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LITERARY.

LINES ON VIEWING A PICTURE IN A LADY'S ALBUM. BY BENJAMIN TODD.

As I gaze on thy pensive brow. On the light thine eyes revealing, Methinks I read the thoughts e'en now That o'er thy soul are stealing.

Some hand with strange and magic sway Has swept the chords of being o'er; They trill a wild and joyful lay-One to the heart unknown before.

Entranced thy soul doth listen now, As onward rolls the tide of song; A flush o'erspreads thy pensive brow, And fancies strange our thoughts do throng. O, what is that strange, wierd-like power

That even now thy bosom thrills, And filled thy life, in one short hour, WIth music sweet as tinkling rills? 'Tis Love that swept life's hidden spring,

Add bade thy spirit live anew; Divinely sweet the song it sings, As soft and pure as evening dew. Let Love, then, thy true talisman be,

And hold thee in its fond control; By it be bound, yet ever free-Thus sweetly Love doth rule the soul.

A SPIRIT'S THANKSGIVING.

O, Thou whose love is changeless,
Both now and evermore,
Source of all conscious being,
Thy goodness I adore! Lord, I would ever praise Thee For all Thy love can give, But most of all, O Father,

I live! O, ye who love me, Back through the shadowy valley I come to you again; Safe in the love that guides me, With fearless feet I tread;

O, say not I am dead! Not dead! O, no; but lifted Above all earthly strife. Now first I know the meaning The power to rise, uncumbered

By woe, or want, or care, From pure, celestial air; To feel that all the tempests Of human life are passed And that my ark in safety Rests on the mount at last :

To send my soul's great longings, And find them swift returning To soar in fearless freedom Through broad, blue, boundless skies, And catch the radiant gleaming

Of love-lit angel eyes; To feel the Father's presence Around me, near and far, Stretch onward, star by star. O. Thou whose love is changeless,

Both now and evermore. Source of all earthly being, Thy goodness I adore! Lord, I would ever praise Thee For all hy love can give, But most of all, O Father,

THE SOUL'S PROPHECY.

BY RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

All before us lies the way, Give the past unto the wind; All before us is the day, Night and darkness are behind Eden with its angels bold.

Love, and flowers, and coolest sea

Is less an ancient story told Than a glowing prophecy. In the spirit's perfect air,

nnocence from selfish care, The real Eden we shall find. When the soul to sin hath died. True, and beautiful, and sound

Then all earth is sanctified, Upsprings paradise around. From the spirit land afar All disturbing force shall flee;

Its immortal unity.

Are They Devils?

The following eloquent and truthful passage is taken from one of Moses Hull's speeches at Dover. N. H., in reply to Miles Grant's assertion that the spirits which return and communicate are devils:

"My brother says no spirits return except demons. Is this the way his God hears prayer? For fourteen years I stood side by side with Elder Grant, and every day of my life, from three to ten times a day, I fell upon my knees and prayed, 'O, God, give me the light.' My whole soul cried honestly and ear-'O, Lord, lead me by thy counsel.' I was, as I am now, willing to sacrifice anything in the world for truth. And is this the way He has heard the cry of one of his children?—sent Jesus to say, give him a stone? And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father in heaven give the holy spirit to or telescope may yet be revealed. There may be personal fiction of the imagination is algebraically them that ask Him'—and then has rewarded my a foundation for the demonology of our Christian | termed God. fourteen years of soul-crying with turning all hell ently asked for fish? Is this the God of Adventism? -one who has eaged all the angels up, and peopled the atmosphere with legions of demons, on purpose to deceive and lead His trusting children to hell! Worship such a God, ye who can. I cannot."

Passing Away.—The First Church in Chauncy street, Boston, will probably be used for the last time as a place of religious worship on the occasion of the annual celebration of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. On the same street Dr. Baron Stowe's church has been sold for business purposes, and Dr. Nehemiah Adams's church is in the market, while "Church Green," within a stone's throw, is being demolished by workmen.

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF MAGIC.

THE "BLACK ART."—(CONTINUED.)

That spirits could be influenced by "burnt-offerings and sacrifices," perfumeries and incenses, probably arose from the readily perceived effects that such things have upon men and animals: such as the odor of catmint, and that of marum, upon cats; the oder of cinnamon upon goats; and straw saturated with oil of cumin and of anise. which is used by the London rat-catchers to entice the rats from their holes. It was believed also, that, as the flesh of animals was food for man, so was the spirit of the animal slain in sacrifice used by the spirits as food; that a certain class of

son or discernment, and of intelligence, and only brought forward for particular purposes, although gifted with power in some measure greater than that which man possesses; yet they are forced to exercise their peculiar functions at his command, because he is endowed with reason and discernment, of which they are devoid, and which enable him to ascsetain and amalgamate the properties of

M. Salverte ingeniously paraphrases this quota-

"Let us suppose that we are attending a lecture on chemistry and natural philosophy. 'There exist,' the Professor may say, 'substances capable of producing results incapable of being effected by man, when assisted only by his natural faculties; such as eliciting sparks from ice, or the production of ice in a heated atmosphere substances displaying them operate without design and without discernment. Blind agents in themselves, they become miraculous instruments of power in the hands of the man who, by the deductions of science, possesses the secret of skillfully they be made five. applying their properties, and making them subservient to his purposes.'

such interpretations, there existed in their philosophy a firm faith in spiritual intelligences, who to perceive—the reason to count—produce all inhabited the elementary spheres. (For an account of the nature and character of those fear that the courage of the Atheist will fail him spirits, see articles on "Spiritualism," in Nos. as he encounters this test argument. "Shrink 33-36, Vol. I, of the BANNER.)

ing the origin and form and abode of the spirits. hang upon it, and all time and eternity—the life Some seers describe them as superhuman only in everlasting, and the lives dearer than life itself." their humanity; others as superhuman or in human in their monstrosity and malignity. (See articles "Physical Manifestations," in Nos. 9 and hopes blasted by the anti-vicarious-atonement 10, Vol. I, of the BANNER.)

the inhabitants of the "viewless air" as the only decendants of humanitys. In the elementary spheres of earth, water, air, and fire, their existed modern Spiritualists; for what reason I cannot | false security. And pray what has "the life well understand. They, at least a respectable number of them, will readily concede to animals | to do with a hypothetical Deity? a future existence, but ignore, without giving a reason, the possibility of their influencing sensitives and mediums. If we admit animals to the privileges of a future existence, why not also to mental improvement and progressive spirituality? Henry Ward Beecher's horses, from their heaven, may have the power to influence a medium to kick up his heels and feel good, horse fashion, as well as the red man of the forest."

But, further, the microscope reveals to us life in an almost infinite variety of forms in water—in our very blood-everywhere, in everything. Why not also in the spiritual elements? May there not exist beings as various there as in the terrestrial fellows, etc., of our fathers, may have been somewhich by something different from the microscope through the most reliable mediums.

festations?

superstition was the supposed power of magicians | quired solution. For then we must attempt the | the church steward doing at this meeting of to transform men into animals. That this was understood to be merely an illusion is illustrated by the common story of the juggler exhibiting a cock drawing a log of wood, which log of wood a man saw to be only a straw. He had the good fortune to have a four-leaved clover on his person, which, by its peculiar virtues, dispelled the glamor which had been thrown over the eyes of the spectators! The "wehr-wolf" idea made men fancy that they were transformed into wolves; and they acted accordingly—which is explainable on the hypothesis of the spirits of the lower animals having power to influence humanity. But the lower animals are recorded as having acted as mediums. Balaam's ass, of Scripture renown, is reported as having been an excellent speaking and clairvoyant medium. Popular superstition enspirits were benefited by the spirits of the men dows the dog, the horse, the pigeon, etc., with slain in battle, and that for this purpose wars were | peculiar mediumistic powers, by which deaths are instigated by them. They further believed that foretold by howlings, etc. Why not extend their in all things was a spirit conformable to the nature power beyond the grave? And, in the lower of the thing itself; and to their attempts to spheres of spirit life, may there not be forms extract the spirit of these various substances, we analogous to the tigers, wolves, snakes, and vulare indebted for the spirits of wine, spirit of lead, tures of the earth, and equally dangerous? Howand all alcoholic spirits, etc., which still retain the ever, this was the faith of the ancient Magi, who name given by those who discovered them, and prepared incense and sacrifices to appease the who really believed they were what their name incensed demons, and had rites and ceremonies by which their services were commanded. For, But, in the elementary world also, it was be- these spirits, like men, had their weaknesses and lieved that a class of spirits lived, of an inferior follies, which when known, could with advantage order; "spirits," Iamblichus says, "devoid of real be operated upon, they being the inferiors of man

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'GOD REVEALED TO THE INTELLECT."

NUMBER THREE. "The philosopher has no God at all, and can have none he can only have a conception of the conception or of the idea of God."—Fichle's "Science of Knowledge."

Mr. Davis says, "I would advise the Atheists, before he dares grapple in this argument, to refresh his memory with the doctrine of the calculation of chance in his favorite La Place-or, at least, to look into his common arithmetic."

This may fit a man for the gambling table, or betting on the turf, but I really do not see its applicability to a theory which admits of no chance, such as the doctrine of necessity or Atheism. effects which have been produced, although the However, I have looked into the "common arithmetic" long enough to conclude that two and two make four, and that by no manner of chance nor even by the power of a mathematical God, can

He then condenses this argument, which, he seems to fancy, must be the terror of the Atheist, But, independent of the ideas which admit of into a "simple question that settles the controversy": "Could any cause without the intellect these invariable equations?" He seems also to not," he says, "from this simple problem, I Diversity of opinion has always existed regard- beseech thee, O, my brother! The infinite hopes This subdued pious exhortation sounds strangely, coming from one who is not very tender over doctrines which he has promulgated. (See Great Ancient Spiritualism or Magic did not recognize | Harmonia, Vol. III. p. 366.) How many there are whose "infinite hopes" are centered on Jesus, 'their all"! But Mr. Davis ought to know that hopes based on fallacies can never be realized, and classes of spiritual beings who were sui generis, and that it is better to have Truth in its purity, though not of human origin. This idea is repugnant to every hope should thereby be blasted, than live in everlasting, and the lives dearer than life itself,"

But to return to the question. Suppose the answer to it be, that the cause of "these invariable equations" is intellectual and rational-what is proven? This, that the cause is a Being having the faculties of perception and reason; but, as Mr. Davis has already opposed the idea of a personal God in his other works, except as manifested in man, and other organic beings, this cannot be his meaning. And as I cannot conceive of reason and perception apart from the personality which reasons and perceives, I cannot ascertain the meaning of the "simple question." I cannot conceive of an abstract principle apart from materiality. Love, Truth, Justice, Charity, etc., have elements? The fairies, brownies, Robin Good- to be personified before we can introduce them into ordinary language as entities per se. And in Which of you, if your child shall ask for bread, will thing more than creatures of the imagination, speaking of the x y z of hidden causes, personification, in the same sense, becomes necessary; that

centricities of mediums, and the absurdities which are mathematical and mechanical. This is and crudities of the communications often received manifested in all the forms of matter and its mental evolutions. It is as idle to ask what set Spiritualism, as well as Magic, inhabits the rudi- matter in motion, or caused mind to think, as to mental spheres with the lower types of spiritual ask "Who made God?" Nevertheless, "I know," life; and if mediums, by their animal attractive- says Mr. Davis, "the beggarly sophism to which ness, draw the lower types of spirit life to them, the skeptic ever flies as his dernier resort. He will why complain or treat with contempt their mani- reply, 'Suppose we acknowledge a God to account for this magnificent order: we only postpone the

greater problem, to account for the existence of worldlings? Deity Himself.' This objection is plausible only in appearance, and can never satisfy any but very shallow minds. The acute logician sees through it at a glance. It is one of the most pitiful specimens of ignoratio elench. It is founded on a total misapprehension of the difficulty."

So far from being the dernier resort of the wily polemic, it is the first question proposed by unsophisticated childhood, and mature manhood has never answered it.

One whose logic will surely not be questioned by Mr. Davis, nor be subjected to the epithet of shallow-minded, says:

"There exist in Nature a number of permanent causes, which have subsisted ever since the human race has been in existence, and for an indefinite and probably enormous length of time previous. The sun, the earth, and planets, with their various constituents, air, water, and the other distinguishable substances, whether simple or compound, of which Nature is made up, are such Permanent Causes. These have existed, and the effects or consequences which they were fitted to produce have taken place (as often as the other conditions of the production met) from the beginning of our experience. But we can give, scientifically speaking, no account of the origin of the Permanent Causes themselves. Why these particular natural agents existed originally, and no others, or why they are commingled in such and such proportions, and distributed in such and such a manner throughout space, is a question we cannot answer." -Mills' "System of Logic," Book II. Chap. v.

If Mr. Mills had read "God Revealed to the Intellect," he would have been at no loss for an answer. To the question, "Who made you?" he at the stamp of Mr. Davis' theological heel, all research must end, all questioning cease. "We say, then," he continues, "to the Atheist, show us only the slightest proof that God ever began to be, and then, but not ill then, can you, with any show of philosophical consistency, demand of us to account for His being." This is "swinging round the circle" in earnest! O, no, Mr. Davis! that trap is too clumsily set for old rats! On the other hand, if you can prove the being of a God, whether He ever began to be or not, all controversy on the

"Present us, then," he further says, "some evidence that the Deity is a phenomenon, and we will hear you with patience, when you inquire for a pre-existent producing power." Is it possible for us to be made cognizable of anything but the

In a spasmodic flight of eloquence, he proves the changeability of material forms, and says, "The star that shoots from the midnight sky proclaims as it falls-Look, mad Atheist! Lo! I had a beginning once, as now I have an end!" The falling meteor proves neither one nor the other. Nor had he need of flight so lofty. The "death of Cock Robin" proves as much! The mobility of matter—one of its inherent properties -renders change a necessity of being, but not one particle of matter ever began to be, or had a new property added to it. Chemical quantities are eternally the same. He says, "No one but a fool will ever ask, What was before the Eternal?" True, no one but a fool will place a calculator or designer anterior to matter, which is eternal in its essence and essential attributes.

ÆSOP, JR.

Letter from Plumas County. SP ANISH RANCH, May 19th, 1868.

EDITORS BANNER: -Since I wrote you last, we have organized an investigating Lyceum or circle, at Meadow Valley, and intend to have a Liberal library attached to it. I will, some of these odd days, send you down a copy of our laws; if Spiritualism were as thoroughly investigated everywhere as it is around my neighborhood, it would never lose foothold, as we are over twenty members at present. A good many are foreigners, of the Swedish and Norman stamp, and of the Lutheran persuasion, and other phases of orthodox

I felt pleased to see the answer to Mr. McGrath's falsifying letter, from some of the progressive brethren in Honey Lake Valley; it is not quite severe enough on such little busy-bodies, and bread-and-butter hirelings of the fossilized Judaistic creed. They have a deceitful way of plastering on their moonshine in these revivals. It is quite time to commence another revival in Indian Valley, because there are not enough left from the last "killing of the Devil" to constitute a fourteen years of soul-crying with turning all hell loose upon me—has sent legions of devils to deceive and drag me down to hell—is this the serpent our good Father has given to the millions of his dear, idea to the consideration of candid Spiritualists.

But matter is eternal, because we cannot conceive of its having a beginning; for the same of Greenville. One of them waited on the "boys" at a little gathering they had in town to raise Perhaps by it may be explained many of the ec- motion by its own inherent qualities and principles, funds, not to send McGrath to conference, but to make up a purse for a scrub race with horse-flesh: and some one suggested that if he, the church steward, would patronize them, to help make up the purse, they, the "boys," would help him. Accordingly, he gave a dollar, and they, to be as good as their word, gave him several dollars. Now, according to his own belief, he helped to fill the Devil's purse, that the Devil's servant might help to fill his. Query: which of the two One of the most prominent phases of ancient difficulty indefinitely, without attaining the re- parties tries most to deceive the world—what was cruel an injustice.

Mr. Anderson, at the crawfish revival in Taylorville, wishing to ascertain how many members he had got chained to old theology, went around to get their names, and would generally drop in about dinner-time, fare well for an hour or two, take down the names of the father or mother, as the case might be, and all of the children, even those that wore three-cornered clothes. It was asked by one mother whether he did not think they were too young to be put down on his 'book of life," or list of names for the conference. 'O, no," said he, "they don't ask, at conference, the age of this class of members." Here is deception for a divine! If such men, who claim to be the expounders of truth and love, try to deceive their masters in conference, what can we expect of the satellites of these deceivers? I would to God they were half as energetic in trying to bring before the people the position we should hold, as a people dependent on ourselves for a character, instead of joining themselves to a church for a reputation, or to cover up some defect in their nature. It cannot be effectually done any more. even from one revival to the next, which they generally try to get up in the winter evenings, in the absence of something else better to do.

McGrath has found our section of the country too obdurate in heart, to be affected with his mealy-mouthed sophistry, death-bed repentances, etc., and has gone over to Susanville, Honey Lake, or somewhere in the Valley. Taylorville, likewise, has given him the cold shoulder lately. He has too much moonshine in him; he don't come up to his profession, except as a weak brother. could have readily answered, "God." And here, Anderson is about the same; he has four sermons that he can get off tolerably well; then he must fall back on little theological facts and scrapsguess at an unlocalized heaven—assign no local point for hell—guess at his faith, which is nothing definite—take a leap in the dark, trusting in another man's death for a passport to an unlocated city in space, called "the New Jerusalem." I beg to remain respectfully yours, in the car of Pro-D. W. HAMBLY.

Illustrations of Progress.

Think of the world as it was five hundred years ago, and compare it with its present condition. Then, not one man in ten thousand could either read or write. The nobles, being unable to sign their names, sealed important papers with a signetring, bearing their armorial crests; and that custom of affixing seals to legal documents, which had use and significance in its day, is still retained among the thousand useless forms of law. So rare was the knowledge of reading in those times, that priests, the only ones who possessed it, were exempted from the penalty of death for their first crime, even if it was cold-blooded murder. They had but to plead "benefit of clergy"—that is, to prove that they could read—in order to escape capital punishment. For their first great crime they were merely branded on the hand, to show an unscarred palm, when an oath was taken. The significance has passed away, but the form remains in our courts. Now, in Protestant Christendom at least, priests are held to be more responsible for crime than other men, inasmuch as they are teachers of God's laws. Laymen are now often as well versed in the Scriptures as are the clergy, and Sunday-schools are as influential as the pulpit. Schools and colleges spring up as thick as clover blossoms, and the sons of poor wood-sawyers know more than did nobles of the Middle Ages. Books are written by all classes of people: they are printed by steam, circulated by steam, and one would think they were also read by steam.

The same increasing tendency to individualism has come out in music. A thousand years ago men had no idea of harmony. They were limited to that simple continuation of tones which we call melody; and, if several voices sung together, they sung in unison, all singing the same note. In patriarchal Asia, to this day, they know nothing of that system of chords, and the laws of their succession, which years ago, somewhat later than the flight of the always expresses coming changes in the spirits of men, began to foretell what would be the results of that unnoticed voyage. Previous to that time there human voice. Music was a monarchy. The air reigned absolute, and the accompaniments were mere subjects. Toward the close of the seventeenth century, the orchestra began to form itself into that musical republic in which each part has individuality and a distinct agency, while all blend and work together as a whole, either by harmony or contrast. Just this will society become when it gets into that divine order toward which the hand of God is leading it.—Lydia Maria Child, in the New York Indepen-

Mrs. Stanton says in the Revolution, that she has taken care of seven babies, yet has worked in the cause of woman twenty years or more. We have addressed our Legislature many times, spoken on education, temperance, and slavery, written many articles for the press. When we went to Albany to address the Legislature, we took our nurse and bawent to the Capitol, found it filled with ladies, and made our speech. It takes no longer to speak than When we finished, we shook hands all round, and went home to our babies, and the rest of the women to theirs. If we were a member of the Legislature, we could spend the few hours every day at the Capitol which other women spend in fashionable calls, shopping, gossiping, diving, dressing, and idling." Yes, and no doubt she would make a better legislator than most of the men who now monopolize the office.

ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.-A law has been passed by the Legislature of Minnesota, and has received the approval of the Governor, which virtually abolishes capital punishment. A similar one was enacted in Illinois. The tendency of public opinion in the Northwest seems to be strongly against the punishment of death. Independent of the argument drawn from the inferior efficacy of the punishment, as compared with imprisonment for life, which, to many minds is a strong one, the danger of inflicting death upon the innocent, through the uncertainty of human testimony and the fallibility of human judgment, has great weight with men whose scrupulous consciences shrink with horror from the bare possibility of committing so

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THE EARTH'S LOST HISTORY.

THIRD ARTICLE.

In continuation of our review of this subject, and according to our original design, we now present a few facts tending to confirm the views of the author of the work we have been considering, "The Restoration of the Earth's Lost History."

The theory he advances, that our globe was in its interior, like the white of an egg, and that from the sea, the climate is mainly controlled by the this sphere was ruptured, and the waters scattered over its exterior in consequence, finds some confirmation in the Bible history of Noah's flood, in the contemporaneous Chinese history of the same event, and in general geological indications everywhere prevalent. The evidence of this latter character is cumulative and abundant. But there are present indications of great significance, in support of our author's theory, which are being no ticed and spoken of by scientific writers and lecturers in every part of the civilized world. In a work entitled "The World Before the Deluge," M. Figuier confirms the idea of our author, that the temperature of the atmosphere of the whole earth was once equal and invariable, in the following language:

"From the equatorial regions up to Melville Island, in the Arctic Ocean, where in our days eternal frost prevails-from Spitzbergen to the center of Africa—the carboniferous flora are identically the same. When nearly the same fossils are found in Greenland and Guinea—when the same species, now extinct, are met with under the same degree of development at the equator as at the pole—we cannot but admit that at this epoch the temperature of the globe was alike everywhere. What we now call climate was unknown in the geological times. There seems to have been only one climate over the whole globe. It was only at a later period, that is, in Terglobe, that the cold began to make itself known at the poles. This uniformity of temperature was a consequence of the excessive heat of the globe."

The author of the work before us compares the form of the original earth to that of an egg, as composed of yolk, white, and shell—the most interior portion, or nucleus, of incandescent matter. being the yolk; the next interior, or watery portion, the white; and the outer crust, the shell. Upon this outer crust was built up the vegetation of the carboniferous era, which, as M. Figuier says, was of uniform character over its whole surface. The ferns, brakes, and mosses, were the only forms then existing. It was not until after the first rupture of the earth's surface, and the consequent disintegration of rocks, that trees began to be formed—the necessary constituents of woody fiber and bark being furnished by the decomposition of various rocky formations. The nutriment entering into the composition of the original vegetation was furnished in abundance from the distribution of warm vapors from the interior waters beneath the earth's crust. The evaporation of these waters through the porous surface of the earth created a moist, warm atmosphere, surrounding the entire globe, everywhere of equal temperature. M. Figuier's statement, above quoted, coincides with this theory in singularly apt lan-

When the "foundations of the great deep" were broken up—that is, when the interior ocean burst through the earth's shell, and scattered the waters over the earth's outer surface—the conditions of the atmosphere and of the surface were wholly changed. Evaporation immediately became more rapid, the air much cooler, and the earth's vegetation of a different order.

But it must be borne in mind that our author maintains that there have been two distinct ruptures of the earth, the first many ages anterior to the flood of the time of Noah; indeed, he contends, with a great deal of plausibility, that the first deluge took place long before the advent of the present human race. But more on this point anon.

We have only space in this article to introduce a few more extracts in testimony of the correctness of the author's view in regard to changes of temperature. That the alterations in the temperature of the earth's atmosphere have been produced by changes in the position of the waters on the surface is abundantly sustained by scientific writers in all countries. In a "Treatise on Meteorology," by Professor Loomis, of Yale College, occur the following remarkable passages:

"The mean temperature of the eastern side of the Atlantic is much warmer than that of the western, upon the same parallel of latitude. The mean temperature of New York is about the same as that of Dublin, although Dublin is 13 degrees north of New York. Near Lake Superior, in latitude 50 degrees, we find the same mean temperature as at the North Cape, in latitude 72 degrees.

This high temperature of the European coast is due to the high temperature of the North Atlantic, combined with the prevalent westerly winds. By means of the Gulf Stream, the waters of the equatorial regions are conveyed into the North Atlantic. and a portion of this warm current extends northward between Iceland and the British Islands, and continues to the Arctic Ocean. The temperature of the North Atlantic is thus raised much above what is due to its latitude; and, since throughout the middle latitudes the prevalent winds are from the west, this heat of the ocean is communicated to places on the eastern side of the Atlantic, but not to | behold the full effulgence of her glorious light?

"The currents of the Pacific Ocean produce an effect similar to the currents of the Atlantic, and there is a corresponding difference between the temperatures of places on opposite sides of the Pacific Ocean, and consequently a marked difference between the temperatures of places on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of North America, although situated on the same parallel of latitude. The isothermal line of 50 degrees is found ten degrees of latitude farther north on the Pacific coast than it is on the Atlantic coast. Sitka, in latitude 57 degrees, 3 minutes, has about the same mean temperature as Eastport, Maine, in latitude 44 degrees, 54 minutes. "The mean temperature of the northern hemisphere is sensibly higher than that of the southern.

On the parallel of 10 deg. (2 deg. 1.) 20 deg. there is an av- 3 deg. 4. 30 deg. | erage difference | 2 deg. 9. | can endure anything.

"This difference in the temperature of the two hemispheres probably results from the unequal distribution of land and water. The northern hemisphere contains much more land than the southern. In the southern hemisphere, the sun's rays fall chiefly upon the water, and are employed in converting water into vapor, in which process a large amount of heat is rendered latent. This heat again becomes sensible when this vapor is condensed in rain. But rain is much more frequent in the northern hemisphere than in the southern. From a comparison of records, embracing in the aggregate a period of nearly one thousand years of observations, it appears that the number of rainy days in the North Atlantic is fifty per cent. greater than it is in the South Atlantic. Thus we find that the southern hemisphere is cooled by evaporation more than the northern, and the north ern is warmed by the condensation of vapor more than is the southern, by which means the average temperature of the northern hemisphere is rendered sensibly higher than that of the southern.

"The most uniform temperature is found to prevail upon islands, while the greatest range of emperature prevails in the interior of continents. Hence climates may be characterized as either marine or continental. The temperature of the ocean varies but little from summer to winter, while that of the land may vary more than 100 deg. Hence those places whose temperature is mainly controlled bo the ocean have an equable climate, while those which are but little affected by the ocean have an ex-

treme climate. "The annual range of temperature is much less on the eastern than on the western side of the Atlantic because the prevalent winds are from the west. Hence, on the western coast of the Atlantic, where the prevalent winds come from the land, the climate is essentially continental, but upon the eastern side once a perfect sphere, with the waters contained of the Atlantic, where the prevalent winds come

A Singular Case.

There is now living in the town of Schodack, Rensselaer county, N. J., a farmer, sixty-five years of age, who has never voted at any town, county, State, or national election, and who will doubtless be believed in his assertion that he never will. Many years ago he belonged to a church in that town; but believing himself to have been wronged by the church authorities, in a controversy as to the title of some land claimed by him, he has never since entered a church, nor attended a funeral, nor come within the sound of a minister's voice while discharging any spiritual duty. In early life he could read and write without trouble; but for many years past he has labored under a peculiar mental difficulty, which the piously inclined will doubtless regard as a corollary of his quarrels with the church.

He can read the Bible, and understands each word instantly upon seeing it; but upon passing to the next word, he instantly forgets that which precedes t, and thus the senses absolutely fail to convey ar dea to his mind any more than the miscellaneous jumble of the same words without regard to the construction of the sentence. He can write a letter without disticulty; but after it is finished, although he can read the words of which it is composed. his forgetfulness renders him incapable of telling what he has written. He transacts business and holds conversation about various subjects, and in all other respects is considered a man of fair memory. He is a person of good moral character, and practices the golden rule of doing unto others as he would have others do unto him. In his travels, if he finds a farmer's fence down, he stops and puts it up; unevent he notifies the owner.—Albany (N. Y.) Argus.

A forgetfulness that causes a man to neglect the letter of Bible instruction, and only practice its spirit, is very much needed on the part of modern religionists. The "piously inclined" may regard the old man's peculiarities as a special affliction; but we pray that they may all be afflicted in the same manner! All truth contained in the Bible, should be received and practiced ac cording to its spirit; and the spirit of truth will make us free; but the principal effort of the "pi ously inclined" is to chain others to the letter, as interpreted by themselves.

THE London Christian Times says there are nine aissionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Amoy, China, with about 1,000 Christian converts. one of those missionaries has been thirty-nine years

One thousand converts in thirty-nine years, in city of five hundred thousand! How long will it take to convert all China, at this rate? There are four hundred millions of people in the Celestial Empire; and in one of its principal cities only one thousand converts have been made in thirty-nine years! And, latterly, nine missionaries have been engaged in the proselyting work. How many of those converted understand the dogmas taught them, may be inferred from the inability of the missionaries to explain them to intelligent minds in their own country. The objections of skeptics to the principal orthodox dogmas never have been and never will be answered. But the ignorant and simple-minded of so-called heathen nations, like the ignorant and simple everywhere, can be misled by religious teachers, and made to believe the greatest absurdities.

CAMP MEETING.—We understand that a Camp Meeting will be held on the Hickerson Ranch, Inlian Valley, some time in July. Revs. S. Anderson and McGrath will officiate, and several other ministers have been invited, and will take a part in th soul-saving" exercises. A large turn-out is anticiipated. "Come, ye sinners."—Exchange.

The reader will find some reference to th doings" of Revs. McGrath and Anderson on our first page, in a letter from Plumas county. It ap pears that the "souls saved" don't stay saved, in the localities infested by these "soul-savers." As soon as the psychological effect of exhortation is 'off," the sinners "backslide." The revival humbug will continue so long as there are weak intellects in the world, and no longer. Enlightenment is the fool-killer that will put a stop to the occupation of revivalists.

THE Christian Register states that Mr. Clarke, the Unitarian delegate to the Methodist Conference, has been invited by an orthodox clergyman in Connecticut to preach his ordination sermon, and the Church of the Disciples in Boston, of which Mr. Clarke is the pastor, has received a letter-missive to be present at the council by delegates!

So everywhere. The churches are endeavoring to consolidate and unite at every available point, so as to present an unbroken front to the assaults of infidel Spiritualism. But all will be of no avail. Spiritualism is immortal Truth; and what shall withstand the brightness of her coming, when she shall have fully unfolded her wings, and approached the earth's inhabitants so near that all can

WE have enjoyed an uninterrupted series of plagues since the commencement of the present year. It has snowed every week for the last three months. Fruit is played out entirely, and everything in the shape of vegetable matter is fast freezing up. We have no frosts for the simple reason that it has been too cold. The valley has been inundated, invaded by Indians and crickets, visited by an earthquake, and we are now waiting to see what next.—Sage Brush.

We have later information from Lassen county, to the purport that the people there have now a plague of a revival, brought upon them by Rev. McGrath and Rev. Anderson. What next, after this, may come upon them, will not be of much consequence, for if they can stand revivals they

The School Teachers and Dancing.

At the close of the late session of the State Teachers' Institute in this city, the following proceedings took place:

"On motion, it was resolved to have a social reunon at 8 o'clock P. M., in Lincoln Hall, and a committee of arrangements was designated. During the discussion of this matter, the subject of dancing was considered, when the Chairman stated that he had no disposition to interfere with the liberty of any one in this matter; that he did not regard dancing as bad as murder, although he had at times seen ladies waltzing about in the embrace of whiskered gentlemen in a way quite distasteful to himself. "Rev. Dr. Lucky then read the following extract from the Christian Advocate, of this city, as express-

ng his own views: "'The State Teachers' Institute is now in session at Lincoln Hall, in this city. Under the old regime the occasion was one of convivial hilarity, rather than of mental improvement, and generally wound up with a grand dance. We hope the new officers will inaugurate a different scheme and make the present session intellectually profitable. Such gatherings are conducive of great good, when properly managed; but are specially damaging to the morals of the young when mostly given up to mere social enjoyments.'

"The Institute, after deciding to have a social gathering last night, adjourned sine die.

We further learn from the city dailies, that the 'social gathering" "wound up with a grand dance," so "specially damaging to the morals of the young," according to the Christian Advocate and Dr. Lucky. It is lucky for the happiness of the majority of mankind, that they do not subscribe to the gloomy views of theologians. We would most respectfully ask the Christian Advocate and Rev. Dr. Lucky, if dancing is so "specially damaging to the morals of the young," what is it that has so especially damaged the morals of old men among the clergy of all the land? Vide the cases of the Rev. Sereno Howe, Rev. A. B. Green, Rev. Joel Lindsey, Rev. I. S. Kalloch, Rev. O. B. Judd, and dozens more, whose names are not now at hand. We fail to perceive what connection there may be between dancing and damage to morals. And it seems that the teachers of the State do not consider dancing so heinous a sin, and neither do they fear for the state of their

SPIRITUALISM IN THE ASCENDANT.—Two Sunday evening meetings are now being held in this ever were, and Miss Fuller's audiences, at Central | will give you a call. Hall, show no abatement of interest. That we are enabled to secure two audiences to listen to Spiritualistic discourses, on the same evening, either of which audiences is larger than can be gathered by any denominational church in the city, is a strong proof of the ever-increasing power of the truths of Spiritualism, and an earnest of their final triumph over the errors of old the-

HOMOGOPATHY APPLIED TO THE DISEASES OF Animals.—We have received from the author, Dr. A. F. Cooper, Veterinary Surgeon, a copy of his "Manual of Veterinary Specific Homeopathy; treating of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, and Dogs, and their Specific Homeopathic Treatment." The Doctor has an office for consultation at 815 Market street. We are a believer in homoeopathic treatment of the genus homo, as far as medicine is concerned; and we see no reason to doubt its efficacy when applied to the lower animals. The "Manual" may be obtained of Dr. Cooper, at his office.

Another Remarkable Cure by Laying on OF HANDS.—Mr. Peter Wiese, of No. 29 Fourth street, who has been lame with a stiff knee and foot for the past nine years, owing to the contraction of the cords produced by a surgical operation on his heel, has just been relieved of the whole difficulty by Dr. J. M, Grant, in one operation, by the simple treatment of laying on of hands. He now walks without difficulty, and goes on his way rejoicing.

THE Methodist General Conference at Chicago appointed Henry C. Benson to be Editor of the California Christian Advocate, at San Francisco. This Benson is the same individual who formerly edited the Pacific Christian Advocate at Portland, Oregon, and who was frequently guilty of the most flagrant libels upon Spiritualists, and willful misrepresentations of Spiritualism. If he repeats these offenses here, we shall try and make his editorial office anything but a flower-garden.

THE editor of the Los Angeles Republican, John H. Worth, shows himself unworthy to occupy the his paper, against Spiritualism and its lecturers. He waited, however, until Mr. Todd had left on the steamer for San Francisco, before he uttered them. His caution is discreet, but his opinion is not worth much. The only excuse for him is

ILLNESS OF MR. TODD.—We regret being obliged to announce the serious illness of our associate, under an attack of chills and fever, contracted in the lower country. He has now been prostrated by the disease about ten days; but, under the skillful manipulations of Dr. James Edwards and Dr. R. A. Robinson, he will, it is hoped,

THE American Unionist says, in reference to the San José Mercury, that its editor is a "noble specimen of manhood." The Unionist omitted to state that he is also a noble Spiritualist. It might alism, will please make a note of the above. do no harm now for McDonald to acknowledge that: it could not mar Mc's political prospects,

are obliged to repeat, for the fifth or sixth time, years, with great success. we believe, that anonymous communications cannot be published in this paper.

PURE PORT WINE FOR INVALIDS.—E. B. Hendee, 625 Market street, has always on hand the tend." The Elder has an ambition to be considpurest California Port, made in the foothills, from grapes grown on the red land, which, as has been decided by connoisseurs, is the best soil for grape tries. culture. Try it, dyspeptics and hypochondriacs, and be relieved.

this title is for sale by Herman Snow, 410 Kearny street. The author is the Rev. O. B. Frothingham, the Radical Unitarian preacher.

A Cowardly Attack.

"DEMOCRATIC CLUB.—The chairman of the Demperatic County Central Committee having issued an order for the faithful to herd at the Court House on Saturday evening last, for the purpose of organizing a club, we dropped in to witness the performance, when, to our surprise, we discovered that a lecture on Spiritualism, which, for its pernicious teachings and insufferable humbuggery, is second only to latter-day Democracy, had been substituted. The assembled Democracy, however, were not altogether disappointed, for in point of blasphemy and vulgarty, the lecture would compare favorably with a first class Democratic speech. Another effort will be made this evening to corral the unterrified, at which the process of mixing Democratic political hash will be practically illustrated.—Los Angeles Republican.

The editor of the Republican need not have written the above for the purpose of convincing the citizens of Los Angeles, or others, who have had any extensive acquaintance with him, that he is devoid of honor or principle, and that he is innately mean—a natural falsifier, and a most unmitigated coward; for they are already aware of

Are you aware, Mr. Republican, what kind of a commentary you are pronouncing upon the character of a large audience, (more than all the religionists put together,) composed of the most respectable citizens, who attended our course of six lectures, all through, with unabated interest, when you intimate that they would thus sit and listen to "blasphemy and vulgarity"? Even with your double-distilled meanness, and lack of shamefacedness, we wonder that you dare walk the streets, lest you should receive the punishment you so justly deserve, of being insulted to your

A large majority of the Spiritualists in Los An. gelesare Republicans. Gentlemen, will you help sustain a paper that will be guilty of perpetrating such wholesale slander and abuse of you and your families? His cowardice is plain, from the fact that he did not have a word to say until we had left the city. He issued one paper while we were there, after that lecture was delivered. Why was the slander not inserted in that issue? Well, never mind, Mr. Republican; we shall be in Los Angeles again, some time; and if the citizens do city, at each of which the people crowd the build | not before that time find it necessary to take suming to its utmost capacity. Mrs. Cuppy's lectures | mary vengeance, by ridding themselves of a nuiat the Opera House are quite as popular as they sance, and taking you out of town on a rail, we

Bohemian Accomplishments.

HIGH ART.—The art of elevating yourself in the opinion of the reading public by endeavoring to depreciate others.

AN EVIDENCE OF THE POSSESSION OF GENIUS -Calling every man a blockhead who does not appreciate your superior abilities.

GETTING UP A BREEZE IN YOUR OWN FAVOR.— Puffing yourself and your own compositions in several papers, under the idea that the public do not know you "write for" those papers. To ATTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION.—Abuse your-

self in one paper and defend yourself in another. A DESPERATE METHOD OF ATTRACTING ATTEN-TION. — Attacking everything and everybody, under the specious pretense of criticism.

To ATTAIN POPULARITY.—Toady to the Church and clergy, and defame Spiritualism and Spiritualists. Also, hesitate not to lie about the latter, and attribute all cases of insanity to them.

GALLANTRY.—Refusing to read a Fourth-of-July poem for a lady, because you were not elected Fourth-of-July poet yourself.

ABSURD MISTAKE.—Thinking to "get even with severe but gentlemanly criticism by using the language of a blackguard.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.—A terrible case of numan spontaneous combustion, which resulted in death, is reported in Cleveland, Ohio. The name of the man was Bremer. He drank on a wager six large drinks of whisky and a pint of stock ale at a sitting. With blazing face and staring eyes he reeled toward a gas jet, in order to light his pipe, when the noxious gases issuing from his mouth were instantly ablaze, and the poor wretch was soon consumed by an inward fire.—Exchange.

We reprint the above for the purpose of saying in regard to it, that such an occurrence is an impossibility. Combustion cannot take place without a vent somewhere—without a current of oxygen to support it. It might be possible for a man's breath to take fire after leaving his mouth, but there is no way in which a flame or a fire could | the pulpits in that town, and the respective congrebe sustained internally. The nearest approach to such a condition is the slow consuming heat of an inflammatory fever, the wasting away of the lungs editorial chair, by uttering the foulest libels in in a lingering consumption, or the scalding of the same by the inhalation of steam.

> AT Jackson, Michigan, a man went crazy at a prayer-meeting, rose from his knees, and tried to climb up the wall. After reaching home, he become a raving maniac, and was sent to the Asylum, where he soon died.—Exchange.

> Strange than anybody should go crazy upon anything now-a-days but Spiritualism! "Little Bishop" must rehash the above story, and "lie it out" that Spiritualism caused the insane man to 'climb up the wall."

THE "ROUND TABLE" ON SPIRITUALISM .- "We pelieve in full, free and independent expression for all religious as well as political convictions; and donot believe that Spiritualism can be laughed or sneered down, or that it ought to be, since so many are persuaded of its truth. And honest conviction of any

sort deserves to be treated with respect." Our "large and respectable" dailies, who toady so much to the Church in their abuse of Spiritu-

MAGNETIC AND ELECTROPATHIC PHYSICIAN.which, at the present moment, look blue enough. | Mrs. M. J. Upham, recently of Sacramento, has removed to this city, and may be found at 418 Fol-"ONE WHO KNOWS."—A correspondent, signing | som street, up stairs. She is a clairvoyant, and cures his communication as above, is requested to give by laying on of hands, as also by magnetism and us his name; otherwise, the facts he furnishes will | electricity. Her powers as a healer have been exnot receive that attention which they deserve. We ercised in different parts of this State for many

> ELDER KNAPP's advertisement, in the Sacramento Bee, reads, at its conclusion: "A prayermeeting in hell. All are cordially invited to atered the "head devil" in that locality, it seems. We have an idea that he can "raise hell," if he

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ODD FELLOWS' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION is pub-"REASONINGS ABOUT FAITH."—A pamphlet of | lished, and is in circulation. The library is in a prosperous condition, and now consists of 15,544 volumes. The financial situation of the Association is very satisfactory.

Home's Reply to Professor Farraday.

A letter from the late Professor Farraday to Sir Emerson Tennent, respecting a proposed séance with D. D. Home, which the Professor declined unless it could be held according to a programme of his own, has just been published by Professor Tvndall, who wished to sit with Home on the same terms. The reply of the latter to Tyndall's proposition is cutting and sarcastic, and leaves Tyndall and Farraday, and their lesser imitators, without a single excuse. These English Professors pursued the same course toward Home as did the Harvard Professors in our own country toward the Fox girls and Mrs. Foye in early days. One cannot help observing the parallel in the conditions imposed on the mediums in the two cases. But we will give the history of the case in Home's own

"Cox's HOTEL, Jermyn street, May 9th, 1868. "TO THE EDITOR OF THE PALL MALL GAZETTE:-SIR-I am very glad that Professor Tyndall has been so fortunate as to obtain the letter of the late Professor Farraday to Sir Emerson Tennent. It is the first time I have seen it, and all I knew of it was from the information of the late Robert Bell, who had arranged with Sir Emerson Tennent for a séance. The time was fixed, and Farraday was expected, when Bell informed me that Farraday refused to come without having a programme. It was, therefore, not I who 'declined to combat,' for I had

nothing to do with it.
"Mrs. Crawford Parks, at whose house, 7 Cornwall Terrace, Regent's Park, I was at the time lodging with my family, was likewise informed to the same effect by Bell, and made an entry at the time in her diary: 'A scientific gentleman who had written to disprove spiritual manifestations was to have joined the party; however, he requested to have a programme, which he said was due to him and to his position. It being impossible to give a programme, he declined to join the séance. But now that we have the letter itself, (which, I observe, makes no condition that Professor Tyndall should be of the party, and I never heard that he was to have been present,) it appears that the programme, or previous writing, was to have been of Professor Farraday's sole dictation, and I can quite understand that Robert Bell should have seen at once that it was useless to attempt any investigation with a person in the temper of Farraday's requirements. Only consider that I was to sign a treaty of which the following were two of the articles:

"'7. If the effects are miracles, or the work of spirts, does he admit the utterly contemptible character both of them and their results up to the present time, in respect either of yielding information or instruction, or supplying any force of action of the east value to mankind

"'8. If they be natural effects without natural law, can they be of any use or value to mankind?' "I would ask if this is the tone of an humble student and inquirer, prepared to analyze and ascertain facts, or whether it be not the sign of a mind far gone in prejudging the question at issue? When these matters first engaged public attention, Prof. Farraday had, unfortunately, publicly decided that they were due to involuntary muscular action; and, as time went on, every development of them which roved the incorrectness of his explan ceived almost as a personal affront by him. accounts, I believe, for the sub-acid tone of the whole treaty which he wished to impose on me through Bell, and which induced Bell to think that Professor Farraday was not likely to be a successful wooer of inquiry. I am sure that neither Farraday nor Tyndall have acquired their high reputation by investigating nature in any such spirit, for even hydrogen, or any long-suffering gas, or even the spectrum analysis, would have felt insulted by being submitted to such conditions as those sought to be imposed on me as a preliminary to inquiry. Tyndall says that he is ready to witness and investigate in the spirit of Farraday's letter. From the attitude he takes up, I fully believe it; and as such spirit is not that of logic, nor according to the true scientific method, I will wait until he can approach the subect in a more humble frame of mind. I firmly believe that both 'English law and English common

SMART.—Our friend, the Downieville Messenger, comes out of the late hard winter as blooming as

sense' will be able to take care of themselves with-

out Tyndall's assistance. Your obedient servant,

"SENSATIONAL.-A sensational item concerning the carrying off of a child by an eagle, near Quincy, Ill., has been going the rounds of the California press, and excited much sympathy. The whole story is an immense humbug, gotten up by some 'old smarty' of a newspaper man. The 'screeching of the gray species was undoubtedly the steamboat Gray Eagle which has been running between Keokuk and St. Louis for many years. Knowing this, the joke is apparent."

"LETTER FOR SMITH.—By reference to letter list published this week, it will be seen that there is a letter for Smith. Any one knowing him will doubtless confer a favor by notifying him of the above

THE PULPIT AND THE PRESS .- The following. which we clip from an exchange, proves that, in one town in the Union at least, the Church holds out the right hand of fellowship to the stage, offers to heal the breach, and acknowledges its usefulness:

"The performance of Ten Nights in a Bar-room at the theater in Henry (Ill.,) was announced from gations were recommended to attend. Perhaps the time may come when sacred plays in-

culcating religious lessons, as did the old "moralities," will be performed on Sundays in the theaters, and the people will be allowed a choice between the truth preached and the truth acted.—Figaro.

JOHN MAGEE, who died recently at his residence in Watkins, Schuyler county, New York, was the owner of property which is estimated to be worth \$40,000,000, and commenced life without a cent.

We know a great many babies hereabouts, who have just "commenced life" in as poor a way, and nobody thinks the fact worthy of a newspaper paragraph. When they are "worth \$40,000,000," like Magee, all the newspapers in the land will be making a merit of their having "commenced life without a cent."

Turspay, the Spiritualists of Boston and vicinity elebrated the twentieth anniversary of the advent of modern Spiritualism. Now don't "pooh!" I wo-thirds of creation do not understand what "Spiritualism" means. They think it an "ism" of any diabolical tendency, and blindly disguise their perception of its pure, holy, harmonic nature. They think it the creed of an outcast sect, like Mormonism, Free-Loveism and the like, when in fact it is the essence of life-the inner religion of all humanity, the foundation of all church creeds, but not a creed in itself .- Wide World.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—The Fifteenth Annual Report of this Association has been published, and exhibits the statistics of the institution from its commencement to the present time. The Report is accompanied with a finely executed engraving of the new library building erected by the Association on Bush street.

WE are informed that young ladies from respectable families are known to have appeared in a nude state at a masquerade ball. Are not these the last

days?—The World's Crisis. This is no doubt one of the "last" misrepresentations of that pious paper, but the indecency alluded to was characteristic of the first days, according to the Bible, for Eve was in rather a "nude state" in the Garden of Eden. - Investigator.

BRO. ROBERT WEST, of Napa, will please accept our thanks for his efforts in our behalf. The money was received, all right.

MISS ELIZA PITTSINGER is now in New York, superintending the publication of a volume of her poems.

From the Cleveland Plaindealer, May 30. Suspended Animation—A Young Lady in a Trance Nearly Two Weeks.

One of the most remarkable cases that we have ever been called upon to chronicle has lately come under our notice, and we propose to lay the facts before the public exactly as they are:

On Lorain street, above Jersey, there resides with her stepfather a young lady, Miss Ellen K. White, who is probably between seventeen and eighteen years of age, very prepossessing in her of Rochester, State of New York, on Tuesday, the 25th day manner, and very finely educated. About six of August, 1868, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and to conweeks ago she was taken dangerously ill with what the family physician pronounced typhoid fever, and for some days was so low that all hopes of her recovery were given up. She rallied, however, and, under careful nursing and skillful treatment, she was in a fair way to recover, when, about two weeks ago, she had a relapse, and sank rapidly, until the breath seemed to leave her body, and she was pronounced a corpse. Her body was prepared for the grave, and preparations were made by her bereaved parents and friends for the funeral, when her mother, who could not be made to realize the fact that her only daughter was dead to her forever, noticed that though the limbs of her daughter were rigid, the body retained its warmth Physicians were called, but they decided that she was dead, and every attempt to resuscitate her failing, it was determined, last Sunday, to consign her to the grave, and a coffin was procured. On Saturday, while one of the neighbors and the mother were standing by the supposed corpse, the door, which had been left open, blew shut with a loud noise, which had the effect of so acting upon the girl as to bring her to and set her life-blood in motion. She sprung up in bed, and, throwing her arms around her mother's neck, wept tears of joy over her escape from the horrid death of being

Our reporter yesterday visited the house, and was granted an interview with the young lady, whom he found sitting up by the window, appar ently as happy as the birds, to whose music she was listening as we entered the room.

Miss White said that when she felt herself sink ing, she had no fear of death, but turned upon her side; and, as she did so, all pain disappeared, and she sank to sleep as peacefully as a child. She lay, she thinks, unconscious for an hour or more, for when she came to herself, though she could not move or speak, she found that she was laid out ready for burial. She could see her mother by her side, and all those who came to see her; could hear them talk and understand all they said. She tried to speak to them, but her tongue refused to do its office; she tried to move, but could not; and there she lay, blessing her mother for her refusal to allow her to be buried. Upon two occasions, when her mother was alone in the room with her, it seemed as though she left the body, and, standing by the side of her body, could look down upon it as she could upon her mother. She said she was unable to describe the feelings that she experienced upon those occasions. When not tortured with the fear of being buried alive, she was perfectly at rest, perfectly happy, and by appointment. when the door slammed, which brought her to, it seemed as though she was, to use her own words, "compelled to commence a hard day's work."

Miss White is now in a fair way to recover. Her WILL HEAL THE SICK strength is gaining rapidly, and, from every indication, we should judge that she has a long time before her.

SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS.—Great excitement has prevailed in the town of Hardwick, Vt., for some time past, through what was called "spiritual madifestations" of the Paine children—two young men and a young woman-who perform wonderful feats in untying ropes, beating drums, ringing bells, and the like, in a darkened room, occupied only by one of the above-named trio, securely tied. The people took sides, and the discussion ran high.

The war of words culminated by a wager of \$50 being laid by a sailor that he could so securely tie this trio with cords of his own furnishing, that they could not become released without visible The time fixed for this great feat was Wednesday evening, the 18th ult., and the manner of securing them was by placing them in a box, or what is termed a cabinet, a la Davenport Boys. The sailor armed himself with a quantity of hemp in an artistic manner known only to sailors. Four staples were driven into the floor of the cabinet, and one of the "mediums" placed in an armchair, his limbs tied to the arms and legs of the chair, and the ropes passed through the staples several times and securely tied. The others were fastened in a similar manner, with the exception of the staple arrangement. The time occupied in securing them by the experienced sailor was fiftysix minutes, and they were tied in a manner that would apparently defy the power of angels or devils. The parties were released by some invisible power, and walked forth free and unshackled, in the presence of a large and excited audience, in eleven minutes. The discomfited sailor, with much chagrin, acknowledged the success of the spiritual champions.—Herald.

SPIRITUALISM FROM HENRY WARD BEECHER. In answer to the question, "Will mothers know their children in heaven?" Mr. Beecher makes answer in the New York Ledger as follows:

"Shall we-know them? Why not? Where is there an intimation in Scripture to this effect? It is not positively affirmed, but is implied, that men, dropping in death all that is of the flesh, will rise into the communion of heaven carrying the same affections, sentiments, will, and intelligence, that they had on earth. Otherwise, of what use are discipline, education, earthly experience? It is the saints made perfect, not made up of a new pattern, that we shall meet in glory.

"Let no mother be driven from the hope of meeting her children in heaven. Let mothers comfort themselves in believing that the loves of earth will go on in heaven, and that whatever was pure, noble, and true on earth will go on with them forever. Among all other griefs, let not this unnecessary one arise, that you have lost your children forever. He who keeps you for them will keep them for you. They will be more beautiful, sweeter, more glorious in preciousness. They will be enough the same to make you glad for all the growths, additions, and refinements of their

THE DAVENPORT BROTHERS .- These excellent mediums for physical manifestations, now in Eugland, have not lost their mediumistic powers, as asserted recently by the Boston Journal and other kindred prints; but, on the contrary, the manifestations through their instrumentality are now more powerful, if possible, than ever. They made their reappearance at the Hanover Square Rooms, London, on the 11th of April last, and were received in the most flattering manner by a crowded and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Benj. Coleman, who was present at the seance, says that, in the cabinet exhibition, spirit hands, lifelike in form and texture, were fre quently seen before the doors were closed, and then, from the aperture, there were protruded at one time two naked, femininely-formed arms, and also a group of not less than five hands of various sizes at the same instant! - Banner of Light.

PREMONITION OF DEATH.—An Illinois paper gives this story: "A very singular occurrence is related by Mr. Charles Carrol, of Shelby county. A clock standing upon the mantel in Mrs. Carrol's house, which had not been proclaiming time for a year, struck on three successive Sundays before her death, precisely at the hour of two. The conclusion arrived at by the friends was, that it was an omen of her death, as she was sick at the time. She died precisely at the hour of two."—Exchange.

ALL LIFE is love. He who loves most, lives most.

DEPARTED.

In this city, on the 21st inst., Cora, infant daughter of Dr. George P. and Elizabeth A. Bissell, aged 6 months and THE GREAT SPIRITUAL REMEDY:

FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF SPIRITUALISTS.

To the Spiritualists and Progressive Reformers of the World: The undersigned, members of the Executive Committee of the National Convention, have decided to call the Fifth National Convention to meet in Corinthian Hall, in the city of Rochester, State of New York, on Tuesday, the 25th day tinue in session until Friday, the 28th inst.

And we invite "each local organization of Spiritualists or Progressive Reformers to send two delegates, and an additional one for each fractional fifty members, and each State Organization to send as many delegates as the State is entitled to representatives in the Congress of the United States," to attend and participate in the business which may come before said Convention.

ISAAC REHN,
President. WARREN CHASE, New York,
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As for myself, I had for years adopted the Homeopathic mode of doctoring, and found it usually sufficient for my-

self and family.

But for the last year, my son has been much afflicted with what is commonly called Chronic Catarrh, and the Homœo-pathic remedies which had hitherto relieved him had ceased to do him any good. He became nervous and despondent, and general debility was apparent. About this time one of your agents chanced to visit at my house, and seeing the condition of the young man, advised or recommended your Powders. A box was procured, and, before he had taken twenty Powders, he assured us he was better; and by the "Father, I feel that I am nearly well." His appetite returned, he slept soundly, and is now about his daily avocations, as well, if not better, than he ever was.

Mrs. Mansfield was at the same time suffering from pain

caused by falling, which had troubled her right side and back. At times was the pains so severe that she would be obliged to lie in bed for several days at a time. We applied all the remedies used by Homeopathists, besides rubbing the affected parts with liniments, but all to no purpose. Mrs. Mansfield then resorted to your Powders, and, within the space of three days, she was free from pain, and is now as well as she ever was.

At the same time, we had in our family a young gentleman from Boston, who had been for years afflicted with a Bronchial difficulty. So inflamed was his throat at times, that it was difficult for him to articulate. Day by day I watched his decline in health; and one day I thought I would speak to him about it. I did so. His reply was: "Mansfield, I think the game of life is about played with me." He was making preparations to go home, and, as we thought, (and no doubt as he thought too,) never to return again, when Mrs. Mansfield thought it best to recommend your Powders to him. Feeling confident that she had received benefit from them, she thought there was a bare possibility that our young friend might also receive some benefit therefrom So we talked with the young man, and he consented to try them, although he laughed at the idea in his condition of health. He took a Positive Powder on going to bed, and coughed less than usual through the night. The next day he took them as directed, and a perceptible change was evident for the better. This was about four weeks ago. To-day he is apparently well, and about his business, although he continues still to take a Powder now and then. I consider the young man out of all danger, and as likely to live twenty

years longer as any one I know of.

There are several others I could speak of, whose cases have come under my observation within the last two months, but I will close by calling your attention to only one of them. The case I now mention is that of a gentleman of my acquaintance, who had for several years been troubled with a rush of blood to the head. At times it was so severe that it came near terminating in Paralysis. Not long ago he had one of these attacks, and I was called in to see him. I found him writhing on the bed, at times apparently unconscious. I was alarmed, and, at first, knew not what to do. But Mrs. Mansfield advised your Powders, and they being at hand, we gave them. Now, singular as it may appear, this man was sleeping quietly in less than fifteen minutes. We continued to give the Powders at intervals during the night, and the next morning the gentleman dressed himself, and went down town to his business. He said he felt symptoms of the old attack for several days, but as he continued to take the Powders from time to time, he tells us he is freer from those had feelings then at any time during the last from those bad feelings than at any time during the last

As before said, I have other cases to relate to you; and when I have a leisure evening I will call at your office and relate them. Until then, I remain yours, very sincerely,

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NOTICE.

THE CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM of San Francisco will assemble to-day, June the 28th. at 2 o'clock, P. M., at Central Hall, Market street, corner of Second. Friends of the Lyceum are cordially invited to be present.

From the Banner of Light. THE LITTLE ONE'S CALL.

'Twas a starry evening, clear and cold, The moon shone bright like burnished gold, And the earth, all silent, had sunk to rest With snow-drifts sleeping upon her breast.

The tall trees waved in the frosty air Their branches, lately so brown and bare, But sheltered now from winter's frown

By a snow-white covering soft as down. Afar o'er field, and hill, and dale, In sight of the graveyard, lone and still, A child was sobbing at every breath

For one who was sleeping the sleep of death. "Lie still, my darling," the sister said, "For you know that our dear mamma is dead; Be still and quiet, and do not weep, And sister will sing till you go to sleep."

"O mamma! mamma!" was the plaintive cry, "I didn't want dear mamma to die! What made them let her sleep so sound, And put her away in the cold, cold ground?

I wish I could go and call her home-And if she heard me I know she'd come. I want her to sing me a pretty song; What makes her stay in the ground so long?"

The sister's tears were falling fast, But she sung the child to sleep at last, And then by her side in the lonely bed She lay and pillowed her weary head.

The mourning ones forgot to weep,
And the household was sunk in silent sleep; Then the child awoke, and in sudden pain Remembered her bitter loss again. "O mamma! mamma!" she sadly cried.

Then the starry eyes flew open wide, And the child slid softly from her bed, And in frightened, whispering tone she said: "I'm going to find my dear mamma; I know where she is—it isn't far.

I'll go and wake her, and bring her home, For she's sleeping now and cannot come. So she pattered softly across the floor, And softly she opened the outer door.

With uncovered feet and garments light. The child went out in the chilly night. Toward the graveyard dim her steps she bent.

Cold, shivering, frightened—on she went, Till she saw where the moon's pale beams were thrown O'er a new-made grave and a marble stone. Then down by that grave in a snowy bank The weary child in a moment sank, Calling, in faint but eager tone,

"Mamma! mamma! come and take me home!

"O, mamma! I'm cold, and I'm weary too, I want to go home and sleep with you! Why don't you wake from your sleep so sound? What makes you stay in the dark, cold ground?"

From her home in the beautiful realms of light Came a lovely angel, robed in white; And as she drew near to the weary child, The little one reached out her hands and smiled,

O. dear mamma! I knew von'd come: I'm cold, and tired—please take me home."
Then the sweet blue eyes in slumber closed,
And in death's last sleep the child reposed. The mother went back to her home of rest With her darling babe to her bosom pressed:

In the beautiful realms of paradise When the morning came, its form was found All cold and stiff on the snowy ground, Close to the grave so newly made,

And side by side in the graveyard lone Are two new graves with a marble stone; And in heaven above, all free from pain, The mother her child is tending again.

Questions and Answers in the San Francisco

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Lyceum. Question.—What is the best cure for a bad

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Same answer. SHORE GROUP.

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Prize Question. (Object Lesson.)—What is the cause of the growth of some men and women to a larger stature than others.

SHORE GROUP.

By Mary E. Senatz.—The effects of a rigorous climate and poor soil are seen in the Greenlanders and Siberians. Climate, therefore, is one of the principal causes of difference in stature.

This, although the best answer given, is subject to some modification. The Araucanians and Patagonians of South America are the tallest men in the world, although living in a mountainous region, subject to long and severe winters. A better reason for the large stature of any people would be found in the character of the soil than in that of the climate. A soil which furnishes in abundance the elements of which the bones are composed will produce men and women of larger stature than one where these elements are absent The employments of the people have also a great influence upon physical growth.

A CHILD'S IDEA.—A lady was endeavoring to convey to the inquiring mind of her little child an idea of heaven, and the necessity of being a good boy, in order for him to obtain admission there hereafter. She pictured to his imagination the joy of the blessed, and, as an additional inducement for him to lead a correct life, said that he would be "like the angels who have harps in their hands." "Mamma," responded the child, Free Thoughts Concerning Religion..... wistfully gazing into his mother's eyes, "mamma, if it makes no difference to God, I think I'd rather have a Jew's-harp!" The astonished mother rang the bell, and the polite little stripling was removed to his crib.

A TEACHER asked a bright-eyed little girl "What country is opposite to us on the globe?" "Don't know sir." "Well, now," pursued the teacher, "if I were to bore a hole through the earth, and you were to go in at this end, where would you come out?" "Out of the hole, sir,' replied the pupil, with an air of triumph.

A LITTLE boy at Sunday-school being asked, "What is the chief end of man?" replied, "The end what's got the head on."

A Happy Heart.

A little boy came to me this morning with a A little boy came to me this morning with a broken arrow, and begged me to mend it for him. A Sketch of the History of the Davenport Boys. It was a very handsome arrow, and was the pride of his heart just then, so I did not wonder to see his lip quivering, and the tears come into his eyes. "I'll try to fix it, darling," I said; "but I'm afraid I can't do it."

He watched me anxiously for a few minutes, and then said, cheerfully: "Never mind, mamma; if you can't fix it, I'll

Wasn't that a brave, sunshiny heart? And that made me think of a dear little girl, only three Athanasia; or Foregleams of Immortality. E. H. be just as happy without it." years old, whom I once saw bringing out her choicest playthings to amuse a little homesick cousin. Among the rest a little trunk, with bands of gilt paper for straps—a very pretty toy; but careless little Fred tipped the lid too far back, and broke it off. He burst out with a cry of fright; but little Minnie, with her own eyes full

of tears, said: "Never mind, Freddie; just see what a cunning little cradle the top will make!" Dear little Minnie went to live with the angels a few years ago, but we have a great many such sweet memories to keep of her. Keep a happy heart, little children, and you will be like sunbeams wherever you may go.-

Little Corporal.

THE following singular advertisement appeared tleman going abroad would be handsomely negotiated with. The child is fair and of an engaging disposition, and has been well christened in a Protestant church. Satisfactory reasons will be given by the mother, having no further use for it. By letter only."

AN ODDITY.—We have received from Mr. Geo. Wise a curious sheet, giving 1906 different modes of spelling Shakspeare's name, one of which the author thinks is probably correct. Those who affect the ornate form of expression may select "Schayckesspierre," while those who prefer brevity may adopt "Sheksper."—The Proof Sheet.

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