

50 The mere lapse of years is not life. To eat and drink and sleep—to be exposed to darkness and the light—to pace round in the mill of life and turn that mill into an implement of trade—this is not life. In all that is poor, fraction of the conscientiousness of humanity is awakened, and the sanctities still slumber which make it worth while to be. Knowledge, truth, love, beauty, goodness, faith alone can give vitality to the mechanism of existence. The laugh of mirth that vibrates through the heart of the world is the laughter of life within—the music that brings childhood back—the prayer that calls the future near—the doubt which makes us meditate—the hardship which forces us to struggle—the anxiety which ends in trust—the true nourishment of our natural

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BOSTON, SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1880.

Neshaminy Falls (Pa.) Camp-Meeting.

Splendid Success of the Meeting—The Great Audience on Sunday, July 25th—Eloquent Speeches by Ed. S. Wheeler, Mrs. Shepard and Laura Kendrick—Miscellaneous Items.

The officers of the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia are in high glee over the success of the Neshaminy Falls Camp-Meeting, which is being held under the auspices of said society. The details of the meeting have been managed with great care, and everything moves along harmoniously. The opening day—as before specified in these columns—was a marked success, but the colossal gathering which met in the grove on July 25th absolutely astounded the most enthusiastic friends of the meeting. Before noon "checks" for one thousand transportation had been given out, and numerous excursion trains brought enormous crowds. Probably nearly ten thousand people were on the grounds. The order was marked, and Capt. Ketter and his efficient officers had but little, if anything, to do, beside answering numerous questions relative to speakers, mediums, etc.

THE SPEECHES, JULY 25TH.

Ed. S. Wheeler spoke in the morning, and the universal testimony is that he never gave a better address—which is putting it pretty strong, as Mr. Wheeler is a veteran lecturer, and has delivered many elaborate philosophical discourses upon the general theme of Spiritualism. He spoke, on this occasion, on the theological doctrine of "Total Depravity," thoroughly dissecting the theory, showing its falsity and hideous aspects, and offsetting its involved shander on mankind by citations numerous and in detail, of recent heroic acts of people in our own land and abroad. The relation of Spiritualism to rationalistic views of human nature was forcibly emphasized.

Mrs. Shepard spoke on "The Practical Issues of Spiritualism." She clearly presented the view that Spiritualism was adapted to the wants of mankind here on the earth, and also pointed out the valuable results which would accrue from a rational interpretation of the sublime fact of spirit communion. This lady's ministrations at Neshaminy Falls have been remarkably successful; indeed, she has won the hearts of the people and has earned laurels for herself. Beside her speeches the first two Sundays of the meeting, she has lectured on several week-days, doing most effective work.

Laura Kendrick spoke in the evening to a large and highly appreciative audience. She answered objections to Spiritualism in a very able manner, displaying in her utterances the meritorious qualities of culture, candor and inspiration.

WEEK-DAY LECTURES.

Mrs. Shepard spoke on the 27th and 28th to large audiences.

On the 29th Ed. S. Wheeler took for his text the first clause of the declaration of principles of the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia, which reads as follows:

"Believing, first, that a Beneficent Power and Wise Intelligence pervades and controls the universe, sustaining toward all human beings the intimate relation of parent, whose revelation is nature, whose interpretation is science, and whose most acceptable worship is doing good to all;" etc.

Mr. Wheeler spoke at length upon the fundamental points involved in the above statement.

Mrs. Shepard supplemented the address with an enthusiastic speech.

On the 30th, Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes spoke on "The Duty of the Hour," delivering a vigorous and practical discourse. She appealed to the present, and asked her hearers to identify themselves with reform movements which were vital and which were of a nature to bless humanity. Old age was beautiful when the individual could refer to a well-spent life. The care of children was referred to in an eloquent manner. The dignity of life was forcibly pictured. Spiritualism was a great power in the land. Its glorious gospel would bless the world.

Mrs. Byrnes speaks in clear, well modulated tones, and her discourses are always practical and to the point. She is now in active service in the lecture-field. Long may she be spared to do the good work of a missionary of Spiritualism.

Mrs. Samuels, of St. Louis, a trance speaker, followed Mrs. Byrnes in a speech which was couched in beautiful language, and which contained valuable ideas relative to the progress of the spiritual movement. This lady is destined to become a speaker of power and great usefulness. She has made many warm friends among the campers and visitors to Neshaminy Falls.

On the 31st, the writer, through the kind courtesy of the managers of the meeting, said a few words from the platform.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST.

In all the writer's experience of twelve years' extended itinerancy, he never witnessed such an outpouring of people as assembled at Neshaminy Falls on the above date. The day was one of Nature's fairest. At an early hour the roads leading to the grounds were dotted with carriages. Still they came—carriages of all sizes and shapes.

The excursion trains from Philadelphia and Trenton brought tremendous crowds. Over 6000 people gathered at the speakers' stand. Probably there were 8000 on the grounds. Capt. H. H. Brown delivered an able address on "The New Phenomena and the Old." He pointed out the similarity between ancient and modern spiritual phenomena, and in forcible language satirized the bigotry which would accept blindly narratives of ancient phenomena, and yet reject evidence of what was transpiring in our midst to-day. The speaker was attentively listened to.

Miss Frost sang sweetly and with artistic taste.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

By two o'clock the attendance was greatly augmented by arrivals on trains and in carriages. A constant throng of people entered the grove, so that the number present was swollen to twelve thousand. Pen cannot describe the scene. The tents in front of the grand stand were crowded, and an immense throng stood around the outskirts of the audience; a vast crowd could not get within hearing distance. Before Mrs. S. A. Byrnes, the regular speaker, began her address, the managers saw that another meeting must be organized; so Mr. Lanning was delegated to preside over a meeting in the spacious pavilion. Capt. H. H. Brown addressed a very large audience, and his eloquent discourse was well received by the people.

Still there were hundreds who could not get within hearing distance of Capt. Brown, so at the suggestion of the Camp-Meeting officials, the writer and A. B. French, of Ohio, were selected to start another meeting in the "grand square" in front of the line of tents. Mr. French's eloquence soon attracted a large congregation. Ed. S. Wheeler also spoke.

By this time Mrs. Byrnes had begun at the speakers' stand. Picture the scene, reader. The writer's poor pen cannot do justice to the subject. On one campground were the colossal gatherings. The people were anxious to hear. And how respectfully they listened! The wealth and culture of Bucks County were represented. The utmost order prevailed.

Mrs. Byrnes's many friends were delighted with her address, and its influence upon the audience was absolutely grand. Capt. Brown, in the pavilion, spoke in his clear, logical way, defining the term "Christian," and pointing out the spiritual facts which lie at the foundation of Christianity. John Lanning, who presided, said to the writer, "Capt. Brown is a power; he delivered a very able speech this afternoon—just what was needed."

Mr. French gave the people a sample of western logic, wit and eloquence, which received hearty applause. He is a strong magnetic orator, and his lectures are always full of fact and philosophy, with pungent wit and attractive gleams of genuine oratory to add interest and brilliancy to his utterances.

In the evening a large audience convened to listen to an address from Mr. French. His theme was "The God we Worship." The discourse was attentively listened to. It was an able and scholarly exposition of theism as against atheism, and was loudly applauded.

Mr. French's debut in the East was a most flattering success.

NOTES.

A leading Philadelphia daily had an editorial on

"The Decay of Camp-Meetings," on the opening day at Neshaminy Falls. In view of the large attendance and the great interest displayed all through Bucks County in all that relates to the Spiritualist Camp-Meeting now being held, it strikes the writer as advisable to suggest a change in the title of the article referred to, viz: "The Decay of Camp-Meetings of the Old-Fashioned Type." All who favor the amendment say, "Aye!"

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are intelligent Spiritualists, who are fast assuming an honorable prominence in the cause of Spiritualism. Mr. Chapman, as President of the First Association of Philadelphia, has labored with untiring zeal and becoming dignity. For several years he has favored his intimate friends by reading some of the very able essays which he has written under spirit-control. Mrs. Chapman has, of late, developed as an inspirational writer of remarkable fluency and polish. This estimable couple enjoy life in their elegant home, and are regarded with affectionate esteem by a large and constantly widening circle of friends.

Always at his post of duty—President Chapman. Miss Frost and Miss Colby, of New York City, discoursed sweet and artistic music to the people.

Lena Wittkorn at the organ leading the congregational singing, brought vividly to mind the meetings in Academy Hall, Spring Garden street, Philadelphia. Miss Wittkorn is a young lady of rich promise who has many friends.

The Banner of Light engravings, which are donated to all yearly subscribers, were placed in conspicuous positions on the grand stand. The writer pointed out the meritorious points of the works of art, and put in an earnest yet discreetly enthusiastic plea for subscribers. And he did not talk in vain.

Delegations from Neshaminy Falls will begin to move in the direction of Onset Bay and Lake Pleasant in a few days.

Col. Bundy, of the *Religio-Philosophical Journal*, participated in the exercises on July 25th. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman during his sojourn in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Severance, of Milwaukee, made a flying visit to the camp-meeting, in company with Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hill, of Springfield, Mass.

On Sunday, Aug. 8th, A. B. French, Rev. Samuel Watson and Mrs. Shepard. Capt. Brown and Emma Harding Britten will speak during the week. Capt. Brown is a lecturer of marked logical power, who always entertains and instructs his audiences.

The Neshaminy Falls Camp-Meeting will close on Sunday, August 15th. Samuel Watson, of Tenn., A. B. French, of Ohio, Emma Harding Britten, of England, Mrs. Brigham, of Mass., Mrs. Shepard, of Minn., E. S. Wheeler, of Philadelphia, and Capt. H. H. Brown, of Conn., will be the principal speakers during the remainder of the meeting.

Something to remember: Camp-meetings are glorious occasions, but they are matters of a few weeks' duration. Enjoy them! Hear all the sermons, visit the mediums; but do not let your interest in Spiritualism cool down below zero as soon as you check your baggage for home. Subscribe for a spiritual paper which will greet you weekly, and which will keep you posted on current Spiritualist topics, so that next year you will enjoy camp-meetings all the more because of the study you have given the subject of Spiritualism during the intervening months. Beg pardon: How do you spell your name? (Which engraving will you have? \$3.00—yes, thank you! I have your name all right—Banner of Light for one year. Good day.)

The Neshaminy Falls Camp-Meeting officials send cordial greetings to Onset Bay and Lake Pleasant.

Lake Pleasant, Montague, Mass.

The yearly meeting at this point begins on Sunday, Aug. 8th, and the indications are that the attendance this year will be larger than ever before. Before the meeting is over the number of tents and cottages will undoubtedly number nearly five hundred. The appointments of the grove, the hotel, railroad facilities, speakers' list—in fact all the details have already been referred to in this correspondence. Nothing remains to be said now beside this gentle reminder: Lake Pleasant is on the Hoosac Tunnel Route—three hours' ride from Boston. Visit the locality during the month of August, and you will enjoy a musical treat and an intellectual feast. For particulars relative to lots address N. S. Henry, Lake Pleasant, Montague, Mass.; relative to hotel, J. L. Barnard, Greenfield, Mass.

On Sunday, Aug. 8th, Capt. H. H. Brown and A. A. Wheeler will speak.

During the following week Mrs. Manchester, Giles B. Stebbins, A. E. Stanley and Bishop Beals will lecture.

The sure and visit Lake Pleasant, reader.

CEPHAS.

Notes from Onset Bay Camp.

Never did a better spirit pervade any Camp-Meeting than that which prevails at Onset. The mediums afford a harmonious influx from the higher life has guided public exercises and controlled fraternal intercourse. Certain it is that the speakers regularly employed have risen to their best efforts, and the spontaneous meetings convened daily for conference have been full of interest.

Dr. H. G. White, of Pocomset, a recent convert to Spiritualism, has most ably assisted Dr. Storer in presiding at the various meetings. He discerns with accuracy the disposition of an audience, and has a rare faculty of calling out contributions of personal experience and pertinent remarks from persons present.

A prayerful spirit has characterized the meetings. Mrs. Mears of Foxboro', Mrs. Shirley of Worcester, and Mrs. A. P. Brown being frequently moved to invocations. The nature and value of prayer was ably defined and discussed by Mr. Tripp of Taunton, the ladies above named, Mrs. Crafts Smith, and several others at the conference on Monday afternoon.

The lectures of Dr. Storer, Mr. George A. Fuller and Mrs. A. P. Brown were all highly appreciated.

Henry B. Allen's musical and phenomenal circles have been eagerly sought for, and every evening incredulity has staggered, while the sweet and artistic music upon the dulcimer charmed the ears, lights floated about the room, kisses were given, and names and messages were whispered in the ears of friends. Shirt bosoms were used instead of paper to write upon, and occasionally a tremendous hustling of instruments, table, chairs and visitors, without injury to any, evinced more force than harmony.

Mrs. Emma Weston gave a dark circle on Thursday evening, at the cottage of A. W. Wildes, to a limited number, at which materialized caressing hands touched the sitters, forms were described, and names given of the usual convincing character.

Mr. William F. Nye, President of the Association, has shown active zeal in the progress of the meeting, and his personal kindness to the mediums and courtesy to visitors is highly appreciated. The beautiful contribution of flowers to the speakers' stand on Tuesday, was from his grounds at New Bedford.

George A. Fuller, the young inspirational speaker from Dover, Mass., has made many new friends by the ability of his public addresses, and his modest but many personal qualities.

Mrs. William Sturtevant, the ever busy and successful clairvoyant physician of Bridgewater, Mass., is trying to enjoy a vacation at her pleasant cottage on West Central Avenue, but her fame has preceded her, and new patients give her little opportunity for rest.

The dramatic circles of Charlie Sullivan have introduced a new element of amusement at Onset, and his character entertainments in costume are greatly enjoyed. He is charmed with the place, and when his house of "ye olden time" is built here upon this forsaken land, and his large collection of antique relics and mementoes furnish it, visitors at Onset will find a museum of rare interest, such as for a time occasioned so much genuine enthusiasm at the great Centennial Exhibition, where Mr. Sullivan represented the ancient dame in the New England cottage.

One evening last week Miss Hagan's poetic faculty took a new turn. At Mrs. King's the gentlemen and ladies boarding there had gathered in the pleasant sitting-room, and the name of each was used in a bouquet of verses that were very appropriate in their allusions to individuals, and highly enjoyed by the company. Not a person in the house was forgotten.

A well known Spiritualist is considering the practicability of endowing an educational and benevolent institution at Onset Bay. The design contemplates an elegant building, with library, séance room, etc.

A remarkable phenomenon for this latitude, and one long to be remembered by those who witnessed it, was the water-spout of Thursday afternoon. Your reporter with a company of about a dozen friends went out on Burgess's large yacht, at 4 P. M., for a sail down the bay. A thunder storm had just passed over, and masses of sun-gilt clouds were rolling away toward the north. As we passed Hog Island the cabin was suggested as a safe place for the ladies to escape a drenching from clouds that now massed and rolled above us from over the Cape shore, which was darkly white with falling torrents of rain. The temperature rapidly cooled, and all but the boatmen retreated from pelting hail-stones to the cabin. But soon an exclamation of astonishment called us all out to look upon a scene such as few see in a lifetime, except in tropical countries. Over Onset the skirts of the storm were shaking out a plentiful shower, while nearer our position and above Pocomset a mass of clouds were tumbling about in constant motion, forming what appeared very like a full-blown white rose, with a waving stem that gradually elongated toward the bay at an angle of about forty-five degrees. From the Pocomset shore we now noticed what looked like a column of dust arising, and gradually tapering upward until it became a vertical cone, reaching higher and higher, and finally uniting with the stem from above. At times it seemed a mere thread of vapor, but the junction being formed the spiral movement of the great tumblar that now united the heavens and the earth was seen in rapid progress. Wreaths of mist at times seemed to separate from the surface of the aqueous pipe, as though thrown off and then attracted back by its rapid motion. Thunder was rolling in the distance, and vivid shafts of lightning cleaving great masses of cloud along the western horizon—while this great flower of the sea and sky lay across the heavens. At one time, the whole mass seemed drifting toward us, and the probability of the whirlwind taking our boat up bodily, or the spout breaking and deluging us with a flood, modified our emotions of admiration and awe at this truly sublime scene. But happily it did not break, after this exhibition of about half an hour gradually narrowing at the centre, finally separating and becoming absorbed in the cloudy mass. The Pocomset terminus of the spout was a scene of considerable activity, stone walls and fences being thrown down, a cow lifted in air, a boat demolished, and the ground torn up. The committee who regulate the appearance of the sea-serpent at Nahant, and the school of whales off Swampscott, may be expected to get up an annual water-spout at Onset.

The regatta on Friday closed together about eighty yachts, and although a light wind proved hardly sufficient for a lively race, the scene on the bay was a charming one. It was witnessed with delight by the campers and a large number of visitors who were allowed to tie their carriages beneath the trees on the Boulevard.

On Friday evening Col. Geo. C. Bundy, editor of the *Religio-Philosophical Journal*, arrived, and is the guest of E. Gerry Brown. He is taking in the eastern camp-meetings, and visits Onset for the second time. A public reception was given him at the auditorium on Saturday morning, Dr. Storer, the presiding officer, in behalf of the Association, extending him a hearty welcome; to which Col. Bundy replied with brief but appropriate remarks. E. G. Brown, W. J. Colville and Geo. A. Fuller also participated in the exercises.

The afternoon trains on Saturday brought to the grounds some two hundred people; and when the Sabbath morning dawned, the Grove was rapidly crowded by throngs of visitors who had resolved to devote the beautiful day to a trip to the Camp. The Boston *Globe*, which has, all along, given excellent reports of the belongings and exercises at Onset, states that over 600 people were present on that occasion. The morning train from Boston brought a large number from the city, as well as from Brockton, Bridgewater, Middleboro', and other towns along the line of the Old Colony Railroad. The steamer Monahan, from New Bedford via Fairhaven, brought an excursion party of 500 people; and excursion parties arrived in yachts and small boats from Marion, Mattapoisett and Wareham waters, as well as from the Palmouth shores.

The little steamer Favorite was in service, having business enough to keep her busy throughout the day with sailing parties down among the little islands. Several parties were taken across the bay to Monument beach, where they spent part of the day among the summer residents located upon that picturesque shore.

The morning services at the speakers' stand, Aug. 1st, opened at 10:30 with an audience of about 2500 people. Robinson's orchestra performed some fine selections, after which Miss Lizzie Doten, of Boston spoke on "Human Nature." Professor Foye's quartet sang several songs, and Mrs. Emma Weston gave some public lectures.

The afternoon exercises took place at 2 o'clock, in order that the visitors from New Bedford might attend the meeting. The South Eastern quartet opened the services by singing and two selections, after which W. J. Colville delivered a very interesting address, taking for his theme, "The Ministry of Angels." He also gave a number of improvised poems.

In the evening a concert was given by the South Eastern quartet, led by Fred Thayer of Easton. It was a success, some 500 people attending. The entertainment consisted of a varied programme—Charles W. Sullivan and others participating, and J. L. Hovey presiding at the organ in an able manner.

Four hundred were present at the dance at the Pavilion on Saturday evening, July 31st, including participants and spectators. The music was good, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The party dispersed at 11 o'clock.

The Camp-Meeting will be in session two more Sundays.

A regatta on a more extensive scale than last Friday's is to take place from Onset Bay the latter part of this month. Larger yachts, it is said, will be entered in the first class.

Mr. Clapp, of Worcester, is to build a pretty cottage this fall on West Central Avenue.

Conference meetings, presided over by Dr. H. G. White, are held, forenoon and afternoon, upon those days when speakers are not announced upon the regular programme. At these meetings, sometimes, subjects are selected to be spoken upon by those interested, and at others an opportunity is given to any who may wish to introduce subjects of general interest to speak upon them. These meetings have been very pleasant, and have been instrumental in bringing the people to an acquaintance with each other, which could not be readily effected in any other way. Among others who have taken part in these sessions are Dr. T. P. Greenleaf, Dr. Storer of Boston, Mrs. A. P. Brown of St. Johnsbury, Vt., Mrs. Shirley of Worcester, Mrs. Dr. Cutter of Boston, Mrs. Mears of Foxboro', Mr. Crockett of Rockland, Me., and Mr. Geo. A. Fuller; and the interchange of thought cannot but be profitable to those attending.

The camp is at all times, and especially at night, perfectly quiet, notwithstanding the great throngs; and the duties of our courteous and efficient police force are of the lightest kind.

"Aunt Mary Stearns," of Hyannis, known to so many of the *Banner of Light* readers, was present a couple of days last week, being a guest at the cottage of Mrs. H. M. Wood, of Pocomset, on Prospect Park.

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Shawheen Grove.

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On Tuesday, July 27th, band concerts occurred at 9:30 and 1:30. At 2:30 P. M. the chairman, Dr. John H. Currier, called the meeting to order, and after the singing by the choir—introduced Mr. Henry C. Lull as the lecturer of the day, who gave a fine discourse on the subject of "True Progression." At the close of Mr. Lull's remarks, Capt. H. H. Brown having reached the Camp, was called upon, and responded in a brief but forcible speech. At 7:30 the campers met at the Pavilion to tender to Capt. Brown a friendly reception; brief and appropriate addresses were made by Mrs. Townsend-Wood, Mrs. Richardson and Currier, Mrs. Drinnall and Mrs. Starbird, to which Capt. Brown feelingly and eloquently responded. At the close of the meeting the usual evening dance afforded amusement to campers and visitors.

Wednesday, 28th, band concert at 9 A. M. At 2:30 the meeting was opened by the singing of a fine selection by the choir. Dr. Currier then presented Miss Jennie

Bicknell to the audience, who recited, in her usual brilliant manner, the fine poem: "Curfew shall not ring to-night." Dr. Currier then gave the lecture of the day, subject, "Spiritual Communion the Foundation-Stone upon which all the Religions of the East and of the Present have been founded." Mr. F. Heath, the blind medium, then gave a musical selection, and Mrs. Wood closed the meeting with one of her best (though brief) addresses.

At an early hour of the evening mysterious movements were visible throughout the whole camp, which culminated in the gathering together in front of headquarters of a large number of persons, in almost every conceivable dress, many being truly elegant, with a mingling of the grotesque sufficient to excite the mirthfulness of the large crowd that had visited the camp from Lowell, Lawrence, Andover and other towns to see the maskers (who were confined to campers only), and at the close of their exercises to unite in the festivities of the evening. At 8 o'clock the procession moved to the Pavilion, led by a band which, judging by their uniforms, was gathered from many nations. On arriving at the Pavilion they were greeted with loud applause, and for a brief time took possession of the same, after which the masks were removed, and the hall soon filled by a large crowd eager to join in the pleasures of the hour. At 11 P. M. the pleasant and happy party dispersed to their homes and tents.

Thursday, 29th, band concert at 9:30 A. M. At 11 A. M. the Chairman called the meeting to order and called upon Mr. F. Heath to open the meeting with vocal and instrumental music, after which Mr. W. J. Colville offered an invocation, and called for six subjects for his discourse, which were as follows: 1st, "The Philosophy of Harmony"; 2d, "Sin, Sickness and Death"; 3d, "Is there any other Saviour?"; 4th, "Can Love Destroy?"; 5th, "What Evidence have we of the Immortality of the Soul?"; 6th, "Individuality." His answers to the same were instructive and interesting. The subject given for an inspirational poem was "Knowledge," and it was finely treated.

At 2 P. M. the audience began to assemble, being attracted by the sweet strains of music rendered by Elton's orchestra. At 2:30 Mr. Colville (by request) executed the song, "The Lost Chord," followed by an invocation. The choir then gave a selection in a spirited manner. Mr. Colville then announced as his subject: "Some of the spirit-spheres we have visited." His discourse received the earnest attention of the audience for nearly one and one-half hours. After Mr. Heath had given another song, Mr. Colville requested some one to present a subject upon which to improvise a poem. "Our Little Ones in Heaven" was suggested, and was eloquently treated by "Winona."

During the evening closed the exercises of a day enjoyed by all campers and visitors.

Friday, 30th, band concert at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. At 2:30 P. M. the Chairman, Dr. John H. Currier, called the meeting to order, and after singing by the choir with Mrs. S. Clark, of Boston, as organist—introduced Dr. Samuel Grover as the lecturer of the day, who, after giving an invocation, announced as his subject "The Present and Future Life." His discourse commanded the earnest attention of the audience for nearly an hour. Mrs. Townsend-Wood gave a short but earnest address. F. Heath sang. Dr. Grover concluded the exercises by reading an inspirational poem written for the occasion. At 8 P. M. the dancing pavilion was filled by a large gathering, the parties composing which passed the hours right merrily.

Saturday, 31st, band concert at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. At 2:30 the Chairman called the meeting to order and made a brief address. Music—mingled with spirited remarks from Mrs. Leslie, Mr. J. H. Bickford, Dr. A. H. Richardson and F. Heath—was furnished by Mrs. S. Clark, of Boston, Messrs. C. B. Marsh and Mr. Heath. Mrs. Townsend-Wood gave with fine effect the poem entitled "The Ferryman of Galway." The meeting throughout was deeply interesting.

[Continued next week.]

The August Magazines.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY—Houghton, Mifflin & Co., publishers, Boston, Mass.—further continues Thomas Bailey Aldrich's interesting recital of "The Stillwater Tragedy"; "Stellan Hospitality" is charmingly treated by Luigi Monti; "The Surgeon at the Field Hospital" (anonymous) is a strikingly accurate picture of the reverse side of warfare; Susan E. Wallace contributes a paper on "Life among the Pueblos," which is full of local color and spirit; "Mr. Hunt's Teaching" is discoursed upon by F. D. Millet; "Edward Mills and George Benton: A Tale," is by Mark Twain, and is worthy his world-wide reputation; Frances H. Underwood's Egyptian story, "The Preceptor of Moses," is surcharged with a pervading sense of massiveness and sublimity which flows in upon the reader unaware; its aim is the true one—to teach man the death in its appropriate order is a legitimate step in man's experience, and one as necessary, nay, as much to be desired, as life. Richard Grant White, John Burroughs, Louise Stockton, et al., furnish additional contributions, and good departments blend with poems by Dr. O. W. Holmes, T. W. Higginson and others to round out the contents of a choice number of this popular favorite.

SCHINER'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY MAGAZINE and SAINT NICHOLAS have arrived at our office, being supplied by the courtesy of A. WILLIAMS & Co., 283 Washington street, (corner of School,) Boston, who have these and other current periodicals on sale. The story of the martyr Savonarola is tersely but touchingly told in the present issue of *Schiner's* by the English wife of the Italian Professor, Villari; and a frontispiece by Cole presents Fra. Bartolomeo's picture of the brave defender of advanced thought, a glance at which will at once indicate to the physiologist and physiognomist that Savonarola was "in heart and soul a man"—and a determined one, too. This number of *Schiner's* is called "the Mid-Summer" issue, and an edition of one hundred and twenty-five thousand has been struck off to supply the popular demand therefor. Among the chief attractions of the present installment may be noted Philip Gilbert Hamerton's treatment of "Mr. Seymour Haden's Etchings" (illustrated); Henry Dana's "Sketch of American Diplomacy"; a word from Albert Rhodes concerning American girls who run ambitiously rampant after foreign titles and their material possessions; "The Curiosities of Advertising" (illustrated); another portion of Mr. Schiner's admirable history series on "Peter the Great," a continuation of "The Granddames"; etc., etc. Other articles, poems, a comic opera, "The Sweetest of the Year," and the departments, make up a pleasing and valuable compendium of reading for the summer side.

St. Nicholas has as its frontispiece "Hop o' My Thumb," from a picture by Gustave Doré; "The Fox and the Stork" (Susan Colledge); "The 'Darning Needle'" (E. C. N.); "The Coral Castle" (E. T. Disce-way); "Placer and Gulch Mining for Gold" (a highly readable sketch by Ernest Ingersoll); "A Happy Thought for Street Children" (Olive Thorne Miller); and "Song of the Palm Leaf Fan" (Miss M. L. Bennett)—all finely illustrated—may be cited as among the chief attractions of the work; though there are worthy poems and sketches other than these in abundance. "Marjorie's Peril," a touching story of army life in South Africa, being among them. The serials by Louise M. Alcott and Noah Brooks are interestingly continued. The "Very Little Folks" department, "Jack-in-the-Pulpit," etc., etc., are crowded with good things; and the whole number is calculated by its contents to win favor at sight.

THE HERALD OF HEALTH—M. L. Holbrook, M. D., publisher, 13 and 15 Light street, New York—has a good and practical table of contents. J. M. Granville's article on "Common Mind Troubles" and the necessity for the cultivation of the will power is to the point; and the editorial department is well sustained.

WIDE AWAKE—D. Lothrop & Co., publishers, 30 and 32 Franklin street, Boston—starts out with a duo in frontispieces, the artists being Jessie Curtis and Miss L. B. Humphrey respectively. Nora Perry contributes "Miss Vulture"; Miss F. E. Fryatt tells of "The Children's House—A Novel Art School"; the "Five Little Peppers" continue to grow in promising fashion; "The Three Little Kittens" is a laughable sketch both as to matter and pictured illustration—which remark may appropriately be repeated concerning "Job Hagirdrup"; No. VIII. second series, "Our American Artists" is given, George Inness being the subject of Mr. Benjamin's paper on the present occasion; "Two Young Homesteaders" continues to increase in attractive-

ness—the parties discoursed of therein, being led into (and held for this month at least among strikingly unexpected conditions; a "Fleete Song," words and music by Louis C. Elson, concludes the number, which is throughout rich in mechanical make-up and an intellectual attractiveness adapted alike to the young and to the more advanced reader.

YOKER'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—James Vick, Seedman and Florist, Rochester, N. Y., publisher, issues for August a "Midsummer Number," the cover of which is a neat piece of artistic work, while the pictures and letter-press are gems in their respective ways.

Spirit-Communications—Dea. Tidd.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

I was in Woburn, Mass., not long since, and learned from many citizens that the communication printed in your paper May 29th, purporting to come from the spirit of Dea. J. D. Tidd, had created a great breeze and commotion in the Baptist society of which he was, while in earth-life, a prominent member—holding also the position of deacon. Parties were not wanting who declared it "a perfect shame that such a good man as Dea. Tidd should have the name of returning," though he came in the way common to the thousands of spirit-intelligences who have, since the first establishment of your free circles, availed themselves of the privilege.

I stated to several of these indignant protesters that if there was really anything left of Dea. Tidd after the change called death, in my opinion it would be perfectly natural (even if he was a good man) for him to wish to return and hold communion with his family and friends—informed them, in some degree, of his new home, and the conditions by which he found himself surrounded. The law of spirit return, I held, as do all acquainted with the matter, provided for the accommodation of every class—whether regarded as good, bad, or indifferent—choosing to utilize the mediumistic channels afforded them in our day; and it seemed to me a great exhibition of assurance (to say the least) for the Church theology to claim the power of authoritatively deciding the status of spirits—proclaiming those who manifest to be "wicked," and those who (for reasons best known to themselves in their new life) choose not to return, to be "good" spirits.

It would be impossible for Miss Shelhamer herself to store away the knowledge imparted through her organism as to the lives and characteristics of the various spirits who manifest at the *Banner* séances. These messages are given in the circle-room, which is filled with intelligent people, mostly strangers to the medium, and an amanuensis is employed to take down *verbatim* the words that each spirit gives utterance to as they fall from the lips of the medium; and it is a marked feature of the delivery that each communication is spoken in a distinct and characteristic manner, concerning which the mere printing of the thoughts given can afford no idea. The method of delivery must be seen to be appreciated, and in itself conveys valuable and internal proof of the genuineness of the message conveyed.

In the case of Dea. Tidd I called upon some reliable persons in Woburn who knew him well for more than twenty years, and some of them in his employ for ten years; and they declared that they could see nothing in the communication which was not characteristic of him; that they have much confidence that it emanated from his spirit, and to them it was another strong proof of immortality. It was fortunate that a citizen of Woburn was present and heard the communication given.

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