

# In Memoriam.

Written for the Banner of Light TO ONE WHO HAS DEPARTED.

BY EDITH WILLIS LINN.

Cast in a grand, heroic mold. As old-time warriors, bold and brave, Thou hast waged the battle for the truth, Men's souls from fear and gloom to save.

Not by the sword that conquest was; A harder battle wageth here-A fight against the laugh of scorn, And bigot's hate and cynic's sneer.

And now, as older warriors rest, Thou liest in the earth's embrace: No more as soldier nor as friend We see thy genial, honest face.

Thy valiant soul had need of strife. Oh! not for thee earth's flowers and wine. I like to think that even now The conquest and the toil are thine

Dear friend, brave soldier, fare thee well. Forget not earth and all her fears. Let strength of thine renew our strength. And ease our hearts and dry our tears.

From earth's ignoble, jealous life, Thy soul hath risen into light. Thy crown awaits thee; angel hands Will wrap thee in thy garments bright

Peace shall be thine that comes from power; And victory thine that follows strife. Our hearts are better for thy love, The world is nobler for thy life!

# A PROMISE FULFILLED.

# BY MRS. L. M. WILLIS.

o the Editor of the Banner of Light:

As I sit by the lake-shore this glorious autumn morning, when sky, and tree, and bush are illuminated with a glory that comes only at the close of a summer, it would be easy to let the spirit take its flight to scenes that transcend the earthly, and to catch a glimpse of that region that is allied to the earth, and yet is called the heavenly. A friend for thirty years, who has just passed to that region, seems to form another link to draw the spirit there. And yet the thought comes back quickly; for this wish expressed many times that we would speak for him when his work was done, seems to vibrate vet.

It is over thirty years since I first knew MR. COLBY. I was then engaged to edit the Children's Department of the BANNER OF LIGHT, which brought me for five years into corregive to him personally is that he was ever a re-He had buckled on "the armor of salvation," forward against the hosts of error. To some of his co-workers, he seemed too aggressive, too sensitive; but he had labored so long and faithfully, and had suffered so much for truth's sake, it is no wonder that he felt keenly the misunderstandings that he had to encounter. It is one of the results of our American civilization that there is little respect for age and experience. The young feel that they know far better what the new time needs; but all must acknowledge that MR. COLBY kept abreast of the times, and gave, in the BANNER OF LIGHT, the most candid resumé of the progress of the spiritual movement on the material plane that was consistent with his convictions. He devoted time and money to the cause he had espoused, and that he loved better than all temporal good. Even friendship and reputation, when weighed in the balance with duty. were found wanting. Truth has been compared to a mighty river, rushing on with irresistible power, but it is instead like the sun: all things that it shines on are illumined, and reflect the glory in an infinite variety of forms. It is not possible for two minds to reflect precisely the same thought, although both represent its illumination. When all those who have been touched by this light shall be as sincere, as earnest, as single-minded as was LUTHER COLBY, then we shall recognize more of that "light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." He will be always identified with that latest revelation' of spiritual truth called, ofttimes deridingly, Modern Spiritualism, and he needs, and will need, no higher encomium. We believe he has already entered into the joy of his reward, and has become one of those laborers on the other side who, with extended experience here, are fitted at once to continue their work in wider

time avowing they could not pronounce me guilty of the charge of imposture brought nold's beautiful words: against me as a medium for the manifestation of psychical phenomena.

He found me broken in body, and crushed in spirit, just rallying from a fearful attack of brain-fever, the result of the intense excitement I had been laboring under, and the unjust verdict of the Faculty. I felt that my life was hopelessly wrecked.

MR. COLBY was then in the prime of his life, full of mental and physical vigor, full of enthusiasm for the new faith whose facts and philosophy had been overwhelmingly demonstrated to him through the marvelous mediumship of Mrs. Fanny Conant and others.

He had just heard the decision of the Faculty, and burning with indignation came out to see the victim of it.

It was a memorable interview. His brave words encouraged and uplifted me. He convinced me that all was not lost, as I had imagined; that thousands of friends were rallying about me, and that the angel world was behind me to care for and protect me; and then, with the remarkable prophetic power he gave proofs of possessing, even at that early day, he mapped out my future career, and most accurately predicted the part I was to play in the New Dispensation being then in process of inauguration.

From that day to this, he has been my faith ful, true friend. He revealed to me a side of his nature that he allowed but few to obtain glimpses of. There was a child-like, tender, loving side to his nature that his external manner seldom revealed.

To me he typified and illustrated the best phases of human nature in many respects. He was sympathetic with all suffering, generous in his impulses, cosmopolitan in spirit, claiming no right or privilege for himself that he did not wish to share with every child of humanity. His integrity was beyond question.

A just tribute has already been paid to his intellectual attainment. Although almost wholly self-educated, he was a remarkably scholarly man, well-read, and a vigorous thinker upon varied subjects.

Though devoted to all that pertained to the great movement that so absorbed his mind and heart, he watched with intense interest every discovery in the field of science and progress in all directions. He loved things that are pure and noble, and despised that which is mean and vicious.

For thirty-seven long years, I have been intimately and closely related with this man. Durspondence with him. The noblest tribute I can | ing the entire period, when not residing in the same city with him, we have corresponded liable and faithful friend. Every one who has constantly. During the past five years espeknown of his public career knows that he was | cially, our correspondence has been very frealways true to his conviction of right and truth. | quent, I feel that I know every phase of his character, and in rendering this tribute to it, and he always felt like a captain leading souls | 1 can truly say that he possessed in an eminent degree the essential traits of a noble manhood. The services he rendered to Spiritualism cannot be estimated. He threw heart and soul into his work. The BANNER OF LIGHT was to him what an idolized child is to a fond parent. His devotion to it was supreme. He toiled for it indefatigably, and until within two or three years of his demise, unweariedly. During the past year, notwithstanding his failing strength, and constantly increasing infirmities, his mental powers were as strong and his brain as clear and active as ever. It was my privilege to be with him several days at intervals within a week of his passing out. When I entered his room the first day he extended both hands to me in greeting, and taking both of mine in his, he said, "Willis, the good God always sends you to me when I need you most." I said, "Luther, are you going to leave us?" 'Oh! no," he replied, with all his characteristic energy and emphasis, " my work is not done yet. 1 must have two or three years more of good solid work on THE BANNER. Then if they want me I will be willing to go.' This was on Wednesday, Sept. 26th. On Sunday, the 30th, 1 could sense a change in him. On that day, for the first time, I believe it was revealed to his external consciousness that he was going home. On that day 1 was compelled to leave him. He talked with me long and earnestly with regard to our beloved Cause, what we had suffered and endured in its behalf, and begged me never to lose my interest in the BANNER OF LIGHT. He talked so earnestly that I felt compelled to abruptly terminate the interview, fearing its consequences upon his enfeebled condition. It was well said by Ruskin: "He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace. The men who have this life in them are the true lords and kings of earth—they, and they only." These words are certainly applicable to our friend. Notwithstanding the ravages of dis-ease upon his nervous system, and the infirmi-ties of his eighty years, it was evident to me from his letters, and from frequent conversa-tions with him during the past two years espetions with him during the past two years especially, that his spirit was gradually "entering into living peace." One of the recent editorials in THE BANNER contains these words: "Nor need men fear the approach of death-the decease of the body. To die is not to suffer, but rather to be relieved. We have a perfect right to trust that that power which watched over us when we were born, and saw to it when we came here that we came into arms of expectancy and loving preparation, will see to it that when we take the next step up and on, we shall be equally well looked out

pelling me from that institution-at the same | perfect, inadequate tribute to thy memory most fittingly with a paraphrase of Edwin Ar-

"Farewell, friend, yet not farewell; Where thou art we too whall dwell; Thou hast gone before pur face A moment's time, a littre space. When we come where thou hast stepped We shall wonder why we went. We shall know, by wise love taught, That there is all, and here is naught."

> Written for the Banner of Light. "AT HOME": OUR TEACHER, LUTHER COLBY.

BY FRED L. HILDRETH.

And so the soul that through the long, long years Stood first in Freedom's ranks-untrammeled, free Hath crossed the rainbow bridge to brighter lands While, as our eyes peer 'dross the mystic sea. His feet tread onward up Progression's path, Toward the far summit, crowned with sweetest flowers

Culled by his hands amid earth's weary hearts, And nurtured by his friends in angel bowers.

We turn his life's page back to years agone. But fail to see, traced on the surface fair. Aught that should leave a shadow on his name While the weird hand that pictures on the air Hath traced but golden rays upon the blue For him, our earnest teacher and our guide: Unswerved by storms that swept his sore tried bark His fearless hand steered firm across the tide.

So we must say good-night, but not good-by, To one who bore life's load with willing heart. The ties your noble deeds wove round our souls Are only changed-we cannot let them part! Grand, fearless soul! Life's mission well fulfilled-A ripened harvest in the long-drawn years It would not dim the sunshine if my muse Brought flowers to your grave in place of tears

Good-night! my friend-the bells in angel lands Ring a glad peal, a welcome kind to you; And your garb, worn while tolling here with us, Will change from earthly dark to brighter hue! In many a land your dear old BANNER waves, Bearing its buds of promise, sweet and bright: Your buds have bloomed, and many a swelling heart Bids you God speed! and kindliest good-night! Worcester, Mass., Oct. 14th, 1894.

# **Psychometric Reading of Luther** Colby.

In the course of a casual examination-made since his decease-of some papers filed by Mr. Colby in his desk, the following sketch was discovered. It was made by the celebrated psychometrist, Mrs. C. M. Decker of New York (afterward Mrs. J. R. Buchanan), at the request (so the endorsement states) of Mr. Chas. R. Miller, on the 15th of September, 1879. Mr. Miller, being on a visit to the lady regarding some independent spirit writings, asked her to examine a letter he had just received from Mr. Colby -though he did not inform ner who was the author of the letter. Mr. Miller transcribed her reading verbatim, and sent it to Mr. Colby, whose well-known modesty prevented a use of it during his earth-life; but now-as he who wrote and she who psychometrized have both gone to the home of the spirit -one may be pardoned in adding this spiritually derived leaf to the chaplet of his memory: "This is not a spirit [she had just been read-ing spirit-writing]. This man is largely spirit-ual. I feel a spiritual elevation. This person is developed in the region of the spiritual?" feel that this is a man; a great amount of basiness talent; a great amount of writing talent. I should think he was a journalist, or newspaper man; he knows how to take care of him-self. He is not to be thrust aside; when he wants to say or do a thing he says and does it. wants to say or do a thing he says and does it— a fearless character. He writes better than he talks; he thinks rapidly, and writes better than he speaks. When he writes he is controlled by spirits, and is very mediumistic. This man has a great deal to do with people; has a great many subjects and people to deal with; he is well sustained, and has a great number of friends: he works hard. friends; he works hard. I think he is an American, but, at the same time, his writing, correspondence and work extend across the water, and to other coun-tries; his writings and labors are widely extended; subjects from his paper are read and translated into other languages. There is a great deal of spiritual faith and trust in this man. He has an advanced female spirit around him that does a great deal of good; he needs It too. If you know this man, he is a good friend— he is a good friend of yours. This man is not diotatorial in his writings, rather mild and genial; he prefers not to mix up with the wran-gle of life; he is sometimes drawn into it, but keeps as clear of it as he can; he is a character that most people like to deal with, as he throws around them a spirit of geniality and confi-dence. Nothing grieves this man more than to make a retraction from any misstatement that may have been given him. He would be likely to scold a little about that, but he has usually an equanimity of disposition. There is very much to the man; he is not a politician in the common sense; he would like to see good gov-ernment, and to contribute to it; but he is disernment, and to contribute to it; but he is dis-criminating, and would not mix up with current politics; he would not use his pen in that direction. No. His character is one that does not decide earnestness than en husiasmin his nature. Physically I should say this person was stout, solidly built. I see a form as large or larger than you are, and a man that would be likely to hold on to life for many years. I don't see to hold on to life for many years. I don't see any physical disarrangement, except a fullness about the head and back base of brain. This may result from overtasking the brain. To sum it all up, this is a grand and good spirit, and one that is calculated to give and receive pleasure, in this life. There seems to me some approaching change connected with him, but can't tell what it is. I see a long ave-nue hears to on the read I see a grant many He came to me, at Cambridge, having heard of the gross injustice that had been done me by the action of the Faculty of the Theological School of Harvard University, in virtually ex-

# Literary Beyartment. "BERTHA LEE;"

# MARRIAGE.

TO THE MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND THIS TALE IS DEDICATED.

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# CHAPTER XI.

GETTING ACQUAINTED. SHRANK from making my appearance at the breakfast table next morning. Little favor was to be expected from Miss Garland, already prepossessed against me; and I had no doubt that Addie's story had circulated by this time through the house, notwithstanding her solemn charge, "Now, girls, do n't you tell as long as you live!" School girls' promises to secresy are like many promises to pay at the present time-not very good negotiable paper.

The gong, that tremendous instrument of ear-torture (invented by the Chinese, it is said -a nation that sometimes punishes its criminals by noise and terrible sounds, till insanity is produced), called us all to the study-room, where Miss Garland read prayers, and from there we went to breakfast. As I passed out of the door, a young girl, the same who defended me the previous evening, came and drew my arm within hers, and said kindly-

"Miss Lee, as you are rooming with one of the teachers, you will have no one to walk with you in the morning; we are allowed a halfhour to walk, and if you will take me for a companion I shall be happy to go with you."

I was only too grateful to accept such an offer, and would have said more to her than the simple, "I would like to go with you,' but at that moment I saw Mr. Calvin coming toward us, and I hastened to my seat before he came near enough to speak.

Anna looked a little surprised, and I was afraid she would think me rude; but I was more afraid that Mr. Calvin would ask me if I had listened to his tract.

We had griddle-cakes for breakfast, an unusual treat, it would seem, from Addie's remark, "Oh dear, girls, aint you sorry Mr. Calvin is going this morning? we must eat dry bread to-morrow. See, see," she said, nudging her nearest neighbor-" what a heap of sugar and butter on the dish nearest Miss Crooksyou know who'll have those. Would n't Mr. Calvin like to eat mammie's cakes? she has heaps of cream and sugar. There, now, it is too bad, there's no sugar on mine, only just on the top cake-never mind, I am provided, and she took from her pocket a huge lump of white sugar, which soon dissolved by the heat of her cakes. "I bought a pound yesterday," she said, "on purpose for Miss Crooks; poor soul, only look at her, she is eating crackers; she's afraid the cakes will not hold out. Such self-denial is worthy a greater reward. He takes all her good things as a matter of course, esteeming himself infinitely worthy. While she was talking, her friend Miss Lincoln endeavored to catch her eye, but Addie rattled on very thoughtlessly, till she was brought to a sudden pause by the tinkling of a little bell, and Miss Garland said-" There is too much whispering at Miss Lincoln's table. think I hear your voice altogether too often, Miss Addie Harper; you may exchange seats for to-day with Miss Crooks, and if there is not more quiet we must make the arrangement permanently." Miss Lincoln looked grieved and mortified; she was an "assistant pupil," in other words a teacher without pay, receiving simply her board for a great deal of labor. Addie's bright eyes were full of roguery, as she rose to change her seat, and we knew Mr. Calvin's nice cakes would find more than one customer. As for Miss Crooks, her black eyes snapped angrily at Addie, and when she took her seat it was like a cloud concealing a bright little star. We had a very silent meal, but I was much amused as I glanced now and then at Addie, to see how much she was enjoying the cakes which had been so nicely prepared for Mr. Calvin. Twice I heard her say, "I thank you for some more of those cakes," and Miss Crooks heard too, and looked unutterable things. At the close of the meal, Mr. Calvin made an exhortation upon these words: "Knowing the terrors of the law." His words had a strange power over me, and when he drew his pictures of suffering and torture, I trembled and could hardly refrain from groaning aloud. I was glad to get out in the fresh, clear air of a bright frosty morning. My place was in the junior class, the same to which Addie Harper, my newly-found friend Anna, and the group which had made me the subject of their remarks, belonged. We were under the special charge of Miss Lincoln, and took our walks under her superintendence. I had put on my bonnet and shawl, and was waiting in the hall by the stove for Miss Lincoln and the girls, when Miss Crooks came to me and said that I was wanted in Miss Garland's room. Lobeyed reluctantly, and found Miss Garland and Mr. Calvin conversing together.

'I send for you at Mr. Calvin's request," Miss Garland said; "he wishes to converse with you upon the great interests of your soul.

I did not raise my eyes from the carpet after Mr. Calvin began to talk. I would not for worlds have caught his eye.

"I am going away," he said, "for some weeks; and I cannot leave one so obstinate in sin, so bound in the chains of Satan, without an exhortation to repentance. I promised your mother (a most rare and godly woman, who seeks your good,) that I would be faithful to you. You did not come to my meeting last evening, which shows that you are still hardened and rebellious, and to such I have no words of peace. There is no peace to the wicked till they turn from their evil ways and repent. With such a faithful monitor as your mother, your case will be harder than many others, and your punishment, like those of whom it was said, 'It will be better for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for you.' You are without excuse.'

As he spoke I trembled so that I could hardly stand. I began to feel that I was doomed to eternal misery, and I saw no way of escape; but this feeling was mitigated a little by the remark which followed.

"Go on," he said, "and when the day of reckoning comes, you must be separated from your mother, your teachers, and those who, like myself, have warned you of coming wrath."

It was wrong, perhaps, but the idea of such eparation carried some comfort with it.

"Now kneel," he said, "and I will pray for vou.''

I did not move from my position, nor raise my eyes from the floor.

"Come here, my child," said Miss Garland.

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# LUTHER COLBY.

# BY DR. FRED L. H. WILLIS.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

As my pen traces these lines, there comes rushing over me an almost overwhelming tide of memories connected with him to whom they

Would that I could pay a worthy tribute to his memory. For thirty-seven long years, he was my wise counsellor, my firm, unfaltering friend.

I never shall forget my first interview with him. It is as fresh in my memory as though it occurred but yesterday. It was one spring morning in April, 1857-about ten days before the publication of the first number of THE. BANNER OF LIGHT.

n a pleasant, persuasive voice; "kneel down here by me, and let Mr. Calvin pray for you. He is one of God's faithful ambassadors; you must not reject him."

I obeyed her; but the prayer was lost in the tumult of my own feelings, and I must confess that I was regretting extremely the loss of my walk.

When Mr. Calvin had finished his prayer, he offered his hand, but with a strange perversity did not give mine in return; it seemed to me that our natures were so repellent that I could not return his apparent interest for my good. Opposites, I know, in chemistry, often combine; but contraries repel, and as soda and acid cannot unite without effervescence, so I found my whole soul in commotion whenever this man came near me.

"My dear, Mr. Calvin wishes to bid you good-by; shake hands with him," said Miss Garland.

I must obey, but my little, cold hand lay very passively in his, as he held it, and said:

"When we meet again, I shall hope to find you a meek, submissive Christian."

I said nothing; but, as soon as released. sought my friends. They had all gone but Anna, who sat on the window-seat, reading the Pilgrim's Progress.

"They couldn't wait for you," said she, because they have only a half-hour for walking, but we will go after school this afternoon; t will be warmer then. Come with me to my room-there are five minutes before the gong strikes for study-hour." Anna's room was very pleasant, being on the corner of the house, and lighted by two windows. She gave me a little rocking chair, and took off my shawl.

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You look warm and flushed," said she. and if Mr. Calvin has been talking to you, I can understand your feelings; here, let me bathe your head in cologne; I know it aches. it is so hot. Miss Lincoln says that Mr. Calvin is terribly in earnest in his religion; he is a good man, she says, but I think she is quite as earnest a Christian, only in a different way. You must get acquainted with her, and she will lead you to be good, in a gentle, loving way-not drive you with goad and spur, like Mr. Calvin. Everybody loves Miss Lincoln, and I guess-but you must n't tell anybodythat Mr. Calvin would give all he has in the world if she would only love him. He has written and written, and got down on his knees to her, but though she has shed gallons of tears about it, she'll never marry him in this world. She is my room-mate, but though she never talks about it, I guess out a great deal. Miss Garland dows not like it very well. because Miss Lincoln refuses Mr. Calvin. He is her nephew, and she almost worships him, and poor Miss Lincoln is n't quite as much in, favor with the Principal as she deserves to be. Do you know, Bertha, (I may call you Bertha, may I not?) that you look like Miss Lincoln?" "Me look like her! You are making fun of

me; she is so lovely in face and manner

"Nevertheless, you would be like her very much, if you could only look calmfand peaceful like her."

"But my step mother always told me that ] was very plain, and had no claim to beauty." "Your stop-mother! Hat hal Just as I said

and so Mrs. Lee is n't your own mother?" "No, my own mother is in the grave," and here I broke down, and burst into tears; at which Anna said, "And so is mine"; and she drew my head toward her till it rested upon her shoulder, and we wept together.

The school bell rung, and the long-dreaded hour had come when I must make my appearance in the large hall, before all the school; but it seemed easier; a great mountain was removed out of the way now that I had a friend to go with me. The seminary building was situated a short distance from the boardinghouse: and, as we went out of the door, we were joined by Addie, Miss Lane and our teacher, Miss Lincoln. The term had commenced only a few days before, and the school was not yet full; and as new-comers arrived daily, there were a few minutes devoted each morning to recording their names. We had to go to the teacher's desk, record our names, while she read them aloud to the school.

It was not very pleasant to do so, especially as my seat was at some distance from the desk, and I felt my cheeks burn as I walked back, every eye turned upon me, and these words ringing in my ears: "Miss Bertha Lee, Oldbury, Mass." But Anna took my hand as I seated myself beside her, and I soon recovered from the shock. Then, after prayers, followed an exercise which amused and puzzled me exceedingly. "You may all rise," said the teacher. In a second all were on their feet. "Those who were in bed by ten o'clock last night, and had their light extinguished, may take their seats." Nearly all seated themselves, and the few that stood were called to the desk, where a private explanation took place. Again they were required to rise. "Those who were up and dressed by five o'clock this morning may take their seats." Again a few stood, and an explanation was demanded.

All rose again, as required. "Those who have not spoken evil of any person since yesterday morning may take their seats." A few stood-among the rest our friend Addie, who went to the teacher, and not having secretiveness largely developed, spoke in a whisper so loud that she was heard all over the room: "I said she was a greedy thing to eat so many sweetmeats and griddle-cakes." There was a smile on almost every face, which was only renewed as Miss Garland replied, "You must take care, my dear; we are very apt to see those faults in others of which we are most guilty ourselves."

Poor Addie's face was scarlet, and her pretty lips were in a full pout as she made her way back to her seat.

Again the school was up; and this time poor little Abbie Clark's expression, "I am hungry all the time," was made plain.

"Those who have not eaten more than sixteen ounces of solid food, or drank more than twenty four of liquid, may take their seats."

A few stood; and one, a fine-looking girl, some twenty years of age, with a form round and full as a Hebe, and a fair, bright face, walked to the desk, and she, too, like Addie, seemed to dislike the secresy, and spoke in an audible whisper: "I ate, ma'am, because I was hungry, and it is possible I ate more than sixteen ounces. I did not stop to reckon, and I do not like to do it. I eat what I wish, and never think of my food before or after a meal. If I did, I am sure I should not be as healthy as I am. I would like to be excused from the arrangement which requires us to calculate and measure our food."

I could see that astonishment was depicted on the face of nearly every scholar at the audacity of Miss Brooks, and they waited almost breathlessly for the answer: but we were all unable to hear it, though it lasted some five

large potato, and a lialf allee of bread, with a segment of boarding house ple, which segment may be measured by the are of a small circlesuppor must be light."

"Thank you for your directions," said Miss Brooks, "but I shall use scales, and shall only be thankful if the experiment does not bring on the dyspepsia. I have a bachelor uncle, who, being well, wanted to be better, and so went to dieting and measuring his food, and after every meal he would sit down in a corner of the room away from any one, and would allow no one to speak to him, even on urgent business, for half an hour, because he was digesting his food, he said. Poor man! he has lost health and peace of mind. But come, girls,

let us have a game of ball!" No one wanted to play ball, it was too hovdenish; they would rather sit and talk. Addie would like ball well enough, if it were not too hard work.

We were in school seven hours per dayfrom eight to twelve in the morning, and from two to five in the afternoon. At seven we entered the study-room, and remained, with a short recess, until half-past nine, and at ten we were all in bed. We were required also to study one hour before going to school in the morning. This made ten hours of mental labor every day, varied by the exersise of calisthenics a few minutes each daily session, and the privilege of a short walk either in the morning or evening.

The discipline was uniform and rigid, but the gentle, persuasive manners of Miss Garland were very effectual in bringing any refractory pupil to her way of thinking; but they were in fact the velvet glove and iron hand. The second day was rainy, but the succeeding one was bright and sunny, one of those days that sometimes occur in November, making us half believe that summer has relented and come back to linger awhile longer. Addie. Anna and myself walked together after school hours up Heartbreak Hill, and, sitting down on a huge stone to watch the sunset, began to talk with all the freedom of school-girls. Addie told of her beautiful mother that died

the year before, and how desolate her Southern home had been ever since. Her father had closed up all the rooms which she had frequented, sent Addie North to school, and was now himself in Europe.

"' 'Mammie' is the only one on the plantation that I care very much to see. The poor soul misses my mother and myself sadly-' you dear chile,' she says when I came away, ' who will make honey cakes and rusk for you? You'll jes pine away in that ar cold country; and your poor old mammie will go to the grave mourning."

I used to read the Bible to her every day, and that morning she asked me to read the story of Joseph to her. My father came in while I was reading, and I can see the dear, good, fat creature now, sitting in her armchair, and looking up to my father, her hands clasped - 'Oh! Massa James, Joseph's not, and will ye take Benjamin also?

Pastopped-the tears came into his eyes; he too was going away that morning with me. not to return for some years. 'Mammie' had been his nurse in his infancy, and was very dear to him. 'Will you not miss me too. mammie? 'Oh, Massa James, you know you're the light of my eyes, and when you're gone poor mammie walks darkly; but you're not like the poor lamb that has lost its mother; but God will bless you, honey,' she said, 'for the sake of my dear young missus in heaven, and let Mammie Jones bless you too.' I knelt down and she put her hand on my head, and said: God bless you, honey, and keep the dear child in all his good ways.'

'Will you bless me too, mammie?' said my father, and he knelt down at her side, while master, and make him like Abraham in the nicest apples for my use; how Willie had been holy book, that served God with all his house. ill, but was now better, but wanted to see me and had a posterity like the ds of the pold sea.' I never loved my father," said Addie, "so well as when I saw him kneeling there. I wish you could see him, girls; he is the handsomest man in Sullivan County-here is his picture, but it is n't half as handsome as he is." and she drew a miniature from her bosom and showed to us. It was a beautiful head, was handsome, though the lines around the

over again these days of sunshine and shadow die, with her laughter and fun, Miss Lincoln, and sympathy, Miss Crooks, with her everlasting black bow, and her aspirations for Mr. Calvin-and a great many others, are all with mo now. They are here in this garret; some have passed from this world to another; but they return to me now. One laughing little

Hobe peeps at me from behind that rough rafter; Miss Garland is sitting, in her quiet dignity, in that large, old fashioned arm chair; Miss Lincoln is kneeling, with her hands clasped and eyes upturned to heaven; a stray sunbeam has found its way through the lit tle window on the west, and turns to gold

her soft, brown hair; Miss Crooks-ab, Miss Crooks! I wish it were no vision, but a fleshand-blood reality, that I see sitting on that old chest, and weeping as if her heart would break because Mr. Calvin is going to be a missionary to India, and as yet has not asked her to share his destiny! Poor, disappointed Miss Crooks! I wish, indeed, you were here. Your devotion was worthy a better reward than the neglect you received at his hands.

Anna, too, is here; she sits by my side, and leans her head on my lap, and whispers: "How dark seem the shadows on my future life When I leave Rockford whither shall I go?" And then we lay our plans to live together,

and be all in all to each other, and never marry; and Addie hears the resolution and laughs, and declares she 'll make no such promise. She will marry somebody with dark blue eves and dark, wavy hair, and who is strong, and brave, and generous, and loving! That makes me think of Charlie Herbert, and already I am beginning to be jealous of Addie; but no, down with such a feeling-did n't she get my letter for me, and run great risk in so doing? It was in this wise: The Secret Club decided that I had been greatly wronged by mother, because she would deprive me of Charlie's letter, written under the express sanction of my father, and they passed a resolution that, if possible, my letter should be obtained. There were but three mails in a week in those days from Oldbury to Rockford. I in those days from Oldbury to Rockford. I was sure Charlie would write by Saturday. That was Miss Crooks's day for going to the post-office. Miss Crooks and Miss Lincoln took turns in going to the office for the letters, and no scholar was allowed to go, under the penno scholar was allowed to go, under the pen-alty of close confinement to her room for the day, and on the repetition of the second of-fence to be reprimanded before the school. Addie had already suffered the first penalty, and shrunk from undergoing the second. But the letter must be had, she said, and she would no scholar was allowed to go, under the pen-

the letter must be had, she said, and she would | until two o'clock. see what could be done. On Saturday evening, while Miss Crooks was

busy in Miss Garland's room. Addie made her appearance in mine, so completely disguised that I did not recognize her. She had the black puffs, the bow, the mourning calico, and now came for bonnet and shawl. She was a wonderful mimic, and convulsed us with laughter to hear the sharp, quick, harsh tones of Miss Crooks coming from the little rose-bud mouth; then the gait was perfect-the heavy, decided tread, and bold, authoritative way of carrying the head. "Now I'm off!" she said, and glided out of the door, with eyes full and running over of fun. Not ten minutes afterward she came, breathless with baste, and laid the little letter-bag on the table. "Quick!" she said, "select yours, and come with me!" There was one post-marked Oldbury. I was not long in finding it-my father's precious, familiar hand-writing, a double letter, too. I seized it and ran, while Addie hung Miss Crooks's bonnet and shawl in the usual place.

My father's letter was brief, but kind Charlie's was four pages long and closely written, she laid her old withered hands on his head, | telling me all about the family at home, how and said, 'God in heaven bless my dear young Joe missed me, and had saved a box of the very much; the kittens were doing well and growing fat under Joe's care. But what interested me most was the fact that Charlie was going to Boston to be clerk in an importing store. Uncle Gomez had obtained him the place; the head of the firm had been in the West India trade for many years, and was an intimate friend of Mr. Gomez. "I hope that I shall soon be able to help my mother," he said. "I would rather study law, but my purse is not long enough," he added. It made me feel sad to have Charlie leave Oldbüry, though I would not be at home myself for some years; but I loved to think of Mrs. Herbert as there in her pleasant little house; it seemed like taking part of our own family to have them leave.

coffee for breakfast, a wee place of meat, one eyed, merry girls did congregate. I am living Pardon me if I insist upon it that that same shawl, bonnet, and I should think, dress, though -days when we are all young again; and Ad- I cannot swear that the same dress had been here; the hair was puffed in the same way, and with her sweet gravity, Anna, with her love altogether, ma'am, if it was a case in court, and you wished, an 'alibi' could be proved for you."

> Miss Crooks was silenced, but not convinced. I was in my own room when she came in.

"I declare, it is the strangest thing that ever happened to me," said she, " that I should go to that office and not know it. There's not another person dresses in mourning in this house, or I would n't believe it was myself."

(No other did dress in mourning; but she had given one of the servants a cast-off calico dress, as pay for some service performed, and the girl had hung it in the garret, where Addie had procured it.)

[To be continued.]

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE Second Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists' Association, Washington, Oct. 9th, 10th and 11th. 1894.

Reported for the Banner of Light by our Special Corre spondent.]

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

At precisely ten o'clock President Barrett called the Convention to order. After music, called the Convention to order. After music, an invocation was offered by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, following which the business of re-ceiving the reports of the delegates was pro-ceeded with. Milan C. Edson, in making his report, created much enthusiasm by stating that a fund was being collected for the build-ing of a temple which shall serve as a perma-nent home for the First Society of Washing-ton. He announced that Mr. and Mrs. Storey of Washington, D. C., are ready to give \$1,000 for the new temple. C. C. Stowell gave an in-teresting report of the condition of the socie-ties in Cincinnati. Mrs. Richmond's statement of the plan of reörganizing the society which of the plan of reörganizing the society which she presides over was among the practical sug-gestions of the morning. Every society was heard from. Hon. L. V. Moulton presented a succinct account of the work in Michigan, stating that it was the best organized, as far as so-ciety work was concerned, of any State in the Union. The Spiritual, Educational and Pro-

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Immediately following the calling to order of the delegates at two o'clock, Mr. F. B. Wood-bury, of the Massachusetts State Society, requested that the opening hymn be a memorial service for MR. LUTHER COLBY, of the BAN-NER OF LIGHT, whose funeral services were taking place in Boston at that hour. In re-sponse to his request the delegates joined in singing the hymn, "They Cannot Die." All assembled were glad to testify in this way to the love and esteem they bore to the veteran of our ranks, who had gone to swell the "silent

majority." The next business was the adoption of amend-ments to the Constitution. This was the most exciting session of the Convention. Many im-portant amendments were discussed, but the one receiving most attention was an amend-ment relating to the per capita tax. Strong objections were urged against a continuance of this tax by various delegates, who thought that a fixed sum from each society would be the better plan, as it would do away with the collection from individual members. Mrs. C. L. V. Richmond was decidedly in favor of the tax being retained. Mrs. R. S. Lillie also spoke in its favor. Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader objected to it on the ground that while one hundred dol lars could easily be collected, many objected to paying the tax, which left the Society re-sponsible for those who neglected their share. In every society members object to the tax, but if a fixed sum called dues (the sum to be deter-mined by the number of members in each society.) could take the place of the per capita tax, more money could be obtained. Each soclety would then know how much it must con-tribute to the support of the National Spiritu-alists' Association. Many others spoke for and ansus Association. Many others spoke for and against this measure, some thinking the per capita tax must be retained. The amendment was not adopted, nor was the amendment offered, to charge each society five dollars an-nual dues, adopted. nual dues, adopted. The date of the Convention was changed until the third Tuesday in October, instead of the second Tuesday, as this year. An amendment was also adopted "recogniz-ing mediumphic or a concentible of the one In an another was also adopted in a contract of the second second

and pronounced it equal to the one of the pre-vious evening. It was a lesson to them, and your correspondent feels sure that, at least in Washington, the work of the Convention has made iracif folt, especially through the labors of Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Lillie in their im-provisations.

Mr. F. Corden White of Chicago was then Mr. F. Corden White of Chicago was then introduced, and for the space of half an hour, message after message from spirit-friends as-tounded the audience. All were recognized, and hearty applause followed his remarks. The address of W. J. Colville closed the even-ing's program, with the exception of a joint poem, rendered by Mr. Colville and Mrs. Rich-mond. Mr. Colville's address received the clos-est attention. It was an exhaustive presenta-

est attention. It was an exhaustive presenta-tion of his faith in Spiritualism, and his rea-sons therefor. He received quite an ovation at its close. The poem rendered jointly by Mr. Colville and Mrs. Richmond was a gem of inspiration.

# THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The third and last day's proceedings com-Music and an invocation by Mrs. C. L. V. Rich-Music and an invocation by Mrs. O. L. V. Rich-mond were the first exercises. Pres. Barrett announced the Committee on Nominations, appointing one from each State represented in the Convention. A motion was made and car-ried that hereafter delegates bring written re-ports to the Convention of the condition of their societies. Mr. W. H. Bach of Minnesota called atten-

tion to the proposed International Convention of Spiritualists to be held in Europe, and suggested that we send delevates to the same

gested that we send deletates to the same. As it was found that the Convention would not take place until 1896, no action was taken. It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. R. A. Dimmick for his earnest work on behalf of the National Spirit-ualists' Association during the past year. Unan-imously carried imously carried.

The report of the Special Committees now being called for, the Auditing Committee re-ported that the Treasurer's and Secretary's books were found correct, and that proper

books were found correct, and that proper vouchers were on hand for all morey paid. The special committee on the President's re-port announced that the committee sustained the President in the various recommendations he had made to the Society. Some of the most important were as follows: The appointment of an organizer; that the National Spiritual-ists' Association continue in its policy of leav-ing the matter of ordination to the local socie-ties; the committee also recommended that the President's office be a salaried one. Other re-

President's office be a salaried one. Other re-commendations of minor import were made. The Committee on Resolutions, by Hon. L. V. Moulton, Chairman, submitted a series of resolutions, reaffirming the declaration of prinresolutions, reallirming the declaration of prin-ciples adopted at Chicago last year, declaring the continuity of life, the progressive advance-ment of spirits, and their power to communi-cate after transition. A resolution rebuking certain railroads for their discrimination in reard to spiritualistic lecturers was introduced, as well as one denying in the most emphatic manner that the National Spiritualists' Associfere with the management of local societies. Every society must decide all matters pertaining to its own management of local affairs.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

After the usual opening exercises, Pres. Bar-Lake Helen and Pensacola, Fla. Reduced rates had been secured, and a large attendance was

On motion of Mrs. Richmond, it was unanimously voted to ask the mediums throughout the country to contribute to a relief fund for mediums.

A report was made from Cassadaga Camp re-A report was made from Cassadaga Camp re-garding the work in that direction. During the summer a number of mediums had given séances for the benefit of the special fund for mediums. Including the contributions to the special fund, the sum of \$429.00 had been sub-scribed at that Camp for the National Spir-itualists' Association, and it was earnestly suggested that all camps make a like attempt to secure funds. o secure funds. Dr. O. G. W. Adams, Chairman of the Fi-

Dr. O. G. W. Adams, Chairman of the Fi-nance Committee, reported that money was needed for the printing of the reports of the Convention. He subscribed \$5.00 himself, and was quickly followed by others, who made the

was quickly followed by others, who made the amount swell to the sum of \$106.00. Dr. Adams then took the rostrum for the benefit of the treasury of the Association. He started the subscription by handing a \$100 bill to the delegate who had been appointed to receive the subscriptions. Mr. B. B. Hill of Philadelphia, and Mr. T. J. Mayer, did likewise. One after another handed in their names, and the enthusiasm reached its height when B. B. Hill announced that he would be one of three to raise \$1000.00. In a moment more Dr. Ad-ams and Mr. T. J. Mayer had met Mr. Hill's offer, and the three were pledged for that amount. Besides the \$1000 subscribed by these gentlemen the subscriptions amounted these gentlemen the subscriptions amounted Losse gentlemen the subscriptions amounted to nearly \$1500, making the total amount sub-scribed during the Convention about \$3,700. To Dr. Adams, Chairman of the Finance Committee, is due great praise for his untiring efforts to place the National Spiritualist Asso-diation on a proper financial footing. In the hearty applause that followed his report, and the unanimous vote of thanks tendered by the Convention, the appreciation of the delegates Convention, the appreciation of the delegates was manifested. A resolution was offered thanking the local press for its courteous and fair treatment, and correct reports of the Convention. It was unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Minnie-A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Minnie-belle Coffyn, stenographer of the Convention, Mr. Wm. H. Richmond, Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. H. Altemus, Musical Director, Miss Mamie Julien, accompanist, and Mr. Henry Steinberg, who had charge of decorating the hall, for their efficient services. The Board of Directors of the past year— President, H. D. Barrett; Vice-President, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond; Secretary, Robert A. Dimmick; Treasurer, Theo. J. Mayer; Milan C. Edson, Hon. J. B. Townsend, Marion H. Skidmore, Olive A. Blodgett and B. B. Hill-were also tendered a unanimous vote of thanks were also tendered a unanimous vote of thanks for their labors of the year. W. H. Bach of Minnesota and others discussed the advisability of establishing a contributory membership to the National Spiritualists' As-sociation sociation. The spiritualistic press received cordial thanks for the courtesies extended to the National Spiritualists' Association during the year, and for what it was hoped they would do in the future. On motion, the President was authorized to appoint an Honorary Board of Missionaries, one in each State, to prosecute the work of the National Spiritualists' Association.

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minutes.

There was a slight flush on the cheeks of Miss Brooks as she returned to her seat, but a quiet dignity in her manner as of one who would yield her opinion only for good and sufficient cause. There was nothing more said. and we passed on to other rules, till one hour was consumed in taking the record, and then division into classes followed. Now, for the crowned with brown curly hair, and the face first time, I began to feel reconciled to my lot and to my banishment from home.

Miss Lincoln was to be my teacher in a number of studies: Miss Crooks only in one-arithmetic: the dry technicalities of which were very pleasing to her, and I had no doubt she would be very thorough in that, and in its sister study, geometry, by the way she arranged matters in our room. Everything must be in straight lines. Hogarth's line of beauty was entirely unappreciated by her, and if a chair was left in any other position than with its back to the wall, it was very annoying to her sense of order. She did not like flowers in the room, because they made "litter." she said: nor boxes nor ornaments of any kind on shelf or table, for it took so much time to dust them.

My father sent me a little table with drawers. and a large bag attached to it. so that I gave up the other entirely to Miss Crooks, and the use of one of my drawers, on condition that I might have my work-box and other little keepsakes on my own table. My basket of oranges I shared with her: but I noticed that they disappeared just after breakfast, and I was confident that I saw something round and yellow peeping out of Mr. Calvin's coat-pocket, when he kneeled to pray in Miss Garland's room.

"What did Miss Garland say? What did she "How dared you stand up all alone?" say? were the exclamations of a number of girls. that grouped themselves round Miss Brooks at recess. Miss Brooks's pretty lip curled a little at the expression "How dare you?" and she replied, "Would I dare sit in such a case?"

'I have no objection," she added, "to telling you what Miss Garland said. It was simply that she was trying an experiment, and that she was very doubtful herself as to the propriety of it; but she hoped that I, being one of the older scholars, would not throw my influence in opposition to the teachers. She thought the general good required the experiment, and she had no doubt I would consult my own happiness by yielding for a few days, at least. Now, my own mind is made up upon the subject, and I do not approve of this experiment; but, for Miss Garland's sake, I will submit to it; and therefore to-morrow morning you will see me giving due account of the ounces of food I eat, and it shall not exceed sixteen, for I will have it carefully weighed by scales."

"That is n't at all necessary," said one of the girls; "we have had all the different kinds of food weighed, and we know now that we can eat two small biscuits and one cup of

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mouth indicated the least bit of a tendency to indolent ease. "Sad as pa felt," said she, there was a little guiver of his mouth, and a deeper dimple in his cheek, when mammie wished his posterity might be like the sands of the sea. Poor little I am his only child, but mammie has thirty or forty grandchildren, and she is very proud of her posterity. Oh girls! how I wish we had mammie here to make goodies for us!"

When Addie stopped talking to take breath, Annie asked me to tell her about my mother. which I did, only regretting that I could not tell more.

"And about that half-witted boy that your mother told Miss Garland about," said Addie. I told them all Joe's story, just as Auntie Towle had related to me, and the girls could n't help weeping when I came to the part where Pine Higgins abused the little boy.

'The poor, dear soul!" said Addie; "I wish I could see him—how mammie would pet him." ."Don't forget to tell us about the widow's son," said Anna, "that you like so well. and that your mother thinks so unworthy of you as a companion."

Addie's eyes sparkled, and her round, plump face was full of fun when I told of reading his notes during my confinement to my room, and told her of his hiding behind the chimney.

"You must not let him come here, Bertha, ho! He's the man for me! But how will you live without his promised letters? Our Secret | no such thing. Club must take this matter under consideration. Anna."

We all yearn for sympathy, and perhaps none more so than young girls sent from home to a large boarding-school. The associations formed there affect the character for life, and and a little puzzled, too. mother should beware how they trust their loved ones in such a miscellaneous gathering. It was fortunate for me, perhaps, that Rockford Seminary was so well governed by rigid but conscientious teachers. It was a great alleviation to my home-sickness to find sympathy and friendship-at least what school-girls call friendship-which is generally a sudden falling in love, and sometimes as sudden a falling out of it.

CHAPTER XII.

OW dear this garret corner has become to me-it has spread out into the large boarding house where MY PRECIOUS LITTLE RETREAT.

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He would go, too, before our vacation; but then he should come through Rockford, and would stop and see me. This was pleasant to anticipate.

I was busy reading my letter in Anna's room, when Miss Crooks knocked at the door. "Is Miss Lincoln here?" she said.

"No: she is with Miss Garland," was Anna's reply.

"Has she been to the post office?" "I think not."

"Is that you, Bertha Lee?"

"I believe so," I said, blushing and trembling lest my precious treasure should be discovered.

"Have you been to the post-office?" "No, 1 have not."

"Well, somebody has, for the bag is on my table, and I'll go right off and see about it; some trick or other of the girls, I know."

Off she marched that bleak, cold evening, full of zeal to detect the offender. The postmaster himself had not been there, but his son and another young man were present. They or I shall certainly steal him from you. Heigh- assured Miss Crooks they had given the letters to herself; and she angrily told them it was

"Indeed, madam, 1 am too familiar with your voice not to recognize it," said one of them.

"And I am sure," said the other, "it is the same bonnet and cloak."

Poor Miss Crooks was angry with the boys,

"I say, boys, I have not been in this office before during this evening, and I wish to know who came and received the letters."

The son of the postmaster had had his sus picions aroused somewhat; he knew Addie very well, and admired the bright face and pretty form-at a distance, only, as one ad. mires a "bright, particular star." He had seen the little, white, plump hand, with its diamond ring on one of the fingers, stretched out for letters, and he fancied a ruse. Now he was sure it was Addie, and tortures could not have drawn the secret from him.

"It is not strange, ma'am, that you should to me-it has spread out into the large forget that you came; you have so much care, boarding house, where so many bright. | and are so absorbed in your studies and duties.

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ed. The amendments to the constitution brought the parliamentary ability of the Uhairman into play. It seemed at times as if no power could prevent an entanglement; but, thanks to our Chairman, the amendments, and the amendments to the amendments, and the safely carried through. One reporter said to THE BANNEB correspondent, "I had no idea your people were so well versed in parliamentary law

Early in the afternoon it had been voted upon to set aside the special order of exercises for the evening, on account of the pressure of important business. To the credit of the dele-gates it must be said that no entertainment could allure them from the business of the

gates it must be said that no entertainment could allure them from the business of the Convention. Before adjourning the afternoon session, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader of Philadelphia intro-duced a motion to the effect "That as the evening session had been advertised extensive-ly, and as a special train had come over the B. and O. Railroad filled with the Maryland dele-gation, for the especial purpose of attending the sessions of the day, it did not seem the proper thing to disappoint all those who would come expecting the regular evening program. Therefore it was moved by Mrs. Cadwallader that the delegates repair to the large ante-room and hold their business session, and leave the auditorium to the visitors, and that the regular program be carried out. This motion was carried unanimously, and much satisfao-tion was expressed on every side from the vis-itors who were present. itors who were present.

### EVENING SESSION.

At 7 o'clock the delegates met in the large At 7 o'clock the delegates met in the large ante-room, the subject receiving especial at-tention being the disorimination exercised by the railroads toward Spiritualist lecturers. All delegates were instructed to make any complaints coming mnder their notice to the incoming Board of Directors, who would see that they received proper attention. The President was then instructed to appoint a nominating committee, in order to facilitate the work of the Convention. This business having been disposed of, the delegates then adjourned to the auditorium, where the regu-lar evening session was in progress.

lar evening session was in progress. The musical director had charge of the even-ing's program until the business session was ing's program until the business session was completed, and had opened the exercises with music, followed by an invocation by Mrs. C. M. Nickerson of Buffalo. Mrs. Rachel Wal-cott of Baltimore delivered an earnest address, and was heartily applauded. Mrs. R. S. Lillie, who needs no introduction to THE BANNER reader, followed. Her address was replete with the effective and soul-inspiring words which mark all her discourses. The local press reporters were again requested to suggest the subject for the improvisation. This they did,

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The business of special orders being conclud-The business of special orders being conclud-ed, the Chairman of the Committee on Nomi-nations read the following report: For Presi-dent, H. D. Barrett of New York; Vice-Presi-dent, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Chicago, Ill.; Secretary, Francis B. Woodbury, Boston, Mass.; Tressurer, Theo. J. Mayer, Washington, D. C.; Trustees, Milan C. Edson, Washington, D. C., B. B. Hill, Philadelphia, Pa., Hon. J. B, Town-send, Lima, O., Hon. L. V. Moulton, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Olive A. Blodgett, of Daven-port, Ia. The report was received, and it was

Rapids, Mich.; and Olive A. Blodgett, of Daven-port, Ia. The report was received, and it was moved to consider the report scriatim. President H. D. Barrett was unanimously elected, and, as amid the rousing cheers that followed, he rose to thank the delegates for the mark of their appreciation of his services in the past, a band outside was heard as if tendering him a screnade, and he was compelled to pause in his ensech until the music was over to the in his speech until the music was over, to the amusement and delight of the delegates, who took it as a good omen of the wisdom of their balo

choice. The Vice President, C. L. V. Richmond; Sec. The Vice President, C. L. V. Richmond; Seo-retary, Francis B. Woodbury; Treasurer, T. J. Mayer, and Trustees Milan C. Edson, B. B. Hill and Hon. J. B. Townsend, were also elected by acclamation, and hearty applause followed the announcement of each name. There were two candidates for the office of fourth trustee, the Hon. L. V. Moulton of Michigan and Mrs. Mar-ion H. Skidmore of Cassadaga, N. Y. This re-sulted in a vote of forty to seventeen, and Mr. Moulton was declared elected. Mrs. Olive A. Blodgett was unanimously elected to the office of fifth trustee. of fifth trustee. Mrs. Marion H. Skidmore wis elected by ac-

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### clamation to the office of Honorary Vice President.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie of Melrose, Mass., and Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader were also elected Honorary Vice-Presidents unanimously. The delegates then adjourned until evening

EVENING SESSION.

The third and last session of the Convention was called to order at 8 o'clock, and was largely attended. The exercises opened with a plano solo by Miss Hattie Kein, entitled "The Dying. Poet." Mrs. C. M. Nickerson of Buffalo made an invocation, and Miss Maddon sang "The Ferry for Shadow Town," accompanied by Miss Julien. The third and last session of the Convention

Julien. Hon. Milan U. Edson was then introduced to the audience, and congratulated the Spiritual-ists of the United States on the success of the National Spiritualists' Association as shown by the work of the Convention. His address showed earnest thought, and received hearty emplayee. applause.

applause. The next speaker was Mrs. M. E. Cadwalla-der of Philadelphia, who began her address by saying that while Mrs. R. S. Lillie and herself thanked the delegates for the mark of appreci-ation of their work, as evidenced by their unanincus election to the office of Honorary Vice-Presidents, still they felt that many other Presidents, still they felt that many other workers were justly entitled to the same honor. She, therefore, in the name of Mrs. Lillie and herself tendered their resignation, only asking to be enrolled among the other earnest work-ers for the success of the National Spiritual-ists' Association, to which they were devoted, and would work for as earnestly, even if not officially connected with the Board. Mrs. Cad-wallader further said in the course of her re-marks, "I leave a message with the people of Washington. It is a request that you provide a Temple during the coming year, that when we assemble next year we may be received in we assemble next year we may be received in our own hall. One bundred thousand dollars a little thing to ask of you." At the conclusion of the address Mr. Edson

arose, and announced that possibly Mrs. Cad-wallador's little request might be complied with. as a Col. Smith had offered to sell a lot at the cost to himself, and promised to dovate \$1,000 of the price to build a temple, and that Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Storey of Washington had sub scribed another \$1,000 toward the building fund. Much laughter and applause followed these remarks.

Mr. George A. Bacon of Washington was called for, and responded in a few brief words of encouragement and hope for the success of

the work. Mr. J. H Altemus of Washington was the test medium of the evening. All the spirit messages were recognized, and at the conclusion of his remarks a to'egram was read from THE a new society, under the name of 'The Unity BANNER OF LIGHT asking for a special roun The BANNER OF LIGHT asking for a special report of the proceedings. A special vote of thanks was tendered that paper for its courtesy. A solo entitled "The Holy City" was effect-ively rendered by Mrs. Dickerman of Balti more

more.

Mr. J. H. Altemus also favored the audience with several fine selections. His singing was one of the charming features of the Convention. The final address of the evening was made by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, who said, "It has been left for me to garland the flowers that have been left for me to garland the flowers that have been strewn, and gather up the sheaves that have ripened beneath your care. The theme, of our address will be Spiritualism. It is the theme which brings you here. It is the theme that inspires your labors. It is that which crowns your life. It is the hope of the world to day." She continued by saying that it was no longer necessary to talk of the labors in the Convention. These have been successfully ac-complished and the mechanical work completed complished and the mechanical work completed for the year, but if with another year's growth and added knowledge they desire other mech to make such changes in the organization as were deemed necessary for the advancement of

Spiritualism. At the conclusion of Mrs. Richmond's ad-dress, a subject, "Thought," was handed up for improvisation. Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Mrs. Richmond improvised each verse alternately. The lines were beautifully rendered, and elicited round after round of applause. A magnifi-cent basket of La France roses was then hand-ed up to Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. R. S. Lillie and

ed up to Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader also receiving exquis-ite boquets of red and white roses. President Barrett, in behalf of the Board, thanked the delegates and friends for their earnest work during the three days of assem-bling. He assured them that he would endeavor to still be worthy of the high honor they had bestowed upon him by choosing him as their President, which office he would fill to the best of his ability, feeling sure that with the co-operation of the spirit world much good would be accomplished for the cause of Spiritualism.

# Banner Correspondence.

to Our friends in every part of the country are carnestly invited to forward brief letters, items of local news, etc., for use in this department.

# Massachusetts.

SOUTH DEERFIELD .- Mrs. Mary A. Fisher writes: "Mrs. Eva Hill of Greenwich, N. Y., gave three very fine musicales at my home, the first week in September, which were much enjoyed; she will always receive a hearty welcome at South Deerfield. Mrs. May S. Pepper of Prov-Idence, R. I., gave a fine lecture to a large audi-

idence, R. 1., gave a fine lecture to a large audi-ence Oct. 9th; the lecture was followed by tests; she will be with us again in November. Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock of Boston was with us Oct. 15th and 16th, an i gave two eloquent lectures from subjects volunteered by the au dience. They were 'If Spiritualism is True, What of It?' and 'Abraham Lincoln.' I have engaged her for a lecture in April. We have no organized society in this place. but we have had eighteen lectures here, and people are getting interested. I enjoy THE BANNER OF LIGHT very much, and I read every word of it; hope I shall be able to have it as long as I am in the body."

BOSTON.-Alonzo Danforth writes: "Many are the encomiums called forth by the transition to spirit-life of our standard-bearer and co-worker, LUTHER COLBY. Who has done more than he to prove the underiable certainty more than he to prove the underlable certainty of a continuous life, through the columns of BANNER OF LIGHT? Humanity is better for the part he has taken in the life of this cen-tury. We remember his integrity, his earnest-ness, his kindliness of heart, his fidelity to his friends. He had the courage to obey his con-science. He was possessed of the determina-tion to do right because it was right. In mov-ing a straight, even though frequently an uning in a straight, even though frequently an un-popular channel, it is easy to float with the current, but to breast it requires both strength and boldness, and these traits he possessed.

May the life of LUTHER COLBY be an example for our children; may his name be kept in grateful remembrance by all who knew the work he accomplished, and when we read the shining list of the bonored names of those who fought the good fight bravely and well, LUTHER COLBY'S name shall not be missed."

New York. BUFFALO.-J. W. Dennis writes: "The Spiritualists of our city have been blessed with Society of Spiritualists of Buffalo.' The Unity Society of Spiritualists of Buffalo.' They have rented a fine hall, have a choir of singers, and have begun the good work in earnest. J. W. Dennis is President, Dr. J. F. Sell is Vice-President, Mrs. Flora Robinson, Secretary, Mrs. Cora Robertson, Treasurer. All are good and true workers in the cause that they love so well. Our plan is to attempt to educate our well. Our plan is to attempt to educate our people up to a higher standard of thought in regard to spiritual matters, by encouraging them to speak and write for themselves, instead of employing a speaker to do the work for them. We hold an hour of a social, one hour for platform work, and one hour for mediums to give tests, or allow the controls to talk. We to give tests, or allow the controls to talk. We hold a meeting every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 P. M., and will continue to do so for the fall and coming winter. May the Cause flour-ish, is my best wish."

Maine.

ROCKLAND.-F. W. Smith writes: "We have just experienced a genuine spiritual revival. Joseph D. Stiles has entertained our people two consecutive Sundays, in a manner most convincing to skeptics. At the last meet-ing (Oct. 21st) our hall was filled with eager, thinking people. Mr. Stiles gave a new poem, which reviewed the Bible, al-o many promi-nent persons through the history of the world to the present time, including spiritual work-ers. This poem occupied thirty minutes in its delivery, and was a most wonderful produc

Following this came a list of two hundred ronowing this came a use of two hundred names of persons in spirit life, who had former-ly lived in this vicinity, with recitals of person-al history to help identification. Mr. Stiles had never been here before. Our people were delighted with his efforts, and will be glad to see him again."

# Synopsis of Address by J. W. Fletcher.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 21st. Mr. Fletcher

before whom they appeared, paid not the least heed to their pleas and representations. If money and labor are to be bestowed to con-vince the men generally elected to a Legisla-ture, they must be used in a way far different. The Connecticut State Board of Health under-stood the metre well

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The Connecticut State Board of Health under-stood this matter well. The friends of freedom, whether Spiritualists, scientists or simply friends of fair usage, should place their hands upon the lever that controls legislative machinery. They will do well to form organizations, and establish "vigilance committees" at all available points. They should refuse to vote for any member of Legis lature or candidate for Governor who is in favor of the obnoxious legislation. This policy two years ago would have saved Connecticut; it may be possible to redeem her now. It is a small matter which political party shall carry small matter which political party shall carry Connecticut in November; but it is a vital question whether the result of that election is due to be the enlarging or restricting of the free dom of her citizens. Will the readers of THE BANNER in Con-necticut take heed to this? A. WILDER.

# [From Light, London, Oct 6th.] Count Tolstoi on Compulsory Vacci-nation.

Mr. William Tebb, having sent to Count Tol-stoi the copy of a communication from Adin Ballou, one of the early pioneers of Spiritual-ism, on the true sources of happiness, has re-

Isaliou, one of the early ploneers of Spiritual-ism, on the true sources of happiness, has re-ceived the following reply: *Dear Sir*—I am very thankful to you for Mr. Ballou's letter to your wife on "True Happi-ness." I did not know of it before, and have found great interest and profit in reading it. The works of A. Ballou, his "Commentary on the New Testament," as well as his "Treatise on Socialism," are known to me, and I have copies of them. I greatly sympathize with your work against compulsory vaccination, as I do with every struggle for liberty in any sphere of life whatever. The obligation of parents to let their children be subjected to operations deemed necessary by doctors seems to me as great an outrage as the obligation of parents to subject their children to school teaching im-posed upon them by the Government, which in its tendency may be opposed to their views. I wish you success in your work, and should be happy if I could have the opportunity of help-ing you in it. Yours truly, Leo TOISTOI.

## AMONG THE FLOWERS.

# November Magazines.

THE QUIVER .- " The Way that Father Comes," is a pretty frontispiece for the current issue. The beauti-ful child-faces make a lasting impression. "An Unfashionable Slum in Liverpool," tells about Richmond Fair, and is by Arthur G. Symonds. "Friends " is a cute story of a little miss and master, and is by Mahel E. Wotton. "Both Sides of a Story," by Mary E. Bellars, s of the lighter vein. "At First Sight," by Kathleen Watson, is a pretty love story. "Men of Splendid Endeavor" is an inspiring sketch. Of the serials, "Goodfor-nothing Cousin" comes to an end, and " A Prince's Part" is continued with much interest. The Cassel Publishing Co., 31 East 17th street, New York.

CASSELL'S FAMILY MAGAZINE .- "Confidents" is a very pretty picture as a frontispiece; "Sunrise in the Moon" is by J. Munro; "Clearing of the Mist' has a fine installment; "How London Gets its Gas" is one of F. M. Holmes's best; "A Six Week's Wooing," a pretty story, is by Sydney C. Grier; "The Parliaments of the World" has its second part, and is well told by Alfred F. Robbins. The ladies will find much to please in the departments devoted exclusively to them. The Cassell Publishing Co., 31 East 17th street, New York.

THE MAGAZINE OF ART. - The photogravure of "Girl with Flowers," as a frontispiece to the current issue, will strike the reader in most favorable light. 'Glimpses of Artist-Life," by M. H. Spielmann, tells about the famous "Punch" dinner. "Prof. Fred. Brown" is one of MacCall's best, bringing out several copies of the subject of the sketch. "The Wonder of Siena," by Lewis F. Day, is continued in its closing part. "The Town and Cloth Halls of Flanders" is exceedingly interesting, in that it reproduced the several Hotel de Villes, and other pleasing data. In the "Illustrated Reviews" are four fine illustrations. The other parts of the magazine are well illustrated and described. The Cassell Pub. Co., 31 East 17th street, New York.

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## THE BANQUET.

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good of the National Spiritualists Associa-tion. Before closing this report your correspond-ent wishes to express a cordial appreciation of the manner in which the local press of Wash-ington, D. C., reported the proceedings of the Convention. During the entire session of three days' duration, *The Post, Times, Star* and *News* had representatives present, who ren-dered the people, not only of Washington but wherever their papers circulated, a just and impartial report of the work done. This will be appreciated everywhere by the large body of Spiritualists, and their example will per-haps be followed by the "Press" all over the country. The deliberations of the Convention are over. As a body the Convention was composed of earnest and thoughtful minds bent upon promoting the interests of Spiritualism. The results of the deliberations will be felt in the years to come.

years to come.

After a most harmonious session, and amidst After a most harmonious session, and amidst the hearty congratulations of the delegates and friends assembled, the Second Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists' As-sociation passed on, to take its place as one of the stepping-stones in the pathway of Spiritu-alism and into history,

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true sense, then whatever was stated therein would be in accord with the demonstrations of nature and not diametrically opposed. Geol-ogy has disproven the statements in Genesis: astronomy has done precisely the same thing,

ogy has disproven the statements in Genesis: astronomy has done precisely the same thing, both of which are interpretations of what na-ture tells regarding herself. While the ethical, religious and moral teach-ings of Luke, Mark, John or Paul are in keep-ing with the rule of life which governe this present and higher form of civilization, the wisdom of Solomon seems puerile compared with that of those reformatory teachers who have carried humanity forward, and will con-tinue to until every wrong is righted, and uni-versal justice and love rule the world. What is needed is a deeper, fuller intelligence that shall eliminate superstition, overcome prejudice, conquer ecclesiastical authority, and leave man in direct communion with the high-er self which links him with natural life around and thereby with God himself. Spiritualism reveals this law, defes all opposition, elevates the soul, gives dignity to life, magnifies its purposes, and is destined to make every human being '*Jree* by revealing its inherent and God-like possibilities.

\*[At 108 West 43d street, New York, before the Spiritual Thought Society.]

# To Banner Readers in Connecticut.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The medical law of Connecticut is probably about to be made more effective by the Legislature that is about to be chosen. The various medture that is about to be chosen. The various med-ical organizations, learning to look out for them-selves from the experience of previous medical legislation, have succeeded in protecting them-selves this time. But those who are not includ-ed in the number, who are not shielded by such distinctions as *Regular*, *Eclectic, Homeopathist*, are virtually committed to the tender mercy of the medical wolves. There are many of these in Connecticut—" healers," "scientists," "met-aphysicians," etc. Upon the merits of their methods we do not care to pass judgment; but they are themselves grandly sincere and con-fident in the utility of their procedures. If their patrons did not believe their peculiar treatment beneficial, they would not be em-ployed. It is in violation of personal and civil rights, and of the State and Federal Constitu-tions, to interfere with them. Yet this is done, and it is contemplated to make the statutes more stringent and cruel. Those interested in this matter to secure anew their rights, should bear in mind that it is of intries have been packed against them. This was apparent at the session of the last General Assembly; the friends of free exer-cise of, the healing art thronged the capitol, and employed able and eloquent counsel to plead their cause. It was labor wasted—money thrown away! The members of the committee ical organizations, learning to look out for them-

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THE THEOSOPHIST .-- [October.] The opening paper of "Old Diary Leaves" continues to increase in merit and interest, and ends the first series. " The Theory of Clairvoyance," from the German of Dr. Carl du Prel, has another liberal installment. "Black Domino" is the story of a "spook." "Zoroastrianism" is written of by Walter R. Old. There are various matters relating to Theosophy well worth careful perusal. Theosoph ical Headquarters, Madras.

THE COMING DAY .- "Mr. Gladstone on the Atone ment," as spoken at Corydon, is the opening paper. "Holiday Glimpses" is a romance of the Alps. There is a choice assortment of miscellany, closing with a lot of "Hawthorne Buds," quotations from the great novelist. Williams & Norgate, London.

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Before the oncoming light of Truth. Creeds tremble, Ignorance dies, Error decays, and Humanity rises to its proper sphere of Knowledge.—Spirit John Pierpont.

# **New Trial Subscriptions!**

The BANNER OF LIGHT will (as announced in its prospectus) be furnished to NEW TRIAL subscribers at 50 cents for 3 months.

This liberal offer is made in order to introduce the paper to those who have not yet formed practical acquaintance with its valuable and sterling contents.

While thanking its regular subscribers for their continued patronage, THE BANNER'S pub ishers desire that this journal, which is devoted to the spiritual movement, as well as to secular reforms in behalf of our common humanity, shall receive ample support from the public at large. COLBY & RICH.

# The Spiritualists' Opportunity.

The BANNER OF LIGHT gives thanks sincerely to Mr. W. J. Colville for the appreciative and friendly words spoken by him at Baltimore on its behalf, in connection with his eloquent memorial address on the occasion of the transition of LUTHER COLBY, its founder and veteran editor. The tribute so feelingly paid to him could not consistently omit cannot live to himself, because he is crystallized or slight the paper to which he gave the last thirty seven years of his long and laborious life, or forget to make a most earnest appeal to the great public of Spiritualists for its continued sustenance by means of their united and reso lute endeavor. "We urge upon the Spiritualists of the United States," said Mr. Colville, "the erection of an abiding monument to Lu-THER COLBY; not a statue in a public square in Boston, though that would be by no means inappropriate, and certainly not a useless expenditure upon a memorial urn or column in the cemetery where his ashes rest; but the liberal endowment of the paper to which he gave his best years, his time, his thought, his love, his talents; that it may be in the future not only what it has been in the past, but even vastly more efficient and truly representative." The idea of supporting the BANNER OF LIGHT as the real and enduring monument to MR. COLBY'S memory is to our thought the most fitting and impressive suggestion that could possibly be made. To testify in the most practical manner to a proper appreciation of his great worth in the station to which he was called; to perpetuate the memory of a truly heroic man and always devoted Spirtitualist; to take up and carry forward his work in the spirit that animated him from the early beginning; these are the true and real monumental methods, that, while performing memorial service continually, would be actively working the largest benefit for the Cause which all love together, and to which his life was but a continuous devotion. A monument that contains a living principle as well as a faithful memory is of all others the one to fitly commemorate the character and services of a man like the venerated Spiritualist who has only departed out of our sensuous sight. In this way the honored paper acquires additional meaning, and therefore accumulated influence and power, becoming at once what it shoulda monument and a minister. In what way shall this best be done, is it asked? We answer without hesitation-let those good and worthy Spiritualists who are possessed of substantial means make donations outright to THE BANNER'S support. never questioning that they are doing what the spirit-world would have them do in trust and sincerity. Such donations should be made direct to the publishers of THE BANNER, and thus lay securely and broadly the new foundation for its uninterruped service to the Cause. Next, let each and every existing subscriber to THE BANNER proceed without the delay of a single day to double the present subscriptionlist of the paper, which can very readily be accomplished if every individual will firmly and fixedly resolve to obtain one additional subscriber. And finally, let every one, man or woman, who is a believer in Spiritualism, begin forthwith to do a practically good turn for THE BANNER by speaking favoring words for It everywhere on all convenient and appropriate occasions, giving it advertising support, tion of choice flowers to our spirit-circle table. | street, London, E. C., Eng.

and enlisting the interest of friends and neighbors of whatever creed or religious persuasion. No reader or friend of THE BANNER requires to be told that the past years have been years of an unusually severe experience to all classes of business and industry the country over, and this paper has had its share in common with the rest. In fact, for the last two years preceding MR. COLBY'S demise neither himself nor his partner, Mn. RICH, received one dollar for personal services. Wishing to devote such funds as were at their disposal to the remuneration of long-trusted employés, the BANNER OF LIGHT publishers have served faithfully on, during this period, without salaries, and have borne other costs of continuing the establishment at

the expense of their own individual pockets. Now when the dawn of a new prosperity throughout the nation begins to appear, and while the present tone of sympathetic feeling prevails in consequence of the event that causes all hearts to melt and overflow, it seems to be indicated by the same spirit-world in which THE BANNER had its origin and birth that the Spiritualists of America, and other countries, should come together as in a united fellowship and brotherhood, and actively resolve to upstay the hands of those to whose care it has been entrusted, and carry it still at the front of what constitutes the highest knowledge and the

most liberal thought of living man. It surely is no mere appeal for charity that is implied in such a request, though it be made with the utmost earnestness of human speech. That cannot be solicitation which is rather the call to duty through timely assistance. There is no confession of weakness, far less of unworthiness, in presenting to others the reminder whose omission would have caused them only regretful grief. We fully believe, on the contrary, that the great and unnumbered body of Spiritualists will sincerely thank us for thus bringing their great opportunity to their eager and sympathetic attention.

And so let it be accepted and understood. It is the continued life and prolonged service of THE BANNER that at this present time is at stake. How much that means not all Spiritualists may instantly apprehend or realize. It with THE BANNER gone; a change would occur whose meaning they have not measured: the toiling, sacrificing, suffering mediums would soon realize the loss of their muchneeded support; phenomena would more and more be pushed out of sight and mind; narrowness and arrested growth might take the place of progressive expansion, and events might finally shape themselves whereby authority would silence freedom.

# The Ideal "Salvation."

The soul-currents flow from within outward. or they become stagnant. Character and service form the basis for the heavenly condition. No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. Dogmatic theology continually enjoins upon us to save our own soul, but forgetfulness of the "own soul" in devotion to the general soul is the most ideal salvation. The essence of salvation is the death of selfishness In a sense we incarnate ourselves in those around us. A friend is defined as "one soul in two bodies." Man's spiritual ideal is to be a channel through which the divine life and love may flow out to his fellows. Life is one, and so-called death is but an incident. The spiritual world is as truly here as in a future condition. The vital test is moral quality, not time nor location. Christ uncovered the "image of God" which had been buried by traditional rubbish and sensuous materialism. It is supposed that heredity brings evil as well as good, but evil being negative, and having no Godlike basis in the real, loses its vitality by

themselves in the ocean of eternal love. Man into a great organic unity. The c sive love which unifies divinity and humanity is the great law which includes all other laws.

# Written for the Banner of Light. OUR BANNER.\*

BY R. AUGUSTA WHITING.

Shall it not wave again?- BANNER OF LIGHT, With record so glorious, with prospect so bright? Oht shall it not rise from that smouldering pyre, Where it sank overwhelmed by the demon of fire?

Shall it not wave again?-BANNER OF TRUTH! Consoling our aged ones, guarding our youth From dangers that lurk 'reath the falsehood and guile

Of sirens that mock and of tempters that smile?

Shall it not wave again? - BANNER OF PEACE! And love that is brotherly? Say, shall it cease Its angel-blest guidance and help to bestow On the lone ones that wander in darkness below?

Shall it not wave again?-BANNER OF JOY! That darkness and death have no power to destroy; That pointeth the mourner beyond the dark tide To the brightness in store on the evergreen side?

Shall it not wave again?-BANNER of HOPE! Still leading us onward with error to cope; To battle all tyranny, strong in the right,

That shall conquer at last in the struggle with might.

Yes, it shall wave again! Safe from the ire, The wide-wasting wrath of the demon of fire. Our Phoenix shall rise like a purified soul,

That through trial and triumph attains its heart's goal.

Yes, it shall wave again! Breezes more fair Than ever yet waited its folds on the air Shall caress it, when, risen from ashes and flame, It shall shine like a gem on the breastplate of fame.

Again shall its " Light " reïllume the glad earth With bright rays of knowledge, with teachings

For the word has gone forth over mountain and sea.

Our "Banner" SHALL wave! 'T is the will of the free!

\*As is well known, the BANNER OF LIGHT establishment was utterly destroyed by the great Boston fire in 1872. Nothing was left but to begin anew; but owing to the generous responses, pecuniarily, of the Spiritualists of this and other lands, the paper was resuscitated, and once more went abroad among the neonle. At the time just preceding its re-issue in full size the publishers brought out a half-sheet called THE BANNER OF LIGHT APPEAL, in the number of which for Nov. 26th, '72, appeared the above poem. would never again be the same world to them | The stirring prophecy then made by its author was fulfilled to the letter. Almost a quarter-century has since passed, and THE BANNER greatly needs the subscriptions and financial assistance of Spiritualists everywhere to-day! Will they kindly reply, and fulfill once more the prophecy of the lines above, thus strengthening the hands of THE BANNER publishers to do more and better work in the quarter-century to come?-ED.

# Decease of Dr. Crowell.

A private telegram from Mr. J. Wm. Fletcher of New York, informs us that Dr. Eugene Crowell of that city passed away on Oct. 29th. Dr. Crowell was an ardent Spiritualist in the years that are gone: he was the author of that grand work, "The Identity of Primitive Christianity and Modern Spiritualism," and for a time published The Two Worlds, devoted to the Cause, in New York. He was 78, and his death was primarily due to old age.

1977 Rev. S. Weil of Bradford, Pa., will soon close his labors with his Church and devote his time to lecturing on Spiritual Philosophy, toward which he has been tending for a long time. He will also spend a portion of his time in writing books similar to his latest, on "The Religion of the Future." In an interview reported by The Bradford Era, Mr. Weil declares that he has outgrown the environments of Orthodoxy and is in favor of advanced ideas.

197 A Washington correspondent informs us that Hon. L. V. Moulton, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Hon. A. B. Richmond, Meadville, the "third or fourth generation," while good Pa., propose, in the interests of the N. S. A., goes on even to the thousandth. The healing to test in the courts the legality of the action streams of altruism run out until they lose of the University of Pennsylvania in re the "Seybert Fund."

ET Mrs. W. P. Thaxter has returned to

SPIRIFUALISM IN WASHINGTON. Spiritual Meetings Resumed; Mrs. Richmond-Mrs. Conant-National Convention; The Press; Criticisms; Dr. Kent's Rditorial, Etc. .

# BY GRORGE A. BACON.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

The mention of spiritual facts before a body of Spir-Itualist readers is always in order: their pertinent relation is generally welcome, while the purpose they serve is designedly helpful.

The month of October has waxed and waned, and its events have become lessons of history. Spiritual matters in this city have recently received a decided impetus, which is no less welcome than needed, and which is doubtless needed elsewhere and everywhere as well as in Washington.

The First Spiritualists' Society here resumed its regular meetings on the 7th inst., under the ministrations of that queen of the platform, Mrs. Richmond. The Second Spiritualists' Society, Mrs. Compton, pastor, to its credit be it mentioned, continued its services all through the warm weather-a fact which can be said of but few spiritual societies anywhere, or churches, even, in this vicinity at least.

Mrs. Richmond's discourses are purely spiritual. Primarily they appeal to one's higher nature. Their influence permeates every department of life, and invariably tends to the enlightenment and betterment of her hearers. Free from every element of sensationalism, they are the teachings of advanced minds in the higher life concerning truths of which the world stands sorely in need, and the prevailing style in which they are given are marvels of literary merit. The elevated character of her inspirations, the quality of thought, the grace of diction, poise of manner and charm of delivery, are consistent throughout and happily blended. All is in keeping; the law of adaptation obtains; everything is in unison. The following topics indicate the range and character of her inspired utterances 'The Spiritualists' Harvest "; "Human Responsibility in the Light of the Soul"; "The Present Spiritual Outlook"; "The Personality of Truth; or, Principles vs. Persons"; "The New Religion"; "The Influence of Spiritualism on Human Life, Socially, Religiously and Politically"; "The Spiritual Cosmos," etc.

The exercises on Sunday evening, the 14th inst. were rendered additionally interesting by the ordination services of Mrs. Clara A. Field-Conant, through the good offices of Mrs. Richmond, who for many years has been a regularly ordained minister. The bestowment of this charge and address was of special appropriateness and pertinency.

Mrs. Conant is favorably known throughout the East as an old-time laborer in the spiritual vineyard. Taking advantage of her presence here at this time, the National Spiritualists' Association, by proper means, duly empowered her with authority to serve as a missionary wherever she may be called to labor; and now the First Spiritualists' Society of this city, of which Mrs. Conant has been a member for four years, has regularly ordained her, with all the authority that this legally chartered Society possesses, as a minister. The privileges and rights thus conferred will doubtless prove of service to her in her public ministrations.

The National Spiritualists' Association, as all your readers know, recently held its second annual Convention here, lasting several days, and the result will probably appear in book form for future reference. I was an interested attendant, and could but note how history repeats itself." That the Convention was a pronounced success as to the number of delegates; the representative character of many of its members the amount and dispatch of business; the generally encouraging reports of work accomplished in various localities; the measures outlined for the future; the character of many of the speeches; the enthusiasm of the delegates; the prevailing spirit of unity and harmony even amid divergent views; and finally the amount of funds voluntarily raised to carry on the good work-that the Convention as a whole was a notable success-delegates, members and attendants are agreed.

Published particulars of the Convention by the spiritual press preclude the necessity of more than a general mention here of its doings. The Convention was prompt and hearty to recognize the influence for good wrought by that Nestor of Spiritualism, LUTHER COLBY. Every allusion to him throughout the meetings of the Convention evoked spontaneous and reverent applause.

The local press, which in the main treated the Convention with quite unusual fairness, each issue of the several papers here giving a general synopsis of the proceedings, was appropriately thanked by the Convention for its reportorial notices. I am glad the resolution of thanks passed unanimously. Had I been a delegate, I should have voted for it, but not until I had first called attention to several items that needed

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weep, he thus concludes: "Having satisfied our ou. riosity, we hastily slipped out, being well pleased with our evening's fun, and voting, with one accord, that if there was ever a fake or humbug, it was Spiritualism." In wholesome contrast to this, The Times of this city, an independent, progressive and successful organ of the people, in its issue of the 21st inst., has for its leading editorial an article by Rev. Dr. Alexander Keut, pastor of the People's Church, wherein he discusses, in a hopeful spirit, the beneficial effects of the late National Spiritualists' Association.

Though this letter of mine is getting to be unduly long, try to find room for Dr. Kent's concluding sentences

tonces: ..." The continuity of life; the powerlessness of death to effect change in character; the possibility and actuality of intercourse between spirits in the body and those who have passed out; the close and intimate relation between the life of every to-day and every to-morrow; the final triumph of the spirit, under the government of infinite goodness, over all that ob-structs its unfoldment and progress, and its ultimate entrance into the beatifie life of lover and harmony; these are the great thoughts under the power of which the Spiritualists of this country are coming together, and organizing themselves for missionary endeavor." ... "The church of to-day, in all its branches, is more indebted than it knows to Spiritualism for the bright and cheeriu views with which hosts of its peo-ple are able to speak and think of death. This great and-slide of the church toward the Spiritual Philoso-phy is not any accident in the providence of God. It is the gravitation of souls toward truths which the church in its blindness suffered to fall into obscurity and neglect. We welcome the new organization to the great sisterhood of workers for the truth and the right."

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Washington, D. C., Oct. 30th, 1894.

## A Haunted Warship.

It is said that the big monitor, the Miantonomoh, which lies at the Brooklyn dock yards, is haunted by some ghostly presence which is giving the officers and men queer feelings all down their backs. The ghost does not make himself visible, but rings the bells, knocks at the doors, turns on and off the electric lights, and performs other such cerie pranks. The first performance of the ghost was the ringing of the bells in the engineers' room. The engineer heard them ring out several signals, and went to see what was the matter, but he could discover nothing. The next night the ghost knocked at ship's writer Turner's door. The gentleman opened it, but could find nobody. Several times the fire alarm has been rung, and even while a man was watching the bell, and not once, but twice, the electric lights on board have been set aglow, though the current was turned off .- New Orleans (La.)

Ar Mr. Jerome Hopkins gives the last of a series of three lecture-concerts in Steinert Hall, Boston. Wednesday evening, Nov. 7th. Mr. Hopkins has lately returned from a successful professional tour of the principal cities and fowns of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. A glited American composer, a brilliant planist and skilled organist, all lovers of music should avail themselves of the opportunity to attend this unique public entertainment.

There is a good opportunity to assist a worthy person to start in business in a small way. Stuart L. Rogers of Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio, can, with a little help, get an article which will find a ready sale. He deserves the asked-for aid. As an earnest of what we say, THE BANNER subscribes \$3 00, and asks its readers to add their mite to this ob-

Dr. H. B. Storer of Boston says: "Dr Bland's book [How to Get Well and How to Keep Well] is the most concise and practical guide to health any family can possess. I fully endorse its medical prescriptions, and its hygienic advice is most admirable. It is in all respects a thoroughly sensible book." For sale by Colby & Rich, Boston.

Charles J. Budlong is investigating the spiritual phenomena, and writes that he would feel grateful for any literature sent him at Box 171, Ashaway, Washington Co., R. I.

W. L. Jack, M. D., spiritual medium, is now located at Springfield, Mass., where he can be addressed professionally.

127 See the notice issued by Mrs. M. Howes Reed, Boston-on our fifth page.

# Movements of Platform Lecturers.

Notices under this heading, to insure insertion the same week, must reach this office by Monday's mail.]

Geo. A Fuller, M. D., lectures in Worcester, Mass., Nov. 4th and 25th; Portland, Me., Nov. 11th; Green-wich, Mass., Nov. 18th. Address 7 Mason street, Wor-cester, Mass. E. J. Bowtell lectured at Paine Hall, Boston, Oct.

# Good Words for The Banner.

M. K. Grute of Youngstown, O., in renewing subscription to THE BANNER, writes these encouraging and appreciative words:

"At this period of hard times, when money becomes almost a tradition of the past, and, like some of the dogmas of the day, seems to be fading from view, one is compelled to pick and choose reading matter, retaining only that which is essential to one's well being and hap-piness. Consequently, while other periodicals are relegated to the shade, the old BANNER still waves above the family altar. It has been an honored and well beloved guest at our fire-side for many years, and is likely to remain as such while we ourselves inhabit the mortal form. I wish you unbounded success in the continuance of your greatly-beloved and much-needed paper." "At this period of hard times, when money

# Sign Your Reports.

Once more. THE BANNER is obliged to remind those sending reports of meetings, etc., to this office, without signatures, that, for selfprotection, at the least, we cannot entertain anonymous contributions.

BT Mr. William Brodie, Secretary of the First Association of Spiritualists of New Orleans, La., made us a pleasant visit on Monday, Oct. 29th. He reports the Society as prospering; during all the heat of the past summer itmaintained its meetings at 59 Camp street, its regular hall for years past. It has made all its engagements for the present season excepting the month of February, '95. We wish our Southern friends every success in their work, and should be glad to receive reports from New Orleans.

Boston is at present well supplied with mediums for the presentation of the phenomenon of materialization. Mr. Albro's seances, (Mrs. Martin, medium) and those of Mr. Tabor, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Fay and Mrs. Crane, are now in full operation; the latter lady announces that she will receive calls to visit other localities in her medial capacity. Address her, Adelaide E. Crane, 403 Shawmut Avenue, Boston.

The remarks of the guides of W. J. Colville concerning the inutility of the disgusting practice of vaccination, and the plain injustice involved in making it compulsory by law -to be found on our sixth page-are to the point, and worthy thoughtful perusal.

ED We regret to learn that the veteran Spiritualist and European publisher, Hon. Alex-ander Aksakoff, is in very poor health, and has become nearly blind.

ET Unknown friends in North Grafton. Mass., will please accept our thanks for a dona-

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Boston; she was to recommence her work as a trance test medium at her room, No. 4, 81 Bosworth street, Nov. 1st.

# **Onesimus** Templeton.\*

Whenever Mr. Colville writes anything he writes in with his whole soul enlisted in his work. This was never truer than it is regarding Onesimus Templeton. The right key is touched when he produced a book which will interest young people, for this is a romance with a bright, romantic plot, deep, clear and pleasing. Mr. Colville takes his readers into very remarkable situations, and does not leave them any in doubt as to the ideas and statements which he wishes to convey. It may be invidious to particular ize, but the description of "A Parisian Sunday" is Intenselv readable. The character of Onesimus Tem pleton is true to life, and is as noble as it is interesting and uplifting. He shows a breadth of growth and purity in his thought which is inspiring and health-giving. The book is sure of having a large sale, and will take high rank with any of the recent publications.

. ◆A Psychical Romance. By W. J. Colville.. Cloth, pp. 254. New York: Edward Lovell. For sale by Colby & Rich.

# The Newest Dictionary.

It is with much pleasure and satisfaction that an nouncement can be made that the second and con cluding volume of the new Standard Dictionary is in type, and will be ready for delivery in a few weeks Those persons who have had access to the first vol ume will receive this intelligence with delight, as no similar work has received heartier commendation And it deserved all that has been said of it. No less eminent a novelist than A. Conan Doyle speaks of it in the highest terms, and has tried repeatedly to test it, always with success, no matter how new the word It is not surprising that the sales are already enormous, and that the second volume will even increase them. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York, are the publishers.

BORDERLAND .- Editor Stead could not have done more gratifying act to please his many readers than that of inserting into the sixth number of his able and interesting magazine a counterfeit presentment of himself. It shows him in his study, writing, and looking up from his manuscript as if for a new thought. The portrait adds to the value of the current issue, the contents of which are excellent. "The Census of Ghosts," is the report of Prof. Sedgwick's committee. 'Telepathy" has a liberal installment, ably written Madame Blavatsky's portrait is included in the gallery of borderlanders. "Haunted Houses" will be read by lovers of psychical research. "The Lost Dauphin and the Peasant Seer," is a romance of the French monarchy, by Georgina Weldon. "The Welsh Lourdes" tells of the healings at the well of St. Winefride. "The Occult Side of Freemasonry" is by Arthur Lit-tie. "Spiritualism," "Palmistry," "Astrology" and "Anæsthetics." are all ably treated. In the department of miscellaneous papers are many pleasing things. notably, "Retrospect of an Octogenarian" by Rev. George E. Ellis, D. D., alluding to the future life. More about "Orystal Gazing" is a practical talk with circle-members. "The Problem of Personality" will command attention and cause a good deal of comment and reflection. "The Chronique of the Quarter" contains much interesting data. The Borderland, 125 Fleet

tice of the Convention that appeared in the leading paper of this city, the' following excerpt shows what eccentricities " are sometimes possessed by certain would-be-smart reporters, who fancy that the minds of other men are on a dead level with their own individual ignorance; it further shows how these pennya-liners, basking in their own sense of superior wis dom, happen to regard a representative body of acceptors of a natural religion numbering millions of adherents in this country alone, including many of the leading geniuses of the century-a class of thinkers and believers who have outlived nearly fifty years of such determined, persistent misrepresentation, vilification, prejudice, concelt and ignorance as never yet marked the progress of any similar body of reformers known among men. One of these aforesaid reporters, who was evidently

expecting something quite foreign from mankind generally, in his initial commentary on the Convention, sagely remarked that "apart from a few eccentricities of ideas expressed in the course of the speeches, there was little to distinguish the gathering from an ordinary convention of ordinary people "! This orac ular quill-driver must be a direct descendant of those English tories who, till long after the close of the Revolutionary war, seriously believed that the people of the colonies were but a degree removed from save ages.

And the same paper, in its effort to report the closing exercises of the Convention, as to the excellent exhibition of public tests that were given to total strangers, who testified to the entire correctness of the related facts by the medium, thus instructs its readers: "Several mediumistic tests were performed, that were regarded as successful by the initiated." And of the exceedingly happy, original double poem given inspirationally through Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Lillie, alternately, upon a subject submitted in writing at the very moment of delivery-this paper stated that "the noem was jointly prepared by these ladies. and read as the closing number of the program !! Is such reporting entitled to unanimous thanks, especially when on the previous evening the reporters themselves were unexpectedly called upon to furnish the subject for an impromptu poem, which they won deringly did, and the poem, with characteristic felicity, and perfectness, was immediately given in their hearing, at which they greatly marveled.

When for more than forty years, inspirational poems by thousands, not a few of the rarest merit, have been given by spiritual mediums throughout the land, and apart from which, neither in Church nor State, in 'universities nor among scientific bodies, none other than Spiritualists can furnish such credentials of intellect: ual spontaneity, such evidences of spiritual influxfor a recognized leading public journal whose columns every week abound in advertisements of Spiritualists' meetings, to wantonly ignore certain overwhelming facts, and under such circumstances to openly misrepresent the truth, warrants, it would seem, other treatment than generous commendation.

Again: During the very week of the Convention another of the leading papers here regaled its Sunday' readers with a 'half-column contribution by a writer, whose lamentable ignorance of the subject of Spiritualism is only equalled by his utter want of heart, as the following unmistakably proves. I quote his opening and closing sentences: " Say, Gus, let's go up to the spiritualistic meeting to-night, and have some fun."... Having liberally indulged his penchant to make appear ridiculous in describing that of which he had not the slightest comprehension or appreciation, and which makes the judicious sorely | It will be appreciated.

Mass., Nov. 18th. Societies desiring his services as inspirational speaker and psychometric reader, can address him at 338 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

address nim at 333 Tremont street, Boston, Mass. Prof. Charles Augustine (so a correspondent writes) solicits engigements with spiritual or liberal clubs and societies in any part of the United States, espe-cially East. Subjects relating to the condition and welfare of humanity, past, present aud future, find treatment by him. Can also add readings of strangers present if desired. Address No. 284 East Market street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Indianapolis, Ind. Jeonie Hagan-Jackson lectured in Battle Creek, Mich., the Sundays of October; will speak Nov. 4th and 11th at Filut, Mich., 18th and 25th at Lansing; the Sundays of December at Sturgis, Mich. January and February are yet unengaged. March, Grand Rapids, Mich. Mrs. Jackson can be engaged for week even-ings and funerals. Address 399 South Lafayette street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Grand Rapids, Mich. Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds of Troy, N. Y., has completed her engagement with the Providence People's Spirit-ual Association, and will lecture Nov. 4th in Knicker-bocker Hall, New York City, and Springfield, Mass., Nov. 11th, 18th and 25th. Dr. F. H. Roscoe of Providence, R. I., will lecture for the Cadet Hall Society of Spiritualists in Lynn, Mass., Sundays, Nov. 4th and 11th. He will be ac-companied by Mr. W. H. Spencer of Boton, illustrat-ed test medium.

Mrs. M. C. Morrell is now located at 330 West 59th street (between 8th and 9th Avenues), New York City, where she will be glad to meet her friends and the public.

Glies B. Stebbins spoke on Psychical Science on the night of Oct. 26th—bringing in the Spiritual Philoso-phy, as he always does-before the Unity Club, at Unitarian church lecture-room, Detroit. Mr. Steb-bins is a veteran worker who should be heard by our spiritual societies in the East. Address him 143 Pitcher street, Detroit, Mich.

Pitcher street, Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Abbie N. Burnham of Boston spoke in Mal-den Oct. 28th; will speak in Manchester, N. H., Nov. 4th. She is engaged in Providence, Lawrence, Salem, Meriden. Ct. Would like to fill last two Sundays in November; last two in January. Please address 350 Salem street, Malden, Mass. Mrs. M. E. Williams's address at present is in care *La Revue Spirite*, 34 Rue Des Petits-Ohamps, Paris, France. An interesting account (from the pen of Mary A. Gridley) of the testimonial tendered Mrs. W. on her departure from New York for Europe, was put in type for this issue, but from lack of space must be carried over to next week.

Nov. 4th Mrs. Nettle Holt-Harding will lecture alter-noon and evening in Stoughton, Mass.

Harlow Davis, the platform test medium, will be in Meriden. Conn. Nov. 11th, to fulfill an engagement with the Spiritual Society. Societies desiring his ser-vices should communicate with him at 211 East 14th sireet, New York City.

which the Spinlad Society. Societies desiring his ser-vices should communicate with him at 211 East 14th sireet, New York City. Miss Abby A. Judson has terminated her month's engagement in Worcester, Mass., with great success. The audience the last evening exhausted the seating capacity of the hall, her subject being "The Location of Heaven and Hell." She will serve this Society a month next year. During November she will speak in Norwich, Conn., and in New Bedford the first two Sun-days in December. She is engaged in Lyon, Mass., during January; and in Philadelphia for February. She has open dates for the last three Sundays in De-cember, and after March 1st, 1805, when she will re-cumber, and after March 1st, 1805, when she will re-turn to New England. Until the Camps, she will be happy to make engagements for single Sundays or longer. For the season of 1805 to 1806; she will make only monthly engagements, for she feels that she can do better work in a community by remaining at least a month in a place. Frequent change in locality, she thinks, exhausis the physical strength of the speaker and inders effectual work; while remaining for sev-eral consecutive weeks in a place makes him (or her) better known, and thus makes personal influence more effective. [Miss Judson spoke Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28th, in Worcester, on "Recognition of Friends After Death." We are promised a synopsis for The Bax-NER.-ED.]

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# NOVEMBER 8, 1894.

# NEWSY NOTES AND PITHY POINTS.

Modern war is very expensive. It is said that the costs of the Japan-China war, so far as Japan is con-cerned, amount to \$1,000,000 a day. The \$50,000,000 loan, which the Government negotiated some two months ago, is about all spent, and the Mikado is getting hard up for cash. The Diet will be asked to authorize a foreign loan immediately.

Authorize a foreign foan immediatory. A gang of men are operating in this and neighbor-ing counties, and are catching the unsuspecting farm-er in great shape. Their scheme is to show a pile of dry goods, which they carry with them, consisting of calico, and kindred goods, and offer the same at fabu-lously low prices. They offer \$16, \$20 or \$25 worth at the low price of \$6, \$7 or \$8, and then do not even want the cash, but accommodate the farmer by taking his note, payable in sixty or ulnety days, with the promise that the goods will be forthcoming by express in a few days. Several farmers who have bitten have received notice from banks stating that they have their notes for \$60 or \$60.—Parsons (Kan.) Sun.

Two score or so of the female students of the California State University have pledged themselves to come out in a reform dress as soon as the rains begin, and wear it regularly on the streets thereafter, rain or shine. It consists of skirts reaching a little below the knee, with leggins and a jaunty jacket, all very picturesque, to judge by the accepted design.

[A "PARO-DEE."] I've the fipest line in town, Sweet Lady. You 'll agree. For her hats good style all show. She will please you, that I know, And ne'er elsewhere you will goy Sweet Lady. Finest trimmings I'll show you, Sweet Lady. '' Loves of bonnets '' you'll see, too, Sweet Lady. '' Loves of bonnets '' you'll see, too, Sweet Lady. Anything you'd wish to wear-Prices, all-honest and fair, At Miss C.'s, south side of Square, Sweet Lady. [A " PARO-DEE."]

Charles P. Cocks of Brooklyn sends us what be considers a most successful experiment. He says in effect that Pierre Keeler last summer gave upon a slate correctly one of the numbers on the case of a watch, and within one figure the number on the inner case of the same watch. The answer has been phc-tographed, and is being circulated by Mr. Cocks.

Miss Quero, the detective, will lecture in Boston in November on "Who are the Fallen People?"

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Soclety immediately following Dr. Holmes's death, a striking poem in his memory was read by Dr. Wm. Everett. This poem appears in the November number of the New England Magazine, occupying two pages It is a noble poem, by far the finest poetical tribute which has appeared since Dr. Holmes's death. Dr. Everett is a genuine poet, and this is a poem such as Dr. Holmes himself might have written for such an occasion, Warren F. Kellogg, Publisher, 5 Park Square, Boston.

THE ITALY OF AMERICA.-Fifty-seven carloads of raisins left San Francisco Oct. 2d for New York. Up to Sept. 30th the following shipments of California fruits to eastern points were made: Raisins, 280 carloads; other dried fruits, including prunes, 1100 carloads; green fruits, 5500 car-loads; canned fruits and vegetables, 1000 car-loads.

The first agricultural fair ever attempted by Indians took place recently on the Oneida reservation, seven miles west of Depere, Wis. The show opened with more than two hundred entries, including a fine display of fruits and vegetables. The Indians controlled it en tirely.

7. Which I wish to remark, And my language is plain, That for making a lark Of a Chinese campaign The smooth little Jap is peculiar; Which the same I am free to maintain. — Chicago Tribune.

"Five-Minute Object Sermons to Children," by Sylvanus Stall, D. D., issued in book form some four months ago, has, it is said, proven of especial interest and value. Several editions of the volume have already been exhausted. Published by the Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York.

A bushel of corn is worth fifty cents. If made into whiskey it makes four gallons, which, sold over the bar, brings \$24. The government gets \$4.40 of this, the railroads 40 cents, the distiller, \$4, and the saloonthe fairfoads 40 cents, the district, \$4, and the satoon-keeper all that remains but the 50 cents the farmer got when he sold the corn. This is not the only tran-saction in which the price received by the farmer and that paid by the consumer is a long way apart, but there is no other transaction that can result in less good to the country, and no worse use that corn can be not be developed from the paid form Nons

# W. J. Colville's Work. On Sunday last, Oct. 28th, Mr. Colville gave three

farewell lectures in Baltimore-in the morning for the First Spiritual Church, Baratoga street, and in the afternoon and evening for the Religio-Philosophical Society in Raine's Hall, Baltimore street.

Bociety in Raine's Hall, Baltimore streat. The subject in the afternoon, "Why am I a Spirit-ualisip" called out the largest audience this season, which was a truly representative gathering, smong whom were many of the professors and students of Johns Hopkins University. The lecturer, who was ev-idently highly inspired, brought forward proof after proof of the rationality of Spiritualism, and the un-reasonableness of the pretended arguments presented in deflance of its claims; the address was concluded with a brilliant peroration, reciting remarkable vis-lons of spirit-life wherein the condition of the highly developed and also of the earth-bound was vividly described. At 8. P. M., when the hall was again filled to reple-tion, the topic was, "A Comparison Between Ancient and Modern Spiritualism, and the Attitude we Shoald Take Toward Oriental Religions." Swami Vivekananda and Mr. Colville have worked together on several occasions in pertech the atti-more, as well as wherever he has visited, the Oriental religions and Argan customs, as Interpreted by a mil-sionary from-prahman India, is a decidedly popular theme.

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more very shortly.

Mr. Colville's lectures in the Universalist Church, Washington, Oct. 20th and 27th, were attended by the most influential people in the city. A portion of the proceeds of these two singularly successful efforts was given to the Mission School of Cookery and the Unity Boldiers' Mission, both excellent and useful charities. \*.\*

Mr. Colville is now returning to Boston, and will open a course of lectures at 18 Huntington Avenue, Monday, Nov. 5th, at 2:30 p. M. On Sunday next, Nov. 4th, he speaks at West Duxbury and East Pembroke, Mass.; Nov. 11th, at Lowell; Nov. 18th and 25th, at Salem, and Dec. 2d at Rockland, Me. On Wednesdaya, Nov. 7th, 14th and 21st, he lectures in Ladies' Ald Hall, Brockton, at 7:30 p. M. He will also visit Haverhill. \*.\*

All letters, etc., for him may be addressed in care of the BANNER OF LIGBT.

# MEETINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Lynn.-The Spiritualists of Lynn held services in Providence Hall, 21 Market street, Sunday afternoon and evening. Fine musical selections were given by

and evening. Fine musical selections were given by Mrs. G. D. Merfill. At 2:30 p. M., Mrs. Dr. Dowland presiding, a full house greeted Mrs. A. H. Luther, whose control took for a subject, "Spiritualism has Proved Itself Worthy of the Most Learned and Approved by the Intelli-gence of the Age." The main point of the lecture was devoted to specifying the good in Modern Spiritu-alism, beginning with its coming and its effect on mankind since its inception, scientifically and philo-sophically. She concluded her address with a fine improvisation on "Spiritualism." At 7:30 Dr. Charles Faulkner presided. Session opened with service of song led by Prof. E. F. Pierce. Mrs. Luther spoke on "Our Present National Dark-ness and the Way Out." She handled the subject in an able and intelligent manner. Next Sunday Mrs. Helen J. T. Brigham of New York will lecture at 2:30 and 7:30, followed by tests by Dr. Wm. Franks and others. A large house greeted Mrs. Luther Friday evening, in the Unitarian Church at Marbiehead. She will lecture again in Marbiehead. Bhe will lecture and the street. Bart Trans and the Street. Street Hell. - The platform of the Lyon Spiritual.

evening at 7:30. 88 South Common street.

Cadet Hall .- The platform of the Lynn Spiritualists' Association was occupied last Sunday afternoon and evening by Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes of Dorchester.

# Business meeting at 3; suppor and social as usual. It also holds its annual Fair on Nov. 8th and 9th at U. V. J. Hall, 606 Main street. Birs. D. M. Lowis, Cor. Secy.

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Haverhill and Bradford,-The addresses be fore the Spiritual Union were given last Sunday in Red Men's Hall by C. Fannie Allyn, and were able expositors of the spiritual philosophy. Attendance

good. Next Sunday the speaker and Illustrator of medi-umistic communication, Mr. Juseph D. Stiles, will officiate at 2 and 7 P. M. E. P. H.

# RHODE ISLAND.

Providence .- Spiritualist Association, Columbia Hall, No. 248 Weybosset street. Services every Sun-

day at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. Progressive Lyceum and adult class at 12:30 P. M. Sunday, Oct. 28th, Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock gave us two eloquent and instructive lectures, listened to by appreciative audiences. Both lectures were followed by convincing readings and re-cognized tests.

cognized tests, Sunday, Nov. 4th, Mrs. Clara H. Banks, Hayden-ville, Mass., will be with us; lectures followed with tests by Mrs. May S. Pepper of this city.

The Progressive Aid Society met Wednesday, Oct. 24th, with Mrs. Hanson, afternoon and evening. At the evening conference singing, speaking, tests and epirit messages were given. The first Wednesday of November this Society holds a social in Columbia Hall, MRS. M. L. PORTER, See'y. 39 Lyman street.

The People's Progressive Spiritual Association .-Last Sunday, afternoon and evening, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds of Troy, N. Y., occupied the platform, to the

Reynolds of 1 roy, N. 1, occ-, satisfaction of all. [Owing to the late hour at which this report was re-ceived, it necessarily was condensed to its present form.— Ep.] Mrs. Burbeck speaks next Sunday. MRS. F. H. ROSCOB, Cor. Sec'y,

Pawtucket .- On the evening of Oct. 28th, Mrs. Nellie L. Burbeck addressed the people in Cian Fra zier Hall; she followed her lectures with excellent tests and readings-so writes "An Interested Ob server."

# CONNECTICUT.

Norwich .- Mrs. Alice Wilkins of Cambridgeport has been holding musical and test séances at No. 21 Fairmount street, which have been very satisfactory; ratinount street, which have been very satisfactory; her musical gifts are very remarkable, four distinct voices being heard singing in perfect harmony and melody. The little Indian guide, "Sunshine," also gives many convincing messages. Mrs. Wilkins may be addressed at No. 14 Northampton Avenue, Spring-field, Mass., for the month of November. MRS. J. A. CHAPMAN.

# SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sloux Falls.-M. A. Barney writes: "For about two months Mr. Frederic Cushman has been giving eloquent and instructive lectures. I have never heard the philosophy of Spiritualism more clearly explained. He has done good work as a trance speaker, but in my opinion he has done still better work as a private test medium, ranking high with the best."

[A fuller account regarding Mr. Cushman will appear later.-ED.]



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# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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Washington.-Owing to the rapidly increasing business of the National Association of Spiritualists, the officers have found it necessary to secure larger

business of the National Association of Spiritualists, the officers have found it necessary to secure larger and more commodious quarters for the year next en-suing, at 600 Pennsylvania Ave., Southeast, at no ad-vance in rent. We now have two elegant' rooms, one of which is used for the general office, and the other for a library and reading room. The National Convention empowered the Associa-tion to issue certificates to contributing members, and any Spiritualist in the United States, be he or she a member of a local society, or so situated that he can-not enjoy this privilege, will be enrolled upon the reg-lister of the National Bpiritualists' Association as a contributing member, upon payment of any and all sums over one dollar. These certificates are nicely got-ten up, and the holders thereof will be pleased to pre-sent them to their friends. The Association has received a donation of one hun-dred copies of the life-work of that wonderful woman, Mrs. J. H. R. Mattheson of Buffalo, N. Y., entitled "The Occuit Physician." This work contains reme-dies for every disease to which mortality is lief, and by a careful perusal of its pages, the Spiritualists of the nation can enjoy the biessed boon of continued health, which means wealth and life-long prosperity. Copies of this work can be obtained of Secretary Woodbury for the low price of \$2.00 per volume, which goes to assist the Association in order that they may enjoy its protection, should appeal to some local society, chartered under its auspices, for papers of ordination, copies, not the originals, of which papers should be filed with Secretary Woodbury at the National office. It is sincerely hoped that there will be a prompt re-sponse on the part of all Spiritualists in the United States and Canada to this appeal of the National Spiritualists' Association. H. D. BARBETT, Pres't. FRANCIS B. WOODBURY, See'y.

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Jack and Jill went up the hill To fetch a pail of water; Jack, he was the milkman's son, And Jill the milkman's daughter. — Detroit Free Press.

Too much care cannot be exercised in the examination and inspection of water used for drinking purposes. In many suburban towns the selling of spring water has grown into an industry, the inhabitants fearing the common source of supply.

Man is the only animal that finds fun in killing-the only animal that kills others for fun.-Our Dumb Animals.

Visitor-"Can Mrs. Crosus be seen?" Saman/ha Wayback (who has just answered the bell)-" Ken she be seen? Well, I rather guess she ken-she's six feet high and four wide! My sakes! You can't see much of anything besides when she 's around.'

The feeling in Western Kansas, says The Dighton Herald, in favor of irrigation is spreading and assuming definite shape. The experience of those who have tried irrigation, even upon a small scale, is favorable to its ultimate adoption. We are glad to note the interest farmers are taking in this matter. An individual pumping plant that will water from five to ten acres is within the reach of almost any one.

Tommy (studying hislesson)—" I say, pa, where does the Merrimac rise, and into what sea does it empty?" Pa—"I don't know, my son." Tommy—" You don't know? And to-morrow the teacher will lick me on account of your ignorance."—Harlem Life.

## Children's Progressive Lyceum Entertainment.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light: On Tuesday evening, Oct. 23d, the young people of the Children's Progressive Lyceum gave their first the Children's Progressive Lyceum gave their first entertainment for the benefit of the Lyceum at Red Men's Hall, which was patronized to its fullest ca-pacity, and netted a handsome sum to the Lyceum fund. Mr. N. B. Austin acted as Chairman, and the following were represented in the program: Master Louis Bachner, plane solo; Carl Leo Root and Win-nie Ireland, duet, "The Dandy Courtship "; Mr. Frank A. Kennedy, violin solo, Miss Cora Pratt, ac-companist; Mr. William James Willats, reading; Prof. A. D. Coule and Miss Alberta Felton, mandolin duet, accompanied by Prof. Schaler; Miss Louise Horner, banjo selection; Mr. Mark Abrams, reading; Juliette Caze, song; chorus in costume, "The Glean-ers"; Miss Grace Dyar, reading; Theodore Walker, Mark Abrams, Louis Morganstero, Aaron Task, Louis and Benj. Peyser sang "Johnny Schmoker." A the conclusion of the last number the floor was cleared for the grand march, which was led by Mr. Benj, G. Russell, 3d, and Miss Alberta Felton. A very pleasing diversion in the order of dances was a fancy dance given by Misses Helen Higgins and Jus-tine Monaugh ton, two young members of the Lyceum. This entertainment was man aged exclusively by the young people of the Lyceum, and met with such success that they take pleasure in announcing a full evening's entertainment to be given at Red Men's Hall Tuesday evening, Nov. 13th. Come and hear the children. IRVING PRATT, See'y of the Committee. entertainment for the benefit of the Lyceum at Red

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and evening by Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes of Dorchester. The subject for the alternoon was "The Possibility of Spiritual Unfoldment"; for the evening, "The Primary Lessons of Spiritualism." This is the last Sunday we shall be able to hear Mrs. Byrnes in Lynn this season, but we shall look forward to her coming again with much pleasure. She was ably assisted by Mrs. James Kelty, through whose agency raps on a fan held in the hauds of the medium came loud enough to be heard in all parts of the hall, answering many mental questions correctly. Dr. F. H. Roscoe of Providence will be with us Sun-days, Nov. 4th and 1th, assisted by Hilläre Spencer, the spirit-artist, who has given such satisfaction here. The following Board of Directors for the ensuing year has been elected: James Kelty, President; Jas. Semple, Vice-President; G. H. Green, Secretary; M. V. B. Stevens, Treasurer; G. W. Herrick, Jas. Brown, O. S. Adams. G. H. GREEN, Sec y. 22 Whittier street. The Children's Progressive Lyceum held its regular

The Children's Progressive Lyceum held its regular session in Providence Hall, 21 Market street, Oct. 28th, Mrs. E. B. Merrill, Conductor, presiding. The day's lesson, on "Kindness to Auimais," was ex-plained by our Conductor, the pledge was taken; reci-tations followed by James Grant, Isabella Grant, Margie Grant, Jennie Grant, Stella Powers, Laura Metzger, Edward Wblittler; remarks, Mr. Woundy, Dr. Furbush, Mrs. J. P. Hayes; readings, Mrs. Woundy, Mrs. Whittler; the Banner March; singing by the school.

by the school. Lyceum Circle at No. 50 Park street; all cordiality invited to attend. J. F. BLANEY, Seo'y. 231/2 Commercial street.

Salem. Sunday, Oct. 28th, we had a conference meeting in the alternoon, at which several mediums and speakers took part. We had with us Dr. Wm.

meeting in the alternood, at which several mediums and speakers took part. We had with us Dr. Wm. Franks, and C. A. Abbott of Charlestown, also Mrs-H. A. Baker of Marblehead, and Mrs. G. R. Knowles, of Salem. The meeting was very interesting. In the evening Mrs. H. A. Baker of Marblehead lectured and gave tests, before a good audience. Her iecture was well-received, and her tests were good, and readily recognized. The singing was fine as usual. We had as singers, Miss Amanda Balley, Mrs. Annie S. Hall, Messrs. Fenhall. LeGrand, Kenney, Davis and Glazler. We were favored with a very fine solo in the afternoon by Mr. C. A. Abbott of Charlestown. Last Friday evening, Oct. 26th, Messrs. Walker and LeGrand gave one of their fine entertainments in Cate's Hall, under the auspices of the First Spiritual Society, entitled 'The Magic Mirror, or a Trip through Ameri-ca,' for the benefit of the building fund of the Solety, at which a pood audience was present. Messrs. Walker and LeGrand displayed some very fine views, several of them being illustrated with songs. They are open to engagements, and all socie-ties desiring a fine entertainment at a reasonable price would do well to secure their services. Rev. S. L. Beal of Brockton will lecture Sunday, Nov. 4th. Mrs. G. R. KNOWLES, Seo'y.

New Bedford.-Last Sunday, Oct. 28th, Mrs. May S. Pepper, test medium of Providence, R. I., was here for the First Spiritual Society. She met with a cordiai and hearty reception, a large number attending the evening service. Next Sunday Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly will occupy our platform. SEC'Y.

Chelsen.-Large audience on the night of the 28th invocation and remarks, Mrs. J. E. Logan; tests, Mrs. Minnie Soule of Somerville and Mrs. C. A. Butterman of Malden. Mediums are cordially welcome to E. S. WELLS, Conductor. to these meetings.

Lawrence. - Sunday, Oct. 28th, Mrs. Julia E. Davis of Cambridge spoke successfully to large audiences. She is a medium of fine abilities.

Dr. P. C. Drisko of Lynn will be with us Sunday, Nov. 4th. DR. C. A. STEVENS. Nov. 4th.

Fitchburg .- Mr. Joseph D. Stiles of Weymouth, Mass., spoke afternoon and evening; his tests were convincing of spirit power.

Next Sunday Mrs. Carrie F. Loring of East Brain tree will be with us. E. O. P., See'y.

Worcester .- Miss Abbie A. Judson closed a very successful month's engagement with our society Oct.

28th. Bpeaker for Nov. 4th; Dr. Geo. A. Fuller Breaker for Nov. 460, Dr. Geo. A. Fuller. The Woman's Auxiliary meets with Mrs. M. K. Howe, 163 Ohandler street, Friday P. M., Nov. 2d. & Rich. Price 60 cents.

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# MRS. B. F. SMITH.

Report of Séance held October 12th, 1894.

Spirit Invocation. Thou Infinite Father of love and wisdom, we would come unto thee at this hour invoking thy presence and blessing We ask that thou will send thy ministering angels unto the children of eacth who need thy aid. We thank thee, oh! Father, for life; we thank thee for the trials and sorrows thou hast sent unto us, as well as for our many blessings. When one of the loved ones of a household is removed from the material plane, teach thy mortal children that the sepa ration is but for a short time, and that in spirit the trans lated one is still near them, aiding them, sympathizing with them in their joys and sorrows, and seeking to bring about them an atmosphere of peace and harmony.

Teach us, oh! our Father, to realize more the purpose of existence here on earth. May we see in each event of our lives the means to higher advancement in spirit. May each sorrow be accepted in such a spirit that its effects shall be to soften and mellow our natures, until we shall be indeed fitted to become denizeus of the higher life ere the sum mons comes for us to pass to the bright and beautiful Sum mer-Land.

We ask that thy divine blessing may rest not only upon each one here to-day, but upon all humanity now and ever-JOHN PIERPONT.

# INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES.

John Pierpont.

As Spirit-President I desire to make a few remarks on the present occasion before opening the Circle, for the benefit of those spirits who have gathered here to send personal messages to their loved ones on earth.

Our beloved brother and late co-worker on to-day. William White, William Berry, Prof.

but it was only the rudiments that I had grasped, as I found on entering the higher life. When conversing in regard to spirit-return on earth, I was proud to say I knew whereof I spoke; and I assert now that what I gained while here aided me a great deal when I crossed the river of death-so termed.

I opened my eyes upon the glories of heaven while sinking back into the arms of some one whom I did not know, until the vision became brighter and I saw it was my own daughter. The cord was soon snapped asunder that held me in the material form; but I cannot say, dear children, that I felt sad only for you, as the hot tears coursed down your cheeks. "We cannot have you go, father," were the thoughts that I received from your spirits, and I tried to answer, but no sound came from my lips.

Isa, my darling, you are doing all in your power with the many precious talents given you. Go on, remembering that you are never alone. I would not single out one, but to you all I would bring a father's blessing, and say that I am happy, and that I am fulfilling the mission given me to aid mortals.

I am pleased to receive a kind invitation to speak here to-day from your good Spirit-President, Mr. Pierpont. Dear faithful soul! he has stood by through all trials and changes.

[To the Chairman:] Your lately translated editor is present with you to-day, and as he takes his seat he casts a glance over the spirit assembly of which he is a part on this occasion.

My dear children, one and all, when you are summoned to cross the river of death we shall be ready to meet you on that blissful shore

where partings and good bys are unknown. I am satisfied that I passed on as I did-that the Angel of Life came to me quietly and said, 'All is ready; come to thy spirit home." Milo Porter is my name. I lived in Lom-

bard, Ill.

## **Carrie Louisa Tower.**

[To the Chairman:] Please, sir, the Spirit-President said I might speak.

You didn't know me, did you? [I don't know until you tell me your name.]

I lived in Brooklyn, N. Y. I was nine years old when I went to the Summer-Land, and the loveliest lady came for me. My papa and mamma did n't know when I went away that that lady came for me, and they do n't know I can come here and speak. Is n't that very strange?

I was nine when I went away, but I'm older now. Grandma Tower says she thinks I'm twelve or thirteen.

I go to school, and I enjoy it very much. My teachers are very kind, and teach me spiritual truths now. We have books, just the same as we had here, and we have houses in which we live. I'm taking lessons in music and painting from Miss Lutie Blair-she's a lovely lady; and I'm taking music of Mr. Forsyth-he was a professor of music in New York.

Ethel Grant comes with me, and one of my teachers, Miss Annie Thompson, but they 'r only here to listen.

My name is Caroline, but mamma called me Carrie. My whole name is Caroline Louisa Tower.

Spirit Messages. The following messages from individual spirits have been received (according to dates) at THE BANNER Circles, through the mediumship of MRS. B. F. SMITH; they will appear in due order on our sixth page:

appear in due order on our sixth page: Oct. 12 (Continued).-Leander Holmes; Lewis B. Wilson; Charles C. Ducley; San Binali, Marion Haynes. Oct. 19.-Horace M. Richards; John Smith; Bertha Mar-garetta Petorsen; Jeremiah Hall; Walter S. Phillips; Eliza-beth Dawson; Henry W. Passaworth; Charlotte Taber; Richard Dubuols; Harriet E. Parkhurst; Dr. Charles B. Shute. Shute. Oct. 26.—Hannah Finch; Daniel S. Shaw; Josephine Saw. yer: Samuel A. Cole; William White; Hannah E. Burke; Benson Sewall; Mrs. John M. Wilson.

# Verifications of Spirit Messages.

In THE BANNER of Sept. 29th, 1894, is a communication from JAMES MASON of this place. the material side is present with us in spirit It is very like him, and as he used to talk. A part of the message is almost identical in words

# ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

# GIVEN THROTOH THE MEDIUMBHIP OF

# W.J.COLVILLE.

# QUES.-[By W. D. Wood, Danielsonville, Ct ] Does vaccination prevent, in any degree, smallpox? What is the effect of vaccination on the human system? Do statistics speak in favor or against the practice? From a medical standpolut, what is the strongest ar-gument against it? Please treat these questions at length if possible.

ANS.-We would gladly treat this subject at length in the columns of THE BANNER, did we not know that Dr. Alexander Wilder of New Jersey has said almost everything in its pages that we could bring forward to refute the monstrous claim that compulsory vaccination is legitimate, and no infringement upon the rights of American citizens.

Vaccination presupposes that the diseased matter taken from a beast is a protection against a disease (smallpox) which could be effectually stamped out in a very few years through the agency of rational sanitation. Smallpox is a needless epidemic, and is a direct result of uncleanliness.

The strongest argument against compulsory vaccination is, that if unvaccinated people are a danger to the vaccinated, vaccination is a selfconfessed imposture. If vaccinated people are safe, then the unvaccinated cannot contaminate them.

As to the effects of the vaccine virus in the system, it either corrupts the blood and vitiates the entire frame of a delicate, susceptible child or adult, or, in the case of a singularly robust, healthy person, its action is counteracted by constitutional vitality, so that it is rendered both innocuous and useless. Healthy people do not usually "take" the disgusting lymph until they have submitted to repeated attempts to vitiate them. The Anti Vaccination Society in England, presided over by William Tebb, has published an immense array of unimpeachable evidence to its detrimental effects upon the community. Many eminent German physicians have shown how vaccination induces diphtheria as well as syphilis, and many other painful disorders in families which heretofore were strangers to them. We consider it necessary to collect statistics in every neighborhood of cases where diseases and even death of children can be traced directly to vaccination, and then make it impossible that a compulsory vaccination act can hold its own a day longer in a self-respecting, liberty-loving community. Medically, small-

gienic processes. Q.- [By J. F. B., Alameda, Cal.] If the alleged mir-acies of the Yogi and Mahatmas of India are facts, can the theory that the universe is governed by law, and therefore a miracle is impossible, be true?

pox can be successfully treated by simple hy-

hibitions of an occult power triumphing over all usual material things, to a degree which would appear incredible were it not for the marvels of the laboratory and the amazing pro gress made every year by experimental electri claus in the very strongholds of physicism.

The law of the universe is absolutely change less in essence and in mode of operation. The relation between cause and effect is absolutely immovable. These are uncontested and we think incontestable postulates of the orient al philosophies. Orientalism denies the possibility of setting inexorable law aside, and it is in the Orient that these astounding miracles are most frequently produced. What is the palpable inference? Adepts and their disciples know more of the law than most people do, and they use their knowledge.

Q.-[By S.W., Bradford, Pa.] Will you kindly express your opinion of the following statement in "The Soul," page 67, by Mrs. Richmond, in reference to the rela-tive degree of progress possible in the spiritual state following the earthly life." The one, however, who has made no conquest of temptation while is the earthly state, where temptation really exists, cannot win that victory in the spiritual state. So one who passes into the spiritual state of existence, passes only to the spiritual state of existence, passes only to the spiritual state of existence, passes only to the spiritual state of existence renova-tion." May I ask that all the implications in this paragraph be explicitly stated, because lecturers on Spiritualism generally teach that whatever man has failed to acquire on earth, he can just as well acquire in the hereafter. A.-We accept the 'quotation as it stands as

A .- We accept the 'quotation as it stands as a perfectly truthful, reasonable and lucid one. What explanation does it require, seeing that it sneaks for itself?

Our answers to previous questions are in no way at variance with the excerpt from that book. We teach that every soul begins a certain round of expression with an earthly nativity; that this expression continues in spiritlife, and though moral renovation, radically speaking, does not take place in the spiritworld, but only through an experience to be gained in a future embodiment, all the effects said to proceed from spiritual causes are genuine effects, and the reformatory processes which are really conducted in spirit-life-as all Spiritualist lecturers and mediums teachare perfectly in accord with the law of moral expansion and expression.

The purpose of will is not changed, but the will is appealed to and made manifest through spiritual overtures.

feet, stands lik e a Orthodox Christianity, and even Swedenborgianism, has taught that those who are in the hells from choice will remain there forever. Theosophy denies this, and declares that reclamation will be effected through another terrestrial embodiment. The annihilation of the finally impenitent is taught by many theologians who deny sempiternal torment, and though that view is far better than Calvinism, it is by no means correct.

Wrongs deliberately committed on earth to gratify greed or avarice cannot be atoned for on earth by whoever has been guilty of them. There is no vicarious alonement, there is no remission of penalty, but there is forgiveness of sin. Sins must be given up by the individuals themselves who have been the sinners. Mistakes must be rectified by those who have made them, as they are themselves brought again into the same surroundings and given the opportunity to wipe out the error where it was planted. No victories can be won by proxy, and noone can gain a crown by shifting a discipline or evading a lesson in the school in which it can be learned.

If any of you are satisfied with a state less glorious than one procurable through further effort, you will be permitted to remain as long as you please in the comparatively inglorious paradise which for the time contents you. All states which can be described in human lanheights beyond the highest any of us at present perceive or desire. As the idea of simple rest in the hereafter appears singularly at-

# Old Boston in England.

[By the Cathedral Route through the Tennyson and Dickens Country and the English Homes-Old Boston and "Boston Stump."]

T does not seem, at this late day, that anything new could be written regarding England and its attractions. And yet the American tourist will now find that one of the most interesting districts has recently been opened. Until lately the journey from Liverpool to London was by one of two routes. There is now another, which is the more fascinating of three. It traverses East Anglia, that old-world district which played its striking part in the making of England, and the making of America.

The route takes in four of the finest cathedrals-Lincoln, Norwich, Ely and Peterborough -and the University of Cambridge. It can truly be called "The Cathedral Route."

It includes Boston, in Lincolnshire, for which in 1630 Boston, in America, was named; Willoughby, the home of Captain John Smith, and the birthplace of many famous founders of Virginia and New England.

It includes Tennyson's country, his early home in Somersby, and specially does it include places immortalized by Dickens-Yarmouth, Peggoty's home; Blunderston, the birthplace of David Copperfield; Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds, where Pickwick and his friends, assisted by Sam Weller, made memorable history.

The American tourist, looking for rest and recreation, can pass several days, with much profit and pleasure, in this historic, cathedral district. It gives a pleasant introductory taste of "old" England, on the way to busier scenes; it forms a last pleasant memory to bring away, and, best of all, it is inexpensive in every particular.

Through the kindness of Percy Lindley, of 379 Broadway, New York, we are permitted to present illustrations of some of the principal points of interest. First, and dear to many a heart, is Boston, with its vast church, the third largest parish in the whole of England, St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, and another being slightly larger.

can be seen for miles across the fen-lands. There is a sense of architectural proportion in the great length of the nave and the height of the tower. The church does not look old. The lines of the stone-work are almost as clean-cut at the present time as if they had only left the mason's yard a short time ago. St. Botolph's, as the cathedral is known, is an al most pure exam-

The enormous

ower, over 300



Its foundations were laid in 1309, but it was not finished till early in the sixteenth century.

The interior strikes the visitors because of its soaring lines and lightness. Entering by guage are of course relative. There are always the south porch, and bearing toward the porch, one sees a copy of Rubens's "Descent from the Cross."

The large perpendicular west window is third tractive to many, that ideal can easily be at- in size in the kingdom. A notable feature is tained negatively; but such higher states as the carved stone vaulting of the tower, open represent conquests won, and are rewards of to the belfry stage, a height of 160 feet. The pulpit, the actual one used by Dr. Cotton, dates from 1620.



Kiddle, Dr. Gardner and many other old workers in the Spiritual Cause are also assembled here to give our newly arisen brother strength, and when he gains sufficent power he will speak for himself. He desires me to say for him this morning that he is perfectly satisfied with all the arrangements, and that his wishes were carried out to the letter.

Shed not a tear, for your brother is still with you, and will still use his influence for the upbuilding of the Cause he loves so well. It is his wish that these meetings be continued, and he promises that spiritual forces shall be brought to bear here that shall cause you mortals to realize more of his spirit-presence from day to day.

Brother Colby sends his warmest regards to Brother Rich, Brother Day, and all connected with this establishment, as well as to all friends everywhere who have so kindly remembered him. John Pierpont.

## Moses Aldridge.

Good morning, Mr. Chairman. [Good morning.] I esteem it a great privilege to be permitted to speak for myself here to-day, if only for a moment.

I well remember when in the form of many conversations I held in regard to spirits, Spiritualism and mediums. I could not understand why spirits needed a medium. I understand now that we must have wires to send our messages' over, as much as you must have wires over which to send a telegram from here to New York. You would not for a moment think you were going to send it with a thought. Some mediums have been given one talent, and some another; some have the gift of healing, others of seeing and hearing, and others still have the gift of prophecy. Let each accept what the Father has bestowed, making the most of his talents, and believing that God doeth all things well.

In St. Albans, Vt., I was well known. I can not say that Spiritualism was really my belief, and I cannot say what my belief was. I hoped that after the upeven journey of life we should be conscious beings, living in heaven, for surely no one wishes to be in an unhappy state after death.

When I did pass on I found the heaven my life built-my life furnished, the mansion that was given me by my Father. I found spiritlife a great school, in which we are taught by those in advance of us.

It is a pleasant thought to mortals, but it is a knowledge with us that we meet again where sickness is unknown, and where inharmony finds no' foothold. Then who of us would ask to return to earth to stay? Not one.

My name is Moses Aldridge.

# Milo Porter.

I think I must differ a little with the gentle man in regard to having had a previous knowledge of spirit communion. I thought I knew a great deal in regard to the subject while here; a brown or black. Hence its great popularity.

with a conversation he had with me one of the last times that I remember talking with him on the street here.

Mr. Mason was an old Spiritualist, and had Mr. mason was an out opprivation, and had been a subscriber to THE BANNER for many years. I am glad Bro. Mason has returned to your Circle Room, and hope he will call again. It seems strange to me that more people who call themselves Spiritualists do not take THE BANNER. D. C. WILSON. Farmington, Ill., Oct. 15th, 1894.

I recognize the message which appeared in THE BANNER of Aug. 25th, of REV. LYSAN DER FAY. I was well acquainted with him. When in earth-life he was a Baptist elder in Athol, and was very sincere in his belief. He was liked by all. F. G. HOLDEN. Tully, Mass., Oct. 13th, 1894.

I noticed among the spirit messages of June 22d a communication from CAPT. RICHARD FREEMAN. I knew him well, as did many about here. He was, as he says, always called Captain. He was very successful as a sailing master in the fishing interest, and was one of the old landmarks of this place. Wellfteet, Mass. Mrs. M. S. BROWN.

## IPSWICH.

In Ipswich nights are cool and fair, And the voice that comes from the yonder sea Sings to the quaint old mansions there Of "the time, the time that used to be"; And the quaint old mansions rock and groan, And they seem to say in an undertone, With half a sigh and with half a moan: "It was, but it never again will be."

In Ipswich witches weave at night . Their magic spells with impish glee; They shrick and laugh in their demon flight From the old Main House to the frightened sea. And ghosts of old come out to weep Over the town that is fast asleep; And they sob and they wall, as on they oreep; "It was, but it never again will be."

In Ipswich riseth Heart-Break Hill Over against the calling sea; And through the nights so deep and chill Watcheth a maiden constantly— Watcheth alone, nor seems to hear Over the roar of the waves anear The plitful cry of a far-off year; "It was, but it never again will be."

In Ipswich once a witch I knew— An artless Baxon witch was abe; By that flaxen hair and those eyes of blue, Sweet was the spell she cast on me. Alasi but the years have wrought me ill, And the heart that is old and battered and chill, Beeketh again on Heart-Break Hill What was, but never again can be.

The chost is our need again can be. Dear Anna, I would not conjure down The chost that cometh to solace me; I love to think of old Ipswich town; Where somewhat better than friends were we; For with every thought of the dear old place Cometh again the tender grace Of a Saxon witch's pretty face, As it was, and is, and ever shall be. —Eugene Field

Vivisection is not a question which is to be settled by the *ipse dixit* of scientists—it is essentially one of moral principle and religious obligation; and even if scientific men were unanimous, which they certainly are not, the last word would not have been said on the subject.—Newison Loratine.

-Rugene Field.

when at home, and is uniformly successful in coloring

A.-We do not see that the reality of any miracle calls in question the immutable character of universal law, because our theory of miracles is that they are performed in harmony with immutable law and are direct results of its operation.

There are two ridiculous theories of miracles still in vogue among the unenlightened with regard to psychic science. The ancient orthodox supernatural theory is repugnant to science, and will certainly find no place in the radical spiritual religion of the twentieth century. That theory presupposes that man's past and present limited knowledge of natural law embraces perfect information concerning it, therefore whatever takes place of a character to discredit this supposed knowledge must be due to intervention of an extra cosmic energy which sets aside the law.' When this theory is pushed to its logical finality, it means that God, who was the author of nature's law, in the begin--ning, so constructed nature that its machinery needed stopping or altering whenever its author wished to do some great deed or manifest his majesty. The materialistic assertion that miracles are impossible is, when pushed to its logical limit, even more absurd than the supernatural idea, because the Materialist (not the Agnostic) flies in the face of any amount of evidential testimony and declares that hallucination on the part of the witness is the only explanation of the supposed miracle.

It was very easy indeed for orthodox religionists to controvert Strauss's "Leben Jesu," and also Rénan's romantic concept of a non-miraoulous Christ; equally easy is it still for the orthodox defenders of miracles to controvert Hume and Mrs. Humphrey Ward, who is frequently Hume's echo. Paine's "Age of Reason," and the satirical thrusts of Voltaire, are by no means difficult to answer in so far as they are attacks upon the so-called supernatural. The Psychical Research Society is demolishing the old skepticism in quarters where it long found its greatest entrenchment; but today the supernatural theory, if defended at all, must meet and refute the arguments of the new naturalism and radicalism, which are frequently a decided Spiritualism. Theosophists, Mental Scientists and other increasing bodies of unorthodox intellectualists are united on one position, and that is the position of the great bulk of avowed Spiritualists.

So-called miracles are only such in the true sense of the word, according to its original derivation. A miracle excites astonishment, not because a law is repealed in its production, but because the action of law in its production is beyond the observation and comprehension

We see no reason whatever for questioning the intelligence and veracity of those numer-Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers can be applied ous European and American travelers in India who have declared most solemnly and with the utmost unanimity that they have witnessed ex.

noble work accomplished, are not thus passively gained. Outward experiences are not in all cases identical, but they must be equivalent in all cases where equal results are reached. Every one need not be a dressmaker or a car conductor, but every one must be tried and tempted at every point before receiving the crown of attainment which cannot be appreciated until it is fully earned.

## New Publications.

OUR JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD. By Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D., President of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, with Glimpses of Life in Far-Off Lands, as Seen Through a Woman's Eyes. By Mrs. Harriet E. Clark. Cloth, pp. 641. Hartford, Conn.: A. D. Worthington & Co. With such authors as Dr. Clark and his estimable

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The book is not a journal to extol the writers, and thus make it egotistical and wearisome; but it is one of common sense, interest, instruction and authentic-ity. It talks plainly, clearly, tersely. While the story is recited continuously, it is not told in a way to tire the reader, and though members of Christian Endeavor Societies will be especially drawn to the work because their President and his family are personally connected, yet the ordinary individual will read it to great profit and pleasure.

I AM WELL. The Modern Practice of Natu-ral Suggestion, as Distinct from Hypnotic or Unnatural Influence. By O. W. Post. Cloth, pp. 148. Boston: Lee & Shepard.

This is a treatise on the system of mental healing, Vitality and strength are shown to be instantaneous results of the process of mental healing, when man discovers his true connection with eternal energy, and that knowledge brings with it a portion of the power of the supreme.

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This market place bears the peaceful air of most English towns. On ordinary days it is empty, save for a stray wagon or a farmer's 'trap," and the small knot of men in white jackets, who stand near the foot of the bridge, with their hands in their pockets and pipes in their mouths. In days gone by, when the big cargoes of corn were to be loaded, owners of vessels came there to look for extra hands, and always found them.

On Wednesday and Saturday it is market-day. All the rest of the week people take life more or less quietly; but on Wednesday they rouse themselves, put on their Sunday best and prepare for "business." The great open space is covered with stalls; all is noise and bustle. There are shouts from drovers, cries of the sellers of every imaginable article-from boots to wares; there is the babel of the butter market, where the farmers' wives sit, all in their Sunday clothes, with clean baskets of butter, eggs and fowls in front of them. And all of this is 'under the droppings of the sanctuary."

Of Boston town, it can be said that it had its day before the New World was discovered, and before the Liverpools and Birminghams began to make a noise. It once did a thriving trade with Germany and Flanders, and stood third in the list of English ports, earning for itself the title of capital of the Fens. In King John's time Boston was sending its ships to German, French and Spanish ports, bringing back the good things of those countries, and its streets. were crowded with merchants and traders from all parts of England.

Boston of to-day is an odd compound of the ancient and modern. Old warehouses of foreign merchants, timber-built, with overhanging upper stories and quaint-carved beams, face new granaries on the way down to the new docks. In and around the tortuous street leading to these docks from the east end of the parish church, one meets with the old Boston that remains.

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# Spiritual Phenomena.

Materialization and Spirit-Photogra-

phy. To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Two of the best seances I have over attended were enjoyed by good audiences at No. 121 West Concord street, Boston, Sunday, Oct. 14th, both afternoon and evening-they being the first given by Mrs. Bliss, the well-known materiallzing medium, since her return from Onset.

From the time she entered the cabinet-2:30 P. M.-until past four o'clock, there was almost a constant appearance of strong and perfect forms. In nearly every instance these forms announced their names, and in some cases called on friends by name from the circle. I have never before seen a cabinét spirit take such especial pains to convince the skeptical as "Billy" did at the afternoon scance.

A friend of mine, who had attended but one scance before, and was not guite satisfied with the results, was called to the cabinet several times, and once inside of it, and there saw, handled and talked with "Billy," one of the cabinet spirits. Later "Billy" again called him to the front of the cabinet, stepped out in full form, and took my friend's hand and said: "You see, I passed to spirit-life when I was fifteen years old, therefore I was just the height you now see me; but I have grown since I came here"; and he immediately commenced to increase in stature until he was somewhat taller than my friend-who must be fully five feet ten or eleven inches. The instant he reached that altitude he rapidly dematerialized, but kept the upright position until his form disappeared. This was in full view of the whole circle. My friend is now positive that he needs no more proof of the genuineness of materialization.

In the evening a request came from one of the guides for several to gather in front of the cabinet, when our editor friend, LUTHER COL ny, appeared as naturally as in mortal life; he greeted his friends cordially, and remained fully one minute in sight, then disappeared. Dr. Tallman (who was much better acquainted with him than 1) said that he was perfectly natural in form.

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I desire in this connection to say a few words concerning spirit-photography. Mr. R. L. Green is Mrs. Bliss's manager, and also a spirit-photographer; a more genial person it will be hard to find; he always manages to make every one feel perfectly at home.

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First Spiritual Temple, Corner Excter and Newbury Streets.-At the Wednesday evening meeting. Oct. 24th, Mrs. Heberton and Madam See were the principal attractions, after the opening remarks by the Chairman, and some quite striking and unique phenomena were presented.

 $\square$  Mrs. Heberton is a remarkably facile instrument, and her guides present a variety of characteristics in vivid contrast, illustrating distinctions of condition

vivid contrast, illustrating distinctions of condition and individuality as striking as we have them in this world. She passes from one condition to another almost instantly, and her voice, gestures, looks and actions are all suddenly changed, making a good case for the study of mediumship. Madam See spoke of the love and harmony prevail-ing in the sphere of the Temple, and urged the culti-vation of such feelings, to the exclusion of selfish am-bition, jealousy and discord. She gave psychometric readings from articles laid upon the table, by some eight or ten different persons, male and female, and from the responses it appeared they were quite accu-rate and true to nature, and satisfactory to the sub-lects.

cers. These Wednesday evening meetings, as also the unday meetings, are free to the public, and all are

Summy meetings, are needed some exquisite music on invited. Prof. G. H. Ryder rendered some exquisite music on the plano, to the delight of all. The Sunday morning meetings kept up a lively in-terest, with a variety of talent and mediumship. At 2:45 r. M. a fine audience greeted the speaker, and a choice combination of flowers adorned the stand-a visible sermon from nature's own text-book. Prof. G. H. Ryder rendered excellent music on the organ and Miss Hattle M. Dodge sang "The Home Over There" with inspiring effect. Miss Dasa Har-mon played the mandolin with exquisite taste and ar-tistle skill. The musical combinations were a rare treat, evidently enjoyed by the audience. Lyman C. Howe spoke, under a strong influence, on the ruts and grooves of life, and the force of habit in molding character.

the ruts and grooves of life, and the force of habit in molding character. Some of the points made were that nature is an in-finite text-book, and her methods reach through all human and spiritual development. Thoughts make grooves, and play in them; habits repeat, yet always vary. The movements of all forces are toward a high-er expression. In spite of the obstacles bearing against her ascent, there is an eternal push toward higher conditions. She varies at every repetition, and the totality of variations leads toward better types. She practices and repeats, and her improvements may elude our observation through many trials, but when a point is fully made, it is evident that it is the result of the combined achievement of all the trials, which to our blinded core segment fully ease

world, has ever extended the injunction to be true to the work, to be faithful to the spirit-world and to dare to speak the truth.
Mfs. Banks was congratulated after the lecture by friends, who expressed themselves as being well pleased with the work that she is doing.
The exercises in the evening opened with a sole by Mrs. Thompson, after which, Mrs. M. T. Longley gave an invocation.
Following another song by Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Clara H. Banks took for her subject. "The Moral Influence of Spiritualism—Spiritualism as a Moral Fractor." She surpassed herself in treating the subject. It was a fitting lecture to close the first and very successful onzagement.
Mrs. Thompson concluded with a song.
The management have been so well pleased that they have engaged Mrs. Banks with Mrs. May S. Pepper to occupy their rostrum jointly during the month of October, 1805.
On Sunday next, morning and evening. Mr. J. Clegg Wright will occupy this platform. J. B. HATCH, JR.
The Helping Hand Society held its regular weekly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 24th, at 3 Boylston Place,

meeting Wednesday, Oct. 24th, at 3 Boylston Place, Mrs. Pratt, President, in chair.

Mrs. Pratt, President, in chair. In the evening the society tendered a reception to Mrs. Clara H. Hanks. A large number were present. The exercises opened with singing by Mrs. Barker; remarks by Mrs. Waterhouse, Mr. Hanks, Mr. Ed-wards, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Tuttle and Mrs. Stiles, fol-lowed by brief and instructive remarks by Mrs. Banks. The exercises closed by singing "Shall We Gather at the River?" Mrs. Lovering, planist. N. M. BEMIS, See'y.

Bathbone Hall, 694 Washington Street Corner Kneeland.—Thursday, Oct. 25th, 2:45 P. M. N. P. Smith, Chairman, remarks and readings; Mrs. Mary F. Lovering, musical selections; Mrs. Florence Sullivan, tests; Mr. C. W. Quimby, Mr. Geo. B. Em-erson, Mr. Geo. V. Cordingly, psychometric readings; Mrs. Eva Hill of New York, solos.

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Commercial Hall.-Sunday, Oct. 28th, 11 A. M., E. A. Blackden, N. P. Smith, Mrs. A. Woodbury, Miss Georgie C. Reynolds of New York, tests.
2:30 P. M., N. P. Smith, remarks and readings; "Little Eddie," recitation and song; Mrs. Florence Sullivan, tests; Mr. Geo. B. Emerson, Mrs. A. Woodbury, readings. 7:30 P. M., Mr. A. Pierce, tests; Mrs. Florence Sullivan, tests; "Little Eddie," song; Prof. Mundy presided at the plano; Mr. C. W. Quimby, Mrs. C. H. Clark, N. P. Smith, Chairman, readings. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale Thursday and Sunday. N. P. S.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum held its regular session in Dwight Hall Sunday, Oct. 28th. The usual order of exercises was carried out, after which the following members furnished a pleasing enter-tainment: Recitations, Willie Sheldon, Etbel Foster, Florence Sylvester, Mattie Milligan, Justine Mc-Nauchton; plano solos, Helen Higgins and Mr. Walt-ter Hayes; remarks by Miss Cora Pratt, Mr. Walt, Mr. Austin, and Mrs. Butler; readings by Miss Stella Churchili, Mr. Mark Abrams, Mr. Irving Pratt; whistling solo, "Hom-, Sweet Home," by Roste John-son; songs by Eddle Rauson and Mrs. Wells. Be prepared to come and see an evening's entertain-ment in Red Men's Hall 514 Tremont street, Tuesday evening, Nov. 13th. This is the second given by the young people for the benefit of the Lyceum. Come and help them out. E. L. PORTER, See'y. usual order of exercises was carried out, after which

Montgomery Hall, 735 Washington Street.-Sunday's meetings were well attended. Good tests

were given by all who took part. The addresses of were given by all who took part. The addresses of Dr. S. H. Neike were good, and much appreciated. Those who participated during the day were: Mrs. J. A. Woods, Bro. Haynes, Mr. George B. Emerson. Mr. E. J. Bowtell, Mr. C. W. Quimby, Mrs. C. W. Kuox, Mrs. A. M. Ott, Mrs. C. H. Clark, Mrs. G. M. Hughes of Waltham. The musical program was exceptionally flue. We had the great pleasure of listening to one of Boston's funest violin tri-s: Prof. Arthur Poole, lead er, member of the celebrated Mendelssohn Quintet; Profs. Harold Humphrey and Henry Hawksworht; Miss Sadle B. Lamb's sang, with violin obligato by Prof. Poole. "Little Eddie" also sang well. Messrs. Charles Le Rose and Gus Lindley gave a dramatic se-lection.

ection. On Sunday next the same violin artists will be present The BANNER OF LIGHT for sale; also at Dr. Nelke's

office, 32 Milford street. JAMES HIGGINS.

Ragie Hall, 616 Washington Street.~ Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 24th, remarks, recognized tests and readings, Mrs. M. Knowles, Mrs. B. Robertson, Mrs. F. Stratton, Mr. E. J. Bowtell, Mr. E. H. Tuttle; mental questions answered by Mr. J. Mc-Lean.

Lean. Sunday, Oct. 28th, mediums present, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Branch. After-noon and evening sessions were largely attended. Remarks, readings and tests, Mrs. M. E. Pierce, Mrs. M. Knowles, Mrs. B. Robertson, Mrs. Dr. Bell, Dr. J. T. Coombs. Dr. C. E. Huot, Mr. G. B. Emerson; plano solos. Mr. H. C. Grimes; songs, Mrs. N. Carlton. Meeting Sundays, 11 A. M., 2:30, 7:30 P. M.; Wendes-day afternoons 2-45.

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sale each session. America Hall, 724 Washington Street.-

Our morning developing circle on Sunday, Oct. 28th, was the largest yet held. Many new mediums spoke

and gave communications for the first time. and gave communications for the first time. At the afternoon and evening sessions large au-diences greeted the following well-known speakers and mediums; Eben Cobb, Mrs. A. Waterhouse, Dr. David Brown, Miss A. Peabody, Mrs. A. Forresi-er, Mrs. G. M Hughes. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ander-son, Mrs E. Sha'iack, Mrs. A. Howe, Arthur McKen-na, Father Lock... Mrs. L. Smith, Dr. P. Drisco, Mrs. M. Lovering and Mrs. F. Stratton. Music was fur-nished by Mrs. Levering, Mrs. Sea fuels, Dr. Bean, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Begin and Mr George Cleveland. BANNER OF LIGHT on sale at each session.

Kimball sang a solo, and remarks and tests were given by Miss Ruma Johns. The President, Mrs. Wilkin-son, road a poem, and Mrs. Butler gave romarks and tests in an earnest and feeling manner. Mrs. Butter-man and Miss Reynolds gave also some excellent tests while in a complete trance. Dr. Banders made closing remarks. The evening services were opened as usual by Borip-ture reading and prayer, followed by a chant by Mrs. Kimball and Mr. Plummer. Mrs. Morris sang a solo which was enthuislastically snoored. Mrs. Clara Choato save an impromptu address full of spiritual thought. Then followed a duel and encore by Mr. Baldwin and Mrs. Morris. Mrs. Nutter and Miss Reynolds gave treats. Mrs. Motris sang. by request, "Tennyson's Brook." Mrs. Nott-Knight followed with a slate-writ-ing test.

ing test. Tuesday and Saturday afternoon meetings are grow-ing in interest. All are weldome. M.

The Ludies' Spiritualistic Industrial Society met as usual Thursday afternoon and evening, Oct. 25th. Business meeting at 4, supper at six. We had a good attendance at our first dance.

Nov. 1st, our usual meeting for tests and psycho-metric readings, with music, etc. All welcome. H. E. JONES, Serv.

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# **MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.**

Knickerbocker Hall, 44 West 14th Street.— The Ethical Spiritualists' Society meets each Sunday at 11 A. M. and 74 P.M. Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, speaker. New York Psychical Society, Spencer Hall, 114 West 14th street. Every Wednesday, 87. M. Soventh year. Prom-inent local and visiting speakers and mediums. Good mu-sic, live topics and stirring tests. J. F. Snipes, President, 26 Broadway.

26 Broadway, **The First Society of Spiritualists** holds its meet-ings in Oarnogie Music Hall Building, between 86th and 57th streets, on Seventh Avenue, entrance on 57th street, where the BANNER OF LIGHT can be had. Services Sundays, 104 A.M. and 74 F.M. Afternoon meetings for facts and phenomena at 24. Henry J. Newton, President.

The Ladies' Aid Society holds its meetings through the summer onces month-third Wednesday in the month-at Adelphi Hall, 52d and 7th Avenue. For information rela-tive to the work of the Society, address Mrs. Kate D. Knoz, (749 Columbus Avenue), Sec'y.

Soul Communion Meeting on Friday of each week. B. M. -doors close at 3% -at 330 West 53th street. Mrs. Mary C. Morrell, Conductor.

Beiritual Thought Society, 108 West 48d street. - Meetings Sunday evenings. J.W. Flotcher, regular speak-

Carnegle Hall .- First Society of Spiritualists, It was announced last Sunday that the present engagement with Prof. W. F. Peck would close with the last Sunday of the month, but during the past week word has come to us from Mr. Willard J. Hull, who was engaged for November, that it would be quite impossible for him to reach New York for the first Sun-

possible for him to reach New York for the first Sun-day of that month, and expressed some little doubt about even the second. Mr. Hull is laboring in the political field in Minnesota. He is a most earnest and faithful worker in whatever he engages in. We consider ourselves particularly fortunate in being able to retain Mr. Peck to fill this unexpected vacancy. He is a very forceful speaker, and possesses the happy faculty of making his listeners fully com-prehend the thoughts to which he gives utterance. His morning discourse upon "The Evolution of Re-ligion" was a most instructive one. The speaker took the ground that the religious sentiment is inborn in man, and that it is subject to the same laws of growth and development as are all other sentiments and faculties. The alternoon meeting was particularly interest-

and development as are all other sentiments and faculties. The atternoon meeting was particularly interest-ing. After excellent display of test mediumship by Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Bartlett and J. Harlow Davis, and a stirring speech by Mr. W. F. Peck, a Baptist clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Page of Troy, N. Y., in an eloquent speech announced his conver-sion to Spiritualism, and gave a graphic desoription of his investigations and conclusions. Mr. Page cap-tured the large audience completely by his brave and honest admission, and was cheered long and loudly. It is hoped and expected that he will soon be in the harness, working for the new light which has come to him. He is an eloquent and intellectual young man, and will be a credit to our Cause. The evening meeting was attended by a remarkable audience, both in number and the character of the people who composed it. The subject of the lecture was, "The Greatest Thing in the World," a review from a spiritualisio-standpoint of Prof. Drummond's celebrated essay upon that subject.

Celebrated essay upon that subject. Oulte a number of notable people were in attend-ance, among them being an Ex-Confederate General, a member of Congress, and one or two Universalist ministers. This has been a most encouraging day for the Cause of Spiritualism, M. A. N.

Spiritual Thought Society, 108 West 43d Street.-" The True Value of Mediumship " was the theme upon which a profound address was delivered theme upon which a profound address was delivered by Mr. Fletcher's guides on Sunday evening, before as distinguished an audience as has assembled in the interests of Spiritualism for many a day. For over an hour the speaker was followed with the clos-est attention; then a test séance was given. Mr. Fletcher passed along from one to another, and deliv-ered messages, advice and communications, many of which brought tears to the eyes of the recipients. Next Sunday "The Phenomena of Spiritualism" will be the subject, followed by the usual tests. FRED HAUSER, See'y. 108 West 43d street, New York.

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# MICHIGAN.

Kalamazoo .- Never, for many/ years, has Kalamazoo been so aroused in thought and discussion by the lectureship of any religious denomination or philosophical association as in the past week by a series of four lectures by J. Frank Baxter of Boston, given under the auspices of the Spiritualists here in the Unitarian Church.

The lectures were excellent and remarkably well

cated element of Kalamazoo which greeted Mr. Bax-ter. "Whatever he may be, whatever his belief may be, he showed conclusively the tendency of the best thought of our time to be in a line, if not into and on with Spiritualism. Mr. Baxter quoted tellingly the utterances of Episcopalian, Methodist, Congrega-tionalist. Bayitts, Presbyterian, Unitarian and Uni-versalist ministers in defense of and their belief in Spiritualism. His lecture was listened to with inter-est and attention. "Through his scance, too, he left a conviction of his sincerity and honesty, yet by some of his hearers it was deemed he might be deluded." The Kalamazoo Gazette also gave a report in which, after speaking of the full and intellectual house, it de-voted a column to a synopsia of the lecture. Speak-

after speaking of the tull and intellectual house. It de-voted a column to a synopsh of the lecture. Speak-ing of Mr. Baxter's mediumship it said: "Supplementing the lecture with an exquisite bit of song, Mr. Baxter cave a brief statement of his per-sonal condition, psychologically, during bis scance. Then followed a most interesting display of medium-letic powers. Deceased person after person was de-seribed so vividiy as to be recognized by some one in the audience. Name after name was mentioned of persons claimed as spirits and present, although Mr. Baxter said it was done at this time under unfavora-ble conditions."

Discontinos." The Evening Telegraph also gave attention and complimentary notice; aud, too, each day throughout the week the papers reported the growing audiences, the increasing interest, and gratuitously advised a

the week the papers reported the growing audiences, the increasing interest, and gratuitously advised a hearing. It was believed by many that because of the unpop-ularity of and frequent manifest prejudices against Spiritualism in the violality, to call Mr. Baxter would result only in failure; but, with Mr. Baxter in Chi-cago, now was the opportunity, and the Spiritualists determined upon the venture. And now it is to be reported that the "venture" has proved a sweeping success as to treasury, hearing, interest and promise. The Unitarian Church was used, the majority of its trustees deciding; but there was a small minority which opposed. But suffice it to say, never has occurred anything more productive of good for Spiritualists in this city than the services rendered by J. Frank Baxter, and as the Kalamazoo Gazette put it, notwithstanding the many seeming barriers and the attempt to disparage and deter, yet "the tendency in Kalamazoo has been evidenced by Mr. Baxter's large and representative audiences, and it must be admitted that Mr. Baxter has been a close student of spiritualistic phenomena." On Friday afternoon from two till five o'clock, in the spacious and elegant parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wagner, a reception was tendered by the lady Spirit-ualists of Kalamazoo. The rooms, beautifully deco-rated and fragrant with the perfumes of roses and cut flowers, darkened and then brilliantly lighted with electricity from chandellers and standard burners, and filled with a joyous company of ladies and gentie-me, were most inviting and enchanting. Conversa iton, mirthulbess and refreshments constituted the order. It was a happy occasion, and highly appreci-ated by Mr. Baxter. Where this genileman came almost a stranger, he was made to feel in leaving that hundreds were his friends Onsgenver.

# COLORADO.

Denver.-Dr. G. C. B. Ewell of Boston delivered his first lecture before the "Colorado State Spiritual Society" on Sunday, Oct. 21st, which was eloquent Society" on Sunday, Oct. 21st, which was eloquent and impressive. The subjects presented by the audi-ence were, "The Coming of God" and "The Medi-umship of Christ," which the guides of the Doctor handled in a masterly and satisfactory manner. The hall, although seating some three hundred, was not large enough to accommodate the large au-dience; hence the handsomest hall in the city, which will seat about six hundred, has been secured. We feel that the Joctor is just the one we need to awaken the Spiritualists of Denver from their apathy, and he will have the full support of the Society. There is some talk of settling him for the season as its pastor.

lts pastor. The subject of the evening's lecture was " Medium-

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ship." A stenographer has been engaged to report the lectures and poems, which will be placed on sale. ARAPHOK.

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ing School, Miss Bedford, the Superintendent of the New York Cooking School, Mrs. Ewing, the Principal of the Chautauqua School of Cookery.

# MAINE.

Portland .- At the First Spiritual Society Sunday, Oct. 14th, our platform was occupied in the evening by Rev. A. J. Weaver of Old Orchard, Me., who gave an able and instructive discourse on Spiritualism. Mr. Weaver is doing much work for the Cause in a quiet way among the churches; he will be with us

quiet way among the churches; he will be with us again soon. Sunday, Oct. 21st, one of our home mediums. Mrs. Mary B. Itedion, occupied the rostrum, speaking and giving tests in an acceptable manner. Mrs. Itedion is an excellent medium for private sittings, and the So-clety recommends her to all who may visit our city and desire private sittings. Oct. 22th Dr. George A. Fuller of Worcester, Mass., gave two able discourses, that of the alternoon being on "The New Birth." In the evening he was given the subject "Is Spiritualism a Success?" This, too, was an able effort. Friday evening, Oct. 20th, the Society gave one of its excellent bake bean suppers. There was a large attendance. After supper the young people enjoyed dancing and social intercourse. It netted the Society a goodly sum to beip along the meetings.

a goodly sum to help along the meetings. H. C. BERRY, Clerk.

Portland.-Sunday, Oct. 28th, afternoon and even-

ing, for the People's First Progressive Spiritual Society, Dr. C. H. Harding of Massachusetts delivered

two interesting lectures, followed by a number of

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tests. On Sunday, Nov. 4th, Dr. Harding and Dr. Good-rich will be in Augusta for the People's First Pro-gressive Spiritual Society. Dr. Harding's address for engagements is 0 Bosworth street. The BANNER of LIGHT for sale at these meetings, also subscriptions taken for that paper. DR. GOODRICH, President.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago .- Sunday, Oct. 21st, Mr. J. Frank Baxter began his series of meetings in this city, under the au spices of the First Spiritualist Society of the South-

The lectures were held in the great Auditorium Hall, 77 Thirty-First street, the same where the Nation-al Association of Spiritualists was organized, during the Columbian Exposition. Invitations extended for a reception for Mr. Baxter named Tuesday evening, Oct. 30th. WHITE WING.

The next meeting of the SPIRITUALISTS'

MEMORIAL BUILDING ASSOCIATION will be held at Marble Hall, 514 Tremont street, Bos-ton, Tuesday evening, Nov. 6tb, at 8 p. M. EMMA L. ADAMS, Sec'y.

. MEETINGS IN CHICAGO.

First Society of Spiritual Unit/OMOU. Fost Hall, 85 South Sangamon street, every Sunday at 10%, 2% and 7%. Lyceum at 1%. Mrs. Mary C. Lyman, perma-nent speaker. E. N. Pickering, President. First Society of Spiritualists meets at Washington Hall, Washington Boulevard, corner Ogden Avenne, every Sunday at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Speaker, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

MEETINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The First A sociation of Spiritualists (founded 1852) meets at First Association Hall, 8th and Callowhill streats, President, J. C. Steinmetz, Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader; Secretary, Frank II. Morrill. Services at 10% A. M and 1% P. M Lyceum at 2% P. M. Spiritual Conference Association meets at the northeast corner of 8th and Spring Garden streets every Sunday at 2% P. M. S. Wheeler, President, 472 N. 8th street.

MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

First Society, Metzerott Hall, 12th Street, he-tween E and F.-Every Sunday, 11% A.M., 7% P. M.

J. THAXTER, Chairman.

our biloded gaze seemed failures. Reversion to the original type in the shance of civ-ilizing environments, only proved that the ages of rep-etition in a given groove that had produced primitive individualities, were stronger than a few years of cir-cumstantial modification. Continue the improved en-vironments for as many ages as had repeated the habits of the original type, and there would be no re-version. But the habits of a few centuries against millions of years, could not establish the new order in such permanence as to perpetuale it under adverse conditions. Hence, withdraw the influences that in-duced the change, and the power of constitutional tendency asserts itself, and the results appear retro-gressive.

Mr. Howe then applied these suggestions of nature to the laws of heredity and spiritual culture. We make a hundred failures to one success; but each effort counts in the ultimate achievement, though it

make a hundred failures to one success; but each effort counts in the ultimate achievement, though it seemed a failure in temporal results. We may yield to temptation a hundred times while struggling to be truthful; but when the victory crowns all our faise-hoods with one trumphant truth, it is the result of all the struggles that, separately, seemed total fail-ures; and the truth, ouce attalued, has an immortal vitality and grows by its own divinity. Spiritualism touches these pivotal keys in human nature, and holds each advantage gained by a quick-ening power that nourishes moral virtues, and turns the search-light of heaven on the darkness where error grows, translating its nightmare dreams into visions of beauty, and making it a background to re-flect the transcendent glories of life and immortal-ity. Phenomena, in their simplicity, never lose value. The wisest philosophers may still profit by study-ing the "mystic rap." In its relatedness it has an infinite sphere of uses and applications. It holds mysteries, marvels, and revelations that no man hath explored. It echoes through the length and breadth of spiritual science. It taks to the quickened soul of love that thrills from heaven and quivers from heart to heart and sphere to sphere. The valley of shadows resounds with the music of which the rap is the keynote and the magic interpreter. It is the first letter of the spiritual alpha-bet, without which the language of immortality on earth could never be complete. The peroration of Mr. Howe presented the power and influence of love as the healing baim for every life and the life of all reform, followed by an improvised poem of some length on love and the science of life, and the life of all reform, followed by an improvised poem of some length on love and the science of life, and the life of all reform, followed by an improvised poem of some length on love and the science of life, and the life of all reform, followed by an improvised poem of some length on love and the science of life, and the lifte

Berkeley Hall-Boston Spiritual Temple.-Mrs. Clara H. Banks spoke to an audience that completely filled Berkeley Hall on Sunday morning. The exercises opened with a song by Mrs. Barker, accompanied on the plano by Mr. Lane.

After the invocation, Dr. H. B. Storer read a letter that had been handed him from a friend of Mrs.

that the block hadres that the second states with the second states and states that she had been strengthened in her work by the warm reception she had received. She feit that too much praise had been given her by the writer of the letter—praise which, if accepted, would be unjust to other workers who had done nobly in the same field of labor.

to other workers who had done nobly in the same field of labor. During the reading of the letter, and while Mrs. Banks was making a response, there were bursts of applause which expressed to the speaker that she had made many friends in Boston. The theme of the morning discourse embraced ideas upon the emancipating power of Spiritualism, which, by its penetrating influence, reaches into the very depths of human needs, and frees the soul from the bondage of theological errors, at the same time work-ing along lines of advancement for the human race, freeing it from the slavery of monopoly, injustice and oppreasion at the hands of autocrats in the fields of social, political and industrial life. Reference was made to the work of such noble re-formers of the past as Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Parker Pillsbury and others who in anti-clawery days hore the brunt of public scorn and criti-clem, and stood fast by the truth at all seasons, un-mindful of the word's frowns or favors. Mrs. Banks feit to return thanks for the encourage-ment, the influence and the power held out to her by her mother, who, while on earth, and now in the spirit-

First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society, 1031 Washington Street.-Business meeting was held

Friday, Oct. 26th, at 3 P. M., the President, Mrs. A. E.

Friday, Oct. 26th, at 3 P. M., the President, Mrs. A. E. Barnes, presiding. Applications for membership still continue to come in. Circle opened with an invocation by Mrs. Longley, followed with satisfactory tests by the following me-diums: Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Shackley, Mrs. Longley, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Filnt and Dr. Coombs. In the evening a social was held. Music was fur-nished by the Longley quartet; remarks, Mrs. Clara H. Banks; songs, "Little Eddie." A dance concluded the evening's entrationent. We are happy to say that every Friday we are able to give a small amount to some worthy person, and hope to be able to continue the work during the win ter upon a larger scale. CARRIE L. HATOH, See'y.

CARRIE L. HATCH, Seo'y. 74 Sydney street, Dorchester.

Elysian Hall, 820 Washington Street.- On Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week "Little Delight," "Wild Rose" and Mr. Lindsay participated.

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Sunday at 11 A. M. and 2:30 and 7:30 P. M., Dr.
Thayer, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Hatch, Mr. Lathrop,
Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Chandler-Bailey and "Little Delight"
Rave many fully recognized teats.
Meetings on Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 and 7:30
P. M.; Friday at 2:30 and Saturday at 7:30.
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The Home Bostrum (Sanders Hall, 21 Soley street, Charlestown), Dr. E. M. Sanders, President.-Oct. 23d and 25th there was a praise service at each

Oct. 23d and 25th there was a praise service at each session, also reading of selections. The following took part in the exercises: Mrs. Bray, Willie Butler, Dr. O. F. Stiles, Mrs. Nettie Holt-Harding, and Dr. Davis. Questions by the audience were answered by Mr. Shed; remarks and readings by the Chairman. Mrs. Cariton, plaulst. Oct. 25th the Chairman read a biblical selection. and made an invocation; questions by the audience were answered, after which the Chairman gave a large number of psychometric readings and direct tests. Wille Butler was plaulst. O. B.

Alphn Hall, No. 18 Essex Street.-Remarks, tests and readings at this hall were of the highest order. The mediums present were: Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. Maraton, Mr. Hardy, Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. C. A. Smith. Mr. Buchanan and Mr. J. Friedrick, guitar and zither duet, followed by Mrs. J. Friedrick, inspi-rational singing—also gave readines—Mrs. Brown presiding at the plano. Mrs. J. FRIEDRICK.

Garfield Hall (1125 Washington street, corner of Dover) .- Morning circle, Sunday, Oct. 28th, showed increasing interest and attendance. There were file meetings afternoon and evening, with able speaking and excellent tests by Dr. and Mrs. Stilles, Mrs. Dr. C. E. Bell, Mrs. A. P. Gutlerrez, Miss Knox, Dr. Sand-ers, Dr. Coombs, and Mrs. W. H. H. Burt. BANNER OF LIGHT for sale. MIRS. O. F. STILES, Conductor. 128 West Brookline street, Suite 1.

The Ladics' Lyceum Union meets at 514 Tremont street (Dwight Hall) every Wednesday. A circle is held at 3 o'clock; supper at 6.

The evening entertainment for Nov. 7th is a drama written by one of the young men of the society. Come and elicourage the young. L. WOOD, Seo'y.

Itollis Hall, 789 Washington Street .-- Sun day morning, harmonious circle. Large audiences attended the afternoon and evening meetings. After the usual service of song in the atternoon, and Soripture reading by Miss Vaughn, Mrs. Ricker made a prayer, and Dr. Frank Brown gave the opening address. Mrs.

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MEETINGS IN BROOKLYN.

The Progressive Spiritual Association, Amphion Theatro Building, Bedford Avenue, opposite South Tenth street. Meetings Sunday evenings, 7% o'clock. Good speak-srs and mediums. Mrr. M. Evans, President.

Spiritual Meetings are held in Mrs. Dr. Biake'spar lors, 1024 Bedford Avenue (near DeKalb Avenue), every Sunday evening \$1 8 o'clock.

The Advance Spiritual Conference meets every Saturday evening at 102 Court street. Good speakers and mediums always in attendance. Seast free, All welcome. Herbert L. Whitney, Chairman; Emily B. Ruggles, Sec'y. Woman's Progressive Ualon. - Business 'meeting' first and third Friday evenings in the month; social meet ings second and fourth Friday evenings, at 102 Court street Miss Irone Mason, Secretary.

The Woman's Progressive Union gave its first entertainment of the season on Thursday, Oct. 25th, for the benefit of one of its worthy members. The program was one of unusual excellence. Humor-ous recitations were given by Prof. Peck: Miss Etta Price, the accomplished daughter of the beneficiary, rendered several solos; Miss Fannie Morrison and Miss Matte Morrison gave recitations; the 2ther solos were delightful; Mr. Whitney, President of the Saturday Night Conferences, gave a pleasing recita-tion, Mr. Price following with a humorous reading. The ladles have made arrangements to secure Rob-ertson Hall Fridays during the winter season, when they will offer the very best of talent and speakers procurable, and entertain their friends and patrons once a month by giving a social. On Friday, Nov. 20, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins of Cali-fornia, and Prof Peck of New York, will occupy the rostrum; Jules Wallace on Nov. 5th, with a goodly number of other mediums to follow. E. F. K. 25th, for the benefit of one of its worthy members.

The Progressive Spiritualists' Association held its regular Sunday meeting at the Amphion The-atre Oct. 28th. Mrs. Evans, the President, opened the atre Oct. 28th. Mrs. Evans, the President, opened the meeting with an interesting discourse, followed with tests by Harlow Davis, the well-known platform me-dium. This medium has just closed a month's en-gagement with this society, with such marked success that he has been reengaged for the month of Decem-ber. His tests are positive enough to convince the most skeptical. Mrs. Oimstead, test medium, will occupy the ros-trum next Sunday evening. GEO. MACDONALD. [The above report was received too late to be given in full A letter from 'Salka' narthy covering the

in full. A letter from "Selka," partly covering the same ground, is crowded out for like reason,-ED.]



M. C. Edisol, Free. Second Society—"Progressive Spiritual Church"-meets every Sunday, 7% P. M., at the Temple, 428 G street N. W., opposite Penklow Office. Mrs J. D. Compton, Pre-



