the past, saturated with bigotry. "It would be better to have the seminary razed to the ground and abolished altogether, than to have it fill the church with the men it does now," said Mr. Newton.

If the old medical and theological schools were all razed to the ground, the world would be a gainer, and both might be reconstructed in harmony with the spirit-world.

But spiritual science is not prepared to take its place of authority in medicine and theology until it becomes much more than the collection of facts or phenomena which it is at present. These facts constitute a science, but a very imperfect and incomplete science ; and there is an urgent demand, in the mind of every Spiritualist who is capable of philosophic reflection, for such a development of the science of man as will show where the spiritual facts belong in a complete biology, and how and why mediumship, clairvoyance, trance, mesmeric somniloquence and spiritual obsession exist in connection with the constitution of man. Equally important is it to understand how these peculiar conditions or faculties are to be cultivated, and how they are to be applied to utility in the treatment of disease.

The scientific application of the vital forces by the hand is the most delightful and satisfactory of all methods of curing diseases. But this depends upon that knowledge of the nervous forces of the whole person and of each point on the surface constituting the science of sarcognomy, which I have been teaching in our college and in private classes, but of which there is no-manual at present before the public.

I have found it practicable to explain in a single lecture the scientific foundation of Spiritualism in the functions of the brain and nervous system, and, in fact, I discovered some of the spiritual phenomena, as cerebral functions, in 1841. I have also found it practicable to explain in a lecture the new science of sarcognomy, which explains the nervous powers of all parts of the body and constitutes a guide to all magnetic and electric treatment of the sick, and management of mediums. I hope to present these subjects in a volume next year, but at present I can give them only by lectures. The value of such instruction is very great to mediums and magnetic or electric physicians, while it is highly interesting to all of philosophic habits of thought. Persons who have no medical knowledge whatever are enabled by instruction in sarcognomy to treat diseases successfully. When the science of anthropology is properly brought before the public it will be found that the people are more competent to take care of themselves and less dependent on drug practitioners than has ever been supposed.

JOS. RODES BUCHANAN.

Dr. Samuel Maxwell.

Mr. Chairman, I am happy to meet you. I take somewhat of an interest in that young lady spirit who has just manifested, although I did spirit who has just mininested, antibugh 1 du not know her upon earth. I found her in a cir-cle in Philadelphia, some little time ago, striv-ing most earnestly to manifest, and finding that she was unable to control a mediumistic organ-ism at that place, I undertook to guide her hither, knowing you always welcomed strangers. Having some knowledge of Philadelphia and its Itaving some knowledge of Philadelphia and its surroundings, having a great many friends in that place, also knowing where to find medium-istic organisms that I could control, I felt that I should undertake to try and guide that mes-sage, and I shall most certainly do so. In com-ing with the young lady I found myself en-wrapped, as it were, in the aura of the medium, and I was forced to manifest. You will excuse me-if I take too much time. While here I would like exceedingly well to send out my most earn-est love and sympathy to my friends and co-workers, and to tell them to have courage and cheer. The clouds look threatening at times for our beloved cause. There is a great need of workers, and the battle sometimes wages thick and fast, but above them all the golden light of truth is shining, the guiding hand of wisdom and fast, but above them all the golden light of truth is shining, the guiding hand of wisdom beckons onward, and there is no cause for their faltering, for the work goes bravely on, the leaders and followers in our ranks are doing their best appointed work. Go on, my friends, and those spirit guides who have stood by you in the past will do so for all time; they will guide you on, and bring you that strength you most need. You may be sure that I shall mani-fest to you at all times and seasons, whenever possible. You may know that I am a worker on earth, also a resident of the spirit-world, and I possible. You may know that I am a worker on earth, also a resident of the spirit-world, and I may be called upon whenever you feel to need my presence. I shall of a surety respond, and give you what I may gather from higher souls above me. It is not a time to tell of the beau, ties and glories of the spirit-world; it is a better time to tell of the great work to be done upon earth, and to speak of the glories and beauties which shall ifradiate your spirits if you will look well to your inner lives, and cultivate only the good, true and noble. I was known as Dr. Samuel Maxwell. Samuel Maxwell.

least seen and heard. To my friends every-where, to my dearest and nearest friends, I would say, no love has been quenched, no sym-

would say, no love has been quenched, no sym-pathy broken which bound my spirit to yours. I shall be with you whenever possible, and in the future you may believe we shall meet again, never more to know separation. To my associates I would say, Go on in your work, but do not live conservative lives. Be liberal; let your ideas broaden and expand to meet the demands of the age; search diligently into the interior laws of nature, and your mis-sion will be abundantly blessed. In the future a new science will come to earth which will elea new science will come to earth which will ele-vate the physical life of man far above its pres-ent platform. This I am told by higher pow-ers, but I do not realize it sufficiently to give it proper expression. Dr. William S. Chipley.

George A. Redman.

George A. Reaman. I have taken a fancy to steal around this cor-ner and speak, not only to my friends but to mortals generally. I am happy to meet you, Mr. Chairman, as an associate and co-worker in the good work of spreading the light and knowledge of future existence. I am, of course, most deeply interested in the physical phenom-ena; that is, I mean in the expression and mani-festation of spirit through physical matter. I thought I would come here at this time to gath-er more strength. more material for future er more strength, more material for future work from the bands of spirits gathered here as missionary workers, for they continually im-part to others magnetic force, which is of un-bounded benefit. I do not send my word to any one in particular. I do not send my word to any one medium, but I wish to say that I am interested in medial work at different places, wherever I find an opportunity of manifesting the power of the spirit over matter, and I do so the power of the spirit over matter, and I do so regardless of the individual identity being ex-pressed. Since my time there has been a great advance in the manifestation of spirit-power, and I have been working along beside others and marching on with this advancement. You have stepped from the old familiar phases of physical power to the very little understood forms of materialization and transfiguration. The latter, which is to me as beautiful and as satisfactory as the former, is, I dechare to you, friends, the most often used now. Those of us who return to earth-life to manifest in these strange ways, do not consider it important for us to make ourselves known in person. The identity of the manifesting force, or the person-ality of it, also the idea of proving to mortals a identity of the manifesting force, or the person-ality of it, also the idea of proving to mortals a future existence, is, to us, a secondary and not at all a primary object. The first grand object in our manifestations is to demonstrate posi-tively the power of the spirit over matter----not to the satisfaction of mortals, but to the satis-faction of spirit experimenters; because, in the future, we have manued out a grand work, and faction of spirit experimenters; because, in the future, we have mapped out a grand work, and we need to lay our lines closely, to experiment and investigate concerning our own powers clearly and well; therefore it is that we are net always so desirous of identifying ourselves as the friends in mortal life wish to have us. Of course there are many souls returning from the higher life who are anxious earnestly to identify themselves to mourning friends, and

to identify themselves to mourning friends, and to identify themselves to mourning friends, and whose anxiety and affection invest them with power to return and manifest, but with the leaders, the pioneers who work above, the ob-ject of identifying personal friends is a small matter; our present desire is to learn for our-selves how much power we possess, and how it may be utilized. My friends may believe that I am active, that I remember every one of them. I also return to various mediums and mani-fest power. The present work is small, com-

can express. It is the misfortune and good for-tune of human life that these limitations concerning one's interior nature are precisely in-verse to the importance of that nature; now, observation of natural law and natural manidegree of human unfoldment, but the time will come when you will know yourselves in the same sense of material comprehension of spiritand laws that you now know or endeavor to know the natural laws surrounding you; but nature is a scaled book until you understand the spirit of nature, and there will be as great an advancement in human observation of natural laws, as they are termed, when you have more knowledge of yourselves, as there has been in past centuries, when man has arisen from a in past centuries, when man has arisen from a mere external existence to one of intellectual comprehension of science. The truth is, man is included in all nature, and the spiritual per-vading nature will be the key-note to the full knowledge of natural laws. To know man's self, however, in its entirety is to know eternity. This is why you can never know in external form, absolutely, of yourself, as you know of all substances beneath spirit : for spirit is to live forever, while every one of the forms around you is transient. You can observe them, they live a few years; but as spirit is eternal, you can only know its passing manifestations at a can only know its passing manifestations at a given time, or you can observe its eternity by intuition of the mind. If it were capable of ab-solute knowledge there would be an end to eternal progression. Q.-Where is Spirit Theodore Parker? Why

olog silent? A.-Mr. Parker has given his own explana-tions; it is not our province to do so. In passing through spiritual experiences spirits are often-times silent. When Mr. Parker is ready, he

times shent. When Mr. Parker is ready, no will make his own explanations. Q.-[By L. A. Baker, Elmira, N. Y.] Mycom-panion and I have lost our darling little boy, just entering on his fifth year. Is his spirit with us still? And what has the change called death effected in him 2

with us still? And what has the change called death effected in him? A.—Of that personality we individually know nothing; but Spiritualism teaches that the spirit lives, that affection lives; that the change called death cannot separate the child from the loving parents. If that love survives, then the child is near and must feel the pulsations of the parental mind and heart. The change call-ed death effects, to a degree, the removal of the child from the outward sight and external care; the child becomes the ministrant now. the child from the outward sight and external care; the child becomes the ministrant now, the parents the pupils. The child has taken one step in advance, has gone on to another and a different life; the parents remain, conscious of the void, the vacancy beside them, but full of consciousness and hope that the loved one survives. Into the spirit realm there enter no orphan children; the parents being upon earth their love passes on into spirit-life, and some guardian angel from the parent sphere is com-missioned, to take charge of the child. There guardian angel from the parent sphere is com-missioned to take charge of the child. There are no walfs in spirit-life, no foundlings; there the guardians of the spirit-land carefully nur-ture and attend the souls or spirits of, all those little ones who go out from your earthly homes; teachers are provided adapted to their condi-tion; spirits appointed to minister and instruct them. The cord that binds them to the par-ents' side upon earth is carefully kept alive, so that the little hands can brush away the tears, and, in the spirit-world, can often perceive Andrew Meade. [To the Chairman:] Well, sir, I come from Michigan, from Ann Arbor. I have a desire to not manifested through a human instrument, or any other, in fact, before; but I felt that I would like to travel around Boston a Hitle while and see if I could not find some familiar places. [To the Chairman:] Well, sir, I come from Michigan, from Ann Arbor. I have a desire to that the prover we possess, and how it the though and, in the spirit-world, can often perceive the though and, in the spirit-world, can often perceive the though and can brush away the tears, is a small and, in the spirit-world, can often perceive the though and can brush away the tears, is a small the though and can brush away the tears, is a small, in the spirit-world, can often perceive the though and can brush away the tears, is a small, in the spirit-world, can often perceive the spirit-world, can often perceive the though and sadness did not blind the earthly which reside in the brain are properly under-istering to their need, who are gathering care-for it will have reached the causes of the multi-form phenomena of life. And in like manner

- Hold up thy head, think thou thy thought; Fear not the lordly tyran's frown. He is the king whose soul, unbought, Will help to put injustice down. The just alone Are the true sovereigns on the throne !
- Reach out thy hand, bronzed in the sun; A clean, hard hand no bribe can stain. No silken glove thou need'st put on To hide the hue of guilty gain; Its grasp we feel Is warm as blood and strong as steel.

Speak out thy word—no monotone Becomes a workman, prince, and heir To honor's crown and manhood's throne, With power to sway the sceptre there; Thy words, that ring With royal truth, befit the king !

THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF SPIRITU-ALISM.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The most common objection to Spiritualism' by those who have but little knowledge of it is, that it is not a science, or that its scientific principles have not been discovered, or that scientific men have not yet examined it or ascertained its value. Such remarks are seldom answered by Spiritualists as they should be. They concede more than is necessary.

Spiritualism is a word of loose, inaccurate meaning. If we speak of it as a science or department of knowledge, the proper term is pneumatology. He who says that pneumatology is not a science simply exhibits his own ignorance. Science is a collection of well-attested facts in a systematic and intelligible form. It would require a very large volume, to present in a condensed form the important facts that have been ascertained concerning the human soul, in the body and out of the body.

The departure of the soul from the body and the nature of its life and environment in the snirit-world, have been elucidated by a vast number of observations, as authentic and reliable as anything in history or in medical science. A volume of spiritual science would compare favorably with a treatise on natural history or on geography for fullness of information and authenticity of facts. True, there are many things not yet clear, on account of the subtlety of the theme and the difficulty of explanation; but the same objection applies to the study of medicine, which is an imperfect or incomplete science — as much so as pneumatology. The cases are quite parallel. Medicine is an incomplete science, because the basis of the laws of life and disease in the nervous system has not been thoroughly investigated. Pneumatology is defective or incomplete for the same reason. Its basis, too, is in the brain and nervous system, for all life and mind operate through the brain, and the laws of psychic operations in life are to be ascertained only by the study of the

The Truth of Another Message Verified.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

In your Message Department of April 17th is a communication from my former earth companion, and now spirit guide. From the time I saw it announced as having been received, I have anxiously looked for its appearance. The expression "expect and hope" is cspecially characteristic of him, it being one often em-ployed by him. He alludes to my sister, who is being developed as a trance medium. I daily and almost hourly realize his presence, and feel that when trou-bles, trials and distresses come he is near, and exerting all his power to counsel and strongthen us. I offer many thanks to the guides of the Banner of Light Circle for having given him an opportunity to commu-nicate, and also to the medium, Miss Shelhamer. May kind angels ever guide and guard her, and shower countless blessings upon the pathway of her life. On that I could meet her, clasp her dear hand, and tell her how grateful I am for the soul-thrilling joy she has been instrumental in giving me; and not only me, but many of the sorriving children of earth, through the Banner of Light and the Voice of Angels. Many bless-ings on the spirit power that has so long protected the dear old Banner from harm. That that protection may be continued, as I have no doubt it will, is the sincero wish of your friend, Mrs. GEO. N. WILCOX. Madison, Ct., May 20th, 1880. spirit guide. From the time I saw it announced as

Passed to Spirit-Life:

From Stowe, Vt., May 9th, 1880, Mrs. H. M. Jones, aged 4 years 11 months and 6 days.

74 years 11 months and 6 days. For fourteen years the sweet and holy teachings of Spirit-ualism have brought rest and consolation to her soul. Com-munications of a satisfying and consultion to her soul. Com-munications of a satisfying and consultion to her soul. Com-munications of a satisfying and convincing character from herdear husband and loved children burdged securely the dark stream of death over which her feet passed safely to the spirit-land. As the hour of her departure approached, she shoke cheerfully and hopefully of the higher. life, and with forethought and cammess arranged the details of her funeral. She leaves three daughters to mourn the earthily loss of a fond and faithful mother. May the blessings of that faith in which she lived and died sustain them. E. L. PAUL.

From Adrian, Mich., April 14th, 1880, of consumption, William C. Hunt. He was born Sept. 9th, 1916, in Florida, N.Y.

N. Y. Mr. Hunt located in Advinn in 1838, and engaged in the manufacture of carriages and musical instruments. He married Martha Pierce in 1852. He leaves a wife and one son, a son and daughter having preceded him to spirit-life. He has been a Spiritualist for more than thirty years, and through all his long and painful illness he faitered not, but romained firm in his belief, and passed to the higher life as he had lived, fully sustained by his faith in and knowledge of Spiritualism. Father, son and only dughter are now ro-united in the better land, and await the coming of the dear ones left to montrn their absence. The functal services were united in the better land, and await the coming of the de-ones left to motion their absence. The funeral services wery conducted by Mr. A. B. French, of Olyde, Oho, an inspira-tional speaker. His discourse was very able, and comfort-ing to aching hearts. Mr. Hunt was a highly esteemed cit-ing to aching hearts. Mr. Hunt was a highly esteemed cit-zen, and will be sadly missed by his fashily and friends. M. HUNT.

From Baltimore, Md., May 20th, 1880, Dr. George E. Morrill, aged 79 years.

rill, aged 70 years. Apparently in good health, he fell asleep to awaken no more in this life. He was a kind-hearted man, and one of the first Spiritualists of Baltimore. His wife, a most ex-cellent test medium, preceded him a few years ago to the spirit-land, where he desired to enter without a nonnen's warning. His wish was gratified. May he be blest. The funeral took place Sunday, the 230 May, the writer omiciating as speaker.

From Lockland, Ohio, May 11th, I; T. Johnson, M. D., aged 54 years.

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Pythian Hall.—The People's Spiritual Meeting (for-merly held at Eagle Hall) is removed to Pythian Hall. 176 Tremont street. Services every Sunday morning and afternoon. Good mediums and speakers always present.

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PAINE HALL. Desplie the inclemency of the weather we had a very successful session on this our memorial day. Through the kindness of the many friends of the Lyceum our platform, the entire front, at least, was a complete bed of bright and beautiful flowers, whose fragrance filled the hall. There were bouquets and cut flowers in profusion; a large star was suspended in front of the table on the platform; a pillar of flowers about five feet high, arranged by Mrs. Folson and others, was one of the most attractive features of the decoration. The tyret rods of three of the groups were embedlished with wreaths and ribbons, commemorative of those who have passed on to the higher life within the year, being members of the groups were embedlished with wreaths and timbors, commemorative of those who have passed on to the higher life within the year, being members of the groups were embedlished with wreaths and timbors, commemorative of the presence with us on memorial to the structure we could hardly dispense with. The kinnely sympathy he manifests to the bereaved, and his cheering works of comfort to such, amust ho a source of delich to their drooping spirits. Its apt and terse sullasions to the expression and heartfelt, and which that as at once spontaneous and heartfelt, and which that an echoic he every breast. To Dr. Richardson, Mrs. Burns of Salem, Mrs. Abhot Walker of Salem, We extend grateful acknowledgment for the chelent services rendered on this occasion by their present and times that and the grateful acknowledgment for the chelent services rendered on this occasion by their presents, we are made and the structure, we could many distart and cheart the transity. June 24th. There are many children whose means will not athin to faile shawbeen. It is therefore hoped that no child shall be denied the privileg who belongs to the lyceum. The officers are determined, as far as in the me specified as the privileg who belongs to the signific, responses and Banner March , presentation of the far matery of t

AMORY HALL.-Yesterday being set apart as Floral Sunday, it was properly observed. At an early hour contributors of flowers began to arrive and the comcontributors of flowers began to arrive and the com-mittee were at their posts to receive. When the hour arrived for the opening the platform was a perfect bed of rosses. Directly in front of the platform a floral arch was placed, surmounted at the top with a star com-posed of wild flowers, in the centre of which was the inscription, "Shawmut, 1880." Upon the highest foint was a white dove with the emblem of peace in his bill. Upon each side were arrayed the ever glori-ous "stars and stripes." In the centre of the platform was placed a pedestal covered with roses, bearing up-on its top a portrait of Mrs. J. H. Conant. A round the frame was woren smilax and a wreath of flowers; up-on the top was perched a white dove. Upon each side of the arch were placed two tables, which were loaded heavily with gifts from friends, consisting of baskets, wreaths, bouquets and cut flowers the whole forming a very fine pleture. Suspended from the chandellers on the top was perched a while dore. Upon each side of the arch were placed two tables, which were loaded heavily with gifts from friends, consisting of baskets, wreaths, bonquets and cut flowers—the whole forming a very line pleture. Suspended from the chandellers in the hall were cages of birds, the occupants mingling their volces with those of the pupils in songs of praise. At the conclusion of the exercises of the day the Conductor called the attention of the audience while he stated the object of the gathering. It was originated for the purpose of paying tribute to the memory of members of the Lyceum who had passed on to spirit-life during the year. Since this school was formed it has been their good fortune not to lose any of their pupils, therefore they could only pay tribute to those who had passed on as members of other Lyceums. The Conductor alluded to the formation of the Shaw mut Spiritual Lyceum as being the work of Spirit Mrs. Conant, and he assured the audience that her memo-ry would ever be held sacred, not only by the members of our soclety, but by all Spiritualists throughout the land. It was she who first proposed a second Lyceum in loston, and when all looked dark and gloomy it was her volce which said. "Press on 1 all will yet be well." It was she who gave us our name, Shawmut. It was she who gave us our first book to form our library. It was she who gave us our first book to form our library. It was she who theristh her name forever? The foral star was presented to her spirit, and will be placed in the Circle Room which she once occupied. Among the fifts was one composed of a birch basket containing wild flowers of every description, presented to the lite Indian girl *Lockira*, the control of Miss M. T. Shelhamer. In turn it was presented to the Indian spirit *Hoscola*, the control of Mrs. H. 2. Wilson. After distributing the tokens freely among our children and those of the fiftends whon we knew to be lying upon sick beds, the balanee, consisting of a large quality, was carried to the C

PYTHIAN HALL .- Mr. James H. Dickson delivered an addresslast Sunday afternoon on "The Shakers; the Past, Present and Future," prefacing it by saying that the only thing that would ever bring the elements of the world into harmony with each other was the principle of love. Christianity has never been popular. Man's ways have never been God's ways. The old Jews expected the Messiah to come as a temporal prince, and because he did not they rejected him. So it is to day: we are unwilling to receive any theory or doctrine that does not come to us with much show. The Shakers came in a humble manner in 1706. In 1747 they formed a soci-ely, adopting no creeds or forms of worship; but act-ing under the influence of the splitt, were often shaken while so influence. Hence their name, which was given them in derision. Their first beginning in this country was upon the Hudson River, led by Mother Ann Lee. Their prime motive was to seek what every chirch should—purity of life. They believe in the fatherhood and motherhood of God, and in Jesus as the Shifter of God; also in the duality of the sexes (not, as some have supposed, in the glory of the man without the woman); freedom of conscience, and the right of all to worship God according to the dictates of the shakers was given as not self-supporting. They own lands, and upon them they live. They have had and are having among them many spirit manifestations, and still looking for greater. Their future success will be according to the tenneity with which they cling to the doctrine of the duality of the sexes, and receive into their hearts the principles of the live into this principles to *all* people. The address was interspersed with reading of several selections of poetry from Whittler, Emerson, and others, in illustration of the principles promulated in his discourse. Very interesting bemarks were made hy Messrs. Fernald, Grosvenor, Thuades, Hull and came. "Prof. J. H. W. Toohey will speak next Sunday after-noon on "Psychography." or spirit manifestations an addresslast Sunday afternoon on "The Shakers ; the Past, Present and Future,", prefacing it by saying that

Came. Prof. J. H. W. Toohey will speak next Sunday after-noon on "Psychography," or spirit manifestations on the slate, illustrated by specimens procured through Mr. Watkins under test conditions. F. W. JONES.

LYNN, TEMPLAR'S HALL .- Mr. Joseph D. Stiles, of Weymouth, occupied the platform at this hall May 30th, astonishing the large audiences that came to listen with his remarkable powers as a test medium. Skep-tics were obliged to acknowledge his tests as being correct in every particular. Certainly Mr. Stiles is just what is needed to convince unbellevers. The meetings at this hall will close for this season with the month of June.

Notes from New York City, BY OCCASIONAL.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

Notes from New York City, BY OCCASIONAL. To the Editor of the Banner of Light: Thinking that a few notes of an unpretentious char-acter, relating to spiritual matters, from a sojourner in the Metropolis, might prove acceptable to some of your readers, I venture to send the following: New York City is absorbingly materialistic. Her ordinary church attendance has a mechanical air about it I notice nowiere else. It seems to begin and end in ceremony. While the very atmosphere is thus im-prepated with materiality one cannot reasonably ex-pect to fund Spiritualism. In its religious aspect, par-ticularly flourishing. And the stranger is not disap-pointed in this respect, for despite the several places where Spiritualists statedly gather every Sunday, and which in pleasant weather are usually well attended, the tone of the soveral meetings is not of a pronounced religious character. I know there are some who re-gard this fact as an improvement, but I do not. Phi-losophical discussions and diatribes are well enough in their places, but they do not feed man? spiritualist nature. Besides, philosophical quackery is as offen-sive as any other. The Spiritualists in New York City do not advertise their places of customary meeting with sufficient desi-niteness to meet the needs of a translent public. They may not realiza this as an ordinary visitor does, but it is hamentably true. I notice on the hotel table at which I am writing this, other religious organiza-tions have generously distributed little circulars of their places of worship, with a brief programme of the exerclase, concluding with a cordial invitation of wel-corme to the wayfarer. Let a "word to the wise" be sufficient. J Lost an hour Sunday morning, even with the latest copy of the *Banner of Light* in my hand, try-ing to fund the exact localities of spiritual resort. A tho southeast corner of Broadway and 33d streets, reronously dubled Treuer J Haid (a feast I found the only Trenor Hall any one seemed to know a

discourses, for freedom of ulterance and characteriza-tion, for poetic dights, wealth of illustration and inspi-rational eloquence, are not surpassed by the most pfited in our ranks. Her Sunday afternoon's address, though relating to the trite subject of "Christianity and Spiritualism—its Farallels and Contrasts," was treated as freshly and as interestingly as if it had never before been publicly considered. The reception given to Mr. and Mrs. Richmond at the pleasant home of Mrs. Decker was a notable affair, speeches by Drs. Brittan and Buchanan, Judgo Cross, Dr. Newton, Mr. Miller, poems by Oulna, an address of the guides of Mrs. Richmond, etc., being comprised in the order of exercises. in the order of exercises. New York, June 7th.

Lake Pleasant Camp-Meeting.

Lake Pleasant Camp-Meeting. The new hotel at Lake Pleasant was formally dedicat-ed on Thursday evening, June 3d. Extra trains were run ou the Fitchburg road, and a large and brilliant gathering was in attendance. The Banner of Light has already furnished its readers with a full description of the building. The Hitchburg Band furnished the mu-sic for the occasion. The grounds and paylilon were brilliantly illuminated, and the supper and grand ball passed off with great *éclat*. President Beals, Mr. Bar-nard, and all interested in the success of the Lake as a summer resoft and camp-meeting ground, are highly elated over the success of the dedication ceremonics. Already cottagers are on hand, for a senson of rest Already cottagers are on land for a season of rest prior to the commencement of the Camp Meeting exer-cises. New swings are being nut up, and a large tank from which water will be distributed through the

from which water will be distributed through the camp is in process of construction. Itemember, reader, that visitors will be welcomed to Lake Pleasant from this date, and all may rest assured that ample accommodations have been provided for the comfort of the public. Formal exercises of the Camp-Meeting will begin Aug. 8th. RALEROAD MATTERS.

RALLROAD MATTERS. Western people will learn with pleasure that arrange-ments have been made will the New York Central Railroad to Issue excursion tickets to Lake Pleasant via. Troy & Boston Railroad, as far west as Buffalo. Fare, round tripfrom Buffalo, \$13,00; Rochester, \$11,00; Syracuse \$8,00; Utica, \$6,00. Now let there be a grand turn-out of our friends in New York State, so that next year excursion rates can be secured from Chicago. As usual, the Fitchburg road and all connecting lines will issue excursion tickets.

As usual, the Fitchburg road and all connecting lines will issue excursion tickets. Passengers from south, north and west, traveling over lines which do not issue special rates, will buy tickets for Troy; and at the Troy office of the Troy & Boston Railroad, tickets for Lake Pleasant and return can be purchased for \$3,50. Trains leave Troy at 2 and 7:40 A. M. and 3 P. M. Routes from New York City: (1.) Steamboats leave pler 49 at 6 P. M. daily (except Saturday) for Troy, thence by rail (Troy and Boston Railroad) to Lake Pleasant. Fare, round trip, \$4,50; (2.) Steamboats leave pler 28 at 6 P. M., via Fall River Line for Boston thence by Fitchburg Railroad to Lake Pleasant. Fare, round trip, \$5,00.

Piesant at 6:30 and, 8:30 A. M.; 3 and 6 P. M. Fare, round trip, 83,00. Visitors to Lake Pleasant on the line of the Central Vermont and Passumpsic Rallroad should buy tickets to Bellows Falls, where excursion tickets can be pro-cured to Lake Pleasant and return. Free checks will be furnished for the return trip over the above-men-tioned lung.

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Tickets for sale on and after July 15th on all the lines.

CIRCULARS. For circular with details—such as have already ap-peared in the Banner of .Lapht—send to John Harvey Smith, box 1452, Springfield, Mass. ... OTHER MEETINGS.

New ventures are talked of in the line of Spiritualist camp-meetings this summer on Lake George and Ball-ston Lake, N. Y. The more the merrier. CEPHAS.

W. J. Colville's Meetings.

On Sunday last, June 6th, the usual services were held in Berkeley Hall, Boston, at 10:30 A. M. and 3:15 P. M. The morning lecture was on "Free Religion and

the Mission of Free Religionists." Mr. Colville's guides, after expatiating largely on the fact that free religion was purely eclectic, gathering in from all sects and denominations on the face of the globe the best and most enlightened precepts and ideas, said that they often thought that the Materialist and the Spiritualist should work together-the former going before as the iconoclast, and the latter coming immediately after as the constructionist. The lecture was a very able one, and delivered with great vigor. "Winoona" concluded the service with impromptu poems on "The Language of Flowers" and "Sincerity," the subjects being chosen by the audience.

The afternoon discourse was upon "True Spiritual Communism." After referring to the early church as described in the Acts of the Apostles, and showing that its success was due to the people being drawn together by true spiritual affinity as well as by the tie of mutual physical interests. Mr. Colville's guides dilated upon communistic settlements generally, and pointed out the cause of their failure. Where communism exists, they sold, selfshness must be banished, each member laboring for the benefit of his or her neighbor, and not for him or herself. "Winoona" again concluded the exercises with two poems on subjects selected by the audience.

In the afternoon a voluntary collection was made to defray the deficit of the past month, which offering amounted to thirty dollars, the amount required. The floral display on the platform was unusually profuse and effective. Owing to the damp weather the audiences were scarcely as large as usual, but were highly intelligent and appreciative.

Next Sunday, June 13th, the services will be held at 10:30 A. M. and 3:15 P. M. The subject for the morning's discourse will be, "What is Truth?" In the afternoon verbal or written questions will be answered

"Spiritual Suggestions"-A. E. Newton.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light :

Let me say to my friend, A. E. Newton, that did not intend to intimate that he would idolize any Messiah" in his Easter-Day article. I said: "He asks no such idolatry," and only used his words as a text for some sugges-tions of my own on "The Needs and Tenden-cies of Spiritualism." Yet I am glad my article called out his statement in the Banner of Light, broad, clear and comprehensive as it is. With him, and in his words : "I rejoice to re-

cognize Zoroaster and Buddha, George Fox and Thomas Paine, as among the world's many teachers and Saviors, and think it possible for myself and any intelligent Spiritualist to properly commemorate their services to mankind, on suitable occasions, as well as those of the Nazarene, without danger of falling into idolatry. We must be truly catholic, and if so, we shall not be afflicted with Jesuphobia on the one hand, nor with Painophobia on the other."

Let all due honor be given to Jesus, but let us not follow the poor example of the Orthodox sects, hold him up as the only Savior, and ignore the kindred morals and noble lives of other cifted men. On the other hand, to make Paine the great man, as some do, mars our just estimate of his real and eminent merits and services. He wrote the Age of Reason to counteract-the Atheistic tendencies of the French Revolution. and left us words of eloquent beauty and great strength for liberty of conscience, and for Deity, immortality, and natural religion. Let him have due and fit place among the world's Saviors and spiritual thinkers. G. B. STEBBINS.

A great many persons become insane from sleepless nights that Hop Bitters would have prevented.

Convention and Camp-Meeting of Michigan Liberals. The Liberalists of Michigan will hold a Convention and Camp-Meeting on the Fail Grounds, at Lansing, the capi-tal of the State, commencing Saturday, June 28th, and closing Monday, July 5th. The Convention proper will meet on Saturday, July 3d, and be in session on Sunday, the 4th. Its general work will be the discussion and perfecting of plans for the dissemination of Liberal Thought, and en-couraging the formation of Liberal Leagues. Address S. B. MCCHACKEN, Managing Sec., Detroit, Mich.

Picnic at Compounce Lake.

Members of the "Connecticut Association of Spiritual-isis," and all others interested, are hereby invited to unite with the "Picnic Association" at their annual gathering at Compounce Lake, on Wednesday, June Bith, 1880, where the two organizations will unite in the festivities of the oc-casion. Prof. Kiddle, of New York, and Capt. II. H. Brown, of Willinantic, will be present and address the peo-ple. Those coming by tail will find conveyances at Plain-ville for persons or bargarge to the Lake. ple. Those coming by tail with the Lake. ville for persons or baggage to the Lake. LESTER ROBINSON, Sec. State Association.

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BOSTON, SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1880,

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS.

GOOD ADVICE .- The Boston Sunday Herald recommends that a fractious man or woman should take a large dose of solitude in as pleasant a syrup of quiet, fresh alr and green fields as circumstances will permit.

WANTED-At this office, the present address of John McLeod, Esq. (of New Zealand, when at home).

Rev. Samuel Johnson has this noble reproof of politic silence: "The unbeliever is he who deliberately declines to speak what he thinks or to trust humanity with what helpful truth has been intrusted to himself."

Edison, according to the Burlington Free Press, is inventing a lemonade without either sugar or lemons, for the convenience of circuses and Sunday school plenics.

A Paris dispatch says : "June 1 being the anniversary of the death of the Prince Imperial, Prince Jerome Napoleon, the Princess Mathilde and Princes Joachim and Louis Murat attended mass for the repose of the soul of the Prince Imperial. Many leading Bonapartists were present."

A "Mrs. Gilflory" in humble life scandalizes all the proprieties by declaring that the infant hope of her family "looks like a little cubeb." .

Council Fire.

To Remove Rust from a Storepipe .-- Rub with linseed oil (a little goes a good way, build a slow fire till it is dry. Oil in the spring to prevent it from rusting.

You can telegraph to Europe now for 1212 cents a

word.

Fifteen elephants visited Boston last Saturday even-ing, and 50,000° people filled the streets to see the procession.

We have received the first number of air eight-page monthly, *Light for*. (11) issued in San Francisco, and de-voted to the philosophy of Splritualism, and under the management of A. S. Whechester, formerly of this place, which assures us of its good management. It is to be pub-lished monthly, and furnished at 3) server, on the 15th of each month. These intersteed in that subject and living on this coast should give this enterprise a ready and hearty support, and we trust they will do so without delay. - Santa Harbarga (Cal., Independent,

Mount Auburn, "the city of the dead," near Boston,

"Native strawberries were for sale in Boston market last week, nearly a fortnight earlier than last year,

To take Ink out of Linen .- Dip the link spot in pure melted tallow, then wash out the tallow and the ink will come out with it. This is said to be unfailing.

Six days filled with selfishness, and Sunday stuffed full with religious exercises, will make a good Phari-see, but a poor Christian. There are many persons who think Sunday is a sponge with which they can whee out the sins of the week.—Ex.

Deaths in this city last week 115.

Every word uttered in this life is echoed in the spirit-realm. The judgment-day to each individual comes the moment he enters the spirit-world. He is his own judge; and, knowing fully his shortcomings, is a just one.

Miss Emily Faithful, who is about to revisit America on a lecturing tour, is the daughter of a clergyman, and is forty five years of tage. She at one time enjoyed the pleasures of fashionable life, but soon became devoted to improving the condition of working-women. She is a favorite of the Queen.

Life is a railroad; the years are the stations, deal is the terminus, and the doctors are the stokers.—Chi cago Times.

He who uses religion as a cloak for evil deeds is like the man who passes counterfeit money-he is sure to be found out at last.

There is an old negro song that ought to be translated into white man's poetry. It runs thus : "Brother sees mote in 's brother's eye, An' can't see de beam in 's own; You go home, sweep out your own door, An' leave yo',brudder alone."

The key-note of the Indian problem will be fouched whenever the white man summons the Indian to the council, when the Indian's interest is it stake.-The

The Empress of Russia has passed to the higher life.

contains 22,000 human bodies, according to the record

new Mr. Cook says that " Christ called others to repentance, but never repented himself." What does the reverend gentleman mean by this statement?

Never advise another with regard to investments If he wins you get no thanks-if he loses you will get all the blame. Give "points" if you must, but no ad-

A SCRIPTURAL SINECURE.—While a family were seated around the hearthstone, the various profes-sions came up for discussion, a large majority of the children expréssing a decided preference for a posi-tion where the work was unimportant and the salary excessive. One of the boys said, "Well, I should like to sit on the roof all my days, and have nothing to do, just like Joseph in Egypt." On his being asked to ex-plain himself, he quoted the passage—" And Pharaoh put Joseph over his house." ."There." he said, "that's what I would like—to sit on the roof and have a large what I would like-to sit on the roof and have a large salary.

To Clean Brass .- Immerse or wash it several times in sour milk or whey. This will brighten it without scouring. It may then be scoured with a woolen cloth dipped in ashes.

When the streets ger dusty in Milwaukee the people pray for rain. Under similar circumstances in Boston the water-carts are got out. Boston generally gets re-lief in the shortest time.—Boston Post.

It is stated that the first lady telegraph operator was Miss Sarah G. Bagley, of Lowell, Mass., who began her labors in 1846. At that time the prejudice against female operatives was intense, but it has gradually diminished, and there are now thousands of women engaged throughout the world in this occupation.

John Brougham, the veteran actor and dramatic au-thor, died at his residence in New York City at 12:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, June 7th. Mr. Brougham was born in Dublin, Ireland, May 9th, 1814, and was educated for a surgeon. Circumstances turned his at-tention to the stage, and he made his *début* at the age of sixteen at the Tottenham-Street Theatre, London, in "Tom and Jerrr."

'A little boy, being told by a minister that God could do anything, inquired : "Can God make a rock so big that he cap't lift it ?"

The Ichthyophagous Club, of New York, purpose to show that there is as good fish in the sea as ever were caught. As will be gathered from its name, this is not a sectarian association. Its theology is ichthyology.— Boston Transcript.

A holy-or, rather, unholy-war is being waged in Pittsburg, Pa., among the church people there. They forget all about the humble Nazarene at such times, and believe in old Adam.

People who give tone to society rarely give anything

The pretended exposers of materializing mediums, who generally claim that "they have been honest Spir-itualists for over thirty years," are fast losing caste everywhere, and the honest investigators are inclined to look upon such very "honest" people with a great deal of suspicion, and watch very closely their move-ments in the few scances that they are now permitted to attend.—*Celestial City*.

Immortality comes simply by the working of natural b law, and happiness, here and hereafter, from doing right.

There are active preparations at Providence for the coming World's Regatta on the Seekonk. — Boston Journal.

"But," says Jo Cose, "supposing 'the coming world' shouldn't have any regatta? Some one ought to see Konk about it; and yet we are told to 'fear not, but trust in Providence,' and it may be as well for us to do

Thales being asked what was most universally en-joyed of all things, answered. "Hope; for they have it who have nothing else."—Epictetus.

Biologan, Suns, Clara Coits, Mr. King, W. F. Bland, Ella Carr. Closing with the physical exercise and Target March.
 At the close of the services a committee waited upon the veteran worker Luther Coiby, and presented him a basket of flowers, as a mark of their appreciation of him as a friend.
 The past week has been made additionally interesting to us all on account of the gift of books by Miss Bowker; they will be publicly presented on Sunday morning next at our Lyceeum session.
 As predicted, although it was rainy, every seat was taken, many even having to take seats in the groups, and everything passed as harmoniously as could be wished. We thank out many friends for their standard offerings, and the children say, God blees you all.
 Tickets are being engaged rapidly for our first annual prenic, which is to be held at Highland Lake Grove on the 29th of this month. As we propose to carry one hundred children free of any expense, we trust all spiritualists will join with us. The National Band will play for the dancing all day; the Lyceum Orchestra will provide for Lyceum and flyou procure tickets such action will not only furnish you with ago duy's enjoyment at a pleasat place of resort, but you will also be aiding a good cause.
 See'y Shawmut Spiritual Lyceum.

The Magazines.

THE HERALD OF HEALTH for June-M. L. Holbrook, 13 Laight street, New York, publisher-is a well-filled number of a genuinely practical and useful work. J. Mortimer (tranvillo commences a series of articles under the general title of "Common Mind Troubles," No. 1 being "Failings," in which he succeeds in showing that though a failing in an Individual may not be counted as an offence, and scarcely held as a fault, yet it is one of the worst and least curable of ills. Kate Price makes "A Plea for Womanly Cellbacy," and does not consider because a woman is un married she need necessarily be sour and unlovely, Prof. C.-II. Young advocates "No Vaccination," and adds to the numerous arguments already advanced some very strong ones against that popular fallacy. He states that the movement against vaccination is more marked in Germany than in England, and that though the struggle of the people to rid themselves of the evil will be long and bitter, it will triumph in the end. He says: "The greatest progress in one century is often to undo the work of the preceding. To the sarcastic reflections of those who demand what great boon the medical profession has really conferred on humanity the modern Esculapio helds up triumphantly a bit of putrefied matter on the end of a lancet. Humanity de mands a preventive to one of the most dreadful scourges of the human race, and the physician offers pus !" "Our Dessert Table," "Topics of the Month," and other departments complete the issue. Among the literary notices, Mr. A. E. Newton's " Prenatal Culture" is very highly spoken of and recommended.

THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL for June contains a portrait of Robert Collyer, with a biographical sketch. An article on the "Gifts of Healing" merits attention, showing that the laying on of hands as a means of cure has been practiced from time immemorial. Chaldee and Brahmin, Pagan and Christian have alike believed in the virtue of a touch, "and whether we go with the blind man to the healing hand of Vespasian, or press the hem of the Christ-robe, with the trembling daughter of Judea, we touch a vesture of historic fact infolding a body of divine truth eternal as the ages." Among the hieroglyphic records of the East allusions to it are found, and on monuments of Pagan delties the god is shown with outstretched hands over the sick suppliant, rays darting from each finger end. "Studies in Comparative Phrenology" are continued. A short sketch is given of Prof. Henry Fawcett, the blind anthor and statesman of England, accompanied by a portrait. Joseph Cook's views of phrenology are sharply criticised, and the remaining articles, together with Notes in Science and Agriculture," "Editorial Items," etc., render this number of a very popular and instructive periodical attractive and useful. S. R. Wells & Co., publishers, 753 Broadway, New York.

RECEIVED: VICK'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY MAG AZINE, for June. James Vick (seedsman and florist), publisher, Rochester, N. Y.

Three hundred and sixty-two treatles with Indians have been broken by the United States Government; and yet we speak of Indians as "treacherous dogs."-New Haven Register. and

by Mr. Colville's guides.

A Pleasant Affair.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

'Our Dr. Samuel Grover, who has just reached his sixtleth birthday, celebrated it on Saturday evening by a gathering of friends at his residence, the affair being very enjoyable.

Capt. Richard Holmes acted as leader on this occasion, introducing the speakers, commencing with the modest Doctor himself, who has, it seems, changed his mediumship three times during his adult life—first, the phase of sailor, next that of a carpenter for many years, and for the last twenty years a healer, or M. D. and the spiritual public seems to think in the latter phase he has found his mission. Next, Dr. John Currier said a few words, followed by a recitation by Dr. Grover's little light-haired, bright-eyed daughter of six; then followed John Wetherbee with his customary oration, and then $Dr_{ij}A$. H. Richardson delivered a short and appropriate valedictory. These speeches were interspersed with instrumental and vocal music, prominent in its production being Charley Sullivan. Mrs. Cushman then gave some of her interesting manifestations on the guitar, and then, when the torch-illuminated circus, which was passing the house (some thought in honor of the occasion-at any rate it was in keeping with it), permitted, the company partook of the refreshments provided. And then, it getting lateperhaps I cannot do better than by quoting Allen Dole's thoughts when returning from meditating in a graveyard—not that a festive occasion has any "grave" associations, except, perhaps, the profession of M. D. points to it, but the Doctor on this occasion is of an-other order so with this apology I will close with Allence words. Allen's words :

* Now thoughtfully our footfalls homeward bound, And homeward, also, to eternal light; While here night's mantle overshades the ground, We wait expectant for a world that's bright."

- J. W.

DANIEL O'CONNELL'S POLITICAL CREED. DANIEL O'CONNELL'S POLITICAL CREED.— The great Irish agitator was quite a liberal-minded man. He said: "My political creed is short and simple. It consists in believing that all men are entitled, as of right and justice, to religious and civil liberty. I deserve no credit for being the advocate of religious liberty, as my wants alone require such advocacy; but I have taken care to require it only on that prin-ciple which would equally grant it to all sects and persuasions, which while it emancipated the Uatholics in Ireland, would protect the Protestants in France and Italy, and destroy the Inquisition together with the inquisitors in The Inquisition together with the inquisitors in Spain. Religion is debased and degraded by human interference; and surely the worship of the Delity cannot but be contaminated by the admixture of worldly ambition and human force. Such are my sentiments."

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